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Though I have no time to kill.
Oft I see you far and near,
Watch until you disappear
Oft I pass you in the hall,
Pass you by, but that's not all,
For my eyes will turn to you
Looking ever for a clew
That will tell me-can it be-
Do you ever think of me?


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OST WISCONSIN YEARS are alike. The best class always graduates, Phil King always has a championship football team, the baseball team always wins five games out of twenty, the floor of the gymnasium has its annual bath, theses are always abolished, "the best and most original" Badger comes out in March, Wisconsin always considers the feasibility of debating an eastern university, and so on. But the year 1902 will be different than any Wisconsin year in the past decade. It will see placed at the head of this University a new president. A change of administration in any organized body is always fraught with dangers and the constituents are nervous and fearing. So with a great university. To be placed at the head of the University of Wisconsin at this time, means the taking of a great responsibility, for our University is one of the largest and strongest in the country. That it will steadily grow no one doubts. But to make it keep pace with the other leading educational institutions of the land will be the task of the new president. Whoever this new man may be, the students are certain that the Board of Regents will choose wisely and well, and that the University of Wisconsin will in the future, as it has always in the past, be found in the front.

Besides being unique in producing a new president, the year 1902 will also produce a new coach of football. Football has grown to play such an important part in the life of every great university that any great change in its policy is sure to affect the university as well. Phil King will not be with us in 1902 as he has been since 1896 and a new man or a new system will have to take his place. Whether our marvelous record during King's stay here will be continued under the new policy, the future alone can tell.

But unusual and momentous as are these changes which the year 1902 will see, no true Wisconsinian fears the future. The University of Wisconsin has long ago burned the motto of the state on its own shield and whether the day be dark or the sun shining, that one word may be read forever.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the readers of The Sphinx! May this Christmas be the merriest they have ever spent, and may the coming New Year surpass all others in happiness and success.

The Christmas vacation to the students is one of the most enjoyable parts of university life. Freshmen who have been for the first time in their lives separated from home, look forward to this holiday season with joy and anticipation. Like others who have gone before them, they have had a tinge of homesickness, and the weeks, the days and finally the hours are counted before the long-awaited day arrives. But it comes at last and everybody is happy, for the vacation is a time for rest and enjoyment, when books and lessons may be forgotten, and only King Play be obeyed. Of course a few conscientious professors and instructors assign lessons for the opening day, but it is hard to take the order seriously. It is too commonplace to be thinking of themes and quizzes again. It is true that we are supposed to leave all childish characteristics behind us when we enter the university, and if a lesson is assigned for the opening day, we are expected to have it prepared, but happiness like law is no respecter of persons, and we eat, drink and are merry and to-morrow-we flunk. Of course The Sphinx desires no student to disobey the orders of the faculty, and perhaps if you are anxious to make Phi Beta Kappa, it would be better to have your theme on "How I Spent Last Fourth of July" nicely written and prepared when you return. But The Sphinx would say confidentally, enjoy your vacation to the utmost, don't worry about your lessons and the "exams," have the best time you can and let the first day take care of itself. The professors, in all probability, as the upper classmen have learned, will give you a lecture, and your worry will have been needless. Enjoy your holiday vacation, come back rested and happy and work and work hard.


Scrubby.
They were coming in from the evening practice and the field had been muddy and wet.
"Who is the tall fellow with the headgear?" queried a spectator.
" O , that's Brown, the old half. He coaches the scrubs."
"Well now, its up to somebody to scrub the coach," said he, climbing on the car.

## MEDITATION

## On a Happy Consummation.

Am I anxious for vacation?
In my present desperation
I can form no estimation What it is.

Can there be in all creation Life of such supreme elation Without constant expectation Of a quiz?


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## A Woman's Way of Understanding.

Christmas morning the postman handed her a letter. The address looked familiar. She tore open the envelope and began to read. Her eyes blurred-'twas the announcement of his marriage.

She had known him for four years-ever since she was a freshman. He had taken her driving and boating, had danced with her at the "hops" and never tired of telling her how stnnning she looked at the "prom." His face was freckled, but what did that matter. Had not their long walks had something to do with that? Besides freckles and frivolity hate each other.

He had left the Varsity in his Sophomore year and had gone into business, but she often needed books and as he had such good taste about binding etc., she always very naturally consulted him before purchasing, then she always bought her books one at a time, and seldom did it happen that she forgot the exact shade of binding which he recommended.

True he had not called of late, but then they understood each other. Did he not know that she was spending every spare minute on her thesis, and was it not out of consideration for her that he did not call?

And now his announcement. She went up stairs, locked the door and drew the curtains. She would burn his letters and send back his books and sofa pillows C. O. D. She would put his photo into the eave trough above her window, where the rain might dissolve it and wash it bit by bit into the cistern. She would give his presents to the first rag man she saw pass. She would grind his paper knife and murder him. As for Her, why, if she met Her, she would scratch her face until it looked like cut cabbage. "Oh, Oh, if she only $\qquad$ !!"
Her bell rang. "Miss Allie, a gentleman is waiting in the parlor to see you." "My opportunity has come," she said to herself. She hastened down stairs and entered the parlor. "Why-why-father how did you get here? Why didn't you let me know that your were here-I mean that you were coming? Why, I'm so excited I can hardly breathe." And so she rattled on of her surprise and joy at seeing "dear, old dad."

After dinner they went for a drive. 'Twas a glorious day and every one was making the most of it. They passed one team after another. Near the bridge they met a couple driving more slowly than the rest. Allie looked up at the man. Their eyes met-'twas He.

The lady with him then must be SHE. Was he to marry that doll-faced creature. How shallow he must be after all. The girl wondered how she ever could have even endured the man. At least now she understood him.

Did she?

## At the Art Exhibit.

I don't like pictures in black and white.
Did you say you were going out to-night? I hate that man with the bulging eyes, And that fat, old lady selling pies.
Who was Paul Potter, any how? Did Rembrandt etch that muley cow? Look at the woman with flowing hair, An artist's wife, I do declare.
Those beggars talking aren't half bad! If Haskins "cons" me, I'll be mad! See all those angels in the sky.
Let's go,-I think art's awful dry.

## Too True.

Charlie- "They tell me the minstrel parade didn't get into the student's quarter to-day."

GEORGE- "No, they take that in tonight."

## "Ice."

There was once a Professor in a Large University who had a Large Class to which he administered Physics in Large Doses. In one of these Daily Doses he affirmed most Solemnly that Ice was ever Crystalline. In this Same Class was a Man or rather a Boy who had a Steady, and he Certainly was It. One evening he made his Daily Report to his Herzliebsten but she Loved him not in the Same Old Way. Then He who was It, departed with a Face like Last Year's Vinegar and He swore he would Drown Himself and not in the Dark, Deep Water off Mendota Court either. And so the Professor Lied for the Man got Ice enough to Have a Skate on and It was not Crystalline.

## The Town of Timbuctoo.

Far away across the ocean, Where the tiger seeks his prey, Stands a fair and beauteous city Where I would I were to-day.
It is situated nicely, In the middle of a zoo;
And the reptiles play about it; Lovely town of Timbuctoo!

When its citizens go bounding Over hills and dales and rocks,
They care not how tired it makes them For they have no eight o'clocks.
No alarm goes off to wake them;
They can dream their night-mares through
Oh, it must be pleasant, mornings. In the town of Timbuctoo.

When our winter winds are blowing, And the air is cold and chill,
You won't see the natives making For some far off ice clad "hill";
They'll be sitting under palm trees With a dainty ice cold brew,
For one never meets with winter In the town of Timbuctoo.

Should a tiger chase a native To the native's strawbuilt hut;
If the native has his dagger He can either "stab" or "cut". And I know if "stabs" and "cutting" Are the studies they pursue,
I should find it very homelike In the town of Timbuctoo.

When a Timbuctooan's scalpels. Wielded by some hardy cuss Cut through half a dozen "systems Of the hippopotamus,
No biology professor Says that, "this will never do!" For the reason that professors Are not found in Timbuctoo.

Oh, I'm tired of old Wisconsin, And I wish that I could go
Where the lions and the tigers And the spotted leopards srow;
Where one does just what one pleases; Where one's bills are never due: Where one spends his days in comfort Out in dear old Timbuctoo!


## The Way to Win a Woman's Heart.

Tim is a friend of mine and one of the older girls. She was out a year and came back to finish, so of course feels a little older and more dignified than the other girls at the house. The way she takes of showing superiority is by occasionally ignoring the $9: 30$ rule and strolling in after a walk at about $10: 10$ or so. Of course as a friend, I suppose I've been responsible more than once for these little infractions of authority. Well, one evening we were both "boning" in the library, and along toward 9:00 o'clock I had begun to think of asking Tim if she wanted an escort. I got up to speak to her, when I beheld another friend of hers bearing down on her, and, as I surmised, for the very same purpose, of settling the escort question.

Well, it happened to have rained early in the evening and as the other fellow had an umbrella, I gracefully sat down again where I was. I saw them disappear and tried to compose myself for study but was only indifferently successful. Next day I heard the sequel of my little romance. It seems Tim and the umbrella man walked so as to take in the Pal on the way. They bought a lovely box of the real lovely kind, you know, and then about 10:00 they strolled back to the house. They sat on the side porch for at least ten minutes while saying good-bye, eating candy and dodging rain drops. The girls meantime adding much to the pathos of the affair by playing taps, home sweet home, etc., on the piano within.

Evidently they had been watching, and were aware of what was happening. Any way, the umbrella man finally tore off, and Tim was ushered in between two long rows of defiant damsels who stood ready to fling a merry jest. Tim, with presence of mind worthy of her, merely held out her box of candy and quietly and effectively beat a retreat. Girls are such flexible creatures! Instead of joshing Tim, they all called her a dear, and when I asked for sympathy of one of them, next day, I was told to buy candy.

Prof. S. (to Bb , in an algebra class, who is explaining a problem on the board)Where do you get that 2 b you have there?

Bb .-Why from Shakespeare, to be sure! "To be or not to be, that is the question."



November 19th. Dairy maids here galore. The Sphinx warns them against staring and grinning at girls on the hill without an introduction.

November 23. Military Hop; erste. Yards of torn ruffling testify to a numerically numerous attendance.


November 25. Faculty gym class organized. Hoped that activity will be encouraged in other lines than springing quizzes.


November 28. Turkey day game at Chicago. Wisconsin, 35; Staggers, 0. Team breaks training and everything.

December 3d. Prexy leaves for California. Bon voyage!

December 6th. Juneau elected captain of the varsity. Phil King leaves for the east amid ovations from former subjects.


## Then and Now.

A freshman fair,
With auburn hair,
Gazed on a freckled face;
That face's dots,
Were beauty spots.
She thought they added grace.
A senior fair,
With auburn hair,
Still sees that freckled face;
The dots are there,
What does she care,
He's wed another Grace.

## Embarassing.

A girl asked a fellow up to meet a friend of hers who was visiting her for a day or two. The fellow brought up a friend of his to meet the girl and her friend. When they arrived they were ushered into the presence of the visiting friend, whom neither knew, in the absence of the girl whom both knew. Then as neither had let on that he had never met the friend, each waited about to have the other introduce him. Just as they had given up in despair, having trampled each other's shines and blacked each other's shins trying to hint that introductions would help the situation some, the girl they both knew came in and introduced the one they didn't know, who admitted afterwards that she understood the situation perfectly, and enjoyed it. Such things have happened.


## A Snowbound Christmas.

"It's mighty bad, Miss," said the ticket man through his little window," but the other train couldn't wait any longer for yours and had to pull out. The snow-drifts have made you two hours late."

Edith Anderson's lip trembled. The ticket man added still more kindly: "You can pull out at $4: 40$ this afternoon. Maybe it won't be so bad after all."

Not so bad after all! To wait until 4:40 in the afternoon and it was then nine o'clock on Christmas morning. Edith's vacation had begun one day late as it was, and home was only sixty miles away. Home with the father and mother, the boys and the Christmas love. Home, separated from her by sixty miles of drifted snow. The ticket man went back to his table and muttered something which meant, "poor child," to the sympathetic telegraph. Edith leaned her head against the window and cried. She could not help it.

Her tears lasted only a minute. She gave a telegraph message to the man the other little window and heard it click as it told the home ones she was snowbound. Then she felt better and took a look at her companions. They were all in sympathy. There was a little mother and three children-perhaps they too, were separated from Christmas day. On the other side of the room was a white bearded man with a Grand Army button who smiled at Edith as she caught his eye. Near him was a boy a little younger than herself with a strap full of books at his side. Perhaps he was a home-going student like herself. Edith went to the window.

Beyond the track, the little town lay buried in snow to its doorsills. As if to keep its surface fresh, the snowflakes were falling. They were pretty to Edith in spite of her inner gloominess. Through them she saw the hamlet church at the top of a hilly street where boys and girls were coasting. They, at any rate, were having their fun at home.

With another mad desire to cry, she turned from the window to the dingy little waiting room.

The fire shone warmly through the many faces of the unblackened heater. The pale faced boy had unstrapped his books. The soldier apparently slept. The little mother was taking from her oldest boy, an immense basket of holly he had dragged to her.
"Let him take some," urged Edith. "I had forgotten I brought it with me." Pulling out a crisp bunch she rattled it in the face of the smallest baby till it crowed it ins efforts to catch it.

The baby laugh changed the old station. The soldier must have heard its echo in Dreamland, for he roused himself to watch them; the young man forgot to turn his page ; the ticketman walked to his little window and looked out, and into Edith's heart there came a sudden warmth of the kind that obliterates even snowdrifts. She picked up the child and held it in her lap while she upturned her holly basket on the whole laughing family. The children's eyes grew larger as the supply continued to come down; little John, to satisfy himself at last of its thorough emptiness, put the basket on his head for a bonnet and walked toward the old soldier whose smile met him half way.
"So you've spilled out your Christmas" asked the veteran as he swung the boy to his knee, "well, that a mighty good thing to do in a God-forsaken place like this. Do you suppose your Lady Santa Claus over there will let us help her pick it up again?"

He joined the group who were throwing holly at each other and laughing as though Christmas were not sixty or a thousand miles away. Edith had just put a pretty sprig in the little mother's hair. "We must make it our Christmas," she said gaily as she put another into the old man's buttonhole-"and we'll all have to help each other do it."

Edith glanced at the white-faced young man. He had put his book aside and she caught a look on his face which made her smile at him and that brought him into the midst of the holly and the laughter and the Christmas spirit.

No trains came all day. Few people passed in an out of the station at the little town's best. Now and then a passing section man came in to warm his hands at the cheerful stove and exchange a word with the ticket man. A new room met the astonished eyes of these occasional visitors. The holly workers had transformed the dull dinginess
of the little waiting place. The ticket man smiled out through a frame of holly. There were green leaves and round red berries about the picture of Lincoln which had hung on the north wall ever since the village could remember. The station agent had endangered his head and his telegraph board to get it there, because Edith ordered it. Holly peered from the edges of the old railroad map that had told for ages which train to take -provided there were no snowdrifts to prevent. There was a swinging bit of red and green inside each little eight-paned window. As the ticket man remarked, it was the first time the old place ever seemed "glad to be a-living."

When the Christmas was scattered about, Edith and the young man who by this time had lost his paleness, went to the one little store and bought candies of the kind that go with dingy stations and three-streeted villages. They snowballed just a little on the way and when all had eaten lunch together and had heard the old soldier's Christmas stories, it was nearly $4: 40$.

Edith's train came first. The rest gathered her things together-all but the holly. The ticketman looked again to her trunk, the little mother and the babies kissed her goodbye and little John said: "I love 'oo." The young man and the soldier helped her on the car.

The old train creaked and settled its joints for a few moments, then slowly picked itself together and steamed away. Back in the dimly lighted station, the ticket man waved to her through his holly framed window. The little mother threw a kiss from under the swinging Christmas bunch. The soldier waving his cap as he stood ready to go in, said something to his young companion. It may have been:
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