



TRICK ELEPHANT

3 RING TARIFF CIRCUS

GREAT ACCREGATION OF JUGGLERS AND TUMBLERS

THE FAMOUS CANNON BALL JUGGLER FROM OHIO

THE STRONG MAN FROM WISCONSIN

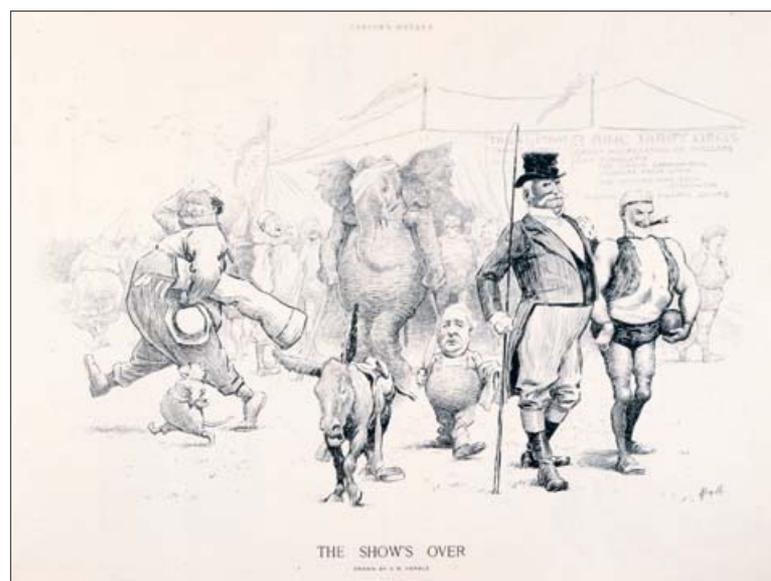
MIDBERTS DWARFS GIANTS

Kemble

Portrayed as a circus, Congress has just adjourned in Edward W. Kemble's cartoon, which appeared in *Harper's Weekly* on August 14, 1909. President William Howard Taft, mopping his brow, has grabbed his golf clubs on the way out. Symbols of the two political parties appear bruised and tired after the fierce debates. The two dominant figures emerging are the strongman, House Speaker Joe Cannon, Republican of Illinois, and the ringmaster, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Nelson W. Aldrich, Republican of Rhode Island.

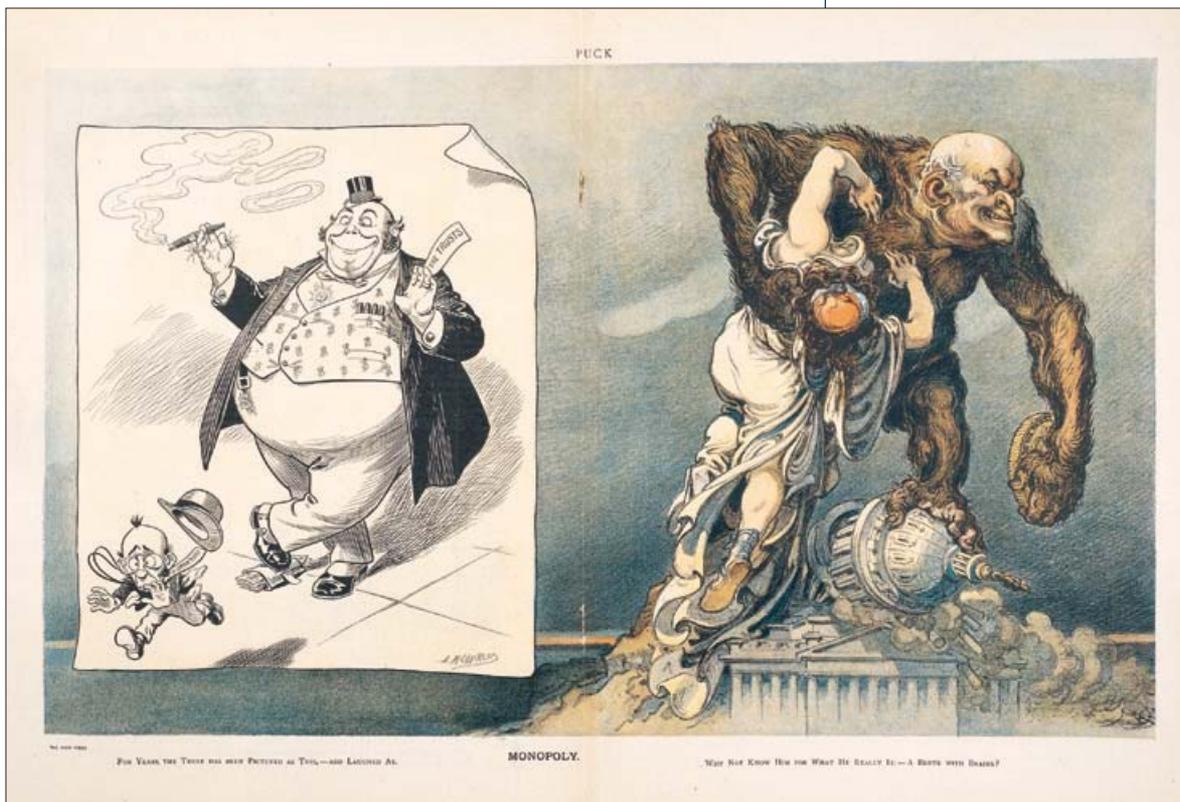
Although President Taft had promised reformers that he would seek tariff reductions, Cannon and Aldrich engineered passage of the Payne-Aldrich Tariff of 1909, which raised tariff rates to record high levels. Three days after this cartoon appeared, Taft declared Payne-Aldrich "the best bill that the Republican party ever passed."¹ He thereby alienated Republican reformers and set the stage for a split in the party that would cause his defeat in the next election. 🌀

¹U.S. Senate, *Tariff Speech: Address of President Taft at Winona, Minnesota, September 17, 1909*, 61st Cong., 2d sess., 1909. S. Doc. 164, 11.



The Show's Over

Unidentified after Edward W. Kemble
Harper's Weekly, 08/14/1909
 Lithograph, black and white
 13 ¾ x 19 inches (34.9 x 48.3 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00161.001



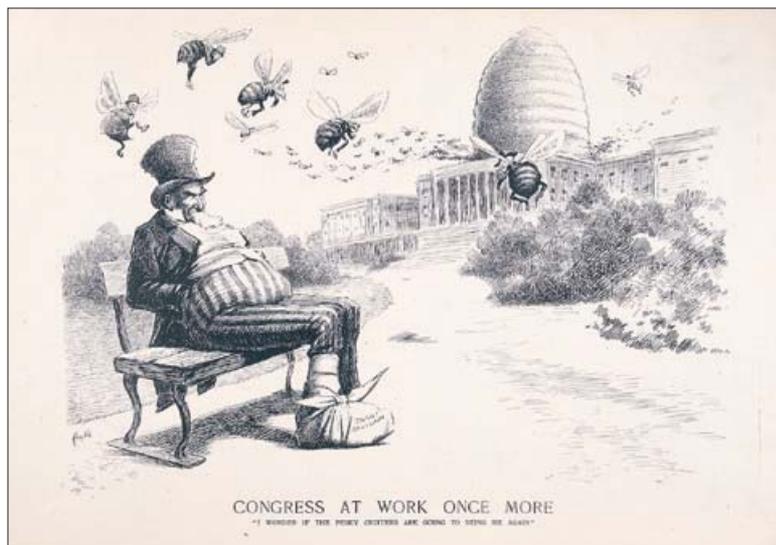
Monopoly.

Unidentified after Louis M. Glackens
Puck, 12/15/1909
Lithograph, colored
11 3/16 x 17 7/8 inches (28.7 x 45.4 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00439.001



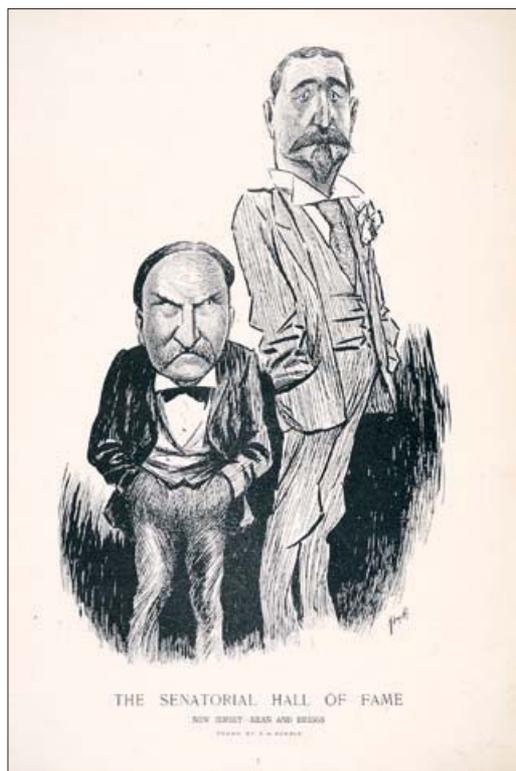
A Bad Outlook for Harmony.

Unidentified after Louis M. Glackens
Puck, 12/22/1909
Lithograph, colored
11 3/4 x 17 3/4 inches (29.8 x 45.1 cm)
Cat. no. 38.00601.001



Congress at Work Once More

Unidentified after Edward W. Kemble
Collier's, 1909
 Lithograph, black and white
 9 ¼ x 12 ¼ inches (23.5 x 31.1 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00676.001



The Senatorial Hall of Fame / New Jersey—Kean and Briggs

Unidentified after Edward W. Kemble
Harper's Weekly, 01/01/1910
 Lithograph, black and white
 13 ⅞ x 7 ⅞ inches (35.2 x 19.4 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00141.001



The Senatorial Hall of Fame / Iowa—Dolliver and Cummins

Unidentified after Edward W. Kemble
Harper's Weekly, 01/15/1910
 Lithograph, black and white
 14 x 9 ¼ inches (35.6 x 23.5 cm)
 Cat. no. 38.00139.001