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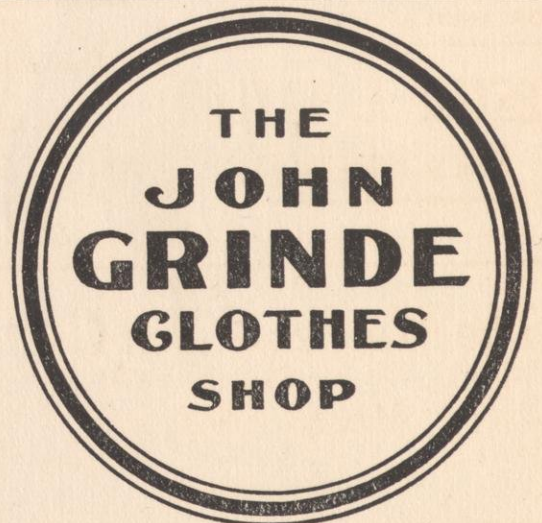
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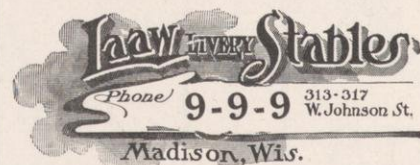
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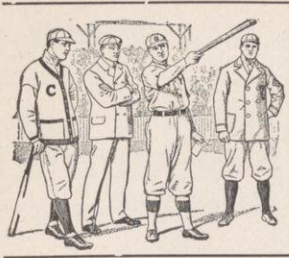
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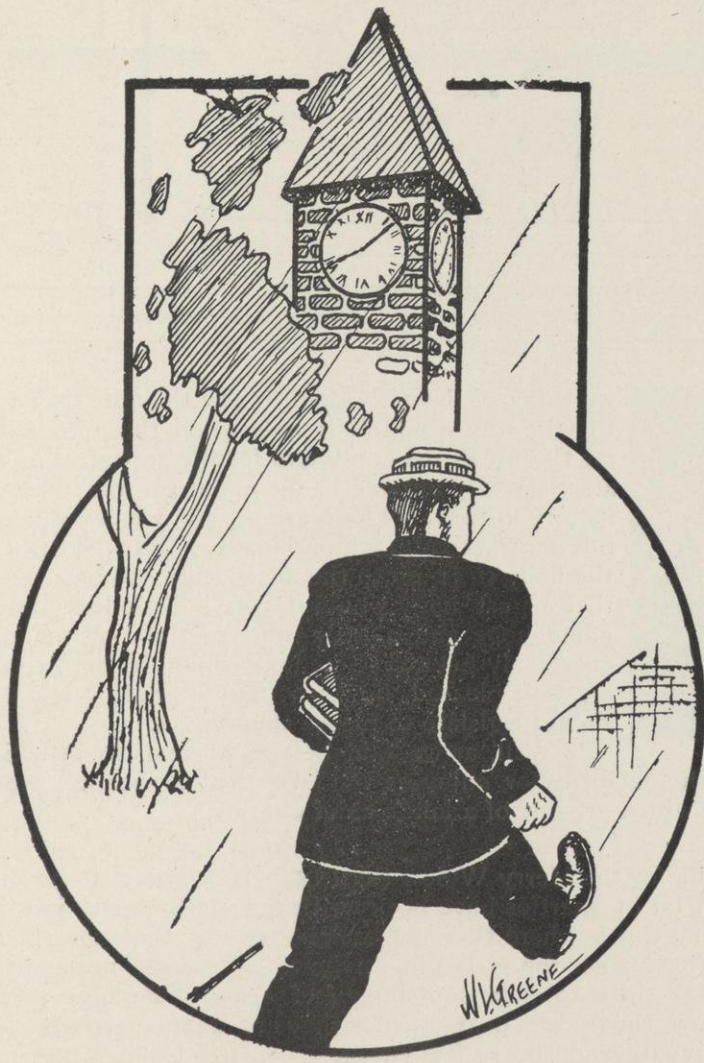
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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley



we think of the crew there is one thought rises to the surface like a cork, to wit, why wouldn't it be a good thing to put up a decent boat-house for the use of the crews and for the rest of us as well. No one has offered a satisfactory answer to the above for the reason that there is no satisfactory answer. The reasons why it has not been done are, first, lack of interest; second, lack of money. THE SPHINX will endeavor to excite the first; it is up to the legislature to discover the second. Perhaps if that august body would devote a little less time to the interests of the game hogs and a little more to those of our much-vaunted alma mater everybody but the game hogs would be better satisfied. The game hogs are well pleased, however, and after all it is only natural that the solons should legislate to please themselves.

Well, as we said before, it seems to THE SPHINX a better thing to increase the facilities for enjoying the lake than to increase the facilities for destroying the birds which are one of a lake's chief charms.

WAIT for the Merry Widow SPHINX. It is going to be the real Mousseline goods. A lot of smarties have been writing would be witty jabs at the ladies all this year, and this is where they get back so strong that somebody is going to feel cheap. That's what the girls say, anyhow. We have noticed that the ruling passion of the average girl is to make somebody feel cheap. Perhaps it comes from the fact that they believe themselves dear. Since they are dear, of course, the worst that could happen to anyone would be to feel cheap.

In this connection let us call your attention to a curious difference between the sexes. For a man it is cheaper to be cheap, but for a girl it is cheaper to be dear.

WITH the advent of May, THE SPHINX will give up her nomadic life (She has been a guest of various members of the staff for years now), and settle down in her palatial new apartments just back of the Old Juneau. She will be at home to her friends there most any old time of the day or night, and she has particularly requested us to state that new and old contributors have a warm welcome coming all the time. Spring elections to the board come off soon, and now she would like to know you better. Come around and tell her all about it.



Just as we expected not one of our obtuse extemporaries got wise to the change in the faculty.

Well, here it is.



HEN the voice of the girl-abhorrer is heard on every side, and the comely countenance of co-education is being beaten into an almost unrecognizable pulp while the co-ed's call for help goes all unheeded or is laughed to scorn; when mocking profs and shocking studes are trying to make us believe that the slang term for girl should be waste, instead of waist; when sorority formals at Keeley's are being unfavorably compared to fraternity informals at Kirch's; when grasping grafter is being proposed as a synonym for girl; then, it is fitting and proper that THE SPHINX should rise in her wrath and smite those dogs of unbelievers with a mighty smite.

Girls, it *is* awful, but try to cheer up. We sympathize and are fain to think we understand. THE SPHINX staff collectively and individually offers aid and comfort.—One at a time, please.

Let us analyze the assertions of the sour-balled and find out, if we can, what it is about you that irks them.

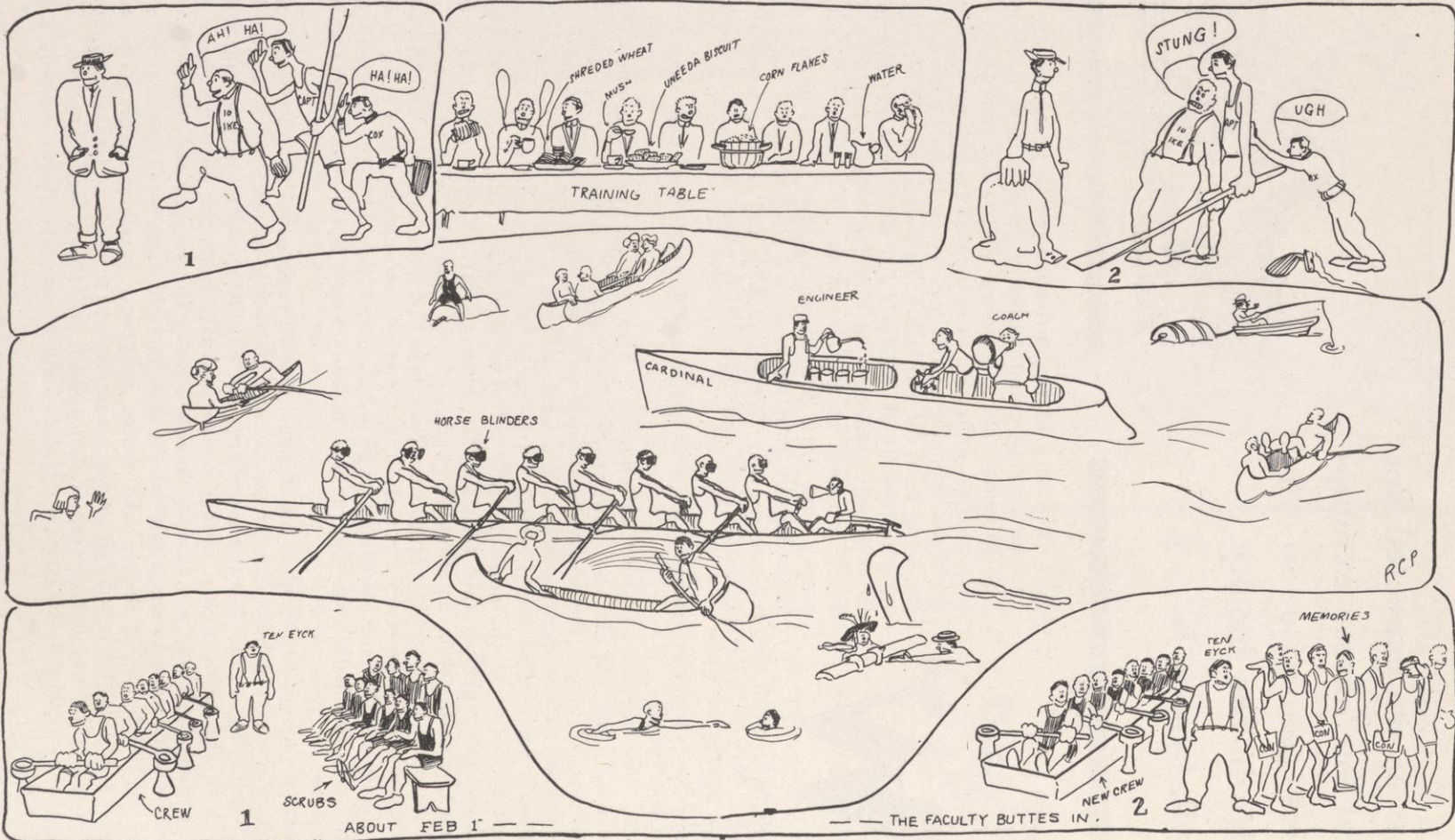
Girls, they say, are a distracting influence. They take a man's time off such lawful pursuits as chasing the flowing bowl around the square. Also, they take his money. My Heavens! What will the poor saloonkeeper do if this fussing mania is allowed to go on unchecked? Unchecked?—Never! Fussing without a check would be like fishing without bait—interesting but fruitless. Of course, as we should have said above, the girls don't actually take the money. Still it takes money to take a girl, the part of it being played to a finish by such artists as Mr. Heiman, Mr. Kentzler, and Mr. Keeley, according to whether it is emotion, elegance, or eats that you wish to furnish. Sometimes all three of these artists appear on the stage the same evening, and the way that trio can stimulate the currency circulation is something shameful. From these few words we can plainly see that any one who says girls are a distracting influence is saying what he knows to be unqualifiedly true—untrue, we mean. Yes. Sure! Girls don't distract—they attract.

Which brings us to the next count—yes, girls, a real, sure-enough count, too—just fresh from Germany where the pretzels come from. You say you wouldn't keep a count? Well, maybe not—but the merchants do. It—the count—is this, that not being satisfied with the present easy money which you lure from the dark depths of Poicy's twowsahs, dontcherknow, you actually have the nerve to whimper and whine for more—more—more—and even to rhapsodize about the good old days when theatre tickets used to come to the house in droves and dance programs overflowed the waste baskets. Surely a charge like this is enough to make anyone with a spark of latent manhood draw in defense of the ladies—not his rapier, but a draft on father, for a hundred. Draw if you dare, base slayers of fair names. Ha! I thought so—overdrawn already. Scuttle to cover, varlets!

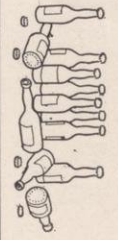
Having thus disposed of the second allegation let us take up the third. The third says that you exert a narcotic influence on class work and are one big nuisance on the hill. Well, to be quite frank with you it is hard on a hat to be forever being jerked off ceremoniously into the cerulean blue. About the narcotic influence we don't know. It is probably true. What of it?

There, girls, you are vindicated. Katie, come and kiss me.

If anything remains to be said on this subject (which is highly improbable) we leave it for you to say next time in your own little SPHINX.



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 W-h-a-t a-r-e t-h-e-y d-o-i-n-g?
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“Thirty-six to the minute!”

This established a record.

The same bunch were crawling sickly up the hill to their first class, Easter Tuesday. They met the vanguard of the Easter hats, coming down.

“We didn't mind the pink rats and yellow lizards we saw last night,” they said, scared, “but these things are beyond the limit of all previous tremens.”

Hastily beating it to Lenny Smith, they signed the pledge.

The merry widow of today is too often the married woman of tomorrow.

Maud Mulerish

'Gene Dinet on a summer's day,
 Lit his pipe, and piped this lay.

“Of all sad birds upon the hill,
 The saddest is a Chadbourne pill.”



“Yes, you take a lot of chances in this rowing business,” remarked Mr. Tin Type, raising his cigar to a 45° angle with the horizontal.

“Sure,” remark d the comical cuss, “it's a regular shell game.”

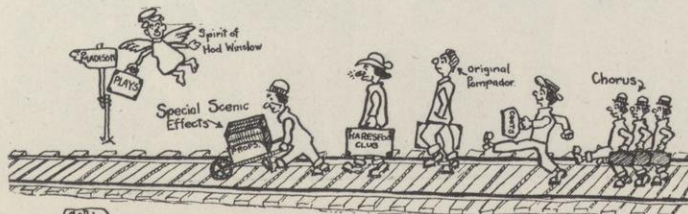
—M., '12.



Ten Eyck is putting most of his time on making this year's crew hoodoo proof. He is teaching them to row with their fingers crossed.



No, Angelina, they do not call them students because they are very often stewed.



COM'N

“Mother, the Haresfoot has come again”



On the Stroke of Twelve

Winter

The earth is frozen, cold winds are blowing
 No birds are singing, no streams are flowing,
 It's a hard old world, my dear—
 The sun-hosts' flags are furled, my dear!
 The curse of cold is on field and wold
 A curse as heavy as unblessed gold—
 It's an iron world, my dear.

Spring

Zhe boughsh shar bowing, zhe budsh shar budding,
 Zh' shpring is shpringin' zh' cloudsh shar schud-
 din'
 It's fine ol' earth, m' dear—
 Lifesh shumpin' worth, m' dear.
 Zh' bock i' zhout—zhosh!eash goo' sheout—
 Ever' one'sh on high ol' shout—
 Zh' fine ol' earth, m' dear.

The actor strutted, ranted, roared,
 The gallery's boos came fast;
 But smilingly he turned and bowed,
 "Ah, thanks. My booze at last."

Paralyzing

Chlo—"Mamie says the crew men make
 her sick."
 Flo—"Yes, I heard she had a stroke last
 Friday night."

Now here is a think that can drive men to drink
 And also can drive them to h—;
 The damsel you meet and think so durn sweet
 Is as often as not a dam-sell.

Co-ed Humor Again

Miss Soph—Your roommate is a real
 stude, Florence, even if she is so large.
 Why does she buck so much?
 Miss Frosh—I I suppose because she is so
 buxom.

Bettina's Beau was rowing bow—
 She smiled—framed up a Cupid's bow,
 Her heart it made an awful row
 When as she saw her hero row.

Oh Gosh what rotten puns, yet do
 Not reprehend us for their use;
 But blame the English language which
 Allows such words to run round loose.

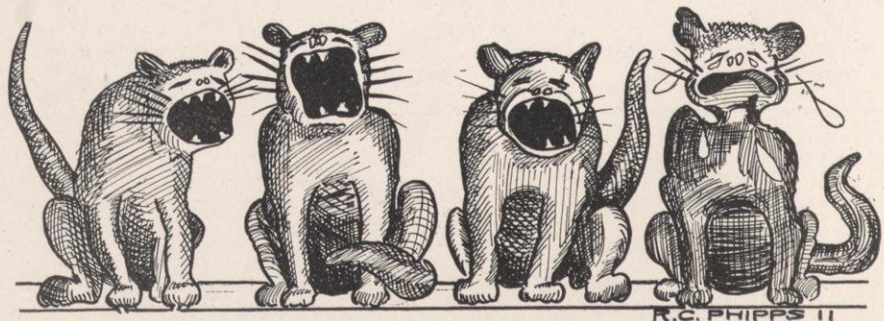
Du Pey, '11—And to think that after I
 ate at the Kennel Club for three weeks in
 order to give Maye a Prom fling and a
 Keeley feed—she has turned me down
 cold.

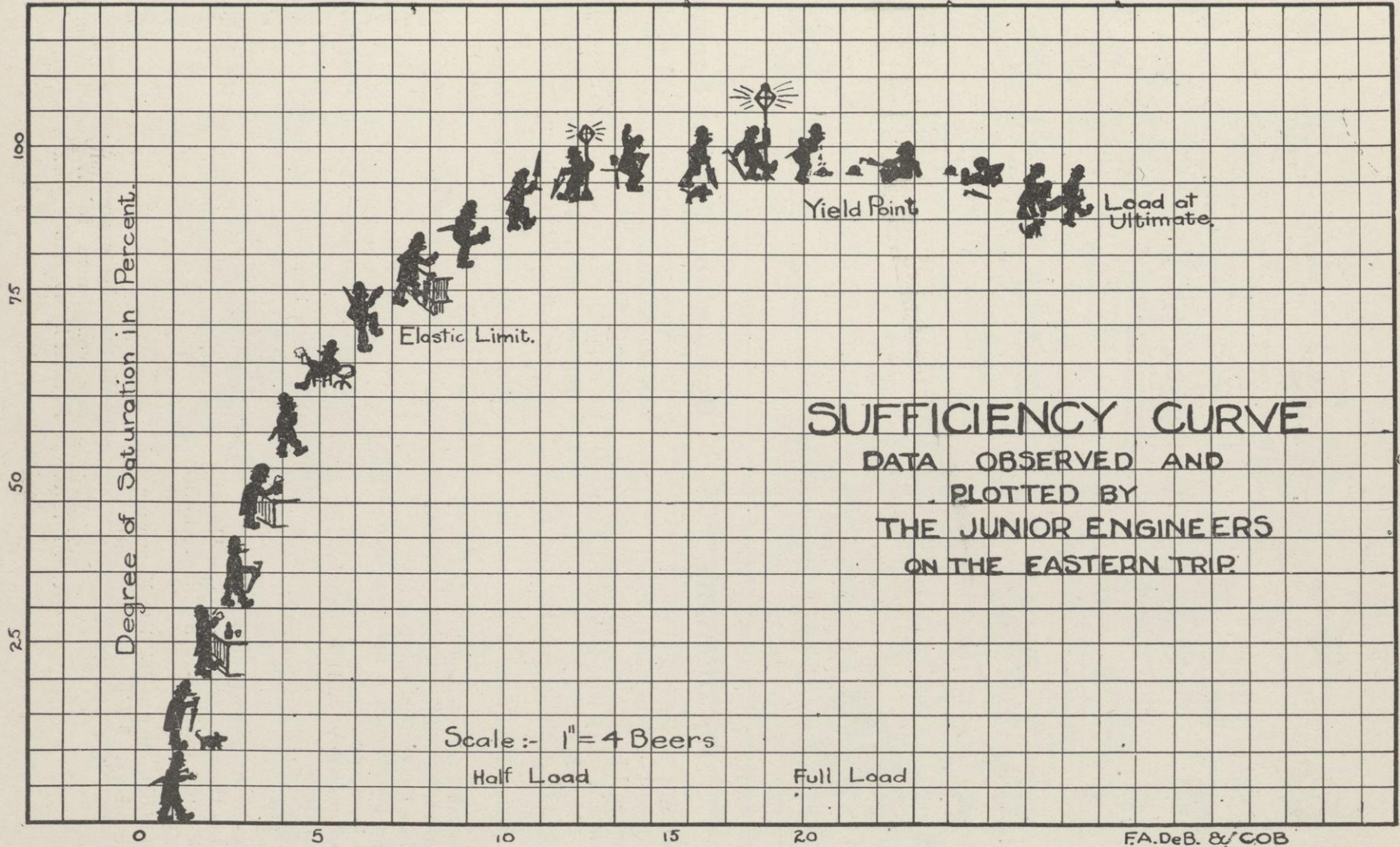
O'Tray, '10—What were her reasons?
 Du Pey—She said that I was altogether
 too extravagant.

"Woman," he hissed hoarsely, "give muh the
 papuhs."

She answered him peevishly.
 "Why don't you carry your own makin's,
 Hank?"

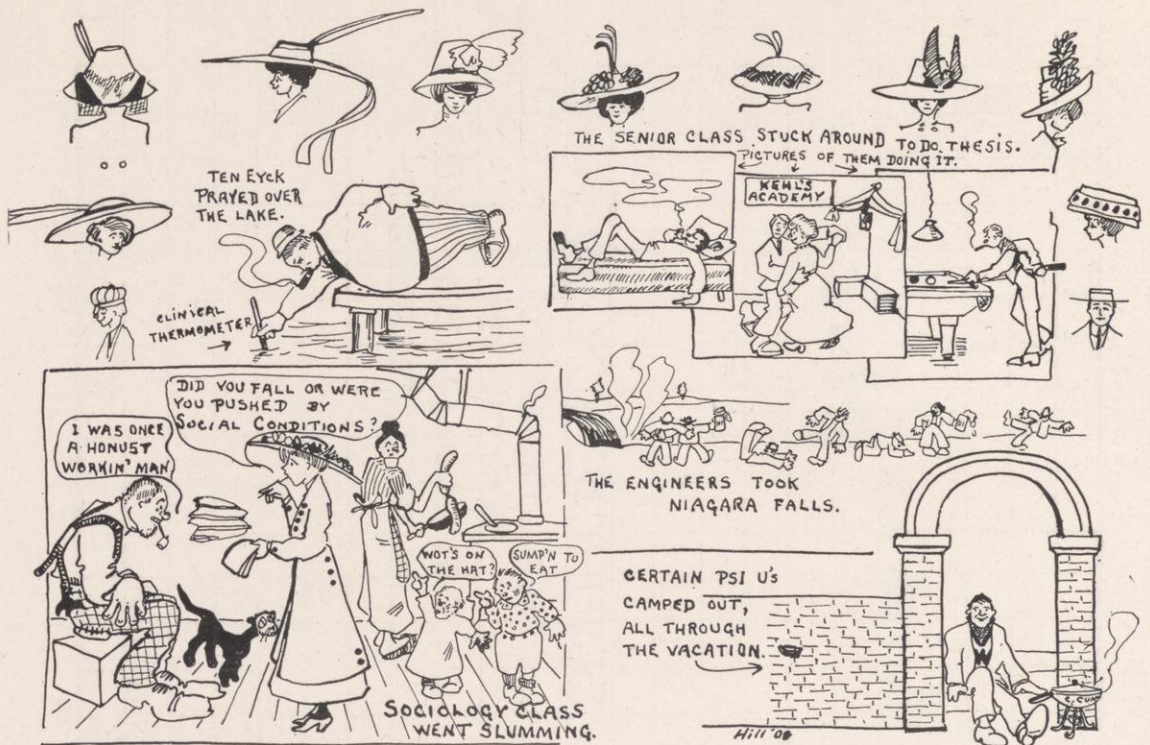
Attempting to smile feebly he borrowed a match
 from a passer-by and flitted into the night.







NET RESULTS OF THE EASTER VACATION



My Dilemma

How can I be funny and great?
 How can I be wise man and fool?
 How can I be scholarly up in my pate?
 Wear a Woolley-wise look and a Leonard-like gait,
 And still, without seeming too much a ghoul,
 Be a fool?

How can I take delight in a pun
 And still be yclept, "One who thinks?"
 Or in a nonsensical spirit of fun
 Make jokes which a Solomon-smile might have won
 (And probably did) or indulge in soft drinks

Or THE SPHINX?

How can I, in short, be Sir John
 And in the same moment Prince Hank?
 How can I pack up with a fourteen-fifths-con
 And still keep my Phi Beta Kappa pin on?
 (The answer, I fear, to be covertly frank,
 Is——, ——.)

—J. B. S., '10.

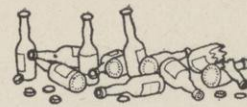
Down at the Downer Formal

Downer Senior—My brother was a Delta—at Madison last year.
 Varsity Frosh—Wern't the Delts fortunate!
 Downer Senior—Yes. And he is down here tonight and has only one dance with me!
 Varsity Frosh—And isn't he fortunate?!
 —H. B. L.

"Pa," said little Archie, "aid you say Ma's hat wasn't no hat but a basket? And did you say that when the bill came home there would be trouble? Then when the bill comes home will Ma's hat be a scrap basket?"

Fearing that Archie would become an Impossible Child his father beat the stuffing out of him at this juncture.

We take this opportunity to pay a delicate compliment to Wisconsin women. Her hat is invariably a peach basket.



Beautiful Dream

No more of petticoats and fluffs
 Or delicate and fancy ruffs;
 No more of Merry Widow hats
 And Misses Esser's costly rats;
 No stand up collars for the dudes
 And fear of jags for manly studes;
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 And squelch at ten their pastime joys;
 There'll be no sissy boys about
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The pros now drink upon the square
 And give to girls no thought or care;
 The tailors wise have closed their shops;
 There are no military hops.
 The freshmen now have learned to cuss
 Instead of learning how to fuss.
 There are no frosh now dressed to Kill
 No tipping hats upon the Hill;
 No sissy boys now roam about
 Because we've kicked the co-eds OUT.
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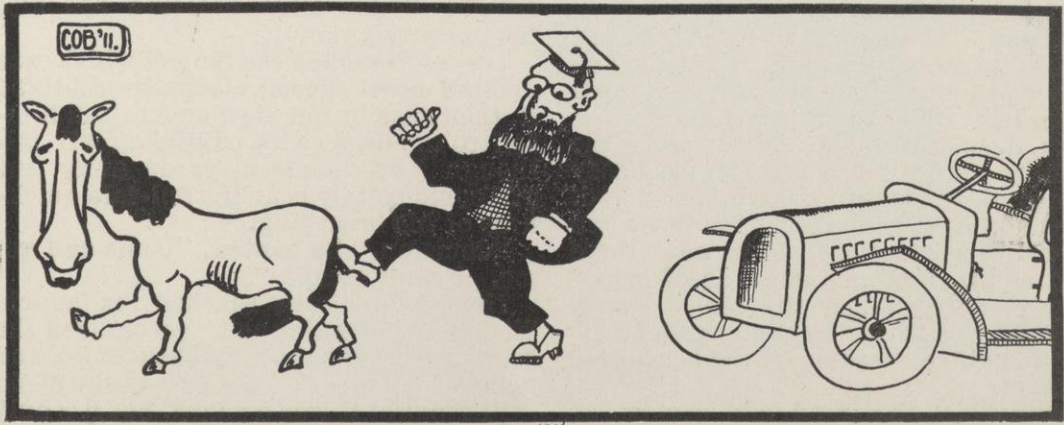
I've never seen a copper mine,
 Nor yet the deep blue moon,
 But I have seen a monkey shine,
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"Listen," she said, and her voice was low and earnest, "They must not see you here. You must go before they find you. Go, go now while there is yet time."

The deep-toned bell tolled slow the witching hour of midnight. On the glassy surface of the lake not a ripple stirred. One would have said except for these two the whole world slept. But now there came a low, scraping noise as of something creeping along the stony shore. And from the other direction came an almost inaudible creaking of the boathouse platform.

"Trapped," he panted, and giving her hand a farewell grip, he slid noiselessly into the black depths. Scarcely daring to breathe the girl watched the faint gleam of phosphorescence that marked his progress out into the lake. A slight noise behind her made her turn, and

with a gasp of agony saw the horrid features of a shark as it went past her, and swam leisurely in the trail of him who had just left her side. From her right came the sound of a thunderous splash: Some other creature has also taken up the pursuit:

The boy reached the launch which was moored near shore, disappeared behind it, then rose in full view and raised himself to the deck with painful effort: Although two hundred yards away the girl could plainly hear the tell-tale quickness of his breathing.

"Come on," he panted. "Come and get me. I can't escape."

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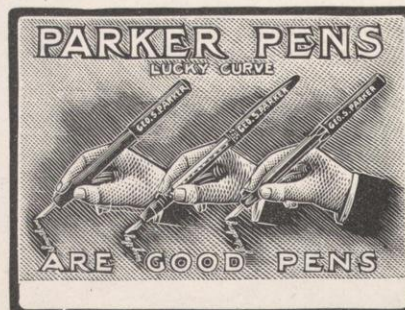
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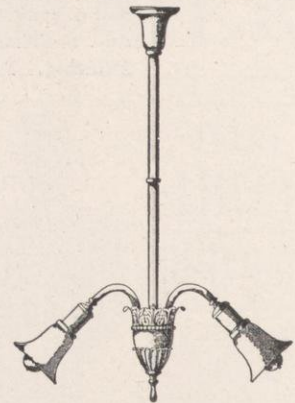
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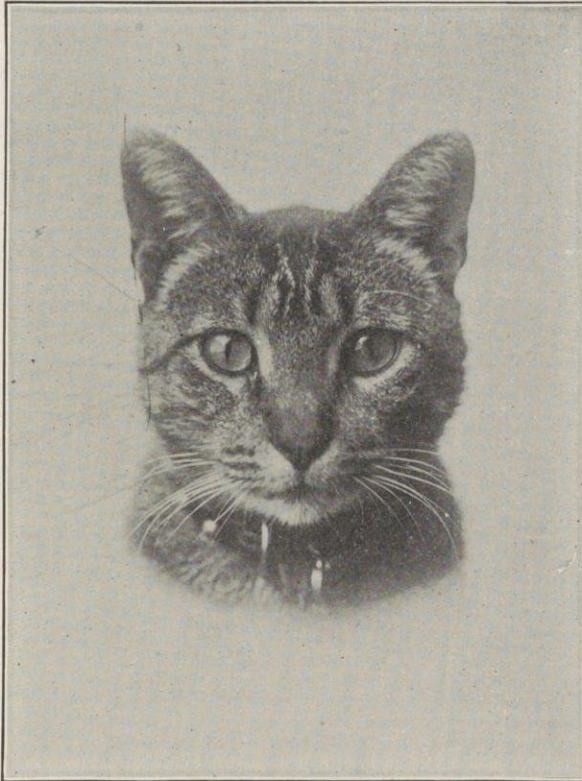
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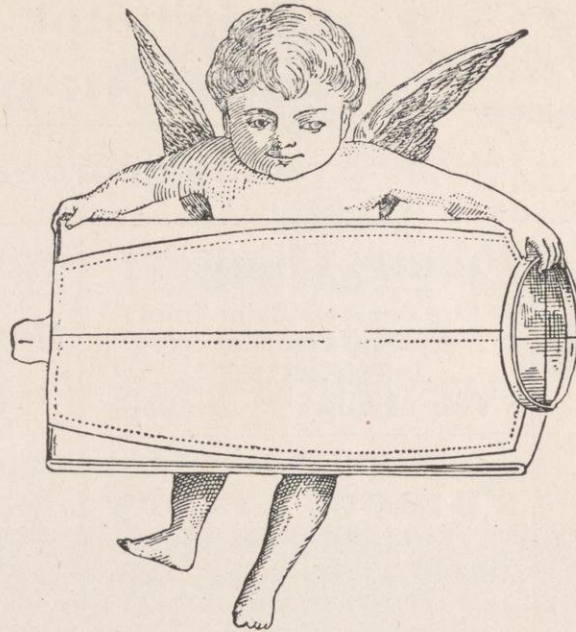
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