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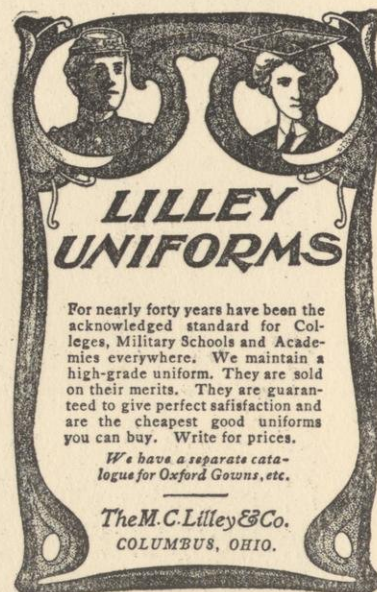
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An Aftermath

From out a cavern, grim and dark,
A monstrous dragon came,
Its eyes were purple, green, and blue,
Its breath was scarlet flame,
And as it champed its slathered jaws,
It called me by my name.

It sat upon my weary chest
And patiently explained,
How Calculus was intricate,
And I was greatly pained,
When it lectured an hour on History,
And called me addle brained.

Then came four other dragons, who
Were heavier than he,
And they sat with him upon my chest
And talked psychology,
And maybe they found it valuable,
But too heavy it was for me.

Then came eight other dragons and
They joined the other set,
And they argued eight hours on "ologies,"
And the "Whenness of the yet,"—
And 'I guess you'd have a dream like
that
If you'd et the stuff I et.

—KIM.





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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley

WHEN THE VARSITY opened last fall we said a few things about the athletic situation. Subsequent events have somewhat justified our remarks, and now in a spirit of similar frankness, we want to say a few more things.

It is plain and palpable to all that our football coaches have failed entirely to lift the team from the slough of despond in which the past two seasons have sunk it. Not only this, but the present season has been one of dissention in the early days and distraction in the later, and "there is no health in us." Yet we know, all of us, that Art. Curtis has worked and wept over the team, and we are more prone to sorrow for his failure than to cavil at his efficiency. For Art. has shown himself a man by honestly accepting his defeat, and making no attempt to retain the position in which he has failed. We salute him as a manly, decent, hard working fellow, whose mistakes have been more those of youth and inexperience than of inability, and we wish him all success in his future career.

Now it seems to us that it is up to Eddie Cochems to acknowledge manfully the failure of *his* endeavor in the coaching line, and to step out and leave the road clear for the future good of Wisconsin football. We say this because we have heard zephyr like rumors to the effect that Cochems wanted another year, and that Brother Henry was going to come down and see that he got it; and also that the athletic board which we elected this fall is all 'fixed' for Eddy to stay.

We don't believe this, but if there be any truth in it, there is only this to say:

First, that Mr. Cochems, while he has done his best, ought not to be hired for another year.

Second, that we can settle our athletic future without any assistance or coercion from Brother Henry or any other extraneous influence; that all advocacy must be open and above board; and that we will not stand for any secret pressure from anyone, and

Third, that the athletic board should come out openly and state just what its position is upon the coach question for next year.

From soundings of student opinion taken in the last few weeks, we feel certain that the student body will back these statements, and demand their recognition. We must and shall have a readjustment of matters athletic, and a readjustment "by ourselves and for ourselves" without politics, pressure or prejudice. "The system" must be destroyed.

We have advocated and still do, a general change in all departments. Kilpatrick leaves us in January, and the elimination of the Old should proceed. We need *new* men, *new* methods, *new* blood, and not until we get them will Wisconsin regain her old time Vigor and Health.

Sling out the Old, *Bring* in the New; here's luck to the Old in new fields, and success to the New in our Old fields; but before the Old departs, here's hoping they win us the Chicago game. We think they will.

WAIL AFTER WAIL has pierced our ears, and on investigation we find the cause. A lot of people are protesting against the Quizzes they are promised just before Thanksgiving.

Be resigned, unhappy ones, think how much more Thankful you will be if you pass said Quizzes,—and if you fail,—think how Thankful you can be that it wasn't worse. O, joy!

While we may weep over the general degeneration of athletics, most of us will manage to put away a fairly large dinner Thursday.

While you are reading the editorial page with breathless interest, don't forget the notice at the foot.

WHEREAS, the Thanksgiving vacation, a time of much mirth and over-feeding, approaches, and

WHEREAS, It is the belief of THE SPHINX that all opportunities for joy should be seized at once; therefore, be it

Resolved, by THE SPHINX, in her own mind constituted arbiter of University Glad-someness, that all students should desist from any study or attempt to study during said vacation or recess, and devote all the time to Gorging and Glee.

Given Under Her Claw
and Nail,

This 19th of
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THE SPHINX.

Notice



WHILE the great bulk of the Freshman class is quietly observing the Senior rules, Mr. Odd Meyer, a Hill Freshman of the genus Chi Psi, is insistently violating those rules by wearing a Derby.

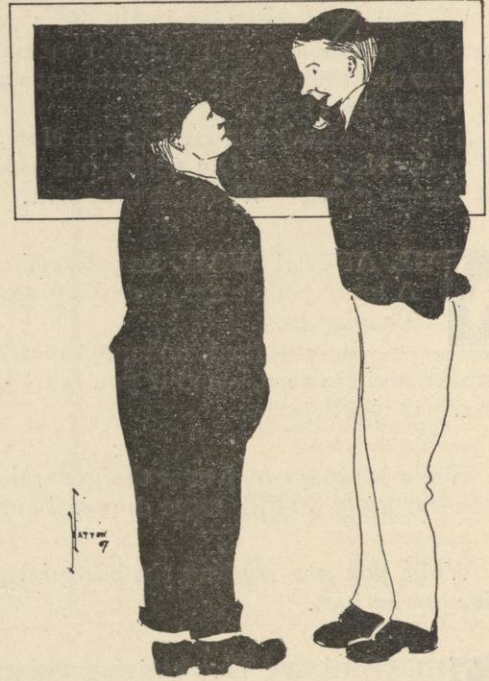


A Darkey Madrigal

Mah honey's voice is softah dan de hummin'
 Of de softes, sweetes breeze dat evah blows,
 An' de very trees dey lean to heah heh comin'
 Wif heh singin' lak de brook dat plays and flows.
 O heh foot is light as cotton at de pickin',
 An' she's slendah lak de weepin' willow tree—
 But SHE nebber weeps or cries, foh de sunshine's in heh eyes,
 An' Chloe she belongs to me!

O, Chloe, yo is sweetah dan de singin',
 Yo is sweetah dan de sweetes wuds or tune,
 (O de music dat my heah strings staht-ed ringin'
 When Ah kissed yo by de glimmah of the moon),
 An' dah ai'nt no use in tryin' foh to pic-tuh,
 How deah yo ah, Ah couldn make dem see—
 But what's it mattah, deah, if yo's only always neah?
 Foh Chloë yo belongs to me!

—A. B. Braley.



"That's good 'baccy you're smoking. I used to smoke that brand invariably."
 "That so, well I smoke it in a pipe."



Benevolent Old Gentleman—"My boy, what do you do for a living?"

Kid—"Me, I'm president of de U. S. Steel Co., and all I do is clip coupons."



"He's got nerve."

"I should smile, he can stab under Olin, crib under Birge, use slang under Hubbard and get Flossy with Scott."



The Retort Torrid

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
 "To the monkey show, kind sir," she said,
 "May I go with you, my pretty maid?"
 "But I'm not an exhibitor, sir," she said.



Wife—John, what do they mean in racing when they say a horse is a favorite?
 John—A favorite, my dear, is a horse that would win if no one would bet on him.

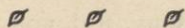


Most Always

Cholly—My doctah wecommends me to take an ocean twip, don't you know. Do you think an ocean twip improves a man?
 Jack—Sure thing. If a man has anything in him at all, a trip on the ocean is very apt to bring it out.



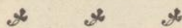
Trousers will be worn longer in December than in November—but not much longer. Only one day.



"The doctor thinks you need a change of air."

"I think so too. I'm dead tired of that 'Nava, Nava, My Navajo.'"

Money is like a bore, we seem to enjoy getting rid of it."



Poverty is a good school-master but a bad companion.



"Is there a short course in engineering?"
 "Sure, the less you work the shorter it is."



"Tessie has had her hair bleached."
 "Have they sent it back yet?"



Baby ate nine angle worms,
 Several million fever germs,
 A caterpillar and a fat
 Contented grub on top of that.
 Yes his tastes are strange that's sure—
 Baby's such an epicure!



The Picture Clarence Sent Home, or How He Fooled the Seniors.

Justification

They say I'm too emotional
 Too prone to put it short
 To pay my court devotional
 To maids of every sort.
 That furthermore, I'm notional
 Because my fancy flees,
 With flightiness and frequency
 From girl to girl in sequency
 From stateliness to piquancy,
 As love and folly please.



The charge is true conclusively,
 My heart is like a bee
 That ranges most elusively
 The "flower peopled lea,"
 But though I love diffusively
 "My heart is ever true,"
 This statement enigmatical,
 Is really not erratical
 As I shall most emphatical-
 Ly prove, I trust, to you.

True, every pretty maid to me
 Has been a worshipped shrine,
 Wherever love has played to me
 And where his footsteps shine—
 The fickle faults most laid to me
 Are neither few nor small,
 But sure as Cupid's dart is true,
 My love in every part is true—
 To *womankind* my heart is true,
 I love not one—but all!

—J. H. H.



Philosophic Punch from a College Pug

The jaw jaw politician can no longer be classed with the college maid that persists in having her rubber gum.

The unbounded interest which our students have manifested in psychological matters should warrant the establishment of a universal lecture system in all colleges. There is such a field for research at all institutions of learning.

Football games should be rarely attended by musically inclined professors. The beats may not always be regular and in good form.

The young lady who will converse with you in a pleasing mood at the big reception, but who fails to recognize you ten minutes after, is not to be blamed in the least. She may be short sighted, or otherwise wise.

—Mediocre.



Forgive Him, He is Young

Mamma—Johnny, did you see any reasonable priced strawberries at the grocery store?

Johnny—Yap, seen some on a shelf that were high, and some on another shelf that were lower.



One of These "Beautiful Snow" Pictures—We Must Have Them.

These are the footsteps of Cholly D'Beat
As he came up the street on a jog.

And these are the ones he made down the
street,
When father unchained the dog.

The lecturer on woman's rights got this far— "..... women are, generally speaking....." when Mr. Enpeck remarked: "That's true, women are generally speaking."

Jack—I've geometrical date with a Gamma Delt tonight."

Bill—What's that?

Jack—Got to see her and square myself.

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"Yes, I am a poet—and poets are born not made."

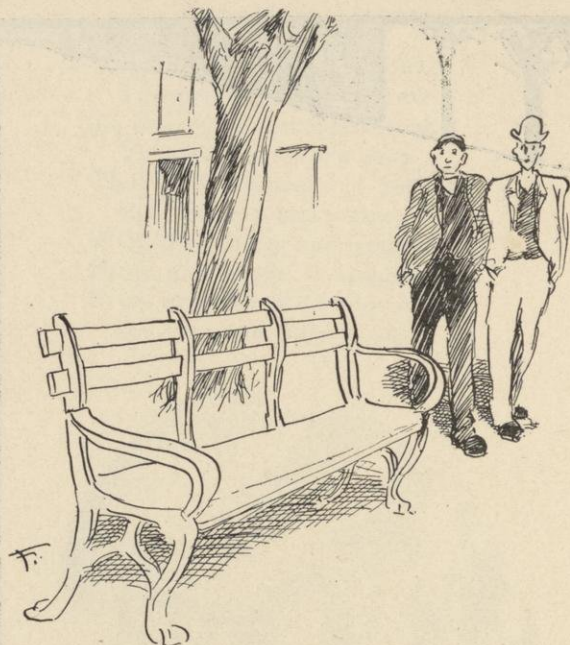
"Well, it is not very manly of you to blame it all on your parents."

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Another Kind Though

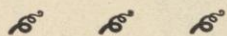
Mary—I was shipwrecked this summer and spent three hours clinging to a buoy.

Ann—Oh! you lucky girl.



"Gwan, if yer brains wuz a storage battery yuh couldn't shock a Freshman Y. W. C. A."

"Pfudge! If de sharpness of yer intellect wuz a knife you couldn't cut a pound of butter."



The Silent Seaman

"Why do the sailors tell such lies?"

I asked a seaman old.

He kicked me up the forward deck,
And threw me down the hold.

"Why do the sailors swear?" I said

As I gained speech at last.

He swung me by my good right leg,
And smashed me 'gainst the mast.

"Why are the sailors cruel?" I asked,

He scarce heard what I said,
But seized a huge belaying pin
And beat me on the head.

The funny thing about it was,
(I thought it quite absurd),
That to my questions that old man
Had never said a word.

—A. B. Schuster.



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Miss Hugger — (learning to skate) I didn't quite catch your name when we were introduced.

He—Close.

Miss H.—"O I'm afraid I shall fall, hold me, Close."



(We guess it's old, but we're not sure.)

"What did Bangs name his twins?"

"They were both boys—he called them Pete and Repeat."



"Burgs is a mean cuss."

"Mean—why he'd borrow your dictionary and charge you for 'special research work he did in using it.'"



A Freshman remarked with a grin,
"Would you look at these things on my chin?"

But a Sophomore who heard
Without uttering a word,
Took a hammer and drove them all in.

A. B. S.

How it Happened

"Stand by the ship," the captain cried,
And raised his hand on high,
When a sailor bold
Came out of the hold
And winked his weather eye.

"The ship goes down my brave men all
Together we will sink,"
But the sailor bold,
From out the hold,
Had paper, pen and ink.

The raging wind harmed not the boat,
Nor could the waves it drown,
For the man with the
Paper, pen and ink,
Was the man who "took it down."

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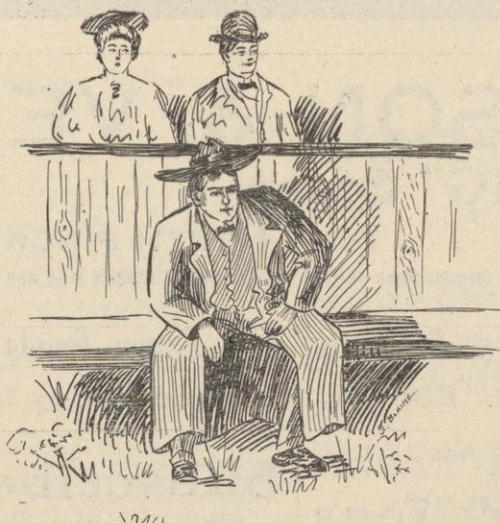
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So don't the merry game delay.

But hit the books with vigor gay
(The blithesome booze the self same way);
For high ball sly and tricky beer
The period!

And hit the rondeau, triolet
And soon despatch them Record way—
The reason of this verse, I fear,
Unlike the rhyme, does not appear.
So I'll attach, as best I may,
The period.—*Record*.

Overheard at Agincourt

"Oddsbodikins! Lend me your can opener a minute, Sir Percie, I've lost the combination to this bally armour suit and can't get out."—*Lampoon*.

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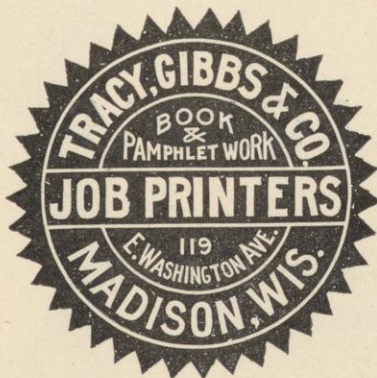
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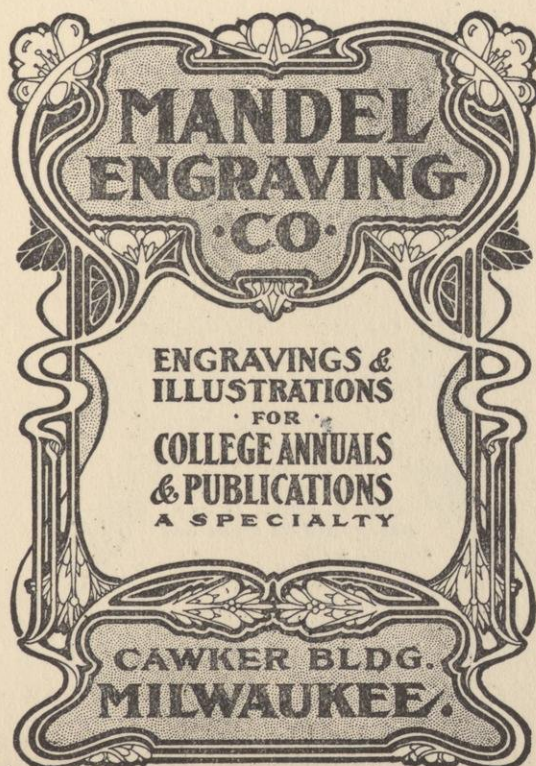
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