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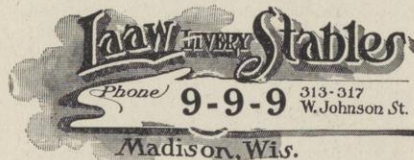
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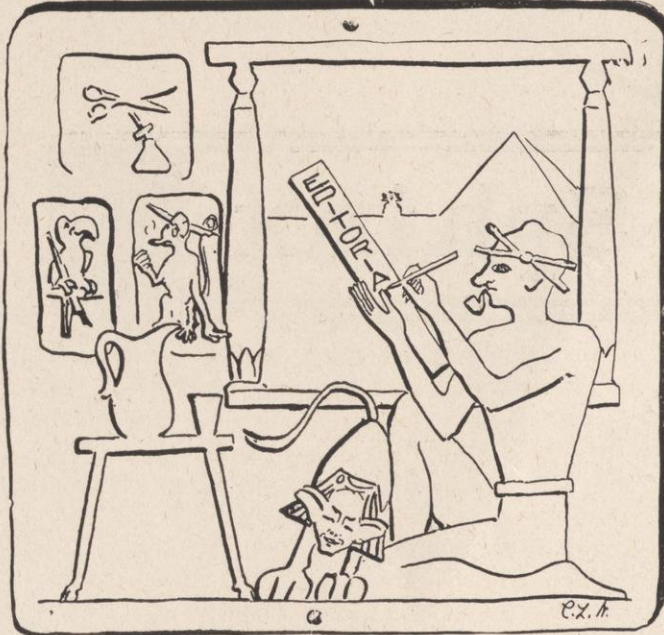
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WATCH that next special meeting of the faculty. The action taken there means more to the student body than anything that has happened in some time. Two very important student matters will be voted upon. One is the seven game schedule. The other is the proposition of Student Self Government. In our humble judgement the latter is the most important. It involves the taking over by students of all discipline of undergraduates except that for dishonesty. If it works that will come later, also, if we make good at this, other things will come easier. The system proposed is a step in advance of anything now in vogue in American Universities. We feel, however, that this is in line with the Wisconsin Idea.

S S S S S

WILL anybody come up with a plausible excuse for the appearance in Madison of such a show as the so-called Broadway Burlesquers which was inflicted at the Fuller last week? The average stude only goes to those things because they are dirty. He is naturally disgusted with himself when it is over. There wasn't anything like a riot at that show but that's no sign the show didn't deserve it. They don't tolerate shows like that in Milwaukee, and if the local manager hasn't got enough sense of decency to stop them here somebody ought to step in and do it for him. This is plain speaking, but the chorus to that show was plainer.



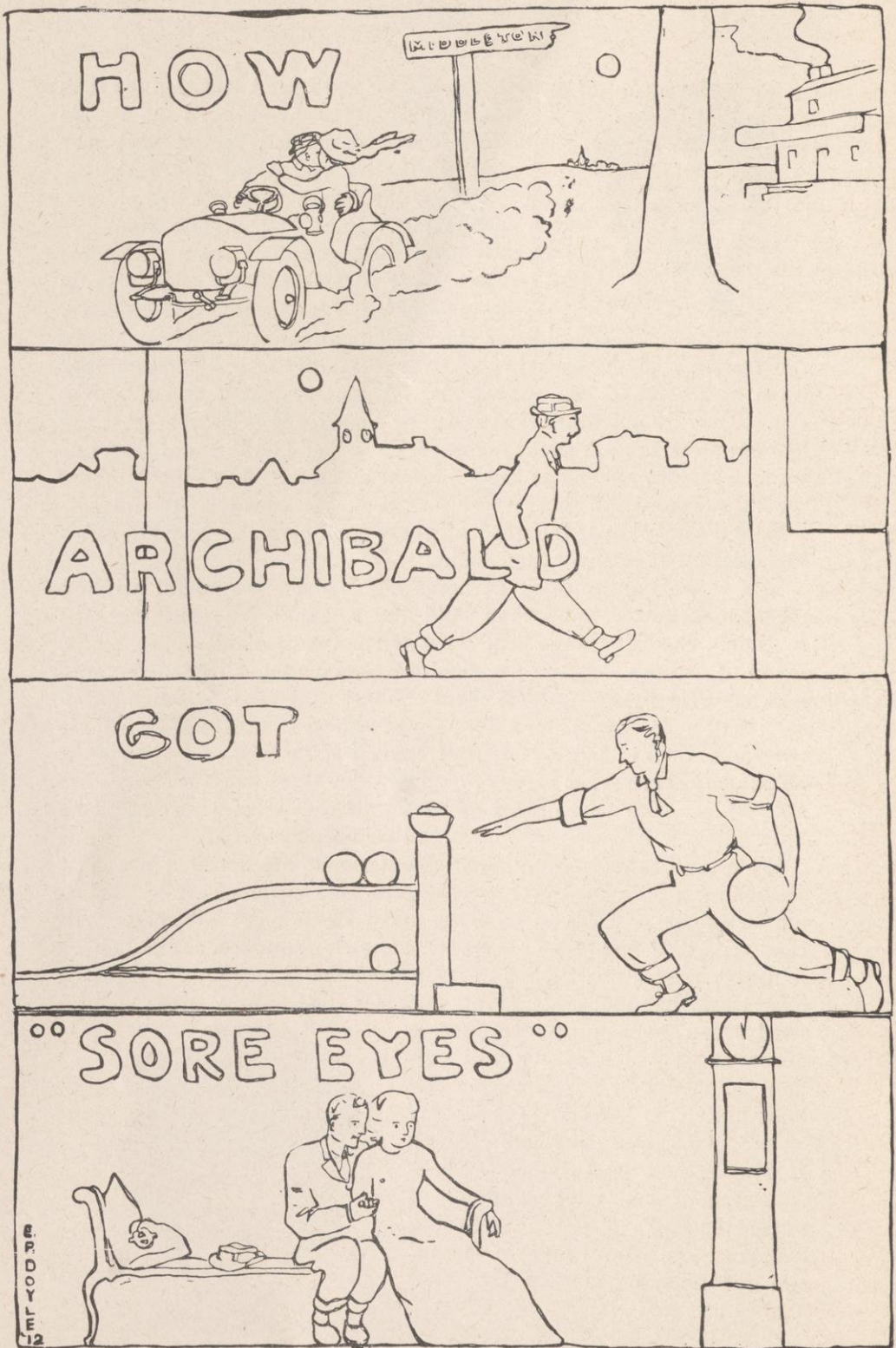
WHILE home for the recent vacation we took ten minutes off and compared the female denizens of that sanctified region with the crop that infests the local forest of knowledge. And we must say, girls, that the comparison was suffocating. Back in the rude homes of our childhood, girls—most of them at least—still retain some of the modesty and decorum they inherited from their unlightened mothers.

They do not have conquest as the sole end and aim of their existence nor reckon their success in life by the number of easy marks that have bought them candy and given them temporary use of a frat pin. They do not think that stinging a sucker is the cleverest thing a woman can do. A great many of them don't go to more than one party a month. Some of them (horrid thought!) help their mothers with the work. All this is very pitiful, as you with the squirrel coiffure and soulful eyes too good to waste looking at books will doubtless agree. It is also rather lucky.

Still if we had to stick at home right along a squirrel coiffure might look better to us than we'd like to admit. Everything palls in time. Soulful things pall quicker than others but there are so many of us here that the average one gets a chance to pall on quite a bunch every year. Along about the last year when she has to resort to the freshman class for new material it maybe gets a little tiresome, for her but it is a good thing for the rest of us in that it helps us to learn what is worth while. Oh those soulful things are not so bad. But there are soulful things and soulful things. One kind gets our Angora with machine like regularity.

We refer to the hyper-sophisticated pseudo hot house flower that blooms usually in the first semester and gets trimmed off by the relentless sickle of Dean Birge along about Prom time if she hasn't already demised from sheer affected ennui. She poses as the heiress to millions anyway whereas in reality her dad is cutting down on the cigars and her mother making over her last year's dress so that Gladys can keep up appearances—appearances which if you will pardon us, would be much better not kept up. This type at best is only ornamental across the room. Thank Heaven it isn't very common. Consideration of it may let a glimmer of understanding into the yearning hearts of you who wonder it is that the girl from home gets the main chance at Prom time.





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SOLILOPHILOSOPHY

Back again.

1910.

Seems about the same though.

Nothing new

Since I blew.

Wonder that I came though.

Pretty nice

On the ice

Skating in the parks now.

Rather queer

That I'm here

Boning with the sharks now.

While ago

Mistletoe

Holly and the lights dim.

Now a grind

On my mind

Bucking till my sight's dim.

Still I say

Every day

Has its bit of balm time.

Pulses stir.

Thoughts of her

Who will come at Prom time.

S S S

New Year Resolutions

I did the resolution stunt
December, thirty-first;
And all my wrongs of days gone by
I mentally traversed.

I thought of how I made, last year,
Full many a worthy vow;
And how I'd broken every one—
But all was different now!

This year I planned to study hard,
And get my lessons well—
Of course a failure then would be
A case of "Fought and fell."

I next resolved to use no slang—
I swore I'd cut it out.

How foolish one is New Year's Eve,
Such queer resolves to spout!

To keep these vows I took an oath,
As solemn as could be—
I took it o'er that revered book,
My trigonometry.

But oh, dear me! if these resolves
I faithfully were keeping,
I fear I'd be where Washington
And all the rest are sleeping.

B. F.—'13.



He "I hope I see you well Miss Jones."

She "I hope you do."

S S S

After the Party.

Medic: What an odor about you? Formal or
formaldahyde?

S S S

Skating.

Skating is the northern version of the
ancient and honorable Grecian symposium.
A skate is a cold thing you get on (active
or passive). Active, the skate is external
and goes to your foot; passive, it is internal
and goes to your head.

When you get on a skate, if it is active,
you fall, and the ice slaps you in the
face. If passive, you tumble and the step
of the H²O cart slaps you. Again, active,
you have your cracked head on the ice;
passive, you have your cracked ice on the
head.

In scollege one never goes on a skate
alone. If you go on one with a Pi Phi, you
return by dark; if with a Chi Omega, by
11 P. X. (and by dark), but if with a Delta
Tau, by carriage.

There is a third form of skate, a Roller
Skate. This occurs when a line of schooners
get stranded on a bar, a (brain) storm
comes up, the lake foams, the rail evades
you, and a sea-going *calibou* rolls you home.

RAP-A-TAP, TAP RAP-RAP, TAP.

Rap-a-tap, rap-rap, tap,
 The knockers chorus begins.
 Everything is rotten as rotten can be
 Around this here University.
 The regents are stingy,
 The faculty's crazy.
 Our crews are all rotten
 Coach TenEyck is lazy
 And basketball's punk
 Under Witt, Noyes and Dacy.
 Rap-a-tap, tap, rap-tap, tap.



Rap-a-tap, tap, rap-rap, tap,
 The knocker is busy again.
 Our democracy's naught but a myth, says he,
 We have, instead, aristocracy.
 The whole system's rotten
 From bottom to top;
 The co-ed's a snob, and
 The frat-man's a fop.
 And even the proflats, democracy's hub,
 Have been hit in the head by a Varsity club
 Which is quite as exclusive
 As any frat dub.
 Rap-a-tap, tap, rap-rap, tap.

Rap-a-tap, tap, rap-rap, tap,
 Our teams are a sin and a shame.
 The stuff in them's poor and the coaching is
 worse
 The only thing now is to ring for a hearse.
 Alumni are kicking
 The students are swearing
 The gym's in a shape
 That's beyond all repairing
 The worst of it is
 No one seems to be caring.
 Rap-a-tap, tap, rap-rap, tap.



Rap-a-tap, tap, rap-rap, tap.
 Debating is all on the hog.
 Our papers are poor and the magazines rotten,
 The looks of the campus were better forgotten,
 Dramatics are dreary
 The glee club is sad
 J'tude Con makes me weary
 We're all to the bad
 Gee! it's a sad world
 Now isn't it dearie?
 Rap-a-tap tap, rap-rap, tap.

Gov. Davidson—I trust that I can count on the support of you and your fellow students if I decide to run for United States Senator.
 English Major—Aw, gwan, youse! We ain't gone ter support no Republican. This here's a Democratic institooshun.

S S S

Co-ed—Understand the domestic science students got to eat all they cook.

Ed—That so? Sort of a lunch course, ain't it?

S S S

“Here is where one can see History in the making” said the enthusiast.

“Where?” inquired the iconoclast mildly.

“There”, replied the enth, as he pointed to a History Prof. jotting down page 77 of his new revised History of Greece and Rome.

S S S



Charlie, that rude man is staring at us.
 Well, let him stare. He can't see much.

Charlie, with suitcase, passes Bill on the street.

Hello Bill. Going to see the Doctor?

No. Why?

Well, I see you've come down with the grip.

S S S

Wifey: You are drunk, and you said you came straight home!

Hubby: No, I shaid I *buffeted* my way home zthrough the storm.

S S S

“Did you read that American History topic?”

“Naw, I hear its Fish-story.”

At Sumner's

Louis: Have a cigar?

Phi Beta Kappa: Don't smoke, but I'll take a lead pencil instead.

S S S

Brutus chuckled as he saw stern zephyrs waft snow about*.

*About an hour.

“Ye Ides of March. 'Tis snow; I can go sleighing.”

So saying he strode forth and slew Julius C.

S S S

Strange Yet Natural

'12. But what makes you think that D. G. has such a crush on you?

'13. Why, I've only met her at three parties, and she recognizes me on the hill—

The Younger Bard

D

The older poets sang to many a love,
And I sing but to thee.
They longed to be a lark or flitting dove,
To fly and lie at the feet of some dear love
But that's no go with me.

And when I long to hold you close again
To ease love's longing pain,
I'll pray to the genii of red, red blooded men,
He'll hear my prayer and I'll come flying
then,
To you, in an aeroplane.

S S S

LATIN PROF'S MOTTO

Givit tu em gudand plen ti;
Soc et tu em gudand strong;
Never letem geta stand-in;
Gopher evri word tha tswrong.

Makem flunkand makem worry;
Makem sit up nightsand buck;
Makem wun derwat chur thinking;
Makem cursther evilluck.

Never letem getoo hopeful;
Never sayther doing well;
Makem wishthey hadn't cum here;
Makem wish u were—at home.

B. F. '13.

S S S

Boarding House Lyrics

Grub

Little specks of this and that,
Little dabs all cold
Make the morning cereal
A dainty to behold.

Little chunks of dried out meat,
Little bits of mush
Make the soup for luncheon
A delicious slush.

Little drops of gravy,
Little shreds of meat
Makes the hash for dinner
Makes our meals complete.

Little scraps left over,
Mixed up dopes galore
Bring us pleasant (?) memories
Of what has gone before.



She "Have you kissed the bride?"

He "Yes-er-Ah-no.—not lately—"

S S S



While we are talking about "seven games" why not have a little more water?

WISCONSIN'S WONDERS

No. 2.

Choseph Henry Vosskuehler

As near as the biographer has been able to learn Mr. Choseph Henry Vosskuehler, yet, was born in Cork, Ireland on the 17th of March some years ago. Possibly he attended the parish school by night and worked in a shillalah factory by day, and consequently he soon became famous for his strong yet versatile command of the English language. Eventually he came to the University of Wisconsin.

It is reported, that, once, back in '92 Vosskuehler appeared two days in succession wearing the same vest. Possibly he had only an hour to make an eight o'clock, and consequently did not have time to change all the frat pins from one vest to another. Consequently he either had to wear the same vest or miss an eight o'clock. Possibly he had a new green and blue bow tie to show the class and consequently wore the vest twice. It is reported that two engineers dropped dead. Possibly from surprise.

He is possibly the only man in the college to buy his cigarettes by the thousand. Consequently he is quite a favorite with the brother A. T. Q's.

He was formerly chief engineer for the Flat Iron Works, but the muddulus of ellasdizity went on a strike, consequently he came to the Universitatis Wisconsinensis to teach roughneck engineers possibilities and their consequences with a little machine design thrown in. Report has it that the department of M. D. took him to relieve Johnnie Mack of the heavyweight title. Possibly not.



S S S S S



"Hey!"

"Wot?"

"Just wanted t'tell y' y' got two more hours t' sleep."

This is the Sphinx's riddle
Made on a Friday night
As she sat alone in her cosy den
While her slaves went out in the way of men
None of them went beyond her ken,
Though some beyond her sight.

*What is it that this means my little man,
You with the socks so passionate and
pumps?
Does Delta Gamma mean the Dearest Girls
Or should it be translated Dumbest Gumps?*



Cook and his Esquimaux at the Pole.
Gee! but it's cold up here.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Shorthorn Prom attracted a large and miscellaneous bunch. We are authorized to state that the floor has since been entirely replaced this having been made necessary by the peculiar pumps worn by some who attended. Also that the affair, though rather staggy, was a great success.

Another Prom will be held in the University Armory on February eighteenth. A large attendance is desired.

(Adv.)

S S S

World's Worst Jokes

No. 6

He "Are you fond of Winter Sports?"
She "Yes, if they really are."

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Dr. Elsom: You need a good sweat and had better get one at a turkish bath parlor.

Soph.: I can get a good sweat at home.

Dr. Elsom: So?

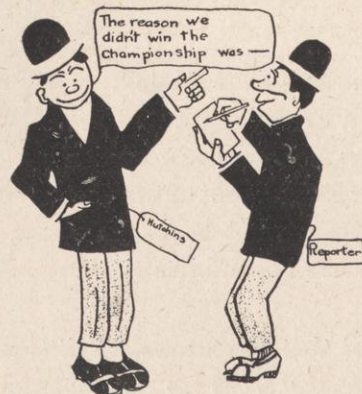
Soph.: Yes, I have a regular sweater there.

S S S S S

Engineer---Can you describe an arc?
Theolog---You mean the arc, don't you?

Doc. Hutchins says that Bitter Root Apples are easy fruit. We will back the Wisconsin Pippin crop against the world.

SHOWING HOW

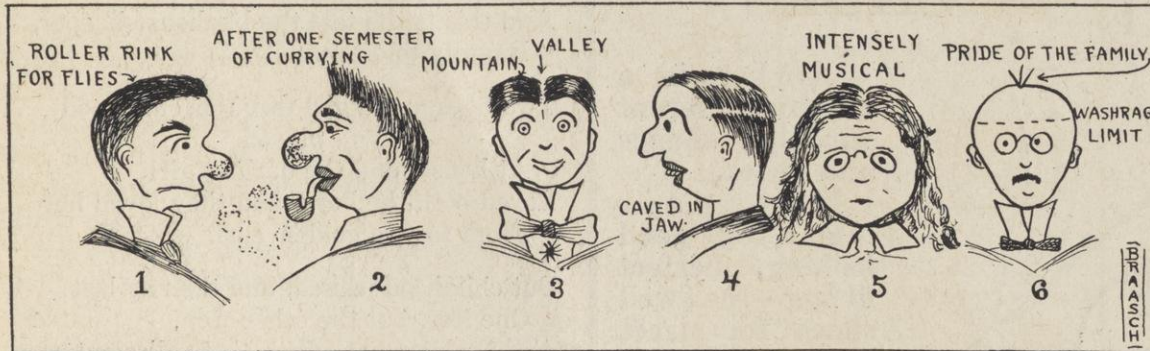


Doc Hutchins experience at Wisconsin



may be of use to him in his new field.

The Science of Hairology



The Science of Hairology is that art by virtue of which man, assisted by a hair brush, a little patience, and plenty of water, is enabled to portray his character. In this respect the Co-eds are entirely outclassed. Altho they have many ways of arranging their silky tresses, all of the hairbrushes, patience, and water in the entire universe would be insufficient to bring about the mountainous, superabundant effects which we see hovering about the brows of the fair damsels as they daily ascend the hill. In other words, these same effects are on display in the hairdresser's show window. Man alone, by a few fantastic twists of his mighty hairbrush, transforms his locks into the key to his character. At one glance the world can size up the victim.

The pompadour and the smooth, glossy, retreating styles (1 & 2) are favorites with the students. These types meet with so much approval because of their great efficiency in enabling the wearer to make his "eight o'clock". The pompadour, after one semester of conscientious currying, will remain a constant and therefore will require but little attention. That means the disappearance of the annoying hairbrushing item in the mornings toilet. On the other hand, the pompadour may be used as a hairbrush; and, if the correct motion be applied, is excellent for cleaning clothes, hats, and even shoes. Altho the smooth, retreating type makes a great hit with the Co-eds, it is a type that causes much embarrassment at times of intense anger, for the hair in its effort to rise, causes the entire glossy effect to move with a bob-like motion. Here is where the man with the pompadour has the distinct advantage, for his hair remains tranquil at times of great vexation. The question now arises, "How can the the man with the pompadour show his anger?" During times of peace he is forced to wear a perpetual smile to show his amiability and to prove that he's not a "sore head". At times of great anger he ceases smiling, and by virtue of the fact that his hair co-operates with him in bringing

about the desired effect, his appearance is anything but pleasing.

The valley and mountain type (3) is worn largely by dudes and professors of geography. It is a favorite type with the dude because he wishes to bring about a state of equilibrium in his head so that his high, silk hat will not tilt to the side burdened with too much hair. The professor of geography enjoys this type, for it enables him to picture distinctly to his class the nature of vallies and mountains.

The good, old "parted on the side style" (4) is worn by the conservative man, who is either disgusted with the other types, or is jealous because it is impossible to decorate his cranium with another style. The conservative man, pictured above, has talked so much against the other types that his lower jaw has actually caved in.

The long, flowing type worn by the violinist, the lunatic, or the man who cannot afford a haircut, (5) is a style common to both sexes. In fact; all Co-eds wear this style while dancing at the "Feather Bed Ball" in the far off realms of Dreamland. The violinist is forced to wear this type so as to insure a constant supply of hair for his bow.

Alas, we now approach the unenvied type which is beyond the helpful scope of Herculide, Rexall, or Seven Sutherland Sisters. (6) The poor victim, pictured above, gives the three solitary hair, which crown his never to be hoary head, great attention, wearing them in a different style each day of the week. He hates to pass a washrag over his medulla oblongota shield and therefore has established a definite washrag limit upon his stately brow. The absence of the use of water has given him an imitation crop of hairiie, from the distant view point, the desired effect is produced. Therefore the victim always keeps his distance when his head is unshielded, and when his hat is on, avoids the Co-eds and refrains from singing Varsity.

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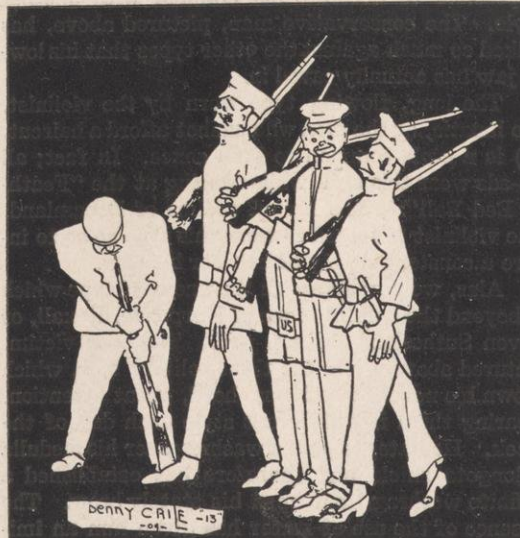
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At house, and the darling girl
Loved both the boys, and they loved her
From foot to golden curl.

But childhood passed, and then at last
One lost, but the other won,
And the playmate from their bliss outcast
Gave up, a game as done.

She married the one of her choice, and then
The other bloke went mad.
They stored him away with the dippy men
In a cell with many a pad.

And there he is, poor twenty three;
He tries to smile at you.
"Yes, sad it is, Now tell to me
The tale of twenty two."

"O there is little else to say,"
He said with his keys awhirl,
That chap right there across the way
Is he who wed the girl.

S S S

"Full" Moon.

She: Has the moon gone down?
He: Yes, down town.

S S S

One of our distinguished alumnæ has returned from the cocoanut belt where she has been making a study of bugs. It is understood she will continue her researches at Mendota.

S S S

"It is my treat", said the faculty as he poured out several choice "cons".

"You might call this "On Wisconsin" said the stupid stude.

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4. THE FINISH

The finish is very important. No young writer can afford to overlook the possibilities of a whirlwind finish to his novel. Many novels finish in the waste basket, but that is trite and unrenumerative. Pay attention now while we explain how to bamboozle the editor.

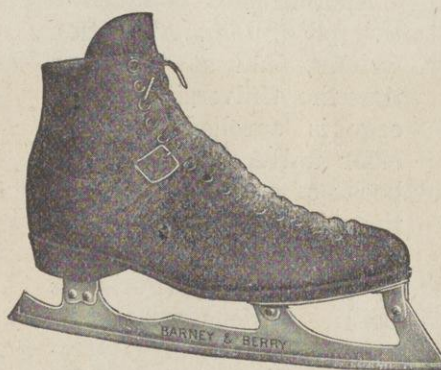
You remember that in the last lesson we had Archibald propose to Clarsissimona with all the ardor he could muster. You remember also, that the tumultuous flood of Clary's girlish love was made to slop over so that she accepted him. Now we have only used 250 pages and all best sellers have to at least 300 pages and six illustrations by a well-known artist. What is to be done? The reader has seen Archie throw his arms around our heroyne four times straight and breathe the tender story into her shell-like ear every time—that wonderful story, as old as the world yet ever new. (Always use that last phrase. No modern novel is complete without it.) It is getting a bit tiresome for the reader. If something doesn't happen pretty quick he will throw the book at the cat. Ah! We have it!

Tip Archie over on his side so that his ear grovels in the sand. Then make him jump suddenly to his feet shouting "By Gravy!" in stentorian tones. Of course Clary also jumps to her pedestals with the grace of a new-born fawn, and Archie's assistance. Have her say "What is it Baldy?", in a voice in which anxiety and admiration are strangely blended (The more strange blends you can work in the better) and Archie reply "Calm yourself, Deerest" thus emphasizing the gazelle-likeness without undue repetition.

Have it appear that Archie has heard the faint but unmistakable chug of an automobile going at terrific speed. Have it come beating down the beach with the chauffeur and villian. As it passes with incredible speed let the villian stretch out his gloved mit and tear Clarsissimona from the arms of her love. Following this put in one paragraph on the vicissitudes of life.

You have now managed to get Archie into a desperate situation. It is then up to you to get him out of it. Develop his wonderful sprinting ability and you have it. Start him out after the car and let him catch it in about half a mile. Foil him again by having the villian pour the machine oil over the back end of the tonneau so that Archie cannot get a good hold. Then let Archie make a supreme effort and hurl his lithe form into the air alighting in the car. Have him spill out the ruffians and with one hand grasping Clarsissimona and the other the steering wheel, rush madly down the main street of Palm Beach (This will surprise the reader who has been thinking all the time it was a desert island instead of the Florida coast) and let them take the place of two prominent divorcees who lost their nerve at the last minute at the swell church wedding which had been prepared for them.

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"All is not gold that glitters."

S S S

LITERARY NOTES

Another name is added to the roll of Indiana's fiction writers, and at the same time the University of Chicago is enrolled with the older universities having books of college stories, by the publication on December Tenth of "Maroon Tales." by Will J. Cuppy (Forbes & Co.). Various phases of university life are introduced into a book full of the healthy and spirited action of youth.

Little Miss Whale and an oyster
Went out for a walk in the sea
She wept for his love, but the oyster
Said, "Quit it, don't blubber on me."

S S S



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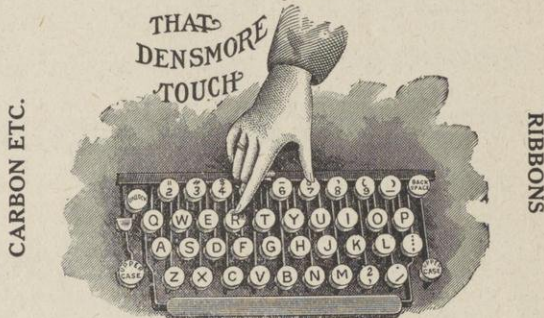
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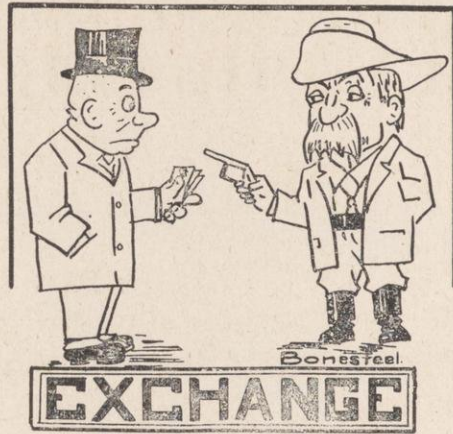
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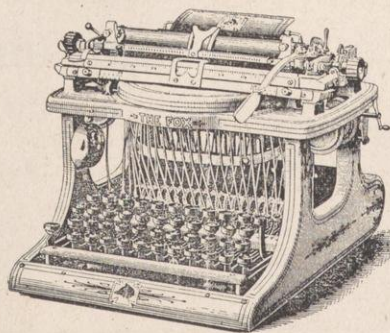
Widow

"Do you live within your income?"
 "Yes, and I am in close quarters."

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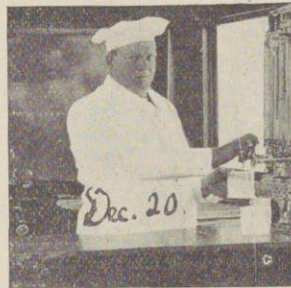
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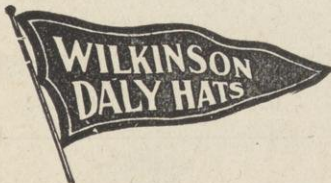
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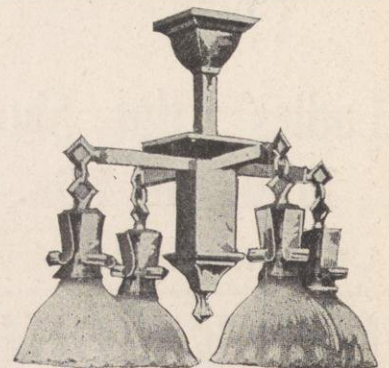
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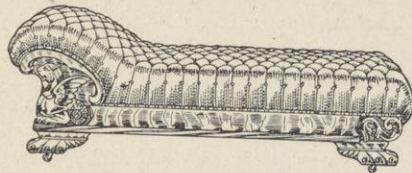
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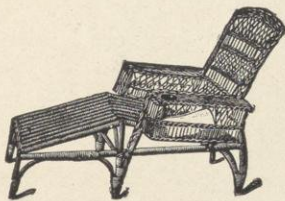
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