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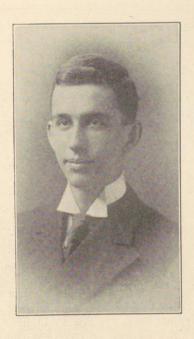
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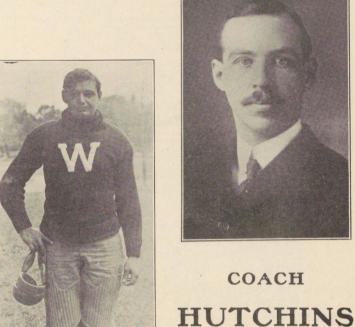
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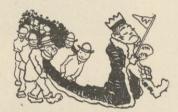
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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true. - Kingsley



AT'S the matter with Wisconsin's team? We pause for a

reply.

Hearing no comment, we come to the obvious and correct conclusion that they are all right. THE SPHINX has seldom in all her little life seen a bunch of gridiron boys she liked so well. If we gave expression to all the encomiums that occurred to us after the Illinois game, this editorial would slop over onto page 38.

It is their faculty of coming back for more that makes this year's eleven unique. Wisconsin has had a full line of fighting teams, but we have seen few that were

as gluttonous for punishment as the present bunch. We will long cherish fond recollections of the way they went after Iowa in the second half, and gained new impetus with every down until they wound up in a finish that was a cross between an avalanche and a Chinese cyclone.

We have a hazy remembrance of a mythological gent, Anteus by name, who had the habit of coming up with redoubled vigor after every throw-down. About eleven-elevenths of the 1906 'varsity are in his class.

They have delivered the goods. They brought us the first big home victory of the present college generation. Therefore THE SPHINX would like to take the lead in presenting each player with a generous hand-out of laurel. But first we would pause to shy a few well-directed bouquets at Coach Hutchins.



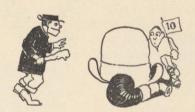
We have still one kick to register with the recording angel in reference to bleacher conduct. There is a perennial class of football patrons who cherish the pusillanimous notion that the game is nothing more than a spectacle for which they have duly paid. Their chief worry is that they may be defrauded of some fraction of their purchased view. They invariably have back seats, and they waste a lot of nervous energy in jealously watching the man in front of them. If, in the enthusiasm of the moment, he stands up, the sedentary bleacherites go into a condition of semi-hysterics. You can identify them, by the fact that they would rather shout "Sit down" than sing "Varsity."

We have noticed a number of these amoeba-souled persons who had the appearance of being University students. If so, they stand in the same relation to the genuine article that the plugged nickle bears to the gold piece.



Wisconsin spirit has more lives than a Kilkenny cat. Up to some two weeks ago there was justification for thinking it was down and From the skimpy bleacher crowds and the skeptical talk floating around the campus, Sherlock Holmes himself might have deduced that we had come to the lean years of Wisconsin athletics. Then, on the historic evening of November second, our old friend, the Student Body, spontaneously did himself proud in that rousing mass meeting, and followed it up next day with as loyal support as a team ever re-Since November ceived. second, the old-time spirit has been here with bells on.

Truth crushed to earth will rise again; but Truth isn't a circumstance alongside of Wisconsin spirit. The present recovery is the more remarkable when we consider the heavy hammering that Wisconsin athletics have come through during the past year; though every season we have seen the same revival. Sometimes the college has leaned back in seeming indifference for days and weeks, while the team struggled along in the mud, unkempt, unhonored, and uncheered, until of a sudden there has come the awakening and the traditional Wisconsin spirit has made good. So it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen and three rahs.



We have been inexpressibly pained to note that certain misrepresentative members of the class of 1910 are indulging in flagrant violations of Wisconsin traditions. They may have offended through impudence, or through ignorance, but considering that the interclass regulations have been

kept prominently before them since the opening of the college year, few freshmen can plead ignorance. In accordance with timehonored custom, THE SPHINX lists below the offenders who have been brought to her notice.

The freshman's own good sense should counsel him to respect the traditions of his University. They are not on the same basis as the police ordinances; they have become an essential part of college life, and their observance should be customarv. not compulsorv. To evade them with malice aforethought is not an exhibition of fine American independence; it is merely the quintessence of Smart-Aleckism.

The delinquency list is short, which leads us to believe that the class of 1910, as a whole, has caught the proper appreciation of Wisconsin traditions. The following exceptions stand accused:

VIOLATION OF THE SMOKE ORDINANCE.

Neil Allen Browne, Walter Jay Burch, David Leslie Dobie.

WEARING OF THE SACRED CADY.

Andrew Eggum, Karl Keyser, Frank E. Williams.



The Vision.

The night was cold and the hour was late When I wobbled home with a lovely skate, For I had been out for to celebrate The bump we'd given to Iowa State.

> I flopped me prone on my little bed, And slumber closed on my whirring head. Out of the jag my soul soared free, And a wonderful vision came to me.

It seemed that I sat in a splendid hall That spanned a mile to the further wall, And yet it was packed with a concourse

Wisconsin men, from the first to last.

Freshmen and grads of the days gone by, Jostled about a dias high, Whence in a voice like a thunder-stroke, The Spirit of Old Wisconsin spoke.

"Here's to Wisconsin's football team-Mighty fighters, our creme de creme. Here's to Hutchins, the squad, and Gel! Rise on your legs and give the yell! Rip off a cheer for your credit's sake!



"I heard you saying—this means you— 'Wisconsin football is up the flue.' They have copped a game in the old-time style; I reckon that ought to hold you awhile. Has anyone got a kick to make?

"Think where we stood when the year commenced. Think what the team was up against. We don't meet Chi or the U. of M.? We're getting in shape to settle them. We've been knocked down, but we're getting up-Are you such a pusillanimous pup As never to show us where you stand? Or will you help us with one more hand, Cheering the team as you did to-day, Standing behind them, come what may, What do the men of Wisconsin say?"



A silence fell while my watch ticked thrice, And then with a crash like rending ice The voice of the multitude sounded, "Yea We'll back the team till the Judgment Day!" I saw, o'er the tumult of cheers and din, The Spirit of Old Wisconsin grin. The sound wave swelled and the great dome broke, And still with the yell on my lips, I woke.

My beak was losing its pristine red. And sleep had shrunk my abnormal head. Where was the jag of yester-night? The sun came up and the world was bright.



My Bleacher Girl.

Why is Selina to me most dear?

She's a girl you can take to a football game,

Sun or snow, she is there the same.
Up on the bleachers she sits with me,
Where the rough fall winds whip her
dark hair free,

Her eyes on the Team as they fight ahead—

(I'm mostly looking at her, instead.)
I don't know which I admire the most,
The game or the girl. When she joins the Toast,

My heart does stunts in a way that's queer,

And she isn't afraid to sing "Cheer, cheer."

Therefore Selina to me is dear.

With her hands in the pockets of that tan coat,

And the cardinal sweater around her throat,

She gives the yell with a regal will; The chill of the wind, and the Football Thrill

Bring a ruddier flush to her perfect cheek,

(Other girls redden as to the beak). Incomparable, sweet, complete—
Angels and nymphs take a far back seat. Diana was nifty, so I hear,
But she'd look passe' with Selina near.

Selina, to me you are sure most dear.

Sherlock Julius Holmes.

Tormey (Agric. 4), awoke one morning to find himself famous. Reading the *Madison Autocrat*, he found himself elected a member of the "Athletic Board of Wisconsin." "Gadzooks!" quoth Tormey, "I must hie me forth and get posted."

So it came to pass that on the afternoon of that day another man joined the Even Dozen Party that occupies the north grand stand during football practice. The smooth-looking official in the cady, who carries the sacred sponge and tin water bucket on the side-lines, was wise. He was keen. He observed the new face among the spectators and drew nigh. Tormey was standing somewhat apart from the *crowd* when the smooth-looking individual approached.

"Are you a registered student of this University?" asked he of the cady, mysteriously.

Tormey swayed heavily, gasped, recovered his equilibrium, and stammered an affirmative.

"O, that's all right," said his interrogator, suavely, "we're practicing up some new plays for the game Saturday, and we thought you might be an Iowa spy."

Why Don't You Yell?

Did you ever see a fellow who would buck away his life?

Yes, we see, such as he.

See him grinding in the libe or lab remote from manly strife,

Though he be six feet three.

While another plucky fellow is out trying for the team;

He is game, that's the name.

But you'll see him bye and bye, when he'll win, or else he'll die,

On the football field of fame.

Chorus:

Do you think you'd pawn your Exes
If we needed you to play?
Do you think that there are quitters
In the 'Varsity to-day?
If you're light or small of stature,
And in football don't excel,
There is one thing that you can do—
Get out and yell, like Billy—— Hannan.



He: "Look at Joe! Wasn't that a peach of a tackle? Just around the waist!"

Fair Co-ed: "By the way, I'd like to meet your friend."

Revelation

"O, for a word to rhyme with Springer!"
I puzzled it o'er and o'er;
The only word I could find was ringer—
It's inference made me sore.

I was tearing my hair In a fit of despair

When a new inspiration was mine— "Why, Springer," I said,

"Should stand at the head, And not at the end of the line!"

How to Write a Quiz.

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DEDICATED TO THE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

Take one blue book. (If the man on your left hasn't any, take one from the man on your right.) In the large white label on the cover write the name of your instructor. Gauge your script so as to cover all the space possible. If your instructor is a professor, call him doctor; if he isn't anything, call him professor—(most instructors are human, despite current rumor). Unostentatiously scribble your name in what space there is left for it.

Open your blue book to the first page and write as follows: "From the abundant source of material furnished by reading notes and lectures, these main points are to be noted—" Then, turning to the last line of the last page, write the word "Time!" in bold script. (The exclamation point renders this somewhat emphatic and convincing.)

The filling in is the most arduous and trying task that remains, and is chiefly responsible for the popular disfavor of the quiz custom. Many different scripts are employed for this purpose. Student opinion is divided between the 4C. Sanskrit and the Rosetta Stone Hieroglyphic. Personally I prefer a cross between Spencerian and shorthand. Intersperse the unintelligible with a few sane phrases borrowed from the man on your left. (Leave the man on your right alone—you have his blue book.) Hand in your blue book with a clear conscience (which will require some mental discipline at first) and without mis-

Note. Our quiz method has found favor with several prominent members of the faculty, from whom we quote the following opinions:

givings—that first phrase and the well-filled interior will fetch even the most astute.

Victor Coffin: "Your method is a great time-saver. The overworked professor is taken into consideration, and in turn is duly appreciative."

F. J. Turner: "Your method looks like a reform. I always favor reforms."

C. R. Fish: "Delightful, superb! the next thing to the honor system."

Dean Richards: "Ay suppose so."

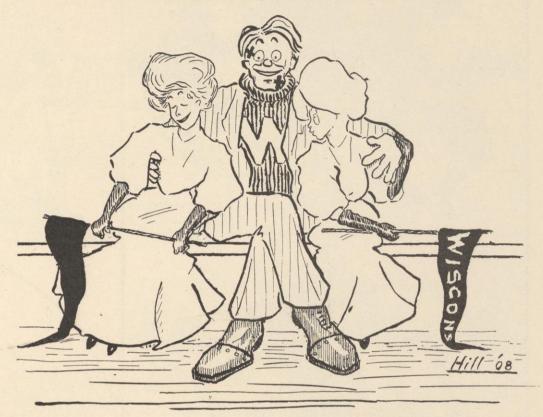


Poetic Justice.

There once was a geezer named Ricket, Too tightwad to purchase a ticket.

To save the expense
He was climbing the fence
When his trous' were impaled on a picket!

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The Grand Old Game.

We are playing the same old game
That we played in the days of King;
Though the style of our play is different,
We are out in the race to win.
We root with the old-time gusto,
Our faith in the team is the same,
For our fellows are "men of Wisconsin,"
They are playing the same old game.

We are proud of Hustler Hutchins,
We are proud of our men on the team,
Of the spirit of sportsmanlike cleanness
That has come with the Hutchins regime.
We are glad of the critics who knocked us,
Of the quitters who sullied our name,
For they gave us a chance to redeem it
By playing the same old game.



They play with the same old colors,
On the turf of the same old field,
With that steadfast, Wisconsin spirit,
Never to quit or to yield.
This fall they have battled with credit
For athletic honors and fame,
And made a strong bid for the championship
By playing the same old game.

Let us hope, for the sake of the future,
That the manliest sport of today
Will still be the game at Wisconsin
When our greenest young freshman is
gray.
We want to come back to Camp Randall
And find the old gridiron the same,
And root for a Badger eleven
As they play in the grand old game.
—Mu.





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The way the freshmen see our name

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The name as some ex=students recall it

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-R., 'og.

Ther Big Iowy Game.

Football is ther game fer me, by gum,
It puts crochet upon ther bum,
And has baseball a hustlin' some.
I sawed my fust game t'other day,
I sawed Wisconsin an' Iowy play,
An' Wisconsin baled Iowy inter hay.
Dad had jest brung me inter town,
An' I sure wanted ter do things brown,
So we mosied in an' we sot us down.
When ther band saw us come it played somethin' queer,

An' ther crowd all sung, "Ther gang's all

An' sumthin' else which struck my ear.
Ther crowd wuz big as a county fair,
An' everybody wuz on a tear,
An' they yelled as if they didn't care.
Ther field wuz covered with long white
streaks;

Dad sed it would kill ther grass fer weeks. He thought it wuz awful waste of ground, An' that they oughter pasture the cows around.

Then a lot of guys came in, 'thout sayin' much.

Padded up in form developers an' such,
An' lined around the field about,
While ther crowd let out an awful shout,
An' sung 'bout 'a hot time," an' the like,
Though I felt cold enough ter hike.
Then a little duffer with fuzzy hair
Kicked a round ball up into the air.
The feller that caught it wuz set on then
Till he promised he never'd do it again.
Pretty soon they piled up higher'n a kite,
And it looked like an Injun pow-wow

Ther crowd yelled about some state, I guess,

An' things got into a mixed-up mess.

They wuz goin' fine, when ther hull blame bunch

Left when a whistle blowed fer lunch. I'm takin' the short course now in seedin', Hogs an' hoggin', feeds an' feedin', An' if things turn out as the way they seem Dad'll get me a place on ther football team.

-A. H. C.

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Yet some people think of the Y. M. C. A. as a branch office of All Saint's.

-Birchard, 'og.

Ye Dyreful Dayes.

And in ye monthe of November the lande was troubled, and there was muche roughe-house.

-Bede's Ecclesiastical History.

Canto I.

It felle upon Election Daye
Ye college closed its lidde,
But in ye school of Lawyerie
To cutte was sore forbidde.

Thus from ye offyce of ye Deane
Ye edickt had gone out
Ye students of ye Lawe were soure
As is ye pickled kraute.

Ye students counselled each with each And straightaway didde hyke Notte uppe unto Reale Propertie But out upon ye stryke.

Lang, lang upon ye Law School steps Ye goode Deane sate and waited; When nary students came, ye profs Sayde thyngs we've expurgated.

Thus did ye puissant barristers
Evade ye Deane so regal—
For being lawyers, they opined
Ye holydaye was legal.

Canto II.

'Tis blithesome in ye lecture roome Where protophytes holde revel Alle in ye course Biologie (Invented by ye Devill).

Ye super worked ye lantern-slydes.
Ye students gave ye cheere.
Butte when they sis-boom-ahed ye Doc
He gat him uppe on ear.

"Behold! ye raising of ye yelle Shall be considered sasse," He sayde, "and alle who keep notte still Been here excused from classe!"

Ye students rose and gat them gone Amid ye female titters, Save six stiffe Normalytes in fronte— I wot that they been quitters.

And when ye classe had reached ye halle They sang Doxologie, For that it gave them joye to cutte Ye Dern Biologie.

Biff!

A long, loose, fallow-faced dairy student blew into Madison with a carpet-bag and a thirst for education. After tortuous wanderings he reached the Square, and gazed with awe upon the dishevelled Capitol of our commonwealth.

"Say," he inquired of a stray street cleaner, "is that 'air the dairy building?"

To the best of our knowledge this is the hardest slam the dairy building ever suffered.

-F. N. '07.



"Hm! Flies are bothersome!"
"Hm! Not if they're cooked well!"

The Three Dollar Demon.

Among my old college mem'ries,
Which will last for many a day,
Are my roommate's three dollar fiddle
And the music he tried to play.
Nothing on earth or elsewhere,
No racket, rough house or din,
Can equal the scratching and scraping
And screeching of that violin.

'Tis true that he used lots of rosin,
Which might have affected the tone.
'Tis true that it never was tuned up
To anyone's ear but his own.
However, that mattered but little,
And he never considered it sin
To scrape off "Cheyenne" by the hour there
On the E-string of that violin.

So here's to my roommate's fiddle!

And here's to music and art!

But I hope when I die that his fiddle and I

May be several planets apart!

No fate is too dire for the man who sits in the bleachers and never lets a holler out of him. Root, hog, or die!

Curt.

When our plucky backs are pounded Till they're almost down and out, And the team is playing hard to hold the ball.

Then it is relief is sounded, And the bleachers raise a shout,

As Hutchins gives the scrubs a Curtin call.

The Lyric Poet had just been thrown from the second story window of the editorial sanctum.

"Is it not somewhat discouraging?" we

asked, sympathetically.

"No," answered the Poet cheerfully, as he picked himself up piece by piece. "Though I admit that a moment ago I felt quite cast down."



The Depths of Woe.

The sad winds blow around the Hill-The lake is drab, and cold, and still-The clouds hang low and gray and chill-I have to go, and pay a Bill.



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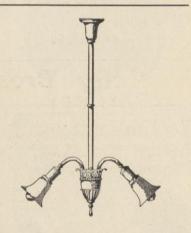
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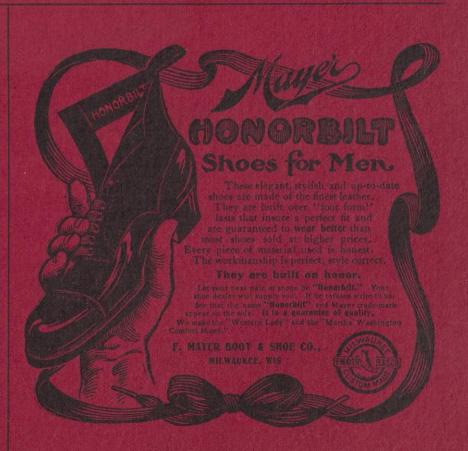
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