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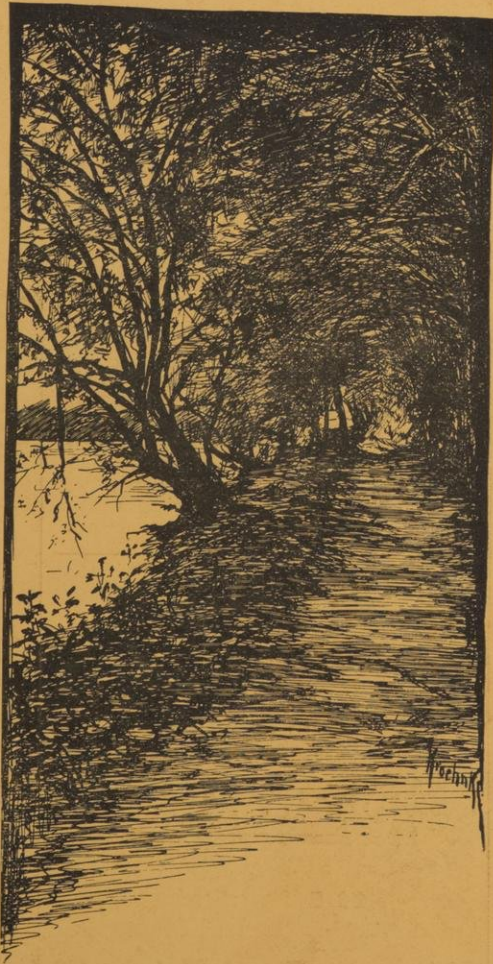
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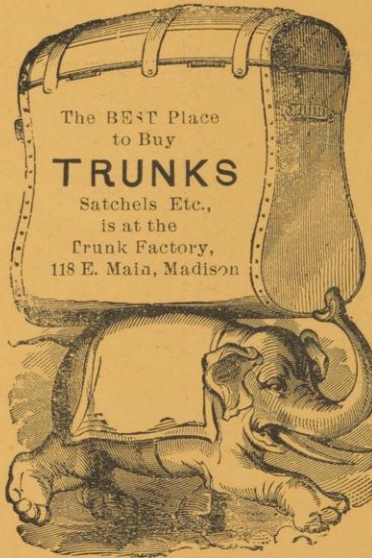
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## Concerning Women.

There was a young co-ed named Jenny,  
Who took physics work under Benny,  
She too often did shirk  
Because "I do the work,"  
And her standing? Well she hasn't any.

Another dear co-ed named Fanny,  
Elected some chem. under Danny,  
But the odor was strong,  
And she cut right along,  
And yet he can't con. her—now can he?

## A Pastel.

'Tis midnight. John sits at his study table—book before him. Books are piled about him. Here his calculus, physics and geology, there his Iliad and histories, there his grammar and notebooks and papers everywhere.

All is quiet. The only light in the room shines on the printed page. All else is dark. Time flies. The clock strikes "one." The ardor of the reader continues. His head bends closer to the little volume before him.

Two long strokes of the town clock sound another warning of the lateness of the hour. But John heeds them not. He reads on and on. He rubs his eyes—one at a time, that he may still read with the other. He suppresses a yawn.

The town clock proclaims the third hour after midnight. Still the zeal for learning carries him on. He turns another page. His eyes grow dim, but he turns another and yet another, till his weary head and hands drop on the last page of "How to Get Married on Twenty Dollars a Month."

## A Pious Girl.

DINKS:—Isn't that Miss X—the worst player you ever heard?

JINKS:—Still she plays strictly according to the scriptures.

DINKS:—How's that?

JINKS:—She lets not her right hand know what her left hand doeth.

## To Prevent Total Obscurity.

BUGGS:—Say, Jones, I wonder why they never give a Vice-President of the United States a second term?

JONES:—Well you know if a man is not heard of for seven years, he is presumed to be dead.



## When People are Good.

I met a stately maiden,  
All gay and sweet and fair,  
With roses blushing from her cheeks,  
And sunshine in her hair.

I asked her to go walking,  
But she said, "Kind sir, you see,  
It is so near Exams. and I'm  
As good as I can be."

## Remarks Concerning Smallpox.

Razzle:—Good morning! Have you been vaccinated?

Dazzle:—That's all right, but just the same this small-pox business is no joke. What if we all should be quarantined here in Madison?

Razzle:—Rats! They can't keep a fellow here if he doesn't want to stay. All he'd have to do would be to get the small-pox and break out. But anyhow, (dodging divers severe punches in the region of the ribs) speaking seriously, I know a case where there was a housefull of fellows and one of 'em got the small-pox, and they simply shut things up, cleaned everything out, and fumigated all the rooms, and—

Dazzle:—And I'll bet that quite a few migrated—  
(They scrap.)



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WITH this issue THE SPHINX makes its bow to the twentieth century. Sphinxes are not supposed to mind centuries very much, but with this particular sphinx it is different. A hundred years looks to it like a fearfully long stretch of time, and as it peeps out upon this clear cold January morning of 1901, it wonders what the coming months and years may hold in store for it. It has not been in this Wisconsin world very long, but while it has been here it has enjoyed itself. It has grown fond of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin people. It believes this to be the best place in the world, and it wants to stay. Varying vicissitudes may and will come to it. Troubles may and doubtless will threaten it. But if THE SPHINX has its way, it will stay with Wisconsin students right on through the century, speaking to them and for them in its own blunt, out-and-out fashion, bearing and conquering, and rejoicing with them. To all its friends THE SPHINX bespeaks a Happy New Year and a hearty God-speed for the new century.

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THERE are many people who hope to see Michigan and Wisconsin meet on the gridiron next fall. They ought not to be disappointed. These two universities are, and for some years at least must be, the two leading and typical western state universities. They represent a distinct idea in education. They are of necessity brought into close, usually friendly rivalry and their athletic relations should be no exception to this rule. The attitude of each toward the other for a year

past has had too much of kiddish pique in it to be thoroughly enjoyable. This attitude was not due to the students of either institution, for among them there is nothing but a desire for fair play. But the respective athletic managements got into the backbiting business, as athletic managements are prone to do, and accused each other of very naughty things. Probably both were at fault, but on the face of the returns it was a Wisconsin representative who violated an agreement, on the plea that the Michigan man was trying to do the same thing. Neither party made much out of the crooked work. It was hardly to be expected that they would. But as things stand, it is Wisconsin that is in the wrong, and it seems to be up to Wisconsin to make advances for a restoration of friendly relations. The men now in charge of our athletic interests can very well do this, for they are not responsible for past happenings. Perhaps they have already taken some steps of this kind. If so, they may be assured that student sentiment is with them. We want to play Michigan, and we want to see the Michigan game become, as it should in the natural course of events, the great game of the year.

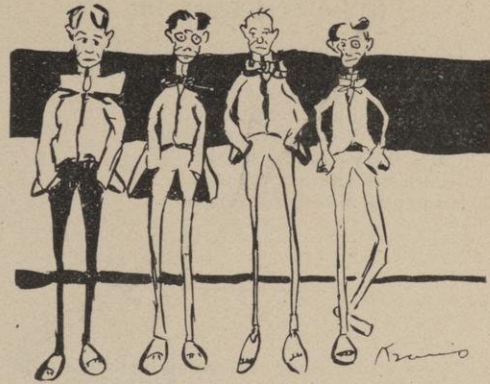
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A HEALTHY spirit of University pride is apt to result when the University joins with the rest of the state in doing honor to one of its alumni who has been chosen to a position of prominence. University men were active in the exercises attending the inauguration of Governor La Follette; and naturally so, for his election was a triumph of a representative



university man and of the university idea. Mr. La Follette is typical of the kind of men that a state university ought to turn out—with the culture given by a thorough education, and the aggressiveness and self-reliance that characterize a man who has made his own way in the world, and whose success is due simply to what he has shown himself to be. Of such an alumnus the University is proud, as well she may be.

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It is not in isolated instances that University men are making themselves leaders. We have always been represented in political life since joint debaters began to apply in practical life the same principles that had won them fame in the mimic struggles of the college arena. But never have University alumni been so active in politics as in the last year or two. Consider the long list of men now holding public offices, city and county, who have in their turn ascended the hill; the fourteen members of the legislature; at least four members of the national congress, the attorney general of this state, and the governors of two states—and then proceed to meet the argument that a college training is not “practical.” If success in after life is the test of whether or no a man has had a practical training, then a college education—of the right sort—is, in every sense and in the highest measure practical.

#### In Other Words, Try for a Sphinx Prize.

If you hear of something funny,  
Write it down.  
If it ain't too all-fired punny,  
Write it down.  
Send it in, the Sphinx 'll use it,  
If it's good the boss 'll choose it,  
Never fear, he won't refuse it,  
Write it down.

You might win a couple prizes,  
Write it down.  
Which might help you in a crisis  
Write it down.  
A set of books is nice to look at,  
Then besides if you get broke, it  
Might be so that you could soak it,  
Write it down.

#### Bargain Day.

Hobbs:—Hello! See there: “A free lunch with every glass of beer.” Let's go in.  
Nobbs:—Naw! Let's wait till we find a place where they give a glass of beer with every free lunch.

#### Won't it Though.

Oh won't it be fine  
When warmer suns shine,  
To sit (or recline)  
In the shade of some vine,  
And hear music divine  
From this quartet refined?

#### Badgered and Bored to Death.

It's enough to make you dizzy,  
To see them getting busy,  
And writing this and drawing that and hustling all about,  
They take you by the collar  
And they dun you for your dollar  
For the time is growing shorter and the Badger's coming out.

They're a bore, you bet, in toto,  
When they ask you for your photo  
And you think they make a rake-off down at Curtiss's and Ford's.  
Ask the senior if they bother  
When they ask him who's his father,  
What's his age and what's his color, at what feedery he boards.

When you're trying to get posted  
On just how you're getting roasted,  
Just notice what a codger is your former dearest friend.  
But the worst is they're so thrifty  
That they'll tax us all one-fifty,  
And next fall they'll cart our money out on one rip-roaring spread.

Our only hope's a riot,  
But we'll have to keep it quiet  
And spring it hard upon them 'fore they know where they are at.  
We'll take a coat and stuff it  
And we'll burn it for Bill Moffat,  
But old Nick himself wont stop us when we get our hands on Pat.



**If You Have Tears, Etc.**

There was a young Agric. named Ox,  
 Who feared he might get the small-pox,  
 So he got vaccinated,  
 Although he much hated,  
 To pay to the doctor, his rocks.  
 But the vaccine was bad,  
 And the ending was sad,  
 He is now in a two-by-six box.

There was a young fellow named Perkins,  
 Who ate most a gallon of gherkins;  
 He ate and he ate,  
 Till sad to relate,  
 He injured his internal workin's.

**The By-paths of the Directory.**

My sister who graduated last June, has been visiting me. Friday night I was writing a letter to one of my Freshman friends whom I wished her to meet and I said to her as I was sealing the envelope, "Will you please look in the University directory for John W. Frye's address?" "Surely," she replied, putting down her book and picking up the directory. "F—F—F? Oh, that comes before H. Oh, here are the Harveys, both of them are here this year. I must see them before I leave."

"Yes, Mary," I said, "but please hurry. I want to take this letter down town tonight so it will be in the morning delivery."

"Yes, I will," she said, rapidly turning the leaves, "F—F—F? F comes just after E, doesn't it? Oh, here are the Evans. Let me see—e. Caroline, Lillian, Magdeline and Mary—I guess they are all here. I wonder if Magdeline is a whale in Math., too." "Please hurry, I must get this in the mail," I said. "How impatient you are this year!" she remonstrated. "What is his name, anyway?"

"John W. Frye," I replied shortly. "Oh, yes," she said, noticing my ill temper, "what a funny name?" "Will you hurry;" I demanded. "Yes, of course," she replied, aggrieved by the idea that she was not hurrying, "Here are the F's now. Fa—Fe—Fe. Fish? Fox, Fox, lots of animals this year. French—French. Is there a Vaterland this year?"

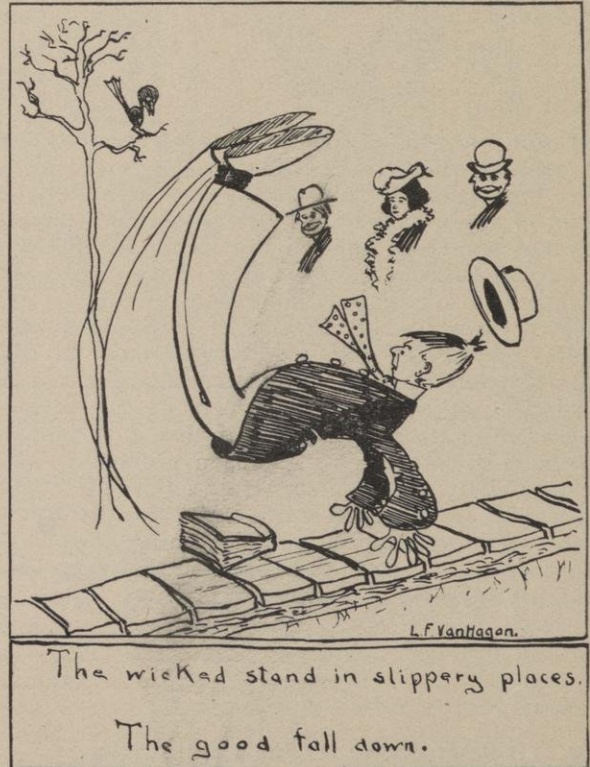
"Here, give me that directory I exclaimed," holding out my hand. "Now, little brother, don't get cross," she said serenely, "Here's the F-r-y's now. Fryette; is he any relation? I met a girl by that name in Chicago last fall, and she was the sweetest creature."

"Will you give me that directory," I savagely demanded.

"Here's what you want, 1087 Williamson street."

"No, it isn't!" I fairly shouted, "He lives someplace in Wingra Park. Will you give me that book?"

"Oh, yes, I see," she said "that was Daniel. Here's John W. But I don't see why you should make such a fuss over a man who lives in Wingra Park."



Mary had a little LAM,  
 She got it from her mother,  
 Now she says that she'll be good,  
 And doesn't want another.

**And this is what she said**

HE—What would you say if I should kiss you?  
 SHE—Aw! G'wan.  
 And so he began.

There was a young student named Kline,  
 Whose fad was to swipe every sign,  
 But alas! He did clutch,  
 One marked "Dangerous! DON'T TOUCH!"  
 And now his soul upward is flyin'.





### The Voice of the Heart.

Oh thou Voice that speakest to me  
 If a prophet true thou art,  
 Tell me which of these two maidens  
 Is the dearest to my heart.

One I love, and love most truly,  
 Is it Ethel? Is it Nell?  
 I have asked my heart to tell me  
 But my heart, it cannot tell.

Then the voice came answering: "Patience,  
 Foolish one dost thou not know,  
 No seer but thy heart can tell thee  
 What thou askest me to show.  
 And its Voice will soon be calling  
 In thy heart's own time 'twill know."









### One.

The sharp snow filled the curved brim of her little black hat and drew an illuminated curtain between her and the shifting street lights. There were snowflakes on her eyebrows—there was a tinge of red in her cheeks. And in her hair the bright points glistened with the beautiful white of another kind—the white that comes where one is not master of one's self and one's world.

She did not look like one with many friends. Her eyes were kindly—if there was a sad dullness about them at most times—and her cheeks had once been rounder. She looked what she was as she walked home under the lights and the soft drifting snow—a friendless little woman.

No one knew her battles. No one could guess her victories. Those who heard her recite on the Hill, had they thought, would have attributed to her portion, only defeats. No one knew why she came—it was apparently Necessity that sent her. If it were, Necessity kept her secret.

This night the snow felt warm on her cheeks; she turned the corners to her home unconsciously. She

was rereading a page of twenty years ago. The man who turned it for her she had seen on the Hill that day. She saw him through an open door at the desk of a class room. It was twenty years since she had seen him last. They were young then; she called him Tim and he knew her better than he did any other woman. He did not see her pass today, he did not know she was at the university. He had said it was all a mistake on his side, and of course she could not tell him hers. Tonight it all came back and she wished it were a mistake with her, too. Life was so long and so loveless and there was such an unending narrow stretch of it before her.

She reached the door of her boarding house and put in the key. Then she turned and looked down the long white street. The snow shone radiant as it fell—all the windows were bright, the blinds undrawn.

The sound of early sleighbells ventured out not far away—the world looked beautiful but oh, so cold.

She went in and shut the winter out behind her.

### The Chaperone.

It was a little informal dance at Kehl's. All but a few had gone down stairs; it was the last dance. Mrs. Wilson and Morgan sat alone when the orchestra began to play "Love's Dream after the Ball."

As the notes of the waltz came to her she blushed deep red like the rose in her dark hair and looked at the man beside her.

"Then you haven't forgotten?" he said. "Forgotten; how could I? It was that last of my first 'Prom.' I was so very happy."

For a long time neither of them spoke, but sat listening to the waltz. Suddenly it stopped, the musicians began to put away their music. "It might have been so different," he began, "They say it is a man's right to forget, but I can't. I never can."

"They also say it is a woman's right to suffer," she said, as she left the hall.







**The Senior and the Sophomore Discuss Small Pox.**

The senior was in his room, sitting upon his couch, well propped up among a dozen or more sofa pillows, when there came a sound of footsteps upon the stairs, a preliminary rap, and then a somewhat boisterous opening of the door, and in the sophomore stalked.

"Hello," he said, eyeing the other's tenderly guarded left arm. "Got scratched, didn't you? How is your arm?"

"Working beautifully," groaned the senior.

"Working?" said the soph. "Working, did you say? Really, that must seem queer." He was interrupted by a pillow which the senior shied at him with his well arm.

"You will notice that my right arm is working fairly well, too," he said.

"No, but say," said the soph, "do you really think there is any use of getting vaccinated?"

"Use of getting vaccinated?" he said, and with a grin the soph. watched the old-time cynical gleam

come into the senior's eye, "Use of, did I understand you rightly, use of getting vaccinated? Why my dear sir, of course I don't think so. You wouldn't expect me to go down and get vaccinated if I believed in it would you? Why no! I look at it this way, if a fellow doesn't catch the small pox why what good does it do him to get scratched, and if he does, why he's saved half a rock anyway. No, I didn't go down and pay a half dollar because I believed in it. I simply saw a lot of fellows going out—"

"Aw, cut it out," interrupted the soph., "honestly, do you think a fellow really ought to go down—"

"Why no," said the other, "I thought I made myself plain on that point. I think a man's got as much right to the small pox as he has to go to the Prom—"

"No, but honestly," the soph. again interrupted.

"Well, I'll tell you," said the senior, "here's the way it is, small pox is a measly, dirty, sort of thing. That isn't all. If you get it you may make some other beggars have it with you. There is a chance for you to run into it most anywhere. Now, vaccination will keep you from having it. If you don't get it you can't give it to anybody else, and there you are."

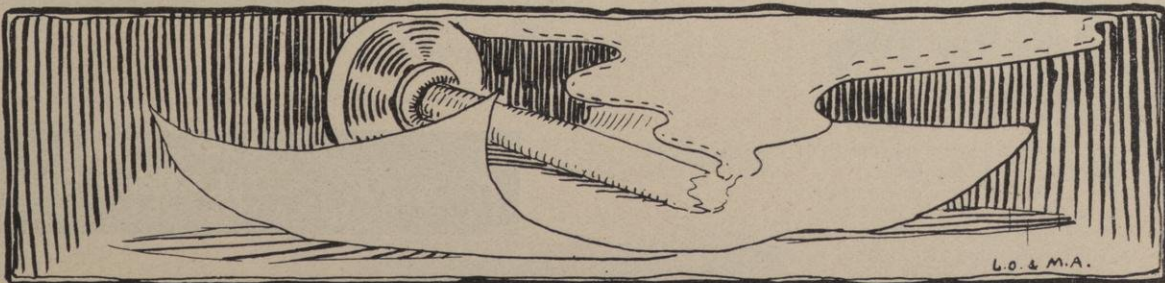
And straightway the sophomore went out and did likewise.

**Touching.**

One touch of nature makes all the world kin,  
Is a saying quite true now I fear;  
For every one's friendly from Freshman to Soph,  
Now that the end is so near.

For all have a feeling that some will be gone,  
And others will come in their place;  
And each one's concealing the state of his mind  
By the P. Q. smile on his face.

For exams are not funny in spite of the bluff,  
And the way that some people take on,  
And no one is sure until he is told,  
That his draw was an X or a con.





**A Devilish Pre-Lenten Conspiracy.**

Said Beelzebub to Hades' King  
 "I think we'd better hurry,  
 You know that Lent will soon be here,  
 Our time for fear and worry.  
 We have some flats and rooms to let,  
 We need some reg'lar tenants  
 I think we'd better hasten now,  
 Before the bad seek penance."

Said Hades' King to Beelzebub,  
 "That you are right, I'm certain;  
 We'll have to work to fill our flats  
 Before Lent draws the curtain,  
 As I glance around and view the world,  
 I see a spot quite charming;  
 It oft has been our busy place,  
 Its evil is alarming.

Our tenants from this wicked place,  
 You know, are very many;  
 Our agents there have done good work,  
 No fault we find, not any.  
 One year we sent a wicked show,  
 And all the boys were present,  
 The way they acted on that night,  
 For us, you know, was pleasant.

I think we gained one hundred souls,  
 Before that night had ended,  
 And many more, I'm glad to say  
 Their way to us have wended.  
 Next year we sent them to the Hall,  
 You know that awful story,  
 Our clerks, poor souls, worked overtime,  
 My heart for once felt sorry.

But though our work that noted night,  
 Was much to our good credit,  
 To the 'Oshkosh Times,' I'm sure you'll say,  
 We're very much indebted,  
 It spread our joyful news to all,  
 It didn't make a blunder.  
 We do the work, the 'Times' the rest;  
 It is the world's eighth wonder.

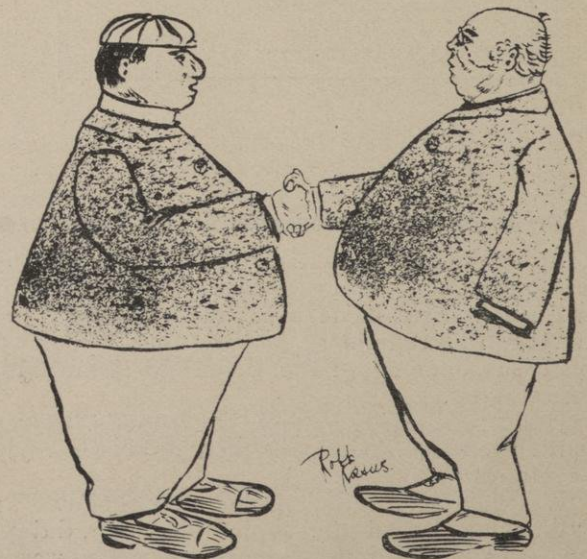
The world does think, dear Beelzebub,  
 That your'e the Prince of Liars,  
 But that's because the 'Oshkosh Times'  
 Has not so many buyers.  
 We know that this corrupted spot  
 With sin is well attainted,  
 But not so bad, dear Beelzebub,  
 As it has oft been painted.

Last fall we sent the Carnival  
 Down to that wicked city,  
 The college boys soon lost their heads,  
 It really was a pity.  
 We also sent some extra imps,  
 The town was full of devils,  
 The Church worked hard, but the City force  
 Laughed loud at our bold revels.

So Beelzebub, my brother dear,  
 If we must work and hurry,  
 I do not think and you'll agree  
 That we have cause for worry.  
 This pretty spot will be our prize  
 We'll send down all our forces,  
 We'll have no work to gain new souls  
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**MORAL.**

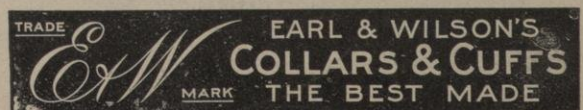
So all you students, good and bad,  
 Before the Lenten season  
 Attend your work and please be good  
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 He has his wicked eye on you,  
 He knows you're good from Lent on,  
 So all the imps you see in town,  
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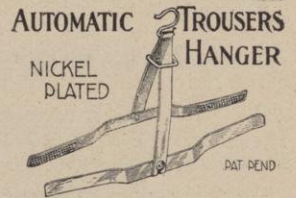
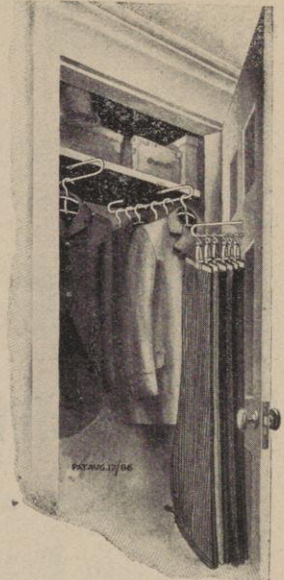
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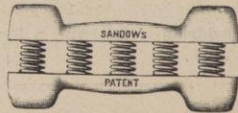
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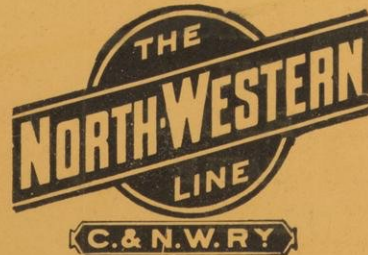
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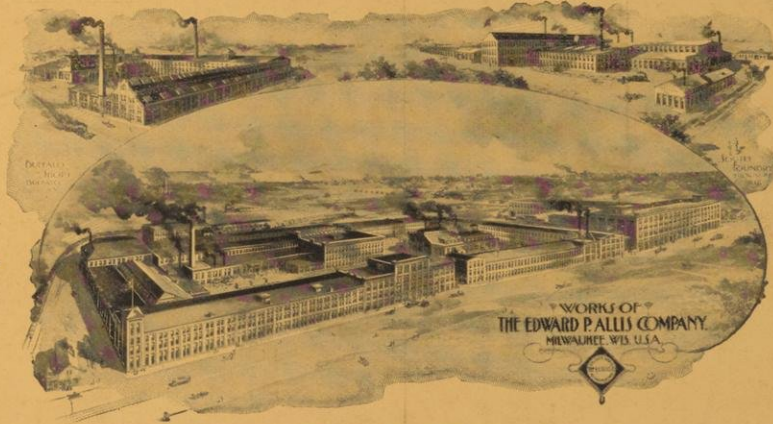
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