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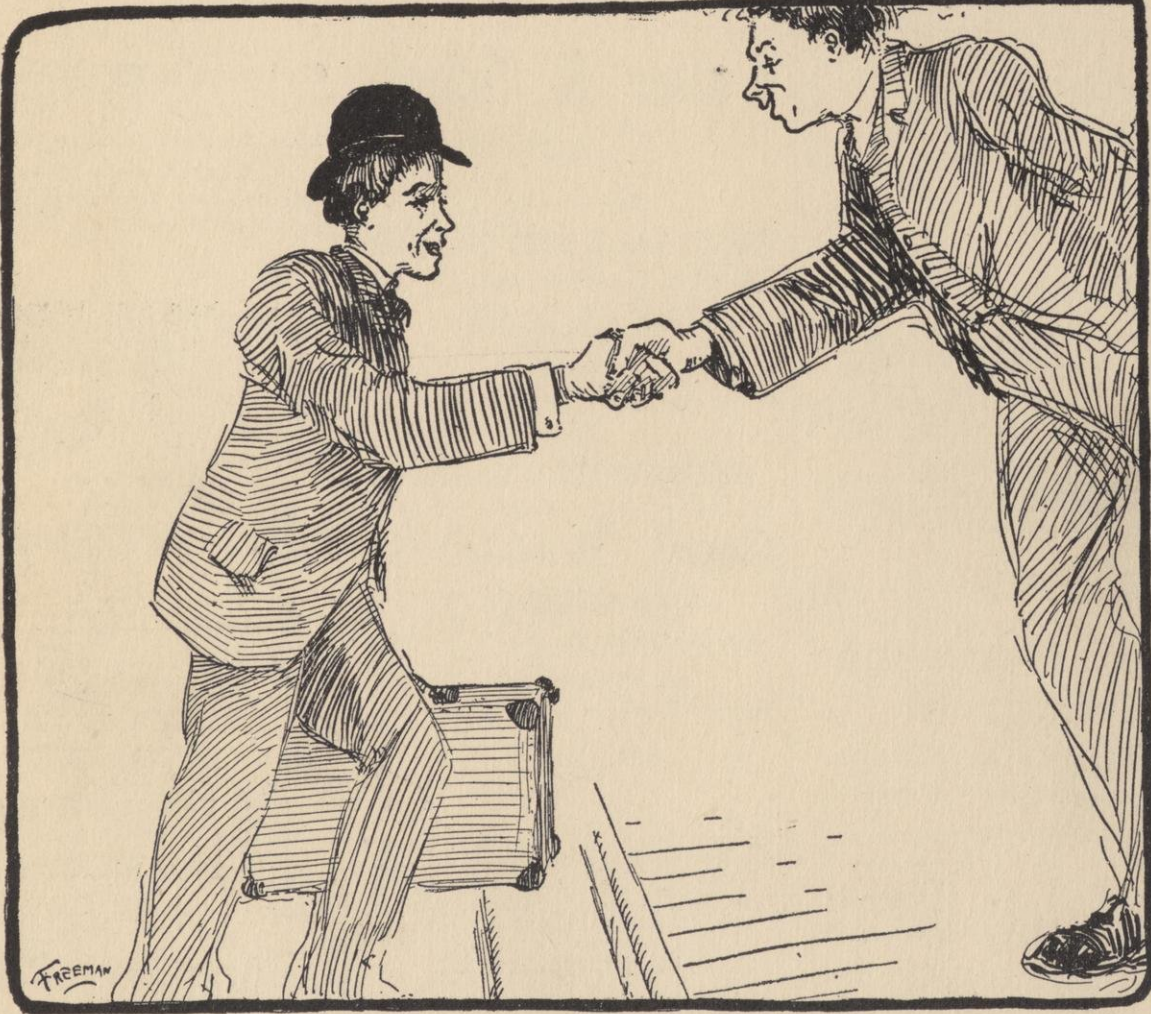
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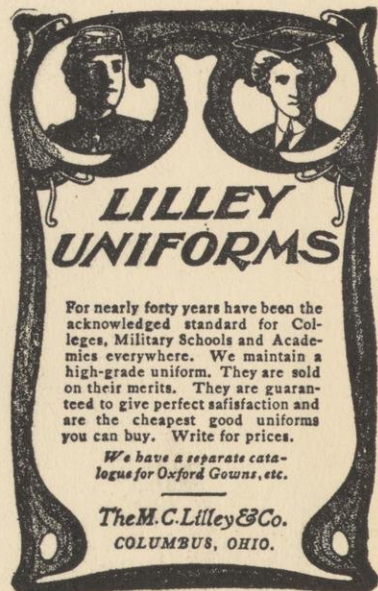
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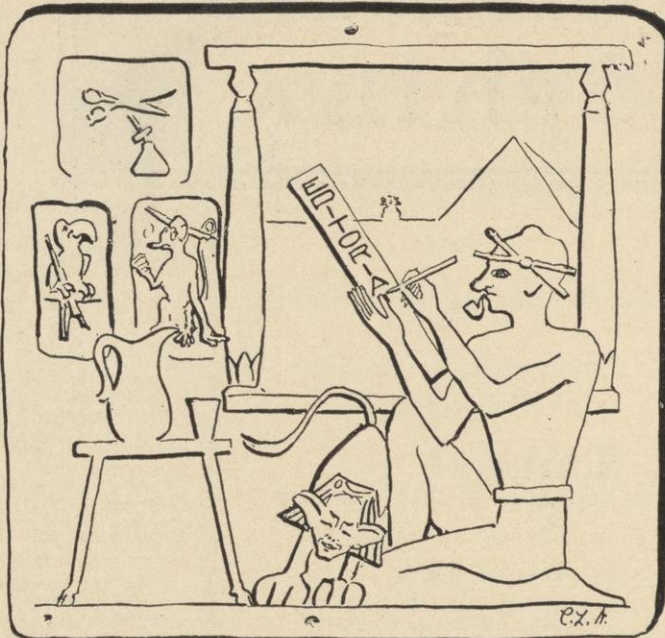
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John Hickey isn't here no more,
Leastways he's quit de job he had.
He's went away both mad and sore,
And tings is goin' to de bad—
De Gym is clean, an' when yuh call
De janitor, yuh needn't roar,
Fer he'll be waiting in de hall;
John Hickey isn't here no more!

John Hickey isn't here no more,
Say, watch me weep a weep or two—
And tings ain't like dey was before
Wen John said, "Ooinellareyou?"
De showers now are always right,
Dere ain't no dirt down on de floor,
De battubs dey looks almost wite;
John Hickey isn't here no more!

John Hickey isn't here no more,
But, gee, I miss his Irish face,
I miss de way he used to roar,
" 'Gwan, you think yuh own th' place?"
For John has went an' went alone,
He made a hike an' banged de door—
An' now our souls 'll be our own—
John Hickey isn't here no more!

—A. B. Braley.



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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



WELL, THE SPHINX is as pleased to be out greeting her friends as anybody. She never felt any cheerier or more sunshiny than she does right now and she wants to greet all her old friends and meet a slew of new ones. She's met lots of people in her years at the 'Varsity and she enjoys meeting folks more and more as she grows older and more wise, though not less frivolous. She likes everybody and she's that anxious to be popular that she's giving the beaming smile and the gladsome mit to nearly all the crowd whether she knows them or not. Take her as she is, frivolous, optimistic, jolly and beaming, take her not seriously, but regularly and you'll find her as pleasant a friend and cheerful a counselor as ever entered your circle of friends.

Howdy, folks, glad to see you all back!



WHAT'S THE MATTER with Wisconsin? Where's all the glory of olden days departed? There *is* something the matter, something wrong somewhere with our teams or our system. The time for quibbles and evasions has passed, it's up to us to talk things over frankly and even brutally. For two or more years the students and lovers of the Varsity have supported loyally with purse and spirit a succession of losing teams. There has been no quitting and little knocking, and save for one or two instances the spirit shown by the rooters has been such as to make every Badger proud. Yet our teams and crews have been defeated, our football prestige has clean departed, our track laurels are withered, and our crews, once the most glo-

rious blazon of the Varsity's fame in the country, are rated with the smaller college eights of the East.

What's the matter with Wisconsin?

Three things make success in athletics.

- (1.) Material.
- (2.) Support or spirit.
- (3.) Methods.

No one who knows the sort of fellows that come to Wisconsin will maintain that our material is not as sturdy, plucky, and fine a type as can be found anywhere. It is material made up of men whom the free, forceful life of the West has bronzed and toughened and molded into shape for any need; men in whom the pioneer grit and courage still glows as of old. No the trouble isn't with our material.

What's the matter with Wisconsin?

No man or woman who was at the Chicago game last fall, and heard that crowd of Wisconsin fellows (and "fellows" in this case includes the girls who started singing the old toast in the hour of defeat)—cheer and sing and root till time was called, root so that no one could even detect a Chicago yell; no one who was there can say that Wisconsin spirit is lacking, or that either team or rooters gave aught but emphasis to the old song, "In Wisconsin are no quitters." The trouble isn't with the spirit.

What's the matter with Wisconsin?

Methods—Coaching. There's where it lies. Last fall was Art. Curtiss' first year. He took up his work after the gloomiest season Wisconsin had ever known, and although his teams were defeated much, on the whole he did well, and justly is given another chance.

But let him remember this. For two years we have backed up a losing team, now we want victories. By these, and these alone, can a coach be judged. We're proud of the "fighting team" Art. gave us last year, we want this season's team to show the same spirit, but we want them to win and we have a right to expect it. If we don't get victories we will get a new coach. And as a last word to our greatest and most dearly loved star,—let him remember that this year he must show no jealousy of his assistants, for success can come only through absolute trust and frankness among all who are striving to make a conquering eleven.

What's the matter with Wisconsin?

Coach Kilpatrick has been at the Varsity for years, and while he's a jolly good fellow and we like him, we think that what he has done with our track material scarcely justifies his staying much longer. He has not one winning bunch to his credit. A specialist in middle distance, he has developed only a few first class men in his own department, while of sprinters the number whom we have not is legion, the number whom we have is *not*.

We hate to be crude or rough or harsh in our judgments, but it seems to us that we need a new man for our track team instructor, and we should view Charlie's departure with sorrow for a good fellow gone, but renewed hope for a better team to come.

What's the matter with Wisconsin?

We hate to make enemies. Plain speaking of what we honestly believe has made us many and will probably bring us more—but we're going right on saying what we think ought to be said and if you don't agree with us we're sorry but we "can't change it". This as a foreword to the following:

We think it's time that our crew coach or his methods were changed. Mr. O'dea has turned out some most excellent crews, but never a victorious one. We know his difficulties, a late season, a paucity of means and scarcity of western competition, yet we feel that either Andy or the Yarra Yarra is archaic. It seems to our benighted intelligence that the Athletic board made a beef in that three year contract. Had it been one year it would have given O'dea an opportunity to "make good" and then a three year arrangement might have been wise although human experience shows that frequently too great a certainty of long retention in office choketh ambition. We hope this year will show us that these remarks are wrong. We honestly hope we are way off our trolley on this crew matter and if time shall prove us so, there is no one who'll be more tickled than we. But with personal malice toward none and charity to all, we believe a change would have been and would be most beneficial.

What's the matter with Wisconsin?

Nothing vital. She needs new blood and a tonic, she needs a little change of diet, that's all.

GREETINGS

"Hello, Laughlin. Well it seems good to be—Howdy Jones, what you been doing this—Well I'll be hanged, thought you weren't coming back? Yes we all do!

O, I've been decking it on a lake boat awhile, then I tried lumbering and—

Here's Anson and Bridges, hello, fellows, gee it's good to see—Hello Rogers, you look brown, been farming? Well, surveying does bronze a fellow up. When I came back last,—Whoopee, if here isn't old "Beefy," fat as ever, Beef. Cook in a lumber camp? Trust you to be where the grub is. 'Member when—? Howdy Gawge, did you laze aristocratically as usual this summer, or—Clerk in a hotel? Well, well, getting to be a regular toiling mass aren't—Hodedo, Miss Collins. Oh yes, very much? Ah, Sue, looking like the spring flowers as ever. To-morrow night? Why not this evening? Never mind your rushing, I'm coming up.

Well, "Budger," you don't have to break my fingers just because your glad I'm back. It isn't surprising. You couldn't keep me away with a maxim gun. Here's another bunch coming! Come on up fellows and smoke. Golly, but its good to get back.

—Kim.



"What'd you do this summer?"

"Book agent."

"Come out well?"

"Sure, great. Sold five books, pawned my watch and baggage, got engaged to four girls, saw a lot of country and borrowed enough mazuma to get back."

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"Bangs had a shady job this summer?"

"What doing?"

"Night watch in a nigger prison."

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His mother said piously, "Jas Can't play poker, nor none of them ga's,"

And its true as she spoke,

He always gets broke.

"He *can't* play," but luck's what he bla's.

The Mucker's Rubaiyat

Wake up you Mugs and git into de Game,
Dis ain't no "peaceful hamlet in a frame;"
It's "football" youse is learning how to play.
Get busy, Pals, youse guys is awful Tame.

Before I seen youse make a bluff to play
I watched dem Michiganders in de fray
And when you buck against dat huskey
Bunch,
Say, will youse have to hustle, will Youse?
Say!

Come, joggle up—and git into de Ring.
De lolly pops is withered, dis ain't Spring.
Youse hit dat line as if youse was a Cow;
Come, tump dat tackle like a cannon—
bing!

Wedder at Chi or at Ann Arbor, Youse
Has got to git some "go it" in yer Shoes,
"Come back wid Honor?" sure ting, if you
win,
Dere ain't no Honor in it if you Lose.

Some for de Rooters rooting sigh, and some,
Talk of de fighting spirit, but keep mum,
And play de way Youse *can* play "hard and
low."

And Root or not, you'll put 'em on de Bum.

So git a Move on, wake up, chuck de Gas,
And knock de Polish off Chicago's Brass,
And when de season ends we'll be on Top,
Wid all de oders underneat de Grass.

KIM.

✂ ✂ ✂

"Witty woman that Mrs. Grossen-
burger."

"Yep, whenever she works hubby for
money she says she's 'doing her Herr.'"

Epigrammatic Ungramaticisms

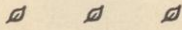
A broke friendship renewed is like a re-lit cigar, there a'nt much pleasure in it till it's been going quite a spell.

A head is like a pipe, you can't tell nothing by the size; it's the filling what counts.

I seen more trouble made by laziness than wickedness.

Loaf and the college boys loafs with you, work, and you work alone.

You can't make no man out of a Willie Boy by having him smoke cigars 'stead of cigarettes.



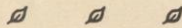
May—Jane has a love of a gown.
Mary—Yes, "Love that never changes."



"That Prof. is a dear."
"I should say—always out of season."



"And so this is the end of our little romance?"
"Yes, and there will be no second edition."



"Honor was written on his face."
"Maybe, but the ink isn't indelible, and he must have washed."



The Truth of It

We may knock while we're here in the course of the year,
Every study and line that we take.
We may gibber and gibe at the Lab and and the Libe
And say that the Hill is a fake.
We may murmur dissent all at fees incidental—
(At kicking we all have a knack)—
We're knockers, oh, yes, but nevertheless
We're tickled to death to get back.

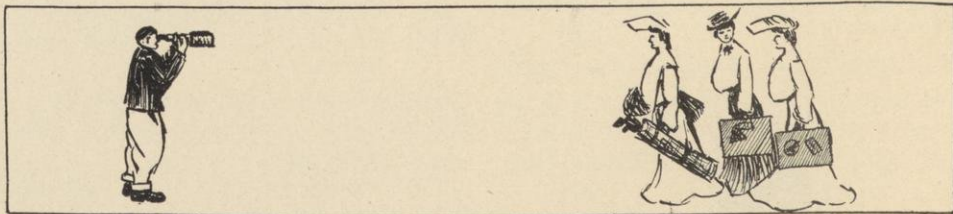
Oh, we sigh lengthy faced o'er the time that we waste,
In "stagnating just like a toad"
When we all ought to "hustle" and get in life's tussle—
Not laze away here and corrode—"
But we blow blithely in with a glad, glee-some grin,
And we dig in our trunks and unpack,
And spite all we say, we are demnition gay,
And tickled to death to get back.

You can't judge our hearts by the knocking that starts
As soon as the bunch strikes the town—
Your faith you must place by the smile on his face,
As each of us settles him down,
And the smoke billows rise and a light fills our eyes,
Though care and though troubles attack,
In panic they flee, for between you and me,
We're tickled to death to get back.

—Max Oditz.



"Going up by Library Hall last night, ten men attacked me, but with the help of the clock I laid 'em out."
"With the help of the clock?"
"Sure, as the men came on I struck one, and the clock struck nine!"



Little girl we're glad to see you
 And we surley hope you'll stay;
 Strange as many things will be, you
 Cannot help but like our way,
 And we'll like *you*, that is easy.
 Who could help it, seeing you?
 Welcome, maid with manners breezy,
 Little Freshman, Howdedo!

A Mariner's Yarn

I asks your kind attention
 For to tell a tale to you,
 Wich the same is very tragic
 And considerably true.

We wuz on th' Nancy Rogers,
 An' the captain's name was Wise,
 An' for concentrated meanness
 He was IT—ay damn my eyes.

Fer th' Grub he fed was sawdust
 Flavored liberal with brine;
 Sez he "That is what I promised
 When I said the board was fine!"

Then he reads from some damn paper
 All about a starving cure,
 An' he stops our grub entirely
 Fer he sees our health is poor.

An' when we kicks about it,
 He listens to our hollers,
 An' he sez "I'm curin' of you"
 An' he docks each man ten dollars.

We had close shaves from drownin'
 In a wet and watery grave,
 An' that Cap'n ups an' charges
 Fifteen cents for every shave.

An' one day a busted biler
 Scalded each one in its path;
 He docked every man a dollar
 Fer a first class Turkish bath.

But the worst of all his meanness,
 Wuz when clear way out at sea
 Come a hurricane awhoopin'
 An' just wrecked us totally.

Now up for'ard that ther' Cap'n
 He had lumber on the boat;
 So altho' the stern was sinking,
 For'ard she still kept afloat.

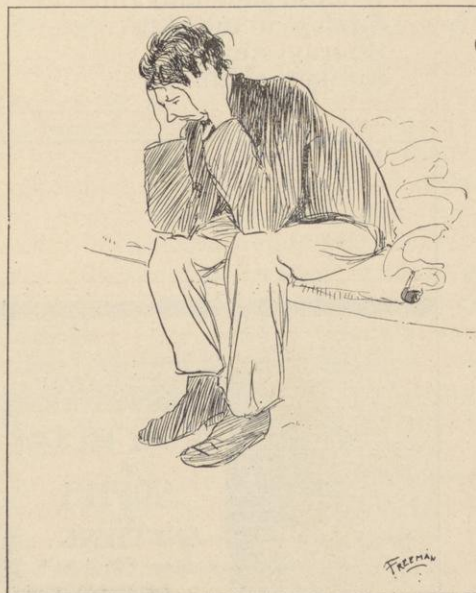
Well th' wind she kept us whurlin'
 'Round and 'round and 'round and
 'round,
 An' th' Cap'n sittin' on her
 Chuckles at the water's sound.



An' he lifts his speaking trumpet,
 An' he yells out, durn his hide—

"This here boat's a blame carousal
 An' yer charged ten cents a ride."

—J. H. H.



"Smatter, homesick?"

"Naw, been trying to figger ont the
 Wisconsin coachin' system."



"Your coat's just like my trousers."

"Yep, you look as if you were on my
 uppers."

A Ballade of Autumn

Leaves turning sere,
Nights getting chill,
Apple time's here—
Frost's on the sill!
Air has a thrill;
Pulpit and pen
Formally trill,
"Autumn again."

Coal's getting dear
(Think of the bill)
Fall togs appear—
Frost's on the sill!
Colleges fill,
Footballers then
Slaughter and kill.
Autumn again!

Crisp days and clear,
Good time to "grill"—
Work like a steer—
Frost's on the sill!
Who could make ill
Prophesies, when
Nature brings still,
Autumn again?

ENVOY.

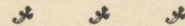
Whoop! Jack and Jill,
Frost's on the sill!
Hooray! Amen.
Autumn again!



"See your back again."

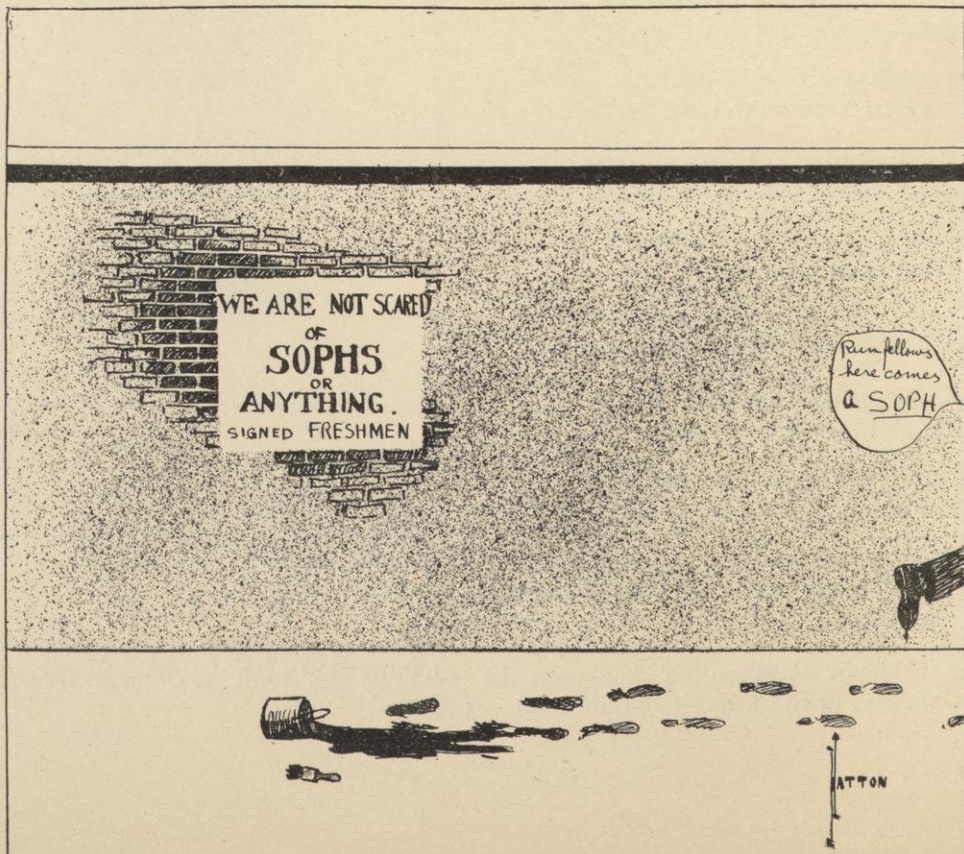
Unreformed

"Black has turned over a new leaf."
"Yes, but he's writing in the same old style."



Miss Youngunce—"That Professor Dryit read my character perfectly when he met me."

Miss Syxtene—"Yes, he is used to ancient inscriptions."





Said a lady who lisped: "He'th a dunth,
Who thaid there were no rhymeth to
'month,'

It'th as falth as can be
For justh listhen to me,
It'h one of my eathietht stunth."



"I love to watch the little fly
That buzzes on the pane,
He never has to do no work
Because he has no brain."

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MORAL.

Appearances Sometimes Aren't deceptive.

Without a Doubt

"Blimline's uncle died and left him a bike factory."

"Quite a windfall."

"Yep, regular bicyclone."

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Typical

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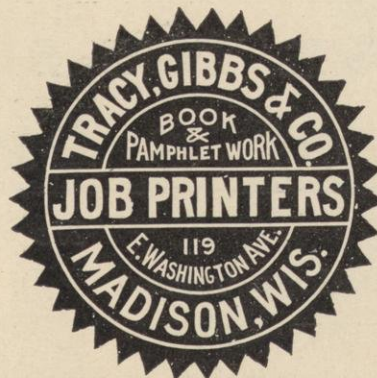
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