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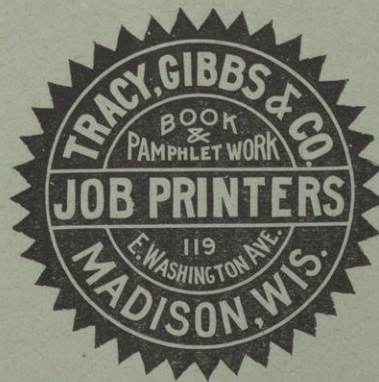
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## Bee.

There is a winsome little maid  
All sweet and fair to see.

I wonder, can you guess her name?  
'Tis Beatrice, my Bee.

When lightly trips she, in and out,  
With heart so blithe and free,  
And sweetly sings the whole day  
through,  
Then she's my humming bee. \*

But when her forehead wears a frown  
(With me you will agree),  
When each word uttered bears a sting,  
Why, she's a bumble bee.

Then, when two loving arms I feel—  
Soft stealing up to me—  
And sweetest lips forgiveness ask,  
I call her "honey bee."

But best of all, the very best  
In this wide world to me,  
Is this sweet loving promise made—  
That she'll my sweetheart be.

## Historic Remarks.

David advanced to meet Goliath. "Just watch me rock him to sleep," he murmured as he whirled the sling around his head.

The women from their long argument had grown thirsty and desired a drink. "Give them," said Solomon and he motioned toward the disputed child, "Give them 'alf and 'alf."

"Well you *have* got Gaul," Ariovistus declared when Cæsar dictated his terms of surrender.

"Are you fond of winter sports?" a reporter enquired.

"Well, that depends," slowly replied Alexander the Great. "Although my experience has been mostly in warm countries, I may say I have been on skates

just as much as any one else." And he ordered a "Manhattan."

"I am afraid," observed the prisoner, who was being flayed alive by some Assyrians, "that you are coming a skin game on me."

MR. BORDEN—That servant of ours, Mary, ought to make a crack pitcher. She's big enough.

MRS. B.—No, John, we mustn't let her, for already she's a pitcher cracker.



J-C-B-N—Going to the game?  
Miss D.—No.  
J-C-B-N—Too cold?  
Miss D.—No, two dollars.



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THE SPHINX, from her roost in the darkest corner of the Gym gallery, gazed with delight last Saturday evening upon the festive joyousness of a military hop—the first she has had the pleasure of witnessing. She was tempted at moments to forget her dignity and the limitations of age and descend to the floor, there to indulge once more in some of the beautiful and intricate figures that ages ago—alas!—allured the tripping feet of Pharaohs and Mrs. Pharaohs and charming Miss Pharaohs. But the thought of the effect of such unwonted gyrations upon the blue-coated youths who tooted a vast variety of tin horns upon the side platform restrained the impulse of a thoughtless instant.

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And when the "dark dance" arrived, which, so THE SPHINX is creditably informed, is eagerly awaited by youths and maidens—then indeed did she long for renewed youth. The inspiring music

wafted over the floor by unseen players—dim white fingers half seen, half imagined, flitting like will-o'-the-wisps hither and yon, then vanishing into total darkness—the whole impression, weird and uncanny, was one never to be forgotten. It was one, moreover, entirely pleasing. Imagine, then, THE SPHINX's disgust at reading in the next issue of the *Daily Scaredinall* a would-be "smart" allusion to the need for an alarm bell shortly preceding the restoration of light. The hint implied in this remark must be unspeakably distressing to all right-minded persons, and THE SPHINX has ransacked her memory in vain, and has with equal barrenness of result questioned her acquaintances as to aught that could have justified the attack upon the austere propriety of Wisconsin's sons and daughters. She is pleased to believe that the remark in question had no foundation whatsoever, and that its origin is to be traced to the vacuous vapors filling the cranial cavity of a freshman reporter. Shame upon the sheet that would be guilty of so baseless a slander!

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TRULY, a goodly work it is to bring together so great a number of young people for a few hours of

recreation at the close of a week of weary toil. And especially fortunate is it that so democratic a gathering is possible. Here for a time are no social lines, save in snobbish imaginations—no outward distinction marks whether a man be the son of a pork-packer or a day laborer. So long as these things be possible, O readers, so long will there be life and health and vigor in your university. Shun the intrusion of the dress coat upon informal parties such as these, for it portends the advent of the snob and a discrimination against the student of slender means, whom in after years you shall nevertheless be proud to honor.

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ONLY in one feature of recent hops has THE SPHINX heard adverse criticism. It is said that the habit of advance program-making once more threatens to become prevalent. The young women alone can put a stop to this practice, for if they evince a willingness to bestow dances in advance, the men for self-protection must seek to take advantage of the opportunity. No doubt it is pleasing to the average co-ed to show that numbers on her program are in great demand, and that she can fill her card ever so much sooner than her dearest chum—who is the sweetest girl in the world, you know, but not near so popular as—hm—well, some other people. But such reasons as this avail not against the fact that the practice means discrimination, and this means snobbishness—and than the growth of snobbishness nothing is more to be dreaded.



SHE—"If there should ever be a doubt between us, George." He heard, and as he moved closer she felt certain there was nothing of the kind between them.

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Ach Dido! I saw you last night at the play.  
You suped superfinely they say—  
But the maid, ze französische maiden, they say  
Turned you down in a beautiful way.

### Her Problem.

She is thinking, she is thinking—  
There are furrows on her brow,  
From life's problems there's no shrink-  
ing,  
She must face them, here and now.  
And she sighs, "Oh, for some mascot,  
Solving questions at command!  
Shall I wear this day an ascot,  
Or a puff, or four-in-hand?"

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### A Remedy.

PROF. I—Have you ever been iceboating on Mendota in a good stiff wind?

PROF. II—No.

PROF. I—It's just immense. I took my wife out yesterday afternoon and we sailed along at an awful speed. It fairly struck her speechless.

PROF. II—How fine! I must get my wife to go out the next afternoon there is a good wind.

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### If.

O ho! for the life of a buccaneer,  
When the sea is blue and the air is clear,  
To hold life cheap and sell it dear,  
With a low, black ship, and a mad career,  
And stolen treasure for freight!  
Oh! I'd have the better, and they'd have the worse,  
Who penny by penny their usury nurse!  
From their clutches I'd break with a lordly curse,  
And I'd fling to the dogs my clanking purse,  
Doubloons and pieces of eight.

Or now when the heaven around us lowers,  
And above the creak of the leeward oars  
Is the noise of the waves on hostile shores,  
Where the foam is thick and the water roars,  
And white forms rise by scores on scores,  
Where the unarmed galley sank.  
Oh! the joy of daring where few would dare!  
For fate and for all the devil might care!  
All those that I hate I'd hang by the hair  
And tie them and sink them, pair by pair.  
Oh! weeping and groaning there would be there  
When I made them walk the plank.

Ah, you who have crossed my heart's desire,  
Whose slights have set my brain on fire,  
Till I carried you off I ne'er should tire!  
Revenge I'd take and revenge most dire,  
I'd carry you off to sea!  
In my long, low ship, with the rakish mast,  
We'd ride away on the north wind's blast,  
To a land we'd find where the pleasures last,  
Where there is no future and is no past,  
But always you and me.





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## THE SPHINX.

She.



On the hill, when we behold her,  
We deeply sigh, "Ah, she's a dream."  
She's that kindly condescension  
That befits the social queen.  
She's a pompadour prolific,  
With a style that's quite her own,  
And the boys look on in rapture,  
While the girls admire and groan.



Behold her, as we see her  
On the eve before a quiz,  
With her face a minus color,  
And her locks without the friz.  
And we sigh with old Lucretius  
"In adversis rebusque."  
It behooves that we should see her,  
If we would her "noscere."

**JONES**—Have you heard the  
band practice lately?

**BROWN**—Yes; disgraceful affair. The room was almost full; some of the guns, even, had a load, while the band itself was off on a toot most of the time.

The weather bureau predicts squawls in the neighborhood of Ladies' Hall during exam. week.

"After exams. are over I'm going to have a skate."

"Ice or liquid?"

"Say, Jones, going to take the car?"

"Yes. Are you?"

"Yes."

And then the car takes them home.

"Halloo," said the freshman, "I'm at the end of my rope."  
"However," he continued the next minute, "there are others." Therefore he threw down his stump and drew forth a fresh two-for — from his pocket.

Yes. How nice to bet and win on athletic sports; but when one loses and is obliged to saw wood for the furnace all winter, it's quite a different story. (Nicht wahr?)

## In a Furniture Store.

**PREP** (confidentially to dealer)—Show me something purtty good for ma's birthday.

**DEALER**—Something in chairs, tables?

**PREP**—Naw, I guess not.

**DEALER**—How do you think your mother would like a nice new sideboard?

**PREP**—Well, we just got two new ones on our wagon before I came away.

**DEALER**—Here are some nice rugs and carpets.

**PREP**—Yes, I guess I will take a pair of carpet slippers, maw always liked them.

**DEALER** (much amused)—Better tell your troubles at the shoe store, my boy.

**PREP** (going out muttering)—Tell your troubles—my boy—well I guess not.

## Freshie's Dream.

The freshman dreamed, as freshmen do,  
That six made four and five made two.  
He thought from fair Mendota's shore  
He was extracting roots galore.

From there he went to Ladies' Hall  
To find it wasn't there at all.  
This frightened him somewhat, so he,  
For safety, climbed the nearest tree.

From there he saw the strangest sight  
That he had seen for many a night.  
Toward Randall Camp in solemn style  
Came footballs marching, single file.

They marched to where the freshman  
clung;

In saddest words of pen or tongue  
The biggest, fattest, roundest one  
Said softly, "You come down, my son."

He came right down. No word was said,  
But up the street they quickly sped.  
And when they came to Randall Field  
The freshman saw that he must yield.

On every side were bleachers filled.  
The freshman's blood was slowly chilled.  
Oh dreadful thought! he saw it all!  
He saw he was to be the ball!

The footballs soon lined up, and one  
Dropped back to kick. It was no fun!  
The freshman tried to crawl away,  
But somehow there he had to stay.

The football kicked. He closed his eyes  
To open them on sadder skies.  
For there in letters clear and bold  
He saw a sign which plainly told—

"Exam. in Greek begins at ten."  
He rubbed his sleepy eyes, and then  
Pulled out a book from 'neath his head,  
And wished that he, not Greek, were  
dead.

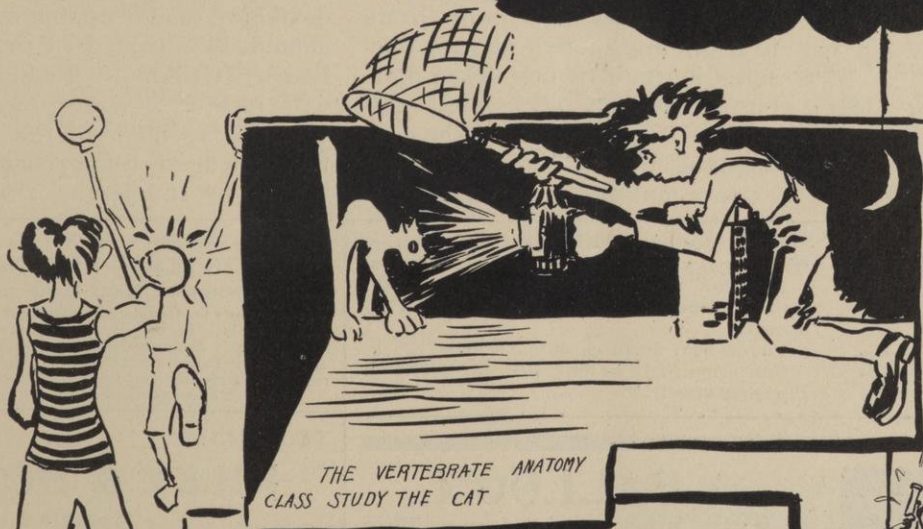
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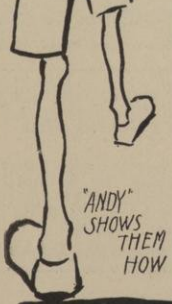
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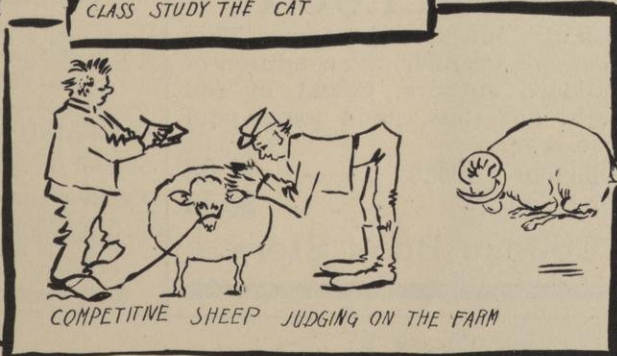
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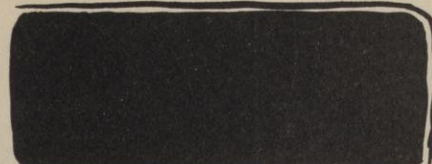
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*Celestial Calendar for the Week.*

*Saturday, Feb. 3.*—Begin early and improve every moment of the day; get Gay at 8:00 o'clock if possible, avoid dealers of Im-

ported Trotting Stock. During the afternoon, bridle the tongue lest quarrels come; the mind at this time will specially incline towards new and ingenious ideas.

*Sunday, Feb. 4.*—The first third of this day is peculiarly adapted to sleep, and the remainder for intellectual engagements with mathematicians and physicists. Improve every spare moment, and you will see the reason later.

*Monday, Feb. 5.*—Choose the early hours for literary pursuits and mental labors, be in no haste to begin any of the elegant pursuits in the morning when matters of taste are not favored. After the 8 o'clock exam. is over see that the inclinations are not extravagant and keep the expen-

ditures under close scrutiny. Stay away from the games.

*Tuesday, Feb. 6.*—During the early part of this evil day the inventive capabilities are quickened. This day has but little to recommend it, and the pursuit of routine matters only is recommended. Freshmen are advised to consult and ask favors of elders, give your landlady a wide berth during the evening if you are in the habit of smoking in your room.

*Wednesday, Feb. 7.*—Horse dealers and tommymorgans should be avoided in the early hours. Callers at Ladies' Hall will receive a damp reception. The closing hours of the day are recommended for particular efforts of an intellectual character;

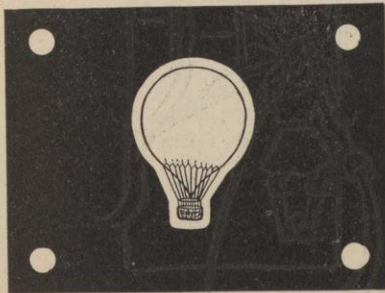
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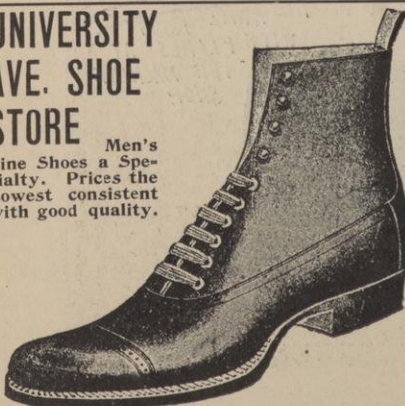
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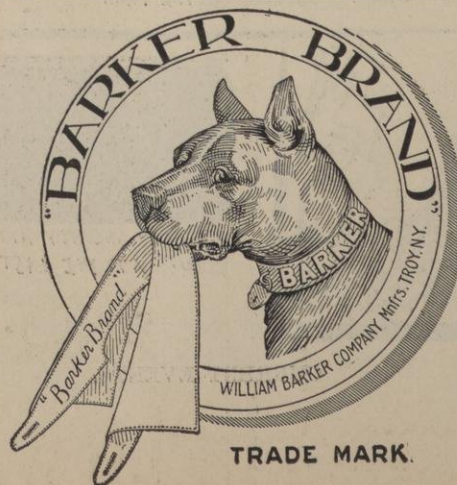
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*Thursday, Feb. 8.*—Push business to the utmost on this day with eccentric characters. Seek favors from thy superiors. In case of oral exams., the tongue is likely to prove an unruly member and involve thee unpleasantly. Make written applications for positions.

*Friday, Feb. 9.*—This is the most unfortunate day of the week, a fitting end of a critical period; in the early morning continue the efforts recommended for Wednesday, and have important dealings with railroads and college officials.

#### Correct.

MISS GRAHAM—Maude must hear many things about theater life now that she married an actor.

MISS OVERTON—Yes, indeed, when you consider he bought her a hundred dollar gramophone.

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—*The Automobile Magazine.*

—TIED TOMPKINS—There's one job I wouldn't mind havin', Horace.

HUNGRY HORACE (*in amazement*)—  
What's that?

“Lineman fer er wireless telegraph comp'ny.”—*Life.*

—JACK—Have you caught up with your law work yet?

TOM—No; but I am diligently pursuing my studies.—*Wrinkle.*

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—As good a story as was told in the recent gold debate came from the lips of William L. Jones, a new member from Washington. The logic of events, he said, had overcome free-silver logic, and the democracy were now relying on the law of supply and demand. “In my last campaign,” Mr. Jones continued, “I met an old fellow and we were talking about the price of wheat and meat. I told him that the price was regulated by the law of supply and demand.

“‘Is there such a law as that?’ he asked. ‘I never heard of it.’

“‘Why, certainly there is,’ I said.

“‘Well,’ he thundered, thoroughly aroused, ‘when we get into power again you can bet that we will repeal that law.’”—*Sat. Evening Post.*

—IDA—There's some controversy as to the kind of corner-stone for the girls' college.

—Why can't they use a brick of ice-cream?—*Waverly Magazine.*

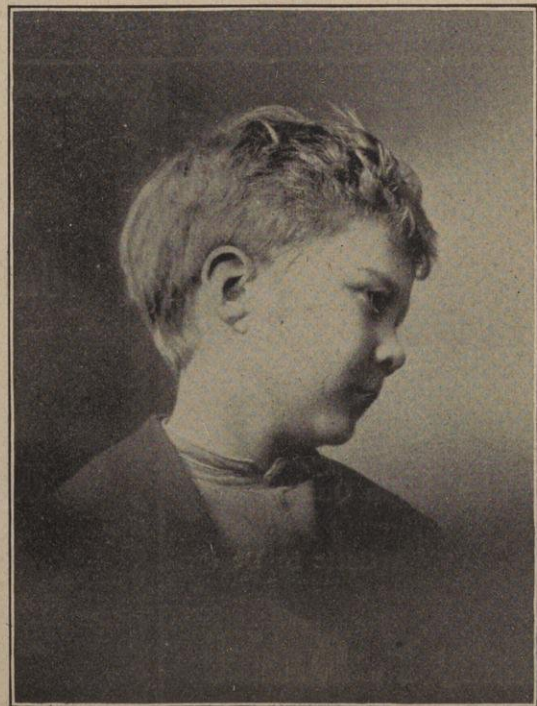
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