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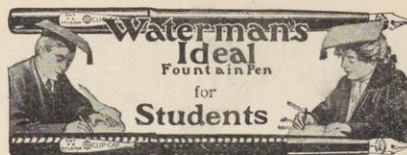
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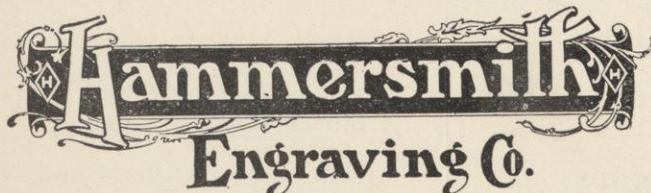
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A corking good fellow, By Golly!
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A piquant companion at dinner;
There's the studious girl who outstrips all the rest—
But the U-rah-rah girl is the winner!



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And she knows every man on the team by his name—
A most fascinating supporter.
She attends song rehearsals and cheers mighty well,
Although she is but a beginner.
You may sing of your "propah" society belle—
But the U-rah-rah girl is the winner!



She is seen on the bleachers way up with the crowd;
Her small voice is heard in the dinning;
Unafraid to join in with the cheer ringing loud,
"The Team! Be it losing or winning!"
And she bets on the score (though the stakes aren't high)—
A wee little bit of a sinner.
You may rave of the girl with the talkative eye—
But the U-rah-rah girl is the winner!

—Omar.



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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

WHILE THE ECHOES of the last class rush have been stilled by the intense football enthusiasm of the past two or three weeks, yet the effects of this unusual contest are still apparent in University activities. We all remember the meeting of the Student Conference Committee that was called soon after the rush for the purpose of discussing pro and con the advisability of doing away with this annual event in the future. We still recall the storm of protest that blew up at the mere suggestion of such drastic action, not only from the lower classes, but also from the upper classes. And the final action of the Student Conference Committee on this matter is now fresh in our minds. The rules approved by this Committee, although somewhat in the nature of a compromise, are short and simple, and affect in no way the traditional spirit of the rush. They are so short and concise, in fact, that they will bear repeating.

1. Neither class shall use any raft, boat or float of any kind.
2. No flag, pennant or other emblem shall be hoisted on any pole, building or tree.
3. The rush shall begin not earlier than four o'clock in the afternoon and shall terminate promptly at six o'clock.

Some there are who complain that even such common sense regulations are too restrictive, but knockers, like creditors, are with us always. In a case like the one under consideration, it is more a matter of temperament than of judgment. Such knockers are like the ornery mule that kept on kicking out of pure meanness, although there was nothing behind it but its own shadow.

In spite of these few chronic kickers, however (we had almost said because of them), the student body has endorsed these rules. The sophomore class itself, at its last meeting, put the seal of approval upon them, and for this it is deserving of the hearty commendation of every supporter of Wisconsin customs and traditions.

For, when all is said, this whole matter goes to the very root of Wisconsin traditions. It is true that much of the censure aimed at this rush grew out of the extreme roughness and danger by which it was attended, but it is also true that the greater part of this condemnation was the expression of a general feeling among the older students that this particular rush was a radical departure from the kind of rush which has been handed down from one generation of Wisconsin students to the next.

Compared with many other large universities, Wisconsin has but few traditions. We have the freshman regulations; but they have just passed the experimental stage, and have not yet acquired the dignity and veneration that comes only with age. The annual freshman-sophomore rush on the other hand, has now become a time-hallowed tradition. Alumni, in the spirit of reminiscence, tell about *their* rushes, and when they hear or read about later rushes, the picture called up in their memories is that of a struggling, cheering, good-natured mass of underclassmen whipping Lake Mendota into foam with their efforts to duck one another, and thus to wash away all class differences.

So the traditional class rush that was our heritage was distinctly a *lake* rush. Other universities may have their cane rushes or their pole rushes, but we have our lake rush. They must fight their class battles in those ways because they are not so fortunately situated as we are, and have no accommodating lake right at their doors. For this reason our rush is unique; and it should be kept so. If we are to hand down our old traditional lake rush to succeeding generations of students, we cannot allow a pole rush, or any other kind of rush to be substituted for it.

President Van Hise, in calling the Conference Committee to talk over this matter, justly felt that good sportmanship and common decency prohibited a repetition of this year's pole rush. We students, in addition to this, want to see tradition preserved. The only restriction that the new rules impose upon future rushes is this: Keep out innovations, and stick to our old traditional lake rush.



NOTICE!

Rumors have reached the sanctum of THE SPHINX that one or two flippant, verdant freshmen have been observed smoking pipes. While we make haste to say that we consider Dame Rumor a most fickle, shameless creature, nevertheless we wish to announce that THE SPHINX will continue its policy of publishing the names of any rambunctious freshman caught violating Wisconsin traditions. We are depending, as heretofore, upon loyal upper classmen to bring all such violations to our attention.



NOTICE—There are several places to be filled on THE SPHINX board. For all those students who can write or draw "good stuff," there is a chance to make the board. The sole consideration is merit. Contributions may be mailed to or left at 615 Lake St. Written material may be dropped in THE SPHINX box at Main Hall.



I either know or else I have read
Of a girl who wears a big bow on her head.
The reason she gives, as I call it to mind,
She likes, when she walks, to have bows
tag behind.—A. B. S.

Well-meaning but Illiterate Old Gentle-
man—My friend, take time by the fetlock.
Old Rancher—Mighty risky bizness,
pardner, mighty risky. I took a mule by
the fetlock onct!



Oh, poets sing
In words that ring
With genuine affection,
Of their "corncob pipe,"
Or their "old clay pipe,"
And swear each one's perfection.

But I will chant
(Or, if I can't,
At least I'm going to try to.)
Of that pipe of mine—
It cost a dime;
And at that the beast came high, too.

'Twas called a briar,
But I'm a liar
If 'twasn't common cherry.
I filled it full
Of "Nigger Wool"
And then smoked up—Oh, Mary!

I nearly died,
For when I tried
To light it, it exploded.
My face was specked;
My nose was wrecked—
You see the thing was loaded!

—Omar.



'Tis Ever Thus

"Why so sad, Bill?"

"Oh, I'm sore at myself, that's all. I won only five dollars on the Minnesota game, and it might just as well have been a hundred."



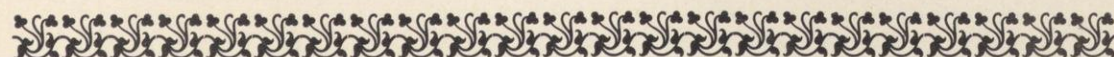
Heard at the Depot, St. Paul, Minn.

"When fellows—hic—are—are so—hic—drunk—that they—hic—hic—they—hic—think they can sing."



Fussing in Alaska

Henrietta! That young man *must* go home! It's half past November!



All the world's a stage—but most of us are only supers.

A pipe—the freshman's dream of the future.

NOTICE

Hereafter the several courses in the Agricultural College will be announced in the Catalogue under a different nomenclature. DEAN HENRY has decided, by and with the advice and consent of Ida M. Herfurth, Executive Clerk, that all the minor courses shall be re-named to conform with the euphonious title of his own course, FEEDS AND FEEDING. The courses of study, as thus amended, are given below.

I.

Required.

FEEDS AND FEEDING.

II.

Elective.

Farms and Farming.
Plants and Planting.
Milk and Milking.
Breeds and Breeding.
Graft and Grafting.
Soils and Soiling.
Nuts and Nutting.
Gardens and Gardening.
Cements and Cementing.
Pipes and Piping.
Roofs and Roofing.
Fences and Fencing.
Hay and Haying.
Rain and Raining.
Snow and Snowing.
Skates and Skating.
Water and Watering.
Stock and Stocking.



Will Some One Please Explain—

WHY you can tell an engaged couple as far off as you can see them?

WHY a man always does foolish things when he is in love?

WHY the percentage of educated people who marry is so low compared with that of the uneducated? Does education mean wisdom?

WHY a man acts queer and batty in the presence of his Heart's Desire, and is perfectly natural and even flippant towards every one else in petticoats?

Prof.—Give the principal parts of the verb *sting*.

Facetious Student—Sting, stang, stung again.



Professor S.—(In roll call) Mr. Brown—Mr. Brown!—Mr. Brown!!

Mr. Brown (engaged in entertaining jolly with fascinating damsel; confusedly) Er—er—Hello!

Professor S.—(cuttingly)—This is not Central, Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown—(in undertone to fascinating damsel)—The line was busy anyway.



I can stand it all right on Monday;
And Tuesday isn't so bad;
I can manage to get through Wednesday,
For then comes a check from dad;
And on Thursday I dream of Bettina,
On Friday my dream comes true;
On Saturday I live in memories,
But on Sunday I always get "blue."

—O.

Letters From Freshmen

THE SPHINX—*Dear Sir:* They say that you are a funny paper, and here you want me to give one dollar for a subscription. That is not fun. —*K. D., '09.*

Dear K. D.: Your letter is very ambiguous. What do you mean when you say, "That is not fun"?—the paper, the dollar or the subscription? We know the paper is fun, because Sunny Pyre said so once, and he wasn't paralyzed when he said it, either. Now, a dollar may be fun or it may not. It depends on where you spend it. It's not any fun when you lose it betting on the Minnesota team. Now, there remains the subscription. A subscription may be fun to one person and not to another. If you should get a subscription for Christmas, I should say it was some fun. Taking the dollar and the subscription together, however, it is the best fun I know of for the editor. It is a corking good joke. Good jokes are rare. We often get the subscription without the dollar, but that is no fun. Your letter indicates that you take a decidedly morose view of life, and have a few symptoms of the tightwad. We would prescribe for your case a course under Sunny, and another under Ferdy.

—*Editor.*

DEAR SPHINX—I am real worried about something I want to ask about. I am in the college of letters and my brother just came out of it last year and now he is a bachelor of arts and what I want to know is have I got to be an old maid of arts or something I have always hoped for a better fate as I am a nice little girl with lots of fluffy hair which is yellow and I don't put anything on it either and blue eyes and pink cheeks only sometimes I get freckles and a rosebud mouth and you mustn't think I'm flattering myself because all the boys say the same thing and that I am chick which is French for real cute. Please tell me right away and it will be a great favor to

—*Flossie, '09.*

Dear Flossie: If you correspond to the plans and specifications furnished in your letter, we do not think you need to worry. By the way, you neglected to give us your address.

—*Editor.*

DEAR SPHINX—I send you a poem I have composed, entitled "An Echo of the Rush." It has taken me quite a while to compose it, but writing poetry is always tedious work even for born poets.

An Echo of the Rush

Oh, rushes grow in water,
Our rush was in it, too;
It was a sad occasion:
The lake looked very blue.

Though we were dressed for ducking,
White ducks were worn by none;
You'd be a goose to wear them,
Though the color wouldn't run.

And some had water in their hair—
(That's water on the brain;)
Fresh freshmen take to water,
For that's also fresh, 'tis plain.

Yet salt tears were in some guys' eyes,
When tears tore in their pants;
But everything went swimmingly,
A curious circumstance.

When all was o'er I sought a stove,
Whereby to dry my clothes;
I then wrung out my hosiery,
By turning on the hose.

Now why are clothes called dry goods?
I'm sure that mine were wet;
There was a damper on the stove,
But I was damper yet.

Do you think this poem is good enough to print? I would like your candid opinion of it. I handed it in as a theme, and my English instructor gave me an A, and said it was the best bit of verse he had ever read, and that there were marks of "budding genius" all over it. I looked close, but I couldn't see any marks on it; and besides I didn't know what he meant by a "budding genius." —*Mat. Arnold, '09.*

Dear Mat.: We cannot put in print our candid opinion of your musical conglomeration of puns. Too many of our readers are modest, delicate-minded Co-eds. We counted at least five puns, any one of which would give a man the willies; but when we got to the sixth we gave it up, took a bottle of Hostetter Bitters and went to bed. If it were not for your tender age, we would sic old Oliver Wendell Holmes onto you. He's a good one to get after punsters. When you get old enough to read, we would advise you to peruse the first four or five spasms of his "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," and then you'll find out where people who make puns go when they die. So you'd better not die until you read it.

Your English instructor was quite right. We feel certain it was the best poem he ever read. A "budding genius," in the slang of the English department, is a youth who smokes gold tip cigarettes, calls everything picturesque, and talks a lot about the Bohemian life.

—*Editor.*

—*Letters by C. B. Hill, '08.*

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To the Gophers

We are convalescent now,
Minnesota.
Verily, you showed us how,
Minnesota.
We are much obliged to you
For the way your football crew
Ground our Badgers in the goo,
Minnesota.

We had hoped for better things,
Minnesota.
But you spoiled our reckonings,
Minnesota.
We supposed that you would boast
Of two touchdowns at the most,
But you did us a la Yost,
Minnesota.

We are back on native soil,
Minnesota.
Back to study and to toil,
Minnesota.
But we never shall forget
How you made our plungers bet—
Some of them are walking yet,
Minnesota.

Dear, beloved sister state,
Minnesota.
We have journeyed back by freight,
Minnesota.
And the only song we sing
Is a song of sorrowing;
Aren't you the horrid thing,
Minnesota!

—(W. F. Kirk, in *Milwaukee Sentinel*, 190 .)

1905

To the Gophers

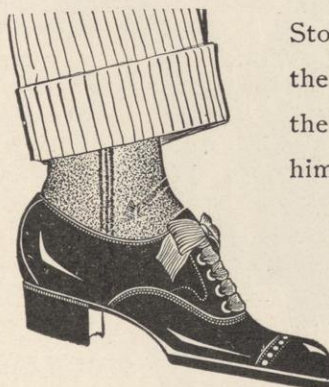
(with apologies to Wm. F. Kirk.)

We are feeling better now,
Minnesota.
For at last we showed *you* how,
Minnesota.
Though your giants weighed a ton,
Our team put them on the bum,
As was done in 1901,
Minnesota.

Norcross says our backs are fast,
Minnesota.
And our plays superbly massed,
Minnesota,
Should have got a few more goals,
But your line, so full of holes,
Filled with pity our men's souls,
Minnesota.

We were feeling pretty gay,
Minnesota.
For we knew it was our day,
Minnesota.
Is it true, that last report,
That you lost like a true sport?
This is surely not *your* fort,
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But this time we missed the freight,
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For soon after that first rush,
We became so awful flush,
That we came back on the plush,
Minnesota.

—“Ebe.”

The Bon Fire is a funny thing,
It has no tail or horn or eye
Or foot or hand or mouth or wing,
And yet it soars up to the sky.

It greatly fears the rain and snow,
It comes out mostly in the night,
And when we win a game or so,
It eats up everything in sight.

“There are four phases in the evolution
of a writer.”

“What are they?”

“First. When he begins to write, he
signs his work with all the name he's got,
and some he hasn't got.

“Second. He signs his initials.

“Third. He uses a pseudonym.

“Fourth. He doesn't sign at all.”



First Engineer—I like the leather case of this rule the best.

Second Engineer—Yes; but you don't use the case as a rule.



Normalite—Bill writes me that he will draw \$100 per.

Freshman—Per what?

Normalite—Perhaps.

She

SHE STOOD alone on the threshold. Within the room, facing her, were seated four and twenty young men, but this did not appear to abash her in the least. Her self-possession was most remarkable. She was a dainty little Miss, with the reddest lips and the most alluring dimple in her chin. Her large, trustful brown eyes roved expectantly from one to another of the young men before her. A Quaker-like modesty and simplicity betrayed itself in the neat, oh, so neat, gown. From the top of her becoming pompadour to the end of her high-heeled French slippers, she was good to look at.

One of the young men spoke her name and she hastened to his side to hear the words that should fall from his lips—

“Maggie. Please bring me another cup of coffee.”—Omar.



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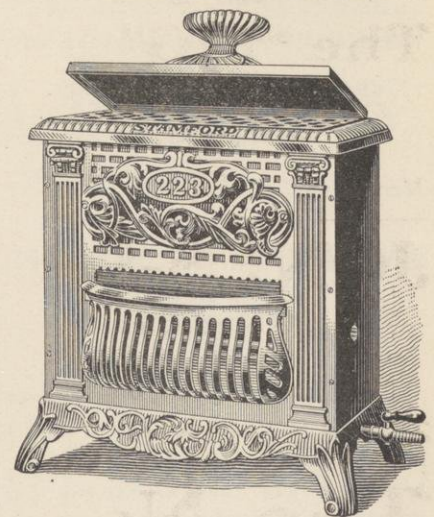
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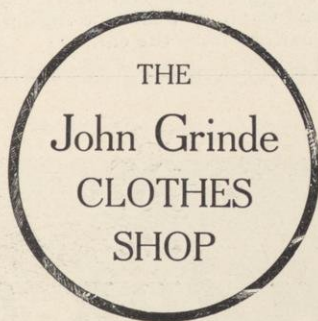
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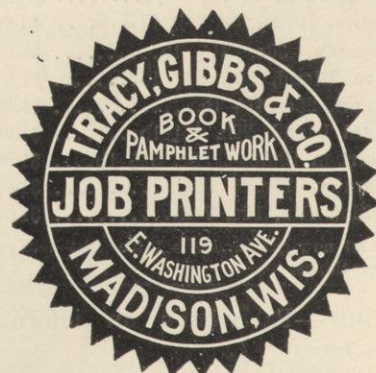
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