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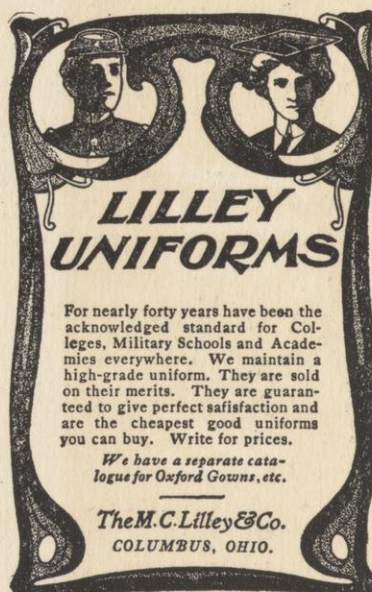
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To the President.

Though long all captainless we strove
 With seas that sought to overwhelm,
 Strong hearts the vessel onward drove
 Strong hands were guiding at the helm,
 We can but hope—is it too much?—
 Through all the rough sea's vast extent,
 Your hand will show as strong a touch,
 We greet you, Mr. President.

Three thousand loyal souls and true,
 To steer through seas as yet untried,
 Three thousand souls that look to you,
 Through sun and storm to be their guide.
 They know the task with which you cope,
 The toil and pain which must be spent,
 But strong in confidence and hope
 They greet you, Mr. President.

With all the pluck Wisconsin shows
 In victory or in defeat,
 With all the grit and strength that grows,
 Wherever Badger hearts may beat,
 With faith and hope that all is well,
 With every voice in full assent
 With one good rousing Badger yell,
 We greet you, Mr. President.

U-Rah-Rah,
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 U-Rah-Rah,
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 U-Rah-Rah,
 Wis-con-sin!
 Tiger!





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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

Wisconsin rejoices. The great question that has caused so much doubt and uncertainty for the last three years has been settled and the class of '07 will begin its career under the guidance of a president. The University may well begin to feel the dignity that comes with age when she sees one of her own sons raised to the highest position that is within her power to give.

The West has never been provincial, but has been willing to accept the best man from whatever section he might come. What more natural then that when the presidency became vacant the authorities should have gone East to fill it. In fact the West has so long looked to the East for her scholars that habit alone would have taken the regents there. The University is to be doubly congratulated then at the choice finally made. It cannot be said that too little time or consideration was given to the selection. After the East had been thoroughly canvassed and every possibility debated, the worthiest man was found on our own faculty. This is a special source of pride to the University and to the State. We all know that careful comparisons were made and that one of our own alumni has stood the test.

Prof. Van Hise is thoroughly a Wisconsin man. His entire education was received in the public schools of the state. He has been both undergraduate and professor at Wisconsin and has taken a prominent part in the life of the University from his underclassman days. His sympathies have always been with the students in that important part of student life that lies outside the class room. In athletics and debate he has always been ready with advice and counsel and has never been too busy to assume new duties.

Undoubtedly the most valid criticism of a large institution is that students are deprived of the acquaintance and fellowship of their instructors. It is more important to form correct ideals and associate with great personalities than to live with books alone. In this respect our new president is no experiment. He has always been one of us, not as a spectator only, but actively engaged in guiding student activities in the right direction. As he has been as professor, so he will be as president, a broad-minded, many-sided man, never pedantic, but sympathetic and alive to the best interests of all. He will receive the support and confidence of the entire student body.

While pleased by the final selection of a president, no student will forget the heavy debt of gratitude that the University owes to Dean Birge. Placed in a position of the greatest responsibility, he was denied the moral assurance of absolute authority so necessary for an executive. That he has discharged his arduous duties so acceptably is the most conclusive proof of his great capability and large-heartedness. It has been recognized that for many years the dean has been the silent power that has kept the great machinery of the University running smoothly. He has well earned the rest that the regents have given him, and upon his return every student will be glad to welcome him back to his old place.

In the hands of two such men as our new president and the dean, the students and friends of the University may rest assured that its interests will be well cared for.

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It is rumored that the high and mighty powers of the little red school house, alias Law Building, alias Badger Board and Regents' office, will shortly send forth a decree that the lower campus be given over to the velvety greensward, the splashing fountain and the drowsy bee. No more shall a crowd of good (may be noisy) fellows gather in friendly sport. No more shall ring out the shout of triumph or shall fall the wail of defeat. Over all shall be peace. Where is now ugly earth shall spring fragrant flowers; birds shall sing dreamily in the thick foliage to be, and in the heavy shade shall lounge the low-voiced co-ed.

Then will the nervous professor be satisfied. Throughout the whole day there will come no sound to disturb the peaceful slumber of his classes. No more need he exert himself to hold the attention of the wakeful ones. He will be content.

But where will be the crowd of happy fellows that one time met to while away a happy hour in healthful sport, perhaps in rows on the sidewalk, smoking long pipes in sadness, recalling in subdued voices the good old days gone by, and being uplifted by the beauties of the campus flower garden. It would be so gentile and aesthetic, don't you know, for students to act that way. Of course, they could go to Camp Randall, or to the fair grounds, or to Middleton, where there is lots of room, but they won't go to any of these places. If the lower campus is closed, the most healthy and pleasant sport of the students will be discontinued.

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We are pleased to announce the election of Mr. C. R. Freeman, Law '05, and Mr. M. C. Notz, Hill '05, to THE SPHINX staff. Mr. Freeman will continue to gladden the eyes with skilful sketches and Mr. Notz will use his facile pen in the literary department of THE SPHINX.



"I hear they're going to form an appendicitis club."

"Who's in it?"

"Don't know, I'm not on the inside."

"Time is heavy on my hands" said the burglar as he quietly took the watches from the jewelry shop.



Proper Vessels.

First: Have you heard of the new Agric frat?

Second: No, what is it?

First: Eta Alpha Alpha.

Second: Something like the new boarding club.

First: What one?

Second: Eta Gamma Phi.

For a dog—Bark.

For a cook—Scallop.

For a spendthrift—Gondola.

For a negro—Dingey.

For a hobo—Bumboat.

For a washerwoman—Liner.

For a fat man—Lighter.

Notice.

THE SPHINX will issue another special double number about interscholastic time. This is done to make up for the number which was "lost in the shuffle" before the issue of the political SPHINX. It will be sent free to all subscribers. To all others the price will be 25 cents.



The big Freshman on the front seat had put his feet on the desk in front of him and tilted back on his shoulder blades. The professor looked at the feet for a moment and then said: "If Mr. Green will take his feet down so that I can see the class, our work will continue."

Mr. Green took his feet down quickly.

**A Tale of Horror.**

All was in confusion about the lower campus. Everyone and everything seemed lost in some wild commotion. Students ran here and there with looks of fear and terror writ plainly on their faces. Grave professors stopped, stared, cried out, and then ran madly from the place. Dean Birge rushed furiously from his house, gave one look, and—fainted. John Hickey could be seen, borne along on the wings of fear, tearing from the lake in the rear of the gym. Horses reared, dogs howled, and cats screeched. Amidst all this turmoil and confusion Dr. Elsom came walking gaily up the street, swinging a jaunty little cane, a gay flower in his button hole, and a large blâse smile spread evenly over his features. All at once he turned deathly pale. He tottered and almost fell. His knees trembled and shook and then slowly sank to the ground, quivering and shivering with fear and wonder. In vain he tried to shut out the awful vision, but right in front of him, in plain sight, could be seen—oh, the awfulness of the picture—right in plain sight could be seen two washerwomen entering the sacred portals of the gymnasium.

G. S. P.



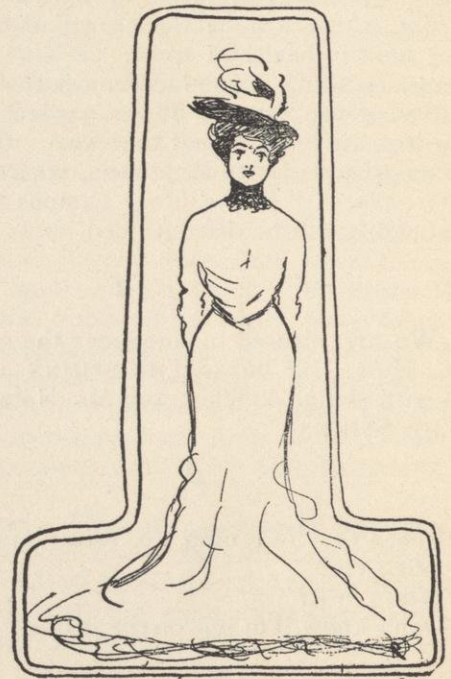
A handsome young girl named Lenore
Was thin (weighing just 94);
But the box with her hat in
Contained cotton batten,
And now (to the eye) she weighs more.

Outdoor Time.

Base Ball on the Campus,
Tennis on the courts,
Every crew a rowin' too,
Loads of jolly sports.
Couples by the lakeshore,
Everybody free,
Curse the luck, I've got to buck,
Geel!

Sunshine on the water,
Springtime in the air,
Hammocks swing and voices ring,
Happy everywhere!
No one has to worry,
Ceptin' only me,
Doin' work I used ter shirk.
Geel!

Co-eds trottin' past here,
Lookin' sweet an' cool.
I jest set an' buck an' sweat,
Feelin' like a fool.



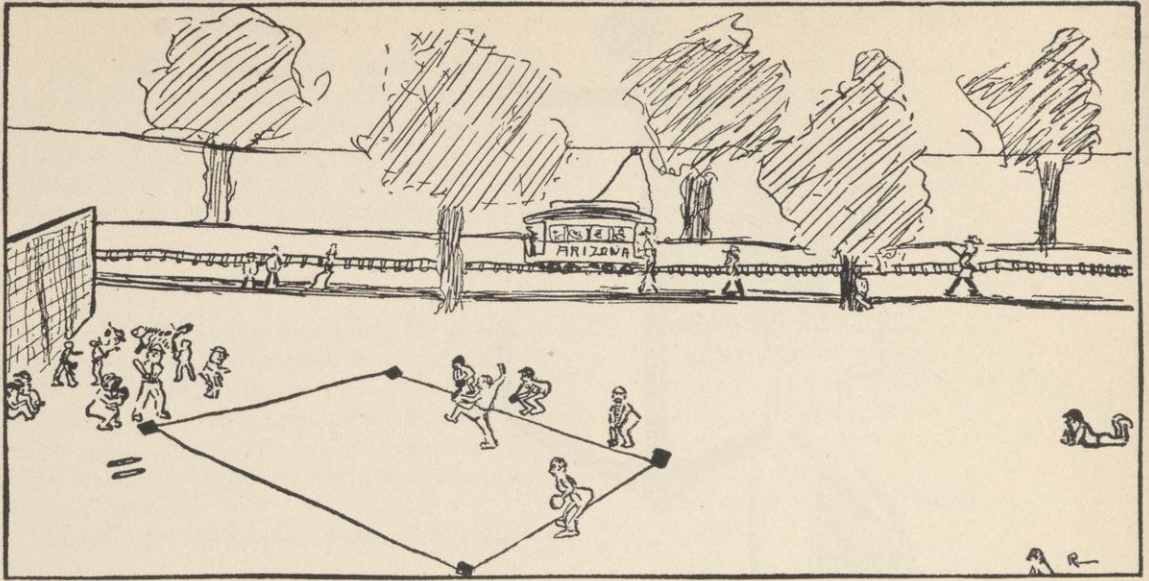
There's a girl—it's Susie!
Beckonin' to me!
Guess it's best I take a rest,
Geel! A. B. B.



Be as mean as you please, but don't say
what you mean!



At the Naval Ball.



Shall We Have Nothing Left but the Memory.

Animal Jokelets.

"The kangaroos are to have a dance, I hear," said the cobra, with a sibilant hiss.

"Full dress?" asked the duck, laughing.

"Oh, no, just an informal hop."

"Was the elephant's cold a long one?"

"Well, I should smile, it was in his trunk."

"My wife has such beautiful taper fingers," boasted the ape.

"How sorrowful," chuckled the hyena, "the tapir hasn't any fingers."

"Been eating eggs?" asked the pastured horse of the toiling ox.

"No!"

"You must have been, the yoke's still on you,"

"That nearsighted fly must have a big bill at the optician's," remarked the foolish fish, innocently.

"Why?"

"Oh, he's always leaving his specks around."

Parlor Version.

There was a young man from Eau Claire,
Who was kissing his girl on the staire
When the old man said, "John
If you don't hurry ohn,
Your father'll be minus his heire."

"The Queen doesn't like my new robe," remarked his majesty.

"Ermine," said the Chamberlain with an apologetic cough.

The King laughed a sickly laugh, for he owed the Chamberlain a year's salary.

Some men are fat and jolly, some are fat and brainy, some are just fat.

James—Fellow named Birch died up our way last Sunday and his friends had a wake; deceased was a prohibitionist, and died of water on the brain.

John—Did they have refreshments at the wake?

James—Sure. They passed around the Birch bier.

How these girls love one another.

Jane—"I saw the *most distinguished* looking man at the Carltons party, and I made an impression on him too, for he followed me with his eyes wherever I went."

Susan—"Yes, that was a detective they had hired to watch all suspicious guests."

The hand of Fate is frequently a four flush.





In the matter of—That High School Strike.

A graft is the other fellow's pull.



"Up at the show last night?"

"No, what happened?"

"Crowd threw eggs at the actors."

"Then what happened?"

"The exit, and after that the manager had to shell out for the tickets."

"Were the actors scared?"

"Sure, they were a chicken hearted bunch.

Set a Henry to hatch a"—

The conversationalists get out of hearing.



Little Willie in the evening,

Whittled grandma's head to bits,

"Glad you did it," said his mother,

Makes me tired the way she knits.

T. R.



"I tell you it's a great thing this getting close to nature's heart," said the man who had just returned from a walk by the lake.

"Isn't it funny what strange names people call each other when they're in love."



"The board is getting worse at my boarding house every day; last week we had pot roast three days running."

"Huh! that's nothing; where I board we have the same pot roast three days running."



"Ho-om aint nothing like this," sang the cheerful one.

"Thank God for that!" said his roommate, wiping his face on last week's roller towel.



"I wish I was Schwab for a year," said the man with the cigarette paper in his hand. "I'd have enough money to support me all the rest of my life."

"I wish you were Schwab for about two minutes every year," said the long suffering roommate as he handed over the tobacco, "Then you wouldn't have to bum the makings from me all the time."



"Why is a learned gentleman who stays late at a museum like a French dancer?"

"Don't know."

"He lingers at the exhibits, she exhibits the lingerie."

Local Notes From the Scaredinall for April 18th, 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Jameson arrived to-day in their private airship. They are visiting their daughter Janet, seven years of age, who is being entertained by the Rho Zeta sorority.

Charles Cartos, a sophomore in the Aero Engineering course, has been expelled from the University. He is accused of buying cigarettes without a permit from the faculty.

Madeline Tuttle, '53, fell from a small aerodome yesterday. She broke her leg and both arms. She also broke her neck. At last writing Miss Tuttle was somewhat dead.

The Zeta Beta fraternity gave a submarine dance Friday evening. Live fish were served as refreshments. Nitschke furnished the music, giving his usual program, including,

After the Ball,

Whistling Rufus,

In the Good Old Summer Time!

Mr. Herbert E. Jones, an old alumnus, revisited the University last week. Mr. Jones seemed very much pleased with the improvement shown. He said: "I could not make any positive statements without further consideration. You think the matter over and I will think the matter over, and we will arrive at some satisfactory conclusion." We are looking for an interesting interview before long.

Much excitement has been aroused lately over the foolish pranks of some Freshmen. They tied the president to a live wire and then ran into him with light aeromobiles. The president bore it all in good part, but he will probably reprimand the jokers.

The Badger will be out next week sure. This will make it the earliest *Badger* in years. Chairman Ehlys says they are waiting only for the seniors photos, the literary department and fraternity groups, some of which have not been taken. The chairman is positive, however, that the book will be issued by next Monday. Among its features are verses by Burke and Stuntz.

R. H. K.



A fat man usually has a well rounded out character.

One of Those Dreams.

Wee Willie Wistful, Freshman, had eaten too many of John's pretzels. It is no wonder he had strange dreams that night.

It seemed that he had hardy gone to bed when he heard a noise under his window. He got out of bed and opened the window. The ground below, and stretching as far as he could see, was covered with a dense mass of students. They were perfectly quiet, except for one who stood directly below Wee Willie's window. It was Joe Johnson haranguing the mob.

"Now, fellows," he was saying, "please don't make any disturbance. I know, for I am a personal friend of his, that he wouldn't like it. And think how it will harm the University! Think what Mr. Quin will say! As a last resort I ask it of you as a *personal favor* not to do this thing; not to disturb him at this hour of the night."

"What's the rumpus?" asked Wee Willie from his window.

"It 'im! It's 'im!" yelled the mob. "Come down. We've elected you President of the University."

Ah! At last! Wee Willie had obtained the recognition that was due him as one who had been salutatorian of the graduating class of the Hoedunk high school. But he must hasten. There was no time to be lost in going down the stairs. So quickly gathering a few strands from his hair brushes, he braided them into a rope and slid to the ground in less time than it takes to tell.

In a few well-chosen words he thanked them. The applause was deafening.

"Now what do you want me to do!" he asked.

"We want you to make a few promises," said the spokesman.

"Gladly," said Wee Willie.

"Do you solemnly promise that you will get some one to make John Hickey clean the Gym and keep it clean?"

"I do."

"Do you solemnly promise that you will abolish drill, convocation, and cons?"

"I do."

"Do you solemnly promise that you will find more competent Freshman-English instructors?"

"I do."

"Do you solemnly promise that you will give us an inaugural ball in the Gym, and let no one but students in?"

"I do."

"Fellow students," said the spokesman, "we have found the man we want."

Loud applause.

Alarm clock.

L.

First Law—Frick has lost his cite—

Second Law—How sad. Will he ever recover?

Let me finish, you idiot. Frick has lost his citations on Real Property, and he's scared stiff.

Oh, life is very, very hard,
However people talk;
We have to take our feet along
When going for a walk.

A Limerick in Blank Verse.

A handsome young boy from Racine,
Was known by the tint of his hair;

It was red and yet blue,
(This tale is a fact,)

And he sat in it's shade by the hour.

P. R. S.

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According to reports from Milwaukee, where *The Badger* is being printed, the entire edition has been stolen. The printers are not worried, however, and they look to have the books returned after the thieves have read a few pages. *The Badger* will be out before long.

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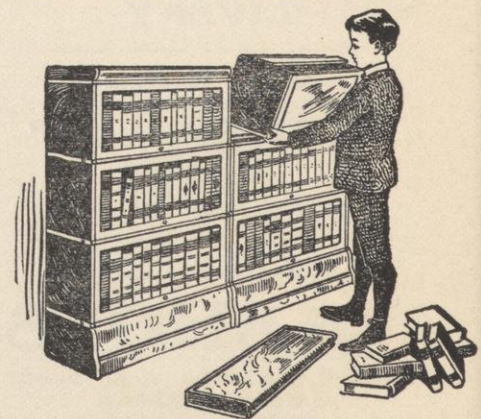
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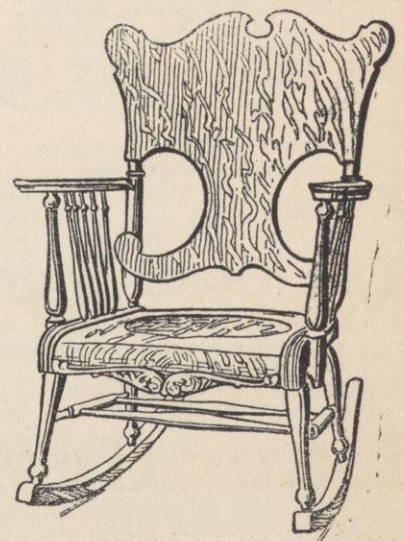


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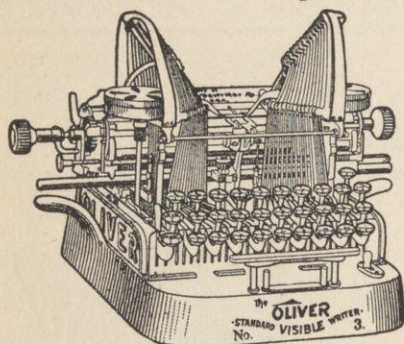
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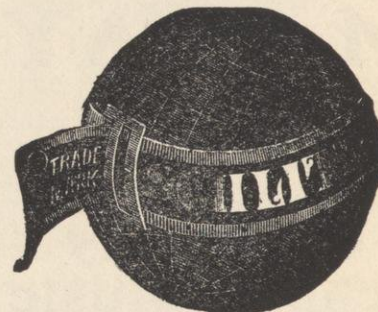


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