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Who is the man that designs our pumps with judgment,
skill, and care?

Who is the man that builds 'em up and keeps them in
repair?

Who has to shut them down because the valve seats
disappear?

The bearing-wearing, gearing-tearing mechanical engi-
neer.

Who buys the juice for half a cent and wants to charge
a dime?

Who, when we've signed the contract, can't deliver
half the time?

Who thinks the loss of twenty-six per cent is nothing
queer?

The volt-inducing, load-reducing electrical engineer.

Who takes the transit out to find a sewer line to tap?

Who then with care extreme locates the junction on the
map?

Who is it goes to dig it up and finds it nowhere near?

The mud-bespattered, torn and tattered civil engineer.

Who thinks without his product we should all be in a
lurch?

Who has a heathen idol which he designates research?

Who tints the creeks, perfumes the air, and makes the
landscape drear?

The stink-evolving, grease-dissolving chemical engineer.

Who is the man that draws plans for the things that we
desire?

From transatlantic liners to a hairpin made of wire,
With "ifs" and "ands," "howe'rs" and "buts" who
makes his meaning clear?

The work-disdaining, fee-retaining consulting engineer.

Who builds the road for fifty years that disappears in
two,

Then changes his identity, so no one's left to sue?

Who covers all the traveled roads with filthy oily,
smear?

The bump-providing, rough-on-riding highway engi-
neer.

Who takes the pleasure out of life and makes existence
hell?

Who'll fire the comely-looking one because she cannot
spell?

Who substitutes a dictaphone for coral tinted ear?

The penny-chasing, dollar-wasting efficiency engineer.

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