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... When interviewed by a Cardinal reporter in regard to this statement the president expressed it as a "good joke," and those who have been conjecturing as to the scope of this dictum can now rest in peace again.



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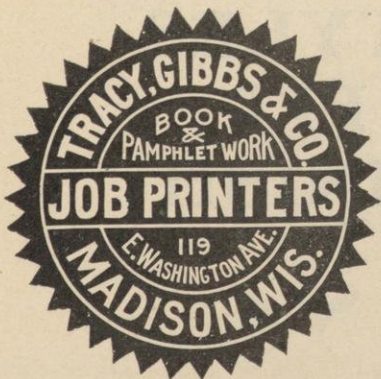
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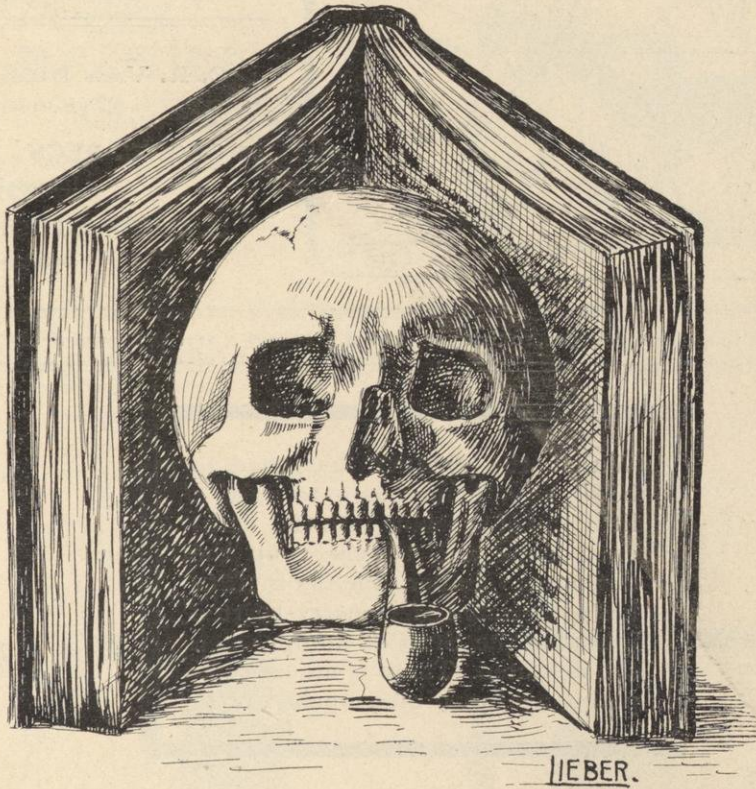
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The End of It All

Our youth we spend in the weary round
Of work and study, of grind and fret
For a dream of glory that may be found
For a hope of laurels that we may get,
On a glimmering goal our eyes we set,
And the city of Fame we lust to spoil
Nor listen to Fate and her fleeing threat—
“Death is the end of all your toil!”



The yellowed pages of tomes we turn
But rustle the message o'er and o'er,
“The sum of knowledge that ye shall learn
We whispered to those who went before:
This is the wisdom they gat of yore
Delving by light of the lessening oil
Only these words and nothing more
“Death is the end of all your toil”.

ENVOY.

Youth be glad while youth endures,
For the message comes amid the moil.
To all men's ears as it must to yours
“Death is the end of all your toil.”

“That's a good joke,” said the President, laughing.



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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

Withal the SPHINX has tried to be lightly humorous—to cast a little ray of sunshine into the darkened home and to cheer up the downcast. In her time the SPHINX has perpetrated a few merry-hearted jokes but the SPHINX knows when she is beaten. There is no use competing against professionals.

WE HAVE ALWAYS prided ourself on our acute sense of humor. We have always thought that we could see the point of a joke, if there was any—and often when there wasn't. But we must admit that President Van Hise has got us up a tree. He has made a "huge joke"—for he says so himself—but we guess we have lost our keen appreciation of humor, our delicate perception of subtle jesting—because we don't see the joke. We finished that banquet filled and thrilled with patriotism and a seventy-five cent feed, we were feeling good toward all the world, and we even bore it with equanimity when they took our coffee before we finished it, and then we were tossed to the pinnacle of pleasure by the President's gracious "amnesty." It didn't affect *us*, of course, *we* had no cons, oh dear no, but we were glad for the sake of our brethren who were thus freed from woe or care.

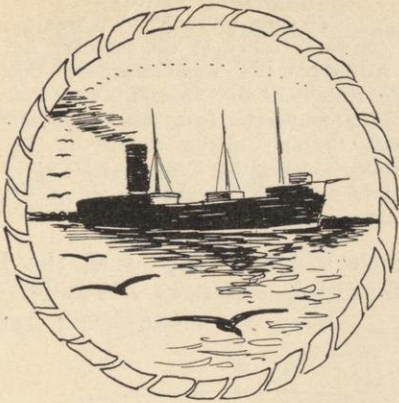
And it was all a "huge joke," a "funny crack," a "song and dance." Ha! Ha! We don't want to be unpleasant or say unkind things about nobody nor nothing, but we think maybe, perhaps, we wouldn't have yelled quite so heartily for "Prexy," if we had knew the truth. We have labored assiduously for several days trying to see where the funniness of that joke comes in, and we haven't had a glimmer of light yet.

But probably we're slow.

* * *

If President Van Hise wants to make a real splurge in the laughter line, he will stick by his "ukase" and "free the criminals and evil doers." Here's his chance. Come, come, make good, Mr. President.

—Kim.



A NAUTICAL BALLAD

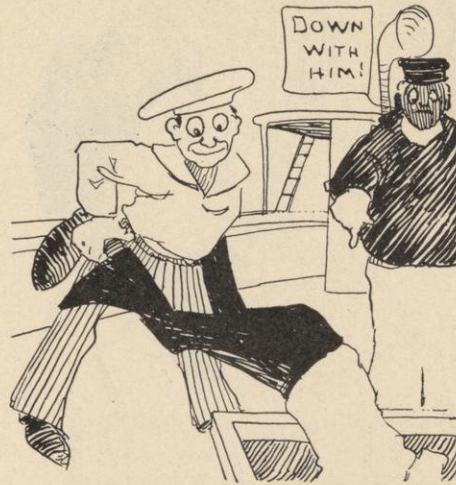
The steamer were small and the steam
were low
(Ballast my top sails, mate.)
And there weren't no coal for to make
her go,
Though her name it were Travellin' Kate.
And I were the captain of that there boat,
(Reef in the rudder, mate,)
An' I reckon I swore for I hadn't seen
shore
Fer ten years—an' the ship were late.



The fire got lower an' lower yet,
(Avast on the poop deck, mate.)
An' there weren't no splinter, er oil, er
lint er
A thing to heat up the grate.

Then I scratches my head an' I thinks
awhile,
(Wind up the compass, mate.)
An' idea came, an' I says with a smile,
'You can't call it crime, it's fate.

"It's fate that I has on board with me,
(Luff in the main deck, mate,)
A jolly old Tar, and tough as it are,
I'll pitch him in on the grate.



"Then I'll light him up, fer tar and pitch
(Hang up the Capstan, mate,)
Will git up the steam and we'll go like a
dream,
Till I gets to my own home gate!"

So we takes the tar and we throws him in,
(Swab down the captain, mate.)
An' the Travellin' Kate she goes like sin
At a regular liner rate.



An' I gets home an' I burys the tar,
(Furl up the hatches, mate,)
An' I carves "He died, on a warm fireside,
For the sake of a Travellin' Kate."

—A. B. Braley.



He—I'd go to the end of the world for you.

She—You won't have to go that far, I'm here.



“That's a good joke,” said the President, laughing.



Your real Exclusive would try to get up a four hundred in heaven, and put St. Peter in a uniform with brass buttons; he's only a porter anyhow.

The longer I live the more I marvel that I haven't used up long ago all the ways of making a fool of myself.

The difference between “poise” and “pose” is only an “l.” Hence, poise is the way I stand; pose fits the rest of the world.

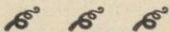
—Kim.



“Where have you been?”

“Oh Juneau.”

(Calculated to appeal to people with a strong sense of humor.)



Were you fooled on this column? We made it up all ourselves.

...that there was no
as such a “rank” step was n
y to be taken by the faculty.

Although the announcement that the statement of President Van Hise was misunderstood, a statement was made by one of the faculty on the jubilee committee that some steps would probably be taken to lessen the burdens of the student body.

“That's a good joke,” said the President, laughing.



The Carpet Tack

The Carpet Tack is small, and yet
It always makes its Mark, you bet.
It rarely plays Heroic Parts,
But always sticks to what it starts;
Out in the Middle of the Floor
Or close behind the Parlor Door
It calmly Waits, where it is put,
In ambush for the passing Foot.
Though dull itself and dark of hue
It turns the air a tinge of blue
And, slow of Thought and slow of Speech,
It is in truth, a very Peach
At making Godly men express
Themselves in terms of Wickedness.
Oh, Children, may we never lack
The Good Points of the Carpet Tack.

(Air: Dreaming.)

Joshing, Joking, Jesting in our sleep
 Making cracks in dreamland
 Where gems of wit come cheap.
 When we awake how foolish they will
 seem,
 And yet they were so funny when we
 made them in our dream.



“That’s a good joke,” said the Presi-
 dent, laughing.



From the French

What has James?
 James has the antiseptic rubbers of the
 wise aunt and the permit of the indulgent
 faculty.

But for why has James these here?

James has these here so that he can walk
 on the pretty paths of the campus and not
 communicate germs to the nice plants.

Who done it?

The faculty done it by turning the cam-
 pus into a deer park.

But where will the boys build bonfires.

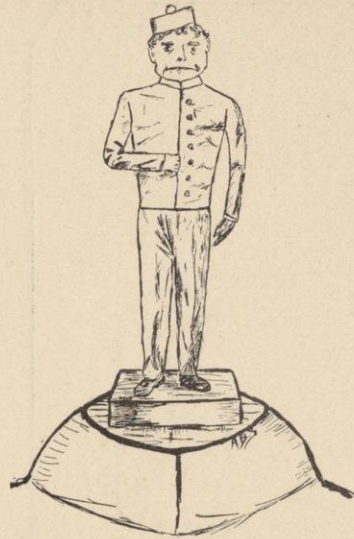
Ha! Ha! they won’t builld no bonfires—
 but that is another joke, as the president
 says.



How did you like the play, Julius Cæsar?
 Mrs. Crudebutrich: Oh, fairly well, but
 they quoted Shakspeare so much.



Joking again.

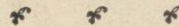


Willie McGann was a soldier man
 And answered a riot call;
 Now he’s home and on the dome
 Of his own memorial hall.

—A. B. S.



I dreamed about the plumber last night.
 What does it signify?
 Nothing at all. That was a pipe dream.



“Hear about Morgan? All his dad’s fac-
 tory product going up in smoke!”
 “Too bad. What does papa make?”
 “Cigars.”



Talk about merry jests. What do you
 think of this column?

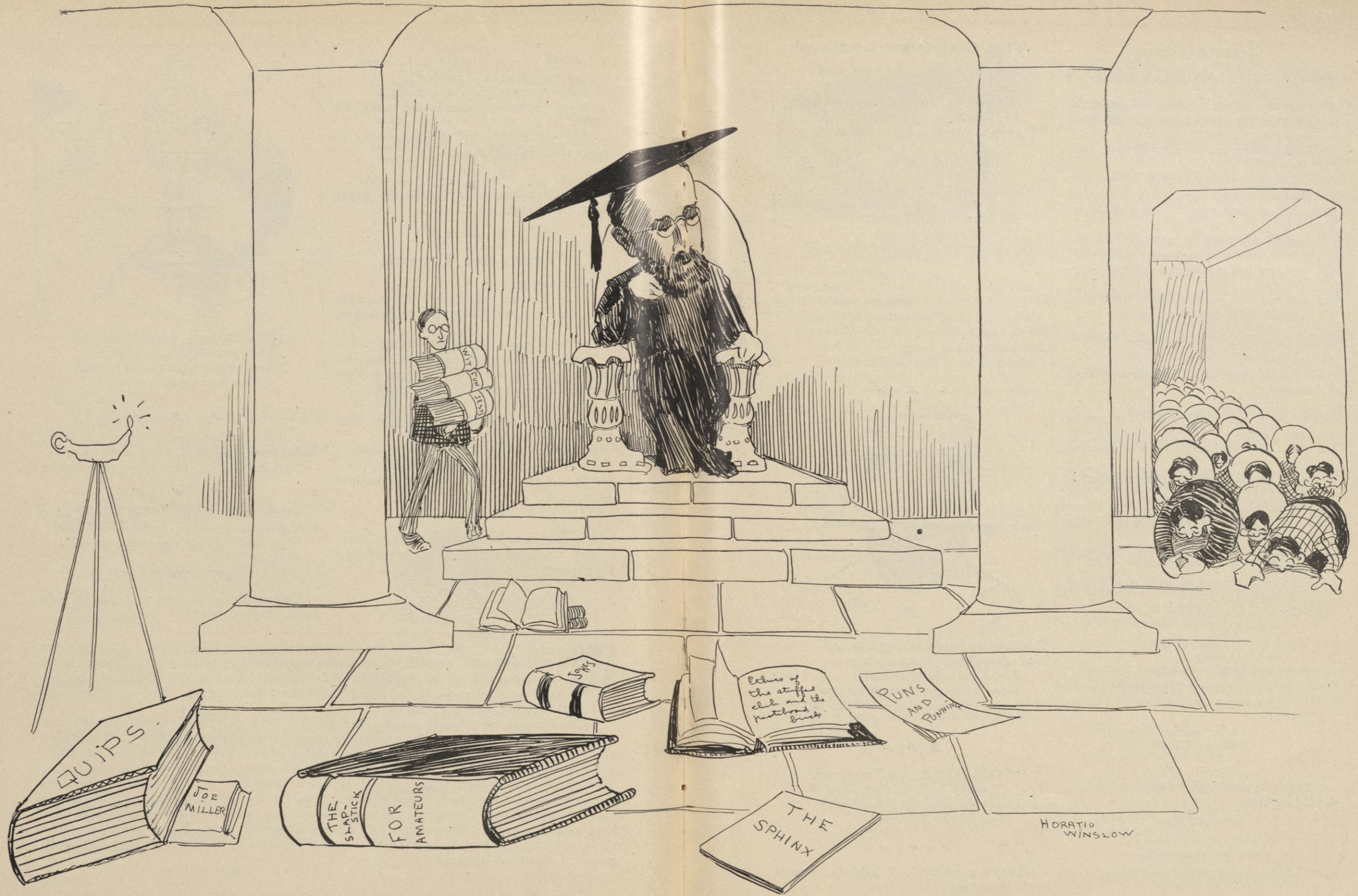
WE SEE THAT the faculty has conceived another brilliant idea. It is going to
 “beautify” the campus, whose barren ugliness is to be hidden by sweet scented
 blossoms and vernal shrubbery, while purling fountains will discourse rippling
 and peaceful music to the jaded ear of the Jubilee visitor. This is all very nice
 and aesthetic, but we don’t want it.

The campus is our play ground, and while it isn’t exactly a beauty spot it’s the
 one place about the Varsity where we can get together to lounge and smoke and play ball,
 and we oughtn’t to give it up even for a Jubilee week. We’re not ashamed of it, it’s
 good enough for us as it is, and it ought to be good enough for any Jubilator who comes.
 Then there’s also another consideration; *how do we know that we’ll get back our campus as
 it was* when once it is made into a garden? The faculty says so? Tut! tut! the faculty
 says lots of things. The fact is that certain studious and quiet-loving librarians have
 long wished to convert the campus into a place of quiet beauty, that no more will offend
 their ears with shouts and cheers of raucous voices, with wafts of tumult from the bunch
 gathered about the diamond.



Again let us whisper it in your ear—if once we let the campus go, will we get it
 back?

Let’s raise a howl, fellows!



HORATIO WINSLOW

THINKING UP ANOTHER GOOD ONE.

Only a Joke.

Just a Joke

A merry jest, a gentle quip, a funny little
 little quirk,
 A clever and fantastic "song and dance,"
 We heard it from his august lip, the good
 news did the work,
 We cheered him and were proud to have
 the chance.
 We really thought he meant it, and we took
 him at his word,
 (Say, but we are easy money)—then we
 woke,
 And we learned to what extent it was the
 naked truth we heard—
 "It was only just a jolly and a joke!"

Just a joke!

Say, doesn't all your laughter make you
 choke?

Holy smoke!

When the President gets funny,
 We are pretty easy money,
 And the point of it just struck us like a
 stroke.

It's a joke!

Don't count upon the Jubilee, for maybe
 you will find
 It's just a ha! ha! game they're handing
 out,
 A subtle little fantasy from someone's fertile
 mind,
 A dainty bit of wit beyond a doubt.
 And when you go to classes, just be wise
 and full of guile,
 Don't listen to the things the teachers
 croak,
 But note whatever passes with a wise and
 worldly smile—
 For "The 'Varsity itself it 'Just a Joke.' "

Just a joke!

Say, don't believe a thing of what is spoke,
 Holy smoke!
 Why we've only had a rumor
 Of our Prexy's bubbling humor;
 What will happen when the bunch of it has
 broke!

Holee smoke!
 What a joke!

"That's a good joke," said the Presi-
 dent, laughing.

I wish I were hobnail shoe,
 Its gladness seldom fails,
 It never has to curb its tongue,
 Or even clean its nails.

The Girl from England

There was a young girl from G. Br.
 Whose beau was eternally sp.
 She said, "You quit chewing
 Or there'll be something doing;
 It simply means 'quit' or the mt!"

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I put my aunt Jane on the fire;
 'Twas just—for she'd called me a liar.
 She burned with a smell
 That was certainly hell;
 Tomorrow the ashman will buy her.

♦ ♦ ♦

There was a young Freshman named Prien,
 Who used to be thought of as green,
 But as rumors allege
 He contracted an "edge,"
 And now he is certainly keen!

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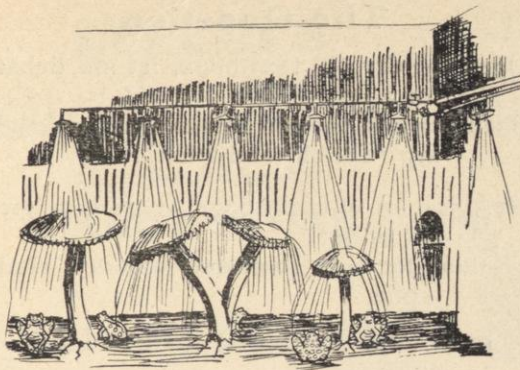
This Russian, while taking a nap,
 Was roused by a Japanese chap,
 For a small piece of lead
 Plowed its way through his head—
 "I see through you now," said the Jap.
 —A. B. S.

♦ ♦ ♦

"I can't eat fish," the lizard said,
 "I aren't built on that plan,
 I can't eat fish, but I have read
 The clumsy Pelican."

♦ ♦ ♦

"That's a good joke," said the Presi-
 dent, laughing.



"Come in," said the Devil.
The office door opened and a young man in loud clothes entered.

"Your name?" the Devil asked as he took a bite of brimstone plug.

"Willie," the youth answered.

"Sit down Willie, while I look up your record," and the Devil took down volume "W" of his general records from the shelf.

"How's this, Willie," he said after a while, "I can't find your name in the general registry. Ah!—Where are you from?"

"From the U. of W."

"From the 'Varsity? Glad to see you, my boy. Now I'll find your name sure." He reached for a volume of tremendous size marked "U. of W." and eagerly looked through the "W's."

"Can't find your name again, Willie," the Devil grunted. "Let's see, what class were you in?"

"Freshman."

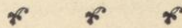
"Aha! and you took gym drill?"

"Yep."

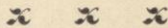
"Had the gym itch?"

"Yep,"

"Then go, my son. Give my best to St. Peter." And the Devil looked at the thermometer and ordered the hellfire to be raised several million degrees.



"That's a good joke," said the President, laughing.



A friend, of my friend went in debt
On a ring for a dainty soubrette,
But the girl skipped the town
After throwing him down,
And he's paying the jeweler yet.



I'm sorry to say I've incuhed
A void in my puhse; oh I've heahd
That the slang for it's "broke"
But to say it would choke,
I cawn't use so vulgah a wuhd.

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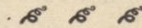
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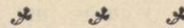
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The scientist declares that every beast
Is capable of some one stunt at least;
The cow earns man's unending gratitude
By yielding him unending stores of food.
The agile monkey dances in the streets
And levies tribute on whoso he meets;
The horse untamed and matchless in his
power
Ranges the roads—one dollar for the hour.
Nature is wise, and yet we grow depressed
To see the elephant attempt a jest.



"That's a good joke," said the President, laughing.

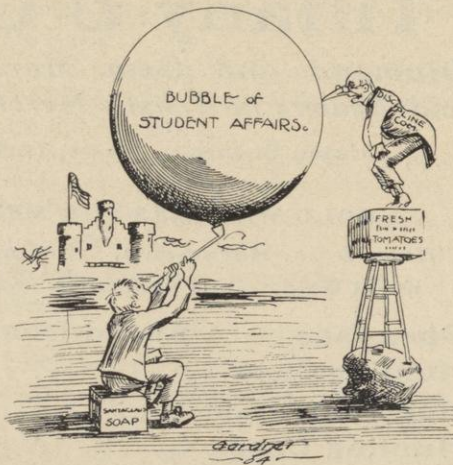


My Aunty's all I staked
Upon the poker game.
You say I did a crime
And that it was a shame?
Perhaps it was, but then,—
I drew and dared to call,
And lost—yes truly, but—
My ante's all.



To the Indulgent Reader.

Do not take this column seriously. It
was written merely in a spirit of playfulness.
We are just that lightsome.



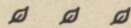
Suppose it breaks.

Willie's father always kept this proverb in his mind

"As the little twig is bent the tree will be inclined"

So he trained his little son in righteousness to wend

The proverb worked for Willie's almost always "on the bend!"



On the Rack

The Royal Grand Inquisitor gave the thumb-screw another turn, and listened to the brothers groan as they stretched a little further. "Another case of badly strained relations," said the torturer, "with a grim smile.



Chorus Girl: I came just as I was.

St. Peter: Ah, yes. Taking a bath?

Chorus Girl: No. Dress Rehearsal.

—Town Topics.

The Question

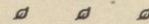
Open the dry old text book, let me debate for a bit,
Shall I call on the girl this evening or study my "Dutch" and "Lit?"

Here is a lot of knowledge, there is a girlish smile;
I'll flunk for sure tomorrow unless I study a pile.

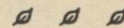
Here is hope for Ex'es, there is a pair of eyes;
I must choose at once nor falter, for swiftly the evening flies.

Exes and glory tomorrow or fussing and welcome tonight,
I'll take the joys of the present, I know I have chosen right.

Study is all-important, knowledge a goodly pearl,
But a lesson is only a lesson, but a girl, by Jove, is a girl! —Kim.



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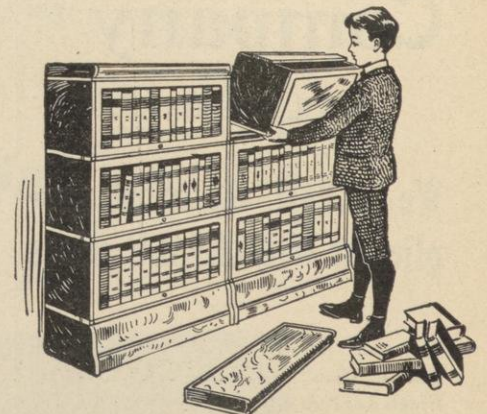
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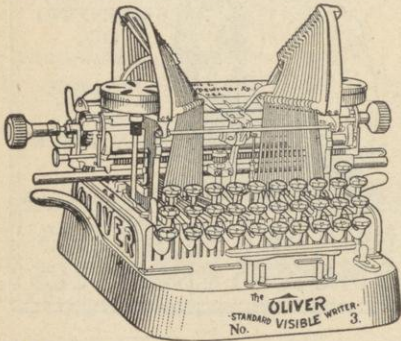
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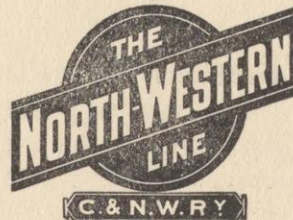
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