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O Siren Lady Silhouette!

I sighed, I yearned, I longed to know,  
"Oh! does her lover love her yet?"

My tete-a-tete, Miss Caustico,  
Smiled very sweetly, "No, not yet."





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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

What is so rare as a day in Fall!  
Then if ever come perfect days.  
The Frosh sets out to make a call.  
Unmindful of his Autumn haze.

Above on high the wild geese fly,  
And flying, laugh to see,  
The flocks of tame geese down  
below,  
Attend the varsity.

**W**E HAD fully intended to write 100 words on the Beauties of Fall. By means of ringing in a banana peel *sub motil* we figured on being real humorous. But after scratching our head for two hours we fell to the fact that Fall is not what she is painted. Especially when the leaves are down. Turn down this leaf.

We did, in fact, write a stirring spiel on the arrogance of athletes as evidenced by the action of the Athletic Board. Later we decided that the ruling on buttons and fobs was too puerile for serious consideration, and that the thing to do was to ignore it altogether.



**W**EDNESDAY afternoon organized rooting is the greatest idea that has occurred to a football manager here in recent years. THE SPHINX takes exquisite pleasure in paying this tribute to the massive intellect of the present incumbent. Whether it will be more than a good idea depends on us—you and me. The management has done all it can to stir up football frenzy. But no amount of stirring can bring the pure

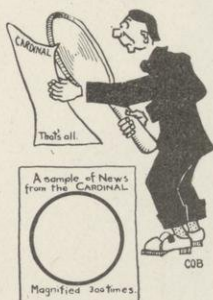
crystals of Almaternal Enthusiasm to the surface unless the proper ingredients are there. From these ingredients which are nothing more than you and I, and a vast crowd more, of students of all classes, colleges and conditions, animated by a common passion to see the Cardinal pennant at the top of the pole once more, it is hoped that we may distill that perfect stimulant, University spirit. To do so we need thorough stirring by a band more or less good, and not afraid to ascend to student standards of music. Now we are assured that this will be supplied.

So let's see your smiling face out at the Camp Wednesday afternoons. If you can't come without, bring her along, but insist on cultivating your vocal chords.

The rancous rooter's section, dear to the great heart



of THE SPHINX is at last an established fact. Come on fellows, let's get in that section and loose our clarion tongues. But don't let's let them get away from us so that the cheer is strung out like a bunch of fire-crackers exploding in an old tomato can. There is dignity and impressiveness in the slow yell above and beyond all the gains of speed. What a pity we haven't a song fit to go with the U! Rah! Rah!



that the limit has been left a long ways in the rear. If there is not enough going on here every day to justify more chronicling than that, a bunch of mummies which has been dessicating for the last odd thousand years in the attic of a pyramid must be hot stuff by comparison with us 4500. We believe in supporting the college daily, but we would prefer, if possible to support a somewhat creditable as well as credible one.

**W**ITHOUT wishing to be considered a knocker—a species of humanity that she has always viewed with thinly-veiled disgust—THE SPHINX rises far above the madding crowd to remark that the present system of electing class officers is about as handy and convenient as using your jack-knife to fell an oak. Let us look around for the improved method.

The dense, chilling fog which usually permeates the Stude Confab recently lifted long enough for that august, or rather, october body to recommend one good stunt. Namely a safe, sane, and conservative way to hold a class election. Maybe you've heard the details; if not; the plan is, in brief, this:

Have the class meet on a Monday, say, and nominate not more than 5 men for each elective position. On the following Friday let everyone in the class slip up and vote—*once*. To insure this have the polls open a good share of the day with a non-partisan, preferably non-class, man on guard to check off names of voters and any budding ambitions to stuff the box. When the

voting was over in an election of this kind, the really right man ought to be on top. There would be no chance to 'sway the volatile minds of the majority by paroxysms of oratorical personalities. Ain't it the truth?



**W**HETHER or not you like it, Freshmen, you *must* wear those little green caps. You ought to want to. If you do you'll be glad a year from now that you did. If you don't you're likely to be sorry tomorrow night that you didn't.

Upper Classmen it is up to you. Shall the year of 1908 hand down an imperishable tradition, or shall it be handed an impudent stare by the haughty frosh? Huh?

**W**ITH all due disrespect to the Scenty-Nell, THE SPHINX concedes some reason in the request of the Milwaukee public that the U play a game there each Fall. With the present 5-game schedule this is impossible. Seven games, four at home and one of the other three played in Milwaukee strikes us about right.

While we think of it, if THE SPHINX does not come bounding up the stairs within 5 days of the date of issue, 'phone Bus. Mgr.

**W**HERE, in all the broad field of college dailies can you find the equal of our lamentable contemporary, *The Daily Cardinal*? This starts out like a paean of praise, but don't stop on that account. We repeat rhetorically, where? You don't know. Quite right. Neither do we.

We admit that altruism is as out of place around here as a high-school girl at a performance of *The Devil*. We know that this is a utilitarian university. We do not feel called upon to apologize for the fact, either. We think that, within limits, the utilitarian idea is a good one. But when the daily rag, none too voluminous to start with contains usually only about 25 per cent. reading matter, of which one-fifth is notices we think





A filmy wisp of sheerest lace,  
 Fit setting to a face so fair,  
 On other girls quite out of place—  
 On you it draws a fervent prayer  
 From every youth who stops to stare!

The autumn wind may smooth your  
 hair,  
 Ungracious wind—to swirl and race  
 Past such as you without a care  
 For finery and frills of lace  
 So nicely set to frame your face.

My Lady of the gracious grace,  
 Are you a sprite of upper air?  
 A daughter of the earthly race?  
 My Incarnate of Fairest Fair,  
 Your image hears my fervent prayer!



## Varsity Romance

She came from Richland Center  
 On the coin her uncle lent her;  
 She was witty, she was pretty and petite.  
 She had caused a small sensation  
 When she landed at the station  
 And was hustled in a turn-out up the street.

The Gammas got in action  
 And they rushed her to distraction—  
 A Gamma grad had taught her in the high;  
 She was pledged without much bother,  
 Writing home unto her father  
 How she had her life insured if she should die.

Soon Miss Genevieve MacCarty  
 Was the life of every party,  
 The leading light of formals and of feeds;  
 She had suitors by the hall-full,  
 Gamma parlour chairs were all full—  
 A very suite in waiting on her needs.

Young instructors stood like vassals  
 At the Gamma's formal wassals;  
 Miss MacCarty, with the cunning of her sex,  
 Knew—although non compos mentis—  
 That each faculty apprentice  
 Would insure her passing safely with an Ex.

So she danced while she was able,  
 Like the insect in the fable,  
 And quite as unsuspecting, while she bossed  
 All her Charley-boy retainers,  
 That her cups o' joy were strainers,  
 That her final year would open with a frost.

There must be some fell aroma  
 That exhales from a diploma,  
 And which blights the waning days of a  
     co-ed;  
 For, no matter how she plans it,  
 Every love finds rapid transit;  
 Underneath her gown of sable—Hope is  
     dead.

So Miss Genevieve MacCarty,  
 With her crushes, á la carte,  
 Took the train for Richland County in a  
     pout:  
 She had lost her last retainer  
 And, although a good campaigner,  
 Her commencement week had found her  
     down and out.

She is back in Richland Center—  
 There is no one to lament her—  
 She is teaching math in Richland Center  
     High,  
 And has late become the charmer  
 Of a Richland County farmer—  
 She'll be rinsing out his milk cans, bye and  
     bye.

Little Freshman, fair and pretty,  
 Give an ear unto my ditty;  
 College life is real and earnest, and although  
 You may fancy you are gifted,  
 Do not let your hopes be lifted—  
 It is not a matrimonial bureau.

—Mu.



## Utilitarian Yowl



O our well-loved Alma Mater  
Winks some cross-eyed at the water  
And draws her cheese cloth skirt about her  
Oxford tans,  
When she hears how Prexe preaches  
Of the useful things she teaches—  
That classic colleges are only “Also-rans!”

Utilitarian the knowledge  
That she feeds to “Us at College”—  
She teaches us to stack the aces in Life’s  
pack!  
Teach you to stand off the lady  
For your room rent till next payday—  
And teach you how to show the liveryman  
your back.

Teach you how to blow your money  
On a hundred pounds of honey—  
That when you’re broke will chuck you with  
the gay tee-hee.  
Just ’steen fifths or so at Kirches  
Teach you more than profs or churches.  
Registration day will teach somewhat of a  
fee.

When the Con Machine’s grim clutches  
Glom you to the tin can hutches  
And you must hear a homily from dear Dean  
Birge,  
You will learn Life’s tribulation—  
Vanity of all elation—  
And learn, “The song of college life is but a  
dirgel!”

O our well-loved Alma Mater  
Winks some cross-eyed at the water  
And gayly flips the ash from off her cigarette,  
Smiling sweetly drinks another  
To the Battyhouse, her brother.  
She knows about utility, you bet she does,  
you bet!  
—W. A. B.

Honor is not without Profit—save at Wisconsin.



## Letter of the Flizzie Foolish Freshman

*Dear Dad:*—I went to the all university reception to-night. They call it a Freshman Mixer because the reception committee gets so mixed. A Mixer is a noisy beast. It sounds like three hundred and eighty-nine chickens that have each laid an egg. I asked Cousin Ferd, who is a Hike High about it and he said it was a bourgeois function. My mathematics instructor says a function of a variable is an expression involving that variable. If bourgeois was the variable, where was the expression? There were some professors present whom they called patrons, but their faces were as expressive as the south wall of our old woodshed, and they kept looking at their cuff buttons to see if they were still there.

A nice man with a red ribbon on his green coat asked me if I wanted something out of the punchbowl. If what I got was

punch, I would rather have a punch. I wonder why Professor Van Vleck parts his whiskers in the middle. Please send me some money because I want to get shaved every day.

I am getting along very well with my studies. I sit beside a nifty co-ed in German class, and she always smiles at me when I come in. When she is called on to translate I coach her. When I pass her on the Hill she never sees me. I guess she must be busy thinking of her lessons. I saw her at the Fuller the other night with the German instructor, who is a disgusting prig. My room mate says Co-ed is Coptic for Grievous Grafter. My room mate is a Sophomore Cynic. I am taking a course called Money and Banking. Please send me some material to study.

Your son,

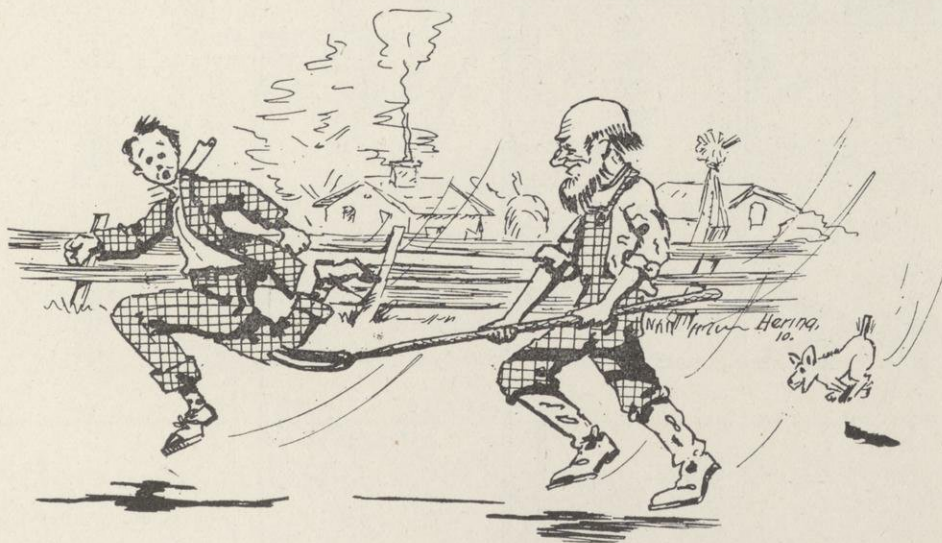
WILLIAM.

There was once a Freshette from Rome  
Who wished to return to her home.

She cried, "It's a fright,  
I know it's not right;  
Some sophs told me to dance the 'Salome.'"

The wind among the rose was softly sighing,  
When first she tried to smoke a cigarette.  
Her lover sadly watched the smoke wreaths  
flying,

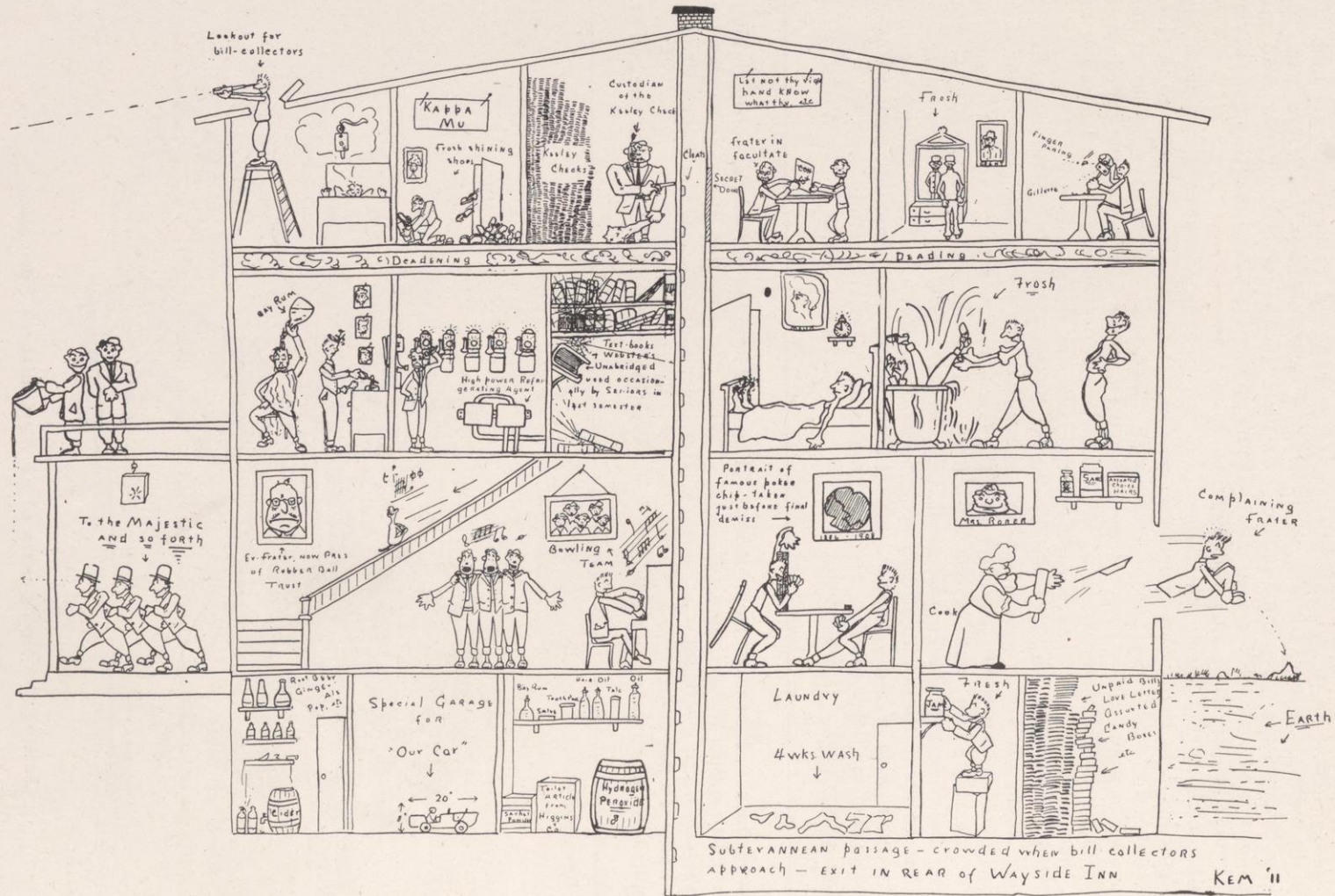
Waiting his turn to learn what she had et.



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Cross-Eyed Section of Frat House





Dearest Sphinx:

I wrote a theme about a squirrel. It was an elusive topic. When I asked one of the girls what was the most important thing about a squirrel, she said "Brush." What shall I do about it?

BERYL.

*In the first place, Beryl, you must be nntty to pick such a chestnut for a theme. All we know about is squirrel whisky; you can get a corn on that if you care to try it.*

Sphinxie:

I know the cutest Freshman. He adores me. How can I learn his name?

DELICIA, '12.

*This is no detective agency.*

Dear Sphinx:

My friend has written requesting the favor of my presence at a dance. I can hardly keep from screaming with delight, but how shall I answer him?

Yours in doubt,

ANGELICA.

*Use this time tried form—"Dear Kiddo:—Your bid to the clinch made a ten strike with me. On with the dance let joy be, etz., etz."*

Yours no doubt,

Sphinx.

Dear Sphinx:

Why is the Sphinx?

Humorously,

NANNIE.

*Well Nannie you must be the goat. Stifle your humour girlie.*

Friend Sphinx:

What on earth is lead pipe?

EMILY.

*Say kid don't rub it in.*

## A Horse on All of Us

Normalite—Buckin' Bronc'.

Agric—Plow Horse.

"Con" Man—"Also Ran"

Crew Man—Bay Horse.

Y. M. C. A. Cherub—Steeple Chaser.

Girling Court Inhabitant—Racer.

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SPHINX—Hee! Haw! and her name was Maud.

Miss A.—What is a rectangle?

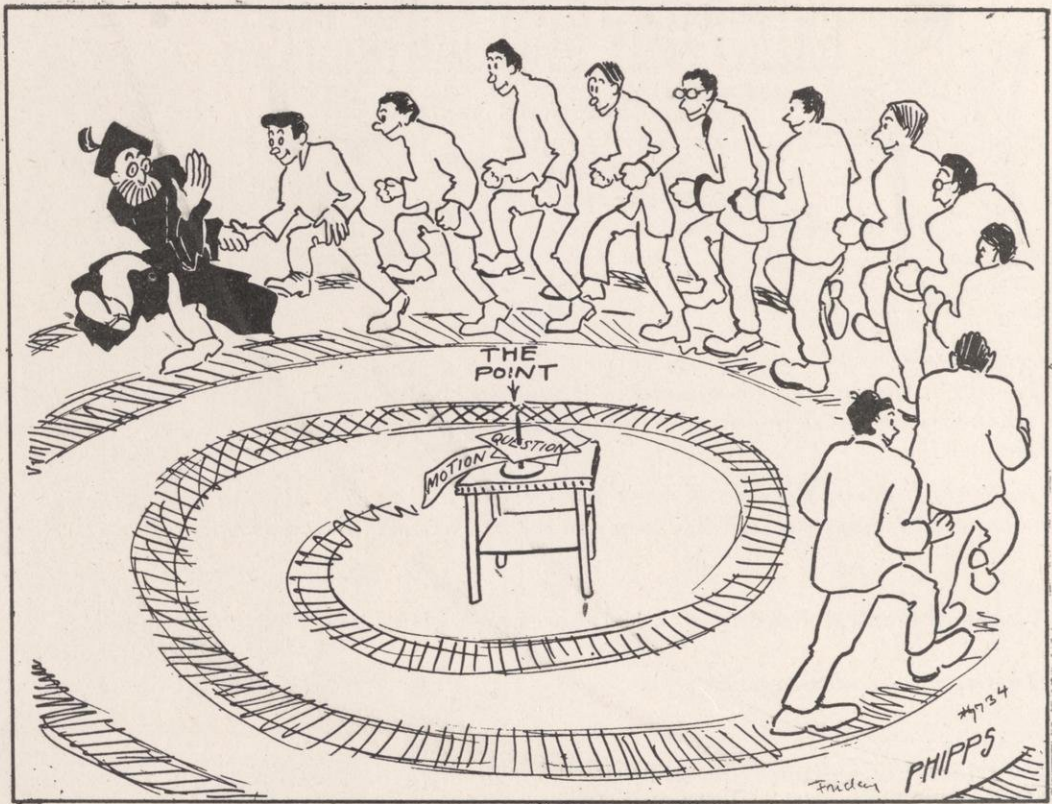
'12—A rectangle, madam, is a large round space hemmed in by four straight lines.



## Geology I

Prof—Now we go around the lake shore. East bay—the Yahara—then—the Malt House and—well, I guess we'll have to stop there.—F. S. B., '09.





**The Student Conference Taking Action**

### Hiawatha Thursday Nights

(With apologies any extenuations to Bill Kirk, also to the Reader.)

Hiawatha, decked in feathers,  
Sauntered out one Thursday evening,  
Hied him to the K. M. formal,  
There to vie with other warriors  
For the favor of the flizzies,  
Maidens of the House of Elver,  
Beauties from the Park and Fess House,  
Clad in all their glorious raiment.

Here he met a dainty damsel  
Of some five and thirty summers,  
Old enough to be his mother,  
Grandma, too, as some folks reckoned.  
Straightway him her fair charms captured,  
And he humbly asked permission  
To escort her to her wigwam,  
Which the squaw made haste to grant him.

But the night was cold and wint'ry  
And the squaw lived in the suburbs.  
Miles and miles from his own wigwam  
Took she our poor Indian brother.  
Walking back, the way seemed lonely  
And the cold pierced to his marrow;  
Icy pavement pounders got he.  
And straightforth swore off forever.

"Nevermore," quoth Hiawatha,  
"To a pig-race shall I wander,  
"Calls at Chadbourne shall suffice to  
"Occupy my Thursday evenings;  
"No more K. M.'s on my program,  
"Co-eds shall now be my limit,  
"Kehl's shall be a thing forgotten.  
"And the pig-race of the past."



## Psalm XXX

(To the Thirstless One, Lenny, the Son of Smith, who dwelleth in the den of the Sons of Belial—a psalm of the Game Sport.)

1. Wilt thou give ear unto me, O Riotous Young Man, whose guileful feet carry him over the Square to Charlie's—wilt thou give ear?—

2. An thou wilt not hearken with a heark the sidewalk shall arise upon its hindermost legs in wrath and smite thee upon the smeller as thou wendest thee homeward.

3. And the evil-minded shall make merry as thou tackest painfully home and they shall mock thy mauled and galley-west features and they shall deride and cry aloud, "Behold; is he not plumb pickled!"

4. The lights of the city shall dance before thee like unto a K. M. at Kehl's and they shall multiply like unto the rabbit before thine eyes.

5. And the streets of the city shall heave and the houses of men shall shuffle and wiggle.

6. If it shall come to pass that thou shalt arise in wrath to smite the mongrel Gentile who danceth overoft with the queen with whom thou hast for the evening fore gathered, bethink thee.

7. One wrong borne in the evening is better than two black eyes in the A. M.—yea, far better.

8. And ladle thou not out the sass nor be chirpy when the kindly copper accosteth thee and inquireth as to thy bourne of rest.

9. For he that proclaimeth loudly that he is gentleman getteth himself pinched, while he that answereth gently between hiccups is guided homeward in kindly fashion by the copper.

10. For lo! The Cuprous One, he also was once a young man and joyful, and loveth not to pinch a Game Sport.

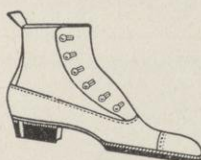


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—D.



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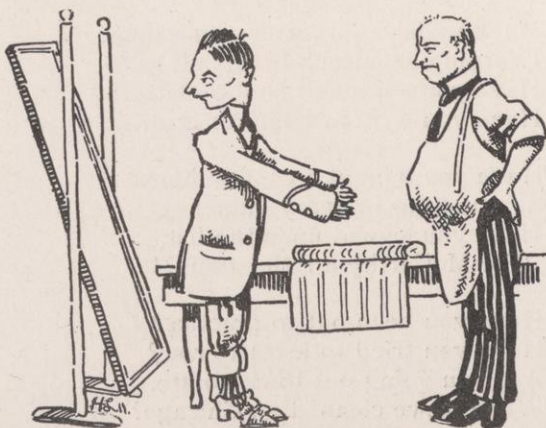
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A Trying Moment

*\* To Profs.—Con this well.*

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## October

I.

How beautiful is the October!

The autumn sky is mazarine,  
While woodlands don a golden sheen;  
Meseems they are not half so sober  
As when the foliage is green.

II.

The air is frosty almost nightly,  
And vernal meads grow brown and sear;  
Daily November draws more near  
And, while the hearthfire burns brightly  
Naught doth with home love interfere.

III.

Hunters hunt partridge in the thicket  
And squirrels in the beech-nut trees;  
The nuts, frost-bitten, fall with ease,  
And children, happy as a cricket,  
Gather them in great quantities.

IV.

The autumn fruitage has grown mellow—  
The pumpkins in the sunlight shine;  
The corn and tuber crops are fine,  
And winter apples, ruddy yellow,  
Make cook and children ne'er repine.

V.

Whate'er may be said of Utopia,  
Its grandeur and its ecstasy,  
In Wisconsin I'd rather be—  
Where October's Cornucopia  
Has plenty of pleasure for me!

*\* This gem of poetic license and purest rayserene was received with cold hauteur by the literateurs, and it was only by the merest chance that THE SPHINX was able to preserve it intact, a service which she firmly believes to be one of inestimable value to humanity.—ED.*

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"How is the show at the Majestic?"  
"If I had been Fuller I might have thought it Grand."  
"The Devil!"



## Stung

*An apple bite with all your might,  
And with a relish chew;  
Feel something squirm—and find a worm,  
That you have bit in two.*

The night was dark so Tenney Park,  
Was crowded with its throngs.  
Our hero fine, a Frosh divine,  
Went through it humming songs.

A maiden fair gave him the stare;  
Our Percival was game.  
Soon on a bench with arm in trench,  
"Lizetta is my name."

Each other spied, the soul kiss tried;  
Oh Gee! but it was joy.  
Our Frosh was smit and easy bit.  
To Kehl's she'd take our boy.

How swift time flew. Toward morn it drew  
And home they now must turn.  
The cold gray light. Lord! What a fright.  
He'd kissed that mug o'herm.

This saw our Frosh: Face like a squash,  
Shape like a barber's pole,  
And this he felt, as salts he smelt,  
When he had reached his hole.

*An apple bite with all your might,  
And with a relish chew;  
Feel something squirm—and find a worm  
That you have bit in two.*



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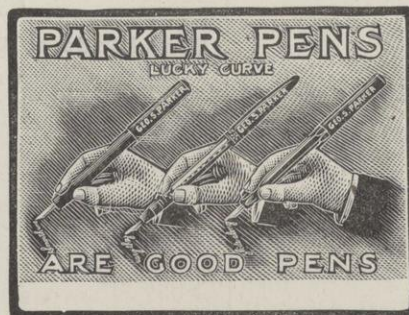
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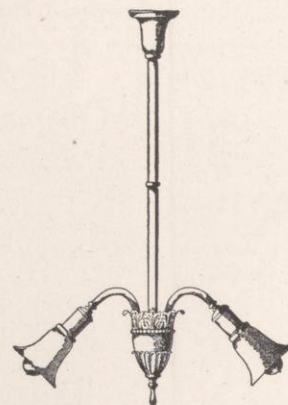
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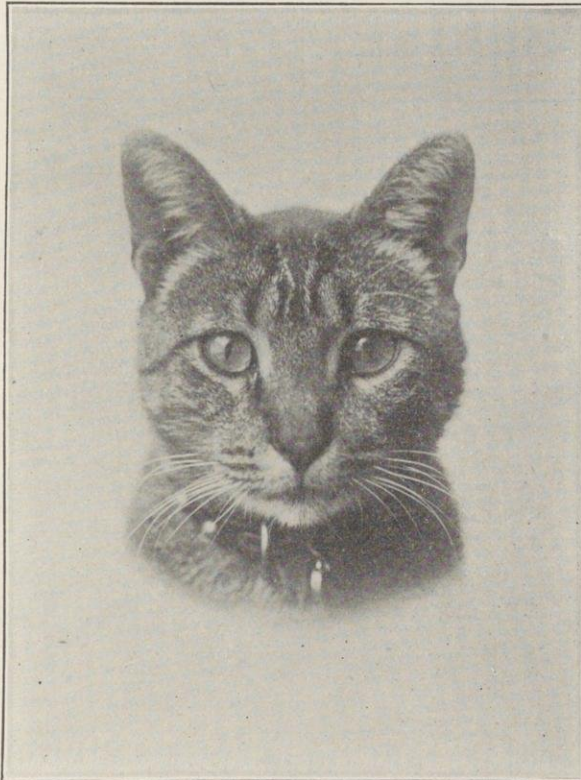
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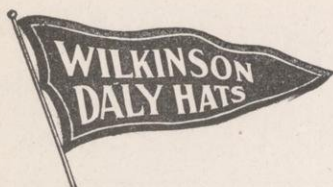
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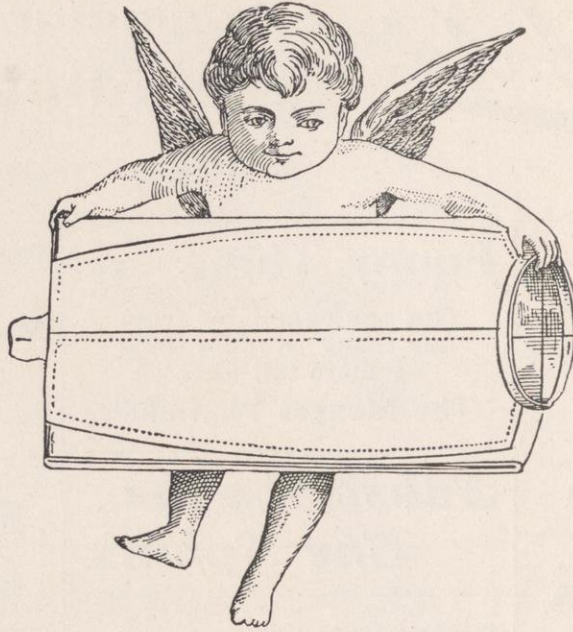
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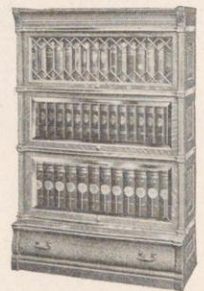


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