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

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WHAT the Sphinx advocates at this time of year is the Opposition. No matter what is suggested or comes up, her policy is to be ag'in it. Therefore the Sphinx is on the side of the opposition when it comes to the co-ed and the gentle art of fussing. The examinations have sapped the ancient one's vitality, the Prom did so some more besides showing her the shallowness and lack of Phi Beta Kappa aspiration about our social life, and also showing that when it came to a showdown the average stude prefers the girl from home to the much-touted, fair co-ed. So the Sphinx is pessimistic and is drooling out an anti-coed number with great pessimism and evil joy.

There is just one thing about this anti-fussin' game that takes away some of the joy of knocking. Most men know that it is all wrong and as bad as the ponies or craps, although the majority do indulge. This takes away the keen inspiration of being of the Opposition. When it comes to the last analysis the Sphinx is standing pat in this business and that hurts her-no one has ever been able to accuse her of stalwartism before. She has always been an insurgent. This again shows the corrupting, contaminating, corroding influence of

the eternal feminine. She can make even the Sphinx stand-pat. The Sphinx takes a leap for the battle-axe of old Rameses and aims a well-directed wollop at the hydra-headed monster known familiarly as the co-ed.

The battle-cry is "Nekt, Nekt"—and that means "Wake Up" in the old Egyptian.

WHAT on earth is the co-ed anyway. Some say that she is nothing, but that cannot be for nothing can't cause all this trouble. Some say that she is a bundle of clothes going through motions that biologically resemble life. Others contend she is a sort of female Frankenstein whose mainsprings are avarice and greed. One of those caught in the snares has said that co-education is a prescribed course of the highest educational merit—the kind of educational merit that the puppy gets from eating laundry soap—and with a maximum tuition fee for which the co-ed acts as bursar. Others decline to define co-ed and content themselves with saying that her hobble skirt is the symbol of what she means to the University. Be that as it may, the fact remains that the co-ed, like the nigger, is in our midst and that she constitutes a problem that must be solved. The first essential of solution is analysis, so let's analyze her with cold impartiality and Brutus-like justice.

As to her mind: It always reminds the careful observer of human nature of a house with many little chambers that have no doors or windows but only circular skylights—a house made of many little oubliettes! She can, and does, put many things into this house, each in its own oubliette, whence she fetches it at examination time; but the things she thus acquires are of no use to her because she does not co-relate them with each other or with the necessities and actions of life. The influence of her education upon her is nil—it does not help her. And she needs help so badly, poor dear.

Herheart: This inevitably reminds one of a square of changeable silk, now blue, now red, now green, now yellow, now golden. But after it has endured the opalescent changes of three or four years of co-education, the smooth surface that causes the variations in color is worn off and it looks grey—just grey—grey as the sky on a windy March day.

Her soul: Now the Sphinx has never risen to the exalted heights where they talk of souls, but she will do it just this once. It is an intangible subject but she thinks she can teeze a pertinent wheeze out of it. Few of the co-eds are the agnostics that some of the men are. Not for a moment will they entertain the thought that such gorgeous creatures as they are will just die and be dead. Therefore their vanity does for them what earnest and hard religious striving often fails to do for men. They, the adored co-eds, be creatures that live a biological life and die a biological death and cease to be a factor in the scheme of things? Not much! They won't believe it. Utter vanity is not without its fine utilitarian and aesthetic value.

The co-ed herself: She's generally fairly well-dressed, as far as the term goes in this country where our standards are still somewhat barbarian. Also she is very magnetic and, unlike most magnets, has a special attraction for silver, flowers and candy.

There's your fair co-ed. A pretty fine thing to have around, eh, what? The sad eyed Sphinx looks down Langdon street and her face brightens up when she thinks of the segregation days that will be some day.

Of course any co-ed who reads these things will know through her womanly intuition that she is an exception to all this. And since she knows it, it must be so. The above is not true of any co-ed reading it--not for a minute. She's different, don't you know!

#### THE LADY FAIR.

You'll find it down on Stirling Court and up on Langdon street, And anywhere and everywhere you chance to chuck your feet. The lady Fair is THERE and it's a gorgeous exhibition, But if you want to see it you will have to pay admission.

You can see the choicest products of a hundred-umpty towns Dressed in cardinals and yellows, in purples, greens and browns. You'll find smiles and jests and laughter up to any blank amount But you'll catch tuberculosis in your fresh young bank account.

You'll think that you are playing on a higher, clearer note, But when you get your ear trained right you'll find you've played the goat. And when you're through and try to darn your thin-worn reputation, You'll find your peerless credit has just suffered amputation.

And when a man begins to rave about his lonesome nights And hunts a co-ed up for cheer—there's going to be some sights That will set the gods to laughing with most merry cachinations For that lonesome man's allowance will suffer operations.

It's a lordly bunch of sideshows, is our daily lady Fair And the various exhibits are most blithe and debonair. And many wobble through it till they find the wobble hurts Because their poor financial legs are wearing hobble skirts.

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Art Student: So you adore art! Do you paint? Sweet Young Thing: Sir!

#### **Non-Phoney Phone**

(A girl is talking into a phone. At first sight she looks quite human, but after listening to the first sentence the horrible discovery is made that she is a co-ed. Because it develops later that she is proud of being a Freshman, the inference is easily drawn that she is at least twenty. The conversation at the other end of the line is about as important as the quiescence of a carp in the net. Therefore it is not reproduced here.)

The girl: I thought it was Arthur at first-he has such a nice deep voice, you know-----I thought you would call up so I didn't make any engagement for Saturday\_\_\_\_How perfectly lovely. Your formal! I'm so sorry the horrid faculty has made rules about flowers\_\_\_\_\_How brave of you. I'm glad that there is at least one man who isn't scared to death of that old faculty ..... I don't think violets would go very well with that green dress..... How nice! I do so love roses.....l'm a freshman you know and I can't go out to-night. They oppress the poor freshmen horribly in this house.....Oh, yes. I like it here. But the Sunday afternoons are always so dull. I don't like to

#### Conversation.

walk about town\_\_\_\_l'd like to awfully! I always did like horses. We'll go along the drive, won't we --- How perfectly lovely! Will we stop on the way? .....Oh, I think the dinners at Pleasant Branch are the dearest things! We'll have such a lovely time My French is bothering me horribly ...... You talk French? Oh, I wish ----- How dear of you! I'll go down to the library right away. I'll be at the table near the English literature case. I like to go to the library because I can go where I want to afterwards without telling everybody about it. I never stay there longer than nine o'clock\_\_\_\_On the way home?\_\_\_\_That would be so lovely. I like Schwoegler's sundaes so much. They are almost as good as the bittersweets......Yes, I'll go right away. Goodbye. (To her-self). I hope he takes the hint about the bittersweets. I wonder if I pulled him a bit too hard! I'll make it up by being awfully nice to him. Exits singing:

"O the flowers that bloom in the Spring, tra la,

Have nothing to do with the case, For I've got to take under my wing, tra la,

A most unattractive thing, tra la, With a caricature of a face.



#### Force of Habit.



Miss Ante I can't stand that fellow. He's the limit. Chip (absently) How much?

#### AFTERMATH.

Yes, we hear the Prom is over, So it is—I do suppose. But the letters from my Prom girl Do not help to ease my woes.

For my co-ed friend is distant, Treats me in a funny way. Importation's inconsistent And I'm sure it doesn't pay.

Formals, Parties, Dances rage And I sit here all alone. Bills come inat every stage— And I sit and bone and bone.

SSS

#### This Augurs Well

Is he a bore? Not a bit.



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Ben Hur: Andt haf you decitet vaht profeszion you will take it up? Schnitzel: Nein, but I haf a sthrong leaning toward the bar, already.



## FUSSIN' AND OTHER GRAFTS

#### SHOOTING TERM.



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WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE OLD-FASHIONED CO-ED WHO ATTEND-ED PROM?

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If it's true that kissing causes the grip, (Now, of course, this may all be bunk) I'll have to confess: The germs that I sip Are quite enough to give me a trunk.

-From "Confessions of a Fiendish

Fusser by Kenwood Eagan '14. (The freshman who produced this was made to sign it because the board of editors felt that they were "not responsible.")

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#### Typical

Mr. Suitor: Hello! May I have a date? Miss Sweeter: Why certainly. Who is this talking?

#### SSS

She: You look tired. He: I ought to. The mice kept me awake blowing on the shoe horn.

#### LOVES.

The young man, who was still very young, was sitting in his room looking at three photographs. Each one was the photograph of a very pretty girl. One was labeled Faith, another Hope, another Charity.

The young man mused; he didn't quite know what musing was but they did it in every fashionable novel and so he mused. He mused thusly:

The girl labeled Faith had been as a mustard seed. After he had "bitten" he had found her very sharp. Also she had been very small, and in his later days with her he had found that she was yellow. Yes, his Faith had been as a mustard seed and moved a mountain for him—the mountain of First Delusion. Faith had taught him many things—mostly bitter things—and he was not sorry that he had known her.

Hope! He grinned broadly as he thought of the days when he had turned to the stronghold and been a prisoner of Hope. Against Hope he had believed in Hope, and for a while she had been the anchor of his soul, both sure and steadfast. But the anchor began to drag with every little wind and he learned that Hope that is seen is not Hope. So he had vamoosed.

Charity! The Young Man, who was still very young, smiled no longer-Charity was not a co-ed—Charity lived at home. She sought not her own, was not easily provoked, believed all things and hoped all things. Charity never failed. Charity, ah, Charity.

And then the young man looked again at the three photographs labeled Faith, Hope and Charity. Then he said quite seriously:

"Faith, Hope and Charity, these three; but the greatest of these is Charity."



(NOTE:-The artist absolututely refused to make the picture girls any prettier. We wanted him to make the co-eds homely and Charity pretty. He didn't. We suspect corrupt influence.)



I hear Ed is to be ostracized. Which Ed?

Co-ed!

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No law classes to-day. Why not? Legal holiday.

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"I want to give a striking and timely present to my poor dear husband."

"Try a clock, lady, try a clock."

#### SSS

Legs: Why didn't you have your trousers cut in the more fashionable, tight fitting way?

Pegs: For safety's sake I wanted to hide my legs.

Why is it? THE GIRL who goes to a girls' school does so because she expects to get married. While—

> THE GIRL who goes to a co-ed school does so because she knows she will not.

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TO FUSS—To make unnecessary or annoying ado about trifles.

THE FUSSERS HANDBOOK—"Much Ado About Nothing."

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### How Can the Poor Devil Study?



(These are visions of the girl at home --not co-eds.)



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Girls caught smoking on the fire escape will be fined one box of cigarettes.

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Girls are requested not to enter their rooms by the windows because the opening and shutting causes great annoyance. Rubber soles and heels are recommended as a remedy.

All the girls in the university are expected to faithfully observe these rules, for by so doing ladylike deportment will be obtained.

#### WHAT?



Fat Lady: Where shall I sit? Usher: We want to fill up the front first. Do sit in front please.

#### THE SPHINX SPEAKS

(As in previous years, ever since the second year of her existence, remarks are heard that The Sphinx "is not as good as she used to be.")

- They tell me I'm not what I used to be With my side-splitting jokes and my freee-flowing wit,
- They say they don't understand or see How my stuff today can make a hit; There was a time, they will add, when it

Was fairly good and I had the key To the door of jokes, but now I'm bit:

For I'm not as good as I used to be.

- My quips, they say, are growing stale And my puns are older than nursery rhymes—
- My whole line of humor is getting pale, (A real good joke appears sometimes;)
  - Once my poetry rang with varied chimes,
- In fact my verse quite touched the key, But now I will have to seek new climes:

For I'm not as good as I used to be.

#### L'ENVOI.

O, reader, when I have passed away And ascend the heights to old St. P.,

The saintly janitor sure will say, "You're not as good as you used to be."

#### SSS

His Girl at Home Are the men at Wisconsin very polite?

He (just back from scollege) Oh, yes, we have lots of civil engineers.

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Froshie I can't wear this hat out. Unsuspecting Soph Why? Froshie It's a derby.

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English Language Prof: What part of speech is "dun"?

Weary Stude: "Dun" is the future tense of "due".

#### SSS



"Why do you call your boat the hen?" "Because she has hatches and lays to."

#### The END



This is the end of all the songs man sings. This is the end of all the wars man fights. This the end of all the dreams man dreams. This is the end of all the labor under the sun. It is a very little thing. There are many things in the world that are far greater than this—but this is the end of all the songs man sings. Many thousand years of protest have proven it so.



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## EXCHANGES.

Teacher: Who succeeded Roosevelt as President?

Young Insurgent: He didn't succeed, he followed. —Harvard Lampoon.

#### The Cat.

He: Isn't she pretty tonight? She: Yes, tonight. —Michigan Gargoyle.

Sauer: Vat do you tink uff de cotillion?

Kraut: Vell, dere are lots uff good figures. —Leland Stanford Chaparral.

K. Razy: Beg pardon, but what did you say your name was?

Flashy Dame: Helen Summer. K. Razy: Same in winter, I suppose. Columbia Jester.

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Sister: I suppose you'll make light of having flunked that course?

Brother: Not on your life, Sis! I intend to keep it dark.

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She: I hear Freddie has decided to marry and settle down to a particular girl.

He: Huh! She can't be.

-Yale Record.

Impassioned Youth: (Throwing himself on his knees). Light of my life! Light of my existence! Light of——

The Lady: Aw douse the glim, kid. And while you're down there, tie my shoestring, please.

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