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When THE SPHINX, in her prime, untroubled and bland

Used to lie at her ease in the limitless sand, She would smile at the follies and foibles of folks,

And she looked at their ways as fit subjects for jokes,

And the hughest of jokes which her stone eyes would fix

Was politics.

So she sat at her ease and she stored in her mind

All the knowledge of life she could possibly find.

And she found (not without some amount of surprise)

That the sons than their fathers were no whit more wise,

They did the same things, and they made the same mix,
Of politics.

So what you may read in these pages we write,

Is nothing especially modern or bright,

It's the things that THE SPHINX long has hid in her head,

The deeds and the sayings of nations long dead,

Refurbished, good natured, and full of the tricks
Of politics.





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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

IT IS SO seldom that THE SPHINX descends to anything serious that she is somewhat frightened at the thought of it, but so many things have happened of late to disturb her dreamy meditations that she has forgotten two or three really good jokes. You may not believe that this can be true, but she asks for the benefit of the doubt anyway.

If being in politics means that there is thrown open a free field for every newspaper and every street orator to defame and attempt to destroy character and reputation, then the University knows but too well what it means to be in politics. The University has been the object of so much severe criticism of late and so much groundless scandal has been published that it would almost seem that there has been a conspiracy on a part of a few correspondents to destroy her reputation.

Last winter a single incident furnished material for whole pages of newspaper "writeups." Professors were quoted in connection with the affair and their action described in detail. In their enthusiasm for copy, however, these "news makers," with the typical newspaper instinct, unfortnnately overlooked the fact that one of the professors prominently mentioned was out of the city during the entire time of the occurrence, and that several of the others had nothing to do with it whatever. Of course these were only minor details, and it was unnecessary to publish the truth of this side of the matter, except in the *Daily Cardinal* and among the stock reports of one of the Milwaukee papers. While such free use of newspaper license may make interesting reading, drawing upon the imagination for most of the story is not apt to give the reader very reliable information.

THE SPHINX does not object to publicity. She believes that the people of the state have a right to know what is going on here, and that they should be properly informed. But she does object to an attitude of condemnation only, and the publication of many stories entirely without foundation. She does not believe that is justice to exaggerate every act of a disorderly student so as to make up a two-column article, and to give to those who win the University's highest honors a mere passing notice.

The student body will never be found to shield one of its members who is a disgrace to himself and to the institution. Some men come here who have no sense of loyalty to the University, nor feeling of personal responsibility for her good name. The sooner

such men discover that they are not wanted the better. The faculty will not be criticised for asking them to withdraw. It would be a misfortune if the student did not feel restraint from outside influences. But indiscriminate condemnation and the publishing of exaggerated and, in some cases, entirely false reports, can only do great harm. These are the things that create indifference to public opinion.

A few days ago one of the local papers published an article concerning a former student, that would have done credit to the yellowest of the yellow Metropolitan dailes. While the story may have been true, all decent minded people must have felt regret at seeing a reputable newspaper besmirch itself. Yet, as stated before, we believe in publicity, and we believe that the effect of this article may be good, for it unintentionally points out where a great deal of the responsibility for recent occurrences belongs—with the citizens of Madison.

The easiest way to prove one's innocence is by fastening the guilt upon another, and much of this criticism of students and faculty only serves to draw attention away from the city government. The citizens wanted a "wide open" town and they have it. It is not too much to insist that they be willing to take the consequences. Among twenty-five hundred students it would be reasonable to suppose that a certain number would be found who are not entirely satisfied with Greek and trigonometry for fourteen hours of the day. Calculus and psychology may have their attractions but for some they lose their fascination when genial fellows and concert hall songs are waiting just a few blocks away.

For some time past the city has provided a Carnival for the opening week of the University and countenanced "high-class entertainment (?)" that would not be allowed on the Bowery. This year the Carnival spirit and the Carnival brand of "shows" has stayed right with us.

When some foolish student oversteps the bounds of propriety, then how all the good people rise in righteous indignation and point the finger of condemnation at the faculty.

It might be well to remember that these disturbances have taken place outside the so-called Latin quarter; that the drinking places are down town and licensed by the city. Perhaps the faculty ought to have an inspector to see that each student is indoors after dark or to establish a picket line about the University, but it would be a good thing for the city to come half way.

The city cannot close the saloons but it ought to have some slight power of control. Before the citizens condemn the University it would be well for them to remember that they have consented to furnish the amusement that has caused the trouble. They cannot shift the responsibility to others by accusing the faculty of neglecting its duty, nor by condemning the students as a whole. It would be well for them to remember also that by seeking to injure the reputation of the University they are keeping away the best class of students and are not in the least deterring the worst class from coming here.



A Little Medicine for Chicago.



Tillman—Hello, Booker T., come over and we'll have a cigarette and read the Scaredinal together.

As to That Game.

The Cardinal's explanations do not explain. Why the editor set the date for the game arbitrarily on April 1st, when the SPHINX'S acceptance of the challenge provided the date should be decided by conference; why he published the place as Camp Randall, when the SPHINX suggested the lower campus; how he expected to issue his paper, when the whole staff was playing base-ball, and why he took all the arrangements upon himself without consulting any of the SPHINX Board; these are questions

which will probably remain among the unanswerable riddles of eternity. As an inventor of fairy tales the *Cardinal* is not quite so successful as Hans Christian Anderson. X. M.

To Mr. Barker.

Oh your fame has traveled far,
Mr. Barker.
What you have been, may be, are,
Mr. Barker.
On the plains of Hindoostan,
Australasia, Martaban,
You're a largely heard of man
Mr. Barker.
Fame has marked you in her plan,
With a marker,
Mr. Barker.

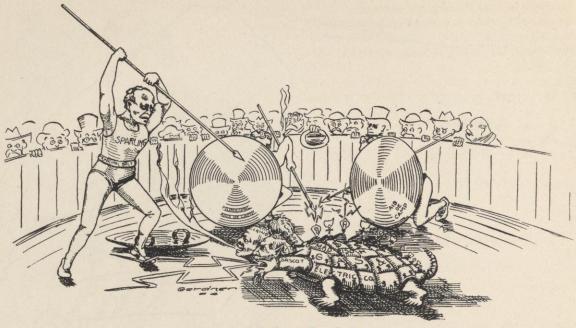
They have heard of how you speak,
Mr. Barker.
Ninety-seven times a week,
Mr. Barker.
They have watched your grand career,
They have longed and longed to hear
Face to face and mouth to ear,
Mr. Barker.
How the white man need not fear
Getting darker,
Mr. Barker.

Mr. Barker.
Help in spreading your renown
Mr. Barker.
Patiently they stand in line
For a photograph of thine
Which they worship like a shrine
Mr. Barker.
Happy, joyous, proud and fine
As a lark,-er
Mr. Barker.

All the voters in your town,

Still we're rather fond of you,
Mr. Barker.
You have kept us far from blue
Mr. Barker.
Life is glum enough at best,
Legislation's like the rest.
Here's to you, our merry jest,
Mr. Barker.
You have given things a zest,
Who's a carker,
Mr. Barker?

R. R. L.



Hercules Begins His Labors.

A Council Meeting.

The University member had started his speech in favor of a municipal pie plant when a Messenger ran in. "Telegram fur Mr. Snarling!" he yelled. The University Member opened it, scanned it rapidly, then dropped it with a snort of annoyance. "Wish that fellow King Edward wouldn't bother me with those constant cables for advice, I-" "Telegram fur Mr. Snarling!" -"well, here's Willie Hohenzollern bothering again and"-"Telegram for Mr. Snarling"-"The Czar. Confound it boy, tell the office not to!"-"Rush telegram for Mr. Snarling; Letter for Mr. Snarling! Gov. LaFollette wants Mr. Snarling on the telephone, Pres. Roosevelt waiting outside for Mr. Snarling!" Mr. Snarling grew angry-"Mr. President", he said, "will you please have all these trivial matters left outside for me and instruct the city clerk to keep out these petty annoyances!" The chamber was cleared and the University member went on with his speech. At the conclusion the vote resulted-for the motion -Mr. Snarling-against it, the council. Mr. Snarling then withdrew to telegraph advice to the Secretary of State.

H. R. H.

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"Bings is an awful kicker."
"Sure, he's knock-kneed."

To Torge Thompson.

Torge, old man, when your features we scan, We can't but admire their most generous plan;

They are chubby and square, but the people don't care,

So long as they know that the features are there.

And that body of yours, how a cannibal

Would appreciate that, fricasséd in a pan! Oh, the porterhouse, sirloin and tenderloin

How they'd relish it all, as a cannibal can, Torge, old man!

Torge, old boy, you're our Dane county joy, With your honey-sweet speech and your manners so coy,

With those melting blue eyes, and their childish surprise,

Which hardly combines with your generous size.

Oh, the gushing expressions the women employ,

When they rave over Torge, "The darling, the toy!"

"Ain't he sweet? Ain't he pretty and tender and wise?"

Such ravishing praises must certainly cloy, Torge, old boy!

Torge, machree, it is plain unto me,
'Tis wasting that beauty of yours you would
be

When you sit at your place, with that glorious face

Quite lost amid others possessing no trace Of the classic perfection of yours. Folks

That you ought to be placed where your splendor is free

To irradiate all with its glory and grace.
Oh, get on a pedestal so we may see,
Torge, machree!

A. B. B.

Senatorial Courtesy.

A COMIC OPERA IN ONE ACT.

Characters—The majority.

The minority.
The Democrats.

Scene-The Senate.

[Enter the majority, crowned with gold crowns and smoking choice Havanas.]

Song—(Leader of the Majority).

We're here to do the people's will,

To turn the Legislative mill,

And we will do it rightly.

But one thing is certain and that is whatever we may do among ourselves, and no matter what the required work is, and there will be a lot to do,

Our dignity we shall fulfil, It must be done politely!

Chorus-

And if we do it rightly,
It must be done politely—
Our dignity we shall fulfil
It must be done politely!
We're here to make the people's laws,
The other house is full of flaws
And cannot do it rightly,
They're just a lot of "Johnny Raws",
They mustn't make no bills because
It must be done politely!

Chorus-

It must be done politely
They cannot do it rightly,
They never should do nawthin', 'cause,
It must be done politely!

[Enter, the Democrats.]

Chorus of the Three—
We lead the Democrats,
It's evident that that's



Senator McGillivray orates on the Primary Bill.

The truth, for we're the sole ones in the Senate!

Most fearlessly we vote, For you will surely note, Whatever may be up we are agen it!

Chorus of Democrats and Majority—Oh it's "After you, my dear Gaston,"

"Nay, Alphonse—after you,"
To give our ways the proper tone,
This is the thing to do, " (how true)"
So bow and smile politely—this is the song
we sing.

But when the Minor side gets up—well that's a different thing!

[Enter timidly, the minority—thin, starved, scared mortals with a hunted look.]

Amongst themselves show grace—

Song, Leader of Minority—
Our toil has been most strenuous
We never get a chance,
We're gentle and ingenuous,
But cannot join the dance.
The Major side effusively,

Toward us they act abusively; For that's a different case!

Chorus-

Yes, that's a different case, They say it to our face, Their manners most fantastical Toward us become bombastical For that's a different case!

The Majority-In Chorus.

We say you've said enough, We hate to act so gruff, But really, And truly,

To do our duty duly, (We'll have to-though politely, just be a little rough),

For its, "After you my dear Alphonse," (Sure, kick him in the head.)

"My Dear Gaston"—the right response, (We hope we've killed him dead.) 'Twas really rather rude,

But, then, he was so crude, Alphonse, my dear, 'tis very clear, He didn't do things rightly-(Just bat him one behind the ear); It must be done politely!

GRAND FINALE.

[Democrats and majority as minority is carried off].

So it's "After you"-"No, after you"

"I really cawnt go first"

"My deah Alphonse", "My deah Gaston,"

(Most carefully rehearsed)

Our courtesy is pleasing as courtesy

We gladly pardon all our friends and the minority-

(We know he's dead, most awful dead, The tiny little lamb)

(We'd say—except we never swear—

we do not give a damn). But, "though we say it lightly,

It must be done politely. We're here to give the people laws, The people have some dreadful flaws, And do not see quite rightly— Things must be done politely!

"Our dignity we shall fulfil" It must be done politely!

R. H. K.

EDITOR SPHINX:—Having become convinced that I have a great talent for humorous composition, I enclose you my firstborn jokelet, with the fond hope that THE SPHINX may adopt it into her family, and thus cause it to become useful to the world at large instead of being doomed to a life of useless obscurity in the waste-basket, which endeth only in the unquenched fires built by the devil—for the compositors.

To the best of my knowledge and belief this unequalled joke is entirely original, it having been compounded lately by three bright Sophomoric blades while eating vegetable chicken pie and baled hay at a certain restaurant, too well known to need mentioning. It is needless to add that I was one of the said Sophomoric blades.

If this, my first effort, is suppressed, I shall conclude that you are inimical to the doctrine of freedom of speech and of the press. It is really a very fine joke, and ought to live for centuries after all other jokes have passed away. M. E. W.

THE JOKE.

George (reading sign)—"Eat Granola and live."

Earl-"Pray, let me die at once!" Harold-"Well, I would rather die at once than diet all the time."

Doubtless, owing to the suggestion in The Cardinal some days ago that it might be a good thing for some of the less fortunate students to form an honorary Kappa Beta Phi society, we learn upon going to press that such a society has been organized. Those at the head of the movement will not as yet allow their names to be published. It is understood that one of the chief qualifications for membership is that a man must have at least one "con" to his credit. It is said that Professor Coffin is taking an active interest in the birth of the new society. Further particulars could not be obtained at this early date.

"This is a grave matter," said the class

officer sternly,
"Of course," said the flippant sophomore, "it's all about Coffin."



A Meeting of the Legislature in the Stone Age. The Metropolitan Member Makes a Speech and Offers a Bill.

"They say he is an author. Is he?"

"Well, he may be some time. Just now he is an ardent collector of rejection slips.

The Sophomore-My mattress cover is an old crazy quilt.
Senior—Sort of a luny tick, hey?

LITTLE TALES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

For several days before the fight on the Senate floor for the Primary Bill, it was noticed that several senators were receiving urgent and rush telegrams from their constituents. This was especially the case with Senator Gaveney. To the initiated it was known that the purport of most of these messages was a demand from various councils and individuals that the senator vote squarely for the original Bill. Upon the morning when the Bill came up an unusually plentiful batch of telegrams was laid on Senator Gaveney's desk. One of the other senators who is intensely fond of jollying his colleagues leaned over Gaveney's shoulder and said, "Why so glum Gaveney, family sick?"

"Yes" grunted the other savagely, "Damn sick!"

The telegrams still continued to pile in, and the waggish member lounged over to Gaveney's desk about three hours afterward and asked.

"Family getting worse?"

No answer.

The humorous member called across the chamber: "Fellows, did you ever see such coolness and Spartan attention to duty as Gaveney's? Here's his whole family very sick, and getting worse yet he sticks to his desk as though everything was lovely and doctor bills didn't exist."

THE SPHINX was too shocked to record Gaveney's reply.

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The bill to prevent the intermarriage of negroes and whites was up before the judiciary committee. Mr. Williams, who introduced it, was to appear before the committee, and had thought to have a "lead pipe" in getting a favoroble report. Hence he was not overly well prepared for his talk. When Mr. Williams made his plea before the committee, he was somewhat chagrined to find Mr. ——, who has made the opening prayer at several sessions, and a young and bright looking colored lawyer also present. When Mr. Williams had finished, these two gentlemen carefully and mercilessly cut Mr. Williams' arguments to pieces and left him without any ground to stand on. One of the reporters afterwards questioned him about the matter. Mr. Williams turned wrathfully—"Blank it all," he said, "I dind't know the blanked niggers were loaded."

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One of the senators who frequently imbibes, not wisely but too well, returned to his seat one evening in a generous and jovial state. "Evenin', gemmen," he said, "hav shigars wish me; got'sh all'sh shorrts shigars; hic—glad'sh get rid'sh of 'em." Naturally all his neighbors accepted and were about to light up when the gavel fell. The senator rose unsteadily to his feet.

"Miss'r Presh'dent," he said, "I movesh rule sh-sh-hic-sheven, preventin' shmo-sh-okin' be shus-hic-spended. Jush gave-hicl-few frens, good frens, mine, shum-hicl-shigars; wantsh m' frens enjoy shem-shelves; hatesh give 'em shic-shic-shigars when'sh shay cant'sh shmoke 'em. Zherefore, she-hic-shecond motion, shuspend rule sheven; all 'n favor shay 'Aye'" The motion was carried unanimously.

T. R.

Omar Again.

A book of speeches underneath the bough, A keg of coin, a lake of beer and thou, To bring the doubtful voters into line, Ah that to cinch the Senate were enow.

"I don't mind a little joke," said the heretic on the rack, as the inquisitor gave the wheel another turn, "but don't you think this is stretching things too far?"

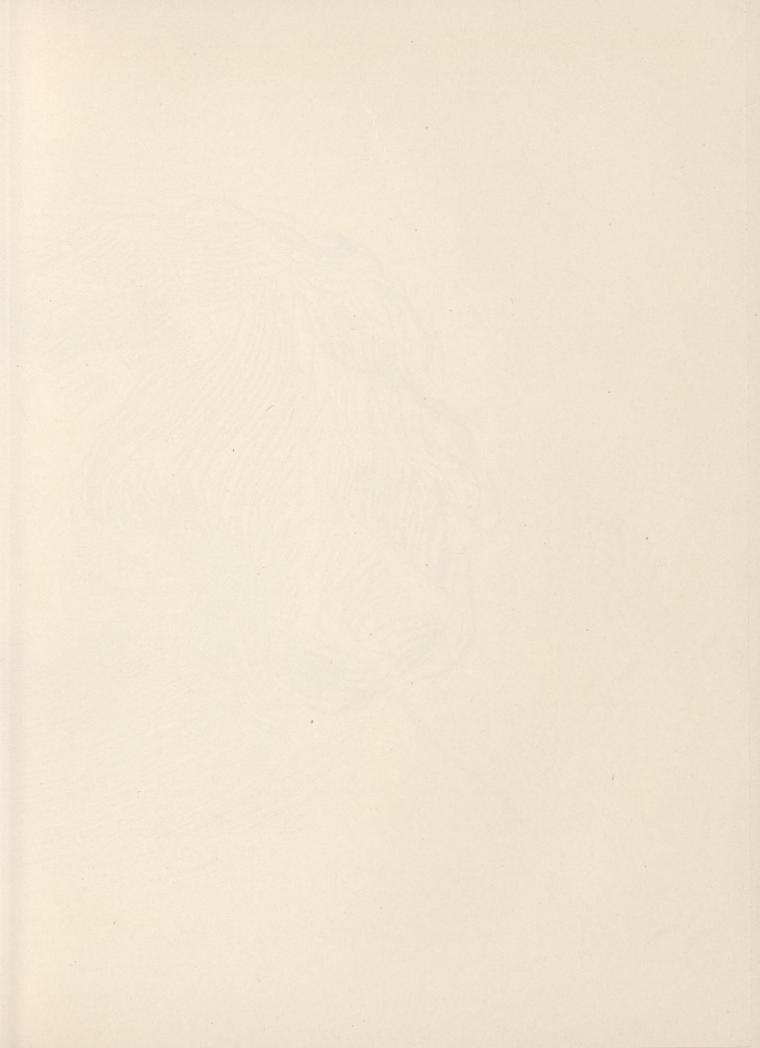
So Busy.

A college incident in verse.

Scene-A co-eds room.

Julia seated at a table, books piled about, everything savors of study.

Oh dear, oh dear, so much to do, I'll have to work at least till two. I must—who's knocking, well come in, You Anne,—now dear, I must begin And get my work,—so please don't stay, You won't be hurt at what I say?



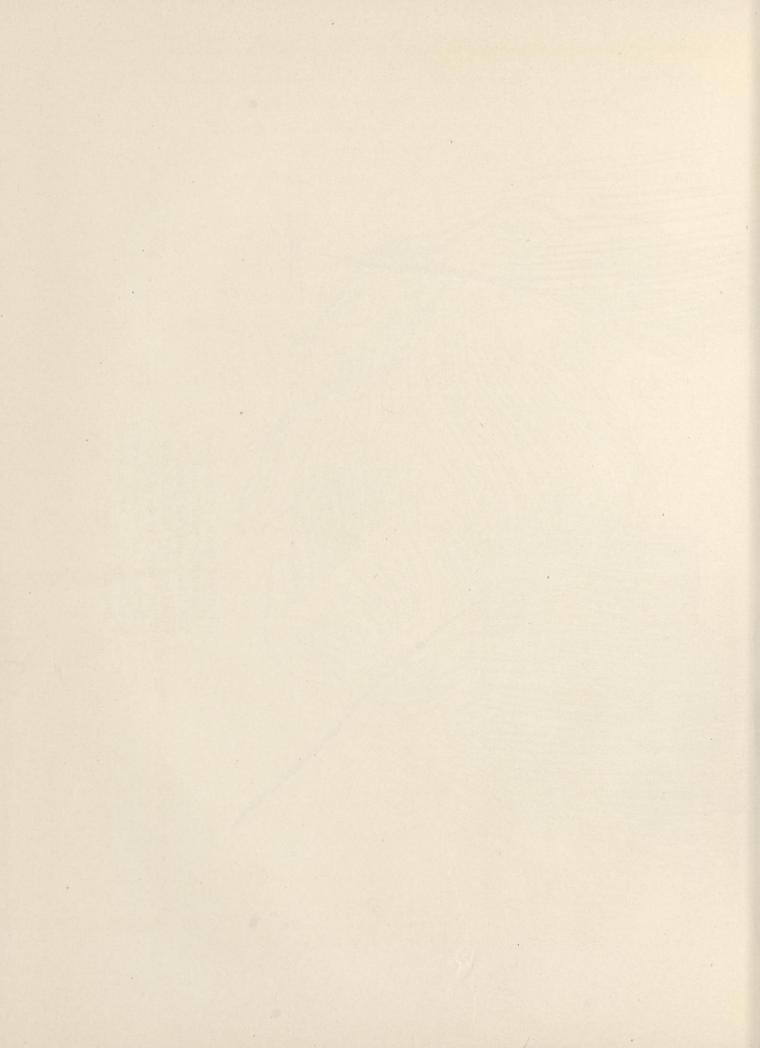


Girls there may be by the score, None can be equal to you.

Yes, I have said that before,
Girls there may be by the score
Whom I have told so, of yore,
But now I tell you, and its true,
Girls there may be by the score,
None can be equal to you!

A B I

A.B. B.



MR. DOOLEY ON CLASS ELECTIONS.

(This is the only authorized parody on the "Mr. Dooley Papers." Beware of imitations.)

"I see be the pa-apers," said Hennisy, "that the classes have ilicted presidints."

"Yis," said Mr. Dooley," they hov. A class iliction is only a little worse than a ward caucus. It is like this: There is two pa-arties in the college, and they call wan the Hill, because they make thim climb, and the others Ingineers, because they make them dig, and the third party is the Co-eds."

"What's that?" said Mr. Hennisy?

"A Co-id is a disturbin' factor, something like a Mugmump; she's a gurl. Now the pa-arty which has the bist graft at Keeley's, always gets the Co-id vote, and it's merely a question of whither the Hill or the Ingineers gits closest to Keeley.

"An' who's he? said Mr. Hennisey.

"I'm astonished at yer ignorance. He runs the sody water cure at State sthreet, an' sells chocalate drops."

"Well, they goes to Keeley an' says, 'Do you raymember, Keeley, the steins we swiped last year?'"

"I do that," he says. "Do you?" he says.

"We will bring thim back, Mr. Keeley," they says, "av you will trust us for the phosphates," they says, "and the ice creams," they says, "and the bitter sweets and the cream puffs," they says, "for we need you, there's an election on," they says. An' thin, perhaps, the other gang come, and they bid sthill higher, but it's an invariable rule niver to pay cash. They might do murther, but they would not sthoop so low as that.

An' thin 'tis sittled and the victorious party hands over the cake, and the pie, and the ice cream, and the sody water, and the bitter swates, and the crame puffs to the Co-

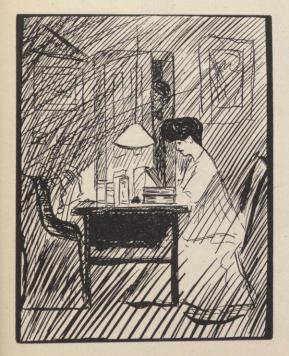
ids, and the classes have a wake's vacation.

"And whin," said Mr. Hennisy, "do they pay Keeley!"
"They do not," said Mr. Dooley, "he might get rich."

"'Tis a bad business," said Mr. Hennisy.
"'Tis higher education," said Mr. Dooley.

KIM.





But really,—dear, I've let things go, Till I'm way, way behind and so

I've really got to dig right in it, I mustn't waste another minute. What,—telephone for me?—oh yes—I'll have to answer it, I guess.

(At the telephone.)

"Hello!"..."Yes this is Julia,"...-"Who?"
....Why Jack....You are?....I'm glad you do....

No, not a thing....
Of course you may
To-morrow is my easy day.
Besides, my work's all done....At eight?
Good-bye...Yes truly...Don't be late...
Girls, Jack is coming..Flora, Jess
Do please come up and help me dress.

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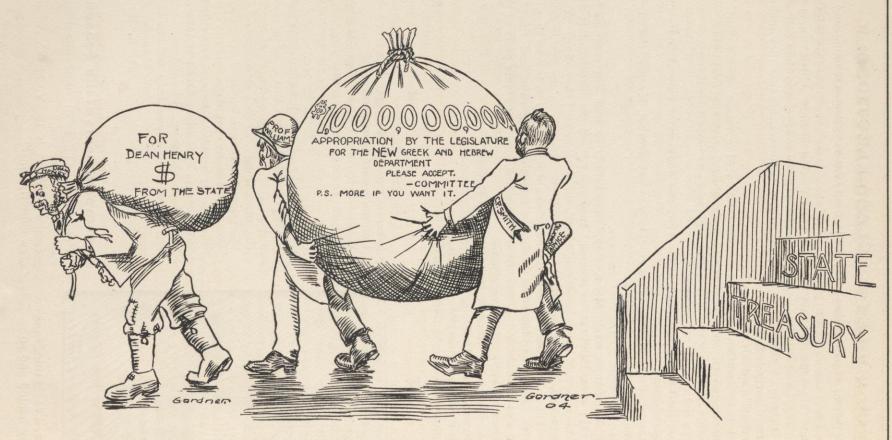
A. B. B.

Accompaniments of the Season.

Freshman—"Oh, Tom! some one down stairs wants to see you."

Senior—"What is it—Y. M. C. A. or crew subscriptions?"





If They Were All Like Dean Henry.

SENIOR YARNS --- A LEGISLATIVE COUP.

Note.—These stories are part of a series, but each is complete in itself.

"Wirepulling," the Freshman gravely remarked, "is the most important element in modern politics. Let me illustrate this. When my uncle lived in Texas—"
"Wirepulling," interrupted Buggs, is not the most important element in modern

politics,—it is craft. Let me illustrate this."

"Just why," Buggs began, "the Honorable Ezra Harris, senator, conceived such an implacable hatred towards the University was never known. Some said it was because his son was recently conned out, while others maintained that the failure to procure an instructorship for a friend was the cause of his enmity. However this may have been, the very mention of the University aroused his anger, and when the usual appropriation was granted in spite of his machination he raved like a bedlamite. Unfortunately several unpleasant incidents in which students were concerned, took place at that time, and in consequence of these, together with Harris' denunciations, popular feeling in the legislature was somewhat against University interests. The faculty was well aware of this, and it was with a doubtful heart that their committee asked for a large but necessary, special

"Harris had been eagerly waiting for this opportunity to vent his ill-will against the University. He immediately set to work on a speech worthy of a yellow journal correspondent which he would deliver when the matter should be brought before the senate. The day approached, and to his infinite mortification the worthy senator contracted a most violent cold. He fondly hoped to recuperate shortly, but found himself gradually growing worse. The mere thought of being unable to hinder the granting of this second appropriation was unbearable to him, and as a last resort he determined to let one of his satellites, a Senator Bagley, read his speech. This Senator Bagley, a prominent member of the Rural Association, trusted him implicity and gladly embraced this opportunity

to ingratiate himself with him.

"At that time my connection with the University was of an extremely delicate nature in consequence of having taken a leading part in yelling "Fire!" during convocation and in other innocent amusements. In fact I was spending all my time in the capitol, reporting for the newspapers. Knowing Senator Bagley well, I prevailed upon him to let me make a type-written copy of the speech, assuring him that I would have it done by the morrow when he intended to read it before the senate. He acquiesced, and the next morning I handed him a copy just before the senate convened.

"The appropriation had been under discussion for some time, when Bagley gained the floor and began reading the manuscript I had prepared for him, thinking, of course, it was Harris' speech. For three-quarters of an hour he let the eagle scream and the star spangled banner wave, and after a passionate appeal for a greater output of beet sugar he abruptly closed with the motion to grant the appropriation. He sat down

amidst silence, too excited to catch the meaning of the motion.

"The senators were astounded. Instead of a thundering outburst of vituperation Harris's speech was actually in favor of the appropriation. Then a smile spread over the senators' faces; Harris had been joking, -he was in reality a friend of the University! And priding themselves upon their sagacity they shortly afterwards passed the bill for the appropriation by a large majority. When the faculty became informed as to the real author of the speech, my connection with the University was immediately renewed, and I was assured of the high regard they entertained towards me.

"Now, Norton,"-Buggs turned to the Freshman,-"you may tell us how your uncle in Texas shot oil wells with a shot-gun." M. C. N.

After the Quiz.

The Grind-I almost made a mistake in that second question.

The Stabber-I almost made a mistake in the second, and I did make mistakes in all the rest.

If Things Continue.

"Hear about Jones?"

"No; what?"

"Fired."

"Don't say; why?"

"Faculty heard he was down town after eight o'clock one night last week."

Wanted --- A Rhyme.

Now mostly the Muses to him who en-

On lover-like themes are exceedingly kind, For Misses and blisses rhyme nicely with kisses,

And measures and meters are easy to find. Imperial Venus rhymes well with "between us,"

But what I lament is the case of her son,
The blower of bubbles, the bringer of
troubles.

Alack that the rhymes to his name are but one!

What sacrelige truly that mischievous Cupid Rhymes only with Stupid.

Since verse writing started, the world heavy hearted,

Has flung at Dan Cupid the hardest of names;

Accused him of treason (and not without reason),

Consigned him (if wishes were deeds) to the flames:

Books scored him and flayed him, priests preached and belayed him,

All hoping to render his arrow wounds null; But never a writer or preacher or fighter Has ever been known to consider him dull. And so it seems strange that the one rhyme for Cupid

Is "Stupid."

He leads us a tripping and stumbling and slipping

Through mazes and marshes and dream lands of love,

Embraces and spurns us, or freezes and burns us;

Makes us fear naught or tremble at touch of a glove;

He serves us and rules us, he teaches and fools us;

He stills with a word or he stirs with a cheer. He may be a pest or a jolly young jester,

But stupidity isn't at all in his sphere.

And therefore, oh Muse, give us new rhymes to Cupid,

Not "Stupid." P. N.

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It had been decided to abolish Hades and the Angel Gabriel was directing the destructive operations.

"What are you doing, Abe?" asked St. Peter as he viewed the scene.

"Oh just razing Hell," replied Gabriel, as through a glass, darkly.

"Madison's Pride."

"The house is on fire!"

The cry, loud and sharp, rang though the house, changing its quiet air of peacefulness to a maddening scene of pandemonium. The alarm was soon sent in, and in a short time the trucks came thundering down the street. A laddy jumped off from from the hook and ladder truck, which was the first to arrive, and with suspicious haster an to the driver.

"How's your chew, Jim?" he asked.

"Weakish," Jim grunted.

"Have another?"

"Yep."

He bit off a respectable hunk from the proffered tobacco, and then girding their loins, that is to say, taking another hitch in their belt, they went to fight their arch enemy.

"Neow, wiar is the fiar?" one of them asked.

But the fire couldn't be found,—it had departed for more congenial climes. The brave fire laddies, however, would not be put off so easily. They had come to put out a fire, and put out a fire they would, even should they have to kindle one for that very purpose. Presently one of them, a particularly clever man, found a fire in the kitchen stove.

"Hiar is the fiar!" he shouted triumphantly.

With a mighty yell of defiance they threw themselves upon the enemy, determined to win or die. They won; three bucketfuls did the work. Then the valiant Knights of the Hose departed.

M. C. N.





Defective 'Phone - Lucky Rain Storm.

Jack (over telephone)-"Hello, Rosalie! May I come up and see you this evening?"

Rosalie-"What? This 'phone is miserable, I can't hear you."

Jack-"May I call this evening?" Rosalie-"Oh, I should love to!"

That evening Jack calls, heavy rain storm notwithstanding.

Rosalie-"Oh, Jack! I'm so sorry it is raining; I wanted to go driving so much this evening."

Jack-"Eh, Eh, yes! It is too bad it rained."

A young man from Tippledesaw Got a horrible biff in the jaw, And how he did swear With "Oh dear" "I declare." And likewise, "Oh fudge" and "Oh pshaw."

THE TRUE BEGINNING OF THINGS.

Kate had put on that big hat of hers, which slants down over her eyes and just leaves the tip of a very pretty nose and the point of an adorable chin in sight when she walks beside you, or rather me. This was the first occasion on which she'd worn it.

"Don't you like my new hat?" she asked, looking up at me from under that low shading brim, and then flashing her face away before I caught even a decent glimpse

"If I could only always see it in the same way I did then, I'd say it was magnificent. They are wonderfully soft and glowing, and when properly shaded, one can see deep, so deep into them, that"-

She gave me another instant's view of them; two deep wells with the sunshine at the surface and the glint of it sunk in the purply blackness. We were out of view of the Hall and no one but a small boy was in sight. I had a struggle.

"Kate," I said, "if you look at me like that again, I shall certainly kiss you, and if you don't, it will be necessary for me to peer under that brim, and-I'm very nearsighted."

The drooping brim drooped still lower, and the chin under it grew faintly pink. There was such a nice place on it to-I had another struggle. "And if you look like that," I said, "I shan't be able to resist at all."

Kate gurgled softly and then whispered, "You-you-I'm afraid you're awfully weak-in-in that way, Tod, yet you're so big and strong. Think what it must be to be weak b-both ways, like I am, Tod."

No one ever mixed the sunshine and the mellow gold and the sweetness of life, in

whole town was looking, but I didn't see anyone, and Kate's cheeks were, -well, you'll know how it is some day.

Kate never wears that hat now, except when we go walking.

June Roses.

Spring winds may chill and fret Roads choke with mire and wet, Grippe hold us captive,—yet Flowers are blooming, Flowers of perfect hue, Grown in a garden too, Garden which ever new Charm is assuming.

Blue with the violets glow (Never could sweeter grow),
Rose red and lillies snow,
Fair beyond reason.
What, though the wind be shrill,
Wintry and harsh and chill,
These flowers they cannot kill
Whate'er the season.



This is my garden then,
Blue eyes that glow again,
Outshining all that men
Say about posies.
Cheeks where the lilies gleam,
Lips for a poet's theme,
Myrtilla's always seem
Double June roses.

So through the changing year
Cold, sleet, nor snow I fear.
Summer is always here,
Summer and gladness,
For in her garden face
Myrtilla shows me grace,
Love too; and so apace
Drives away sadness.
T. S. R.



We chronicle with reluctance that some of our fellow students, owing to slight pressure brought to bear by the authorities, have thought best to withdraw from the university during the past two weeks. More bonanzas for the newspapers! We urge the parents of our abused comrades to believe the story they tell when they get back home. It would cause less suffering all around, than to accept the version of the press or even of the University authorities. Why not take it philosophically? "Whatever is, is best."

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"I'm going to get out for the team as a base runner."

"Why that?"

"Oh I've been training on slides under Monahan."

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The minister had been watching the microbes multiply under the microscope.

"And yet," he mused "they say a house divided against itself can not stand."

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Love's coin is a kiss,
Would it were legal tender,
'T would be handy, I wis.
Love's coin is a kiss,
'T would make debt paying bliss.
To receive or to render.
Love's coin is a kiss,
Would it were legal tender.

The Boating Girl.

When the sun on the water is glancing
And the tiny waves crinkle and plash,
When the skiffs are all nodding and dancing,
Wifh a musical gurgle and splash,
Then she comes with her sun shade and

pillows,

And my senses deliciously whirl,
As I pilot her over the billows,
The boating girl.

When the soft winds are impishly blowing Her hair in her glimmering eyes, When the ghostly gray moonlight is glowing,



And the waves are but loverlike sighs,
Pray tell where the terrible harm is,
If my coat show a wisp from a curl,
Or the reason I'm lame in my arm is
The boating girl?

Oh the waters we've rowed or canoed on,
The drifting and rowing and all,
The subtle spring nights I have wooed on,
The trips in the spiced air of fall,
Oh best beloved one of Eve's daughters,
Can you care for a loving old churl,
And be in my boat on life's waters,
The boating girl?

A. B. B.

How nice, (I've often felt this way) If fingers were but three, For then, in putting on your gloves How easy it would be.



At a book store.

Lady, entering—"Have you 'The Octotopus?"

New clerk—"No, madam, this is not an aquarium."

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Second lady—"Have you 'Two Little Savages?"

"Yes'm, but my wife never brings them to the store."

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Man, enters hurriedly—"Have you'Idylls of the King?"

"No, ma'am, the curio shop is next door."

X

Religious looking woman—"Have you 'Paradise lost?"

"No, ma'am, but we have 'The Missing Card' or 'Who Stole the Chips.'"

X

Jack—What beautiful hair that girl has, where have I seen those wonderful tresses before?

Jane-At Mrs. Esser's probably.

x

"Money is very tight now," said the financier.

"Betsh not halfsh sho tighth I am," replied the drowsy drunk.

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"This," said the Lush, as he handed the borrowed quarter over the bar, "is what I call liquidating a loan," and as he set down his glass his heart was glad within him.

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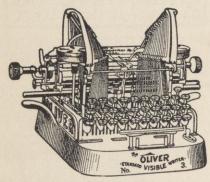
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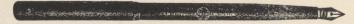
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