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He—Really! I shouldn't have thought it possible!

Mother—(coldy) May I ask why?

He—(seeing his error and seeking to rectify it.) Oh-er-I was forgetting what a long time ago that must have been.—*Punch.*

Hello, Brown, had a fall? No-er-not exactly. You see I'm steward of the frat and have just given the cook notice.—*Exchange.*

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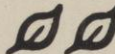
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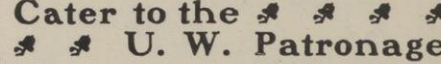
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## “MADISON.”

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On the campus at Wisconsin,  
On the Hill at Varsity,  
There's a college girl a-standing,  
And I know she thinks of me:  
For the voices all are calling,  
Now that college has begun,  
“Come you back, you last-year Senior,  
Come you back to Madison.”  
Come you back to Madison,  
Where the College has begun,  
Where the waves of old Mendota  
Still are glinting in the sun:  
On the Hill at Madison,  
Where there's lots of bucking done,  
Sometimes other things than Latin,  
On the Hill at Madison.

Oh, her little tam was scarlet,  
And her golf-cape, it was blue,  
And her name.—well if you happen  
To know mine, you'll guess hers, too,  
And I saw her first a-leaning  
O'er a weighty Latin tome,  
And a-wishing, being Freshman,  
She could see the folks at home.  
When I saw a small tear drop  
I just swore I'd make her stop,—  
Plucky lot she cared for Latin  
When I asked her for the Hop:  
In the Gym. at Madison, etc.

When the light was on the waters,  
And the sun was sinking low,  
We would take a little row-boat  
For a tranquil evening row.  
We would walk until nine thirty,  
We would drive till half-past eight,  
At the Library we'd study,  
And go home not very late.  
Latin's just a bore, they say,  
But with her across the way,  
I could study it forever,  
(And not know a thing next day.)  
In the Libe. at Madison, etc.

Put me down upon the campus,  
Where the autumn leaves are red,  
Where I'll see that tam and golf-cape,  
Walking slowly, just ahead.  
I can hear them singing Hot Time,  
And it's there that I would be,  
On the campus at Wisconsin,  
On the Hill at Varsity:  
On the Hill at Madison,  
Where the college has begun  
Where the old crowd used to gather,  
On the Hill at Madison.  
On the Hill at Madison,  
Where's there's lots of bucking done,  
Sometimes other things than Latin,  
On the Hill at Madison.

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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.



THE SPHINX submits the following problem for solution: If one ticket to the Fuller Opera House costs a student two dollars and a scalper one dollar and a half, how many tickets will four hundred students have to buy before the scalper clears two hundred dollars? The problem, alas for the students, is solved by the scalpers on an average of twice a month, so that in the course of the season, the students of the University are bled to the amount of almost twenty-five hundred dollars.

As every one knows, the scalper is a pest commonly found in cities where theatrical attractions are of a high order, and where no attempt is made by the managers of the opera houses to check them in their trade. Madison, possessing the requisite conditions aforesaid, is perfectly familiar with the methods of the scalper, and its citizens do not need to go to a larger city to be politely robbed. Sometimes when like other germs the scalper multiplies too rapidly and becomes too bold in his demands, society is forced to take desperate remedies for his extinction, and the S. R. O. sign in the theatre is changed to "No performance," and the scalper ceases temporarily to exercise his nefarious trade. But this remedy at best reacts only on the patrons of the opera house, and requires too much co-operation and "team-work" to be popular. The public argues, and argues rightly, that it is the duty of the management to protect them from the scalper, and that they should not be expected to continually fight the evil.

The students of the University and the citizens of Madison, when they desire the best seats at the opera house, must either remain in line half a day with the scalpers or pay the latter a commission for their tickets. There is absolutely no substantial protection for the supporters of the opera house. The same attractions may be seen in Milwaukee or Chicago for less price and with as good seats.

THE SPHINX is not in the theatre business and does not wish to interfere in matters that do not concern her. She finds no fault with the class of attractions offered, or with the prices as prices. But when the students of this university are systematically robbed, and the robbery can be avoided by a little hearty endeavor on the part of the management of the opera house, THE SPHINX can not refrain from crying, "Stop thief," and from raising a hue and cry so that a posse might be formed to run the robbers down.

THE SPHINX believes that by a little energy and work, the management can rid us of this despised pest. The regular scalpers can be speedily recognized. They are sure to be found the first in line whenever a high price attraction comes to the city. By incurring the displeasure of the scalper and his band the local management would save hundreds of dollars to its helpless patrons and would obtain the good-will of every student and citizen of Madison. Let the management show to the patrons of the opera house, that it has their interest at heart in this matter and that the scalper must perish from the earth at least as far as Madison is concerned.



VERY GOOD BUSINESS MAN demands a written receipt whenever he pays over money to some one else. This habit is ingrained in his business nature, and to dispense with it would, to him, be the sign of future insolvency. The receipt securely filed is an answer to a second demand for payment of the same bill by a careless book-keeper. It avoids much unpleasantness and keeps people from calling each other names.

When a student in this University wishes to pay his fees or tuition he must first obtain a permit to do so. He presents this permit, with his money, at the appointed place; the card is filed, his money is taken and he goes away empty-handed, happy in the consciousness (only) that he knows where his money is. No one attempts to deprive him of this knowledge, until some day when his card can't be found, he discovers that what he knows, nobody else knows. Under certain circumstances, this condition might be valuable to him, as for instance, if he knew all about perpetual motion or air-ships, but at this particular time some tangible proof like a little card, would be worth more than a whole brain full of theoretical knowledge.

It means a great deal of work, of course, to give each of the students some form of receipt, and so little trouble does, after all, occur that it may seem unnecessary to go to all this bother. But a student who pays his money is entitled to personally receive a receipt, whether trouble may arise or not. It is in accordance with correct business methods, and on that account alone a change should be made.

THE SPHINX has been informed that the themes written by freshmen are no longer returned but are safely stored in the alcoves of the various rooms in Main Hall. It was discovered that "the Autobiography of a Street Lamp" had become an heir-loom in a certain fraternity and that it was handed down from generation to generation. Consequently, all the freshmen must do their own "theme-ing" now. What order would be given if it were discovered that copying paper was now used, THE SPHINX is not able to guess.



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#### Just the Same.

The sawmill saws the hickory stick  
That in the shed is stored;  
The sawmill likes to do the trick—  
It saws to get the board.

The student saws the hickory stick,  
(He has to saw a cord,)  
The slab is long—the slab is thick—  
He saws to get his board.

#### The Man Who Hunted Frogs.

There was an old man who searched bogs  
After the legs of fat frogs,  
When asked, "Have you many?"  
He replied, "No, not any,  
They're such fearfully frightening frogs."







COLLEGE TYPES—  
THE FRESHMAN WITH A PEDIGREE.

### Her Reason.

I met her in my Freshman year;  
'Twas her I learned to love,  
And in my day dreams I compared  
Her eyes to the skies above.

#### II.

In Sophomore year when I came back,  
'Mid autumn's red and yellow,  
To my horror I beheld her  
Out with some other fellow!

#### III.

In Junior year he still hung 'round,  
And she—she seemed delighted.  
Poor I—lost flesh, my work fell off,  
I felt as one benighted.

#### IV.

When June came back it seemed I must,  
Regardless, tell my story.  
My courage failed a dozen times;  
In that she seemed to glory.

#### V.

At last one day I asked point blank  
An old question you may guess.  
The answer it surprised me so;  
A quick answer, it was "Yes!"

#### VI.

Then I was anxious to know  
What had delayed her telling  
Why she had tortured me so long,  
My every advance quelling.

#### VII.

"Why did you not tell me," I cried  
"Away back a year or more?"  
She smiled at first, and then she said,  
"You have never asked before!"

### Flowers Versus Sweets.

A glad-hearted Sophomore once found himself rushing two girls at the same time. Both of them happened to leave town on the same day and train for short visits, and of course your "Uncle Froot," the soph., was Johnny on the spot. But somehow he had only bought one girl the bitter sweets, and of course the other felt stepped on. So she got even with him when, very ostentatiously, she handed the porter a square box-like package, telling him, so as to be easily overheard, "Porter, please put these flowers on ice for me, will you? I am anxious to keep them as fresh as possible."

Well, the plan worked, and of course the boy felt mean, but it didn't stop there. Next morning the porter brought in the box dripping wet. Handing it to her he said, "Heah, miss, am those flowers, youse wanted kept on ice. Yeou see, tha ice was pretty low and so I kept um soaked in cold watah foh you."

Well, she should have been grateful, but somehow she wasn't. You see the box contained a clean shirt waist.

## FARNHAM AND FATE.

John Farnham was thinking.

He had not been home from the Chicago game long enough to forget the time he had there. He distinctly remembered the score—Wisconsin was the loser. He had not forgotten the tragic melancholy of the Cardinal team in its mournful retreat from Marshall field. The demoniacal chorus of the Maroons came back to him as an echo. Game and defeat were the background of his thought. But more clearly than them he remembered Alice Ingrahm and it was her voice that spoke to him more distinctly than any triumphal Maroon yell or Wisconsin groan.

Farnham was not given to dreaming over comparative strangers. It surprised him when he caught himself seeing Alice in the panoramic landscape that bordered the Chicago & Northwestern right-of-way. He found her a pleasant thought. That was why he returned to her to-night. All the fellows were out or at work, and he sat at his desk alone—he and his Elementary Law. The little round clock on the mantel registered minutes and struck a half hour and then an hour, with the Elementary Law still unopened.

Farnham knew her brother and had staid with him in Chicago during the game. He was charmed with Alice. He learned that she was a cousin of Rachel Ingrahm whom he had once thought the dearest girl on earth. She came for a long stay in Chicago the day Farnham left, but he had seen her for only a moment. Before she went abroad he had meant to tell her something he thought she already knew. She left unexpectedly and had grown somewhat out of his life. How much he did not know.

He did not seem interested in Madison girls. His freshman and sophomore friends had been given to understand, by those who knew, that there was a reason for it, a romantic one. And they looked at him with an increased atom of respect without knowing that the reason was named Rachel.

These thoughts did not come to Farnham as he sat alone. He was wishing there would be another game. Wisconsin should have a chance to clear its escutcheon. The nearest time was perhaps a year away. Then he thought of the Prom and pulled out his letter paper. He mailed his invitation that night.

She accepted. Farnham counted the weeks and kept track of the days until February 15. He went to meet her on the Friday noon train. He saw the other fellows getting into their carriages to drive home. He alone could not find his girl.

His spirits sank. Working his way still closer to the train, he saw Rachel Ingrahm smiling to him. She held out her hand and he took it. The platform reeled, the people swayed from one side to the other. It seemed to him they were the only ones at the station, Rachel looking at him half in wonder as he stupidly held her hand.

"You're not surprised to see me?" she asked in the old teasing way, as they started to the carriage.

"Do I act it?" was all he could return. They both laughed.

She was the same sweet Rachel and he knew she must think him a fool. He wanted to jump from the wagon as they came down State street, but he couldn't.

At last he ventured. "You received my last letter, Rachel?"

She smiled. "Yes, Mr. Farnham, I have laughed at the formal way you address your letters to Miss Ingrahm when I have always been Rachel. I suppose you like the way I signed mine?"

Farnham gripped the edge of the seat. "How?" he asked.

"Simply Miss Ingrahm."

Farnham felt young again.

"I didn't notice it, Rachel," he said and they both laughed again.

"I suggested it might be for cousin Alice," she added, "but she said it couldn't have been. For fun I signed it Miss Ingrahm all through. How funny you didn't notice it. Tell me," and she looked him mischievously in the eye, "for which one was it, now really?"

"For you, Rachel" he answered, and she could not have doubted him.

By the time they reached his fraternity home, Farnham had forgotten there were mistakes in the world. Some of the fellows who had met the other Miss Ingrahm called on him, when he finally reached his own room to explain. He refused.

Rachel was like a flower that night in her simple white. She wore violets instead of the gorgeous roses he had intended for Alice. By the sixth waltz he was sure he had always loved her. She was dazzling. In the tenth he told her what he hadn't told once before. In the last dance, she accepted him.

When all was over he sat at his desk again, really thinking for the second time in his college career. "The grand mistake of my life," was the burden of his thought.

C. T. F.



October 7—

Men of the senior class deprived of their rights by the girls.



October 8—

"Drill, ye terriers, drill." Freshmen tear up their first "facings" to-day. Prospects of a large toy factory of tin soldiers this year.



October 9—

Alfred T. Warren, the cracked "glass of fashion" of the law school, appeared for football practice to-day.

October 10—

Juniors call class meeting but from innate "tiredness", fail to show up a quorum.



October 11—

President Adams resigns. Mass-meeting and Cochems; Cochems giving a juggling performance in which he hits himself with imaginary bouquets.







# WANTED

Dear Mr. Regents:

I've taken care of your babies for nine  
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Mr. Athletic Board; Sir:

I've coached Wisconsin Indians,  
And I've heard the Tiger Yell,  
But as for a real live Badger—

. . . . . Well!—

I resign.

Phil King.





October 12—

Beloit met us and they were ours. The upstarts subdued by a score of 40 to 0.



October 15—

Fond mammas, who belong to woman's clubs throughout the state, thronged Chadbourne hall, to-day, and brought wagon loads of "eats" in their wake.



October 16—

Self-government association gives a "tea flood" in the new "lazy room" at Main Hall.



### Rubaiyat of the Stabber.

I.

Buried in Heaps of Books we see the Grind  
Seeking the juicy Heart of Life to Find,  
And yet, for all his knowledge and his Lore,  
He gets as his Reward—naught but the Rind.

II.

Oh why should youthful vigor thus be spent,  
While "Papa" pays the Board and stands the Rent?  
The Grind may burn his Midnight Oil and Buck,  
I'll ride my faithful "Horse" and be content.

III.

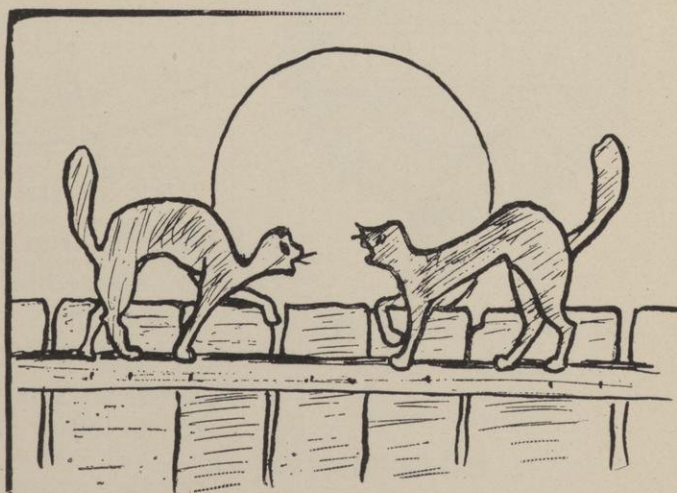
For why should I be bucking Latin drear  
When "Tommy's" and its comforts are so near?  
The Grind may spend his nights 'mid musty Tomes  
But I'll while mine with Poker and with Beer.

IV.

What! when the Tyrant Time so swiftly flies  
Shall I spend Hours in trying to be wise?  
Oh no! 'tis better far to Stab or Flunk  
And if I get a "con." to have "sore eyes."

V.

So when the Angel of the Final Flunk  
Shall come and drag me from this Easy Bunk,  
I'll greet him with a cheerful Grin, and then,  
I'll hock my useless Books and pack my trunk!



### The Quarreling Cats.

There were two old cats on a fence,  
Who a fearful fight did commence.  
When asked to keep still,  
They said, "Yes, we will,  
There's not room to fight on a fence."



THE SPHINX PRIMER.

Oh, see the man run.

Yes, he is mak - ing a mile in two minutes  
and for - ty sec - onds.

Is he go - ing to a fire?

No, he is not go - ing to a fire.

Per - haps he is try - ing to make an eight  
o' - clock?

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es - caped from the Sophs. He will con -  
tinue run - ning all night—in his sleep.

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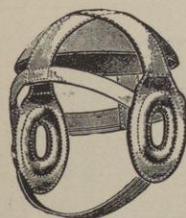
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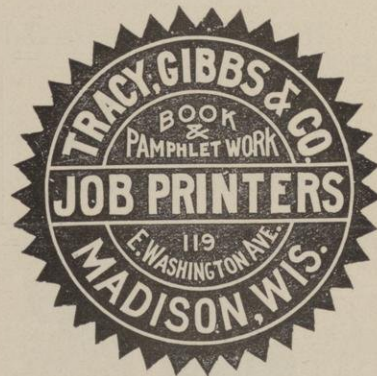
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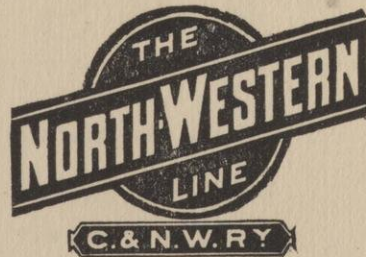
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