

THE SUCCESSFUL DESIGNER

The designer bent across his board
Wonderful things in his head were stored
And he said as he racked his throbbing bean
"How can I make this tough to machine?"

"If this part here were only straight
I am sure the thing would work first rate.
But 'twould be so easy to turn and bore,
It never would make the machinist sore."

"I'd better put in a right angle there.
Then watch those babies tear their hair!
Now I'll put the holes that hold the cap
Way down in here, where they're hard to tap."

"Now this piece won't work, I'll bet a buck,
For it can't be held in shoe or chuck.
It can't be drilled or it can't be ground.
In fact, the design is exceedingly sound."

He looked again and cried, "At last,
Success is mine, it can't even be cast!"

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