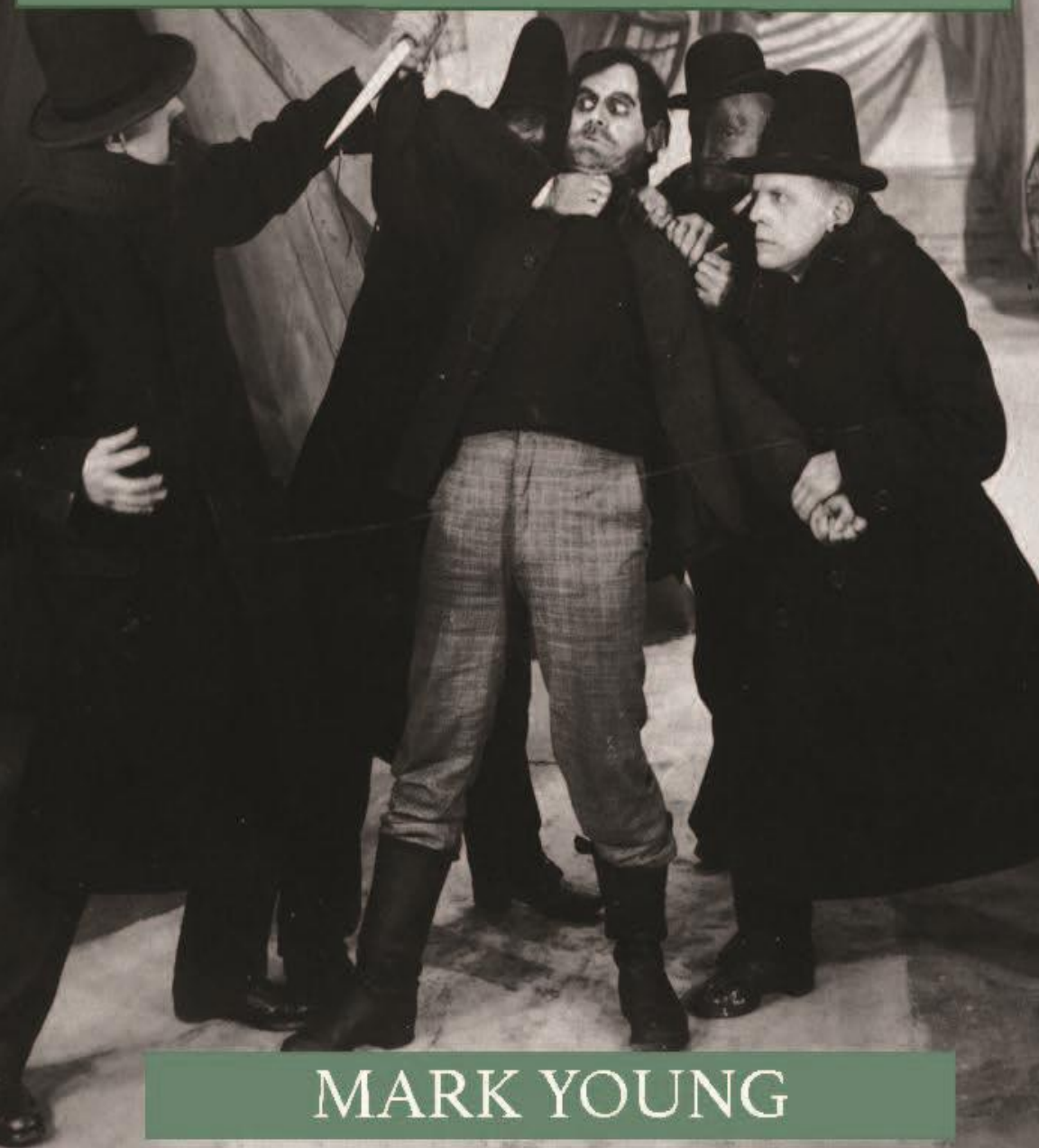


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## **A line from Rex W. Tillerson**

I'm with the President &  
his family on this. My  
philosophy is to make  
money out of being in office.

## **A line from Mike Pence**

My cruel remarks on day-time talk shows finally give bored housewives a "handsome gay" option to compete

with dancing lesbians or androgynous sluts. Viewers sometimes confuse me with Jerry Springer, but I do civility

in heavy doses. It's a purely metaphorical game, a newer, more bright & shiny way of looking at animal cruelty.

## A line from Steve Bannon

Holy guacamole, Batman.  
We went to Mount Vernon  
in Virginia a few weeks  
ago, & even the presence of

a paramilitary group that  
pledges armed resistance  
against attempts to restrict  
private gun ownership was-

n't enough to overcome the  
heavy snowfall that kept  
sunshine & patriots apart.  
Still, the seeds of patriotism

& conservatism, almost trip-  
ping over each other to sign  
up for the offers of relaxing  
hot tubs, home theaters, &

beautiful mountain views,  
with free shipping & C.O.D.  
options across all of India,  
quickly reached critical mass

in a drive to explain the true  
beauty of home-grown white  
power groups to the denizens of  
ancient Greece & modern Israel.

## **A line from Scott Pruitt**

We are listening to miners  
even though they are  
listening to recordings of  
random noise to drown out

the sound of discussions on  
mine site cleanups. We are  
listening to miners even if  
they are distributing explosives

to speed up the downsizing  
of the EPA. We are listening to  
miners who take our silence  
to mean that we are happy

doing nothing to keep them  
in check. We are listening to  
miners who have recently ex-  
panded into a four-piece band.



## **A line from Jared Kushner**

With no time left she  
threw a touchdown pass  
that reached deep into  
his pocketbook. "You still

owe me that fifty bucks,"  
she shouted, letting every-  
one know she knew that  
what it boils down to is this

first irrefutable evidence  
of an out-&-out cash pay-  
ment will be a wrecking  
ball riff from now on in.

## **A line from Reince Priebus**

People are dropping by my  
house in Vermont to tell me the  
president America needs is Mitt  
Romney! I agree with them, even

though my nose is styled like  
a found object in a Dada catalog.  
& though I may have quaint  
coming out of my ears, I long

for the sound of "You've got  
mail" making music in them  
with an invitation to get into  
bed with another candidate.

## **A line from Ryan Zinke**

Top 1 quote(s) of Ryan  
Zinke famous quotes,  
rare quotes & sayings;  
Ryan Zinke inspiring

quotes; funny Ryan Zinke  
quotes; Ryan Zinke life  
quotes. "Before I was  
elected to Congress, I

spent 23 years as a U.S.  
Navy SEAL, & I was a  
commander in SEAL Team  
Six." I can clap & bark.

## **A line from Betsy DeVos**

Sketching on fabric takes a bit more time than on paper. The effect is three-dimensional, adding a very interesting multi-

faceted texture. So, if I'm understanding your question correctly, the subject of the drawing you're holding up before me is a salad

of tomato, pomegranate, & cucumber, being served on tables with large soy pillar candles that will crackle as they burn & scent the

room with essential oils. It's a fertility ritual that has worked for millenia & still underpins many of my educational beliefs.

## A line from Sean Spicer

I bought a phone last  
month. It gets very hot,  
just like being in that  
bunny suit I occasionally

got around in in my earlier  
stint at the White House.  
It's overheated three times  
now in the past fortnight,

didn't matter what I was  
doing with it at the time  
or what spin I'd been in-  
structed to put on what-

ever story was currently  
causing us angst. Now  
it's suffering through a  
hormonal imbalance & is

currently playing songs  
from *The Sound of Music*. It's  
getting so hot. My bunny  
suit was so much cooler.

## A line from Ben Carson

I wanted to be a nun when  
I was young, wearing a  
swipe of lipstick as my only  
makeup, a liberal tantrum

driven by the fact that a bi-  
kini wax is pure hell. Then I  
discovered that Cool Jackets  
were all the rage in Hollywood

so I bought one. Embroidered  
it myself. A simple message.  
*The president works for us —  
depression reigns supreme.*

## **A line from Steven Mnuchin**

Earlier today I spoke with Bugs  
Bunny. He's been an economic  
idol of mine ever since the days  
when he used to spruik war bonds

to help this country. I remember  
it so well, & yet I wasn't even born  
at the time. That fact causes me  
great confusion. What's up, Doc?

## **A line from John F. Kelly**

One of the great pillars of Athenian democracy was a spreadsheet designed to help employers make all of their

superannuation contributions in one transaction & still meet their legal obligations. Simply follow the specifications in

Part 4 of the Author's & Peripatetic Philosopher's Kit. In a democracy, you salute such advances in workplace flow.



## **A line from Jeff Sessions**

Let the non-believers suffer hell at  
the hands of the patriarchy. We  
have a nihilistic hatred of liberals.  
It's a good but — for them — toxic

ideology. Life can never be what you  
imagine it will be even if Neil Young  
writes & sings about it. Much like  
this overhyped climate crisis & claims

it cannot be addressed without fun-  
damentally changing our current eco-  
nomic system. That's not something  
we're going to waste our energy on.

## **A line from Elaine Chao**

Over-thinking everything is,  
according to a thread on  
question-&-answer website  
Quora, a plugin frequently

updated to expand on new  
features & keep current with  
the latest version of Obama-  
care. It's well known that

people are always anxious  
when most inbox experiences  
don't take into account the new  
ways people connect these days.

## **A line from Rick Perry**

I recently went on national television & pledged that I would wait until after having public sex before going

on national television again. Such abstinence works if you want to avoid constantly making a dick of yourself.

## **A line from James Mattis**

Ballet has long had a different outlook & culture to that of the military. Its audiences are small, & fights do not erupt over which

choreographer should be favored over another. For me, dance is about finding ways my body hasn't moved in before. A new vocabulary,

a changed outlook. It's no longer sensible to have a plan to kill everybody you meet when what you're after is a live dancing partner.

## **A line from Kellyanne Conway**

Pops up the problem with thinking  
you've got a monopoly on talking to  
women from the waist down — this  
one so quiet I almost missed her out.

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