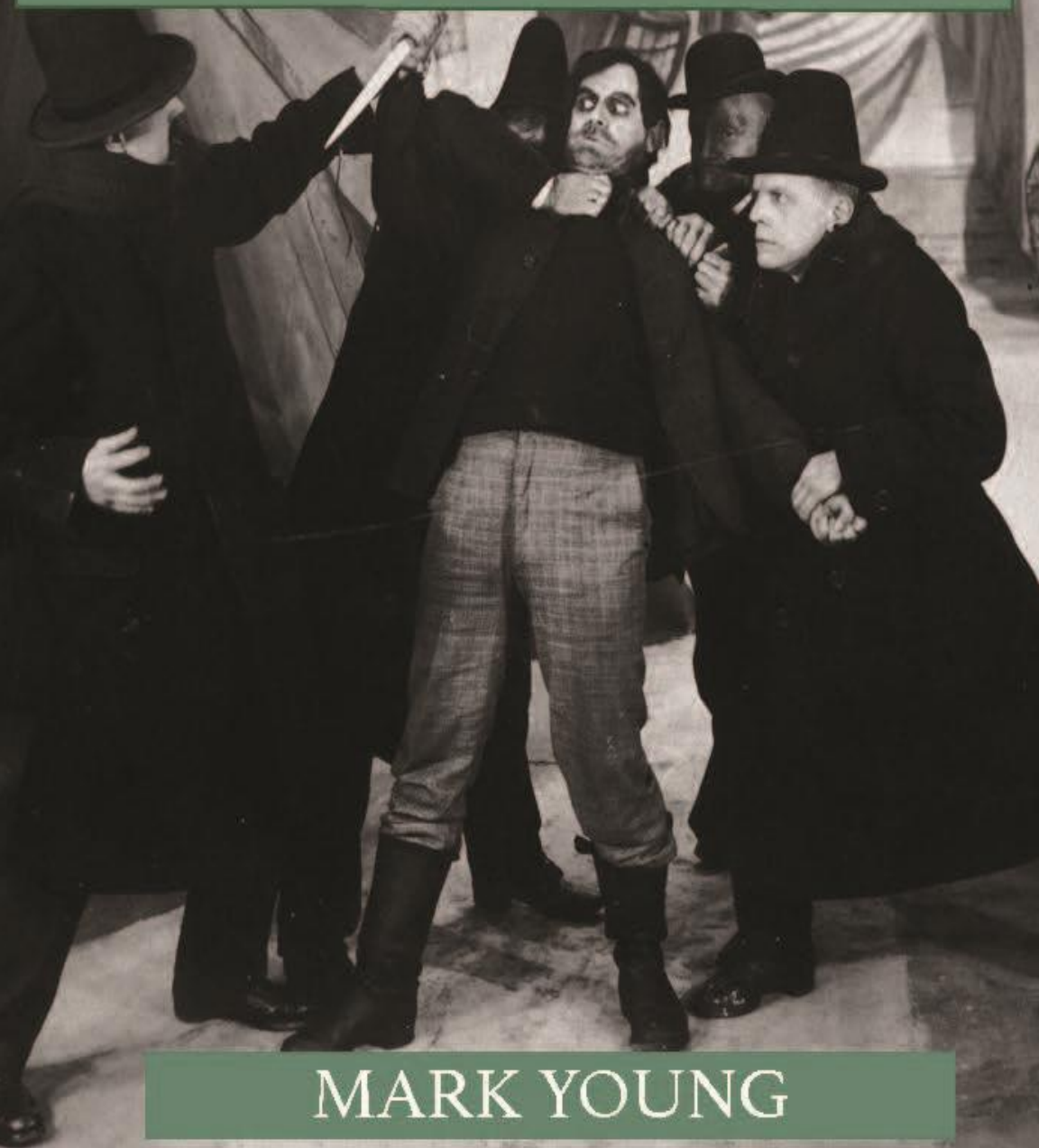


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A line from Rex W. Tillerson

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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