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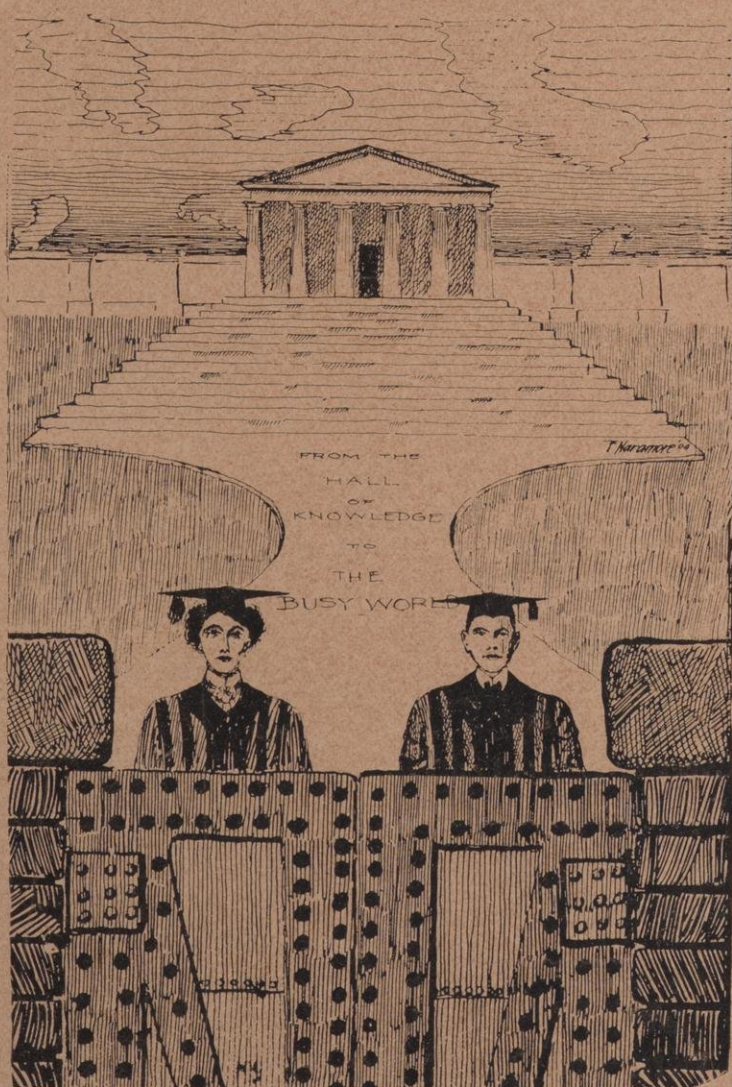
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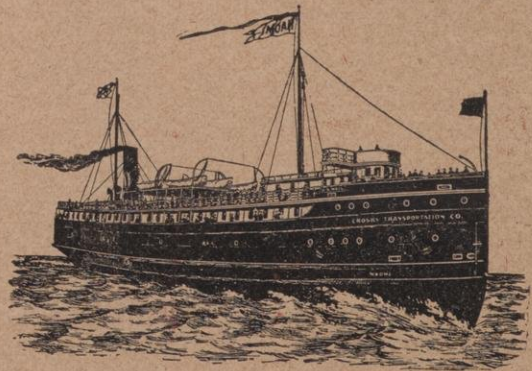
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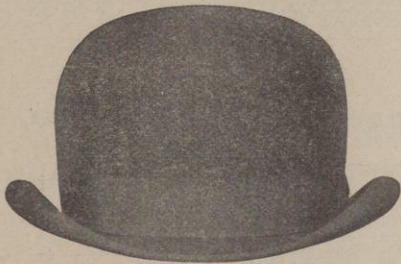
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The Same Old Story.

There was once a maiden named Carrie,
Who never expected to marry.
She'd toss back her curls
And tell all the girls,
"Of the men I'm exceedingly wary."

There was a young man named Harry,
Who heard of this maid named Carrie,
He sent her a note
And in it he wrote
"Would Carrie please marry dear Harry?"

Now this sweet little maid named Carrie
When she opened this note from Harry
Blushed a sweet, rosy red
And hung down her head,
But Carrie decided to marry.

This is Certainly True.

Too many two-semestered Germans will find, after their summer vacation, to their surprise, that their knowledge of "Dutch" will not extend beyond a faint recollection of an elementary, "Das ist Fräulein Bertha in Garten dort."

Our English Instructor.

I'm only a birdie of passage;
I come but to see the "big show;"
To learn of the little I do not,—
And to chant off the little I know.

When I have exhausted this knowledge
I pack up and hence wend my way:
I'm filled with material and color
For a novel I'll write off some day.



"Those naughty boys." With apologies to the Badger.

At a Sorority Party.

He—May I have the dance after this one?

She—Oh, but we are not promising ahead.

He—Just this one?

She—I don't see how I can.

He—But Miss Smith over there is making a program and Miss Jones gave me one.

She—Well, if the others—

He—May I have the next one then?

She—I'm sorry. It's taken.

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THE SPHINX has been sort of reviewing the past year, and if she were the sort that ever used slang she would say that it has been a corker. Since she is not that sort, she must content herself with observing that, so far as the University is concerned, the past nine months have been unusually luxurious and prosperous. The attendance has increased, the largest class in the institution's history, is about to be graduated, there have been no scandals nor scrapes big enough to call forth state editorials on "why, when, and how to abolish the University," the Sphinx-American came out, and intercollegiate debating, poor side-walks, lack of interest in semi-publics and of light at the library steps, carelessness in taking care of the new library, and the moving of the statues have furnished ample material for the year's ragtime editorials. This spring we have a base ball team that can win games, and a track team that makes the proverbial band feel like a Freshman who has stumbled into a photograph gallery full of a sorority getting ready to have its picture taken. Besides, we have a bulletin board in front of library hall and the girls have quit walking seven abreast on the sidewalk. The street-cars are running on good fast schedule time and the S. G. A. has tabooed boycotts. Is there anything then that man could wish for, or the heart of man could desire? Lets' think it over.

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Back in the time of the World's Fair it was commonly said that of all the State Buildings down there, that of Wisconsin, while not by any means the

most handsome nor costly, was nevertheless the most comfortable and homelike. A spirit of "sit down and make yourself at home" seemed to pervade the atmosphere of the Wisconsin Lodge. Traveling men too, like Wisconsin. They say that they find a sentiment of hospitality, and true intrest and care for the stranger in the Badger State, that makes them feel as though they were getting home when they cross the line and come within her border. THE SPHINX would like to ask, does this feeling prevail at Wisconsin University? If it doesn't (and she thinks you will agree with her that it doesn't) whose fault is it?

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The truest answer to that question is, perhaps, everybody's fault, and nobody's fault. She would like, however, to speak a few plain words as to who she thinks this "everybody" and "nobody" are. And she believes she has located them. And this is the whicness of the thusness of her findings: The University of Wisconsin unconsciously has allowed to come into it a spirit of coolness, forgetfulness, and wait-until-I-know-you distrust toward the stranger. Instead of taking a man in and believing he's all right until he has proved himself untrustworthy, she lets him come in, but she says to him: "I think you're an Indian. However, you may stay awhile and maybe in three or four years you'll prove you're not an Indian after all; but I think not."

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Of course there is one Freshman of which this is hardly true. He is the one who comes with the

proverbial crease down his trousers, and whose sister or uncle or something has put a flea in the ear of some bunch. He is taken in (that is, either he or the bunch) and housed, fed, and comforted, gets to know some people right away, and is comfortable generally, and the SPHINX has not one word, not one, to say against that sort of thing. But where there is one of him, there are four or five who come without the crease or the flea to back them up. Are they taken care of as they might be? It is true one or two associations make it a point to look after them, and nothing else they do throughout the year is more acceptable. But for the most part, we pass these four or five new men by, looking at them askance, ignoring them if need be, and wondering in just what way their meanness will break out.

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The SPHINX doesn't believe Wisconsin students mean to do this sort of thing. It is neither Wisconsin spirit nor belief, and if she could make but one suggestion for Wisconsin students, it would be this: Warm up. Wrap up in a good red flannel blanket and get your circulation up so that your blood gets out to your finger tips. Put your arm about your fellow student and believe in him. Don't be afraid to say hello to him on the street even if you don't know him. He may faint and fall off the sidewalk in surprise the first two or three times but he'll get so he'll like it after a while. Try it, and if it doesn't work, bring it back, as the sarsaparilla folks say.



Inevitable.

Silly Willie sat
On the top of his derby hat;
And his face wore a sickly grin
As he said, "It'll be smashed in!
It will soon be perfectly flat!"



It Stuck.

Prof.—"Miss, What was this most renowned river of Hades?"

Student.—"Wasn't it the,—the,—why, I haven't it in mind this moment."

Prof.—"I think you have it in mind, but it stux there."

Wisconsin students are like camera fiends, they are known by the snaps they take.



First Freshman—We ought to get that sign, Tommy?

Second Freshman—Sure, but how can you do it without getting on the grass?



AT THE BAR.

"Two months from now I'll be practicing—

economy."

On Monday Morning.

Too dead tired to read another line! It don't do any good to peg away at it when you have to read over the first page five times before you can turn over and connect it with the first line of the next. Might just as well turn in and get up at six. You can do two hours work in one anyway when you feel fresh and your head is clear.

You go to sleep saying over and over to yourself "wake up at six—wake up at six—wake—." Next thing you know the light is pouring in and vaguely suspecting that you've overslept, you blink with great perseverance for a minute or two, you finally succeed in propping yours eyes open enough to find that its only half past five!

Ah, the relief of it! But you must be on your guard or you'll go off again—sounder than ever, you turn over on the side you don't sleep on well, and visions of that last dance float over you. You say what you wish you had said and it is all coming out right—gee whiz! you must have slept an hour. You start up with eyes open wide this time. Twenty-five minutes to six. Careful, now, careful! you take up the dream where you left off. Guess you

can finish it this time, a charming dream, but your mind more awake now persists in calculating the amount to be accomplished between six and eight, and you work it all out. Quarter to six! You are pretty much awake now. Better get up. Yes, you guess you will. Already now! One,—two—three, spring! and you lie there as passively as Mendota on that other night when—. It seems as though the best times had been the rowing,—no there was that drive. Five minutes to six! You really dozed that time. You lie gazing at the ceiling and wait. It is such a relief to have learned in psychology that you don't act until one of the alternatives of getting up or staying in bed suddenly drops out of your mind and then you do the other mechanically. So you know you can't do anything about it and you lie there peacefully wanting to find yourself sitting on the edge of the bed. What! You must be crazy! What's the matter with the darn clock? Quarter of eight? Rats! Look again! Where had the small hand ought to be,—before or after seven to be six? You are out of bed now and studying that clock solemnly, no use. It is too true.

Oh well, its a four-fifths and you've only had eight cuts so far.



A Silly Maid.

There was once a maiden named Ann,
Who was dreadfully fraid she'd tan.
She'd sit in the shade
And drink lemonade
And keep off the sun with a fan.

Inconsistency

There are a lot of inconsistent people in the world. Our parents and alumni tell us that "this is a cold, hard world; enjoy yourselves while you are in college, for the time spent there is the happiest of your life." And yet there is not a one of them but would raise up and howl if we were to spend our time fully enjoying our U. W. life. Yet perhaps they are right for a former graduate said the other day that there was something wonderfully pleasant about the little *tete-a-tetes* between classes, as we hung over the stair rails and talked about the weather, crops, Anglo-Saxon, and other interesting things. Byron puts this thought in poetry when he says:

"Of these our jollyings, in which I steal
From all I may flunk, or have flunked before,
To visit with a Chadbourne girl, and feel
What I can ne'er express, yet cannot all conceal."

Evidently Byron had been in college.

Query:—Should we Cross the Pond?

A storm at sea,
We all agree,
Is terrible commotion.

How would it be
Could we forsee
Calm ocean in commotion?



Living.

Oh, it's not so bad, this living,—
There's the sunshine 'round the place
And the feel of your moving muscles,
And the cool wind on your face;

There's a new idea to ponder,
And friends,—just one or two,
And books and songs and letters—
And a bit of work to do.

Of course, black days come sometimes,
Your head has got to ache;
And you hate yourself so madly,
And perhaps your heart will break.

But then, there is always dreaming
Of the good old times you've had,
And more of the living coming,
Oh, really,—its not half bad.



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There was once a man named Binks
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The Dance.

O' the winds that kiss the roses
Are kissing you and me,
Sitting dreaming in the arbor
Beneath the cedar tree.

O' the tender wavy music,
Of waltzes fast and slow,
Com-s a stealing through the ivy
Clear subdued and low.

O' the moonbeams soft and silver
Are dancing o'er your face.
To the tender soulful music
That fills this dreamy place.

Ever onward life is whirling
The music never through.
One long dance and I'm contented
I'll sit it out with you.

A Walk.

THEY walked up and down in front of the house twelve times. I know, for I sat back in the porch where the moonlight could not show me to them, and I watched the progress of events. About nine I judged that he was telling her of his past, for I could hear. "But I got over caring for her. Then, she was a year older than I." And they walked very far apart. About half after nine, I judged he was discoursing on the present state of his heart, for she was walking close beside him and I caught "I met you there, you know." At ten, I knew the worst had come. They walked in absolute silence; they were close, very, very close together and he was holding her hand. So I sighed and went to bed.

Answers to Freshmen Queries Concerning the Exams.

1. Yes; the exam. in geology will be hard, geology is a hard subject.
2. No, don't worry; don't make any bones over the exam. in physiology.
3. Yes, 40 hours review in elocution will be sufficient.
4. No, do not try to copy all of Roman history on your cuffs; wear two pair.
5. Yes, be sure and carry a rabbit's foot; yes, leave your opal ring at home.
6. No, do not ask your class officer about your marks until the exams. are over; yes, leave your card if he is not at home.
7. No, three "cons" and a failure will not increase your chances to make Phi Beta Kappa.
8. No, it is not good form to write your answers in poetry.
9. Yes, your name and your fraternity should be written on the cover of your book; no it is not necessary to give your father's name.
10. No, it is not necessary to punctuate your sentences or spell correctly; but in your English exam. it might be better to do so.
11. Yes, 98 is a good mark in Economic History.

Too Bad.

He bucked his lesson hard and long,
And seemed to know it well,
But when the Prof. asked for the date,
Alas, he could not tell.

Time.

Razzle—What time is it?
Dazzle—After eleven.
Razzle—Oh, gosh! it must be later than that.

This Happened Last Winter.

"It is mine! It is mine!!!" tragically blustered the double-tongued Iceman, with the cold shoulder and the frigid mien, as he frantically glared over the icy surface of Mendota.

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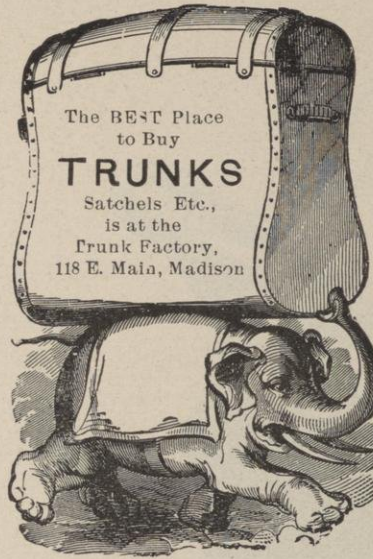
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Sunday A. M. My, but I feel of the earth, earthy today.

On the Sabbath day. How's that?

O, I Suppose because I swallowed so much dust last night at the Naval Ball.

Owen.

There is a tall man they call Owen
Whose hat had an awful big bow on
His vest it was ruffled, his collar be-
truffled
"O my" said the Hill what a Blow-on.

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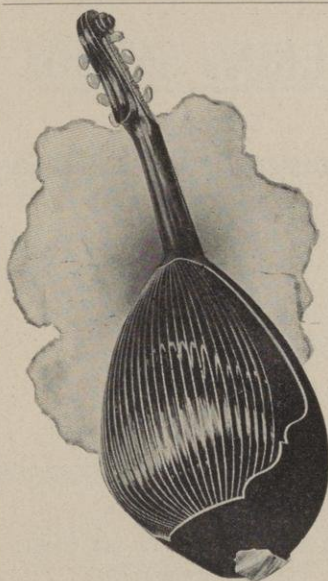
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## DAILY CARDINAL TRAILED IN THE MUD!

The Sphinx Bats Out a Victory and Wins by a Score of 8 to 7.

“Rags” Dirty Deal Frustrated—Imported Catcher Avails Not.

At Camp Randall on Thursday morning last, nine stalwart sons of Egypt, before a large and enthusiastic audience, defeated the picked nine of the self-dubbed “moulders of public opinion” by the close score of 8 to 7. The supporters of the “Rag” were entirely unable to master the mysteries of Rameses Kraus’s delivery. “Conkey” Pierce and “Artie” Beule refuse to play the game longer unless baloons are used. They were up in the air from start to finish. To-be-appointed-Colonel Kemp was very much put out at second base and threatened to leave the University; but on Captain Curtis’ calling a meeting of the regiment at once, he was persuaded to remain. With Slichter’s collusion Armstrong was placed on the “Rag” staff Wednesday afternoon ostensibly to obtain four syllabled synonym’s for Bobby Knoff’s write-ups; but in reality to officiate as catcher. This measure was adopted as a last resort when Sammy Kies, who was at first slated for the job, made such a dismal failure in the Kappa Sig game. Notwithstanding this nefarious and Machiavelian attempt the SPHINX, though early informed of the dirty deal gracefully permitted the Man-with-the-record-behind-the-bat to participate in the Daily’s funeral march. And all this honorable work from artful Artie’s ardent artists in molding public opinion. Billy Kies, as usual, was silent on the side-lines—only an occasional Chimera-like groan of “Umpire, pay your subscription to the Cardinal,” escaped him. He is still in agony.

As a last resort J. Bartrow Patrick, Bill Moffat, and Bobby Knoff made a vain attempt to intimidate the umpire by the heartless threat of refusing to deliver him a Cardinal for the rest of the year. For the welfare of the umpire we sincerely hope the threat will be executed.

It is rumored that the second team of the fourth grade of one of the ward schools has issued a challenge to the “Rag” for a game which Prof. Slichter has taken under consideration. The SPHINX is certain a close and exciting game will result. To prove we bear our defeated contemporary no ill will because of the Armstrong affair we sincerely wish them success.

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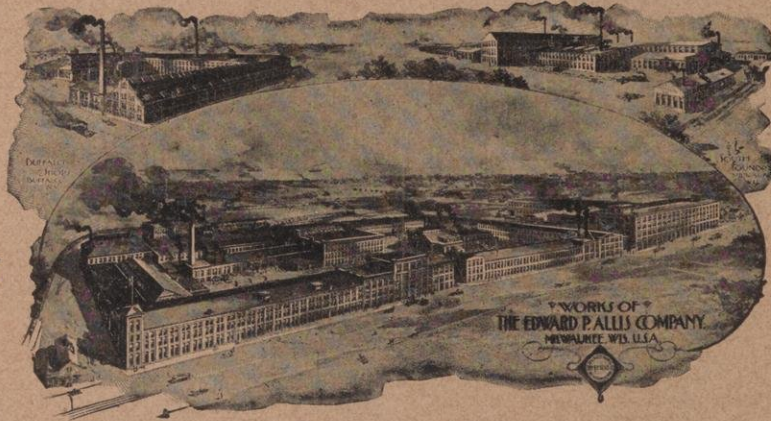
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