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# The Sphinx

Naramore

## Concerning a Kiss

"But why," Bessy pouted, "did you kiss her?"

Bessy and I are engaged, and this was a case of mistletoe, Mamie and me. Now, if Bessy hadn't seen us—

"Why? I say," Bessy stamped her foot, "did you kiss her?"



"The mistletoe was there, Mamie was under it, her eyes said, 'Please do,' and no gentleman ever refuses a lady's request,—when it is reasonable and—"

"Now you're trying to be clever and Dolly Dialogish again, and you're not telling the truth, either. I just know you'd have kissed her even though there wasn't any mistletoe; besides I think it was just

holly. I told Mary that and she said—any way I think you're just horrid and mean and I don't love you a bit and here's your ring and—"

Bessie was out of breath, her eyes were full of tears and her lips trembled, but her head was defiantly erect as she held out my ring toward me. Now in a case like that there is just one remedy. I took Bessy in my arms and when, after a few perfunctory struggles, she sobbed happily upon my shoulder, I quietly and firmly put my ring back where it belonged. Then for fear I might have omitted something I kissed Bessy again.

But Bessy is a persistent person, and my blandishments didn't steer her from the subject.

"You're a horrid, big, strong bear, and I don't believe you love me at all, but you're around me so much—"

Bessy gave a pleased little screech as I drew her closer and kissed the tip of her nose. "You mustn't interrupt—so much that I have to tolerate you. But, why did you kiss Mamie?"

"Shall I tell you the really, truly reason?"

"Yeth," (Bessy knows she's especially charming when she lisps).

"I kissed her simply because she's a pretty, nice, kissable girl and I think she wanted to be kissed. Any fellow (unless he was a fool) would have done the same."

"Then you didn't kiss her because she was Mamie?"

"No. Any other nice, pretty girl would have done as well."

"But I can't see how you could."

"Of course not. You're a girl. You don't look at it as a man does."

Bessy studied my scarf pin for a moment, then shot a mirthful glance into my eyes.

"No, I guess I don't. Anyway I'm glad it wasn't just because she was Mamie, besides, rouge doesn't taste nice, does it Dick?"

I agree with Kipling "kissing is a cumulative disorder."

—Kim.





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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

**W**ELL, WILLY FROM JIMTOWN, how are you feeling now? It probably struck you as a joke when you took Phyllis from Down-the-Pike to the Junior Prom., but now that the Spring baseball fever is raging you will do well to put your dinky little cap on the back of your head and saunter out into the green meadows—tra-la. You had lots of fun over it when the lights wouldn't turn out after the thirteenth extra of the Modern Woodmen's dance at Jimtown, but how about now at the coming leap year party? Well, Phyllis will soon be here and then it will all be all right. There is nothing like an understanding between friends, and then maybe, if you are good, some day you will be invited to visit Sadie from the Metropolis and you can tell her how the boys do things at Wisconsin.

\* \* \*

On looking it over we don't see that this is so very funny after all. But anyhow it was funny when the Cardinal said it.

**W**HAT THE THIRTEEN hundred and forty-five college presidents at the Jubilee will especially notice will be the eminent practicability of the University of Wisconsin. They will not only see the Engineering School on the Hill, but they will also observe the Engineering Laboratory on the Lower Campus. "That is where we practice," we will say, as we hastily direct the gaze of the Professor-of-Higher-Gymnastics-at-Oxford to the Gym.

It does seem a little strange though that with a whole school of engineering on the Hill it is impossible to clean up that little Campus job in less than six months. When we strolled by in the fall we apologized to Freshman girls for the general appearance of the landscape.

"Wait until winter comes," we would say. "Wait until winter if you really want to see the Campus." Then when winter came we blushed a little and said, "Well, maybe they have been a little delayed, but you just wait till Spring if you want to see the true inner beauty. That's when the Campus looks pretty. Gee!" And now it is Spring and the Campus is as far from the hearts of its countrymen as ever.

We supposed that maybe a simple operation was necessary, but we didn't have an idea that it meant the overhauling of the entire arterial system.

Of course this is not intended as a knock at anybody or anything. We know that whatever is, is right, only we've always believed in variety.



## Uncertain Maxims of Hamish

(With apologies to no one.)



My son, wouldst thou win with the ladies,  
then hearken awhile unto me,  
Much wisdom is mine and I give it free  
gratis for nothing to thee.



I.

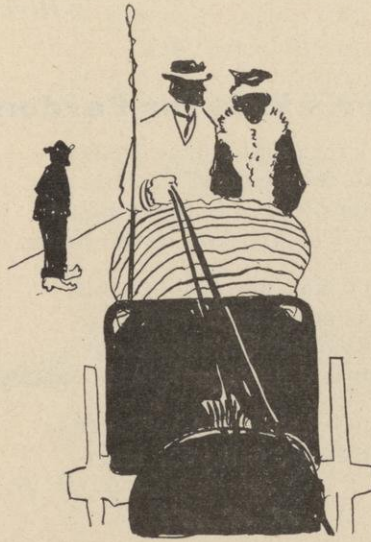
When thou tak'st Her, my son, to a party  
talk not of the music or floor;  
For such is the course of the foolish, the  
tongue tied, and lacking in lore,  
But speak of Her gown and her beauty, 'tis  
thus that the wise man will score.

II.

If some lobster tries the buttinski, be cordial  
and pleasant and bland,  
Enthuse on his ways when he's absent, but  
fill all Her dates—understand?  
Till he sees that the game is a freezeout,  
and no one has dealt him a hand.

III.

Hath she trouble in classes or quizzes? My  
son it is up unto you  
To show her the road unto Ex'es—thy  
cribs may help carry her through.



IV.

Fear not becoming too frequent, for pro-  
pinquity winneth the fair,  
It is hard to think of the Absent when the  
Present is palpably there.



V.

My son, be not timid in asking, but take as  
a matter of course;  
A note of appeal in thy voice is a note that  
she will not indorse.

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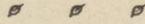
HORATIO  
WINSLOW



My son, I, Hamish, thy father, have told  
 thee the way thou shouldst go,  
 And it may win the maid and it may lose  
 the maid and bring thee to sorrow and  
 woe.

For my wisdom is great but a man is a fool  
 who claimeth of woman to know.

—Kim.



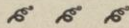
### A Lover's Plea for Pardon

I have wrote and I have went  
 For to see you and explain  
 That there wasn't nothing meant  
 When I kicked you in the brain.

I weren't mad ner nothin'—but  
 Just a-jokin', so to speak,  
 When I slashed that little cut  
 In the middle of yer cheek.

Yuh won't let no things like that  
 Separate us, will yuh, Hat?

—J. H. H.



### The Old, Old Story

"You don't love me any more."

"Why, dearest, how foolish; of course I  
 do."

"No, you don't. You've only told me  
 that you love me three times in the last five  
 minutes."



"It's so unconventional to be out here  
 with you, but it's nice. I get awfully tired  
 of conventionality sometimes."

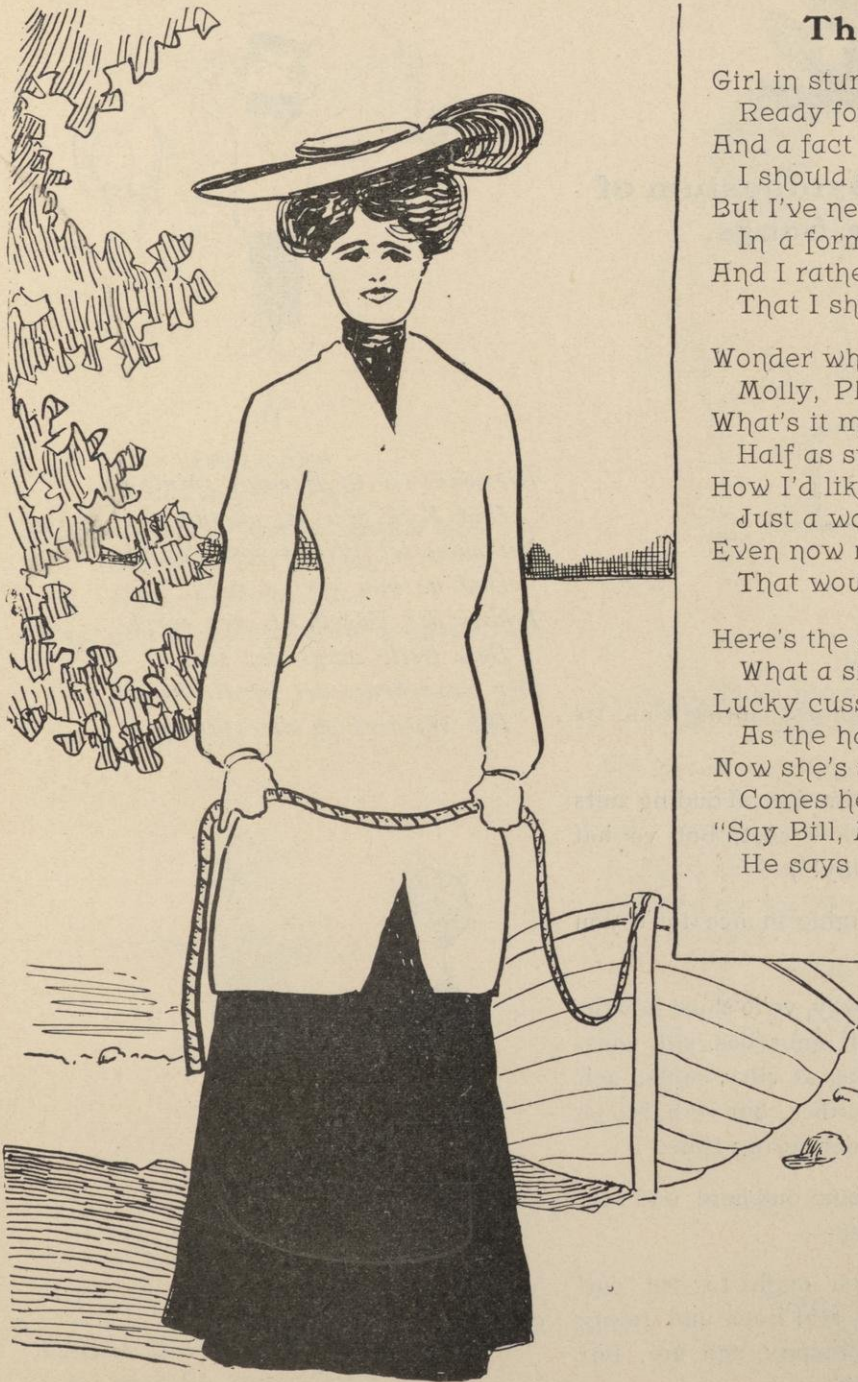
"Do you? Now that's too bad. You  
 know it's the conventional thing on this  
 bench for the fellow to kiss the girl with  
 him, within five minutes."

"Well, you see—that is—it's, it's—nice  
 to be conventional at times, isn't it?"



### The Real Eastern Question.





### The Broken Spell.

Girl in stunningest of dresses,  
 Ready for a pleasant row—  
 And a fact I must confess is  
 I should also like to go;  
 But I've never seen or met her  
 In a formal, proper way—  
 And I rather think it's better  
 That I shouldn't go to-day.

Wonder what the pippin's name is,  
 Molly, Phillis, Mary, Prue?  
 What's it matter when a dame is—  
 Half as sweet as she to view?  
 How I'd like to hear her utter,  
 Just a word or two or more,  
 Even now my heart's aflutter,  
 That would lead me to adore.

Here's the guy for whom she's waiting—  
 What a smile she gave him then—  
 Lucky cuss, he's surely rating  
 As the happiest of men,  
 Now she's speaking—from its prison  
 Comes her voice in dulcet flow—  
 "Say Bill, Mike says this boat's his'n,  
 He says me and you can go."

*A. B. Braley.*

Mary sat upon a pin  
 But showed no perturbation;  
 For some of her was genuine  
 But most was imitation.

\* \* \*

"Did she ask you to the leap year party?"  
 "Not exactly. But when I asked her  
 to go with me, she said she was willing."

### More Bran from the Epigram Mill

Vanity, thy name is humanity.

A heart without love knows neither misery nor joy.

A Spring breeze is no respecter of ankles.





## A Polyglot Symposium of Spring Songs.



I.

Ach, my, such a happiness, spring time iss  
here,

("Ve'fe got a vine line off ouding suits  
selling way below cost, but ve haf  
to do id, ach my!")

Die birds dey was singing so nice don'd you  
hear?

("Undby the way, ve'fe shust bought  
a vine stock off umbrellas, silk vons,  
und dey'r selling at vifty cents, ach  
my, such a sacrifice, but ve haf to pe  
generous—in der spring time.")

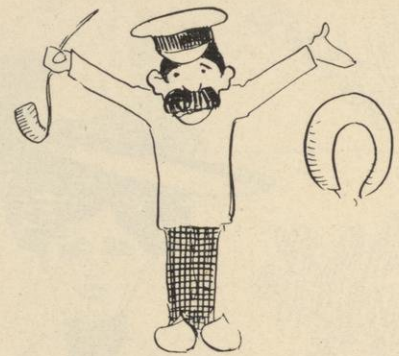
Rebecca, Rebecca, come oud here und see,  
Dose green liddle leafs—

("Und say, you ought to see our'  
wriding baper, real linen und going  
at twenty cents a box, ach my, but  
ve had to do id")—

—vot hangs on die  
tree,

Ach my, ach mine gracious,—in hill und in  
dale—

("Goot by—yes—domorrow's our  
pankrupcty sale!")



II.

*Die sonne ist in Himmel shining,  
Und Bock beer ist on tap,  
Yet oncet ist Winter now declining,  
Und no vun gifs a rap;  
I hear die Vögeln als dey carol,  
Dose leetle songs dey sing;  
Der Sauerkraut ist in die barrel,  
Die Wieners on die sthring.*



III.

Come on, hav a dhrink now,  
It's Shpring;  
Shure, what wud ye think now  
To hear the burruuds sing!  
Th' paarty has put up its min,  
For 'tis soon that the fight will begin.  
We'll be puttin' our candydates in,  
Wid a "whurra, whurru"—  
Yis, 'tis Spring time, that's surer than sin—  
("Here's lookin' at you!")





IV.

*Allee same Spling,  
Wintel he go—bing!  
Melican he makee muchee washee soon.  
Dust and dirt he come,  
Makee business hum,  
Chinee man he workee then allee samee coon!*



VI.

*O, die wohld is jes' a laffin' in die sun  
Lak a chile'  
Foh' die col' is gone away an' wintak's done,  
Spring's de style,—  
Why it's glory jus' to slumbah in die rays.  
In die breezes an' die comfoht of die days,  
Spring's die season, when yo lak to lie and  
laze*

*All de while!*

*—A. B. Braley.*



V.

*Ay tank it ban die Spring once more,  
Ay haar die robbins sing,  
Dar ban Spring clothes in all de store,  
An shoes, an everyting.  
May heart hay beat some hard, and ay  
Ban full of love an joy;  
For Hilda shay say "Ya," to-day,  
Ay guess dat's nice, ma boy!*







Leap Year Reveries

Jiggins—How old is Miss Primispast?  
 Biggs—Born in 1860—sixteen years old  
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 eight in 1899, and twenty-nine as long as  
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The skunk, he is a pretty beast,  
 A dainty, gentle little cuss,  
 But do not pet him much—because,  
 He's rather odoriferous!



“The Freshman wanted some swell writing  
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“Well?”

“Freshman paid his fifty. Room-mate  
 took him over and pointed out the lower  
 campus. ‘There it is,’ he said, ‘Campus  
 stationary, your fifty cents back if it moves.’  
 Freshman had to set 'em up.”



An eight o'clock is troublesome  
 It makes you get up early—  
 Ann rose betimes amid the chimes  
 (Her hair was scarcely curly.)  
 Ann was a goat, but what a shock,  
 When as it chanced, Ann ate a clock.  
 (A joke like this is something crude,  
 But laugh—or folks will think you rude.)

### Self-Government Announcements.

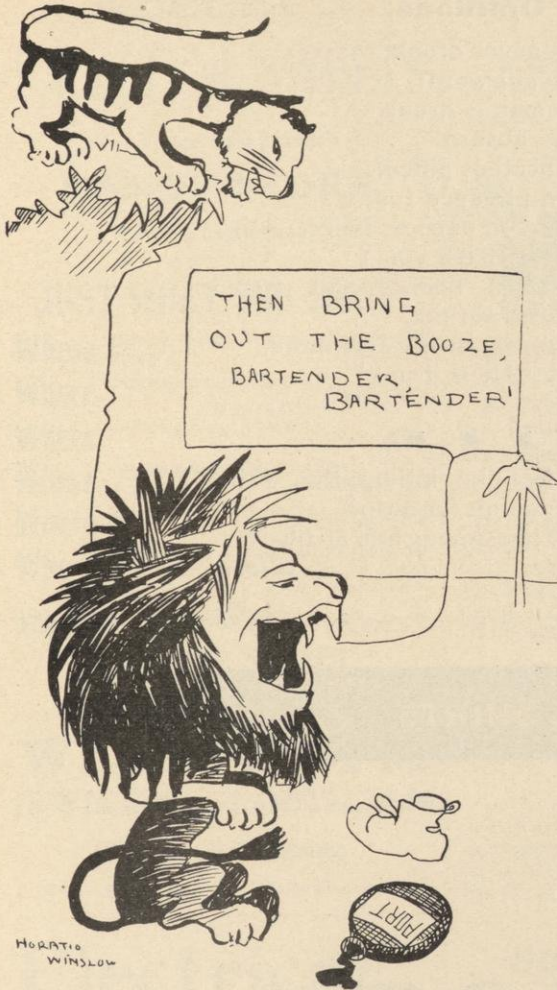
All gentlemen who are desirous of participating in the Leap Year festivities on April 16, will please hand in their names and addresses to the Self-Government Association. It is urgently requested that a photograph and detailed biography with proper recommendations accompany each request.

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Inasmuch as a considerable number of young ladies have suffered some embarrassment in finding that the object of their choice has been engaged, and, inasmuch as it is desired that no more suffer the same embarrassment of a refusal, the board wishes to announce that Prof. Kehl has already received 17 invitations.

—Self-Government Board.





Said the Tiger, "The Lion ate Ryan;  
And its trouble that Ryan made dyin',  
For he'd drunk up a quart  
Of the strongest red port  
And now its inside of the Lion."



The great State University was nearly built, and the President was about to throw open its doors to scholars. Suddenly the Practical President's brow clouded. "Verily," he said, "we have no money wherewith to run our school, and already the legislature refuses to appropriate more. What shall we do?"

Presently the great man's forehead cleared, "I have it," he said.

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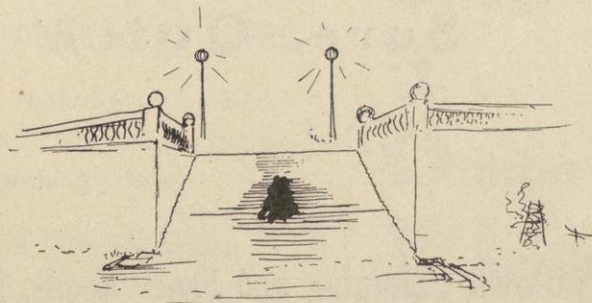
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At first they  
sat like this,

Quite far apart.

Till he grew  
bolder  
and more  
Brave of heart.

Of how they  
sat  
at last this  
Is a chart.





**Exchanges.**

Bridesmaid—Where is the groom?  
 The Bride—O he's outside matching with  
 father to see who will pay the minister—  
*Washington Life.*



“How was the weather the day the team  
 ran for the cup?”

“Oh, it was muggy.”—*Record.*



Koufup—I got a cold in my sarcophagus.  
 Koufdrop—You mean your esophagus.

Koufup—Anyway, it's where my  
 coughin' is.—*Punch Bowl.*

**Opinions.**

A gentleman is never drunk,  
 It's such a vulgar word;  
 To say a gentleman is drunk  
 Is really quite absurd.  
 He may be pifficated, piffed,  
 Bazooned and pie-eyed too;  
 (I've had an edge on once or twice,  
 And so, I guess, have you.)  
 He may be plastered, boozed and passed,  
 But finer natures shrunk,  
 And shrink, and will shrink ever more,  
 From saying, “He is drunk!”  
 —*Record.*



“Didn't you feel like killing the waiter  
 when he stood you up for a tip?”

“Yes. I felt like giving him no quarter.”  
 —*Widow.*



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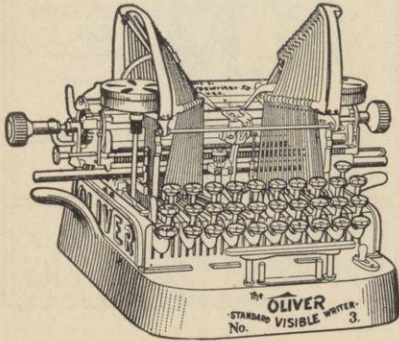


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