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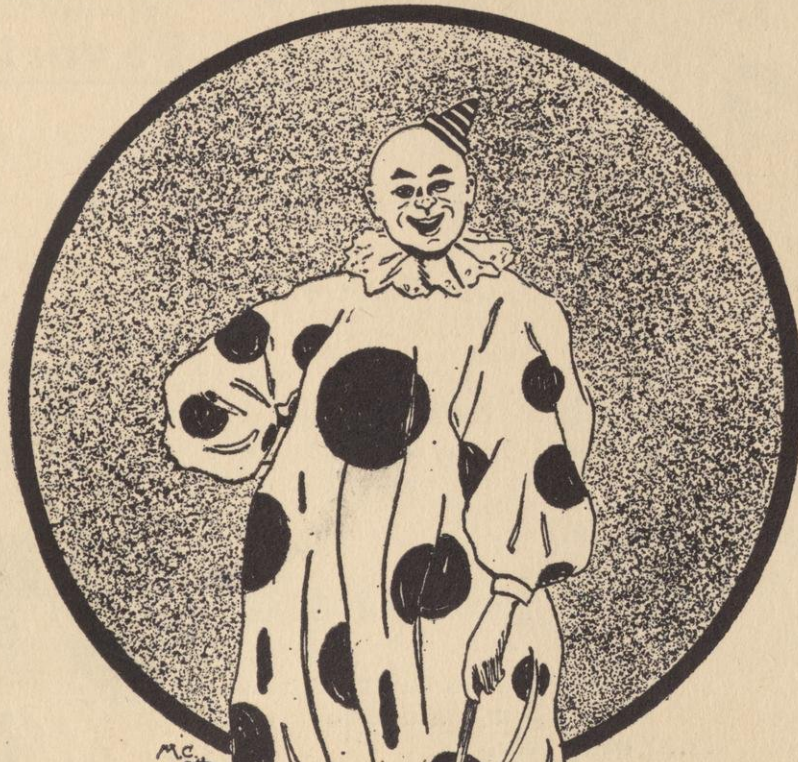
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Hundreds of Freshmen are in town to-day  
Seeking for Wisdom, in search of the Truth;  
Chuck-full of greenness and fuller of Youth.

*And yet—how I wish I could say something new—  
But few of you Freshmen will stay the year through.*

Will YOU?



Father's young hopeful and Mother's own pet,  
Hooks out for Phi Beta Kappa! You bet!  
Football and baseball, dramatics and crew—  
Gee! What a future is in store for you!

*And yet—how I wish I could say something new—  
But few of you Freshmen will stay the year through.*

Will YOU?



Fussing the Co-eds and rough-housing Flom's,  
Taking in Johnnie's and trying out Mumm's;  
Roulette and billiards—a hot college sport;  
Get all the fun you can; your time is short.

*And so—how I wish I could say something new—  
But few of you Freshmen will stay the year through!*

Will YOU?



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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*

**W**ISCONSIN'S HIVE is again buzzing. Even the drones stir a little, spasmodically, it is true, but still perceptibly. And the workers—bless 'em—have returned in an imposing array, heavily laden with the honey of enthusiasm and energy, on which to draw during the coming winter. The grubs, too, that by next fall will be full-fledged sophomoreic bees, feel the agitation going on about them, without knowing what it is all about. And we must not forget the queens—queens we say, for THE SPHINX must admit that there is more than one.

We extend to you all the glad hand. We are happy to see our old friends back, and glad to make new ones. To our most strenuous knockers, we cherish none but the kindest feelings, and hope they shall continue to knock us—but with a smile on their faces. We want you all to be happy, and so we say to the drones, keep on droning, to the workers, keep on working, to the grubs, keep on grubbing, and to the queens—well, just keep on queening.



**W**HAT ABOUT TRADITIONS at Wisconsin? Is the good work begun by the Senior class last year and endorsed by the Junior and Sophomore classes to be carried on through this year and the next, and the one after that, until Wisconsin's traditions have become an inseparable part of her life? We hope so. We believe so.

But in order that this may be done, the upperclassmen must persist in requiring the lower classes to observe these traditions. We suggest that the three upper classes, at their first meetings, pass resolutions reaffirming the action taken along this line last year. We think this hardly necessary to the continuance of the traditions, but it will, in the eyes of the Freshmen, stamp the rules they must follow with the seal of official sanction. Moral effect counts for much.

And now a word to the Freshmen. Don't forget that just now you are nobodies in the University, and will continue to be nobodies until in the course of time you have shown yourselves to be of some account. This may not be flattery, but it is the truth. If you do not understand the Whys and Wherefores of this College Existence, wait. You will in time. But in the meantime play your part the best you know how. If you are Freshmen (and we all were once), be loyal Freshmen. Don't try to put on the appearance of Sophomores. No one is deceived thereby. You are like the ostrich hiding its head in the sand. Obey religiously the rules that have been prescribed for you, and you will be happy and respected. Otherwise—



**W**ITH THE CHANGE in the management of THE SPHINX its editorial department loses not a whit in the way of enthusiasm and energy, though it is indeed deficient in the resourcefulness that comes of much experience. And our task has been made the more difficult because of the unusual ability of our predecessors.

By their editorials they made THE SPHINX a factor of real influence in the University; and by their literary and artistic work, they placed it among the first of its kind. While we doff our hat to them for all this, still we realize that by so doing they have made it all the harder for us to maintain the standard they have set.

But, whatever our shortcomings may be, we tremble not before the knockers. We like to think that it is always the finest gold that will stand the most hammering without losing any of its quality. Then, too, we are somewhat addicted to knocking ourselves, and therefore we "know what the jest is worth."

Here, too, it may be said, that we believe in knocking only when some good, however little, may come of it, and for that reason we purpose to use our hammer only at such times as, in our estimation, the conditions attacked are palpably in need of improvement. 'Nuff sed.



**W**HILE MATTERS ATHLETIC took summer lodging in our think tank, and haven't yet moved out, nevertheless we had fully resolved to keep them from intruding onto the editorial pages of THE SPHINX. But we can't help ourselves. We take up the pen now, however, not to knock, but to boost.

We want to register a plea, not for better coaches—where will you find them?—not for better material—it's *Wisconsin* material—but for more of the traditional *Wisconsin* spirit and enthusiasm in the student body itself. Without that, what can we expect of the team? With it, what can't we expect?

True, there is already a decided improvement in that respect over the past two or three years, and one need not seek far for the reason. But it is not enough that we talk about the players and discuss the plays with more animation than formerly. We must *do* something, and that quickly and concertedly. Get out on the field at practice and give the yell the way Phil King used to hear it at *Wisconsin*. It will help both coaches and players. We know that, for they have said so. Get out on the squad, those of us whom Nature has blessed with brawn, and into the scrimmage as if the honor of *Wisconsin* rested upon your own personal efforts. Again we make the appeal:

"Men of *Wisconsin*—the TEAM!"



THE SPHINX wishes to announce the election of M. C. Otto, '06, to the position of Art Editor, in place of A. Hatton, '07, who is now attending Columbia.





### Too Bad!

The melancholy days are come  
 The saddest of the year;  
 Not cold enough for whiskey straight,  
 Nor hot enough for beer.

### At Summer School

Instructor—Mr. Wellon, can you give me a definition for the word "work?"

Normalite—Yes, sir. Everything is work.

Instructor—Um-m-m. Well, would you say this desk was work?

Normalite—Yes, sir,—woodwork.

There was a young woman called Eighmy,  
 Who was a fine girl all the seighmy:

At nine every night,  
 She'd kneel down and recight,  
 A little prayer called "Now I leighmy."



### First Recitation Drool

*Professor*—Ahem! (passing slips of paper to the class.) I will ask each of you to write your name and class on this little slip—your name I want, and also your class,—that is, whether you are a Senior, Junior, Sophomore or Freshman. You understand? I will ask you to put them on my desk at the close of the hour. The cards are not out from the office as yet.

I will detain you only a few minutes to-day to assign your text-book. The name of the text I will write on the board, so you will all get it right. (Writes on black-board.) That is a very faulty book, but is the best out now, and will be of course until I publish a book on the same subject. As it is, we will have to use this as a sort of a guide to my lectures. I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of your taking full notes on my lectures, for only in that way can you get everything there is to be known of this subject. Well, so much for that.

I wish you would all get Heath's edition of this book. It has been ordered at both the Co-op and the College Book Store. You may get them at either place of course, if you wish—or both. (Smiles.) You will not, however, learn twice as much by buying two books as only one. Well, I will not hold you any longer this morning.

### Behind the Scenes

"James," said the celebrated prizefighter as he lit his cigarette, "is everything arranged for this evening?"

"Yes, sir."

"The big end of the purse safe?"

"Yes, sir."

"The bets fixed?"

"Yes, sir."

"The chartered train ready?"

"Yes, sir."

"Everything right, I see. And, a— by the way, James, what round is it in which I've arranged to be knocked out?"

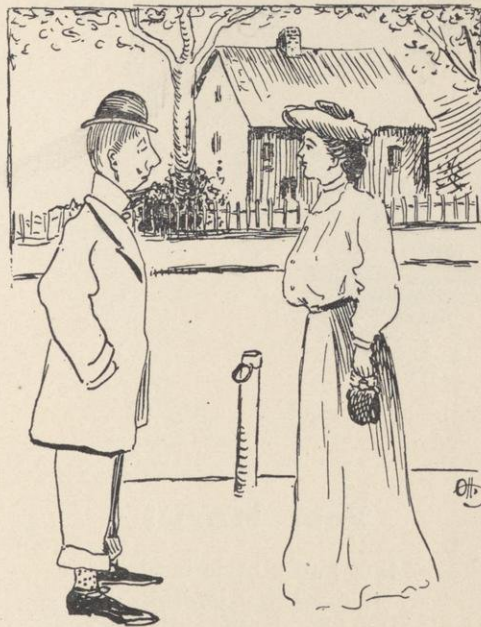
"The fourth, sir."

"Thank you, James. Go out now and tell those newspaper fellows that I'm as fit as a fiddle and calculated to put up the greatest scrap of my life."

## Hiawatha on Wisconsin

When the golden days of autumn  
 Shed their haze upon the landscape,  
 Gather ever toward the city  
 On the banks of fair Mendota,  
 Toward the Athens of Wisconsin,  
 Men and maidens filled with yearning  
 To enroll themselves as students  
 In this noble institution.  
 Should you ask me why they come here,  
 I should answer, I should tell you,  
 They have come for many reasons.  
 Some have come to win great honor  
 Kicking at the festive pigskin;  
 Some, to run upon the cinders;  
 Some have come to pose as Willies,  
 Wearing very baggy trousers,  
 Smoking cigarettes eternal;  
 Some they say, have been attracted  
 By the tales of toothsome dainties  
 On the bill of fare at Chadbourne  
 Some have come to please their papa,  
 And to spend his hard-earned dollars  
 Down at John's Life-Saving Station;  
 (Such go home with eye-diseases  
 At the close of first semester).  
 But all these are mere exceptions,  
 For by far the greater number  
 Hither come with great ambition  
 To acquire vast stores of knowledge,—  
 Come to learn the Whys and Wherefores  
 Under Papa Sharps' kind guidance;  
 Come to reason most profoundly  
 With the bland and beaming Bode;  
 Come to speed the precious hours  
 Seeking out stray crumbs of wisdom  
 In the course called Baby-study;  
 Come to toil through Analytic  
 (Analytic made in Hades),  
 With the merry Dr. Dowling;  
 Come to hop and skip through Physics  
 Following Bennie's countless antics;  
 Come to learn the Dutch declensions;  
 Come to hear of love and moonlight  
 At the feet of Sunny Pyre;  
 And from all the other teachers  
 To imbibe whate'er is offered  
 In the way of higher learning.

Thus, when college days are over  
 And the highly valued sheepskins  
 Have been handed to their owners,  
 They can go forth to their labors  
 With the consciousness of duties  
 Well performed; and ever grateful  
 Will they be to these instructors  
 In the Temple of Minerva,  
 In the Athens of Wisconsin,  
 On the shores of fair Mendota.



## Fate of a Humorist

He (trying to be funny)—Yes, Miss  
 Smythe, I like a donkey.  
 She—Oh, you egotistic creature!

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We hate to say it, but sellery should  
 always be taken with a pinch of salt.



### Trusts

The PIE-TRUST buys up all the PIES,  
The GLUE-TRUST all the GLUE;  
Oh, how I wish they'd organize  
A TROUBLE-TRUST or two!

### The Reason Why

The carpet tack will seldom stand  
Exactly where it's put;  
And that is why, when not on hand,  
It frequently 's on foot.

### A Hero

The Beauty-Doctor knows no fear—  
Not his to reason why;  
He simply waits from year to year  
Prepared to "do" and dye!



### Poor Mary!

Mary had a little lamb,—  
It made her deathly ill,  
Now she always calls for ham  
To save the doctor's bill.

I sought my bed at daybreak  
After a night in town.  
It dodged when I approached it,  
Side-stepped and knocked me down.  
Enraged, I grew strategic,  
But it slipped through the open door  
Just when I tried to grab it,  
So I slumbered on the floor.

—Tiger.



Touts and jockeys all remind us  
There are winners we can back,  
And departing leave behind us  
Four weeks' wages on the track.



'Tis the same old campus and the same old  
men,  
The same old Hill is here;  
But the girls, dear me, who are here again,  
Grow prettier every year.

The Philosopher arose, gathered his robes about him, and went on his way in the search of Truth.

And behold, as he journeyed along the road he came upon a Capitalist in a gilded automobile, and asked of him, What is the greatest problem in the world?

And the Capitalist spoke and said unto him, The Labor Problem?

Then the Philosopher asked of him further, Will this problem ever be solved by Man?

And the Capitalist answered and said, Not now, but in time.

Then the Philosopher went upon his way again, and behold, when he had gone but a few leagues, he met a Laborer, resting by the wayside. And the Philosopher said unto him, My friend, what is the greatest problem in the world?

And the Laborer made answer and said, The Trust problem.

Then the Philosopher questioned him further, saying, And will this problem ever be solved by Man?

And the Laborer answered him and said, Not now, but in time.

Then the Philosopher once more went on his way, and after a time he encountered a Sociologist. Whereupon, he asked also of the Sociologist, What is the greatest problem in the world?

And the Sociologist likewise answered him, and said, The Negro Problem.

Then the Philosopher asked of him, Will this problem ever be solved by Man?

And the Sociologist made answer, saying, Not now, but in time.

Then the Philosopher went further on his way, and came upon a Wise Man, sitting by the gates of the city that he might watch the multitude pass by.

And the Philosopher spake unto him saying, My brother, what is the greatest problem in the world?

And the Wise Man pointed with his finger toward the multiform stream of humanity passing through the gateway, and said, LIFE itself is the greatest problem in the world.

Then the Philosopher asked of him further, saying, And will this problem ever be solved by Man?

And the Wise Man made answer and said, Who shall say? Can the acorn lying among its fellows foretell the majestic oak trees? Or can the caterpillar crawling in the mire forsee the brilliant butterfly?

And the Philosopher answered naught, but bowed his head in humility.

F. W. M.



### At the Classical Concert

Mrs. Wayback—You see, Josiah, that there is I-talian music.

Mr. Wayback (uneasily)—Well, gosh almighty, why don't they translate it into English.

Vanity—an important, not to say dominating element in the composition of man.

A few of us may keep out of trouble because we do not wish to hurt the other fellow, but with the majority it is a case of the other fellow hurting us.

When a man reads a biography, he discovers any number of good traits common only to himself and the celebrity.

The fact that pocket Bibles have occasionally stopped bullets, is no excuse for a man never taking the good book out of his clothes.

Easy work—an impossibility.

A man knows because he reasons; a child knows because he sees; but a woman knows because—because—well, just “because.”

If you don't believe in hell, where do you suppose the originator of “I told you so” went?

Hash—a review of reviews.



Some writes things on Frenzied Finance;  
Some makes bluffs and makes 'em good;  
Some busts banks and some shoots banker—  
Rockerfeller just saws wood.

Some writes laws and then some breaks  
'em;

Some don't dast but wants to could;  
Some gets richer, some gets poorer—  
Rockerfeller just saws wood.

Some goes wrong and some goes worser;  
Some don't do just what they should;  
Some buys bunnits, some buys halos—  
Rockerfeller just saws wood.

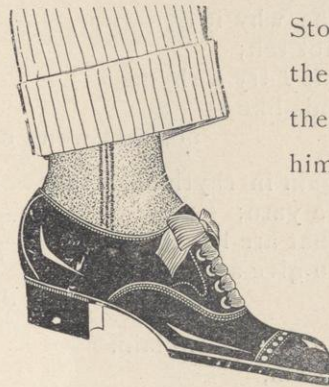
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Co-education—sad, but true—  
Is an abomination;  
And yet there are good features, too,  
About co-education.

~~~~~  
There was a young man in the gym  
Whose arm was unnaturally slym;  
But by using great care,  
He could feel something there;  
Mayhap there were knots in his lym.  
—Widow.

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**Ear Marks**

Willie tied the baby's ear  
Firmly to the chandelier;  
Baby chuckled, full of glee,  
'Twas his ear of corn, you see.  
—Tiger.

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Who lost all he had to a Jew.  
Said he, "Ain't it funny  
To be without money?  
But I guess if I *scrape* I'll pull through."

## Clipped Quips

### Did You Ever Feel Like This?

I can't imagine why it is,  
I surely cannot tell;  
But every time I try a rhyme  
It really sounds like—

no, that won't do.

And when again in rhythmic strain,  
I try to spin a yarn;  
The people that are listening  
Don't seem to give a—

no, that won't do.

Another thing I can't explain,  
As clever as I am,  
Whate'er I write in metric verse  
Don't prosper worth a—

no, that won't do.

So now I guess I'll give it up,  
I'm not in my right class,  
I'll hie me back to simple prose  
Before I'm called an—

no, that won't do.

—*Yale Record.*

### The Way with Men

Two neat,  
Small feet  
And a shoestring loose.  
I bend, don't you,  
Before that shoe?

One glance at the shoe and two at the silk  
And an ankle showing as white as milk;  
And I tie a knot that will slip again,  
For that is ever the way with men.

—*Chaparral.*

Flo was fond of Ebenezer,  
Eb for short she called her beau.  
Talk of "tides of love." Great Caesar!  
You should see 'em, Eb and Flo.

—*Widow.*

A young man once sang to his love,  
When a voice from the casement above  
Remarked, "Oh, I soy,  
Yer goil's moved away,  
An' she lives in the next 'ouse above.

—*Chaparral.*

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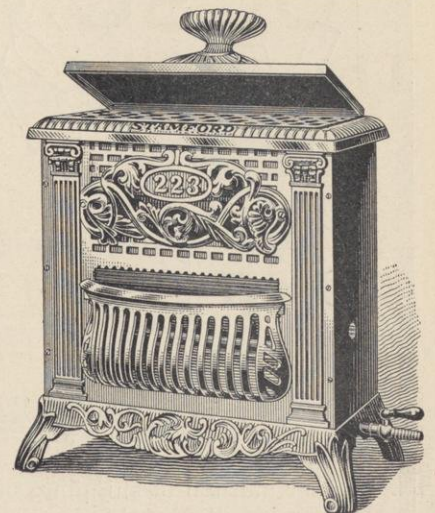
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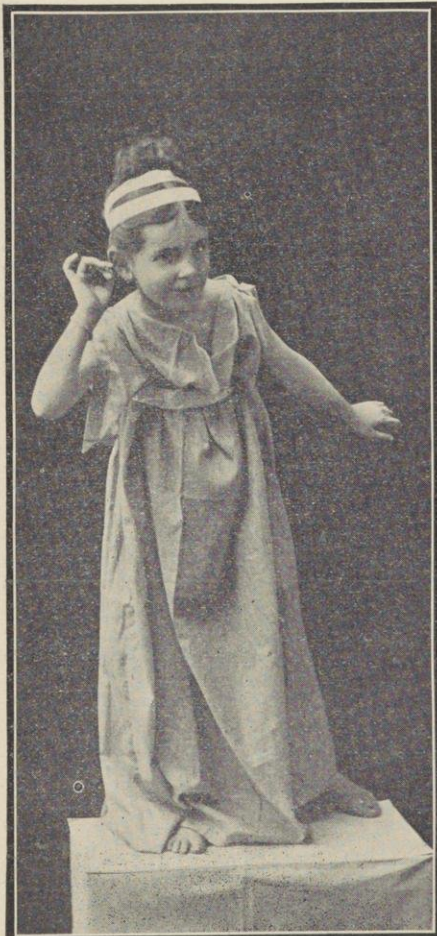
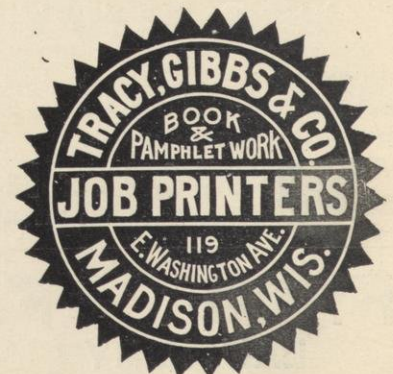
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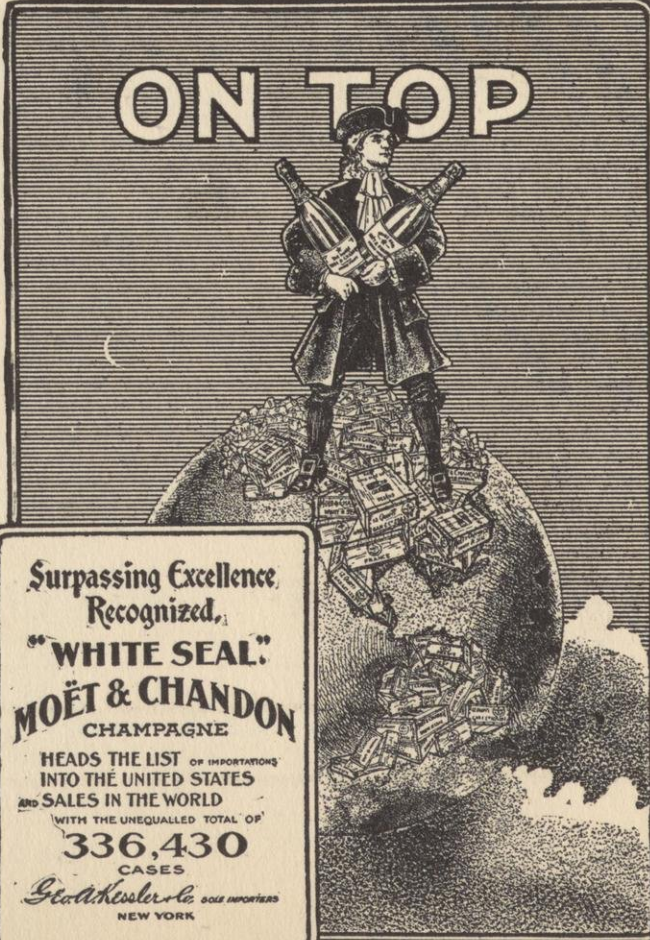
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