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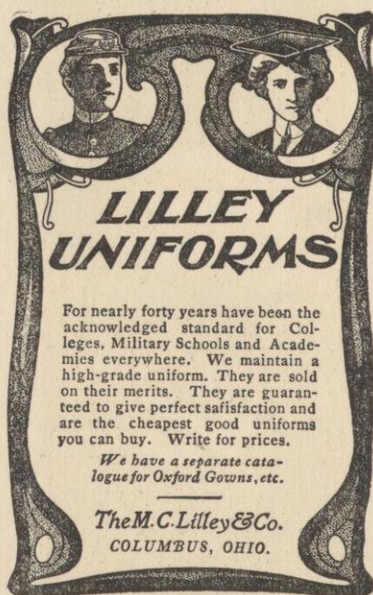
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Not a man who quit weakly or tamely,
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Shall we whine now and blame them?—No,
never,
But cheer them for doing their best,
And give the old yell now as ever,
For "Wisconsin—the team of the West!"

The banners that victory flaunted,
Tell not the whole tale of the fight;
Of the men who unshaken, undaunted,
Played ball—with the whole of their
might.
Of the pluck and the spirit and ardor
That, beaten, was true to the test,
And made them fight harder and harder
For Wisconsin, the team of the West!

So stand, Badgers earnest and loyal,
Lift your hats and your voices up, too;
We'll give them a welcome that's royal,
The boys who were plucky and true.
We're with them—however fate shall steer
them—
We're proud, for our men have done well;
So now, altogether, we'll cheer them,
And give them the Varsity yell—

U. Rah! Rah! Wis-con-sin!
U. Rah! Rah! Wis-con-sin?
U. Rah! Rah! Wis-con-sin!
Tiger!



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Sphinxites.

"All is not gold that glitters" and every-one who wears glasses isn't a Normalite.

A co-ed is one of the extenuating circumstances of a college education.

Life is a great class-room wherein most of us stab and some of us flunk.

"Always room at the top" but the ladder is full.

THE SHOUTING all came before the game; the cheering came after. We have met the enemy and —— but what of that? Aside, perhaps, from a swollen throat, we are just as well and happy as ever. Wisconsin loves her heroes because they are heroes. A game more or less will never matter, and such a game! Did the West ever see its like before? No wonder Wisconsin is proud of her warriors. She has reason to be proud of men who can go down to defeat in the way her team did Saturday. Did any say go down to defeat? No, for every loyal Wisconsin man the cardinal is still flying at the top of the mast. After this exhibition of deathlike determination on Marshall field there need be no fear as to the work of the team for the remainder of the season. It was a game with glory enough for both teams, and no rooter has cause to allow his enthusiasm to diminish. And speaking of rooting. Is not this plan of having yell leaders rather a bore after all? If enthusiasm is worth anything at all it is because it is spontaneous and genuine. Why not leave a little of the initiative to the rooter himself? One doesn't enjoy having a megaphone pointed at him as much as to say, "Now yell, this is your time and it is your only chance." The most loyal rooter is seized with a desire to keep very still out of mere contrariness. It makes the crowd a mere machine to be used by a few men as occasion requires. It is a good thing once in a while to hear the yell from the entire stand and the song must be given together, but there is a limit. It cannot be particularly inspiring to the team to know that every yell is started by some one who is there especially for that purpose, like the paid confederate at the theatre.

A certain professor was not aware that a game was to be played Nov. 1st. It would be a great kindness if some friend would take him aside, about the last of next week, and gently break the news of the result to him.

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FOR a great many years Wisconsin has boasted of her superior system of debating. No doubt there is as much time spent here along this line as in any other university in the country. Our joint debates are a credit to us, and when published have been widely copied and commented upon. But we have spent all our time and energy in intersociety contests and have taken very little interest in intercollegiate debating. Our clannish society spirit has been allowed to overcome our loyalty to the University. As far as the student body is concerned all the interest in debating begins and ends with the joint debate.

Even in the literary societies themselves the election of an intercollegiate man is gone through with in a perfunctory way, and then the matter is apparently forgotten. This is certainly not as it should be. There is something ludicrous and humiliating in the statement that Wisconsin is a great debating institution when an attempt is made to prove it. We have stayed at home long enough. It is time that we overcome this spirit of isolation and went out to measure our strength with other institutions. This is the only way that we can discover the faults in our system and find out whether or not we are using correct methods. One of the chief reasons for our lack of interest in intercollegiate debating is the manner of choosing debaters. Our electoral college has long been a disgrace to the institution. No matter what were the qualifications of the candidate there was no possibility of his election unless he was an able politician. He was obliged to lay his wires, make his combinations and trade his votes. In other words he was obliged to build a machine strong enough to smash the machine of the poorest candidate. An election which should have been decided solely upon the merits of the candidates was reduced to the level of a Devery caucus. One would think that a system of this sort would find few adherents, yet when a plan is proposed to make the selection of debaters depend on merit alone, there are those who oppose it. Truly some men cannot bear to have an opportunity for wire pulling taken from them. The new plan is not perfect, but let it be changed, amended, or another substituted,—anything rather than a return to the old electoral college.

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There are two classes of students, those who work their way and those who work their parents.

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EVERY STUDENT and friend of Wisconsin will be gratified to learn of the organization of the Wisconsin Alumni Association of Chicago. There has been such an organization in New York for several years, which has given the crew a banquet after each race. There is nothing that Wisconsin needs more than the active interest of her alumni. College spirit cannot be maintained by students alone. It needs the guidance of older members in order to keep its distinctive character. Students should be made to feel and know that they are responsible to others beside themselves.

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The freshman rush is almost forgotten.
 The sophs have stopped hazing.
 The carnival seems like a troubled dream.
 The election returns are all in.
 The game is over.
 It is time to buck.





A college "Crush."

In autumn days—once more I go,
Where soft lake breezes sweetly blow,
And seek again the old time nooks,
Where friends—tobacco—yes—and books,
Are all the pleasures life may know,

Except—and this means much I trow—
To see in Phyllis' eyes the low,
Soft gleam of love—How sweet she looks—
In Autumn days.

Her mouth, a tiny Cupid's bow,
Her cheeks with color all aglow,
Her laughter, like the purl of brooks;
These all—by Cupid's hooks and crooks,
Have made my fancies sing and flow
In Autumn daze.



A Fable for the Wise.

Once there was a little boy who was always good and kind and kept his trousers creased. By some mistake he got through high school and came to the University. A fraternity—which is an organization of boys to borrow money of each other—saw this little boy, and since he had a lovely sharp crease in his "pants" (*—you should always say trousers, my dears—*) he cut a deep swathe in their feelings. And he joined them, and because he was a good boy he learned quickly to do the right thing and that no gentleman is content without a "con"—and he was sharp and cut classes, and when the semester was over, he went home and got a job as superintendent of a mule car.

Moral—Only the brave deserve the fare.

English Prof. — "Have you read the Waverly Novels?"

"No, sir; but I've read the Milwaukee Sentinel."

"See that fellow over there?"

"Yes; well?"

"When he was a boy he swallowed his mother's button box and now he's always 'buttin' in.'"



"No, he's not 'forging ahead', if he were he wouldn't forge one like that."

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy—



if she really loved you—



if people who made puns were arrested—

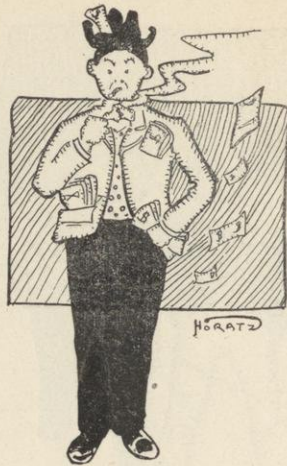


if we were all heroes—



if we could haze some of the Profs.—





—and always pick the team that won.

Mother threw a brick at father,
Spilled his brains upon the floor,
Father grinned and said, "I'd rather
You'd have spilt them on the door."

Forsaken.

Yes, she had gone from his sight, no one knew where. Since his younger days he had been with her almost constantly and had learned to love her dearly and truly—and now—now she was gone with his dearest possessions, and he was left standing there waiting and thinking of what had just occurred and of the future. He shuddered and sighed, the room was cold and his mother was certainly a long time with those socks she'd just taken to mend.

"What's the difference between a roulette player and a beer wagon driver?"

"One bucks the wheel and the other wheels the Bock."

Willie ate the evening paper
With its multi-colored prints,
'Twas a very foolish caper,
Willie's now a heavenly prints.

"I have got to that state" said the fat student pompously, "where I can't even *think* without a good, square meal."

"Well", remarked the thin one as he edged toward the door, "I don't see how you keep so fat."

"Why did the Epsilon Kappa's take in Gotrocks?"

"Well you see the whole gang owed him so much money that they thought it would be cheaper to get him in and take it out in dues."

Tim is not as bright as Suez,
Wouldn't work as hard ez Sue
Then his mother made him duez
Susan did—so Timbuctoo.

Freshman—After hearing a physics lecture—"Could a dead horse in a stall be considered in stable equilibrium?"

Remorse is merely a sort of moral dyspepsia.

In the case of exams—absence makes the heart grow fonder.

"There's work for me and there's work for you"—but most of us aren't selfish about our share.

Some people are too busy being good, to be kind.

Money is not everything—but then—who wants everything?



“ Why is a co-ed a delusion? ”

“ Some fellows like to hug a delusion. ”

I.

He gets a check from home —
decides to go to the game—



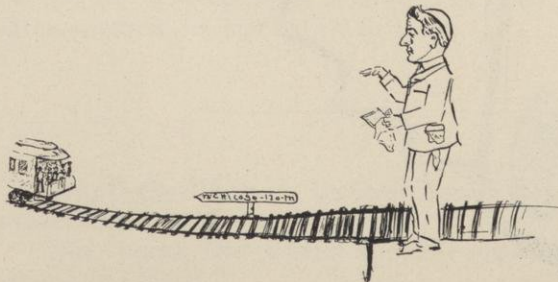
II.

Happy thought—he will double his money
and have twice as good a time—



III.

Decides to stay home.



At the Charity Ball.

'Tis blissful to glide in the dreamy dance
("Excuse me—I hope that the dress isn't
torn.")

With my love in my arms and her fond
glance—

("Ouch! lubbers like that guy ought not
to be borne.")

With her heart to my breast and her hand
in mine

("I say—do you know that's my foot—not
the floor!")

While the blood in my veins is like spark-
ling old wine.

("This kind of a thing is a deuce of a bore!")

In this vast dancing crowd we two are
alone

("This jam is simply a shame and a
fright.")

And things of earth earthly have left us
and flown.

("Do you think that we'll get any supper
tonight?")

The Freshman—"I expect to be gover-
nor of the state some day."

The Sophomore—"Yes—Governor of the
state of imbicility."



"Is she hard to get acquainted with?"
 "Not if you know her well."

A Yarn of Truthful James.

Truthful James spat reflectively upon the stove. "Speaking of potatoes," he said as he took a hunk out of his plug, "that reminds me of an old duck I used to know down in Kansas. He was the greatest man to argue I ever knew. Wasn't anyone around that part of the country could beat him at that, and we had some pretty good yellers there, too. But old Jimson was the boss. Why he used to come down to the store and sit there and argue, and when he got excited bout the tariff or the silver question, he'd bellow so's you could hear him a mile and a half. When the grocer saw old Jimson coming down the line he used to put all his breakable ware in the feather bed and tie his other goods to the shelves, because he used to shake 'em all off, he yelled so. I remember one day when he got stirred up about Wall street, people for a mile around had to buy new windows.

But the greatest thing old Jimson did was the year the tornado struck that country. Course it was a sultry, soggy sort of day, and it sort of got on Jimson's nerves, and we could hear muttterings and curses coming from his house early that morning.

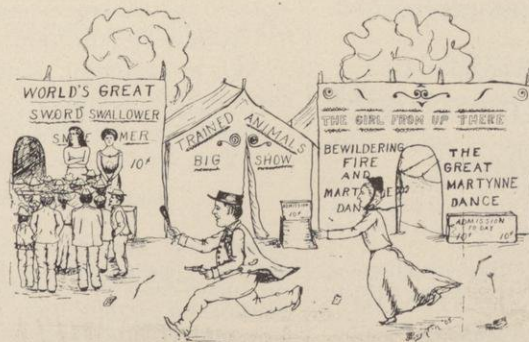
Well, about noon time the tornado came up from the east and rushed along, roaring and smashing things and playfully tipping over trees and raising Cain generally. The

tornado came along, as I said, light-hearted and happy, having a lovely time, until it struck old Jimson's place. Old Jimson came out and saw it coming, and being near-sighted and deaf I guess he thought it was a delegation coming to get him to vote for Mark Hanna.

Well that made him mad and he started to argue and shout and howl at that tornado. The tornado had just finished uprooting the grave-yard and was feeling a bit tired and weary then, and when old Jimson's voice came booming over the fields it was rather surprised and scared for a moment—kind of took it for another tornado. Then it recovered and gave a whoop and a screech and started for old Jimson's house. But it didn't get far. Old J. was reaching a climax, and when the storm got within good hearing distance of his voice it just stopped short, whirled around undecidedly, tried to get its breath again, caught another rumble of Jimson's bellow, gave one last despairing, defeated roar, and broke into two parts, and went around Jimson's farm. Never touched his place at all. But it might just as well have, for when Jimson finished his speech, there wasn't anything left on the farm but the horse block—and that was cement."

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—*Widow*.

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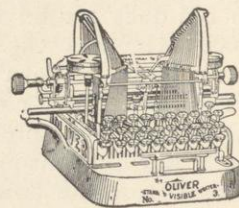
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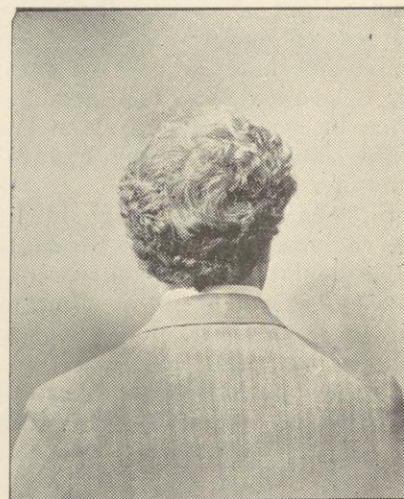
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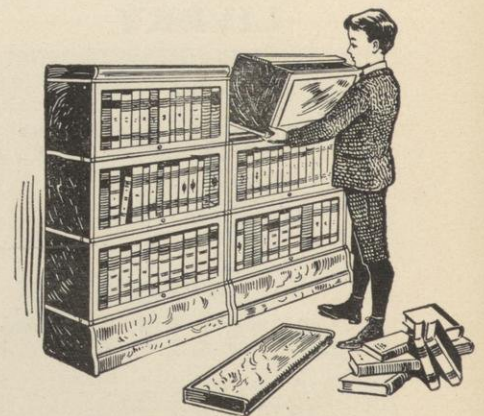
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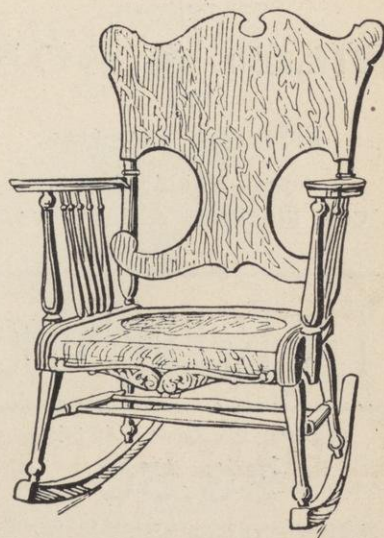
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