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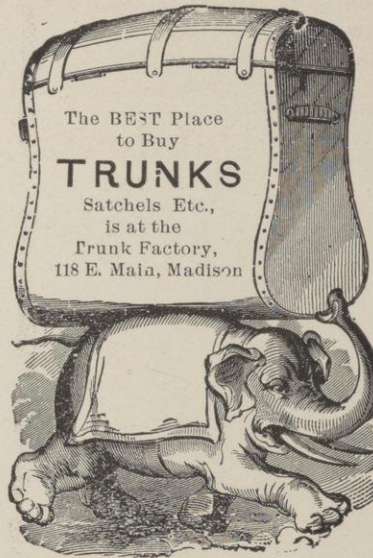
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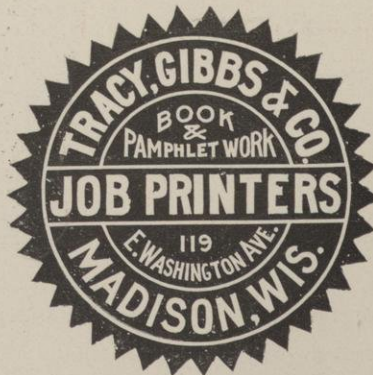
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Broke, Broke, Broke.

Broke! broke! broke!

I backed the wrong team, you see;
And 'tis well that my tongue can't utter
The thoughts that arise in me.

Compensation.

MISS BARNER — I hear Jack Spencer had a lot of money up on the Michigan game. I am so sorry, for that makes him a gambler, doesn't it?

MISS HANLEY — Yes, but then you know Jack has such winning ways."

THE clothes line is the dividing line between the sexes, but it is fast disappearing.

SOPH — You are a Freshman aren't you? You don't know much.

FRESH. — Yes I do, Mutch is in my German class.

"HER face is her fortune." "Yes, I heard a man say it looked like 30 cents."

KISS me! I don't see how he could. I always thought him so good, And he always had done what I bid; Said, "he couldn't help himself," yet it seems that's just what he did.

Oh, well for our college lad
Had he not backed up the fray!
Oh, well for Jerry, too,
Had he been teaching school that day!

And the champion team goes home,
The dark night with their triumph
thrills.

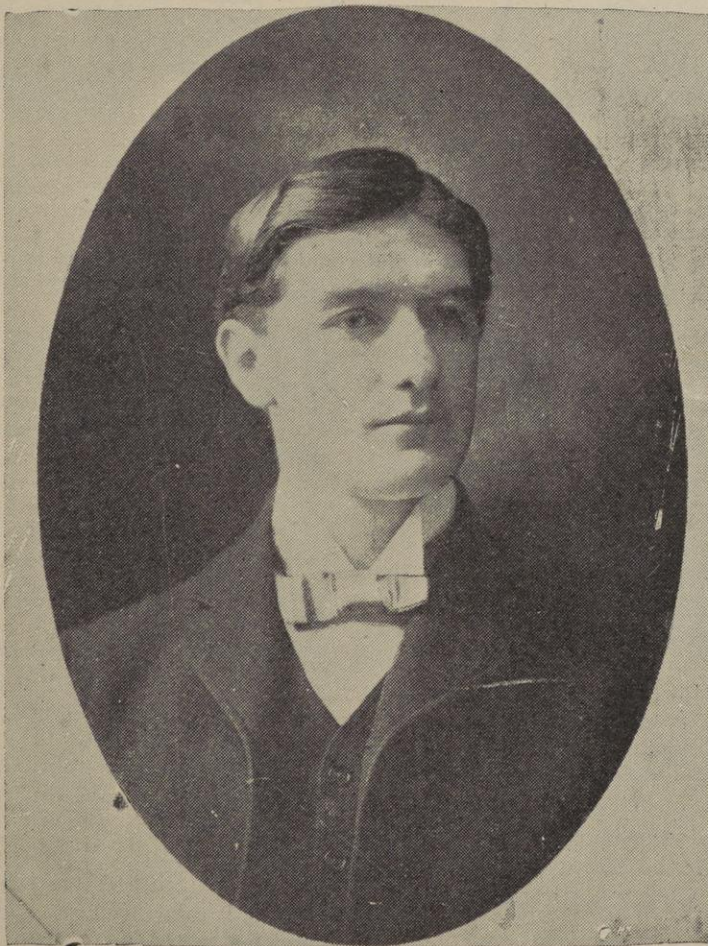
But, oh, for the touch of the vanished coin,

For a grip on those rolls of bills!

Broke, broke, broke!

And maybe I don't feel sore!

For that — ty steen dollars that I bet,
Will never come back any more.



By Courtesy of Milwaukee Journal.

OUR EX-FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.
KING KICKER OF THE WORLD.

MARY had a little lamb,
It followed her one day,
Till Mary donned her gym. suit,
And then it ran away.

LAUNDRY Collector to Agric; Have you promised your laundry to any one yet?

AGRIC. — (*who thinks he has been put on*) — What kind of a skin game are *you* running?

Puzzle.

There is one Professor who has lately been seated on a throne that all his newly found Greek sisters might bow down and worship. Who can he be?

Follow Your Leader.

SPORT — What *did* give Chicago such a score?

WAG — Why they were so oily that they slipped right through our line.

NEVER do anything to-day that some one else is likely to do for you to-morrow.

South Africa at Home.

The sprinkler, as a for-rain-er,
Is feeling rather sore,
Because it must pay taxes to
The auger who's a Boer.

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



THE SPHINX is not this week indulging in that joyous sprightliness of demeanor so becoming to her years. She has not even the satisfaction of wearing in her coiffure a placard announcing, amid a profusion of exclamation points, that "I told you so." Nevertheless, she pauses to dash a few careous tears from her stony eyes and to speak some words of would-be cheerful resignation upon the fate of the heroes upon whom she had staked her hopes. That was all she had to stake. Had all her readers been in the same circumstances, there would not now be such a plethora in the Chicago money market.

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WE ARE not so many as we thought. But why dwell upon the painful thought? It is well that a tendency toward abnormal cranial development be occasionally subdued, even by heroic means, though the operation does not yield the highest

pleasure to the subject. Though THE SPHINX never dabbles in politics, she is a firm believer in the doctrine of a silver lining. And in the present cloud of adversity there seem to be several layers of the brighter hue.

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IN THE first place there is something left to work for. Suppose it had been possible to say that nowhere in the wide West could a team be found to stand against Wisconsin, would the effect have been well for us? The University is too young yet to bear with good grace too great a prominence. Not so young as Chicago, say you? Perchance that be true, but would any of you partake of Chicago's prominence in the public eye—with Stagmite manifestations of enthusiasm thrown in? Nay; rather a slow and healthy growth, with a dash of glory now and then, than a mushroom-like upstarting, with success coming before the capacity for its endurance. Look forward, then, to next year, and if need be to the year after, and the year after that, and work and hope, but boast not.

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THEN, TOO, there is the satisfaction of work done as best was possible. Defeat as the result of neglect, of indifference, of a lack of coöperation—that were unendurable. But when defeat comes, as it

has this year, after a season of long, painstaking work on the part of every candidate, under the supervision of the best coach in the country, with tireless energy on the part of the management, and hearty enthusiasm on the part of us insignificant ones who could merely look on—when defeat comes under such conditions, it can be received at least with composure, if not with the warmest of welcome. Wisconsin may not always furnish weight and muscle to withstand the onslaughts of a team of giants, but she can furnish men who will do their best under any circumstances, favorable or unfavorable. She has always done this, and she always will.



AND THEN, it is a good thing to have the championship settled, be the result what it may. This is the Western view, despite the assumed indifference of the East to so trivial a matter. And it is the sportsmanlike way of looking at things. The amateur principle is "sport for sport's sake," and sport for sport's sake in the good old Anglo-Saxon sense means keeping at it until somebody is conclusively whipped. It is pleasanter to whip the other fellow, but it is all important not to stop short at a point where anyone may claim supremacy. The championship is the legitimate incentive to struggle for—not the applause of audiences nor the pleasant jingle of the gate receipts.

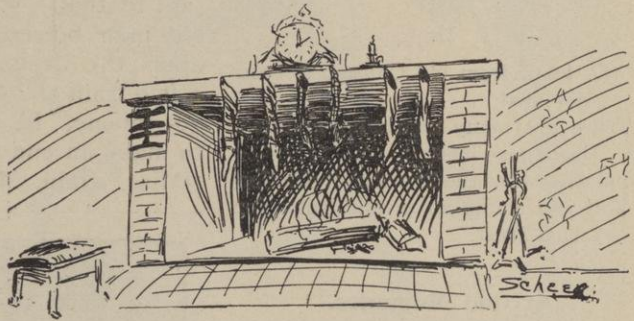
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BUT THE best feature of the whole affair is the way we took our medicine. Not from team or coach or faculty or students was the slightest indication of a desire to explain "how it happened." "We were beaten," so say all, "and we're going to beat them next time—if we can." Such a spirit as this is better than success. Wisconsin has shown on occasion how to celebrate a victory, and on other occasion how to take defeat. Well for us if the latter occasions come so often that we do not forget how at such times to deport ourselves.



SO THE digestion of our Christmas dinners need not be impaired by despondency and gloom. And if, by chance, there be some who, their shekels

having departed Chicagoward, must eat the afore-said Christmas dinner at a Madison boarding house, even for these there may be some relief. For Madison, even in vacation time, is not altogether unendurable. And how the hearts of the dear ones at home will throb with pride at the thought that the joy and hope of the household cannot be tempted by holiday festivities to tear himself from the work to which he is so devoted.



FRESHMAN (visiting the farm)—That's a fine lot of hogs you have over there. What do you feed them?

AGRIC.—We feed them corn, mostly.

FRESHMAN—In the ear?

AGRIC.—Certainly not. In the mouth.

THE football team at least has the consolation that after they have survived the defeat of last Saturday, it is a "survival of the fittest."



"HOLD 'EM, WISCONSIN."

"CAST your bread upon the waters,"
Said the Senior with a frown,
"Add a little salt and pepper,
Call it soup and gulp it down."

THE SPHINX, though very young, sympathizes with the Agric. who was persuaded to give a law student a dollar to see that his mail was delivered at his room every day.

A Natural Consequence.

I.

If Rockefeller's combine hadn't prospered,
 If people hadn't bought the oil they made,
 The college that holds forth upon the Midway
 Would be shrouded in the deepest kind of shade.

II.

If the team from old Chicago'd been defeated,
 There are many men who wouldn't have gone bust;
 No matter what the issues next election
 You can count on several votes for Anti-Trust.

At Odd Moments.

"We surely must cheer up the student body this week, never before, etc," declaimed the old man in his best course 17, Room 57, U. H. style.

"Have a cheer yourself," rejoined the Devil, simultaneously pushing forward an office-stool and reaching for his hip-pocket. An eloquent silence and the O. M. resumed buoyantly.

"Well, we were game to the end, anyway."

"Yes, dead game. *Ha-ha I told you so!*" and the Devil reached the sanctum door a fraction of a second ahead of the office shears.

"Surely," the old man mused as silence again reigned supreme, they chased the Badgers up a stump that time. "Say," to the Amoeba, "is your Protoplasmic Sliminess going to hop the dizzy whirl to-morrow night?"

"Yes," replied that much-abused genius, "I shall probably stag it—as a gentle reminder of 'what might have been.'"

The occasional contributor dropped in and innocently remarked, "I wonder if their Speed did it?"

"Not on your tintype! They

stood Pat and bluffed out the gang."

"I don't believe it because if they had Ahlsweide we had a Norski of our own." Down in the basement the chestnut bell gently tinkled.

It was late in the afternoon and as the twilight deepened and the (not football) stars came out the old man bowed his weary head upon the desk, and lulled by a soft refrain of "Chica, Chica-go-go-gooone," he frantically strove to make an endurable pun out of "Miss, again, Michigan."



ILLUSTRATED SONGS. V.
 "SWEET ROSY O'GRADY."

SOMEbody says that people are divided into two classes, those who run and then wait, and those who wait and then run. That is a pretty true generalization. It is so in relation to writing themes, keeping engagements, and indeed, all through life. If one has to do any running, however, it isn't a bad idea to do it early in the game. It's better to wait if you have to than to be compelled to run.

Well Preserved.

They were at Chicago for the game and got wedged in among a crowd of singing rooters when the chaperone, becoming excited, exclaimed: "Heaven preserve us." "A regular jam," said the sophomore girl; "enough to smash one to a jelly." "O, there's Winnie," said another. "She's cool as a cucumber. We're in an awful pickle. I do wish we could get over there; but then I think I enjoy this after all." "Sour grapes?" asked her companion; and they were lost in the shuffle.

WE lost the game,—no matter for that—

Pat kept his temper and swung his hat,
 To cheer the winners, a better way
 Than to lose one's temper and win the day.

Where Ignorance is Bliss, Etc.

On Board C. & N. W. Train Sunday, Nov. 19th—Time,
 11:20 P. M.

Commercial Traveler in Lower Eight—"Holy Saints! won't they ever be old enough to know better?"

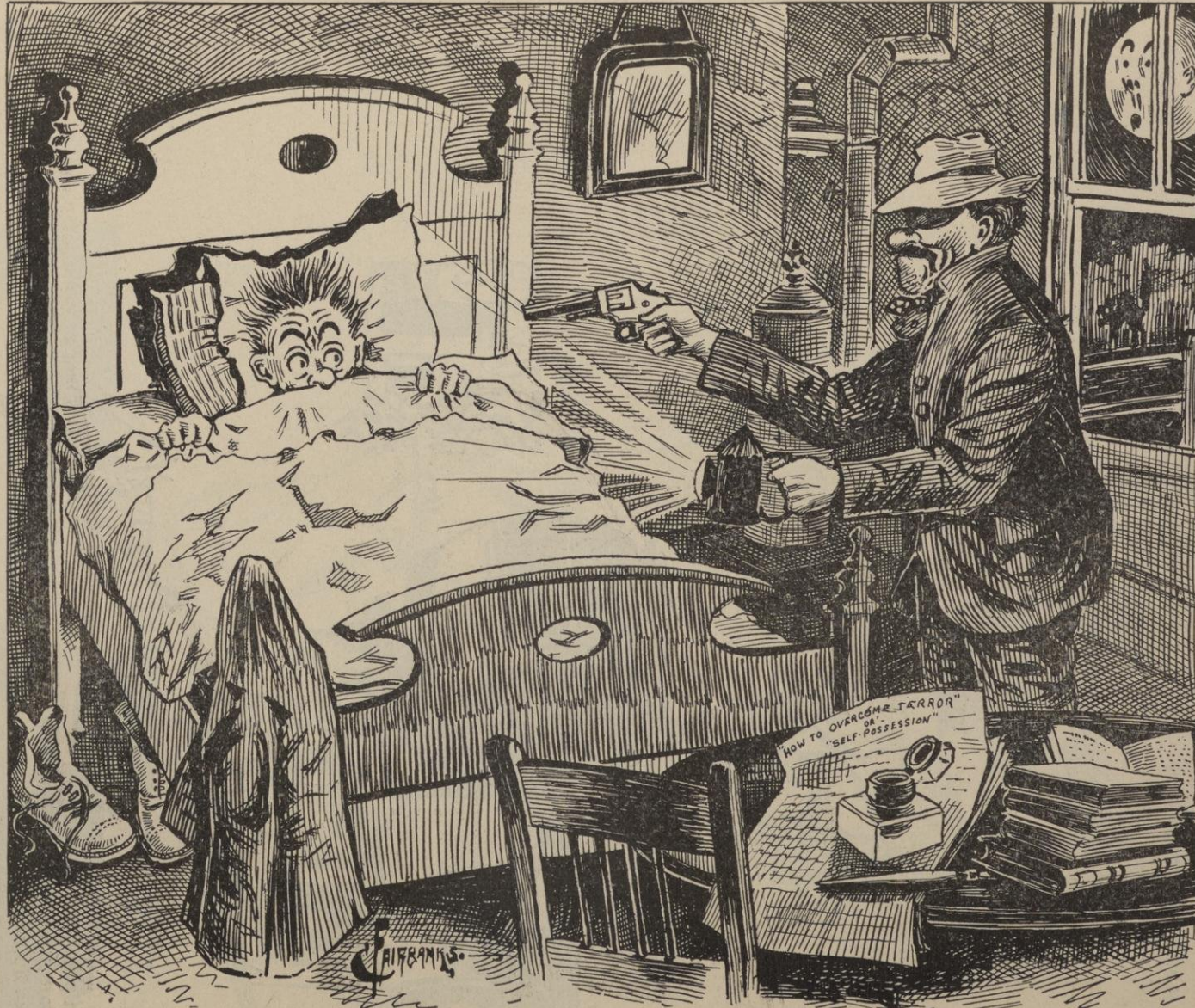
U. W. Co-ed in Lower Five—"There, that's yours; now hand me mine. Don't do that, I haven't room to stir now. Here, let me take that and you move over. No, not there, here!"

Another Co-ed in Lower Five—"Well, I can't help it; everything's in the way."

Time, 3:55 A. M.

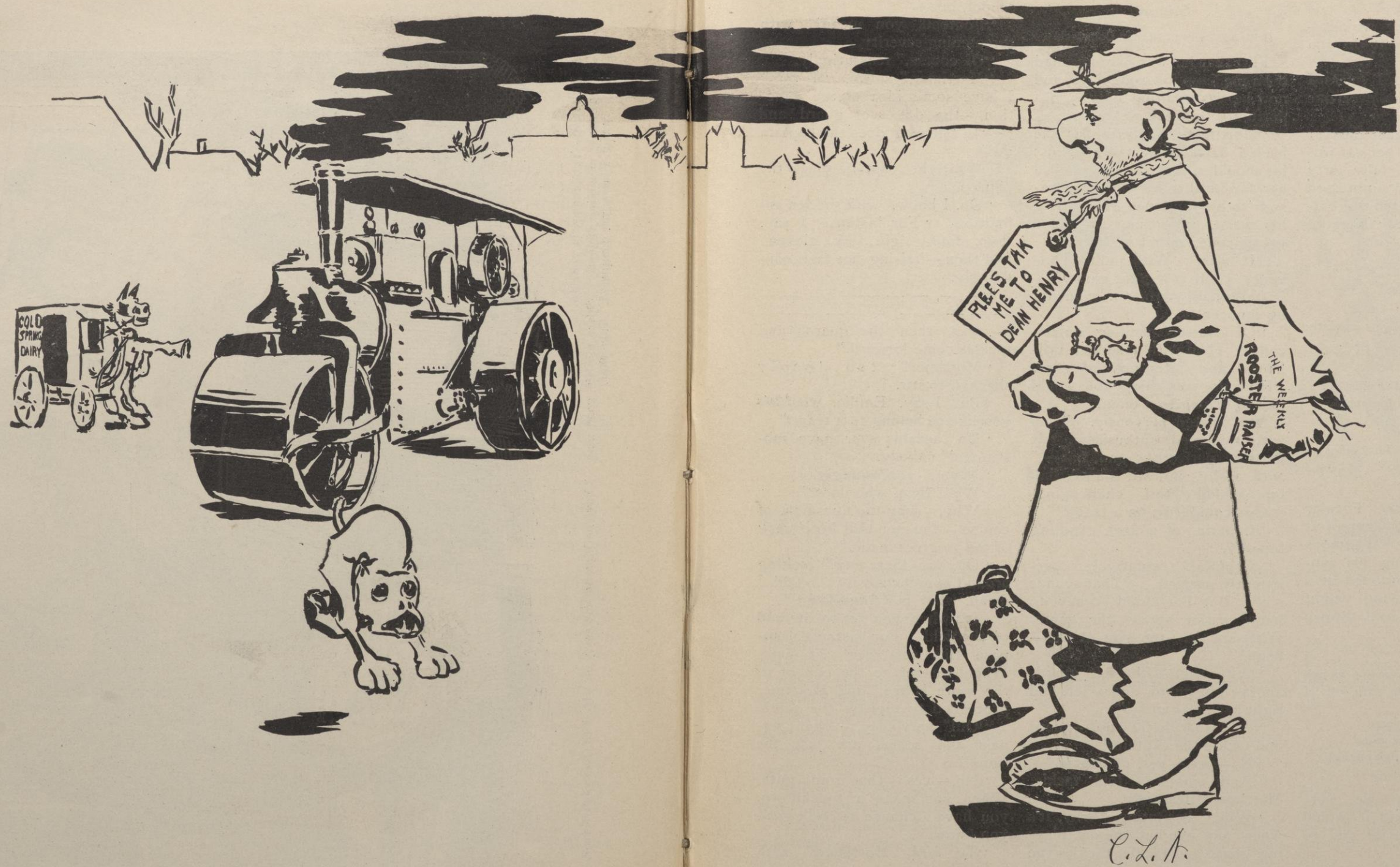
Voice from Lower Five—"Wake up! What time is it? We must be nearly there; look, Grace, quick; what time is it?"

(Then continued undretones, with occasional overtones, from lower five, upper and lower four, upper and lower two and lower three. From upper four in tones loud enough to wake the neighboring farmers:)



BURGLAR—Your money or your life!

STUDENT (trembling violently)—Spare my life, good man. I have nothing but my essay on "How to Overcome Terror," which I have just completed. Take that.



"GOSH, WOULDN'T IT BE ALLFIRE NICE IF EVERY FELLOW COULD OWN HIS OWN AUTOMOBILE!"



FIRST SENIOR (in G. S. course)—Do you intend to take medicine after graduating here?

SECOND SENIOR (in Phil. course)—I do if I am sick.

"That's where you score two more. —, —."

"Then my mouth is a touch-back, Mortimer?"

"But won't you tell me that you'd like to belong to a team?"

"What's ineligibility, Mortimer?"

"When you've played four years," concerned at the delay.

"I haven't played four years," indignantly. "Well, what's professionalism?"

"Having played for money," frowning now.

"Mortimer," and as she nervously twisted her rings about, a

three and a half carat diamond incidentally flashed into view, "Mortimer," sadly, "it's half past ten."

And Mortimer concluded that he hadn't got into the game early enough.

Lost.

Somewhere in the surrounding country on Dec. 9, some thousand tons of celebration both imported and domestic. A suitable reward is offered to the finder in case he stores it on ice for another twelve-month.

IN the aftermath Saturday night the game was close—so close that some of the backs played full.

"In Gay Paris."

FIRST ACTOR—So the audience thought the show to be a fake?

SECOND ACTOR—Yes, and among them was the football captain. He made the biggest kick.

F. A.—Indeed, but how did he express himself?

S. A.—He said he wanted his quarter back.

NOT a shout was heard, not a winning note,

We won not a dime, and we raised
 not a groan
 But they left us alone in their glory.

Mr. Gooley on the Co-ed.

"Will, will," said Mr. Dennessy, Thanksgiving morning as he sauntered in for his customary visit, "Oi 'spose its gr-rate doin's ye'll be afther havin' the da-ay. Ar-re ye goin' t' have a famly rayunion or wha-at?"

"Bedad an' we ar-re thot," replied Mr. Gooley, "an' a faine wan it'll be, too. Ye know, Dinnis and Honary 're home fr'm th' yuni-versty an' la-ast nite Oi heard Honary tellin' her ma wha-at t' have fr dinner to-day, an' Oi think, Dinnissy, th't we'll shtill be atein' whin th' morrow comes. Th' things th' gyrul named over wuz enough to shcare ye, an' Oi'm worried about her. Oi'm afeerd they're shtarvin' her to dith down ther-re, fr'm all she sez."

"H'm," ejaculated Mr. Dennessy, "She's a moighty hilly lookin' skeleton, Oi'm afther thinkin'."

"Thrue fr ye," went on Mr. Gooley, "but th'r's somethin' ailin' her. She's that shtuck up an' contra-ary th't Oi'm thinkin' av givin' 'er a good thrashin' loike Oi ust to whin she was a little wan. W'y, 'twas only this mornin' th't she kim down the shthrate with the airs iv a quane an' a shkirt on 'er skerce rachin' to her shoe-tops. 'Honory,' sez Oi in a whisper, 'did ye know,' Oi sez, 'thot you've come off with only yer petticut on?' feelin' sorry fr the way she'd feel whin she found it out. But if ye'll belave it, Dinnissy, she gave me th' laugh an' says she, 'Why, papa, that's only me short skirt,' sez she, which Oi wa-ant disputin', 'they're all the shtoile down to

Madison,' an' thin whin Oi tould 'er th't no daughter av Moike Gooley's shud go round in thim outlandish, ha-athenish duds, she shtuck her nose up in th' a-air an' sez she, 'Oi ra-ather think Oi'm ould enough to know what it's proper fr me to wear,' she says, 'and furthermore,' sez she, 'Oi wish ye'd say Gewley, instid o' Gooley.' 'Gewley be hanged,' sez Oi, 'an' will yez till me what's the matther wid Gooley?' 'It ain't krekt,' says she. 'Professor Frankenburger says so,' an' off she wint as hoigh an' moighty as ye plaze. Oi lave it to ye, Hinnissey, av it ain't enuf to ma-ake a fa-ather's har-rt ache."

"It is that," responded Mr. Dennessy, sympathetically, "but thin Oi suppose that's hoigher ed-yucashun."

Finis.

MISS F-RG-S-N, reciting
 Burns:

'For auld lang syne, my dear,
 For auld lang syne,
 We'll take a cup and drink it up,
 For auld lang syne."

The Dudish Donkeys.

Two dudish young donkeys, they say,
 Went out to play football one day.
 But the footballs with dirt,
 Besmeared each white shirt,
 And they went weeping home in dis-may.

FABER—Here's one. Why
 don't the Esquimaux have
 Christmas trees?

TARRANT—Give it up.

FABER—Because Santa Claus
 don't believe that charity begins
 at home.

French.

PROF. GIESE—Are there any
 passages not clear in the transla-tion?

NILES, 'o2—Please give a
 translation of Zim-boum-boum.

PROF. GIESE—Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-aye.

The Bills.

(With all kinds of apologies to Edgar Allen Poe.)

See the white and ghastly bills—
 New Year Bills!

What a quantity of merriment their
 coming yearly kills!

In the silent hour of night
 How we shiver with affright
 When the household with the music of
 the solemn door-bell fills!

For we know it is a boy
 In some credito's employ
 Who will soak us with another of his
 bills!

Tho' the candy and the team
 Seem a faint and far off dream,
 Yet those items brightly gleam

From the bills;
 Tho they come in rather late,
 They are strictly up-to-date,
 Sure as unrelenting fate

Come the bills
 With a rustle
 And a bustle
 And a swift and hasty hustle,

Come the bills, bills, bills, bills,

Bills, bills, bills;
 Come innumerable legions of the bills!

Four Conversations and a Letter.

(Saturday morning, 10 a. m.)

"Hello, is that you Tom?"

"Yes."

"Well this is Billy. Say, I've
 just had a telegram from Jack
 Harding and he says that he and
 George are coming up for the
 game."

"Who's George?"

"Why his younger brother, I
 suppose. He has one that is com-
 ing here next year."

"Is that so? Do we stand any
 show?"

"Well, I guess—I'll arrange
 for some things to do. I can order
 some things on my way to the
 train."

"All right. Better order a
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 give him a good time."

"Yes, good by."

"Good by."

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(Saturday, 10:30 a. m.)

"Hello, is this 62 R."

"Yes."

"Oh, hello, Mary. You're just the one I want. Jack Harding's sister, George, is coming up for the game. I just got a telegram. She says that Jack can't come; but she's coming anyway. I'm so glad!"

"How fine! She is the sweetest girl. What are you going to do to-night?"

"I thought I'd ask some of the boys over."

"Yes, do. Be sure and ask Billy Harrison. She would like him immensely."

"Yes, of course, I must go to the train now so good by!"

"Good by."

(Saturday, 10:35 a. m.)

"Hello, is this the $\pi \tau \psi$ house?"

"Yes."

"I want to speak to Mr. Harrison."

"This is Billy, Bess."

"Oh, hello, Billy, have you an engagement for to-night? There's the dearest girl coming out for the game that I want you to meet."

"I'm very sorry, Bess, but we are going to do some rushing here at the house to-night. Awful bore, but you know how it is. Who is she?"

"Georgia Deland—I'm very much disappointed—Call Sunday if you can."

"Thank you, I will."

"Good by."

(Sunday morning, 10 a. m.)

"Hello! who is this?"

"This is Bess. I am so sorry you couldn't come last night, Georgie had to go home this morning. She was so sorry not to see you, because she says her brother, Jack Harding, knows you."

"Jack Harding!"

"Yes—she is his half-sister, what's the matter?"

"Oh nothing particular. Only I met fourteen trains yesterday for one George Harding, who never came, to say nothing of money I blew in for a grand rush. So the George was a girl—I'll fix Jack!"

"That's the best I ever heard! And you missed seeing her too."

"Well good by, I think I'll relieve my feelings by writing to Jack."

"Good by, then."

(Extract of a Letter from Billy Harrison to Jack Harding.)

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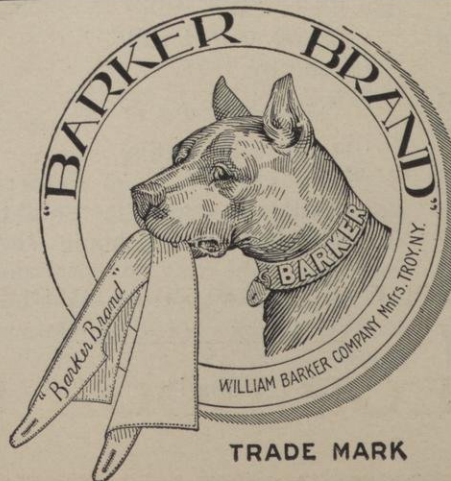
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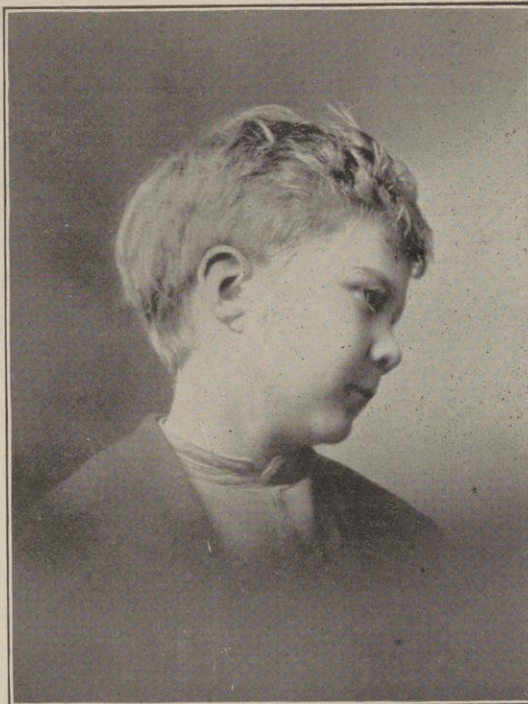
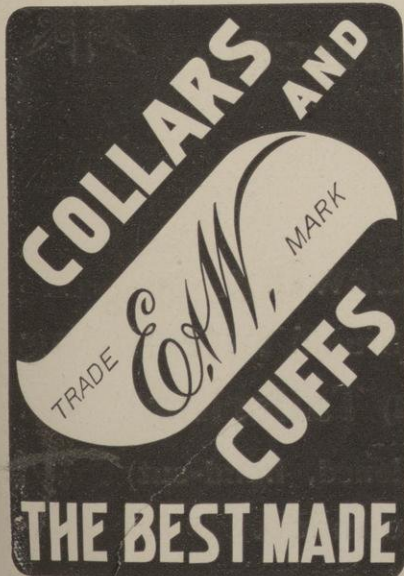
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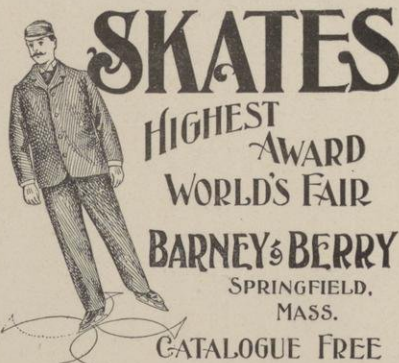


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