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No. 1

## My Freshman Girl.

She's come to this big college,  
The girl I've loved so long,  
She's come in search of knowledge  
To join our studious throng.

She's come that I may aid her,  
That she may not despair,  
Tho' lit. and psych. evade her,  
To pull at least a fair.

She's come—but why preamble  
In optimistic style?  
I have a deuced scramble  
To get within a mile.

Her dearest friend's a Delta Gam,  
Her next's a Gamma Phi:  
Some Thetas knew her Cousin Sam  
In a prep school at Hawaii.

A Pi Phi once passed through a town  
Where she'd lived the year before;  
The Tri Deltas know a girl named Brown  
Who had seen her father's store.

One Kappa has heard of a boy, you see,  
Who played with her when a kid,  
And the great-great-aunt of an Alpha Phi  
Is engaged to her Uncle Sid.

And where am I in all this mix?  
I don't come in at all.  
I've tried in vain a date to fix  
For a fifteen-minute call.

She's dated to register on the Hill,  
Dated a room to hunt,  
Dated to pay Mr. Riley's bill,  
Dated for many a stunt.

She has rides and picnics on her list  
To fill at least a year.  
And each day adds to the awful grist  
Of deals that are mighty queer.

Whist and golf and parties gaiore,  
On the lake, in the country, in town,  
Traps and launches—your eyes would get sore  
Watching her chase around.

Progressive dinners and morning hops,  
Luncheons and midnight teas,  
Matinee dances and flippity-flops  
And afternoon jamborees.

Poor little girl—she had never a thought  
To meet such a fate as this,  
Or, maybe, her ticket would not have been bought  
To the city of Madison, Wis.

With regret I recall how I urged to come—  
I wish she were out of the whirl;  
I'd give a week's pie to get safely back home  
With my tired little freshman girl.



## A Hallucination.

In her autumn contemplation  
Of her seashore osculation  
She is full of perturbation  
Lest a sly continuation  
Of this sweet infatuation  
Shock this college aggregation.

For of all concatenations,  
And her wary machinations,  
She knows that fellow's inclination  
To bring these soft oblations,  
Of four lips' relations,  
So her lips set firmly,—“Nit.”

## A “Flat” Refusal.

“Tell me,” said he, becoming strenuous, “Tell me, are there no vacant apartments in your heart? Or perhaps the present tenant complains of the heating arrangements? Tell me.” She blushed—her eyes gleamed. The man's heart rose and rose until it tickled his chin. “Ah, at last you yield, at last I discern the ‘For Rent’ sign in your lovely eyes.” “Nay, nay,” was her coy answer, “you read them wrong. They merely say, ‘Wanted, a Man to Work.’”

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To the Regents, President, Faculty and students of the University, THE SPHINX sends greetings. The beginning of a college year always an auspicious and happy event, is doubly so this year. President Adams has returned to the University, after a year's leave of absence, entirely recovered in health, and eager to resume his duties again. THE SPHINX with the rest of the University rejoices in President Adams' recovery and is very glad to have him back again. With health restored and spirits rejuvenated, President Adams can not help but make this the most prosperous year in our history. Already the attendance promises to surpass that of last year, and every student in the University is enthusiastic over the golden promise of the future. But for this favorable condition of the University at present, THE SPHINX believes great credit and praise should be given to Dean Birge. Rarely do we find a man capable of filling two responsible positions at the same time. Yet this is what Dean Birge has done. As Dean he has permitted none of his regular duties to suffer, and as Acting President, he has ever acted for the best interests of the University and has gained the admiration and respect of all. For the encouraging signs of the future, President Adams, THE SPHINX believes, owes much to the wise and careful administration of Dean Birge.

With this number THE SPHINX begins her third year. To all but the Freshmen she needs no introduction, and in meeting them by means of this the first number of the year, she hopes to make it another case of love at first sight. From her old subscribers THE SPHINX has on the whole received kind and considerate attention, although oftentimes the word of encouragement has been conspicuous by its absence. But nevertheless, THE SPHINX happy in the consciousness that a good thing like a good man can never long remain hidden, never once permitted a word of complaint to escape her. Often she was in danger of attesting to the truth of the sentiment "that as concerns college publications, one per cent. of the students subscribe and ten per cent. criticise." But the storms have been weathered and the harbor reached. There were often rocks ahead (alas! not financially speaking) and the way was long and dark. But the little craft is now weather-beaten and brave enough to set sail upon any sea.

But do not misunderstand THE SPHINX. She is always glad to receive criticism and suggestions. This is a college paper for college students, and for college students' money and consequently college students' ideas and suggestions are desired. THE SPHINX is not so vain or narrow-minded as

to think she needs no improvement. Only she is a little particular about the manner in which the criticisms are made. She wants them made known to *her*. And she wants them made by sincere people, and she wants only sensible suggestions. She has no desire for the criticism of the man who is always borrowing his neighbor's copy, or who reads THE SPHINX at the Co-op while waiting for the change from the purchase of a postage stamp. Be fair with THE SPHINX and she will be fair with you. Do not expect a *Fudge* or a *Life*. Remember that it is a college publication, and published not for gain alone. Then be fair, and if your suggestions are made known to THE SPHINX and if they are practicable and will promote the best interests of the paper, THE SPHINX will gladly make use of them and she and her subscribers will be grateful evermore.

But at the start THE SPHINX wishes to warn her readers. Do not take THE SPHINX too seriously. She is not a moulder of public opinion or a Free Advice Depot and has no wish to compete with her esteemed contemporary or with the various class officers in these respects. Some of her readers in the past have made the grave mistake of taking THE SPHINX too seriously and the result has been unhappiness for them, while THE SPHINX still appears regularly and at the same rates. Of course, THE SPHINX gets serious occasionally, as for instance when she published THE SPHINX-AMERICAN last year, and when she beat the *Cardinal* at baseball. But these spells are few and far between, and as no one recognizes them when they do appear, all is well and no harm results.

So don't take THE SPHINX too seriously. Become a subscriber, pay your subscription in advance and laugh and grow fat. Your landlady will lay it to her table, and everybody will be happy, and all for one dollar and a half per year.

To the Freshmen THE SPHINX extends a sincere welcome. THE SPHINX was young once and knows what it is to be without sympathy and encouragement. But though no one holds out a hand to you, unless perchance it be a laundry or news agent, just remember that there have been fifty Freshman classes before you and not one case of death caused by lack of sympathy has ever yet been reported. Whip the Sophs! And then everybody will be glad to pat you on the back and call you "Freshman." Do not pay for the *Cardinal* until June, and the Faculty will grant you a half holiday.

But whatever you do, do not forget that you are the backbone of the University, and to subscribe for THE SPHINX.

### When Belinda Smiles.

When Belinda smiles the sun goes down,  
And quickly night comes falling;  
The mist conceals the sight of stars,  
The darkness is appalling.  
The raven croaks a song of death,  
The dew weeps tears of sorrow.  
I have no faith in God or man,  
I fear the dawning morrow.

I do not love my fellow men,  
My thoughts are evil-laden,  
There is no joy, no bliss in life;  
Who said there was an Aidenn?  
The God of Love forsakes my heart,  
La miseré enfolds me.  
When Belinda smiles at some one else  
The yellow demon holds me.

When Belinda smiles the sun bursts forth  
And quickly day comes fleeting;  
The mist no more conceals the stars,  
The light brings peace and greeting.  
The robin sings a song of joy,  
The dew weeps tears of gladness.  
I have no fear of time or man,  
Or of a dawning sadness.

I love my God and fellow men,  
My thoughts with joy are laden;  
There is but bliss, but peace in life,  
There is, there is an Aidenn.  
The Lord of Love reclaims my heart,  
Its cupid-wings enfold me,  
When Belinda smiles at me alone,  
The angels seem to hold me.

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### A Shell Game.

"Well," said Andy, when THE SPHINX man had cornered him and persuaded him to answer a few questions about the race.

"Say," the reporter began, "I was down East this summer and I got next to a secret that Cornell and Columbia tried hard to keep. Fellow got hot at the Cornell coach and told a Columbia man and he (the Columbia man) told me. We didn't like to publish anything till we asked what you thought about it. Did you know that both the Columbia and Cornell shells were fitted with concealed turbine motors controlled by the coxswain, and that they won out by means of these?"

"Well," replied Andy, slowly, "to tell the truth, I did know it, but—Now see here," he went on, rapidly, "I don't want the boys to think we were out-generaled, so I'll tell you another secret, I never told it to the *Cardinal* people, 'cause they never get things straight. It's this: Our shell was also fitted in the same way with exactly the same kind of motor, but by an accident a lever got jammed, so the engine was reversed the whole race, and yet—, our fellows won out third place. How's that for Wisconsin?"





The freshman arrives——



and goes home for the holidays three months later.

### Murder Will Out.

A girl once had a man and had him bad. She brought him up to the Hall almost every day, so that people began to suspect it was mutual. One night another girl went to mail a letter and she saw the girl we are speaking of, in process of osculation with the man. The girl did to others as she would be done by, and didn't say a word. But she might have done so as well, because she got the credit for it. The girl we are immortalizing saw that she was caught and wished to tell how it all happened first, so she started in to say it wasn't so. She even went to the girl who mailed the letter and told her it was all a fib, she wasn't being kissed. Then the girl, who had exercised her self-control and kept her own council told the spooner girl what she thought. She would have done better to wait, she said, 'till something had been said about her before she told the whole Hall all about it. Now the osculating girl wishes she had, and then the whole college would not have learned about it.

### The Year.

It's ho! for the joy of the football game  
 With ribbons and horn and noise;  
 It's ho! for the track and field team meets  
 With cheer for the winning boys;  
 It's ho! for the bucking; it's ho! for the Profs.,  
 It's ho! for each school charm;  
 And it's hoe for the father in the corn at last  
 In vacation, on the farm.

### Honesty Not The Best Policy.

There was once a Man who jollied a Girl with the skill of a South Side Alderman and she didn't know it. Finally she caught the breeze and then began to reciprocate and he didn't know it. Their time now was fierce and the joys of each were wonderful. At last the Man, conceited as usual, persuaded himself that he had made good. This was too much coal for the Girl, modest as usual, and she suggested that it was but the effect of the sentimental lunar radiance. Shameless as usual, the Man said it must be so and then wondered why the Girl pouted as she went home.

## "Tommy Atkins Collegized."

[Backyard Rippling (with apologies to John Hickey and the uncrowned Laureate).]

I ain't so much complainin' of the way I'm treated here,  
 Mostly all the older boys has sense enough to share  
 Consideration for my lot, of a sweepin', cleanin' grind,  
 But those bloomin', blasted freshmen, has got experience to  
 find.  
 For it's Hickey this, and Hickey that, and Hickey where's my  
 locker;  
 But it's thank you, Mr. Hickey, when they're wantin' of hot  
 water.  
 Wantin' of hot water, mind, a wantin' of hot water,  
 O, it's thank you, Mr. Hickey, when they're wantin' of hot  
 water.

I may be sweepin' in the ball cage, or pushin' big gym mats,  
 There's sure to be some youngster just loose from school  
 marm spats,  
 Who wants his locker opened, or wants to take a plunge,  
 Or maybe wants to bowl a few and hasn't got the funds.  
 For it's Hickey this, and Hickey that, and John where have  
 you been?  
 I've been blattin' here an hour for you to let me in,  
 For the swimming tank is locked, John, the swimming tank  
 is locked,  
 And I've blatted here an hour, John, 'cause the swimming  
 tank is locked.

Yes, takin' care of locker rooms, and tanks and gymn's and  
 such  
 Isn't the kind of pleasure jaunt that mends your temper  
 much,  
 But, I likes the boys who know me—they're gentlemen and  
 fair.  
 It's these bloomin' little Freshmen, that most turn a feller's  
 hair.  
 They can Johnny this, and Hickey that, as long as they good  
 and please,  
 But I'm not the man to sacrifice my dignity or ease  
 To stop their bloomin' clatter by helpin' 'em a lot,  
 When there's others more important as appreciate what is  
 what.

## Poor Richard of To-day.

Three cons are as good as a fire.  
 He that lives on Madison fare will die fasting.  
 There are no five yard gains without pains.  
 A Schley fox is more to be feared than a Samp-  
 son.

Experience keeps a dear school but dear father  
 considers Madison still dearer.

Have you some one to do to-morrow? Do him  
 to-day. One to-day is worth two to-morrow.

A girl in your arms is worth two in a sorority  
 house.

The Lord helps those that help themselves. He  
 surely must help those that are caught helping  
 themselves in Madison.

'Tis an ill wind that blows no one some good.  
 The hot winds of this summer certainly blew Mad-  
 ison boarding house keepers plenty of good.

## Deceptive.

Undoubtedly he was a sage  
 And learned in classic lore;  
 His dreamy air, his bunch of hair,  
 The style of coat he wore,  
 The deep abstraction of his mind,  
 The fierce look in his eyes  
 Proclaimed a great and learned man,  
 Well versed in all things wise.  
 Yet hearken to my little tale,  
 I'll whisper in the dark,  
 The stranger registered his name  
 By signing with his mark.

THE SPHINX.



SHOWING AROUND.

**A Cure-All.**

If your parents annoy you by sending  
you cash,  
And you can't find a way to dispose of  
the trash,  
And you wouldn't for anything spend it  
for drinks,  
Such a fellow as you, should invest in  
THE SPHINX.

If you feel you've devoted too much of  
your time  
To reading the stuff that you buy for a  
dime,  
And you want to be up in what every-  
one thinks  
Is the top-notch of art just dip into  
THE SPHINX.

If you're trying to work, and your friends  
*will* drop in  
And they get on your nerves with their  
horrible din,  
Don't tell them "you'd better clear out  
now, by jinks,"  
But sweetly invite them to look at  
THE SPHINX.

If you're given to rhyming or do things  
in prose,  
A poor, battered genius, that nobody  
knows,  
If you work with a pencil or do pen and  
inks  
It will make good, digestible stuff for  
THE SPHINX.

If you've any disease that the doctors  
can't cure,  
If you want something good, and you're  
not very sure  
What it is—or you want to get used to  
the kinks  
Of the Varsity, take our advice—and  
THE SPHINX.

**A Conceited Wooer.**

She—No, I can not accept you. I love every-  
body.

He—That suits me all right, because people  
say, I think I am everybody.

**A Felony.**

There is a story told of a man who, stealing a  
handsome hand-painted piece of china, was arrested  
and put under bonds to keep the piece (peace).



"No, officer, we're not hoboes; we're students  
returning from seeing Europe on \$9.60."

**What All Must Have.**

"Gone, vanished," he threw his head upon his  
arms across the table with a despairing moan. "I  
was rich, potent and powerful then. I felt the ex-  
ultant thrill within me which speaks of a mighty  
sway over less fortunate humanity. I grew intox-  
icated with the delirium of my riches. Nothing  
was too extravagant for my wild fancy. I rode  
over all conventionality sharp shod with the iron  
heel of license. It is all dispelled, alas, in a mo-  
ment, like the last cold flutter of a sunbeam at the  
close of a winter's day."

Then with a look of dogged determination he  
raised his head, re-dipped his pen into the ink-well  
and said, "Yes, this blamed SPHINX needs ideas.  
I had them but they are gone. I'll keep a stiff up-  
per lip and sail through, for it is ideas or we are  
lost."

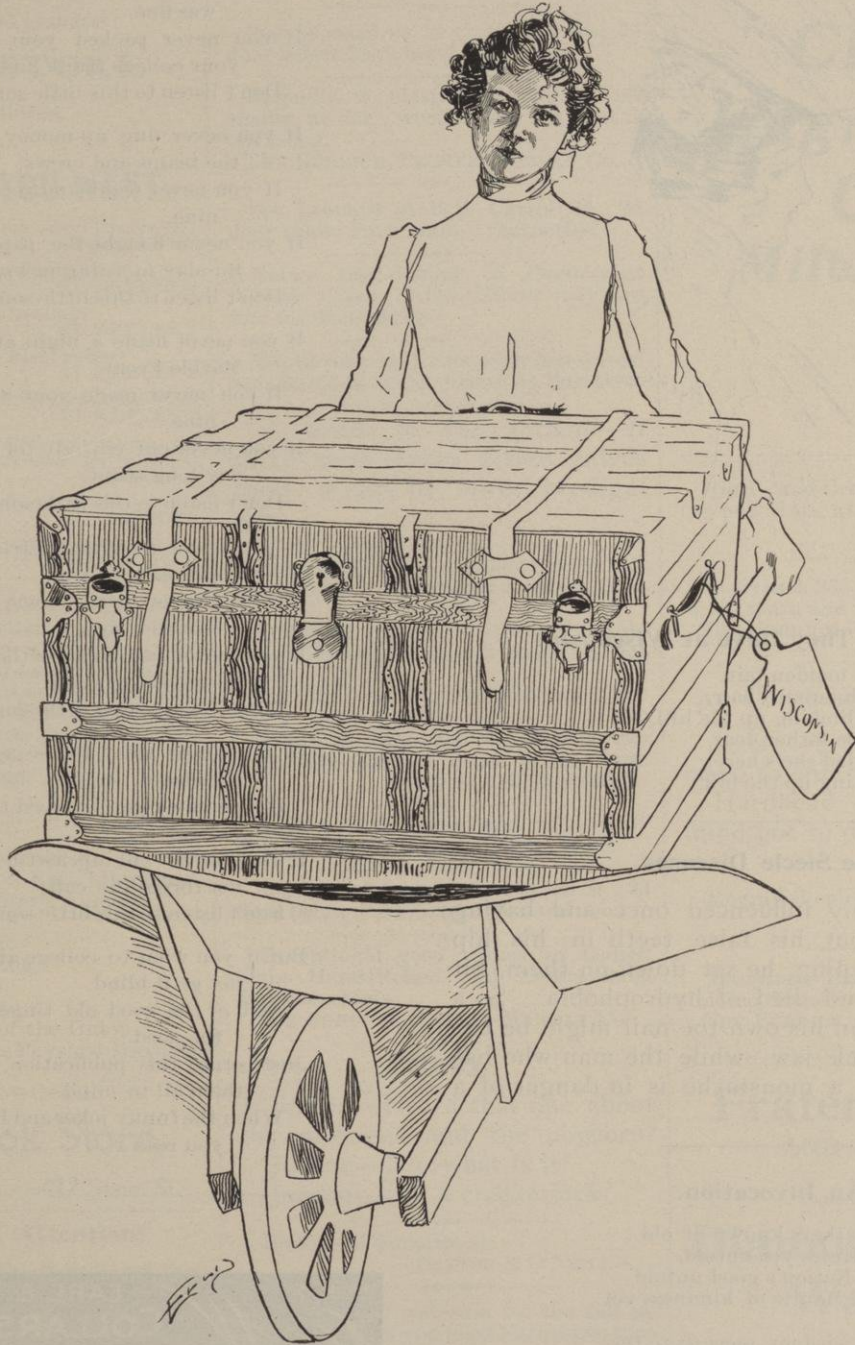
**An Easy Job.**

First Grad—What are you doing for a living?

Second Grad—I'm working in a watch factory.  
I've got a snap job.

First Grad—What is it?

Second Grad—Making faces.



A POPULAR ARRIVAL.




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#### It's a Way They Have at Wisconsin.

This maiden fair  
With auburn hair,  
Goes climbing up the hill,  
While father dear,  
So glad she's here,  
Is footing up the bill.

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#### Jeune Siecle Diseases.

A man got unduly influenced once and having absent-mindedly put his false teeth in his hip pocket for safe keeping, he sat down on them, bit himself severely and died of hydrophobia. So a man who stepped on his own toe nail might be expected to die of lock jaw, while the man who has ambitions towards a moustache is in danger of a hare-lip.

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#### An Invocation.

God of our fathers known of old,  
Ruler of destinies yet untold,  
Now for our Nation's good unfold  
Thy gracious Mantle of kindness yet.

Thou in Thy wisdom, most fit to try  
Thy people's wrath, at the acted lie,  
Hast rudely shattered the strongest tie  
Which can gird up a mighty nation's strength.

#### Advice.

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If you never got induced to stay and  
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If they never cut up awful, so you've  
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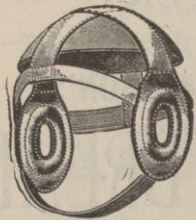
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