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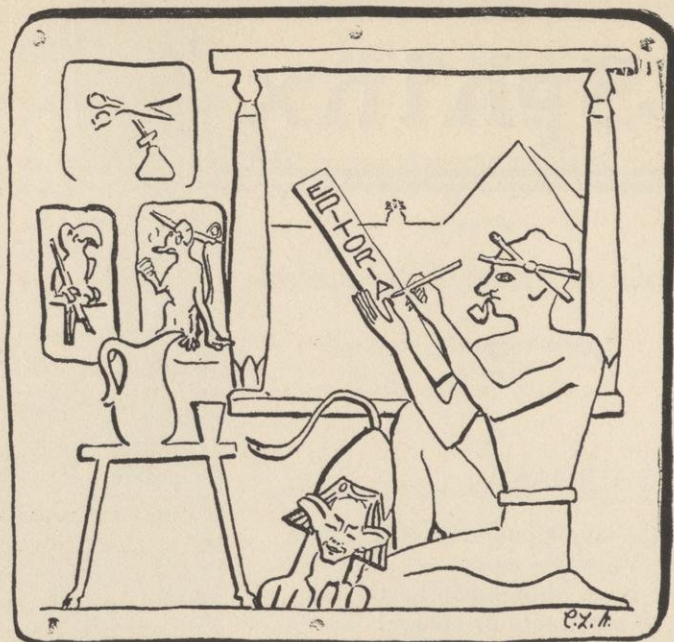
Stand up! Let's have done with the tattle  
Unworthy the Varsity's name,  
That name we have shouted in battle,  
Untarnished by weakness or shame!  
Stand up! let your cheers ring to heaven,  
Let them shake every rafter and beam!  
A toast to our Badger eleven,  
Now! men of Wisconsin,  
    "The team!"

Let us shout till they hear at Ann Arbor  
And Chicago can catch the refrain  
Till the Gopher shall hear it and harbor  
The fear that he cannot explain.  
Let us cheer till we trouble Yost's vision,  
And shatter Doc Williamse's dream,  
And scatter Staggs hopes in derision,  
Now! men of Wisconsin,  
    "The team!"

The team! through success and disaster!  
The team! and here's hoping the best,  
The team! may they conquer and master,  
Each foe that may come to the test!  
But sunny or darksome the weather  
Let us cheer while of life there's a gleam.  
The team! toast them now, all together!  
The team! loyal Badgers,  
    "The team!"

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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

*Consistency is a jewel—which we admire most in others.*

**W**HILE THE WORLD—the college world—is rejoicing over the fact that a Wisconsin man may be sent to Oxford through the Cecil Rhodes scholarships, the other side of the matter is apt to be overlooked. It is undoubtedly a matter of congratulation for us that we may send a man to Oxford but it is also a matter of congratulation for Oxford that they can get a man from Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin man may learn much from the classic halls of Oxford but the Oxfordians will learn more from the classic customs of the Wisconsinites. Does the imbiber of knowledge at Oxford speak of the physical culture building as the Gymnasium or the Gym? The young man from Wisconsin may be able to reform him completely in the matter of speech. There is the Gym and the Lab and the Libe and the Pal and an array of other goodly words waiting to be absorbed by the cultured classes of England.

Take the Lake Rush, for instance, what does the average Englishman know about this annually glorious affair? Absolutely nothing. The Wisconsin student can introduce it. He can work it up into a magnificent national custom. With good luck he can see royalty soused under water whenever their highnesses deign to enter Oxford.

Then in the question of clothes. Your Englishman is a notoriously bad dresser. He does not know how to clothe himself so as to be at once comfortable and artistic. The Wisconsin man with large, wide and particularly baggy trousers—a painfully short coat and the gait which has made Wisconsin famous will completely revolutionize the easy-going Britishers.

Altogether it looks as though the congratulations were on Oxford, They may have slumbered for centuries but they will hear the clarion call of awakening when the Wisconsin man gets there.



*Life is a thesis which must be handed in without revision.*

**N**OW THAT THE UNIVERSITY has abolished the old line "courses" it is to be hoped that it will go further and introduce more modern departments of study into the curriculum. Not that Latin or Greek or membranous Zoology are not all right. They are excellent in their way, but the modern spirit demands something which is not only broadening but useful. It demands studies which are to be of practical benefit in after life.

Take for example a course in elevating. The young college man applies for a situation in some large building.

"What can you do?" the head of the firm asks severely. "Can you run an elevator?"

The young college man is forced to cover his face with blushes and explain, that although he is conversant, indeed familiar with the character of Demosthenes he is not up on elevating.

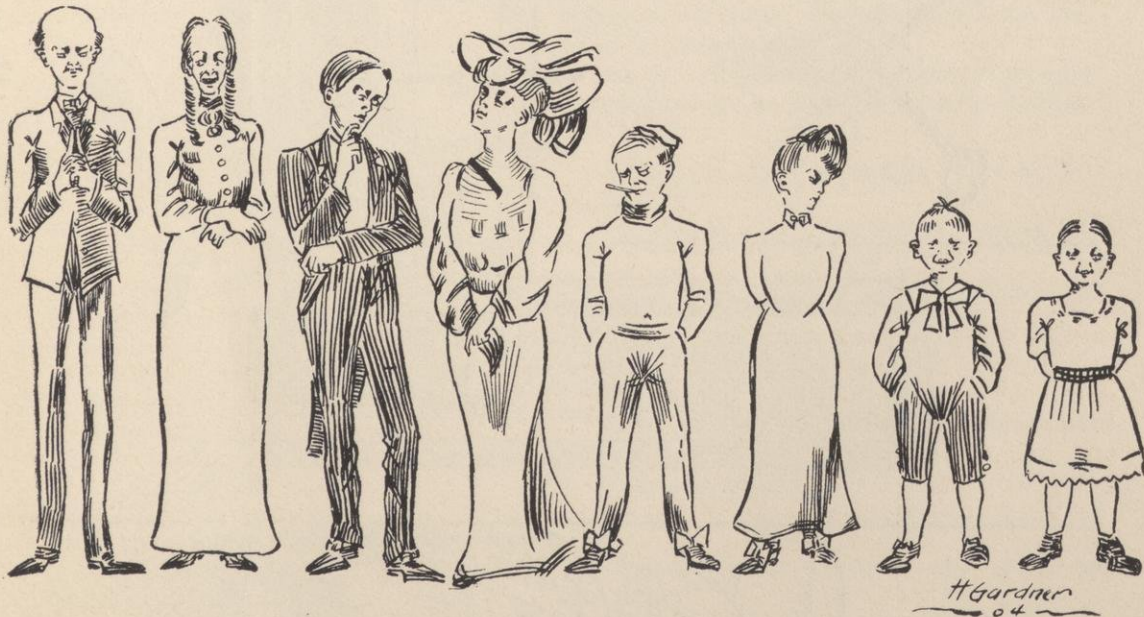
"Very well," says the head of the firm, "I fear we have nothing else open. Good morning."

And the young man's life is wrecked simply because he did not know how to elevate. A two-fifths single semester in elevating would have put him at the head of his profession, but the course was not there.

Oft and again the young college man might get employment as a bouncer. If he attended religiously to his gymnasium he would probably be able at the end of his college career to bounce out anything on two legs. But ignorance of the technicalities bar him from this lucrative profession. He would bounce out a detective the first night and probably spend the rest of his days in the county jail. Wisconsin should have a course in bouncing.

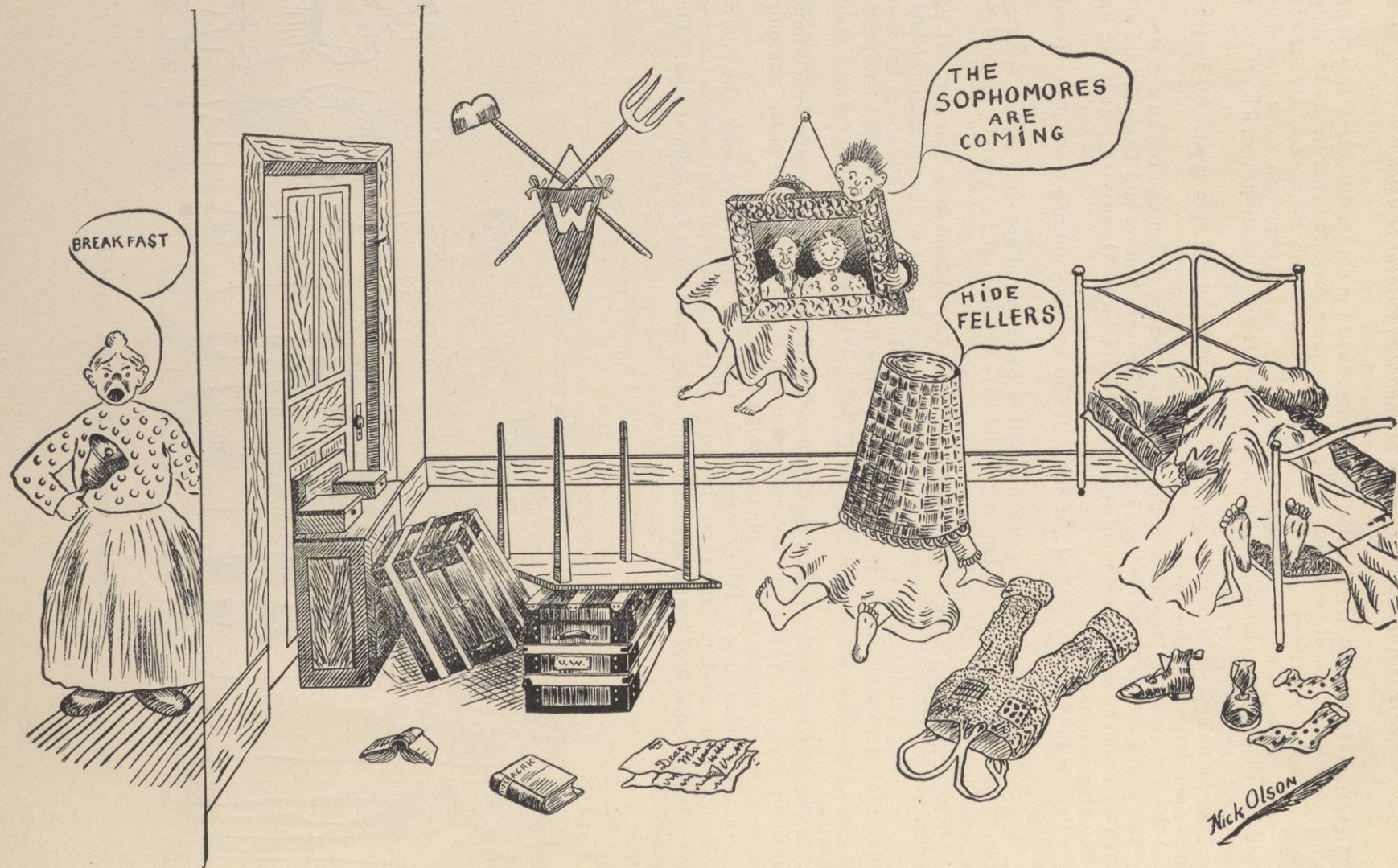
In the selection of wall papers the inexperience of the present and past generations is painfully evident. What a true blessing a course in Wall Papers would prove, can only be appreciated by members of the Madison Art League.

An instructive course in Pillow-making—Two-fifths of Waking up with the Alarm Clock—laboratory work in Trusts and How to get Trusted would all help some in making up an intelligent and broad-minded generation. The good work has commenced. On to de finish.



**Puzzle Picture—Find the Seniors**





BREAKFAST

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Nick Olson

6:30 A. M. in the Freshman's Boudoir



## THE FRESHMAN SPORT

It was J. Jones, of Pumpkinville,  
 Who came unto the U.,  
 With dark and devious intent  
 To let things out a few.  
 His voice was loud and eke his clothes,  
 His eye was tender blue.

He walked into the 'baccy store,  
 And laid down dollars three,  
 "I want thee hundred black stogees,  
 As black as black can be,  
 For I shall give them out to gain  
 Great popularitee."

The 'baccy man he dealt them out,  
 And they were black as ink,  
 And the 'baccy man he wrapped 'em up  
 And he tied 'em well with pink,  
 And he fumigated his lily hands,  
 For they stank with a direful stink.

The Freshman with a generous hand  
 Those stogies freely dealt,  
 And never burning garbage pile  
 Smelt as those stogies smelt;  
 But the Freshman only smiled to show  
 How popular he felt.

He gave them right he gave them left  
 And forward and also back  
 And the awful stench of the black stogees  
 Made an unmistakable track;  
 And the people who smoked the black  
 stogees  
 As a rule themselves turned black.

And they who smoked the black stogees  
 Like black ghosts from the tomb  
 A dire and fearsome mob they came  
 And stormed the Freshmans room.  
 And shrieking curses filled the air,  
 That spelled the Freshman's room.

It was J. Jones of Pumpkinville  
 Who came unto the U.  
 And it was J. Jones who hied him back  
 While the year was fresh and new,  
 And he carried an empty stogy box—  
 And the Lord gives each his due.

\* \* \*

"Jiblets got a piece of grain in his eye and  
 they'll have to cut it out."  
 "What'll they use."  
 "O, an icicle I suppose."



"Who gave the bride away?"  
 Why, you horrid thing—nobody!"

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## ANIMAL JOKELETS

"Even inanimate nature is untruthful,"  
 said the bear as he listened to the howling  
 of the puma. "For even now I can hear  
 the mountain lion."

The young deer smiled secretively.  
 "Say," he whispered to his brother, "I  
 heard to-night that pa's young sister is  
 going to run away with that big buck she's  
 been so sweet on."

"Well," responded his brother gleefully,  
 "we'll have to be on hand to see antelope."

"What the raccoon reading those ancient  
 jokes for?"

"Trying to make the Badger bored."

"Who's expected to win the 100 in the  
 canine field day?"

"The dasch-hund of course."

"Did the monkey sell any convocation  
 tickets?"

"Yes, the rabbit."

\* \* \*

"The tailor has made a new gown for  
 the judge."

"Ah, a law suit."



## "FRESHY"

I went up to the 'varsity, but didn't seem to take.  
The fellows only said, "Oh! throw that Freshman in the lake!"  
The girls up in the Hall they never seemed to notice me,  
But smiled upon the football men; so I could plainly see

That its Freshy this and Freshy that, and "Freshy, you won't do."  
But its "'Rah, for Jimmy Jimson!" if I make the Freshman crew.

I went to all the hops they gave; it didn't seem to count,  
Though every time I stagg'd it I paid double the amount.  
I spose I ought to take a girl to be right in the swim,  
But when it comes to that, you know, poor Jimmy's chance is slim.

So its Freshy this and Freshy that, and "Freshy you're too slow."  
But its "'Knock me down to Jimson" when I get a girl to go.

I started in to show them all that I was just I-T.  
The fellows didn't think so for they only laughed at me;  
But when they wanted ducats they'd get thick with me blamed quick,  
And if I loaned them five or so they'd all call me a brick.

For its Freshy this and Freshy that, and "He's a great big joke,"  
But it's "'Jimson's a good fellow" when they happen to get broke.

And so I often wonder if it really pays to stay  
Where I'm the butt of ridicule, and everything they say,  
Concerns my lack or knowledge and the "rotten" puns I make,  
And where it's such a closeness to that omnipresent lake.

Now it's Freshy this and Freshy that, and "Freshy, you've no say,"  
But its "'Tip your hat to Jimson" when two years have passed away.

MACKENZIE.

"What's May taking calculus for?"  
"Oh, I guess she needs the curves."

Some fellows know too much to know anything.

## SAYINGS OF EL. OZRIAN

There is no help in any last year's crib.

The levitational exhibitions of Kellar don't hold a candle to the way some young bloods make the "rocks" fly.

Some people will kick in heaven because they have not been furnished with a grand piano and a pianola in place of a harp.

The grafter's motto "Better a year of plunder than a cycle of reform."

Too many schooners will carry a man half seas over.

KIM.

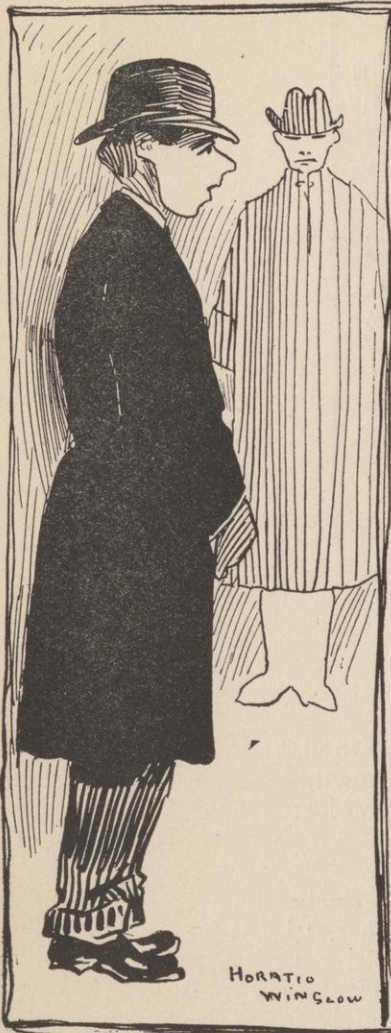
"I wonder," said the sentimentally inclined youth, "why it is that "love" is the easiest verb in all languages."

"For the same reason," sighed the maiden wearily, "that go seems to be the hardest."

And the clock struck half past eleven sympathetically.

"The tailor says he can promise me my trousers in a week."

"Ah, breeches of promise, I see!"





## A FEW HISTORIC ONES

They were on the desert. The great figure of the Sphinx loomed before them. They were two. He was mild eyed and blond. She was milder eyed and blonder.

"Were many killed in the class rush?" asked she, dulcetly.

"Very few, very few," replied he, apologetically, "there might have been more if it had been in the winter."

"Why?"

"Well, we generally have pretty good sleighing at that time!"

There was a deep hoarse rumble, the Sphinx was coughing uncomfortably.

"You ought to be punished for that, said the fair one, looking at him admiringly.

"O, I've forgotten my purse. You'll have to pay my car fare home."

"I'm your match-box, strike me," he replied jauntily.

"I thought you'd see it in that light."

Again, that deep roaring grumble. The Sphinx was struggling hard to control herself. It was almost more than even sandstone could bear.

"I guess I'll have to make a small collection," he said feeling in his pockets.

"Are you trying to collect your thoughts?" she asked sweetly.

"I've got two cents and a bill," he said, after a frantic search.

"Did you use your bill to find the cents?" she remarked.

Again, a mighty sound filled the air; the Sphinx had swallowed her wrath and was almost choked.

M. LOEB.

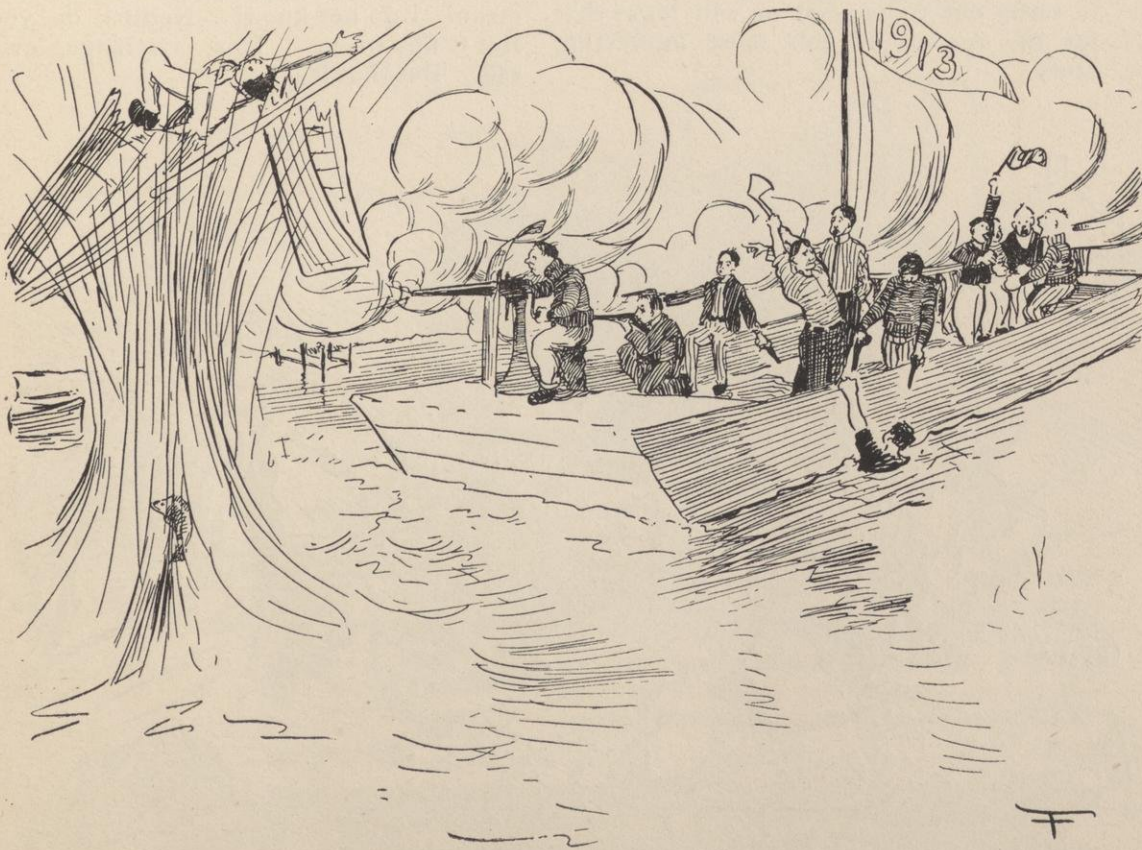


"What kind of campaign music did the railroad band use?"

"Cartoons of course."

"The trombone player looks dissipated;"

"Of course, he's always blowing in all his wind on a toot."



The Class Rush in 1910



## BOOK NOTICES

A pleasing novelette has reached our desk in the shape of "Studies in the Evolution of Industrial Society," by Richard T. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin. Those who have read others of this talented novelist's work need no recommendation to this latest product of his facile typewriter.

The plot is at once sustained and interesting, and will carry the reader breathless to the last page. The character of the Duke of Milan is well drawn, and stands out in strong contrast to Luigi, the vacillating egg-sifter. It would be hard in all literature to find anything prettier than the way in which Bulleta, the Spanish apple seller denounces the bulbul bird on page 813, paragraph II.

As a tale of love and intrigue "Studies in the Evolution of Industrial Society," will stand at the head of books of this order.

Throughout the nine hundred and seventeen pages the reader is kept in a constant state of expectancy; doubtful as to whether it was the Duke or Luigi who threw the potato parings into the sink. Fortunately it turns out to be—but we will leave that for the readers of this most interesting story.

## HOPE

Skies are filled with sorrer?  
Don't yuh set an' mope!  
Clearer day termorr—  
Fill yer heart with hope!

Hearts is sore an' hurtin?  
Tain't no good ter pine!  
This week's some uncertain.  
Next week you'll feel fine!

Business jus' a boomin'  
'Rah fer winter news!  
Can't no man ner woman  
Make me have the blues.

Never have no trouble,  
What's the use to curse?  
Glad my pain ain't double!  
Glad my case ain't worse!

KIM.

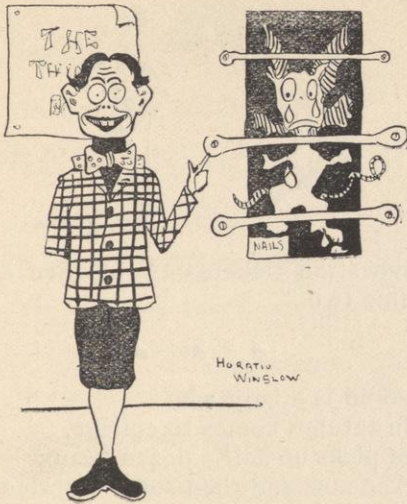
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And if we could but think great thoughts unalloyed. But this is uncertain, somewhat keyed to the extraneous. If we but knew as they in the sub ethereal council. With the everlasting me forever at war. It is truly most depressing. What do I mean? I do not know. Neither do you. But it fills space. This is strange, even sad. But thus it is.



Driver, the Freshman Coach, looking over the game





JUST FOOLISH

The Thinginbob has thirteen tails  
And lives on rusty shingle nails.  
Observe it here within its cage,  
It's slowly dying of old age.

There, darling children, do not cry  
The Thinginbob had ought to die.



Joker—We make pancakes every night  
in our room.

Smoker—Where do you get the materials?

Joker—Oh, out of the telephone box,  
that's where the batteries.



Baby darling, baby sweet  
Never got enough to eat,  
Ate all day and ate all night  
Couldn't stop its appetite,  
Never seemed quite satisfied,  
Till at last it starved and died  
But beneath the grave yard hummock  
It has plenty on its stummock.

KIM.



“How did the Cannibals take the missionary?”

“Fried, with little boy sauce.”

A SAMPLE OF WHAT TEACHES US  
ENGLISH

Freshman to English Instructor—“Can you tell me where I can find North Hall?”

English Instructor—“North Hall? Hm!—North Hall!—Let me see!—Well!—Who do you want to see in North Hall?”

Freshman—“I want to see Prof. Hohlfeld.”

Instructor—“Ah, yes! you want to see Prof. Hohlfeld? Well, you will find Miss Veerhusen, Miss Herfurth, Prof. Voss, Dr. Roeder, Mr. Goodnight, and yes, you will also find Prof. Hohlfeld there. Now then you want to find North Hall! All right! you know there are two buildings on the campus, two very old stone buildings which are very much alike in structure and architecture. One is located on the north side of the campus and the other is situated on the south side. Now I don't think that you will have any trouble in finding the place. No bother at all! You're welcome!

“Good morning!”

WHY, '05.



“Was Casey drunk Friday night.”

“Well, I wouldn't want to accuse any man unjustly. But I know that he came home with a Japanese lantern on the end of a stick and claimed he was the goddess of liberty looking for slavery among the Jews. But I'm not saying he was drunk.”



## DOWN AT ZACH'S

"Well how's business?"  
Adolph—"Business voss pressing, zhust now."



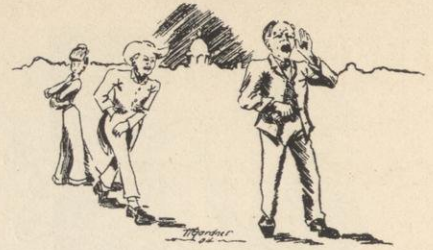
"Jones was engaged to the most popular girl in the 'Varsity, it was to be secret but it leaked out that he had rung the belle."

"Ah yes, I presume the belle told."



"What's the matter with the two faced man, why are his heads turned away from each other?" asked the casual visitor of the dime museum spieler.

"Oh, he got drunk last night and this morning he's so ashamed he can't look himself in the face."



"Convocation tickets—twenty-five cents."  
"Gimme two."



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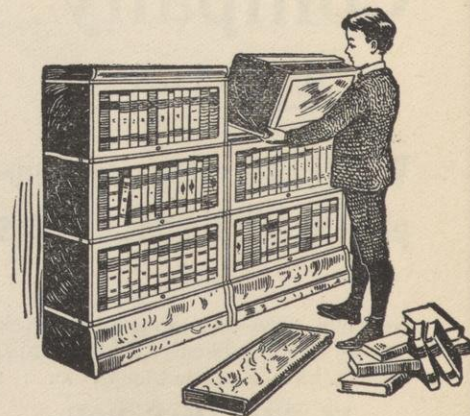
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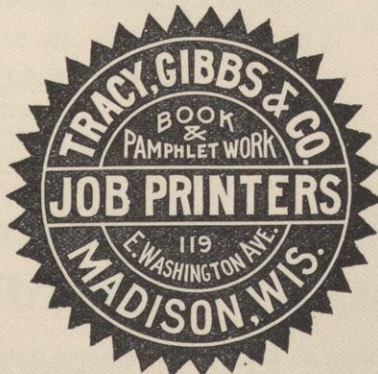
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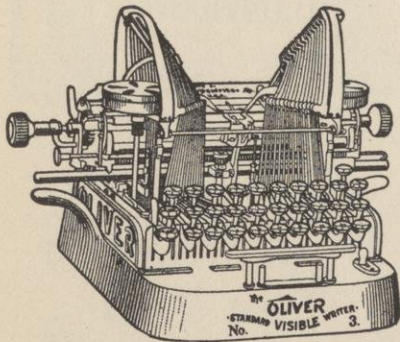
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