



T-Bone Slim

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

"Three-fourths rule is raw and shoddy".
But, before we throw a fit—
Let us see if such a body
Can by conquerors be split?

No two men have equal chances,
Distance, Time and Strength decide;
No two nags alike-wise-prances—
Some are called and some denied

Ain't that so, O tell me Frances,
When conditions are decreed,
Verdicts rest on circumstances,
Want that shall not be defied.
Therefore if the ballot tangles
And the vote seems "half and half"
Take the question, all its angles,
Toss it in the stove—and laugh.
Who are they, the cheerful losers?
(I'm afraid they don't exist)
Who are they that flee the choosers,
When their way "the thing" don't twist?

Surely, then, 'tis but a barter —
Bitter—though the cup we quaff;
Better far to lose a quarter
Than to lose almost a half.
Nay, you will not lose a quarter,
You shall still remain as one;
For within the splitters charter
Is a law—"take half or none".

**Sail are no good without wind, Engines
are dead without power.**

Good and Bad perpetuate themselves.
Do away with Good, bad remains;
Do away with Bad, good remains.
To make the world all good—destroy the
bad;

Good takes care of itself.
To make the world all bad—destroy the
good;

Bad takes care of itself.
You have only to choose between them.
You don't have to build either one.

If you decide to build Bad—the world
Will be worse off.

If you decide to build Good—the world
Will be better off.

I think it the more important to do away
with the Bad than to create the
Good subject to contaminating in-
fluences.

World, as is, minus bad, is, a fairly
decent place to live in.

Try this on your piano:
I said, "what do you THINK of that?"
(I said no such thing.)

I said, "what do YOU think of that?"
(No, no, no!)

I said, "what do you think of THAT?"
(Na, nix, no!)

I said, "what DO you think of that?"
(What did I really say?)

I said, WHAT do you THINK of
THAT?

That's what I said and those four wit-
nesses are liars.

Limiting the age of child labor may
be unconstitutional and limiting the
alcohol content of liquor may be constitu-
tional—that I do not know. But I do
know taxation is still constitutional and
that congress in its infinite wisdom, and
"bustedness", did not see fit to tax em-
ployers of child-labor, say, one dollar per
day for every child so employed—this
would have brought in over a billion dol-
lars a year—or solved the child-labor
problem.

Can it be they didn't want to solve it?
Truly, "womans work is never done"; as
the factories bear witness—and great,
big rawboned and rawjawed men stand
outside watching the ladies sweat.

On Her Way to Work.

Yesterday, 7 A. M., slip of a girl, red-
headed, stops long enough to hand a
some-what bleary-eyed ex-worker two-
bits. I pre-tended not to see it—but some-
how I could not help but wish it was me
—me.

All is not as pie and gristle.
Something sure has gone berserk:
When the surly factory whistle
Calls the girls to go to work.

(Note: in the manufacture of poetry
the eraser is mightier than the pencil).

Not So Good to Look at

Nature gave us two eyes because one
eye never could stand the strain; Two
ears, so as to hear both sides; One nose
to limit the stench—and it came damn
near giving us no mouth at all.

I am impressed that too many "working
man's friends" get into congress—both
houses are full of 'em. I haven't voted
for years, but the first "working man's
enemy" that runs gets my vote.

Why, always, the "working man's next
friend", why not the working man him-
self—does he do all his business through
his friends? Tie-maker Borah, Idaho,
boosts neither wing of the House of
Mark Hanna.

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