



## T-Bone Slim

I've got a pair of specs that makes a pearl button look like a dime. Something should be done about it . . . either change the specs or change the buttons to nickels . . . I positively refuse to be haunted by dimes in a pearl button district.

Money is dope.

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As a list of world greatest men Viva L'Italia gives: Julius Caesar, Mike Angelo, Mare Anthony, Darce, Christopher Columbus, Benito Mussolini, Senator Marconi, Gabe D'Annuncio, Italo Balbo and Pope Pius.

Here's my list: Seneca, Edison, Marconi, Mike Angelo, Hugo and Babe Ruth (Heywood Brown, Seldom Seldes and Buggs Baer gets honorable mention as does Mascagni).

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Oh what a dunce I am! (I passed by that shirt factory and forget to bum it for a shirt.) You wouldn't call me great, fellow workers, would you? Tell me you wouldn't. All these pearl buttons fairly coaxing me to step inside! I'm getting dumber all the time—after a while the fellow workers will have to knock me down and put a shirt on my back by forcible feeding.

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The Question.

Did you get an honest deal at the Home Relief Bureau?

Daily News, May 24, 1933.—

The Answer.

John J. Nolan, W. 44th St., unemployed:

"Yes. When I applied for aid I received \$5 a week for food. I might have gotten \$8 a week, but I was satisfied. I had no trouble at all getting this aid, and the American Legion is getting me a job. You can get help if you are entitled to it."—Great stuff, that. A drowning man can get help if he is entitled to it. (I don't think Horatio ever saw a bridge.)

The others who answered were Horn, Edmonds, Davis and Staub. (Sharlie wasn't there).—

Blackstone:

Greatness cannot stand alone.

Weakness has its urge.

Strength is not of flesh or bone.

Puny forces merge.

To prevent the seating of a corpse in U. S. congress Prof. T-bone Slim proposes an entrance test:

Require each so elected corpse to jump the full distance of his perpendicular stature horizontally upon a level surface without springs, rubber cushions, elevation, castaway-weights or any other instrument of propulsion or transportation such as wheels, skids, slings, ropes, cables or wire-pullers.

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If it be right to fence in any part of a park it is right to fence out all the people, for in reality that is what a fence is—it doesn't fence grass IN, it fences people OUT. (The park commissioners wonder why the concrete "ears" of fountains cannot withstand the people's exasperation.) Guff it is, and guff caused the American Revolutionary War.

Revolution presupposes progress in the attainment of betterments. An organization can be revolutionary only insofar as it scorns "is" and "was" and strives for "isn't". Progress dictates it. Dictatorship of the proletariat is based on absolutism of workers in fact or fancy, is no part of freedom, is not fundamental change, is not revolutionary. Industrial Democracy is revolutionary because it is a departure from industrial autocracy, it based on freedom, is fundamental change. Political change at any time is not revolutionary. It is the changing into evening attire to rescue the drowning man according to Roberts Rules of Order. Sensible people would omit the attire and use direct action. The trouble is not political freedom, it is industrial autocracy.

In the workers industrial commonwealth, as opposed to industrial autocrats commonwealth, the supervisor shall fire no man for any reason whatsoever for that would be the conferring upon him the powers of life and death over any worker. Instead, the supervisor shall be empowered to prefer charges against any worker and workers shall determine if the charges are well founded.

If the charges are not substantiated a new supervisor will grace the establishment in the morning and the old one will go chipping hot castings till he recovers his normal sense.

A move is on foot in New York City to throw the Irish out and British in. I wouldn't fool you.

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