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TO THE QUEEN.

IDEAL.

Spring, with the bright sky above us,
Spring, with her dull dreamful days,
Lulled by the breezes that love us;
This is the season to laze,
Loaf in the sun, at the window.
What if the air has a sting?
Throw all your books in the secretest nooks,
Here 's to her majesty, Spring!

Spring, what though winter still lingers, Feeble and shaking and old, Earth's breaking loose from chill fingers, Ever relaxing their hold.

Books and their fancies—what are they?

Birds are again on the wing.

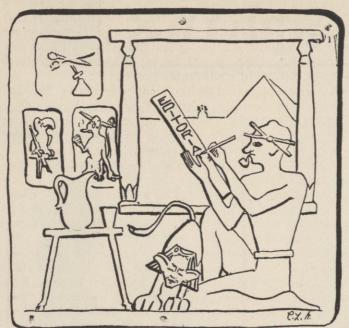
Throw by your care and get out in the air, Here 's to her majesty, Spring!

Life, and the gift is to live it,
Spring—and there 's room for it all;
Think, did the powers that give it,
Mean you should shun Nature's call?
Out in the sun and the breezes,
Out where the glad soul can sing.
That is the place to meet life face to face,
Hail to her majesty, Spring!



REAL.

I toast the sprig, the jolly sprig,
Whed soft widds blow like adythig,
Whed in the trees the robids sig,
Ah jolly tibe;
The sud is glowig id the sky,
I'd like to sig for joy but I
Hab such a cold I caddot try
Id such a clibe.



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The College bred is usually a four year's loaf. Smart set.

THE SPHINX paid her fees the other day. This may not seem a startling statement for no doubt the SPHINX would not be here if she didn't pay her fees. But it is not the fact of having paid that is the remarkable part of it; it is the the manner of performing this educational franchise.

The SPHINX once heard a freshman say that a fool and his money are soon parted. If this gem from the kindergarten is true then verily, all students are exceeding wise while in the secretary's office. If you want your money to last for a long time just go up

to the coin crib and line up.

It is a good thing to have a rule and never to change it. It would be unreasonable to ask any officer of the University to labor more than fours hours a day. The most radical disciple of the strenuous life could not expect anyone to open an office for a longer time than from 9:00 to 11:00 and from 2:00 to 4:00, not even four or five days during the year. Of course as for the student, no one minds him. Why should anyone change the ordinary routine of a wonderful and sorrowful system for his benefit? If he should happen to be in a hurry let him bring a cot and a full dinner pail, or better still let him see to it that he has a good friend way up at the head of the line who is kind enough to take up his card. This is by far the best method to pursue. It works so successfully that the obliging fellow in the front rank cashes in about forty of his friends while the unfortunates at the other end patiently wait for another hour or two. Of course it cannot be denied that this is for the best. Here is the only place that the students really all get together.

Any seeming annoyance might easily be avoided by paying fees during examination week. A glance at the schedule will show that it is purposely arranged to allow everyone plenty of time for these trifling details. It could hardly be expected that the secretary would open his office a little earlier two days in the week when the students have been actually frittering away several days that they should have employed in having their fee cards ornamented with that soul satisfying little red stamp.

No man has a right to be conceited. This is not original but it is true just the same.

THE UNIVERSITY has been getting a great deal of notoriety during the past few months. Judging from what has appeared in the papers one would imagine that the University were the devil's own contrivance. Not to mention certain recent incidents that have, after having been duly exaggerated and given publicity by the yellow press, been the misfortune of the University, there is one almost constant source from

which the University derives more than its share of undesirable notoriety.

During the Christmas holidays an article appeared on the front page of the Milwaukee Sentinel that contained an interview with a certain gentleman by the name of Quin. It was an attack upon the University, the University's Acting-President, and upon those students in particular who, during the past semester, have been so unfortunate as to have been reported in the yellow newspapers, as having tried to commit assault, mayhem or manslaughter against their fellow-students. We have heard from Mr. Quin before. Each time we have heard from him he has been singing the same song: "Down with the University." Like the Philistine, Mr. Quin appears in print "Every Little While." Football is the one thing in particular which our friend Mr. Quin especially detests; to him it is an eye-sore, and if he could wipe out the University for the sole purpose of stamping out football he would have attained his greatest happiness.

Mr. Quin is, in some way, connected with the public school system in the city of Milwaukee. He is, besides a member of that class, somewhat rare, let us congratulate ourselves, that hears something to the discredit of the University, adds to it from its own exhaustive imagination, then produces a condemnation. He is one of those who puts two and two together and has eight. Mr. Quin heard that some of the students had hung a man in one of the back rooms of a down-town saloon. He heard that the Acting-President of the University, to a certain extent took the part of the students. These things he heard; then he denounced the Acting-President of the University as a saloon

politician.

Our friend Quin belongs to the class of pessimists that beleives that the student body of the University is composed of a varied assortment of muckers, hoodlums and professional "ruff-housers" and the faculty of the University is a select body picked and organized for the sole purpose of directing their movements. As a matter of fact one will find that the law-abiding instinct is stronger among the students than one could ever hope to find in any other body of men so variously selected and conglomerately composed. students come from every walk in life. Many of them are wholly dependent on their own resources. They do not pretend to wear halos. Take any young man in the full possession of his faculties and he is apt to find burning the mid-night oil, at times, just the least bit monotonous. He becomes restless. Once in a while he finds an outlet for his surplus enthusiasm; it may be by giving some freshman a much needed ducking in the lake, or it may be by building a bonfire on the campus and shouting himself hoarse in celebration of some football victory, doing harm to no one and doing himself a great deal of good. Then he goes back to work and things go on as before And all this while Mr. Quin is ranting, ranting, ranting in words set to that never ending song of his: "Down with the University."

If one or two, or one or two dozen, students get out and kick up their heels once in a while it does not mean those particular students are a disgrace to the state; and even if the worst that could be said of these few, were true it does not apply that the other twenty-eight hundred students are worthy of the condemnations so carefully prepared for them by Mr. Quin. But the worst part of all this is that there are many people who believe Mr. Quin knows what he is talking about. It is time he were told where to head in. He has proved himself utterly incapable of separating fact from fancy. If the University is an annoyance to Mr. Quin, Mr. Quin is certainly an annoyance to the University—much in the same manner as a flea is an annoyance to the ear of a camel.

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"I hear Jimson was fired."

"Oh, no! Merely relieved from further policeman's cranium?"

attendance at classes."

"No, sir! I said I'd

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"Pat, did you threaten to fracture the oliceman's cranium?"
"No, sir! I said I'd break his head."



ANIMAL JOKELETS.

"Now this," said the lamb as it slid down the lion's throat, "is what I call being let in on the inside."

The humpbacked cow surveyed her offspring proudly. "At last there is something Gnu under the sun," she said with a glad smile.

"I have found a way," began the joking Jaguar.

"Where?" put in the meek Mammoth.

"On the alligator's scales, of course," answered the yellow Wolf, who had hitherto remained silent from sheer ennui.

The Leopard yawned wearily. "They may do their best," he said with a tired grin, "but no one can knock the spots off from me." To be perfectly frank—but let us speak of other things.

"I wish they'd change my name," said the dignified scavenger. "I'm sick of being called Jackal the time."

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"What makes Hackins so round-shouldered?"

"On a bend so much, I guess."

THE PHARMIC'S LOVE TILT.

TO CHLORIS.

Oh, gentle compound that thou art, I would thy love I might but claim; Like molten sulphur boils my heart, But steady as a Bunsen flame.

I love thee, for thy brow is white
As ZnS or CaO,
And through the skip in tracery li

And through the skin, in tracery light, Thy veins like copper sulphate flow.

I love thy raven locks, each tress
As black as Bi₂ S₃,

Thy ears, which pink as MnS,
Peep through thy hair's deep witchery.

Thy soft eyes, brown as NO₂,
Thy cheeks and lips, whose livid red
Outshines e'en phenol phalin's hue,
And puts to shame oxide of lead.

Thy teeth, like NH₄ Cl,
In whiteness whiter than the snow,
Thy dainty finger nails, as well,
Transparent as pure H₂ O,

Deep smitten with these charms of thine, I hate all men who hover nigh; The jealous monster makes me pine With envy green as Hg I.

I have not riches, no nor gold

New minted, bright as Sn S,

But I can offer love untold,

Oh, Chloris, darling, please say "Yes."

A. B. B.

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May—George kissed me before every-body last night.

Chloe—Well, you didn't expect he'd let everybody kiss you before he did, did you?

"This is certainly a tough joint," remarked the mollusk as it shut its shell on the prize-fighter's finger.

"Well, it's where I get pinched, sure," said the burly brute. And after all—but we will let this pass.

"Did ye git anything out of McGargle whin ye ask him that question?"

"Divil a bit; but, be gob, next toime I see him I'll lick him till he can't spake and thin Oi'll make him answer."

"Must take a brave dentist to look after $\Phi B K's$."

"How so?"

"It's dangerous handling live shark's teeth."

"What's the trouble with Ellis, he looks bored?"

"He is, Badger bored."



Passer—(to small boy) "Who is the fat woman?"
Boy—"That's my little sister."

Passer—"Little, Good Lord, she's six feet around."
Boy—"Yes, but you don't know my other sisters."

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"Say, you know Highflyer?"

"Yep."

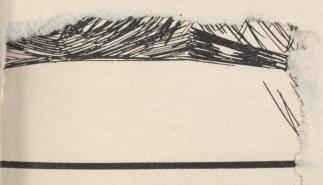
"They say his baby has one blue eye."

"The deuce—what color is the other one"?

"Blue, I suppose."

Jane—"Prof. Flunker says I can't fool him; he knows my curves."

Susan—"Naturally, he's a cotton expert."



CERTAIN MAXIMS OF HAMISH.

With due apologies to Kipling.

If he bite, being young and a freshman, On tricks that are hackneyed and old, Take his money my son, praising Allah, For freshmen were made to be sold.

Who are the rulers of rulers, to whom shall we bow the knee.

Make your peace with John Hickey and Elsom will give you a G.

If there be trouble at Johnny's and a squeal of the grossest can clear,

Squeal and your fellow shall suffer, But how good the faculty'll feel!

My son, if I, Hamish thy father, Come whimpering to thee in my pain, Asking thou hold down my Gym spot, One day or one hour, refrain.

Is the list of thy cuttings so short that thou work'st for another man's gain?

If ponies be pleasant to look on, Packed in the booksellers' shelves. How much more fair shall they be When we take them at last to ourselves.

If *she* be pleasant to look on, rush her my son, like mad.

And if her wisdom is little, look in her face and be glad,

Better a figure like Juno than all of the lore to be had.

KIM.

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"Johnson," said the southern judge, "do you realize the harm you have done this celery farmer by stealing his crops, on which he must support his family?"

"Just done it to raise his wages, sah."

"Raised his wages?"

"Yes, sah, lifted his celery."

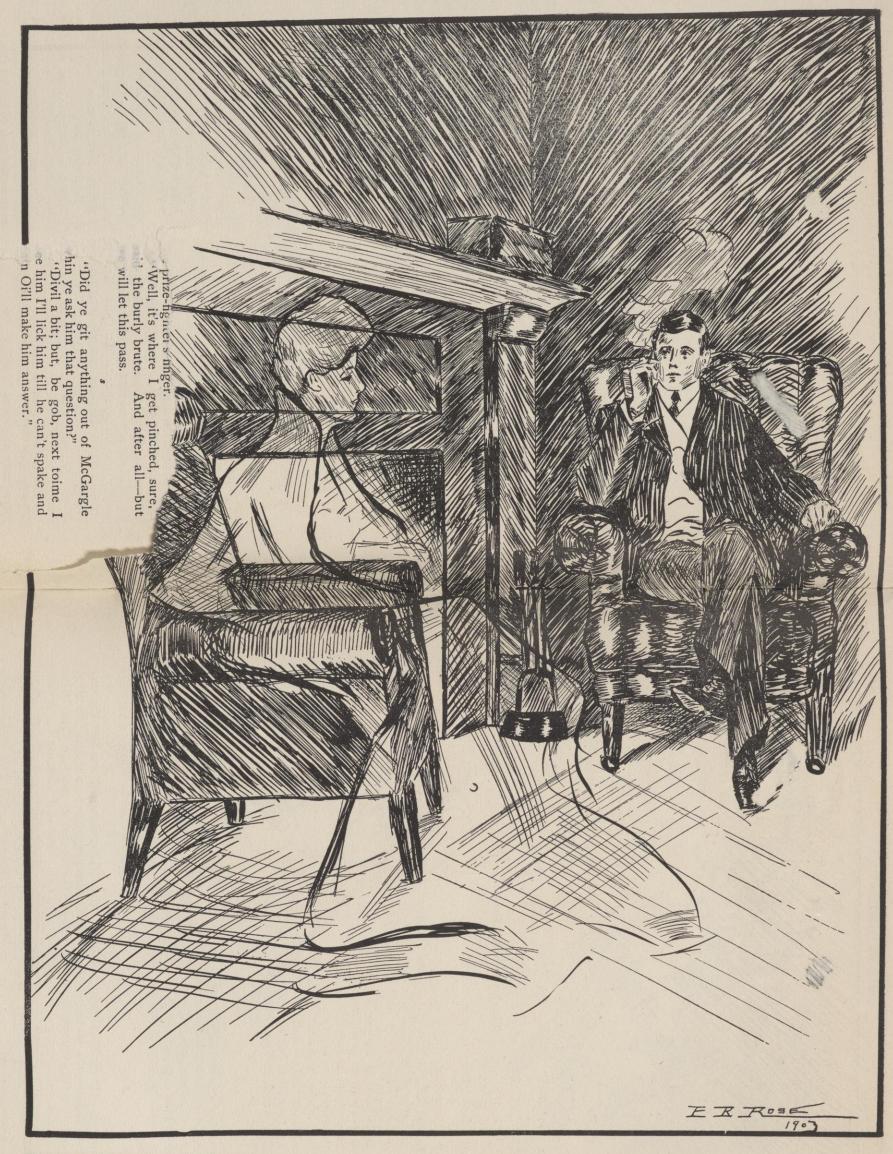
"Say," said the witty cuss suddenly, "do you call a William Goat a butter?"

"Why, I suppose so," said Morose Morris, humoring him.

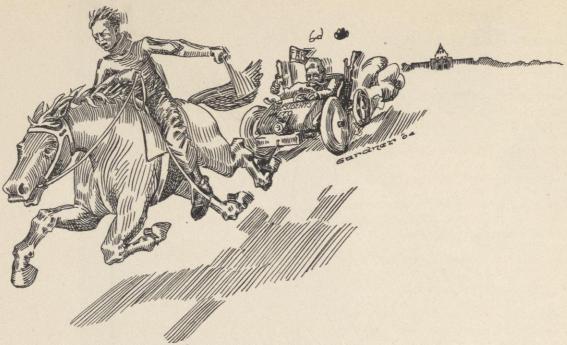
"Then a Nanny Goat would be a buttress, wouldn't she?"

"Perhaps," answered Morose Morris as he picked up the Indian clubs, "buttressed assured that you suffer for this."

And there was much slaughter in Israel.



Through Wreaths of Smoke.



The Sophomore's Dream.

"Miller says he's going to give a stiff course."

"What in?"

"Human anatomy."

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He loved the twinkle in her eye,
He loved to watch its liquid flow;
She was the barmaid, he was dry,
He loved the twinkle in her rye.
He drank and heaved a grateful sigh,
And handed out his hard earned dough.
He loved the twinkle in her rye,
He loved to watch its liquid flow.
C. S. G.

There was once a boy named Althusus,
Whose cute little ways would amuse us,
When out on the street,
His duds were complete,
But up in his room, oh, excuse us! X. M.



Pinched for the Wind.

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He sat silent. He could think of nothing to say. Good heavens! was this the way he was to speak those words he knew she expected, even longed for! She was listening, waiting, eagerly, almost passionately for those words that meant so much to them both. She encourged him with gentle sighs and half open lips. Yet still he could not speak. His tongue seemed frozen to the roof of his mouth. His heart beat loudly, he gathered up his courage, trembling he rose and stepped toward her. At last he would speak, he could wait no longer. With a mighty effort he spoke, stabbed wildly, and sat down, flunked.

T. S. R.

VILLANELLE.

For thee I write a Villanelle, For thee, alone, oh, lady mine, An old but tender tale to tell.

Some love the dainty, deft Rondel, Some for a grand Chant Royal pine, For *thee* I write a Villanelle.

The laughing Triolet has a spell,
Ballades and Rondeaux some design
An old but tender tale to tell.

But this frail measure suits thee well, Oh, love, as light as Dresden fine, For thee I write a Villanelle.

Like music from a cowslip's bell, That tinkles but to ears divine, An old but tender tale to tell.

Midst all the mad world's loud pell mell, Perchance it may reach ear of thine; For thee I write a Villanelle, An old but tender tale to tell.

J. H. H.

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NOTICE.—All regular SPHINX subscribers who failed to receive the SPHINX-CARDINAL, published January 31st, may get a copy by calling or sending to 421 Murray street, Thursday, March 5th, from 4 to 6. Owing to haste of the issue some subscribers did not get their copies. Please be square about this. We are glad to give copies to those who actually did not get them, but we object to duplication.

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Prof. (who has been discussing personal courage)—"Now, Mr. Jameson, if you were placed with a rough class of men and were unprepared, what would you do?"

Jameson, promptly-"Cut."

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Prue (noticing broad-shouldered freshman in front of her)—"What broad shoulders that fellow has."

Anne—"Well, they ought to be, his suit is broad cloth."

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An Amazon lady who fought

Spent less on her clothes than she ought,

From descriptions it seems

That her dresses were dreams,

And dreams (says the poet) are naught.

R. H. K.

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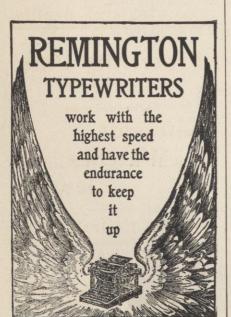
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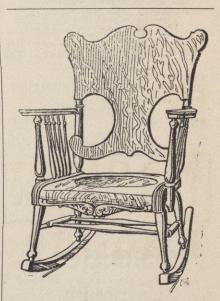
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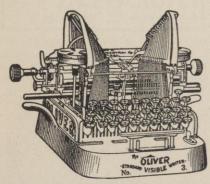
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