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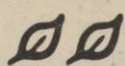
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But we know they are not,
And it's all Tommy rot.
They're not heroes, they're only bores.



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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*.



IN A CO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION of the size of the university of Wisconsin, the young ladies are certain to occupy a conspicuous position and play an important part in whatever concerns the university. While we may be prevented by certain natural laws from participating in athletics, such as foot-ball or baseball, we believe, however, that much of the success of our athletic teams is due to our enthusiasm and moral support. We have never received any credit for our "rooting" ability; never have we heard at a mass meeting any mention made of our enthusiasm at the foot-ball games. Although we may never be all enmassed in one particular place in the bleachers, like the men, we nevertheless are present, and our cheering is as loud and enthusiastic as the men's although not so concentrated. We, therefore, most heartily object to giving the men *all* the credit for the "rooting" which wins the games.

Take also the social life of the university. Who will dare to say that the social life at Wisconsin would be of any importance or pleasure without our presence! We are a very necessary factor and can not be dispensed with. At the Hops and at the Prom we are in abundance, and while it may not seem very modest to say so, it is true, nevertheless, that these functions could not be held without us. So if the men think they flatter us by an invitation to a ball or a theatre, they are sadly in error, for they can not get along without us, and you may be sure we know it too, for that is the reason we sometimes refuse one invitation and wait for another. Oh, its fine to be so independent and cut the men on the street or cut dances, and the like. We really have to do it to keep the men from becoming conceited, as we do not like conceited men. We know it may not be ladylike to cut dances at parties, but we have too long been called the weaker sex, and mean to show the men here that the sentiment is untrue. We had to form a Self-Government Association, it is true, but that was only because we had to have some means of sending the men home when they stayed too late. Oh, the delight in seeing the men reach for their coats and hats when the clock strikes ten o'clock. Call us the weaker sex! It isn't "time and tide wait for no man" any more, but "time and *the Self Government Association* wait for no man." We make the men go home when we choose, and we put an end to the custom of making out dances ahead whenever we so elect. We are an indispensable part of the social life here, and we can root equally as well as the men. And *we* the *weaker* sex!

But there are just a few things we would like to criticise in the men. In the first place we do not like to see the men attend their classes in their sweaters. Sweaters are all right on the gridiron or golf links, but in a class-room with ladies present they are sadly out of form. It is true we used to wear rainy-day skirts to our classes, but that was when girls wore small shoes and before we acquired the habit of wearing men's size boots. At any rate we always dress in proper fashion when we go to our classes, and the men ought to do the same. Sweaters, if we had our way, would be prohibited from the class-room.

Then, we think the Engineers are altogether too boisterous in their classes. By some misfortune a few of our number are compelled to take work with the engineers, and if any one can imagine a more unpleasant and dismal time, we would like to have it named. It is difficult to understand how a body of men apparently of human parentage and civilized training could behave in such a wild, barbaric manner. A band of Apaches on the war-path is a meeting of Quakers compared to a class-room full of engineers. We have requested Dean Johnson time and time again for a quieter recitation, but he has only smiled and said, "Yes, they are a noisy lot, but would you rob them of their only pleasure?"

We must say, also, that we do not like the way the law students stare at us. Of course we know the law students are a fine lot of gentlemanly young men, and of whom the university may well be proud, and that it is very hard for nice looking young men not to stare at nice looking young ladies, but it very embarrassing to have so many men stare at one time. We do not wish to have the law students understand that we do not want them to look at us at all, but we wish they would not collect in one body and then stare; and we hope that a plan might be adopted so that the number might be limited. It is very embarrassing to drop your handkerchief as a signal to one man and have ten or twelve get to fighting in their attempt to restore it to you. We are sure the law students do not wish to annoy us, and we feel complimented over their admiration, but as we said above, we object to the number.

But these are only minor troubles, and we are glad after all to be co-eds at the University of Wisconsin. As far as we are concerned we respect the men and if the Engineers would only learn to behave in their class-rooms, we would have no fault to find.

We are very grateful to the SPHINX for this opportunity of expressing our sentiments about things in general.

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Beauty Blinks.

BY PEGGY PRESERVINE.

Beware the Ides of March when the little freckle is most persistent.

We recommend flour and water for sunburn. One case resulted in a cracked face, but cracked faces being much more aristocratic and less common than sunburn, we recommend the former.

Freckle season being in full bloom, a liberal use of veils, lemon juice, and common sense is imperative.

Don't forget your "goloshes." The little grippe microbe is out seeking whom he may pinch.

Little gobs of powder,
Little specks of paint,
Makes the little Freckle,
Look as if it aint.

(Original with the author.)

Madame Chaperone's Side Walks With Girls.

TO "SOPHY"—No, you really ought not to accept such gifts as cons and fails, no matter how much your instructor likes you or how little attention you have previously paid him.

TO "SORORITY"—You really ought to show your authority in writing for occupying any particular half of the available floor space and seating space in the gym at a military hop.

TO "TILLIE"—Yes, you have perfect license to throw any man down hard, if you think he can't be worked any more, but the practice is getting rather common, and you may possibly be served similarly some day.

TO "ANNIE"—Yes, you are right in telling all you know, as soon as you hear it. It is entertaining to your friends, and may be of interest to some one.



The Freshman.

Hints for Culture.

MADAME QUI RIE.

PHILLIS—Here is a nice receipt for the complexion:

Sulphuric acid	2 oz.
Blue vitriol	4 oz.
Caustic potash	3 grams.

Apply before going to bed, it will remove freckles and impart a glow.

ANXIOUS—If he seems too bashful to propose, try tact. Hint a little by hitting him over the head with a brick, or chucking him under the chin with an umbrella. He will be so much impressed by your cleverness and coquettish ways that he'll probably drop right down on his knees and speak.

LOVESICK—No, a young man should not at once kiss a young lady he is introduced to. It is more proper to allow five or ten minutes to elapse. At all events if he is a true gent, he will take the cigarette out of his face. "Burning kisses" should not be given too literally.

SUE—Poke him in the slats, the horrid thing!

MAE—Of course, wear your diamonds at the Hop. Most of the girls use them for waist buttons. No, don't fill out your program ahead, wait till you get there, where no one can find you in the crowd.

RUTH—You say the wedding cake didn't make you dream. You must have gone at it wrong. At the wedding supper you should eat all the kinds of cake, salad, pickles, etc., they pass around, then go home and eat three doughnuts, half a mince pie, and a Welsh rarebit. Put your cake under your pillow and if you don't dream, there's something wrong.



The Sophomore.

Fashion Fancifulnesses.

Shoes will be worn on the feet as usual this spring.

Boot tips are as little likely to be taken as any other kind nowadays. They often appear footless.

Loud plaids will be heard as usual in the quiet walks of the spring season. Skirtings, waistings and beltings will be as noisy as the law allows.

Stocks are apt to go up from two to four inches.

Men will go about collared and cuffed as much as ever.

A co-ed who came from Eau Claire,
At exam time sustained quite a scaire,
But after she finished,
Her worry diminished,
For her Prof. said her marks were "Eau, faire,"



The Junior.

The Maid From Badgerdom.

With eyes that are sparkling and bright,
She comes! All ye gallants, bow low!
Lest she conquer ye all with their light,
And dazzle and daze with their glow.
Ah, list to her laughter's soft flow!
And see those red lips-um-yum yum!
Who is she? why sure ye know,
The Co-ed from great Badgerdom!

Ah! maidens fair to the sight,
Wherever they happen to grow.
No armor is proof 'gainst their might.
Yes, Cupid, from thee learned we so.
We fall by the shafts from thy bow
And humbly and meekly we come,
Yet most of us follow, I trow,
The Co-ed from great Badgerdom.

Our Goddess! may age never blight
Thy cheek where the twin roses blow.
May youth and thy joys ne'er take flight
Nor time turn thy fair locks to snow;
Yet, beauty may come and may go,
Our hearts, they may never grow numb.
We love thee from top down to toe,
Oh, Co-ed from great Badgerdom.

L'ENVOI.

Oh Prince, when for weal or for woe,
To the alter at last I succumb;
Let me be, just to share in the show,
A Co-ed from great Badgerdom.



The Senior.



February 12—Baseball looking up. Squad sees 25 games in the schedule ahead.

February 13—A new shell promises new Wisconsin hopes at Poughkeepsie. St. Valentine's.

February 14—Seniors hold feast and elect officers for the last time.

February 15—Varsity Trackites stagger the Midway giants.



February 17—Delta Gamma entertained by a naughty burglar. 6:15 a. m.

February 18—SPHINX declares for the fair ones and decides to come out next as the Ladies Sphinx-Companion.

February 21—"Do YOU know?" Haresfeet tread the boards in the Private Secretary.



February 22—Mr. Birthington's Washday celebrated by the fourth soldier's dance.

Where Society Does Itself.

BY ANNIE ANSWER.

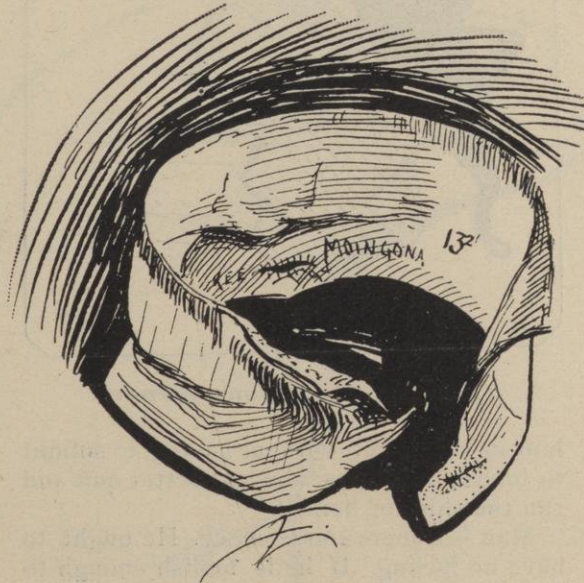
The anniversary of the day when the father of his country first awoke to his responsibilities, was fittingly celebrated by the fourth of the series of "Milicious Hurries." The uniforms worn, suggested the career of the great man as a soldier, the Bal Poudre, especially the Poudre, sprung for the effect, suggested the means by which the soldier blew himself to the first rank, and set the fashion of having presidents here, of any kind. On the whole the efforts of those who came in "Poudre" were unappreciated, because the dust raised, after the first few dances, proved almost as efficacious as that applied at home. The entire swirl, after a few dances, was quite Janice Meredithy.

One feature of the Hop Poudre was more than appreciated by stags. It seems that those who exchanged dances at all did so only when they were able to "trade across" so to speak. Hence the joyous stag had ample time to enjoy his own company and even smoke one or two with himself on the quiet.

In spite of all the agitation on the subject of filling programs ahead, it was noticed that when certain gallant cavaliers came to beg dances they were still greeted with "So awfully sorry but my program is all filled."

Drivlet.

I thought of her words,
But I found it a bore,
I was bucking on "surds,"
But I thought over "words"
For my theme upon "Birds,"
Due a fortnight before,
I thought over "words,"
But I found it a bore.



The Last Sad Memory.

A maiden, who'd English with Pyre,
Dropped her English notes all in the fyre,
When folks yelled, with a shout,
"Pull them out, pull them out."
She replied, "That is not my desyre."

At the Club.

Synopsis of an eloquent address before the Amalgamated Daughters of Fathers Who Sent Them Here on the subject, "Whether it is better to have loved and lost, or to have loved and had to submit to it."

Woman is the embodiment of beauty, goodness and the knack of getting in the last word. Beauty was exalted as a goddess by the Greeks; Greeks were sensible people once, if not now. If beauty was a goddess, love and submission were her due from feeble man. Hence if she cannot hold



"Man is a Mere Convenience."

him in her power, without having to submit to foolish weakness, she had better quit and run the ship for herself.

Man is a mere convenience. He ought to have no feeling. If he is foolish enough to have some, they ought to be stepped on, not fostered. Woman is not weak, she is everything which man is not, and that means she is the whole thing, or she "won't play."

Man is selfish. He wants all he can get. Woman wants all man has and more too. He is welcome to give all he has, but he



"Man is Selfish."

needn't hang around for a return of the compliment. Woman can do no wrong, and she can do it without man if she can't always do him. Woman was the cause of man's fall. Why? Because he hadn't the nerve to take what he wanted himself. Woman had better have loved and lost, because it keeps her in practice; while she is still boss after the crash, instead of of being loved and having to submit to a tedious process without asserting herself.

The applause here grew tumultuous. Some body who had it in for the speaker, quietly engaged the attention of the chair-lady of the meeting, on the always allowable subject of spring bonnets. Then after screaming for ten minutes, trying to gain recognition to continue, refreshments were announced and the meeting developed into the usual blatt, following the general trend of "Gabble-gobble-git."

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Jack—I enjoyed myself immensely at the Prom.

Dill—Dancing seemed divine in those Bostonians I got at THE HUB.

JONES—I understand they're going to put a statue of St. of the wood-working shop.

BONES—Is that so old man.

JONES—Sure—you can see its covered over with sham-rock.—*Chaparral.*

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Ma belle Marie est comme la peche

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Elle la ressemble aussi, en effet
Parce qu'elle a un coeur de pierre,
je sais.—*Chaparral.*

A full line of spring goods have been received at THE HUB. Come one, come all to inspect.

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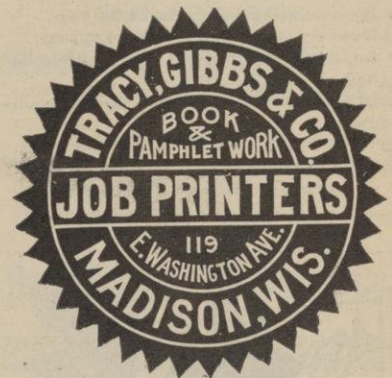
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"No money in gardening, eh?
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year."

"Absurd! Why, he couldn't
have made that amount on a thou-
sand acre farm."

"Of course not, but, you see,
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a roof garden."—*Richmond Dis-
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.....
I would rather wear trousers
than "pants,"

I would rather wear waistcoat
than "vest,"

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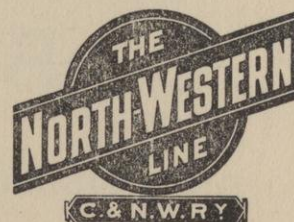
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

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
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