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Some Divilish Lines.
A black little imp and an angel white
Once met on the thoroughfare.
The first to the latter satd, "How do you do? Since when have you curled your hair?"

Now the angets locks were her chief delight, Her face turned an angry tinge,
"The very same time, if it please your grace, That you last curled your fringe."

Now the imp was tender as imps can be Because of his lack of hair,
He dared the angel; they had a fight, fentrounds int the open air.

And that is why, so the legends tell, That each one went to jail,
The ancel-d ropped to deepest Hell The black one got no bail,

So took for Heaven the very next car, The place was so cold, he died.
While the poor little anget, bereft of her star; Stayed down in Hell till she fried.

Moral-Don't spend your time hair pulling.

Even Below.
Goblin A: I saw the shade of one of the college students trade off a package of cigarettes for a French novel this morning.

Goblin B: Kind of a shady transaction, was'nt it?

Always Cold.
What was all the trouble about, this morning, when that last batch of shades arrived from the University of Wisconsin." asked Moloch one day of the head freman.
"Oh," laughed the fireman, "you missed a good thing by not being there and seeing it all. That was a bunch of college students, fresh from rooming in Madison houses, and they got impudent, and de manded more heat, and said the temperature reminded them too much of ther life in their rooms at Madison. Old Nith sot hot, and put them down crater Mot-stuff, and I gutess they won't letek about the cold now: And the fireman laughingly threw in another shovel of coal.


A Sriad.
Qverseer of Hades: Well, how do you like your position down below, Bridget?

Bridget: Foine; Oi never have to build a foire in the mornin'.
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An Abused Imp.
There was once a man named Dimp,
Who was a wicked, devilish imp,
He offered big prices
For sodas and ices,
But never got else than cold shrimp.
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A Wise Shade.
Satan: What's this that I hear about a shade getting a corner in the market? Any truth in it, Fissy?

Mephisto: Yes, your Majesty. The shade of Esterly has got a corner on the water supply and is charging exorbitant rates.

Satan: Well, wouldn't that make you cold? A. fhade coming down here, and in one day getting a forner in the market and growing rich. Holy smoke!

Mephisto: Well, your Majesty, you don't expect a shade to lose all its earthly habits in one day, do you?


THE SPHINX.

The Sphinx is glad to welcome this new competitor to the field. A plank walk company oilght to simply coin money here. It is hard to see how it could fill its orders as fast as they would come pouring in. There are many people hore who have al ways stood out agamst hot bick sidewalks and they will give the new company their heartiest support. The necessarily brief duration of a wooden sidewalk's period of usefulness in this climate will not deter these people in making theit choice.

A Hot Tot.
There was once a wee, little tot:
Who went to a place where it's hot.
When asked, "Is this Hell?"
Replied "I can't tell.
But it's hotter than Hades, I wot."

What Words Will Do.
The carved acanthus leaves in the reading room brooded over the workers like angels' wings. There was an atmosphere of holy calm in the immense hall. It reflected itself in the spiritual countenances of Mr. Dudley and Miss Baker. In his usual corner seat Paul Stover re-read the fifteenth chapter of Ecclesiastes for the thirteenth time that night. Miss Gapen's head was bowed in prayer. Mr. Noyes relapsed his smite into an cxpression of self-abregation. Lymn Tracy counted his beads, while Miss James, way down at the corner table, tried in vain to think Social Science undet sttch holy pressute. Even Wolfenson stopped rubbering at the girls.

Everyone felt it-that is, everyone but two.
One was a man, the other wasn't. The other one sat with a stub pencil, a ream of paper and a perplexed brow. Her desperate eye was on the man beside her. "Let's malse it real devilide" she said at last, half sweetly and only half aloud. There was an exultant note $n$ her voice.
"Yes, a hell of a paper," he answered as he drew the head of an imp in the comner of his spotless ream.

At these unwonted words the atmosphete lifted. Miss Gapen looked wildly about. Stover closed his Testament with a sigh just as Tracy dropped his beads. Mr. Dudley and Miss Baker began to reHolve the bookeases. Miss Iames reopened her book with a Spencerian flourish. Mr. Noyes found to his relief that he could smile again.

Even the acanthus leaves folded themselves like the tents of the Arabs. Horror had the better of them.

The aliens were two Sprunx people discussing their next number.


Hard.
Cody What game does Davies' voice as announcer at a track meet remind you of?

Pollard-I'll never tell you.
Cody-Why, base ball, of course.

Special Excursion.
The new carborundum steamer, "Queen of the Styx," will make her maiden voyage Saturday next, under the direction of Mr. E. W. Allen, manager of the Charon Navigation Company. As Mr. Allen is thoroughly familiar with the scenic points to be visIted, an enjoyable trip is assured. The boat will asFend the Styx to the head of navigation, at Phi Gam Shallows, whence a party will be personally conducted overland to the crater of the extinct volcano, Mt. Bobbenuff. A stop will be made tor dinner at the Hot 'ell Fiddletethwaite, whose popular proprietor, Mr. F. W. Leahy, is now recuperating at the Eucifer Sulphur Springs. The return will be by way Of Brimstone Gulch, where a special display of fireWorks is to be prepared. Tickets for the round trip. including dinner and asbestos'suits for unacclimated shades, only $\$ 2.50$.

Hot Race.
First Imp - Exciting time over on Stygian lake today.

Second $\operatorname{Imp}$ No?
First Imp Yes. You see the temperature of the water is pretty high over there and old Nick himself went out for a row and the friction of the water find boat were so great that the shell burned up. Ife just ordered a new pine, zinc bottomed shell from John Hickey.

## Personals.

William P. Vroman, who has been visiting relatives in Paradise, has returned to Tophet, more than ever convinced that this town is the only place for him. He says that while away he met several Phi Beta Kappa's, had to keep his hands of his pockets, and didn't hear a cussword. A country like that is too slow for Billy.

Among late arrivals at the Hot ell Fiddletethaite en route to Hottime Hollow are; Messrs. W. K. Lyman, R. K. Lohmiller, W: S. Russell, M. Banta, II. W. Wilbur, A. S. Putney, Jr, K. B. Tanner, R. P. Minton, H. O. Cady, I. B. Blake.

One of the most clabotate and novel social functions of the season was an ice party, given last evening by. Mr. E. T. Fox to all his friends. The gueots, seven in number, were each presented by the host, at the close of the festivities, with a good-sized cake of ice.

## A Devilish Discomffture.

Said Hades' King to Beelzebub,
"The college days are numberea,
And from results tis sad to say That all our imps have slumbered. We tried to get the college boys To make another scandal. To paint the town a card nal red Or imitate a vandal.

But Beelzebuh, my pride and hope, Oh, listen to your master.
In all the days of my long reign. This is my worst disaster.
I slaved so hard to tenipt those boys To do some get of evi, But by three-headed Cerberas, They beat the very devil.

The Carnival and Halloween Were both a vain delusion.
It seems that college men and las For once have formed collusion
We sent our most experienced imps, And sent them by the hundred;
But not a soul went to the dogs, While all of Hades wondered.

I can't : ccount for this my boy I'm still both strong and able My staff is good, and true to me, My kingdom firm and stable.
There's been no lazy imps down here, Or insubordination.
It simply is, we've lost the fight And they haye lost damnation.
I can't account for all this good, It has not my espousal.
Why all this conduct good and pure. Why no all-night carousal?
The college boys of long ago They were the pride of Hades.
But now, alas, they re just as good As the sweet, dear, co-ed ladies.

No Freshmen scraps, no hazing sprees, No Halloween adventure.
No wicked show to drive from town, Or conduct needing censure.
But just old-fashioned, good young men Obeying regulations.
Just think of it, not one event To scandalize the nations.

We eve falled this year, dear Beelzebub, Oid Satan must admit it:
Just think, a few young college boys Have all of Hell nutwitted.
But by three-headed Cerberus,
III win them back to Hades.
I'll tempt them to most evil ways, Yes, Beez, and e'en the ladies.

Another such a year like this And all of Hell will leave me, Or else my staff will form a plot And skillfully deceive me.
I call on you and all the rest List to this exhortation,
The college boys of Madison Must rest in Hell's damnation.

## MORAL:

So all you students, good and true, Rest not upon your laurels.
Ola Satan means to have you vet And steal away your morals.
Oh, do not think that this one year, Will make you good forever;
Old Satan knows no rest or play, He's beaten, never, never.

## Base Ball Reminiscences.

Matthews: (Midsummer below)-Seems like old times down here.
Pierce How is that?
Matthews So many hot flies come my way.

## Wireless Telegraphy.

Mr. McGowan's hustling journal, the Hades Basoo, has successfully irstalled a new system of Marconi telegraph by which means those regions whose climate renders the stringing of copper wires impossible, are at last made accessible to journalistic enterprise. Weekly letters are now promised from the fertile pens of L. C. Burke and Harvey Sargeant. Even this gystem of communication, how ever, cannot as yet be-extended to the inmost circles, so that our hopes of obtaining information regarding the activities of Conkey Pearce and Tommy Lyle are once more dashed to the ground.

## One Advantage.

Cohen, (beloy): Isn't this a grand place?
Isaac: Why?
Cohen: Why, just think of all the fires and no fire department.


## THE SPHINX

## Sad.

Three little Micks Sat down by the Styx
A bathing their feet on the sly. A couple of Nicks
Up to devilish tricks
Came slowly meandering by. Said one of the Nicks
To the three little Micks,
"Just look me right straight in the eye,"
And now three little. Micks
Sitting down by the Styx
Are blind and they're wondering why.

## Like Another Orpheus and Eurydice.

And it befell that upon a summer day that the Gamma Delta Theta sorority in their sacred home above the clouds heard that a beautiful young maiden dwelt in one of the craters in the kingdom of Hades. When this wondrous news was imparted to the leader of the sorority she immediately arose, and called a meeting of all her sisters; and at this meeting which was immediately held, the Gamma Delta Thetas decided that this beautiful young maiden should be none other than a Gamma Delta Theta.

So, the morrow being a holiday, the entire sorority led by their gallant leader left the sacred precincts of their sacred home, and flew to the dreary region of Hades far below, whence they arrived after many long and weary hours, and immedlately began a dismal, melancholy wailing.
It so happened that Mephisto, one of his Majesty's assistants, was wandering aimlessly through the delightful paths of Hades on this same summer day and he heard this melancholy and pathetic weeping. Commanding Cerberus to cease his growling and be quiet, he made a low bow to the ladies and questioned them concerning their sorrow "Oh, kind sir," they said, "we are so unhappy. One of our dear, dear Gamma Delta Theta sisters is abiding with you at present in sorrow and pain, and we can not bear to have her stay. We need her for our frat picture for the Badger. Oh, please let her come away."

Dear ladies," said Mephisto, "yours is truly a great misfortune. But as I had a sister once who was a Gamma Delta Theta I shall do all I can for you and let you enter the gates of Hades, and escort you to His Majesty.'

The maidens then entered into the regions of Hades and after following Mephisto a long ways they came to a most luxuriant and cool spot where their guide informed them, His Majesty Satan dwelt, and that they would have to obtain his permission before they could go further. Satan seon appeared, "Oh, he's a Beta," said one of the girls. "I see his pin."
"Beta guess again," laughed Satan. "But what do you want girls?" They soon told him.
"Same old story" he said, "you can't fool me.

The Phi Mus were here for her last week, the Delta Phis the other day and the Omegas a month ago. But as I once knew a man that married a girl whose chum's sister was a Gamma Delta Theta, I guess we can make some arrangement. The young lady, undoubtedly, would make a strong member for your sorority and I do not wonder that you want her. But here is my plan. On your way out, you are to sing one of your sorority songs (I guess the shades need a little extra punishment, anyway.) If the young lady is attracted by the music, she will leave her abode, and walk toward you and follow you. But you are not to know that, and are by no means to look around to see if she is following. If you do, she is lost to the Gamma Delta Thetas forever. Do you agree to this condition?"

The sorority readily gave their consent and immediately began one of their most charming songs and slowly walked toward the entrance. Although Exion writhed still more on his wheel and the stones groaned in agony: the sorority kept on singing. A othing should stand in the way to their success. But just before they reached the border line, the Jeader forgot herself and turned to see if the beautiful young maiden was following them.

Alas! alas! The maiden immediately vanished, and the Gamma Delta Thetas thus lost the beautiful maiden forever.

## A Hades Shop.

Ist barber-Say, Sam, what would you do if you saw a woman drown?
2nd barber Rubber. What would you do?
Ist barber Rais'er.

## Just a Side Issue

(Scene-Bank of river Acheron. Arrivals from yarious directions waiting for the over-worked ferrypan.)

Wilcox-(Leading Peter Sterling on a copper ehain. Well, I'll be cooled if there isn't Nate Curts. How are you old man? When did you blow in?

Curtis- - O, I just came down by the short air line. I licks telephoned me to come and help him in the vork of Phlegyas which he is now stewing over, so I just took a run in to see what there is in it. What ate you doing here?

Wilcox - Why, don't you see Pete here. Well, it seems Cerberus tackled a couple of our old law class of 1901 who came down on a little vacation a few Weeks ago and found it a tough proposition, so I got a wire last night to come down with Pete. It seems they can't get anything to fill the bill, so Pete and Stags and the Psi $U$ pup are to be given a trial. See McArdle way over there with those chorus girls
who just came in on the train from Chicago? Well, he brings. Stagg, and Blake it seems missed the train. He ran down to take a last cooling bath at Atlantic Gity and couldn't make it. He'll be here in the morning:

Curtis-By the way, lets stroll down the bank while we wait for Charon, or no it isn't Charon any more. I understand Norski Larson and Cochems fun the ferry now and Cochems has fixed up a com bination by which he goesinto a small room in the end of the ferry and just swears a little and the mechanism he has devised is so delicate it starts a perpetual motion machine, also of his own invention, that tuns the ferry. Great seheme. I always knew Eddie was a schemer.
Wilcox-Great Caesar, what's this? (Sees building with sign "Kies" Palace of Sweats.) Well, if this isn't great! Sammy is down here just like all the other millionaires. Let's go in. (They enter with the crowd and after some trouble find Sammy with full beard slightly singed.) Why, hello Kies, how's business?

Kies-Fine. Never better. You see I run a two line local trade ad. in the Daily Hades across the river and it pays bis. I cross every evening with two ferry loarls of ices and it just coes like hot butter. See this. (Points to singed beard.) Well I had a warm time over there last night with some Milwaukee senators and we got so near being run in that I was singed. Can't I sell you something?
Curtio: No, we're broke till after weive been at work awhile. May come back this way. Good luck to you. (Exit.) They travel back and help McArdle carry the telescopes of the chorus girls to the ferry.

## 1902 Badger.

This book was thought quite funny, For One-fifty of your maney, Some neople said ist Lit, was ponr Of that you may be sure; And when glancing oier its pages, People felt they worked for wages: So they read the Sphinx a little more And now they don't feel quite so sore.

## Nothing to Drink.

Mephisto: The Old Boy had a ter ible dream last night.

Beelzebub: Is that so? What was it?
Mephisto: He dreamt he wandered from the regions of Hades, and found himself in Madison on a Sunday.
P. Tratt, the tobacconist, has disposed of his cane. He took a course of treatment at the Hades Iron Hot baths down the river recently and boiled his infirmity down to infinity. He advises all to try it.-(Ad.)

"Is my cook here?"
"Yes, she's still cooking,

## Supply and Demand.

$\operatorname{Imp}$ A - Wish I had Lake Mendota here. Imp B-Why?
Imp A-I could sell it five cents a glass and then tot have half enough to go round..

## Of Interest to Alumni.

(Extract-from locals of Dis Morning Times.
Eric Allen had a bon fire last evening on his lawn. When seen, he said he knew it was not a very proper thing to do here, but he in some way wanted to burn up all public reminders of his earthly walk so he just disposed of them by burning all the 1002 Badgers he could find.
M. Cleary took his annual sprint down the hot cinder track just outside the city yesterday. He says its a hot track. Beats the old one at Blanchardsville.

Two of the ancient professors from the University of Wisconsin who are sojourning with us until Madison becomes better, were seen emerging, from a Blaze street saloon last night in an intoxciated condition. Policeman Wheeler evidently did not do bis full duty in the matter.

Prof. Bruce and Graass went on a fishing trip under the direction of Phelegyas last Saturday. They returned this morning with a fine string of roasted devil fish. Bruce says it's a great climate. Knocks

THE SPHINX

"THERE ARE NO DEBATERS LEFT AT WISCONSIN"

India all hollow. He quotes something about 2 Gallatians, 2nd chap., 3 d verse, to clinch the statement.

The local Phi Beta Kappa club held its semi-centennial banquet this week from Monday noon until Friday night. Among the country members who came in for it were, Slichter, Seot, Anderson, Noyes, and Haskins. Thirty-year-old Schlitz was the sole beverage. Vogel the local agent for the brew, says it took all that could be procured to supply the club and that particular brew is no longer in the market.

Bill Sutherland and Bill Gibson supersede Coach O'Dea who recently departed for the interior. They will at once attempt to ronse the enthusiasm of the men who have been rowing on the Stygian lake. Niles and Walters will accompany the men to meet the opposing crews on the Styx in July.

Our esteemed contemporary, The Hades Cardinal, contained a scathing review of the 1951 Badger yesterday. Editor Moffatt evidently remembers with pride the yerboseness and lack-of-point style which made the literary part of the 1902 book such a heller.

Judge Clauson has just been appointed to fill a vacancy for Minos who leaves for Madison on a year's leave of absence for study and recreation.

## A Devilish Pur.

Ist. Imp. - What's the excitemen over in crater No. 9190?
2nd Imp-Oh, the latest German arrival, Imbusch of Madicon attempted a pun; he said this was too much of a Fenertag for him.

## High Aspirations.

Dean Bryant says the class of 1901 was the flrst to attempt to make itsell famous by trying to secure two degrees at once LL. B. and LL. D. the literal translation of the latter being Long Linen Duster.

## Cerberus Causes Trouble.

- Old three-headed Cerberus seems to be causing a great deat of trouble lately" said John Impus one hot day in summer to Mrephisto.
"He's got all Hell interested in the dispute and if the matter isn't settled soon, things here will go to the dewil. Fwerybody-is takings sides on the question, and the Old Boy is almost crazy

Yousee, it's this way. The Phi Delts, Chi Psis and Delta Us each own an undivided one-third interest in the dog, each owning a head! As Cerberus is not a very friendly soit of a dog none of the three owners ever feel yery badly about his staying away from home, wandering around town or watching the
gate entrance to keep out the dead-heads. In fact, the owners don't like to have him around at all, as he is an ugly brute, and the frats were always scraping as to which head was the ugliest.

But about a week ago, his majesty, the Old Boy. cecided that as his exchequer was very low, to increase the fund by taxing all dogs in the kingdom, one dollar each. Everybody paid the tax, but when the collector came to collect for Cerberus, there was touble. Each refused to pay the tax. The Phi Delts said they would admit that they owned a head But they were tired of Pete anyway and didn't care if the dog-catcher got their head. The Delta Us said they were sick of seeing Stagg around Hell, as he was altogether too pure in athletics and too quiet for a dog; and the Chi Psis said that they didn't object to feed their part of the dog, but every time They got generous, and treated their head to some of the stuff that made Milwaukee famons, the Phi Delt and Delta US heads couldn't stand their share and got too hilarious, and disgraced the entire dog. Fo there you are, the frats would only be too glad if Gerberus were killed, but Satan says he's necessary in the business, and that he can't get along without Him, and that the tax must be paid. They can't lock up the dog, as. Hell has to be watched and if he issi't taxed the other property owners will kick and demand their money back, and Satan needs the money. I tell you the Old Boy is mad. He's got The Varsity Faculty locked up now, on orders that if they don't solve the question before night, the Treshmen shall have a right to give them a written exam. Dean. Birch and Prof. Slicker, are awfully scared about it and want to go hóme.

Dog gone it. I wish there were no such place as hell. The Old Boy is sore at all of us, and how it's all going to end, I don't know.

## Just Like of Old.

Imp No. 2310 : Say, some of thos college boys in sulted the shade of John Hickey disgracefully, when it arrived yesterday.

Imp No. 23 H . How?
Imp No. 2310: Oh, they yelled out, "Hot water, yohn."

## Too Bad

Ist Goblin: Storm Bull didn't remain in Hades long, did he?

2d Goblin: No. Why did he leave?
Ist Goblin: Oh, he got disgusted because there yas so much dealing in spirits without a license.

## THE SPHINX

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