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### SHANTY AND WONT'

Shanty and Wont' were two little  
birds, bold and sullen and smart;  
They and Will are dear little birds;  
One can scarcely love them enough.  
Shanty and Wont' looked down on their  
nest.  
The two were disposed to see;  
They and Will are brighter than roses;  
In June and in August it's a joy;  
Shanty and Wont' were backward and  
dumb.  
What about did they know?  
They and Will learn something now  
daily.  
And without life headless or slow.  
  
Shanty and Wont' have nothing, no  
nothing.  
Be it known to have their own way  
They and Will give up to their elders  
And try to please others at play.  
  
Shanty and Wont' came to terrible  
trouble.  
There was no time to tell;  
They and Will are now at the infant  
school.  
Learning to read and to spell.  
—Bramble.

### OH JOY—THE LIFE OF A BOBB

Oh, the life of the boss is the life

Goes down to work when he dare  
pleases, anywhere from six a.m. to  
seven. If he's late, and to stay  
longer, as he likes—say half  
night, for instance.

Nobody to scold at him when he's  
late—and he doesn't have to puzzle  
over what to do.

And when he does come to the  
office, there's nothing for him to do but  
to sit around and sign checks, count  
his money; look wise and talk to  
people.

It makes other people do the work  
—does the house—but does the heavy

thinking. Nobody to criticize him, oh, no.

He's kindly to his help; he's a  
"softthead," and a poor business man;

If he's strict, he's a tyrant.

If he is generous he's a fool;

If he's a spendthrift, he's valuable; he's  
afraid he'll lose them; if he's care-

ful with his pennies he's a miser—  
man to live.

If he pays high wages, he does it  
because he's a fool.

If he takes an afternoon or one in  
while to play golf, or to go to the

country with his family, he's neglectful.

In the evenings he's too tired to  
attend to his health; too grueling even

even to save his own life.

The men on the road are a little  
more loyal to the boss, and more  
loyal to him, but you know  
but the goods—ye Gods. "Not half  
as good as so-and-so's, and yet the  
"houses" has the nerve to expect me  
to get away with it."

He's a hypocrite, using religion as a  
cloak; if he doesn't, he's an atheist  
and a dangerous man.

He maintains perpetual absentee hos-  
pital; if he isn't generous in this  
particular, all the nice old ladies in  
town speak of him as a "ruth."

And, most of all, he's developing for  
the boss. He gets what's left after there  
is any.

When times are hard, if he saves  
himself, he's a scoundrel; if he's a  
greedy monster; if he doesn't, he's  
because he's afraid he can't get people  
of equal ability when the storm is  
over—so valuable to the firm, you  
know.

If he employs relatives—particularly  
his wife's—he is playing favorites,  
places they deserve and should have;  
if he doesn't, his family circle, "say  
that's right."

Oh! the life of the boss is a gay  
life.

Who wouldn't be the boss?—More  
pop.

### DREDGED UP FROM OCEAN'S BED

In the old days, when fisherman used  
only nets and lines, the bottom of  
the ocean was clean. The com-  
ing of the trawl has changed all that.

"As most people are aware, the trawl  
is a kind of great purse, or bag net,  
the jaws of which are made of iron  
and steel. It is drawn over the  
bottom of shallow seas, thereby cap-  
turing the flat fish such as plaice,  
solids, turbot, etc., which live in or  
near the bottom."

The main trouble dredges up in the  
trawl.

A huge mammoth task drawn up  
on the Dogger Bank has proved to  
be a long and tiresome period, the  
jaws of which were all dry  
land. Many other bones and teeth  
of long extinct animals are pawed  
up on the Dogger, and some times  
bits of amber, which in fossil form  
shows that grew on what is now  
sea bottom.

Clay tobacco pipes of queer shape  
and great age have been found on  
the Dogger, and some of them you  
never saw before.

We get history in the shape of  
masses of old fashioned glassware,  
ancient and their very orbits  
shattered. Glass, being practically im-  
perishable, remains on the site of a  
vreck long after the very timber  
has dissolved away into the  
bottom of the sea.

Eventually it may pay to fit up a  
ship, specially to dredge manganese  
from the sea bed.

### SMILES

Shot: "Man proposes."  
Him: "Oh, no, he doesn't. This is  
leap year!"

Merry One: "Cheer up, old man!  
Why don't you drown your sorrows?"  
Sad One: "She's bigger than I am,  
and, besides, it would be murder!"

Archie: "They say Hitler had to  
propose to Miss Richleigh six times  
before she accepted him."

Leigh: "The captain always gave him a  
turn for her, money."

Mistress: "What sort of game of chess  
does the new chessmaster play, Jackie?"  
Jackie: "I'm not a chessmaster, but I hit  
the board." Man: "He was playing wif'  
new-laid eggs, it would hardly do  
him anything!"



single mill and dangle their feet in  
the water running through  
the stream. The old mill, a simple mill  
on the map, is in the days when clear  
water was abundant in Esquimalt and  
Nanaimo bays. This was about sixty  
years ago. Billings and Paul built  
it. In those days, clear yellow pine  
of good weight and well sawn, tons  
of thousands of square-werk made  
it. The mill worked quickly and  
of time and hope. Men worked  
at New York shillings and boys 25¢ to  
the per day for their services. The  
head sawyer was paid about nine New  
York dollars and lumber 12¢ a board.

This mill was the subject of many  
a rhyme pranks on the part of the boys  
—the big chap who thought them-  
selves the wisest of the village, who  
had a ring to the boy who got into  
the long house, which was beside the  
school lane, and took off the metal  
swinging door, in front of the floor of  
the stone house, and the floor of  
the house, in the meantime, the  
middle mill was shut down for two  
or three days while the foreman went  
to Goldie & McCullum's Gait, for a  
new lumber.

In 1878, Edward Moore, who had  
sold out his interest in the Moore  
Brothers' shingle, slate and lumber  
factory, in Victoria, the lumber  
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