

BUDDY'S BLIGHTY

Imagine him as built of wire and highly tempered
springs —

With the little, deep-carved wrinkles 'round the
corners of his eyes

That are brands of open country and unbounded
space and skies —

Six feet high, brown as an Injun — leaner than
the law allows,

And his deepest interests poker, brands, range,
cayuses and cows.

Now, Buddy, he was range-boss for the Diamond
Curly O,

(Down beside the Rio waters, where the spiky
cactus grow)

It chanced the Diamond Curly O sold quite a
good-sized bunch

Of horses to an English mob, then Buddy took a
hunch,

And signed to act as valet to those horses on the
boat,

(Though the thought of so much water pretty
nearly got his goat).

When he got his high heels planted good and firm
on English ground,