

IT DEPENDS ON YOUR PULL.

It is funny—is it not? how some offices
are got

How a man who undeniably is dull
In a municipal race often gets the lead-
ing place;
He can do it if he only has the "pull."

He may lack both wit and skill—be
incompetent to fill

Any office, by the thickness of his
skull,

But your dollars you may bet, the po-
sition he can get,

And with ease, if he's only got the
"pull."

We are startled now and then, at the
ignorance of men

Who in high places often make a
mull,

And we wonder how on earth they are
chosen for the berth;

Well the reason is: because they had
a "pull."

There are aldermen we know, who with
boodle, long ago,

Took precious care to fill their pockets
full;

Yet we cannot make denial they were
never brought to trial,

Undoubtedly, because they had a
"pull."

If your license has a flaw, or you vio-
late the law,

A conviction it is easy to annul,
It matters not how great is your crime

against the state,
Provided you have only got a "pull."

In the highest—lowest classes—from
the senate to the masses,

Some numerous examples you may
cull,

Of the easy way you can carry any
plan,

That is, if you only have a "pull."

Shall we then ever secure honest poli-
tics, and pure,

When *appearances* will not the pub-
lic gull?

Will it ever come to pass that there
will not be a class

Who in lieu of sense or merit has a
"pull?"

—John S. Grey.

A COMPETENT WITNESS.

"William Look! Tell us William, who
made you?"

William, who was considered a fool,
screwed up his face, and looked thought-
fully and somewhat bewildered. "Moses
I s'pose."

That will do," said Counsellor Grey,
addressing the court. "The witness says
he supposes Moses made him; that is an
intelligent answer, more than I thought
him capable of giving, for it shows he has
some faint idea of Scripture. I submit
that it is not sufficient to entitle him to
be sworn as a witness capable of giving
evidence."

"Mr. Judge," said the fool, "may I ax
the lawyer a question?"

"Certainly," said the Judge.

"Well then, Mr. Lawyer, who d'ye sup-
pose made you?"

"Aaron, I s'pose," said Counsellor
Grey, imitating the witness.

After the mirth had somewhat subsided
the witness drawled out: "Wall, ne-ow,
we do read in the book that Aaron once
made a calf, but who'd a thought the
darned critter had got in here!"

The Judge ordered the man to be
sworn.



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