

Political Alphabet

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A stands for Ananias,
 The politician's patron saint.
 B is for Boodle, which
 Doth all legislation taint.
 C stands for Congress, D.C.,
 Where all kinds of laws are invented.
 D stands for Democracy,
 Whose dupes are somewhat demented.
 E stands for Expansion, which
 Stands for piracy and plunder.
 F stands for Freedom, a word
 Mostly used for political thunder.
 G stands for Gall and Gab,
 The politicians' greatest essentials.
 H is a sulphurous place
 Where lawyers need no credentials.
 I is the personal pronoun
 That the candidate uses most.
 J's for a four-legged rascal,
 Prototype of a political host.
 K stands for Kansas State,
 Where Mrs. Nation smashes things.
 L's for Lying, a habit
 Never discouraged by political rings.
 M stands for Militia and Muskets
 The props that uphold every State.
 N stands for National Spirit,
 That divides all humanity with hate.
 O stands for Oligarchy,
 That rules with a scepter of gold.
 P stands for People, whose rights
 By the political shysters are sold.
 Q stands for political Quacks,
 Who would cure every ill with a law.
 R stands for Republican rule
 That's supreme from Maine to the Kaw.
 S stands for Stupidity, the same
 That fills so completely the dear people's heads.
 T stands for Teddy, out onlyest Ted,
 Who would so strenuously stamp out all the "Reds".
 U is for the Union
 A venerated fake.
 V is for Violence,
 That governments make.
 W's for Washington,
 Where the lawmakers revel.
 Z's for the Zeal
 That statesmen serve the devil.

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