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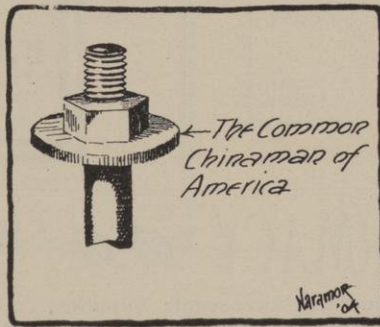
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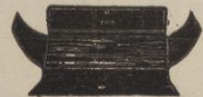


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









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Obituary Notices.

CHAUNCEY AGUINALDO BLAKE, aged about 12 years, one of our prettiest boys. He was the best informed man on Blake in the University. We mourn his loud clothes and choice in caps.

SIR EDWARD DAVID JENNER, member of Haresfoot, Red Domino, and Court-plaster club. His was a princely walk, an effective drawl, and a harmless disposition. We loved him for what he was not, the actor.

WILLIE KIES, aged about 3 years. A perennial smiling youth, with nerve colossal enough to last us many an age. Give us no more like him, we beg.

MICHAEL GLEN CHARLES DICKENS THACKERY GEORGE ELIOT CUNNIFF, late "bird of passage" in the English department. He has now captured all the "local color for a future novel" he cares about and has taken his flight on pin-feathered wings back to his native swamps.

CHARLIE NOBILITY GREGORY.—His brogue is no longer with us. We do pine for his genteel, lady-like presence as he was wont to amble hill-wards to take charge of his gentle worshipers, the lawless laws. Those time-honored anecdotes, 300 acre farms, gold watches, and notable people are sadly missed among us.

A Tight Squeeze.

During one of the military hops last spring, a couple of students left the heated Gymnasium to stroll along Mendota's shores. At last, finding a secluded spot they seated themselves and commenced to exchange those assinine nonentities commonly called 'jollies,' and those forms of discourse scarcely to be found in Cairn's. Neither were adepts at the (art which is to be expected of freshmen girls and boys). Presently conversation lagged; his arm stole gently around her slender waist—her auburn head lay on his manly shoulder. Poor fools! seventh heaven was no name for their bliss.

Then "I ought not to let you do this. How do I know how many girls you have done this to. Tell me, have you ever put your arm around a girl before?"

He was a *Cardinal* reporter, versed in the lore of the composing room, a newspaper man—he could not lie. "Sweetness, you are the fourth edition I have put to press to-night."



A Study of (the) U.

Why do I seek to learn? I cannot care
What other men have thought or what
they knew,
They are so stupid! Why, not anywhere
In all their books is there a word of you.

I'm taking science—such a lot of stuff!
The law of gravitation and the rest.
They're all gone crazy!—isn't it enough
For any one to know—what you confessed.

In mathematics I was quite a whale,
Trig was a snap and calculus was fun.
But what's the use of formulas that
fail
To prove that there's a law to make two
one?

I don't know any French but "J'amaï
vous,"
In Latin I can translate "amo te,"
"Ich liebe dich," is all my Dutch, but
you
Can't fail to see, I'm just as wise as
they.

In history I can't remember dates
I know each day, with you each hour,
too,
But can I profit by the lives and fates
Of men who never even heard of you?



Dangerous.

The Professor's Wife—Isn't it strange they should have a name like Milwaukee Downer for a college?

The Professor—Yes, indeed, but still it would not be safe in speaking to a girl to tell her she had Milwaukee Down(h)er.

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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 READER of the daily newspapers for the past two weeks must have reached the conclusion that as far as the University of Wisconsin is concerned, the students do more hazing than studying. He has read accounts of Freshmen being taken from their rooms late at night, and without as much as an explanation being made to them, calmly immersed into the lake. He has read of students being compelled to sing, dance, orate and in fact, to be in general, a continuous vaudeville for the amusement of students who happen to have been just one year longer in the University. The reader at first amused, soon becomes angry, makes use of such expressions, "Modern barbarians," "brutal cowards," and so on, and if he is wealthy, he changes his will and leaves all to some sectarian college.

To the outsider these hazing pranks have the appearance of brutal and cowardly attacks. And THE SPHINX will admit that, described as they are, and to the unacquainted public they must resemble accounts of a lynching or a bull fight. But every broad-minded citizen of Madison and every reader thoroughly cognizant of the facts, know that as a rule, these pranks are harmless in their conception and in their execution. To them, they are an old story, recalling their own similar experience, oftentimes of a more violent nature. For they know that hazing will always exist at a large

college or university. Smart alecs and "know it alls" will always be found in large gatherings and especially in large universities, and until every student is modest, unassuming and keeps his own good opinion of himself locked up in his own consciousness, students will always be found ready to effect a cure. Legally, no one has a right to take another from his room, against his will, and throw him into the lake. Every man has a right to resist such an interference with his personal security, and the law, if appealed to, would at once give him redress. But at a university, things are done which would not be tolerated for a moment in another city. The same circumstances do not exist, and in judging of the events, everything must be considered. At a university, hazing is the popular method to correct a young man, well-nigh bursting with a sense of his own importance. To such a man hazing may prove a blessing in disguise. He and his friends may be forever grateful if the remedy, undignified as it may be, effects a lasting cure. It is but fair to the hazers to say that their efforts are generally directed against these smart alecs. True, and it is unfortunate that it is true, innocent and perfectly well-behaved students occasionally suffer with the guilty. But as this is an evil existing also in more dignified pursuits, hazing can not be condemned on that point alone. True, also, that the hazers may not have the reformation

of the hazee at stake; their object may be simply the gratification of their love of fun. But if the reformation nevertheless is sometimes effected, why investigate the motive?

The fact is, as long as young men will continue healthy and others swell-headed, hazing will exist. If it is an evil, THE SPHINX does not believe it can be extirpated, it can only be confined within certain limits. It is not more common here at Wisconsin than at other colleges and universities. Of course this cannot be used as an argument for its continuance, but to THE SPHINX, to repeat, hazing will exist in Wisconsin, as long as there are freshmen, with the accent on the first syllable.

Do not misunderstand THE SPHINX. She does not for a moment encourage or condone brutal or injurious hazing, no matter what the provocation may be. But she does believe that so far this fall, the hazing has been confined within reasonable limits and that no serious harm has resulted.

S S S

HERE APPEARED in the columns of the *Chicago Inter Ocean* a few weeks ago, a very interesting article entitled "Rowdyism in the University of Wisconsin," by one W. D. Hooker of this city, in which the writer first scores the students for their rowdyism in general, and then for their behavior at the memorial services of President McKinley held in the gymnasium on the day of the funeral. It seems that on that day two small boys (THE SPHINX has proof for this statement) rolled a couple of the balls on the floor in the bowling alley beneath the main room. W. D. Hooker possessing ears, like the rest of the audience, heard the noise, but unlike the rest of the audience immediately made this deduction; facts:—A game of ten-pins; place, the University of Wisconsin; players, students. A Sherlock Holmes!

This wonderful deduction must be announced to all. No matter that the conclusion reached would be no surprise to the world, the story must be published, and the people read again of the "rowdies at the University of Wisconsin." For that original and instructive *scoop*, the readers and the editors of the *Inter Ocean* are duly proud and grateful. When once the news is cut into the ice-burys of the frozen north by a Perry or a Nansen; or when it is made a necessary part of the Koran, only then will W. D. Hooker and his band be ready to shuffle off this mortal coil.

Had THE SPHINX no scintilla of proof to the contrary, she would nevertheless from what she knows of our students, at once exonerate them

from all blame in this matter. The thought alone of accusing any one of so forgetting the sorrow of the day as to interrupt the service by play and noise in the very place of its holding, can find creation only in the brain (we apologize to the word) of a notoriety-seeking mischief maker.

We have borne insults of this sort long enough. When our students are guilty of rowdyism and lawlessness, THE SPHINX, like every true citizen, favors suitable punishment. But we do not want malicious, untrue accusations made against us, just to give men like W. D. Hooker an opportunity to see their name in print.

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Why always say Professor Wood,
When often the Professor wouldn't?
I suppose it only is a case
Of saying what we really shouldn't.

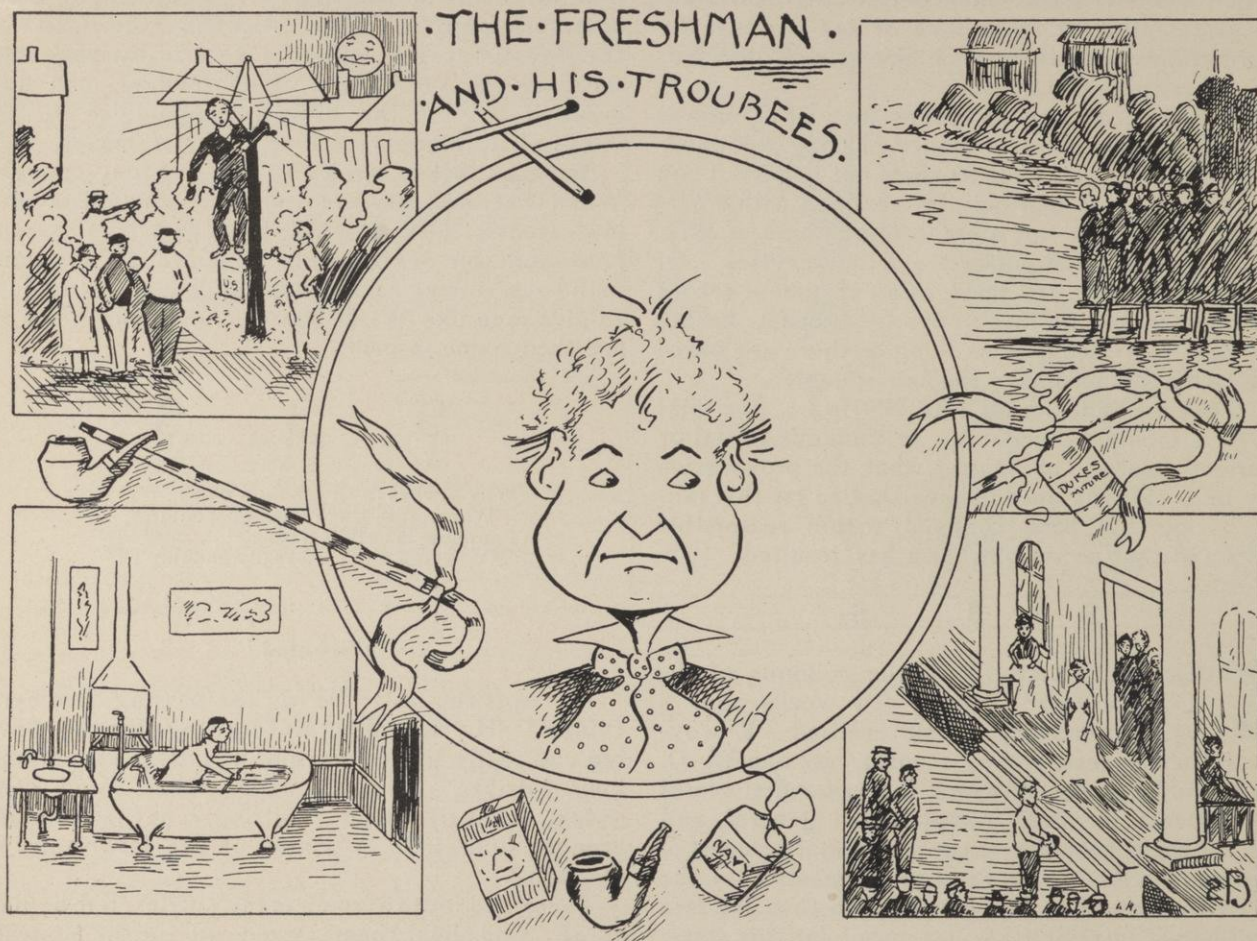
"Stymed."

It was at the last "tee" on the passing summer's "links." He had taken his drawings for the "loving cup" early in the season, and after steady and long "drives," brilliant "approaches," and consistent, conversational "putting," he had at last brought himself in, a winner of her favor and the "match."

There had been a good many entries, but he had at all times held them "even all" in the contest, and often he was 2 up and 3 to play against the whole field. He was rather lucky in avoiding "bunkers," and only occasionally was he penalized for some infringement of the rules of Cupid's course. In fact he was on the "fair green" during most of the contest, when he was able to use his long "brassey" shots to the greatest advantage.

But hard luck awaited him in the shape of a minor "tournament" with hearts, which he undertook "on the side." A new girl came upon the links and he was fortunate or unfortunate enough to win his match without trying. Then the first object of his "game" grew cool toward him. He was obliged to play winter golf for weeks; he was "penalized" to the utmost. Finally he lost the match entirely when she left home to travel in Europe, without even mentioning the game.

Thus having allowed another to "styme" on the last green, he lost the match and all interest in life. All there was left for him was to go back to college and bury himself in the oblivion of other "games."



The Freshman's Lament.

They say I'm a bloomin' freshman, and they give me those
freezin' looks,
And I feel so blasted shaky that I can't even look at my
books;
And so when I'm not recitin' or scribblin' home to my folks,
I just squat down on the sofa, and go to sleep with the
chokes.



Now when I lay there a-dreamin' and livin' over the day,
A great big crowd seemed before me and to stand right in
my way;
And the Sophomores seem to say
In that old familiar lay,
To the lake you sneakin' Freshie or we'll spot you out some
day.



So I think I'll get to packin' and I'll go a sweepin' out
Away from those bloomin' Sophomores with their measly
clashin' shout,
Then I'll settle down with father, a clearin' out the farm,
For I feel that a boastin' Agric will never come to harm.
Then I'll be happy in my way,
If I never hear them say:
To the lake you sneakin' Freshie, or we'll spot you out some
day.

An Extract From The Badger.



JOHN WILLIAM JONES A. C., SPODUNK.

Entered as Freshman
 From Spodunk High School.
Κηθπ, φρχ, Y. M. C. A. (1) (2) (3) (4)
 Treasurer—Pres. Spartan Society.
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 Joint Debate (3) (4). Junior Ex. (4)
 Northern Orator (3) (4).
 Co-op. Director (3) (4). Class Play (4).
 Editor *Cardinal* (2) (3) (4).
 Class President (4).
 Student Mgr. (3) (4).
 SPHINX (1) (2) (3) (4).
 U. W. Band (1) (2) (3) (4).
 Phi Beta Kappa (3) (4).
 Never met Esterly.
 Conceded best dancer and
 Poker player in Varsity.

The Freshman.

The Freshman has come from the wilds of Minocqua,
 Namekagon, Muckwongo and Winneconne;
 His trousers are baggy, his coat somewhat saggy,
 In terror he'll fly if a Soph he should see.
 He clings to his home, at night he'll ne'er roam,
 He talks in a whisper as if in dire fright,
 The cut of his hair and wild, glassy stare
 Quickly mark him a subject for Sophy's delight.

The Freshman has come looking weary and seedy,
 He stands as a josh for a brief month or two;
 But who is that punting? who is it that's jumping?
 Who is it that's pulling stroke oar on the crew?
 What name's in the paper as Wisconsin's debater?
 Whose run o'er the gridiron lays the enemy low?
 You never could guess, man, that 'tis the same Freshman
 That entered Wisconsin a few months ago.

His manners are suave, his attire is faultless,
 His head in the air and in manners a prince,
 His sweet fetching smile without the least guile
 Makes the ladies pronounce him as being immense.
 He is coming in hoards to appear on the boards,
 He is coming, the Freshman, to pave his bright way,
 To glory in story, while 'tis time let us worry,
 The Freshman so green for he'll soon have his day.

Senior Class Innovations in Pantomime.

(As they may be eventually, judging from present petticoat rule.)

Scene—University Ave., near Camp Randall.

Time—2:15 P. M.

Occasion—Any old game of football.

(NOTE.—Be it known, reader, that the Senior class this year has adopted gowns in lieu of overcoats, and that the "ladies' choice" at the last class meeting landed every class office they wanted and some they didn't seek.)

At the appointed hour, a solid mass of black robed humanity swings into view coming over the hill from Ladies' Hall. Above the din of rival rooters, is heard the strains, time honored and dog eared, of "Oh Marjorie," played as you might guess by the U. W. Band, and closely following appears a strange spectacle, but one not to be sneezed at, in these wide opened days of innovations. Clad in sable cap and gown, the men of the Senior class tread solemnly along, closely marshalled into columns of fours. The faces in these serried ranks are set and grim in humility; their step lacks the spring of youth. They resemble the pestered hens of barnyard fence fame.

At the noble column's head strides the figure of an imposing Amazon carrying a four foot megaphone. This is the president of the class, her insignia of office being a large yellow parasol. At her side stalks proudly on, the doughty figure of the lady-in-waiting to her highness, the sergeant-at-arms, bearing the sacred banner of 1902 on high.

On either side of the marshaled ranks walks a line of feminine file closers, each watching her respective set of fours with the fond glance of a mother's eye. On their arms, they wear small market baskets filled with "long green" and "filthy lucre." collected perforce from the ranks, under the directions of her highness the treasurer. "So those nasty boys can't gamble on the game." In solemn order following the main division marches a company of four stalwart maidens bearing the sacred pipe. This faithful band is under the direct supervision of the dainty feminine pipe custodian. Thus the procession passes into the yawning gates of Randall field just as the curtain falls.

English I.

A Freshman girl sat by the sea,
 And was as sad as she could be;
 Her head, it drooped—she fell asleep
 Out on the bench—beside the deep.
 But with what gladness did she rise
 And dash the tears from out her eyes,
 For in her sleep she had a dream
 That she could write up for a theme.



September 25th.

We paid our fees to Riley—just a trifling little sum.
That made us hug our pocket books and pray for
checks to come.

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September 26th.

The haughty Sphinx of Egypt rose up in all her
might
Her dignity unruffled by her casual summer's flight.

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September 27th.

Our wise Olympian Prexy gathered all his thunder-
bolts,
Hurled them at the convocation—called us turkey-
gobblers — — — dolts!

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September 28th.

Milwaukee Medics, Jerry's team played in our yard
to-day,
We bowled them over, rolled them up, and carried
them away.





FRESHMAN SERIES I.—THE PACKING OF THE TRUNK.

September 30th.

Lerum out at practice got mixed up a little bit,
He opened wide his mouth and some one put his foot
in it.

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October 1st.

The Beta bull dog, meek of mien, and always whipped
before
Wiped the ground up with the Psi U dog and wal-
lowed in his gore.



October 3d.

The Alpha Phis to entertain their pledglings who
desire
A hot timè,—tried to please them and they set the
house on fire.

§



October 4th.

The little freshmen went to romp, too near Mendota's
shore,
The sophomores needing annual baths were favored,
as of yore.

October 5th.

The joint associations gave their annual student
meet
And served us hearty handshakes, a very welcome
treat.

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Thus Fell the Mighty.

With cool and calm indifference he gazed upon the fray. He was a middle law. He stood upon the shore close to the very edge of that watery field where battle raged like a mad torrent. Imperturbably he gazed and he wore the flower in his buttonhole, by which we always knew him, and with which that last touching picture of him will always be imprinted on our memory. He was attired in the absolutely correct mode which has always set him a little apart and above the awkward, envying herd of rustic students.

So as always he appeared on that last fateful afternoon of his scented and satin-lined career. Then there was a sudden pause in the wild tumult, a hurried whispered conference among the gener-

als, an order shouted. Swiftly they turned, charged madly, swept him from his feet, and the hideous truth flashed through his brain.

As the cruel, unpitying mob relentlessly plunged him into the icy waves, his first and only instinct was to save his glasses from being relentlessly crushed upon the rocks. With marvelous dexterity he grasped them and held them aloft in his right hand while they tossed him and rolled him over in the deep and the wild throng shouted and exulted in the barbarous deed.

Two minutes after he had been unsuspectingly contemplating the battle on the lake, a drenched remnant of shattered dignity stood silent upon the shore and gazed upon the fray. The message spread, with the swiftness of the wind, to all the corners of the land "— — ————has been ducked."



She——Be careful; some one will see you.
 He—No matter; all the world loves a lover.
 She—But what excuse is there for me?

"The Twa' Dogs."

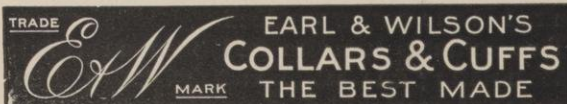
There were twa' dogs the campus on,
 And football practice, too,
 One belonged to the Beta boys,
 And the other was Psi U.

These dogs agreed to disagree,
 And straitway they fell too;
 The Beta dog stayed uppermost,
 While the other licked the dew.

The football practice languished then,
 For interest in the fight.
 P. King got hot as boiler plates,
 His men enjoyed the fight.

Cochems played the hero, then,
 He rushed to stop the scrap,
 But the owner of the Beta dog
 Didn't seem to care a rap.

The Beta dog was conqueror,
 After a well fought fight;
 The Psi U dog was cut a bit
 And made a gruesome sight.



Funny Wasn't It?

[An actual contribution from a Freshman with editorial comments].

FIRST PARAGRAPH.

Three years ago they had known each other, he and she, in his "home town" where she had visited her cousin. Then there had come some misunderstanding, he had forgotten what it had been, and they had ceased to know each other.

SECOND PARAGRAPH.

He had passed her on the hill now most every day for two months, and each time he looked at her expecting her to speak. But she did not.

THIRD PARAGRAPH.

One night the inevitable happened. They were introduced to each other.

FOURTH PARAGRAPH.

"I have so wanted to meet you," he said. Her face lightened expectantly.

FIFTH PARAGRAPH.

"For," he continued, "I hear you have a cousin in my town, and so we have a mutual acquaintance." She looked at him wonderingly.

SIXTH PARAGRAPH.

"Did you ever visit her?" he asked.

SEVENTH PARAGRAPH.

"Why, yes, ——"

EIGHTH PARAGRAPH.

"Funny," he mused, "we never met before, wasn't it?"

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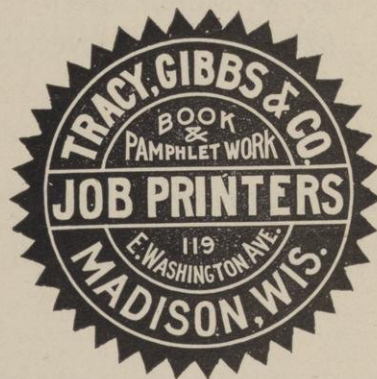
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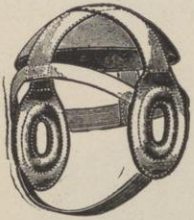
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