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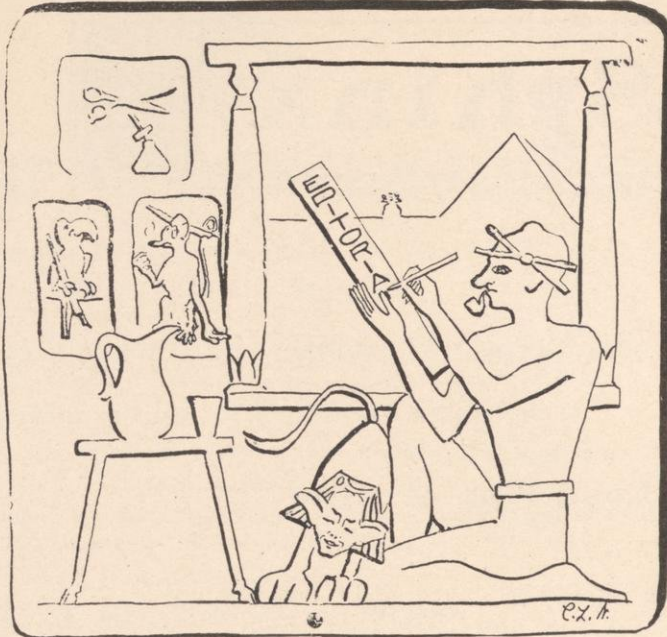
As one dreams at midnight of the friends that he has known,  
I praise the patient saints for one—the truest that I own.  
My dear breast pocket holds him in a sweetheart's clasp divine,  
My dearest friend in all the world—that Old Lead Pipe of mine.

I can go to take my pickings of the products of the Square  
With the joy of well-earned pleasure for the brave deserves the fair.  
And to tilt your nose at roughnecks is a luxury divine  
If you have the trust that I have in that Old Lead Pipe of mine.

In fact, to speak in earnest, I believe it adds a charm  
To think that what you drink is due to the prowess of your arm.  
Before I leave at Butterfield's I down another stein  
To the friend who gets me to it—that Old Lead Pipe of mine.

Old friends may come, old friends may go, but one will ne'er depart;  
He saves me sticking plaster and he gives me strength of heart.  
As chaperone he takes me home past beer and danger sign—  
I thank the gods who made him for that Old Lead Pipe of mine.

He never walks, he never talks—is always at my side.  
He's always loaded, never balks, and is content to hide  
Until my time of need. My Brave, my Slave so black and fine,  
You're better than a gang or gun—O Old Lead Pipe of mine.



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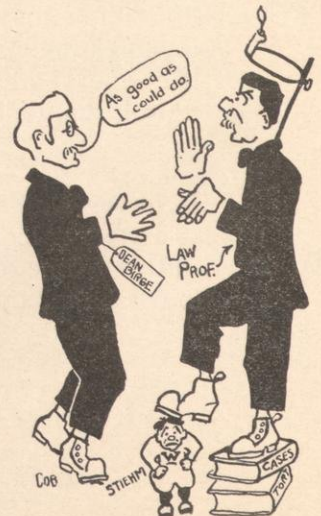
Compendium of Welcome in the late, unlamented Registration Number. It is the best tradition we have, albeit the youngest; the easiest one to enforce; and probably the one which produces the greatest impression on the lay mind.

We still don't seem to be able to get anything good without some mitigating circumstances, — the price of those caps should not be more than 50 cents.

Mazomanie, got his finger scratched in the last one), we are inclined to doubt, let's have a real rush with a point to it. The recent affair was only less aimless than disgusting. It had one illuminating feature to-wit: the crowd which gathered in the hope of seeing something to titillate their old, simian-ancestral emotions.

**W**HAT gets us as being more startling than the Cardinal button is the fact that we have delayed so long in establishing the "Cap Tradition." It sure has been a long time overdue but it's welcome just the same, and some more. We confess to gross negligence in not having included the Green Cap in our

**W**HO wants the Rush? To hear the Stude Conference blab you would think that a mob of the stude body was howling without, "We want Rush! We want Rush!" Now anyone who confesses to a partiality for the Rush as exhibited on Thursday last is in a bad way. If we are going to have a rush at all, which (in view of the fact that Theocritus Tid, of





WHEN the *Proper Authorities* eliminated two paltry plunks from the price of Prom, they eliminated practically all that makes Prom Prom. It is charitable to suppose that this was not their intention. They meant well; so did the kid who started his launch at just the right moment to cut the Varsity shell in two. They had the idea of popularizing Prom — *popularizing Prom* — think of that.

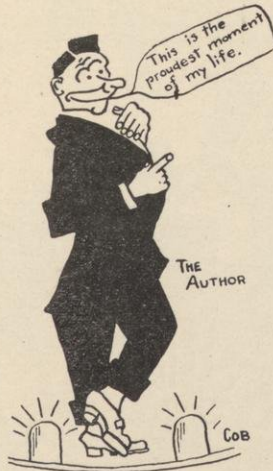
It worked out differently. From being the pride of the Wisconsin Stoods, one and all, great and small, etc., Prom has become, in two short years, a pitiful example of what short-sighted penny-pinchers can produce when they get the Powers behind them—a joke—a by-word—fit only to be classed with Fourth Assistant Master Plumbers' semi-decennial balls. Last year the Junior Prominod was heart-rending—that ought to be fixed up. At the best it is a trying time for hearts. What is the noble class of 1910 going to do about it?

THE SPHINX does not clamor for ruthless extravagance. She has more than a casual acquaintance with pinching poverty. She has seen the time several times when a dollar looked at least as big as the moon. But she does hold with the right-minded majority that it is better to pay 5 plunks for a Prom which will live in the memory as a record-breaking social success and the best time ever, than to whack up 3 for a measly, imitation-tinsel, mockery, the shameful and disgusting memory of which you will have to drown several times before it is gone for good.

In the end it would be cheaper, too. Drownings come high.

After the avalanche of destructive reformation of the last few years, don't you think we would be wise to start a little reconstruction and—why not begin on the Prom?

After Prom comes the Junior play, a shining monument to the genius and courage of Lucian Cary and his associates. This institution offers to each student of the University, an opportunity for the public presentation of his pseudo-dramatic efforts under the most favorable conditions imaginable. This year the play contest closes Nov. 15. For further particulars see the *Candyball* or a member of the Junior Play Committee. It isn't very long till Nov. 15. Temperamental geniuses will do better to get busy at once.



WHILE perhaps we are rather too excited just after coming from the Lawrence game, yet we believe we are right in saying that the Western Football Cham-

pionship has set out toward Madison with a light heart. Along about Nov. 21 you will see it perching on the grandstand roof and yelling U! Rah! Rah! till it is too hoarse to whisper, like we are now.

Minnesota, 6; Lawrence, 0.

Wisconsin, 35; Lawrence, 0.

Well! Well! Well! and again well!

Now bring on Marquette. The *Scintinel* has repeated with painful regularity, the assertion that Marquette is going to beat us. Fortunately nobody takes the *Scintinel* seriously except its editors, so no one is likely to be misled into losing any money.

And while we are on this topic suppose you take a look at the illustration in the lower right hand corner of page 18, and take off your hat to the Athletic Council. Also, if you haven't, buy an Athletic Membership Book.

We wish to announce that the business management of THE SPHINX is open to All Comers, so if you are a Comer and feel that way let the B. M. know it as quickly and emphatically as possible. Circulation and advertising are the two big business gags about a paper. If you are wise to these subjects your chances are bright as the Rosy Dawn. Later in the year an Assistant Business Manager will be chosen and election to this place means a cinch on the B. M.'s job next year. Quit knocking and do something.

**As It Actually Happened**

The scions of '11 passed the house. Percy obediently put out his light. A pounding at the door. Deathly silence. More pounding. "Open up, Freshie, or the lake for yours." "All right," very meekly as the door opened and Percy emerged, the tell-tale under-the-bed dust very evident on his Olson and Veerhusen. Two little Sophs led forth our Percy, whose teeth were chattering, and knees strangely weak for one so young.

"Look what we've got, fellows." "Ah, put it back to bed." "Lord! give it the bottle or it will bawl." "Kiss it good night." "Give it back to mother's waiting arms." "Say, me landlady has a cradle." "Let it go; 'taint worth our time."

Such was the reception accorded our hero. The two little Sophs took Percy to the edge of the crowd, jarred the sitting room of his trousers with their Regals and watched the dust fly.

"Carl Russell's twin brother, sure."

**As He Wrote it to His Fairy**

Dearest Eileen:—Since our tender farewell my thoughts have oft been of thee. But most strongly last night when I fought and struggled with all the man there is in me. And I chastised them severely. It all came about thusly:

I was quietly composing an "Ode to Autumn" when about fifty of those beastly Sophomores burst into my study and dragged me out into the street. Believe me I struggled valiantly, and had there been only twenty would have vanquished them. Ah! you should have seen me as I stood alone and defied that mob of three thousand brutes.

I scornfully refused to submit to any indignities, and they decided that I should run the gauntlet. That was my chance. I ran down that double line of savages striking right and left, each blow felling one or more. I must have hit a hundred. Such consternation did I strew behind me that I reached home ere they thought of pursuit.

Your dearest,

PERCY.

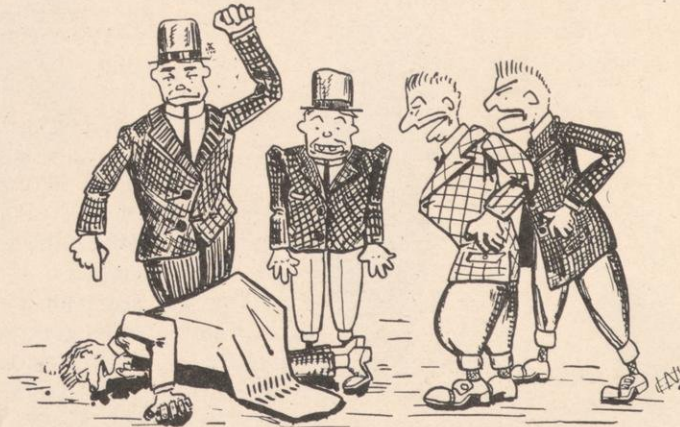
Did you ever see a girl beat eggs for cake?

No, but I've heard of a fellow shaking a furnace for breakfast.

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LEAD PIPE ADVANCES FIFTY POINTS.

Shorts run to cover.

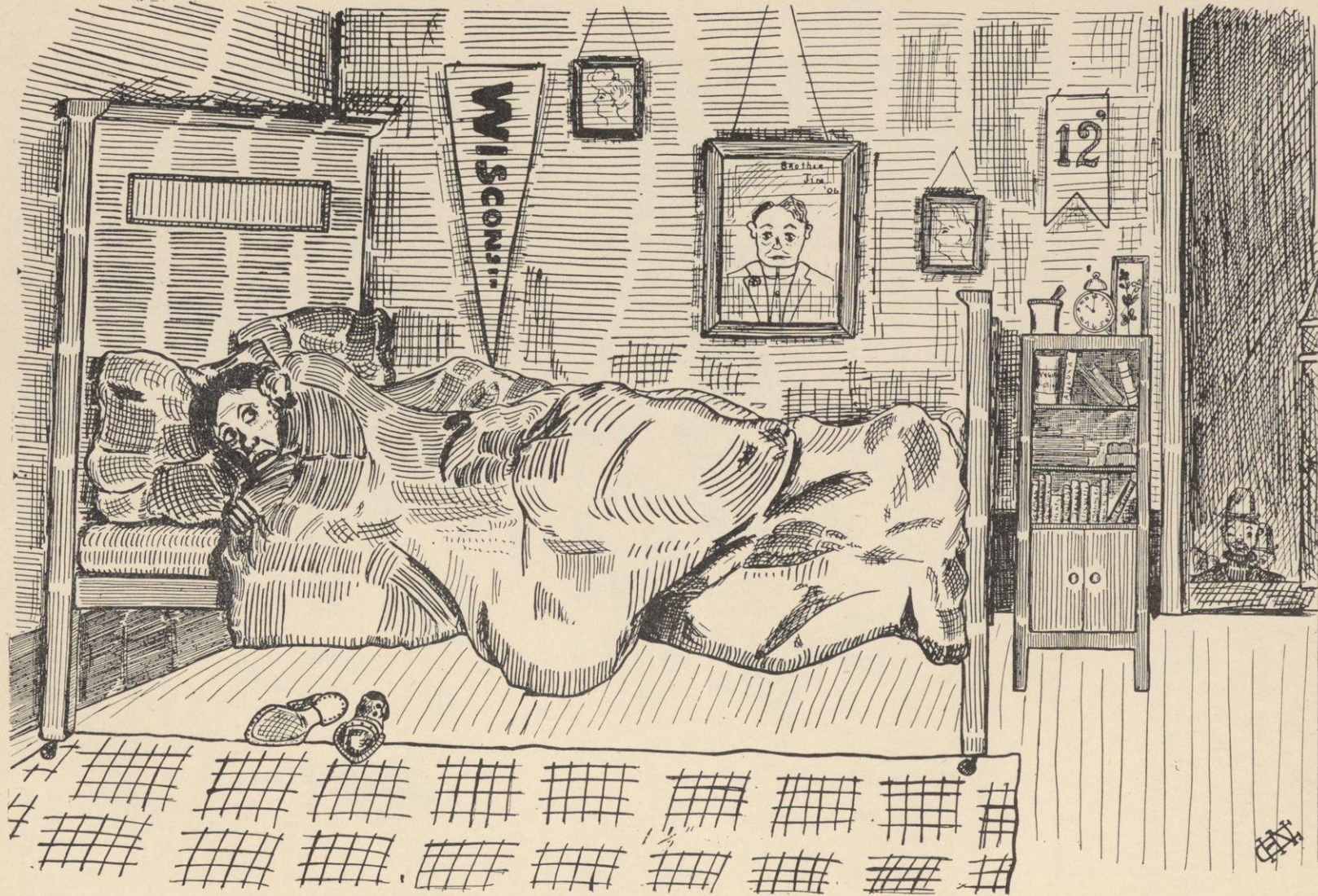


(From the Sparta Clarion of October 3.)

**Spartan Boy Makes Good**

Mr. Olaf Damson, Jr., son of the Hon. Olaf Damson of this city, has already distinguished himself in athletics at the State University where he is attending school.

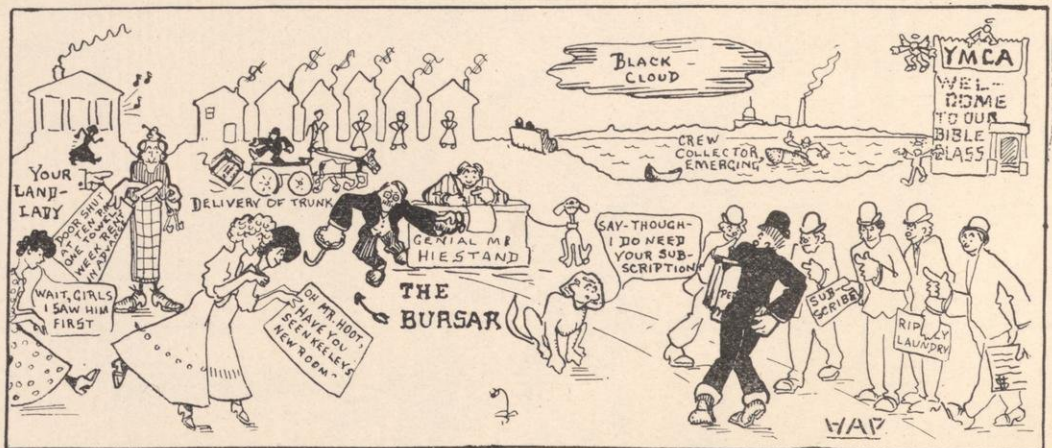
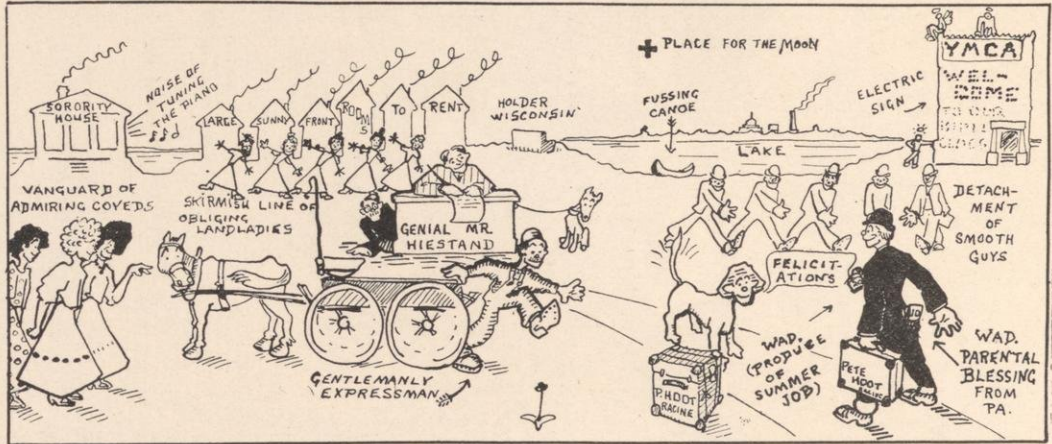
He took first in the All Freshman Peanut Race the other evening, and established a new record for the event.



FOOTSTEPS ON THE STAIRS

## I

When Pete Hoot, '12, arrived in Madison and saw what a blithe reception was laid out for him, he said: "Ho! I am evidently the Welcome Prodigal."



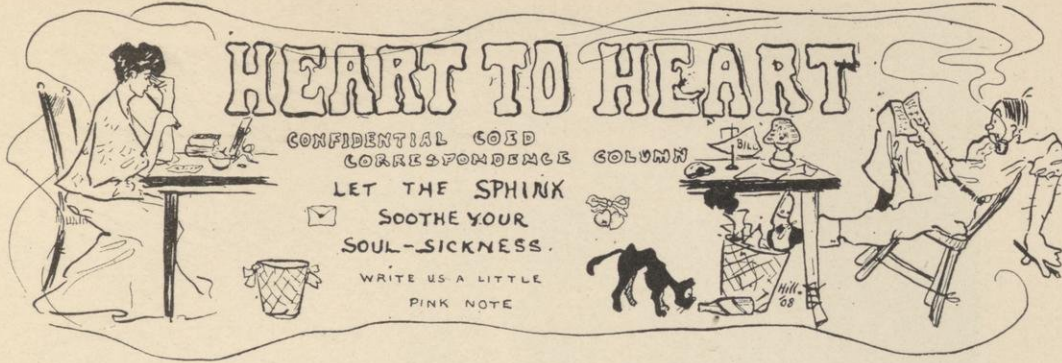
## II

But after about three minutes he realized that, as a matter of fact, he was the Fatted Calf.

## Sage Advice

You've had a grand old glorious time,  
 This summer, while I've worked.  
 You've traveled in most every clime;  
 I've slept and ate and clerked.  
 But now we're both a-grinding here  
 Toward one goal both intent;  
 We've both the same old Profs to fear.  
 To this your mind cement,  
*Get down and buck.*

Don't skate around and waste your coin  
 On girls or fancy booze;  
 The more you spend on Tenderloin  
 The sooner you will lose  
 Your graft with Profs up on the Hill.  
 So 'round your books just buck,  
 Pass up temptation; say to Bill,  
 For once, I'm going to work;  
*Get down and buck.*



*Dear Old Sphinx:*—I laughed real heartily at your last appearance. Please give the enclosed bit of verse a prominent place. I tore it off last evening carelessly while smoking a cigarette. MADGE.

*Dear Old Madge:*—We laughed real heartily at your naive note, but we have a profound respect for our waste basket, so we are returning the torn-off verse. We advise you to tear the next one off more carefully, and not leave it so ragged. We think, too, that you will find a pipe (lead) more conducive to true art.

*The Sphinx:*—Dear Madame (?)—Will you kindly tell me what are the proper clothes at the rush. Yours, LUCILE HICKLESNIFTER.

*These are no proper clothes at the rush. Brush by, Lucile.*

*Sphinx:*—I wish to give my boy at college a pipe. What sort would you recommend? ANXIOUS PARENT.

*A very stylish present at present is a good, well balanced lead pipe. We can assure you that your son will find such a gift ornamental and extremely useful.* SPORTING EDITOR.

*Dear Sphinx:*—Doesn't "lead pipe" strike you as a vulgarism? Not if we see the guy first. BLANCHE.

A jokesmith now confined in Mendota once evolved the following definition and basely attributed it to a child:

The equator is a menagerie lion running around the earth.



He—I am strictly it, I tell you.

She—Isn't it funny?



1st Stude—Fuller to-night?

2nd Stude—Not unless I run over.



### Hydraulics II

What is the best thing to cut off a flow of language?

A small hunk of lead pipe.

### On the Heights

A Prof from the Varsity Heights, Beheld a danseuse in pink tights.

"This display" (remarked he),

"Offends all de-cen-cy;

We should sic Uncle Sharp on such sights."



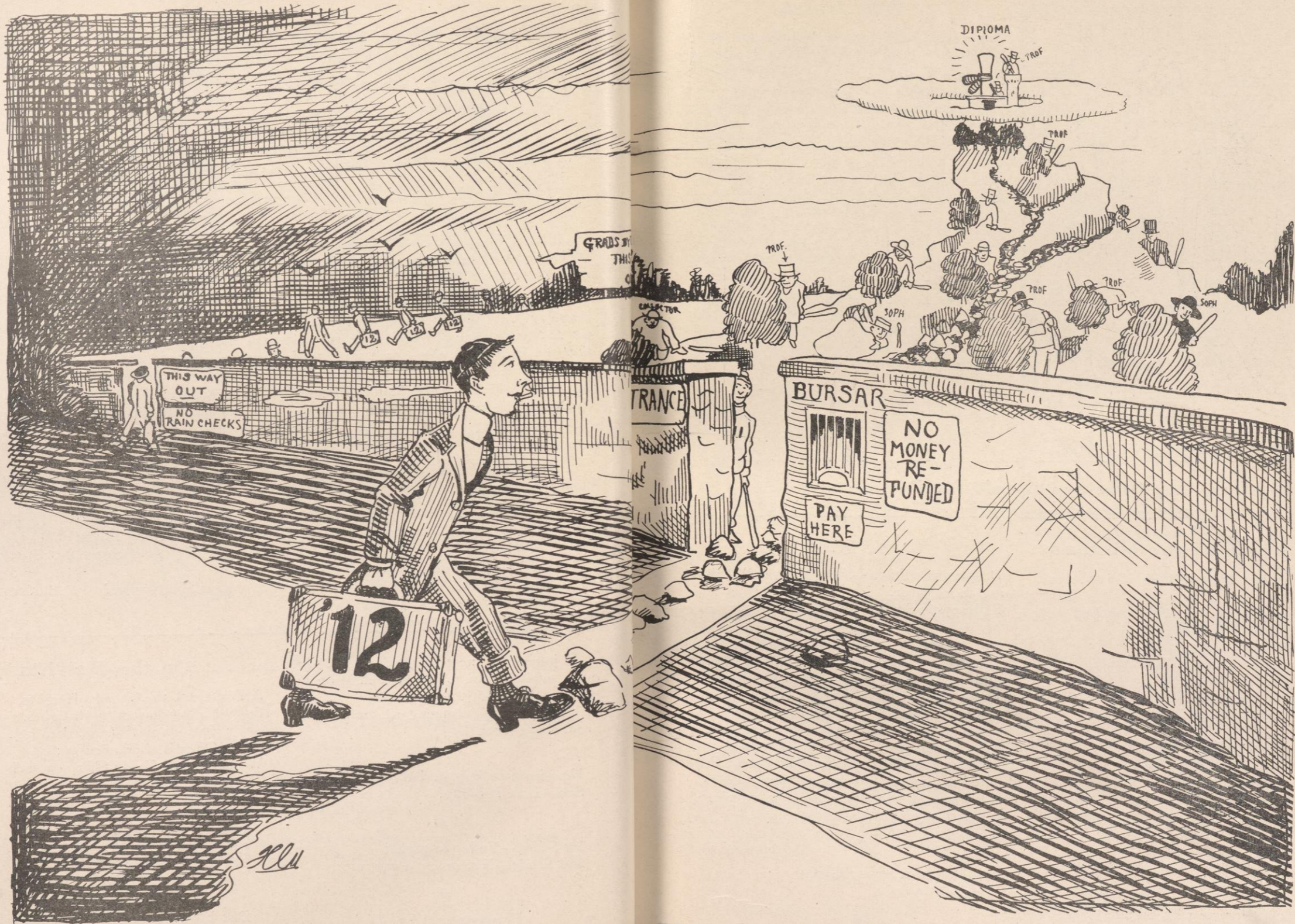
What is this Gisholt Works?

Lead pipe foundry, I guess.



Doc Elsom didn't do what he should have done at the rush. Doc Elsom is a joke.

The Student Conference didn't do what it should have done at the rush. What is the Student Conference?



"Pleasant Job, Young Man"



Steele -- "Look Joe."

### The Voice of the Victims

"Oh what has happed?" said Gwendolyn  
To brother Algernon;  
"You look as if you had been mobbed  
And freely stepped upon."

"The Sophmores and me" (he said)  
"Have had an interview.  
"But Mercy! Gracious! sister,  
What has some one done to you?"

"Your coiffure lacks eleven puffs;  
Your hat is o'er your eye;  
And as for further deshabelle  
Oh me! Oh Me. Oh My!"

"Oh speak! What is the reason for  
These here discrepencies?"  
"I have been rushed for eighteen hours  
By five sororities."

"They fought for me with hatpins" (said  
The damaged Gwendoline),  
Said Algernon judicially:  
"The Sophomores for mine."

### Y. M.

Despairing Frosh—"Do! they call this  
thing an elevator?"  
Philosophic Soph.—"Not usually."

✕

The trick piano performer at the Maj.  
had played Hot Time as a waltz, two-step,  
wedding march, dirge, as the U. W. band  
would play it, etz.

"Play it as a barn-dance," ordered the  
Kehlite in the first row of the 15c. seats.

Realizing the futility of genius, the T. P.  
P. filled in the void by singing that baleful  
ballad entitled, "*When a fellow's running  
levels past a girl that's on the square.*"

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'12—I'm from Spring Green.  
'11—You look it.

✕

Candied Kid—"Isn't Helen too sweet?"  
Candid Kid—"I never tasted her."

Psalm XIII

(To the fluffyless and starchless who come to be glossed—a psalm of the plaintive pledgeling.)

1. They have carted us abroad in the streets of the city and have pointed out unto us the pleasant places and cried, "Behold the dump wherein ye shall hibernate!"

2. They have paid the bills of the pirate liverymen which must have been something awful and cried again, "Blessed are they that grub with our gang and Dwell in our courts, for lo! they are some punkins."

3. They have shown us the beautiful co-ed crop and lifted up their voices and howled, "Behold the wherewithal to fuss! Their doors shall be open unto you as a summer girl's stocking if ye choose and we choose that ye become one of our pack."

4. But if ye be not of our pack but become of the unhappy fratless the co-eds shall be smileless and wordless to you, save when ye help them at lab time or pass them your ponies in quizzes!

5. With words of their mouths have they lured us; in drives have they dangled delights before us.

6. And now that we be pledgelings they yowl unto us to make sport and bawl, "Answer the telephone, Freshman!"

7. They make housemaids and chambermaids of us, they tell us to answer the doorbell! And only a week ago they called us Misters and made us believe we were Powerful Peanuts.

8. Oh! the deceitfulness of them; the mock and the mirth that they make of us now. For Freshman has become a word of reproach—yea of reviling—and our little green caps are as sackcloth and ashes upon our worrying topknots.

9. We have been led astray, O Brethren of the Pledgeling tribe! Astray and away and awry have we been led. Gods of the Freshman have mercy upon our little green souls.



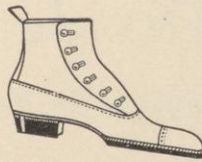
Norma Light. Norma Light.  
Land *ma chair*, but you're a sight.  
Course we know that thought is trite  
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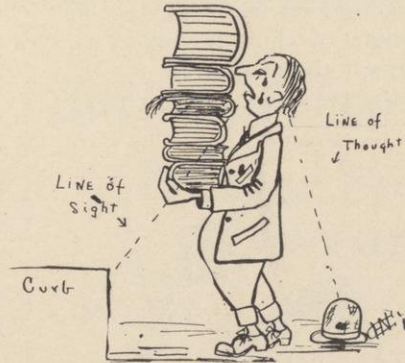
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# FULLER OPERA HOUSE

## Hilda Thomas

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

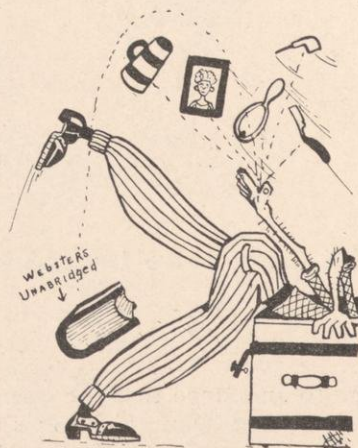
## The Great Divide

### Friday Night, Oct. 23

## The County Chairman

### Saturday Night, Oct. 24

"No freshmen here are Irishmen,"  
The college wit has said.  
"For none of them has worn as yet,  
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## Music and the Drama

With the opening of the college year come the inevitable brays of the would be famous dramatical but seldom grammatical societies. THE SPHINX is easy. No use denying it when she has permitted such audacious advertising as this to fill her news columns.

The Edwine Booze Dramatic Club will produce "*As You Strike It*," out of a clear sky. This is a play by the rising young dramatist W. Shakespeare, who is said to have netted \$1.70 a week right through last year's bum season with his sterling tragedy "*The Sop of the World*." To correct a false impression current in some circles and on the square that "*As You Strike It*," is a cheap melo-drama, the management has requested us to announce that it contains 17 acts, and no less than 88 speaking parts, all separate and more or less distinct.

The Mandolin Club will try out and then render the same program they rendered prior to, and since 1896, except that they will repeat the third variation in "*The Carnival of Venice*," 5 times instead of 3. They are not doing this from any sense of necessity or obligation, but simply out of the kindness of their hearts. The club will take same trip they took in 1892 when the deficit was only \$49.70 and a plugged nickel.

The Pink Nightie Dramatic Society has decided to inflict *Nellie the Beautiful Cloak Model, or Behind the Scenes in a Scenic Railway*. Cloak by Kornhauser. Blushes by audience.

The Hairyfeet will put on false mustaches and a spectacular revival of *Faust* which has been revised and brought up to modern standards by H. Winslow. The Glee Club will render the cries of the souls in torment, and it is expected that the audience will join in.

Several members of the club were in favor of playing *The Devil*, but were discouraged by the mulish opposition of the faculty.

The Juniors are contemplating getting to the Prom crowd as in former years.

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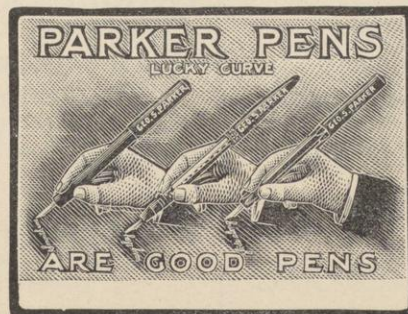
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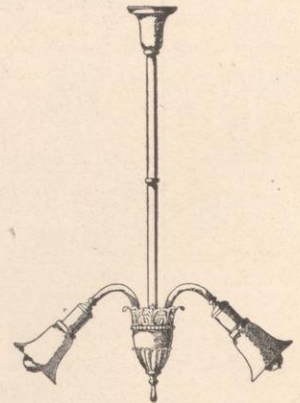
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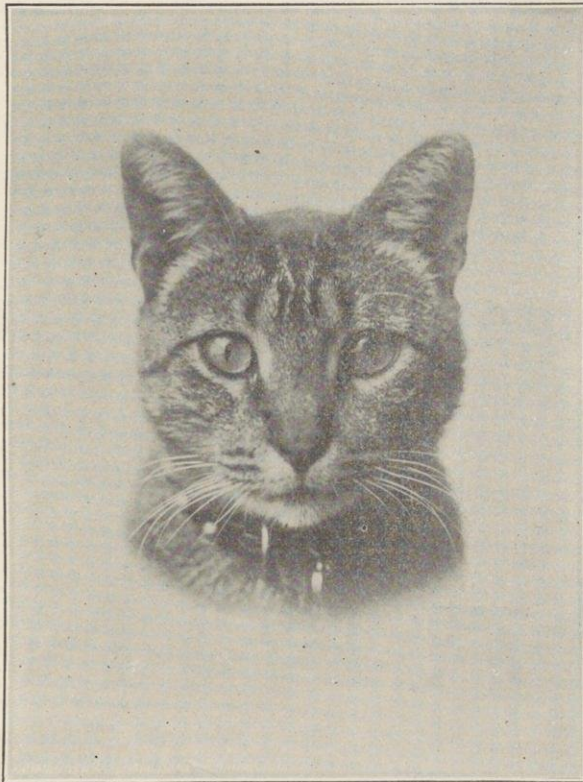
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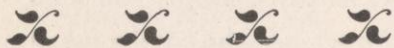
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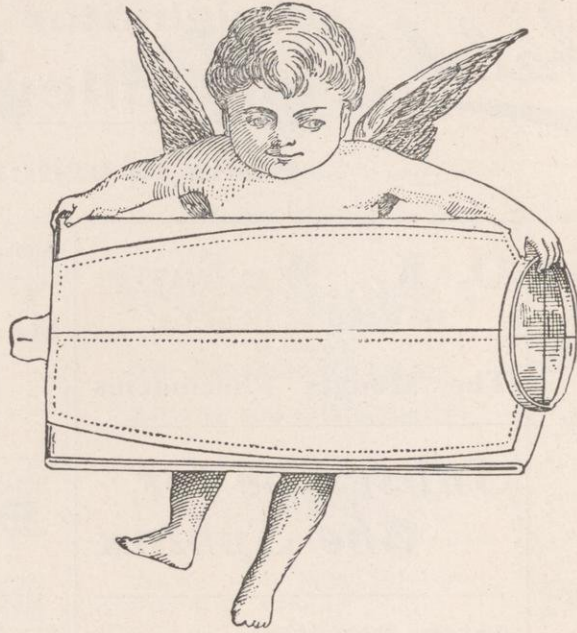
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