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# THE SPHINX

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“Well, I came down the hill fairly safely  
this morning.”

“So?”

“Yes, I fell down only six times, ran into  
but eight girls and knocked down only four.  
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fractures and a strained vocabulary,—and  
yet people want the faculty to have sand  
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But he thinks it's May,  
By the rosy tint her  
Lily cheeks display,  
Leaden clouds may lower,  
Snow may whirl and whirl,  
Its an April shower,  
When he's there with Her.

She cares not for drifting  
Shifting snow that flies,  
When her own eyes, lifting,  
Meet his loving eyes;  
In the snowy twilight  
As the day grows dim  
Love has lit his shy light,  
When she's there with Him.

Three, they say, is crowding  
In a case like this  
Number three'd be clouding  
All the others bliss;  
Yet a third is present  
And they're nothing loth,  
Since they find him pleasant  
Cupid's with them both!

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

**W**HEN MARIE CAHILL put on her glad rags at the Fuller, last week, the gentlemanly University audience exhibited a spirit which was calculated to fill the outsiders with admiration.

"Now you sing it," suggested Marie, after she had repeated Nancy Brown about six times, and three timid little voices up in the gallery began to whistle.

"Sing it—why don't you sing it?" said Marie the next whirl, while four little boys tried to drown Nitschke out with plaintive pipings.

"Go ahead"—pleaded Marie, cordially—"sing it. They all do at New Haven." And then five daring whistlers made the chandeliers ring. You can't blame Marie for being disgusted.

Oh, we are a fine bunch of full-throated warblers. We just have to sing when we hear music. We are the finest collection of trained musicians that ever herded in with a piano. Everybody knows Hot Time, yes, and the last two lines of the Star Spangled Banner, too. And yet when Marie wanted us to join in on the chorus, we had to blush unheard. Oh fudge!

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Mae—Is it good form for a girl to appear wearing an evening gown, in the afternoon.

Prue—Well it may be good form, but it's not correct.

"Did you get your *Cardinal* last night?"

"Yes, they sent me one. I can't see why either, because I paid my subscription in advance."

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Bill—Well, old man, how do you feel this morning?

Jack—Oh! sort of St-Louis-like.

Bill—How's that.

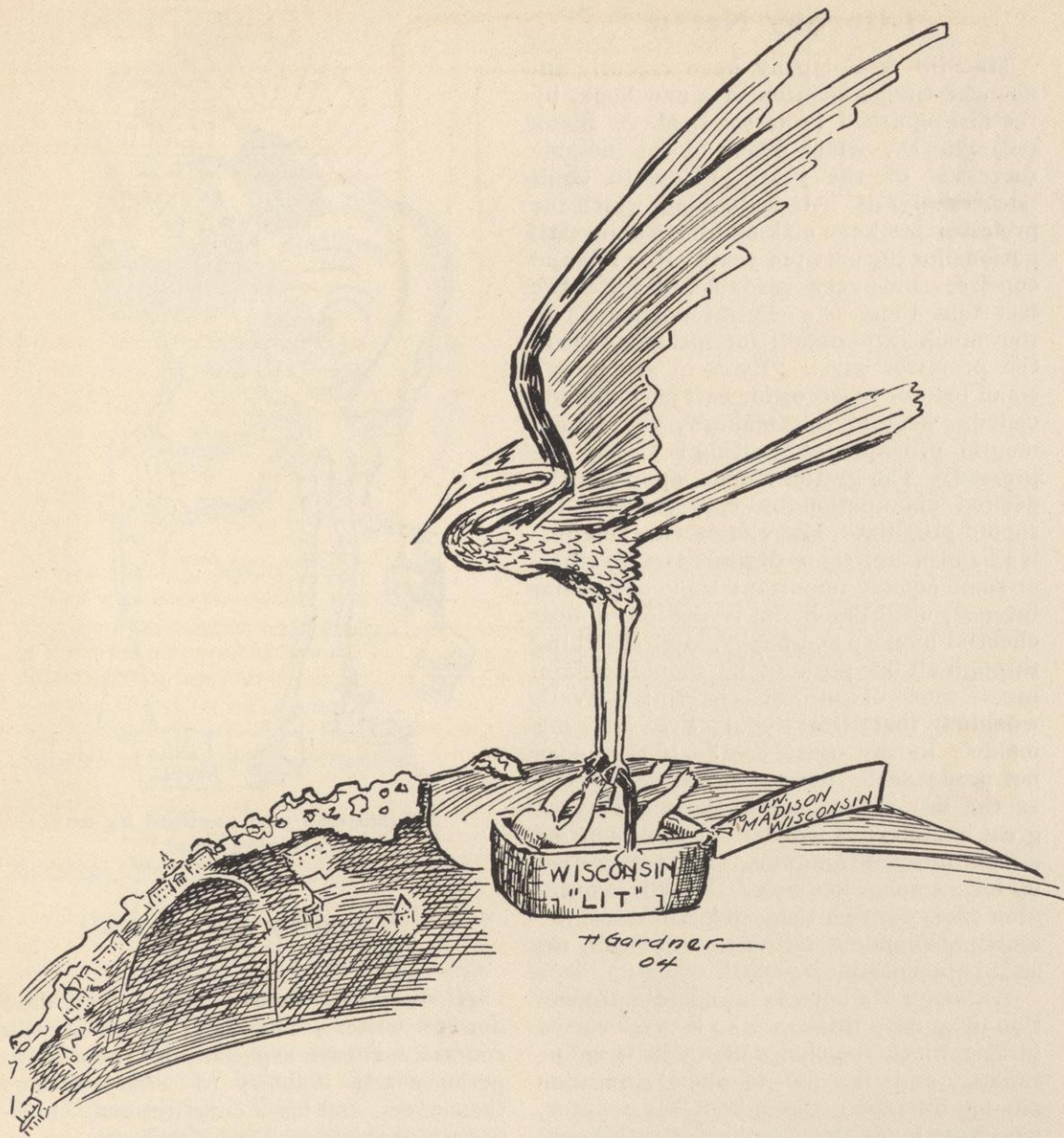
Jack—Oh, Fair!

"What does Barks do for a living?"

"Writes for the magazines."

"An author?"

"No, a subscription agent."



The Stork Visits Us.

"I'm not fond of this bond of union between us," remarked the first Siamese twin sadly.

"Aren't you?" said the other, "I'm stuck on it."

And the fat lady fainted.



"How did you like my brother?" asked the red haired stranger.

"I dunno," said Broncho Bill reminiscently, "we barely got a line on him."

POLLY SHOCKED HER

There once was a young female Dr.  
Whose parrot occasionally Mr.  
She said "My fine bird"  
You act quite absurd."

When Polly said something that Shr.

A. B. S.



Reporter—Here's one of the pillars of the church arrested for plain drunk.

Editor—Pillar of the church eh! that ought to make a full column.



## Literary Notes

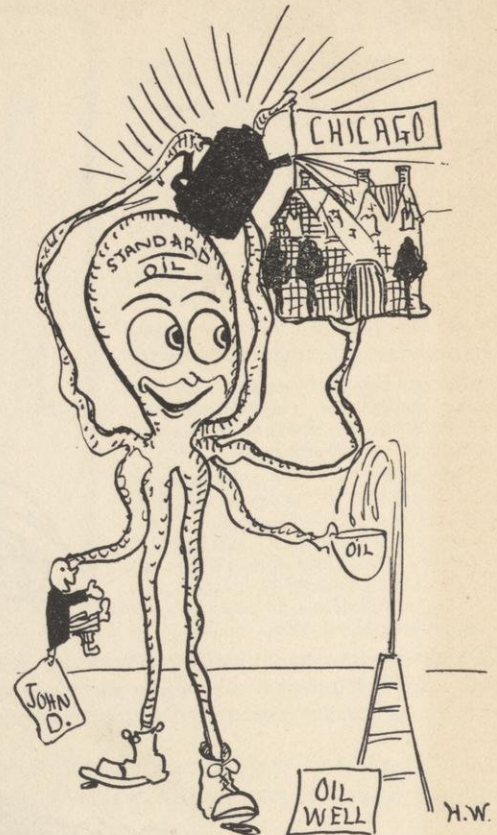
MacMill & Company have recently announced the publication of a new book, by the distinguished Professor I. M. A. Blank (ed) Ph. D., which is one of the notable successes of the year. "How to Graft Successfully" is a treatise upon which the professor has been making practical investigations for the past ten years. It is full and concise, and very readable, despite the fact that there is a slight tendency to go too much into detail; for instance, where the professor says: "Even in soliciting a small loan of tobacco, or, as it is commonly called, 'beggin' the makin's', the fundamental principle of grafting is clearly expressed. The grafter should approach the desired culmination by easy stages. He should propitiate his victim with an effusive handshake; then discuss the weather, or some equally important topic of popular interest, until the victim is put into a most cheerful humor; and finally, after searching through all his pockets, he should exclaim in a tone of utmost chagrin: 'Well, wouldn't that frost you! I've left my makin's in my other coat!' If that does not produce the desired effect, he should, as the last resort, say to the victim with great humility: 'I wonder if I could borrow a little tobacco from you. I'm pretty hard up for a smoke, just now.' This, in ninety-nine cases out of a thousand, will cause the most parsimonious victim to acquiesce, or, as it is popularly expressed, 'shell up.'"

Although the book is a notable production of a deep thinker, who is well versed in his subject, the choice of a title is unfortunate, and has led to much confusion among librarians throughout the country, who have invariably classified it with books on forestry and fruit-raising. An appropriate title, we think, would be: "The Practical Value of Friendship," or, perhaps, "How to Put the Other Fellow's Shoulder to the Wheel."

MACKENZIE.



When John came here you rather bet  
He learned the marking alphabet,  
He learned from "A" to "D and E,"  
And then went on in joy, till he  
Got somewhere down to "R" or "T,"  
And then they fired him, so that he  
Could never get to "X, Y, Z."



"Sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust."

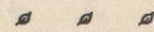
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Freshman English is a congenital dislocation in the body of the curriculum, and will require harsh measures to properly remedy it.



"She is a prominent figure at all the official art receptions."

"Ah, an Art-Official figure I presume."



Maiden slender, perfect fair,  
I have watched you where you sat.  
You are sweet beyond compare  
Maiden slender, perfect, fair,  
And I like to see you there,  
But you're sitting on my hat,  
Maiden, slender, perfect, fair  
I have watched you where you sat!



### Some More Historic Ones

Four great men stood upon the Numidian sands. They had been appointed a committee to solve the secret of the Sphinx. Edwin Theurer raised his hand and pointed in the direction of the statuesque enigma.

"Consider the momentum of this momentous moment," he said thoughtfully, "who knows but what that sandstone image can tell us whether or no Eckie is a profesh.

"I wouldn't prophesy," murmured Landt, whereupon Barry struck him fiercely with a large stone hatchet.

"This meeting is called to order," continued Theurer.

"Bring me three beers," said Barry, in a deep baritone. "I'll take a lemon sour," said Landt.

"Gentlemen, this is a serious business," went on Theurer indignantly, "bring me a chair, Mr. Landt."

"They're kind of chary o' chairs around here," said Landt, looking out of the corner of his eye at Barry's hatchet.

"O, chair up," put in Mr. Dahle who had hitherto remained silent from sheer modesty.

"Gentlemen," suddenly ejaculated H. Barry, "it's cold here."

"Not I," said Mr. Dahle, folding his arms, "I am wrapt in thought."

"Oh my, what rapture," hummed Ernie Landt under his breath.

"You've got no license to joke, Dahle," said Barry, fiercely fingering his hatchet.

"Don't you see I'm only a-musing," replied Dahle, muffling himself up in a large thunk.

With a cry of rage Barry hurled the hatchet at Dahle's head, narrowly missing him. "I will Dahle no longer," he shouted.

"Calm, yourself, Hamlet," said Theurer, "this is no make-up drill."

Meanwhile the sun had set. It was plain they could not hatch any more plans that day.

"I will break up the meeting," said Landt to himself. Then he spoke:

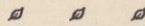
"There is a printer in the *Cardinal* office who comes from Edinboro. What is the difference between him and the Alpha Delta dog?"

Silence reigned supreme. The patter of the silent rain drops could be distinctly heard.

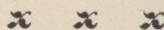
"Why," finally asked Barry, drawing a deep breath.

"One's a Scotch setter and the other's a bull pup," answered Landt, and then he turned and fled, hotly pursued by his infuriated companions.

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This timograph that fits your jeans.



If you want a new suit  
And your credit is low,  
And your pocket book's flat,  
And you haven't the dough,  
Go up and rob Reilly  
He's got some you know.

A thing of beauty (so say I)  
Is the winning "bluff"  
With nine spot high.



"Why are they going to Greenland for  
their wedding journey?"

"Jameson says he's not going to have  
any flies on his honey moon."



Lives of smokers all remind us  
That it is a fearful crime,  
As we smoke to leave behind us  
Smells like Hades' sunny clime.

A. B. B.



Absence makes the heart grow fonder  
of the fellow on the spot.



I'd like to be the frisky wind,  
Devoid of care and woe,  
Because it always blows itself.  
And still has more to blow.

### The Philosopher

He who rubs up against the world rubs  
little off the world and much off himself.

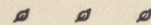
In mechanics grinding polishes, in society  
it dulls.

The more haste the less speed—to the  
poor house.

Money makes the mare go, but it can't  
make the mal-de-mere go.

Happiness is a relative state, but many  
inherit it with a relative's estate.

KIM.



### Notice

THE SPHINX will be very grateful to any  
person who informs her of a plagiarism in  
her pages. The editors are of course, not  
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Varsity  
Slides==  
Child  
Study

Hon. Wm. Henry Jones, M. P., visiting this country with the Moseley delegation, which is studying American educational methods, says that he prefers Wisconsin to any other college in the country. He says: "It is like the people of the state; sane, democratic, and progressive. It makes the fine arts and the anvil one. It is an ideal university."—*News Item.*

## Jones, M. P.

### I.

Oh, Jones, M. P.,  
He crossed the sea,  
(Expenses paid by Mo-se-ley),  
He came and went and looked about,  
He couldn't fail to find us out;  
His eagle eye lit on our hill,  
And ever since we've had our fill  
Of Jones, M. P.,  
Who crossed the sea  
To find a university.

### CHORUS.

Hurrah, hurrah for Jones, M. P.,  
Hurrah, hurrah, for Mo-se-ley,  
Hurrah for us and Tennessee,  
For Idaho and Suwanee,  
For Kalamazoo and Tuskegee,  
And every university.

### II.

Said Jones, M. P.,  
From o'er the sea  
"I'm looking for a 'varsity  
In which just now there haps to be  
A spirit of democracy.  
You've got it, sure, in Wisconsin."  
And ever since there's been a din  
Of Jones, M. P.,  
Who crossed the sea  
To find a university.

### III.

Then Jones once more  
He took the floor,  
(By Moseley sent the ocean o'er)  
"I've traveled east, I've traveled west,  
Of all I've seen you are the best."  
That's what he said, or I'll be blest,  
And ever since we've had no rest  
Of Jones, M. P.,  
Who crossed the sea  
To find a university.

### IV.

He also said—  
At last I'm led  
To think that that is what he said,  
"With you the anvil and the arts  
Have gathered up their scattered parts,  
And banished all their envious smarts."  
Since when we've taken to our hearts  
This Jones, M. P.,  
Who crossed the sea  
To find a university.

### V.

And, finally,  
Said Jones, M. P.,  
"Your campus has sublimity,  
The hill of learning you must climb  
To make your eight-o'clocks on time."  
It makes us sometimes out of breath,  
But never mind, we're yours till death,  
Dear Jones, M. P.,  
Who crossed the sea  
To find a university.



THE ANVIL

Eckie's Pyrotechnic Career.

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## The Way Things Go

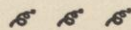
Did you ever relinquish some long cherished plan,  
 And stay home at night like a dear little man,  
 And buck for dear life with your pipe in your phiz,  
 In the hope that you'd draw a big Ex in a quiz?  
 And then the next day did you sit in your chair,  
 And flunk till you blushed to the roots of hair?

Did you ever start out very soon after dark,  
 To have with your chums a most glorious lark,  
 And when money and credit and chums were all gone,  
 Struggle home through a forest of lamp posts at dawn?  
 And then the same day did you speak without guile,  
 And get a big Ex and a fatherly smile.

Now these things may be strange but they've happened, I know,  
 And a moral there is you may read as you go;  
 It is all very well to grub early and late,  
 But the question of Ex's is managed by Fate;  
 It will profit you little to get down and buck—  
 Don't you see, my dear friend, it's a matter of luck?  
 M. A.



"This" said the guide, pointing to a large tapestry on which several women were busy,  
 "is a war scene; these women are—  
 "Sewers of discord, I suppose," put in the It.



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### A MATTER OF FIGURES

"She circulates in the best of society."  
 "But it's padded circulation."

"Will you join me in a little champagne supper, on the quiet?" said the Gay Old Boy to the pretty Chorus girl.

"Sure," answered the petite dancer vivaciously. "Mumm's the word."



It isn't safe to swap horses when writing a quiz.



Jane—What's your preference in religious songs?

Mollie—Hymns.



A Little Early Riser.

Jack—"Shall we sing 'Life's Duet' together?"

Miss Anne Cient—"Oh, this is so sudden."



The Monkey—"The tiger's sore because they cut off his tail."

The Giraffe—"Well, I should think he'd feel off ended."



Papa, tried by baby's singing,  
 Cut her up in pieces four;  
 She's a quartette now, and cannot  
 Sing a single piece no more.



Courtleigh's new book is called "The Sponge."

Very absorbing no doubt.

N. B.—We think we made this joke ourself, but if not we don't care, it's not a very good one anyhow.

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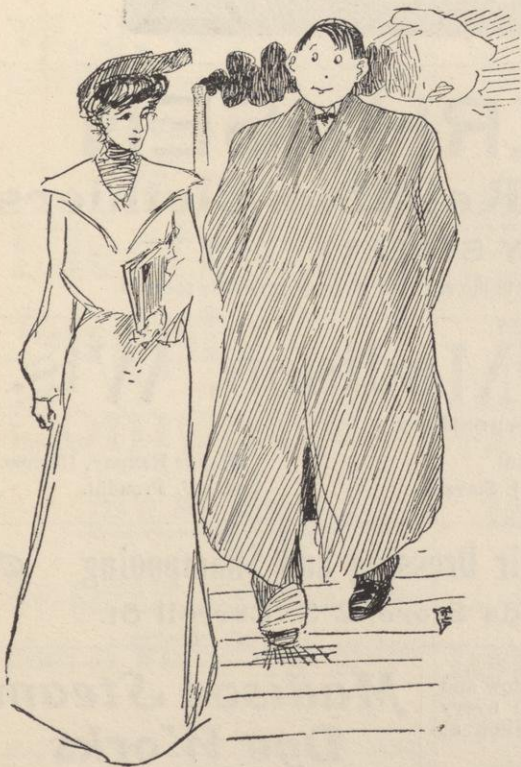
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Jane—I wish we'd have a panic.  
 Jack—? ? ? ?.  
 Jane—Cause men get closer then.



There was a young man from Duquesne  
 Who had water it seems, on the braesne,  
 When folks came up and said  
 "Why not pump out your head,"  
 He replied—"It's too awful a draesne."



She—I can see through you.  
 He—I presume because I am the Glass of Fashion?  
 She—Oh, no, but you're always making a spectacle of yourself.

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 What would the world be, though,  
 Lacking its quips and jokes,  
 Laughter that gleams and flits,  
*Rare as a deed well done,*  
 (Pardon the word-play, its  
 "Palpably penned to pun.")

Therefore we sweat and toil,  
 Just for the sake of smiles,  
 Burning the nightly oil,  
 Searching the dusty files,  
 Hunting our brain cells through,  
 Merely to furnish fun,  
 Most of our jokes, though new,  
 "Palpably penned to pun."

Subtle, perhaps, we're not  
 Clever we'd like to be;  
 Stupid, we're oft, God wot,  
 Gruesomely glum in glee,  
 Still if we make you laugh,  
 All of our hopes are won.  
 Won, though our jokes be half  
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First Soph.—Have you got your theme in yet?

Second Soph.—No; what's the use? the Prof. has got it in for me already.—*Record.*

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## Christmas Joy

Jack—Anything from home, old man.

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German—A mark.

Tourist—Well, what if I am, I merely asked its price.—*Wrinkle.*

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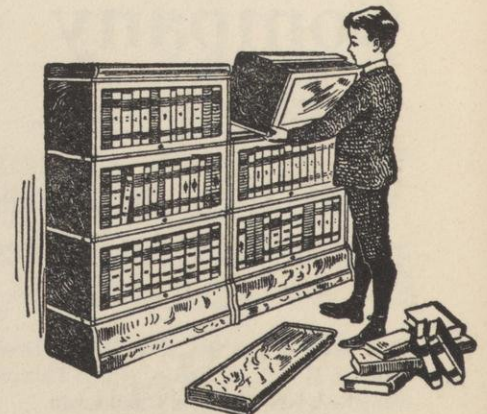
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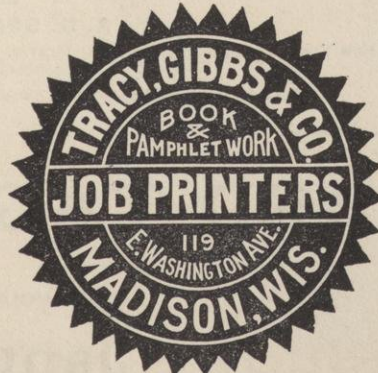
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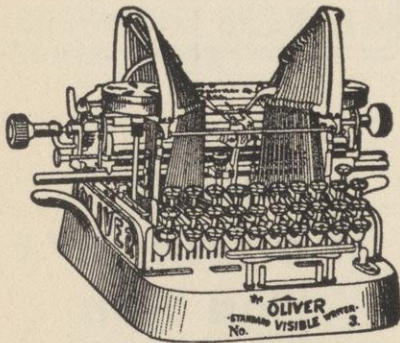
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