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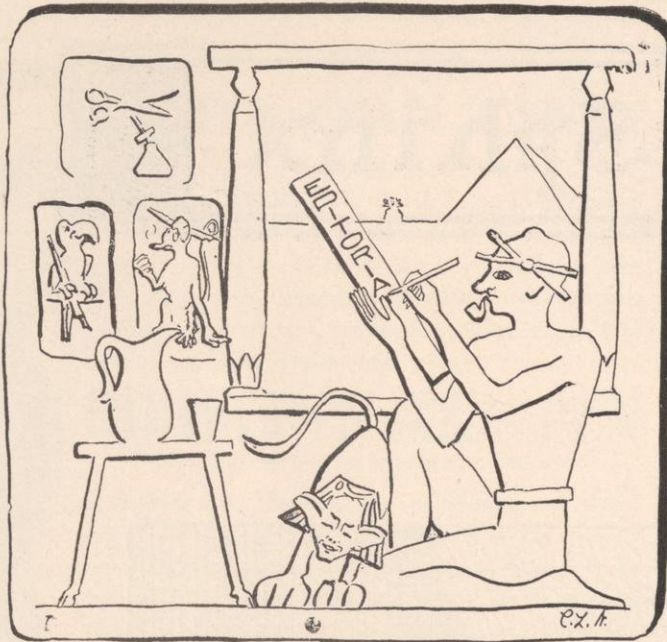
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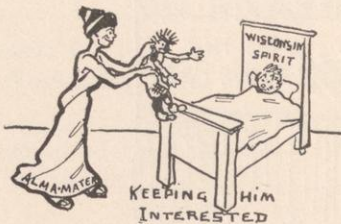
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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley



WHEN we read the *Epistle to the Undergrad* in the last *Lit* we got a much needed jolt. We gentle studes have gone about grinning approvingly at ourselves in the happy hallucination that we had an infallible rabbit's foot known as Wisconsin Spirit that would offset any quantity of pin-headednesses on our part; and the hour has struck when we are due to come to and kick ourselves.

THE SPHINX is sore as the burnt thumb of an amateur Santa Claus because it is impossible, now, to say anything on the subject without following the blazed trail of the Old Grad. Even so, she wishes she had enough control over her

fountain pen to follow what he said and make it worse, because we feel there are phases of the subject that cannot be treated adequately in the language of polite society and the *Lit*. She would like—some time when she is real well and strong, and is feeling capable and snorty, to devote considerable red ink to the effete pink-eared candy-kid element mentioned in the *Epistle*.

But as to the football side only: this much appears with the clear cold distinctness of a lead-pipe cinch: the Old Wisconsin Spirit, was an infant industry, and belonged here when we were a younger and smaller and different college. There are too many of us, now, to get together and raise hell (which is a coarse but fitting way of phrasing football enthusiasm) as one man. There is a certain mob contagion necessary for an effective bleacher—you wouldn't, all by yourself, rip things up and smash cadies, and act like an Indian, as you ought—it is the jolt of your seat-

mate's elbow in your slats and the yelp of the man behind that makes you rair up and sing like the morning stars. We can't have the all-university mob contagion with 3,000 that we had with 800. The mechanical difficulties are too hefty, even if the spirit was willing. Also, our 3,000 includes a well-developed quitter caste—just as much the high-browed, knee-sprung Libites as the low-browed, pompadoured, cozy-corner bric-a-bracs with the candy pants.

This year, the football spirit here was as skimp and inadequate as the quilt of your hash-house bed. What we goin' to do when next fall comes round? There are students—not faculty now—saying its time to pull out of intercollegiate athletics, and contest by colleges, each small enough to have a spirit of its own.

Not on your sweet life, Agnes! Intercollegiate football is the only all-U interest there is now—the only thing with power to wipe out the damfool imaginary

lines of college and class and frat, and make us brothers. It is pretty fine for a temporarily insane Normalite to hike down University Avenue in the snake dance embracing a Filipino and a Schmedeman - Baillie kid from Mendota Court.

THE SPHINX holds there is just as good material for Wisconsin Spirit as in the cycle from Pyre to O'Dea. Only it can't express itself spontaneously, and has got to be started from the outside. Eliminate, by a real iron-clad rooters' section, e. g., the quitter caste, that come to the game, if at all, to sit around dumb like stale oysters on the half shell. After that, you have plenty left to start up Wisconsin spirit in—too many, in fact, for it to start up itself.

When you get a bunch too big to act together effectively by contagion, you can make a start by organization and a leader. That's what the yell leader is for—to get the bunch together and transmit and sling around contagion from a center, and make it spread over more territory than it can by the old elbow-hitting-elbow method.

We can never have the old spontaneous Wisconsin Spirit back again, but we can raise up a new, just as effective one that will be no drug store substitute either. You can systemize rooting without making it artificial. You can turn it on; the pressure is there and you don't need to pump it up.

Among the things that

WE FEEL constrained by the glad some Christmastide to construct a pretty little peace-and-goodwill editorial, fit to print on a filagree-paper calendar. She can't recollect any of her premeditated knocks she wouldn't have squeezed more lemon-juice into, if she'd had time. She is not apologetic to the imaginative persons who construe her soaks of the institutions they mix in as attempts to get to them individually.

There are some excep-

tions to rules, though, that she wants to square things with. She has handed carefully composed scorn to the pompadour kids—but she can't forget the pompadour kid that tried to start us round the field in the Indiana game. She has limned our symbolic English instructors in an atmosphere of Little Cigarettes and Rossetti, thereby doing injustice to several full-grown men who preserve the department from entire ladyism. She has used Ha'vahd to personify cultured quit-

Sunny Pyre specified as ailing Wisconsin, there are lots we can't go out with an axe and attend to. The reformation of the Candy-Kid needs a husky, public sentiment, which THE SPHINX would like to see backed by a class of Samurai with the full powers of the Fool Killer. A lot of other things, Sunny said, are evolutions, and we've got to let them evolve, and not go Carusoing with the buzz saw. Our efforts to get together on the bleachers this year were the depth of delicate pathos. Next year, lets get some leaders for ourselves and try a whack at systematized spirit. It may not be the Old Wisconsin Spirit, Itself, but it'll get there just the same.



terism; so long as Harvard sends us men like Carl Russell Fish there must be some live spots in her cosmos.

THE SPHINX can't specify exceptions whenever she knocks, or her dope would look like French grammar; she has got to leave it to the knockee's conscience, whether he is an exception, or the rule.

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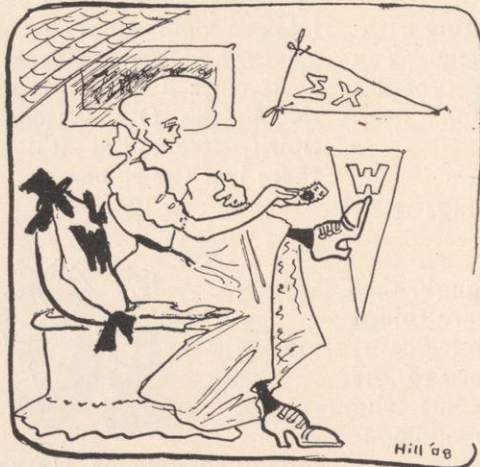
We are not prepared to announce results on the prize contest which closed with this number, as all the acceptable dope has not gone into print, yet.

Prof. Freeman, the Hell You Say

is the objectionable part of Cheer, Cheer; is it not?

"Dear, dear," babbled the Utter Idiot, "I've exchanged my presents three times, and I'm sure if I go down town *again* I'll see some that will make me change my mind."

"You ought to, if they'd be willing to take it back," snorted the Caustic Gyurl, savagely biting the eraser off the pencil she was using on her list of 172 relations-you-owe-things-to.



Extract from a Romantic Novel
"Impatiently She Stamped Her Little
Foot"

African Jurisprudence II

The darkey detective in citizens clothes, the traditional straw hat and smile, had just overheard the members of the Mammy's Sewing Circle (a euphemism—for what had they to sew?) singing, "Cheer, cheer." "Unworthy matrons, your roast is cooked," cried he, and forthwith dragged them before the faculty of the University of Africa. The usual trial, the usual sentence ensued.

After the repast, the sable sultan removed his false teeth, composed of the choicest grinders of one hundred of his slain and eaten enemies, and observing the dents in several of the molars, jocularly remarked: "Those old ladies were rather tough cases."

Carl Haessler.

If Not, Why

Gilmore—"Mr. Cataclysm! Suppose A, a minor, played smeer in the beer-saal of B, who, betting on the game, lost 67c to C, the opponent of A, who orders drinks on the house which is sublet to D. Suppose A liable, as a minor, for causing said drinks to be ordered by reason of his losing said game of smeer, under what category would you classify the case?"

Mr. Cataclysm (Judicially) — "Smeer case."

Weihnachtsfussen.

Am Weihnachtswoch' wir hiken Heim,
Da high schul' Madchens wohnen,
Wer machen unser Coeds look
Wie frozen-thawed Citronen.
F. Schiller, The Rathskeller Lyricist.

Local and Personal

K. K. Kind, our genial Dutch teacher, was seen on Langdon Street yesterday wearing his new bilious colored overcoat.

There was a runaway on Langdon Street yesterday.

Jimmie B. Robertson, a prominent agric (long course) is back from the Chicago Live Stock show. He says the Marcell waves they put on their show critters beat anything he has saw in Sterling Court.

Si Upsilon has registered in the short course.

Miss Abby Mayhew will give a stereopticon slide lecture Wednesday to the Y. W. C. A. tating circle, her subject being "Venus de Milo *vs.* Venus de Kabo." Miss Mayhew does not believe in nature faking.

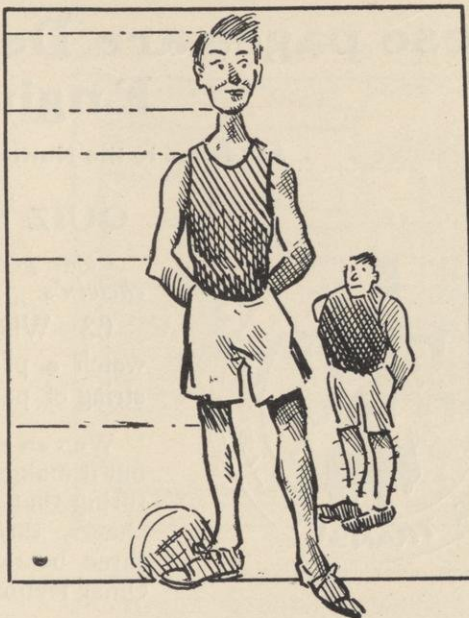
Peter Rehm wants to dispose of twelve pompadour haircut tickets he got for leading the cotillion at the Barber's Prom.

B. J. Jelinec, a prominent student, Chadbourned Thursday.

Fervid Flom's is down and out,
The "Grand" is now packed dense,
And Alma Mater's cherished sons
Are Grand sons in a sense.

Marta of the Lowlands.

He—"Why do they call her Bertha Kehlitch?"
She—"Because she started scratch in the pig-race."
(This is a very coarse joke, and we are so ashamed of it that we printed it in small type, so you would not notice it.)



The Olson and Veerhusen Man —With and Without

Pipe Dreams

When the stars shine out so bright
 And proclaim that it is night
 Then I'm lost in contemplation
 (Fairest girl in all creation)
 And my heart begins to pine
 For that old black pipe of mine—
 Knowing as I do
 That its well-filled briar bowl
 Will imprint upon my soul
 Visions fair of you.

Thus I sit at close of day
 Puffing quietly away
 And the fact that I can smoke
 Keeps my heart from getting broke.
 It's no wonder that I pine
 For that old black pipe of mine—
 Knowing as I do
 That its well-filled briar bowl
 Will imprint upon my soul
 Visions fair of you.

As the smoke it upward whirls
 Forming twists and forming curls
 With a smoker's well-placed guile
 I can conjure up your smile
 And my heart will ever pine
 For that old black pipe of mine—
 Knowing as I do
 That its well-filled briar bowl
 Will imprint upon my soul
 Visions fair of you.

With tobacco and with briar
 With love's ever burning fire
 Through the distance far and wide
 I can bring you to my side—
 Is it strange my heart doth pine
 For that old black pipe of mine?

*Knowing as I do
 That its well-filled briar bowl
 Will imprint upon my soul
 Visions fair of you.*

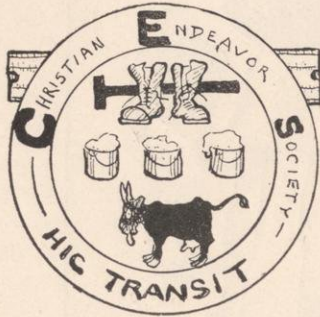
—J. D. Roberts, '11.

"My pipe"—dear theme to college bards;
 Cob, briar, meerschaam fine.
 I loyally apostrophize
 An Old Lead Pipe of Mine.
 My prof assigned a Christmas quiz
 Of aggravating type

At dead of night I laid for him
 I had My Old Lead Pipe.
 I mercilessly laughed: "Ha Ha!"
 I grappled him, and slew him.
 In realms below he's getting all
 That he has coming to him.

These pages are Dedicated to All Good Engineers

Likewise to the Numerous Other Engineers



QUIZ QUESTIONS—PHYSICS 101

Come prepared for the worst. Bring blue books and chewin's.

63—Which would you rather do—sit in the lab and watch a plum line or stand on the steps and watch a string of peaches?

We can stand for the sterilization of "Cheer Cheer;" but it makes us grit our teeth horribly to hear you substituting that mild mollycoddle Lennyesque line, "Three cheers, three cheers," for the robust "Three cheers, three beers" of your traditional yell. Give o'er! As Omar feelingly remarked:

64. (Linear measurement.) How many feet are there in a given window of the engineering building?

Lennie Smith teaches surveying.

One beautiful spring day he noted one of his frosh disciples handling a transit about as gracefully as a sorority peach does a lawn mower. Lennie descended on him:

"Hay, you imbecile, infantine idjit! Do you think you'll ever learn to do surveying that way?"

"Why," returned the freshman, in an aggrieved tone, "I don't want to know how to do it—I want to teach it."

(Lennie Smith teaches surveying.)

'Tis sweeter than the music of the spheres—
Love, sweeter than thy singing, to my ears
To hear a bunch of half-shot Civil E.'s
Giving the slogan of the triple beers.

63b. How much crude rubber would it take to drive a 90-lb. co-ed across the upper campus and divert her line of motion from the engineering side to the law side?

A young engineer in Hydraulic
Was blessed with a thirst alcoholic
He studied cold water
Much less than he'd ought ter;
He said: "Raszher shtudy hy baul (ic)!"

65. (Time and space.) How fast is the pig race? Are you a Millie-meeter? Where does Millie work?

"The Song of a Shirt"

I love thee, dirty flannel shirt,
You don't look sporty—but you're dear,
In spite of all your grime and dirt,
To every loyal engineer.

Let "hill" men and the Percy boys
Wear collars, cuffs, and flossy shirts,
So they can sport with female toys
And make a hit with rustling skirts.

But would you have a friend that's true,
Who'll stick to you from year to year,
Don't wash your flannel shirt of blue—
Just be a loyal engineer.

—D. S. B.



Electrical Term
"Breaking the Circuit"

Scintillations of a Senile Senior

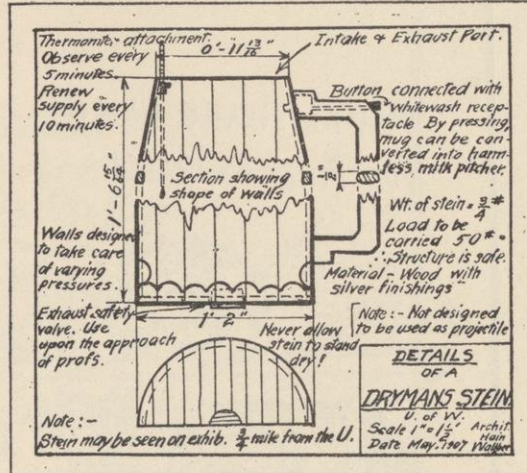
In the mathematics of the scheme of things there is one proposition to which even Eddie Maurer cannot tack a Q. E. D. It is, "Why is the English Dept.?" Eddie can prove abstruse things like, "Why is a cow" and "Wherefore are class presidents?" but it is my one best bet that he flunks on "Why is the English Dept.?" Still, he is an engineer; and, as all hillmen know, to be an engineer is to be a barbarian.

The subtle brain of a Freshman once evolved the theory that the Faculty was trying to infuse a species of medieval atmosphere into university life by various patriarchal measures, and that the English Dept. represented the Spanish Inquisition. There was some hope of escape from the Inquisition but the English Dept. is more sure of its victims than is even Military Drill. One can evade the latter by descending to the depths of depravity, and through being a Normalite, but—but why expatiate further?

In my three and one-half years of penal servitude I have only seen two fellow convicts who could go to English class with smiles on their faces. One of these was a hillman who had in him the makings of as fine a law student as ever owed allegiance to a cuspidor.

It was his adorable custom to take a back seat, near the open window, and write impromptu themes upon the beauty of the upper campus, calling it his beautiful green goboon.

The other was of the late crop of freshmen, a hardy descendant of the Vikings, an ardent disciple of martial Mercien, and his stoicism under torture was his greatest pride.



The little knowledge of English requisite for writing this acrimonious atrocity was acquired, not in my freshman year, but through writing "Please explain," answers to Dad's letters and in standing off duns from the tailor and liveryman. With these sources of information at the command of every male student, we may all join in the 'wildered wail of the Iowa freshman of the pre-medic persuasion:

"They teach us the smells and the colors
Of many and curious drugs;
They show us the Which of the Therefore,
And names of most curious bugs,
And even the Whys and Whatevers
Are classified and yclept,
But who, oh, who, is it shows us
The "Why" of the English Dept!"

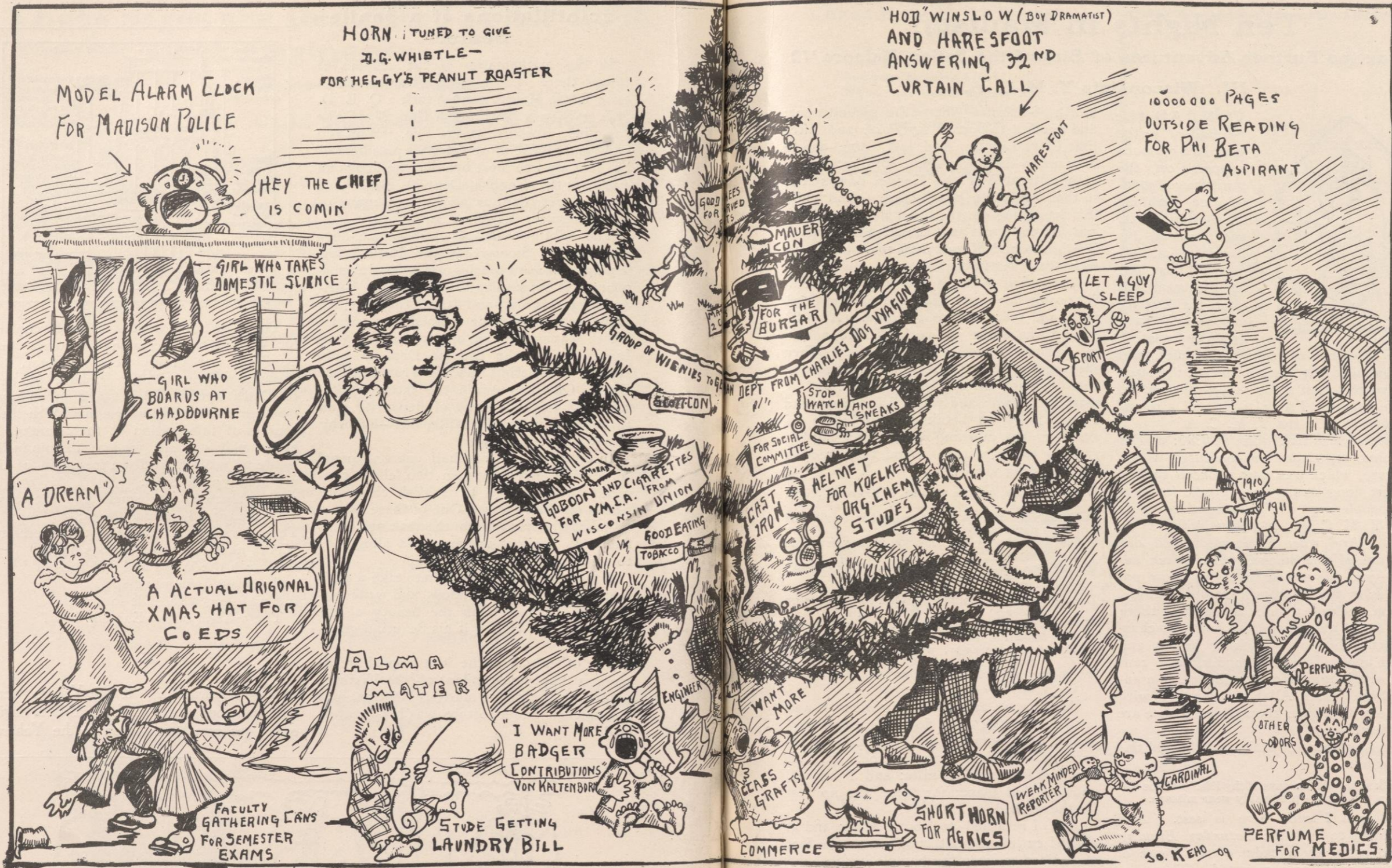
W. A. B.



66. (Hydraulics.) If the Yahara were beer, how long would it take a 180-lb. engineer to get from W. Johnson to the Yahara?



Notice.—Seniors in mathematics meet Thursday at 11:00 on the steps to look over some figures. Bring slide rules.



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III. Wisconsin's Y. M. C. A.



SINBAD the Sailor rested his half-morocco slippers on the sandal-wood mantelpiece, imbibed another djinn fizz, and resumed his narrative as follows: Know, oh, my brethren, that after the feverish incidents I have hitherto related,

I was desirous of sleep and quiet, and enamoured of the simple life. I therefore endeavored to get a job as gym instructor, and this failing, I took to myself a roommate and a cot in the Y. M. C. A.

I entered into that place at 7:30; and as I entered, my vision was obscured with a blue haze, which was part tobacco smoke, and part long azure cuss words, for that these people regarded it as novel to swear in the Y. M. C. A., and were doing so to excess. And when I was astonished, one said, out of the smoke, "Has Allah deprived you of reason that you know not that this is the Wisconsin Onion?" And I went on, seeking a quiet place; and there was a sound like seven mad buffaloes chasing each other over packing boxes, and when I asked, Is that thunder, or a runaway, or a judgment of Providence, one answered me, "Has Allah stricken thee with dippiness, that thou knowest not those are Haresfeet?"

And I climbed the stairs, and beheld this inscription:

"Walk softly all the days of thy life." Come upstairs on thy hands—preferably wear mittens.

And and I said, here is rest. And I sat down to buck the *Saturday Evening Post*, brought by a cadet of the house of Kaestner, *vice* Ennis, resigned. There entered to me, a panel of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet, with a holy mien, whereupon I was suspicious, and said, See here, shiek, are you looking for brands from the burning? He answered, No, only a match. And another followed him, seeking to borrow the makin's; and a third to borrow a fill of his pen; and a fourth to borrow a stamp; and

a fifth to inquire where the second went; and another to borrow my *Post*; and after that I lost count. And last came one to drag me to the dog-wagon, and returning, another treated at the Kennel downstairs; so that I went to bed bilious. And while this was going on the band was next door, and the noise was as if the offended souls of Beethoven and Mozart had come back and were shrieking in torment.

At the first watch of morning the fourth floor came down to steal rugs from the third floor, and there was roughhouse. At 6:30 A. x. I was as one six weeks pickled, and all in, and my liver cried aloud for sleep. Then there was a noise like a brazen rattlesnake with chronic St. Vitus in his tail, and it wast he buzzer; and when that ceased, and I was about to betake myself again to slumber, the morning prayer meeting began to make ruction. And they recited the following verses:

We are, we are, we are, we are Wisconsin's Y. M. C. A.

Oh, keep our wobbly footsteps in the strait and narrow way!

We do not give My-gracious, for what you people say,

For we are, we are, we are, we are Wisconsin's Y. M. C. A.

Then join our humble ditty, for Pearly Gates we steer.

We don't know what gin rickeys are; we hate the smell of beer,

Amid this sad depravity, we wait and watch and pray

For we are, we are, we are, we are, Wisconsin's Y. M. C. A.

Then I rose, and rent my garments, and cursed; and the fifth floor cherubim overheard, and swooned, and the more hardened fourth floor 'phoned their Y. W. affinities for smelling salts; and I cursed, and left that place; for there was no rest for the wicked, or anybody.

And I returned to South Mills; and at night I curled my bathrobe round the foot of the bed to keep the bed clothes in, and slept, soothed by the thumping of the radiator.



68. An engineer, carrying a load, moves from Kirch's up State street. Will he describe a curve corresponding to the sine graph or the cosine graph? How much work will he do next morning?

Three Hics and a Hang-over

When the moon is leery,
 And your breath is beery,
 When your money's gone,
 And you walk straight—nearly,
 Perhaps you're piped.

When the houses waver,
 And your voices quaver,
 * * * * *

When your mouth (next morn)
 Has a soap-works flavor,
 Perhaps
 You're piped.

—Scoville, '10.



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Your disillusioned, —Vivien.

Rough on Rats.

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1. An article in Everybody's.
2. A girl in a peekaboo waist.

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I sat as in a trance
Just opposite the mistletoe,
As into the room came Nance.

She stood beneath the mistletoe
You ask why still I sat?
The fact it is, Nance ain't a girl,
But only our family cat.

—H. J. N.

Church fair exchange is some robbery.

Young Dante's Inferno

A vision came to me; that Prof. Burchell,
Had died. I, moseying along through Hell
Beheld him, on a red-hot waffle iron,
'Twixt lakes of boiling soap and C. S.,
Before him imminent, abhorrent, vast,
Rose outside reading junk in mountains.

This

He grubbed in like a woodchuck Divers
imps,

With fiendish chuckles piled the pile more
high.

His brain seemed curdling like fried tripe.
He cursed

Whoe'er said Commerce was a pipe. And
wild

He scribbled notes on hot asbestos sheets
Of little columns ruled with living fire:

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Imps

Tickled him playfully with white-hot forks,
And when he asked them "Why?" they
chorused: "Huh!

We ain't got time for complex questions,
which

Are plain to any dub—. Etcetera
Etcetera, etcetera," and then

I woke, and wept a copious bitter stream
Because my lovely dream was but a dream.

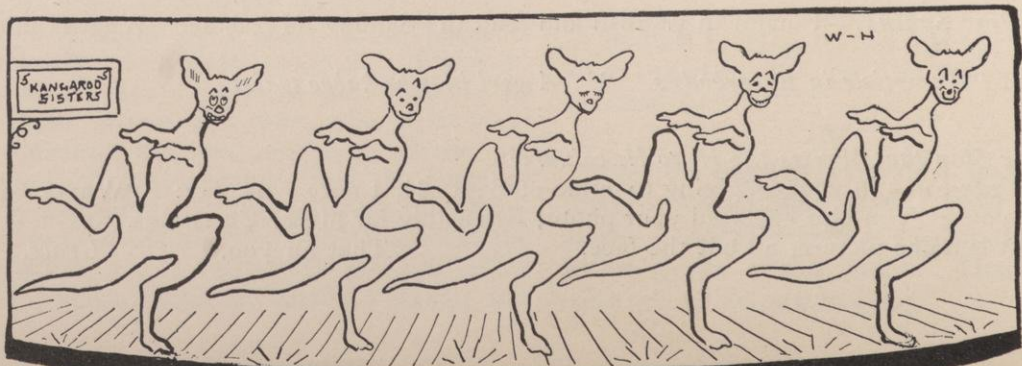
Sherlock Holmes

Miss Toogooy—"And the whole house
party are going to hang up our stockings,
and then sit around waiting for Santa
Claus."

The It—"Oh! You've all got two pairs of
stockings then?"

69. The Madison police are an unbal-
anced force. Name two others.

(Gibbers From the Asylum—II) Political Device—the Australian Ballet.



Rhapsody on Hash

Walt Whitman.

Ye unpalatable gob of formless, impenetrable grub,
 Ye mess reminiscent of yesterday's meal and the day before's,
 Ye hash that once did trample the fair fields of Kansas or Nebraska or wherever you
 came from, in the guise of longicaudate kine,
 Ye hash that after being boiled for soup-stock, was brought on to ye table as roast beef,
 Ye mashed potato with which I playfully essayed to paste my freshman tete-a-tete; and
 that glancedest off and littest on ye tablecloth,
 Ye slab of toast that but yestermorn was all that kept mine aged and decrepit poached
 egg from dissolution,
 Ye stray prune stone that some thoughtless maid droppedest into ye mush kettle.
 Ye cod-fish bone that tickleth my throat yet not my palate,
 Ye entire conglomeration of odds and ends of Phoenix-like re-arising dope,
 I greet ye,
 I am cheered to meet you once again, ye friends that I thought and hoped long departed,
 With tears in my lachrymal glands, a spirit of determination in my heart, and a dough-
 nut in one hand, I silently proceed to drown ye in homemade catsup, and seek to
 ram ye down my throat; thus effectually stopping my lament.

—F. C. M.

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The staircase scene, adapted from Daudet's *Sapphio*, in which the villain, disguised as the heroine, is carried upstairs by the hero, was cut out of *Fate and the Freshman* on the instance of Mr. Beye (hero), when he heard the villain role was assigned to Hod Winslow. In his own expressive words: "I ain't no Hod carrier."

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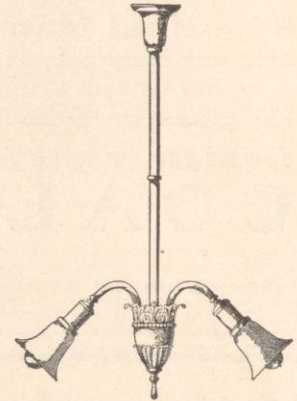
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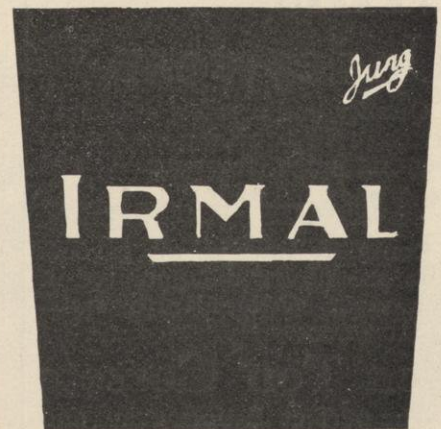
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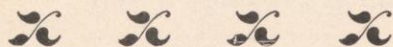
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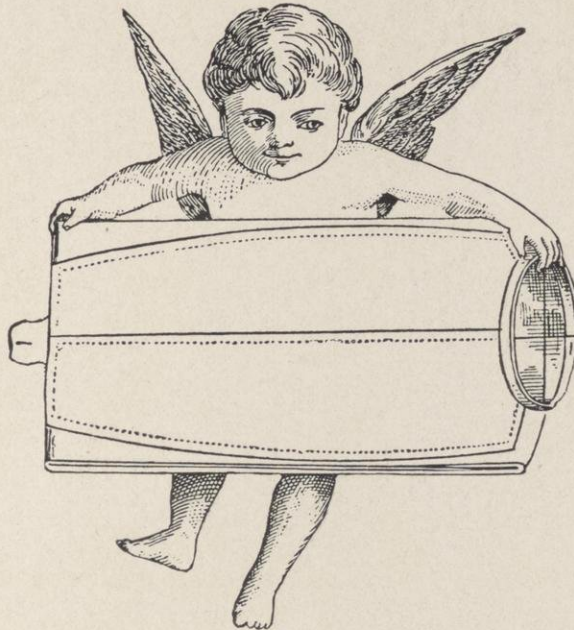
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