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If you can swing an axe, or wield a brushhook,
Or drive a stake, or drag a chain all day,
If you can scribble "figgers" in a note-book,
Or shoot a range-pole half a mile away,
If you can sight a transit or a level,
Or move a target up and down a rod,
If you fear neither man nor devil,
And know yourself and trust the living God;

If you can wade a swamp, or swim a river,
Nor fear the deeps, nor yet the dizzy heights,
If you can stand the cold without a shiver,
And take the Higgins' ink to bed o' night,
If you can turn a thumb-screw with your fingers,
When every digit's like a frozen thumb,
If you can work as long as daylight lingers,
And not complain, nor think you're going some;

If your calculus and descriptive are forgotten,
And your algebra just serves you fairly well,
If your drafting and your lettering are rotten,
And your Trautwine's always handy by to tell,
If you can close a traverse without fudgin',
Or check a line of levels by a foot,
If you can set a slope-stake, just by judgin'
And never kick a tripod with your foot;

If you can run a line where you are told,
And make it stay somewhere upon the map,
If you can read your notes when they get cold,
And know that contours mustn't ever lap,
If you can line a truss or tap a rivet,
Or make a surly foreman come across,
If you can take an order, well as give it,
And not have secret pity for the boss;

If you can climb a stool and not feel lowly,
Nor have your head turned by a swivel chair,
If you can reach your judgments slowly,
And make your rulings always just and fair,
If you can give yourself and all that's in you,
And make the others give their own best, too,
If you can handle men of brawn and sinew,
And like the men and make 'em like you too;

If you can't boast a college education,
Or, if you've got a sheep-skin, can forget,
If you get a living wage for compensation,
And give a little more than what you get,
If you can meet with triumph and disaster,
And treat them without favor, nor with fear,
You'll be a man—and your own master,
But—what is more—you'll be an ENGINEER.

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