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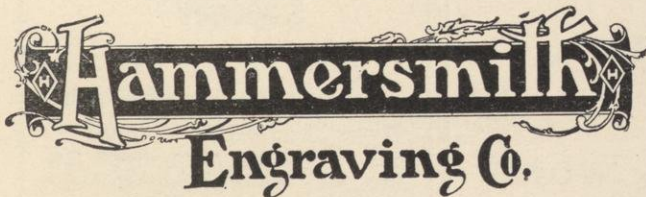
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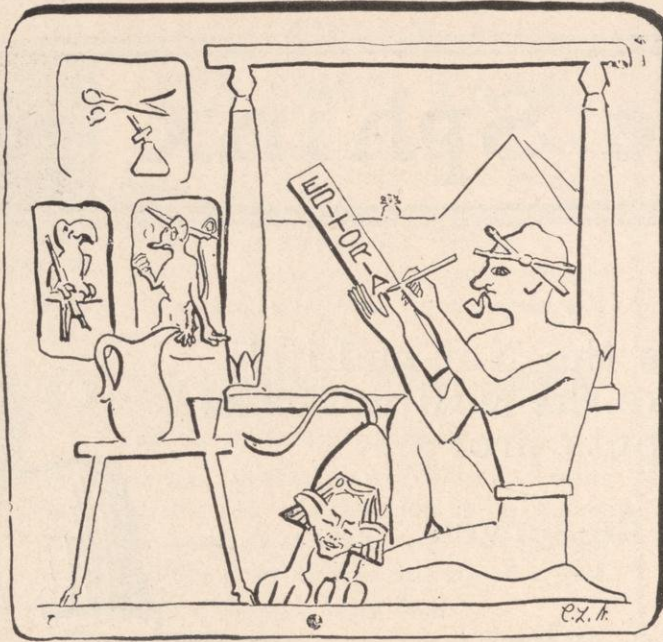
Oh child-ren, see the Nor-mal-ite!
De-spite his looks, he will not bite,
He sometimes puts prof's
op-tics out
That's cru-el but de-served,
no doubt.

He always does what he
had ought,
His on-ly food is food for
thought;
He lives on herbs and Lat-
in roots
And never goes on naughty
toots.

He knows more things
than I've for-got
Which is, you know, an
aw-ful lot.
He knows what Spar-
ling's driv-ing at
When Spar-ling lectures.
Think of that!



These buck-ing days I'd
like to be
A Nor-mal-ite—but hully
gee,
(That's vul-gar, child, but
makes it rhyme,)
I'd hate to be one all the
time.



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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



There once was a beautiful Prom,
kid,
The prettiest Prom in the
world.
T'was joy to go to the Prom, kid,
When properly togged and
girded.
They went for our beautiful
Prom, kid,
They went for her with a club.
And now she's a of a Prom,
kid,
Sans orchestra, floor, and grub.
—Charles Kingsley.

WE can state on the au-
thority of our slide
rule that a \$3 Prom is not
democratic but punk. With-
out approximating the con-
stringed conditions which
prevail among sardines, you
cannot jam more than 350
social folks into the gym.
At 3 per, you cannot draw
a merciful decorative veil
over the Spartan (Sparta,
Wis) architecture of said

muscle factory; you can-
not dish out a Lucullan
grub-stake, nor import an
orchestra qualified (as Mil-
ton's *L'allegag* so touch-
ingly puts it), "To wrap us
in soft Lydian (Pinkham)
airs."

You can't make Prom
cheap. In the immortal
words of Lucian Cary:
"You've got to buy if you
want to make a hit with
your queen." Prom in its
last analysis is the premier
chance for you to give the
flizzie of your heart material
demonstration of how much
you think of her. The stude
that works Saturday so he
can take the little teacher
from New Athens to an in-
dep. box party, is just as
anxious to splurge in
style as the scion of our
lumberman aristocracy, with
a vest like a Bunde-and-
Upmeyer window, who
blows himself for the delec-
tation of the prettiest Ki Yi
freshmaness. The only
studes whooping for cheap-
skate "democracy" are the

bunch whose knowledge of
the social whirl is acquired
by tagging it to three snake
wrassles and a military hop.

If this opportunity to
blow your Dulcinea to a
finished social stunt is out
of place in a state univer-
sity, kill it candidly, and
leave it a decent mcemory—
don't preserve it as a weak,
cheap shadow of what it
used to be.

Anyway, the democrat-
izing method of the regents
is so shy and indirect. Why
not frankly let the con-
tracts to Nitsky's orchestra,
Kornhauser, and the Co-
lumbia? Why not make us
come in uniform. We know
of nothing so crushing to
aristocratic pride as to see
oneself in a Lilley uniform—
form fitting, around the
neck. Prom girls must av-
erage 85 in exams to qualify
—this would keep you in
delightful uncertainty as to
who you'd take, till Friday
noon.

Despite her woe over the
dismembered Prom, the

SPHINX has taken abstract joy in the comic operetta entitled "Money Muss," put on by the Social Committee. We recollect how, last year they made it high crime to collect two-bits in the cloak room. We noticed how, this year, they, having a

prophetic vision of a \$3 Prom, suggested that four bits be tacked onto our Prom accounts play night—where it would not be observed by the critical granger—much as you and I send Pal expenses home as "drugs and laundry." The Soak Com's

tangle in the sacred red tape reminds us of the troubles of Alice's black kitten in the ball of worsted, in *Through the Looking Glass*. "And there it was, all knots and tangles, with the kitten running after its own tail in the middle."



Buck—buck—buck
In thy cold gray Libe—oh Gee!
And bitter as hash-house butter
Are my thoughts on the faculty.

—Ralph Waldo Tennyson.

WHEN you begin to raise your landlady's light bill and put down headache powders; when you shave once in three days; when Lennie Smith and Prof. Burchell begin soaking on

double final assignments as a sort of *coup de grace*; when you, bucking, cuss brutally at your roommate when he comes upstairs after putting Tommy Adams' eye out, blithely and absentmindedly singing *Love me and the world is mine*; you may by these presents know that this is the moon of the exam and the examination grouch.

Exams, we reckon, it is generally admitted, are a left-handed way of finding out what you don't know, that hangs on because no one has thought of a good way. They do let the

fool virgin make a grand stand finish at the eleventh hour; only the bromidest of our profs can you on exam showing alone (this for the comfort of frappé-footed freshmen); but (this also for freshman information) we generally get busy and stuff to avoid accidents. THE SPHINX whenever she has registered in a pelican course here has managed to digest more crumbs of knowledge out of exam reviews than from all the semester before; which is the one mitigating circumstance about exams, and a fine knock on our educational system.

Cribbing is immoral, especially when you're caught.

—*Life's Handicap*.

WE do not wish to palliate the sin of cribbing (though if we were going to the U. of Chi. we would like to write an abstract essay proving that dishonesty is perfectly allright when applied to education; this would please Mr. Rockefeller, and he would present us with a scholarship.)

We do not advocate cribbing as a practical device. It generally takes as much mental effort to recollect which pocket your crib is in as it does to remember

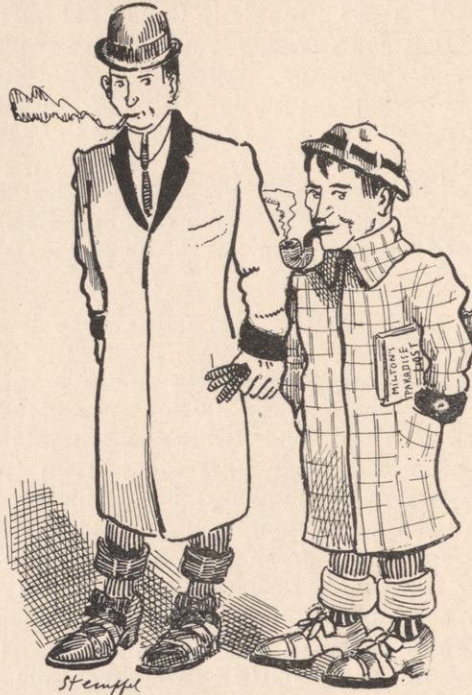
what's on it. Also, cribbing is uncertain. You may go up bristling with condensed information, and an instructor sits behind you all through the exam. Or you can write laboriously inside your cuffs, and your roommate sends them to the wash.

What does make the SPHINX sore, though, is to have the cribber viewed as a moral leper. The fellows who put themselves through college on cribs are as scarce as those rare geniuses who do it on poker. The average man cribs as a forlorn hope, when he is two month's behind, up against,



all in, and believing its all off. Necessity is the mother of deception.

Therefore, while she does not hang his picture in her gallery of moral models, the SPHINX has a cozy corner for cribbers in her heart—and to anyone who gets his while following his gentle art, she takes pleasure in lending comfort, carfare, and her suit case.



The Light That Failed

"I saw Hicks last night at ten-thirty, in Kirch's. He was lit up."

"Yes—I saw Hicks last night at eleven, in Kirch's. They were putting him out."

Red tape
 And legislation
 With authorized pedigree
 A joke
 Pacification
 The austere social commit-tee
 Three hours
 Long in conference
 Upon a proposition.
 The girl,
 The time and the expense,
 The Prom and its condition.
 To cut,
 Then squeeze the yearly frill:
 Great was Sharp's indignation.
 The studes
 Refused the coated pill—
 Receiv—ed his damnation.

The *Madison Lemocrat* features the following touching item: "Raisuli's Sahara bandits are reported to have captured a caravan of bay rum."

And now, it is probably wasting its sweetness on the desert hair.

Moral Lessons II

There once was a Civil named Victor,
 Who cut up like sin under Schlicter,
 Who presently picked him
 To be a con victim.
 Now Vict is a convict! Poor Victor.

"Reggie's crazy about military hops, since he met Genevieve."

"Huh! I thought they always quarreled."

"Sure—and she makes him hopping mad."

Violent Incident

First Feeder—"Say! The star boarder's in league with the landlady—spotting how much we eat. Let's sling him across the table!"

The Pickled Punster—"Sure. Let's throw the star board watch over board."

The First Feeder hesitated only a moment before hitting the Pickled Punster in the face with the soup tureen.

Little Jack Horner
 Sat in the corner
 Eating some chicken pie,
 He stuck in his fork
 And pulled out some pork,
 And now he's eating at the Y. M. C. H.
 —J. C. M.

Local and Personal

Mrs. Hippe recently gave a Hippe tea hop for her boarders. She has promised to contribute a cereal story to the SPHINX.

Horatio G. Winslow, whose published writings are more than locally notorious, is getting up a book of *Stories of Wisconsin Life* of which the title story will be: *The Low Hound*; a Tale of a Dog Waggin.

Dela Quescence, '09, had an ear blown off in the organic laboratory today. This is the third ear Miss Quescence has lost this semester.

F. Bennett, a prominent student, got a letter from Milwaukee, yesterday.

F. Bennett was the recipient of a picture post card, showing the Milwaukee Rathaus and Raths-keller, today.

F. Bennett is expecting an important communication from Milwaukee, tomorrow.

Scene—University of Denmark.

Enter Hamlet (smoking Bull Durham in a bull dog.)

To crib or not to crib—that is the question.
 Whether 'tis better for the stude to suffer
 The flunks and cons of carnage-mad professors,
 Or work a crib against this slew of troubles
 By airy flim-flam, fool them. Check! 'Tis a consummation
 Devoutly to be wished. To crib—to cheat—
 Perchance the prof. gets next! Ay, there's the rub;
 To fall—kerplunk—from grace—
 To leave the Hill and festive student life?
 For by that league and covenant with Hell
 The faculty and all its stringent rules—
 How many students die scholastic deaths!
 How many would die if they never cribbed!
 Yet—who would bear the gibes of Y. M. boys,
 The Cardinal report—the credits lost—
 No more to be a member of the bunch,
 To leave them all—the girl, and Square and Kehl's—
 When he might get an ex, and prof's. regard
 By a mere crib? Soft you now! Bedelia!
 Peach, under thy tree I pitch my tent.

P. M.

When Swede Meets Deutsch

There was a young stude came from
 Stoughton
 A thirst very strong he was toughton
 He went into Ferdie's
 Then sang sweet as birdies
 As down along State he came floughton.

He greeted a stude from Milwaukee
 Whose voice also sounded some squaukee.
 They stopped for a space
 In each other's embrace—
 Their antics were certainly gaukee.
 From school these two students were
 canned,
 They wouldn't go home and be tanned
 They have gone where the jay
 Raises whiskers and hay;
 In Sun Prairie they run a beer stand.

—Wak.

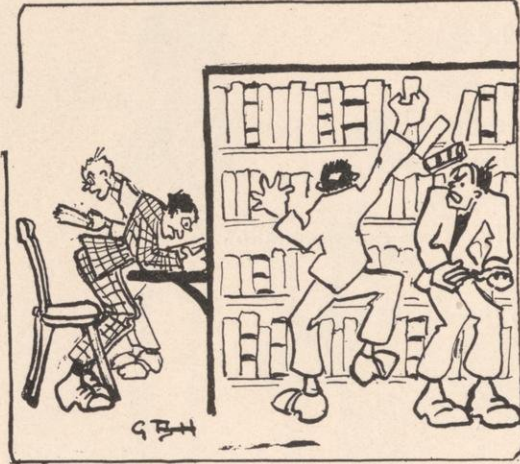
✱ Holding His Own

“Quite a come-down for Jinkins '07.
 Married; took a job as floor-walker.”
 “Dry goods?”
 “No. Twins.”

Though he rise to be football captain,
 president of the Humbser club, of the Uni-
 versity, and the United States, the future
 holds no triumph so sweet as that which
 comes to the freshman when he gets so he
 can open his gym locker on the first try.



Descriptive Bit, from a Romantic Novel:
 “A Mere Slip of a Girl.”



Genre Picture Entitled
Normalites
Bucking in the Stacks

"Bill! Your freshman roommate was blown to fine shreds in organic lab this noon!"

"Darn the careless brat! Just think—he was wearing my new sweater vest."

There's many a slip 'twixt Main Hall and Park Street.

The melancholy days are come,
The saddest of the year;
We gnash our hands and wring our teeth
In vain—Exams are here.

We buck our note-books fervidly,
The Libe's packed every night.
The reading room and stacks full too.
For reference books we fight.

We burn the midnight lightning juice,
On Theories we harp,
And prod our recollections up
For Pyre's Dramatic Art.

We make resolves—such good ones, too—
(They may be wobbly later),
Of what we'll do to Dickinson's
Beloved Walter Pater.

We take that big fat pink book down
And question if we've read
The ninety-seven "little things"
O'Shea requires for Ed.

For 0—

The melancholy days are come,
The days of dread and fear.
We pray for peace and quietness
In vain—Exams are here.

—M. W., '08.

Con

Con (kon). (Latin; *contra*, *against*; also *up against*.) 1. To study diligently.

Watchman: The lad cons his book well.

Souse: Ay, 'Twill give him water on the brain to pore over it.

Watchman: Pore thing.

(Fight all over stage.)

—Beaumont and Fletcher.

2. To steer a ship, Hence *bum steer*; cor-relative *bull con*.

"Hear'n tell I flunked in cow judgin'."

"B'heck, some one's givin' you bull con."

Mary Austin, *The Shorthorn*.

3. Prefix or interjection. *Pro' and con*. Walter Eckersall's athletic standing and his college record. *Consarn ye*, etc.; (colloquial).

Conrad Hoffman, '06, has been looking for the tubercle bacillus in the leucocyte of the common or moo cow. When our interviewer approached Dean Russell for a statement he said: "Con found it."

Student Farmer.

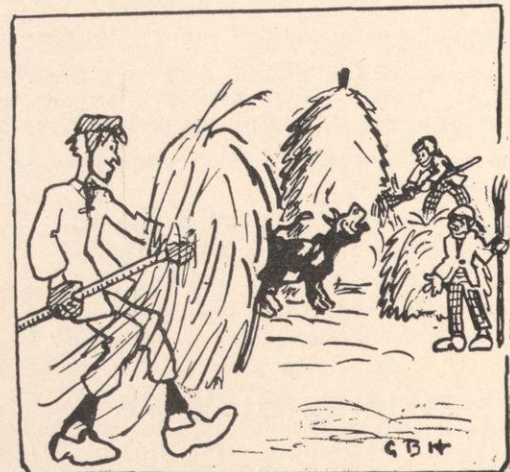
4. (Noun) a ticket out. *Synonym*: any good cuss word.



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Music lovers will hear with delight that Gagg and Eppie Glottis, Slap-stick and Xylophone virtuosos, appearing at the Granjestic this week, will nightly do their celebrated Hoe-Handel knoc-turne, op. 23 —D flat.

The management has placed on sale the pathetic ballad success rendered by Carrie Cantelope this week, entitled, "*Polka Dots*;" or *Harold You must Leave me, I've Got the Measles Now*"—very catchy.



Shorthorns===

Also Bucking in the Stacks



Prom Specimens Approved By Social Committee

Economize! Import a girl
 Like sample shown above.
 Send shivers through that undressed kid
 D. Eros, God of Love.

Ye! tenderly we'll wrap our wings
 Around the wispy waists
 Of pelicans whose faces look
 The way that quinine tastes.

—H.

Technical Jests

(Keys will be furnished by janitors of respective labs.)

The Young Sub-Instructor had told the freshman to dissolve a ten cent piece in nitric acid. The student strove manfully to tease forth a result—but there was nothing doing.

Said the Sub-Supe, puzzled out of his little wits: "You put nitric acid and a ten cent piece in here?"

"Well, I didn't have a dime; so I put in two nickels."

—R. Z.—G.

The botany bunch will shortly have the starch taken out of them with Failings solution.

The intestine is divided into three parts: the colon, the semi-colon, and the comma.



"Mr. Interlocutor! Why is it that the Madison fire department doesn't blow dey're whistle nights any more?"

"Well, Mr. Tambo, why don't the Madison fire department blow their whistle nights any more?"

"Because dey're afraid of waking up the police department. Ha, Ha, Ha. Professor, with your kind assistance I will render the pathetic little ballad: "Burning Kisses, or Step Softly, Little Sister has the Croup."

Little Lyrics Of Happy Hangovers—I

"O Jerry, go and bring my wifey home,
 And bring my wifey home,
 My wandering wifey home,
 He's out upon a spree."

—Now Jerry, too, is wild and likes his own,
 And all alone went he.

The creeping hours did chase the minute hand

The tireless minute hand,
 —Around and 'round the hand

'Till it was after three;

The rounders struck the hallway in a band,
 But never home came he.



"Oh, is it bull or broncho on the stair?
 The creaking, shrieking stair,
 The thumping, bumping stair,
 Who is it sings in glee?"

Was never one like Jerry yet to swear
 When out upon a spree!"

We towed them in all damp and wet with foam,

With cruel Milwaukee foam
 And flecks of Fair Oaks loam,

For they were far at sea.

No more shall Jerry bring my wifey home,
 And pass the night with me.

I. agrees with the author's general positions, (1) that the remedy for industrial wars is to be found, not in industrial disorganization and the re-establishment of competition, but in a more thorough organization of industry and the development of co-operation; and (2) that this co-operation is to be secured, not by government ownership and administration of all industries, (i.e., State Socialism), but by the promotion of a popular ownership of the implements of industry, and a share in the profits of industry among all who carry it on (i.e., co-operation and profit-sharing). But it thinks that the author, in laying stress on the adjustment of production to consumption



II. prevent over-production, loses sight of what is still more important, namely, such a distribution of wealth, through a process of profit-sharing, as shall increase the demand. For the industrial



III. problem is to find the regulation and often limitation of production, and the increase of purchasing capacity in the people, and so their power to use advantageously what is produced. And we should like to see the author set forth a little more fully his idea of class representation in government. How it would be advantageous,



IV. in a community whose basic idea is no hereditary caste or class, we are unable to see. Despite these criticisms, we think this volume a real contribution to the thought of the day

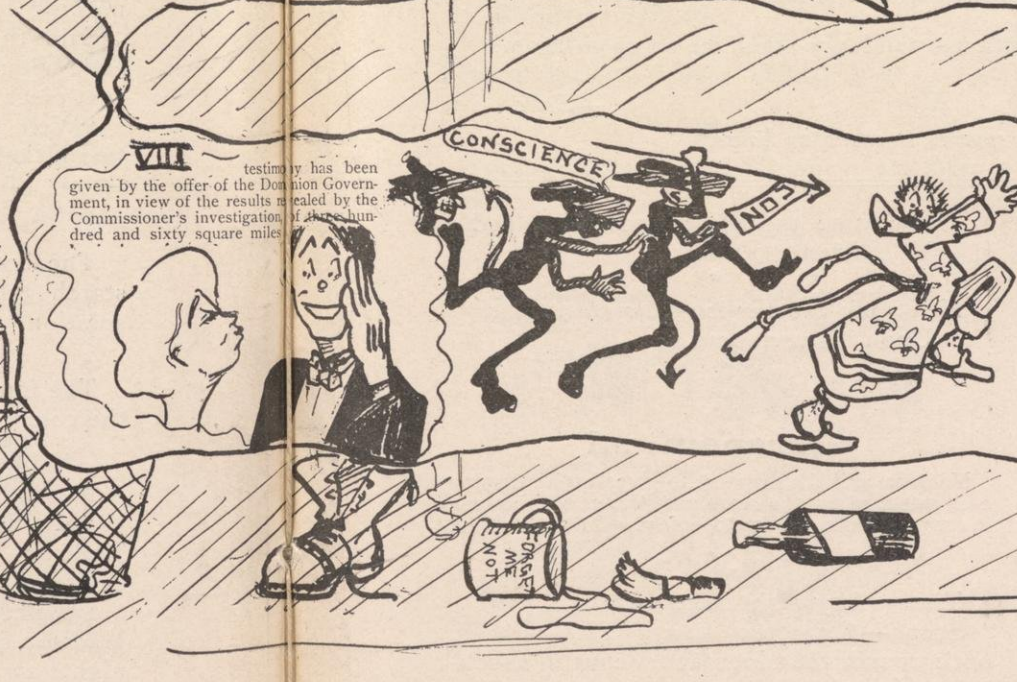


V. characterized by three qualities not too often found in combination in treatises on our industrial problems, namely, a sane and careful judgment respecting them, and something of prophetic vision regarding the tendency of industrial progress and the direction in which it should be guided.



VII. a three years' drought previous to irrigation, partly through the initial cost of the estates purchased, unexpected expense to get rid of alkali in the soil, and high interest on borrowed capital, partly through undercalculation of the terms of repayment by the settlers.

VI. The report here given is as complete in all details as could be desired, both as to general statements and the particulars of individual experience related by the colonists and supported by affidavits. The Commissioner declares himself "extremely well satisfied." At Fort Romie, the California settlement, the settlers are now, at the end of four years, worth an average of some \$2,000 per head above all debts and liabilities.



IX. human nature, and so have more clearly shown the way to live according to it. President King has done what greatly needed to be done, especially for those unfamiliar with these results, spread as they are through volumes of technical treatises. He has brought together the "four great emphases" of psychological study in popular form, and pointed out their direct practical bearing on the conduct of life. For the satisfaction of those who have not at hand the works of the masters in psychology, he quotes these freely, so that the reader may judge of the adequacy of the grounds on which are based the practical counsels which they suggest for rational living in respect to growth, character, happiness, and influence. In conclusion it is shown that "just these ideal conditions to which psychology leads

George Hill 68

Mental Processes of a Bucker



Dearest Sphinx—We would just love to make you one of our Temperance League. Our badge is 8 inches of white ribbon with a gold harp for a monogram. Come on in, the water's fine.
 Yours, sirenlike, —*Frances.*

Tush, Frances, come and join our Intemperance League. Our insignia is eight quarts of Blue Ribbon with White Seal for a chaser. Is that not a lovely combination? Password, one long and two short hiccups.

DEAR SPHINX.—I do not know upon whom to lavish the tumultuous fervor of my girlish love. I have been wooed steady by the general manager of a gas works who thinks Alfred Henry Lewis has Shakespeare hanging onto the ropes and who tips his soup plate in a thrifty but unaesthetic manner though he gets \$8,000 a year. My heart, however, inclines to an English instructor with a perfectly lovely brow, who gets \$600 a year and whom I feel I love for himself alone, there being no other inducement. Tell me my heart has chosen aright.

—*Adelaide.*

Say, kid, does insanity run in one or both sides of your family?

SPHINX —What can I do? My inamorata has suddenly asked me to go to Prom! I have absolutely nothing to wear.

—*Belle.*

Under the circumstances the conventions compel you to stay home.

Ballade

Sir Lunchalot de Stude went out
 To fuss ye lady fair.
 Alas, ye fuss was profitless—
 He met ye icy stare.

There came her puissant pa and helped
 Ye student go away.

* * * * *

He struck another icy stair
 Upon his vertebrae.

—*G. G.*



Astronomical

Madison will be treated to a celestial display next week, when the moon and Venus will be seen in conjunction in the late evening.—*Daily Cardinal.*



Time—Any night next week.

Scene—A patch of snow. Sky. In the background, the Moon and Venus in shocking conjunction.

(*Prof. Sharp discovered jumping up and down.*)

Prof. Sharp:—Hay, you two! Break away—it's after S. G. A. hours! You hear your boss!



Confessions

I was a typical college candy cad. I was in politics, in love, and insipid. I had clerked in the dimity department of the Fair Store, and was always there with the goods. When I entered the Varsity I was rushed and hunted as much as Moses in the bull-rushes.

I fussed Susan, sometimes I fussed Sunday night, and always fussed seriously. Supplied with a large roll of clearing house checks and joining the Checker and Chess Club, I lived a checkered life the second semester.

Rejected by friends and suspected by everybody I made the dog wagon my headquarters. One night I ended up at the foot of a lamp post at the foot of State (I was always at the foot of my class), and I was carted to the station under the guiding star of a bull. I couldn't stand for a walk.



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Second Stude—A whole barrel full.



There was a young lady named Rose;
Most divine—in a word—was her nose,—

Divine as defined,
Is a nose that's inclined

Toward heaven—where divinity goes.
—R.



Johnny—Pa, what's a Knight of the Garter?

Pa—A lady's man, my son.



February 13

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I.

When He has told thee soft and low
Of love that cannot die,
Swing back thy dimpled little fist
And smash him in the eye.

II.

And then if dazed he lingers still,
When all of this is said,
Take up the Swede cook's rolling pin,
And bang him on the head.

III.

And if he lingers on the porch,
Nor takes these hints so neat,
Swing back thy dainty little foot,
And land him in the street.

—S.

THE SPHINX makes herewith her annual offer of 5 bucks (5—count 'em—5), to any Wisconsin student, present or former, freshman, grad or con, on or off THE SPHINX staff, who furnishes her with the best Prom cover by Monday night, Feb. 2. Choice will be made by committee of SPHINX alumni.

Entries may be in pen-work, wash or crayon, or designed for color.

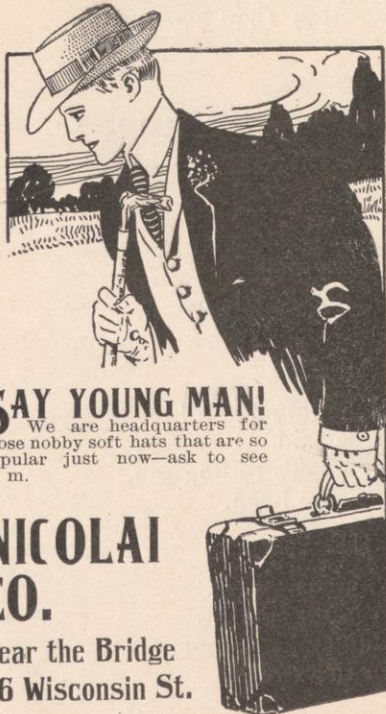
THE SPHINX further announces: The close of competition for best freshman or sophomore stunt will be extended to March 28. A prize of five dollars is offered for the contribution of any nature from those classes showing first humorous quality by then.

A FEW well chosen words for the information of our contributors. We solicit dope from the student body at large and at all times. If you have a legitimate kick on life as you find it, and can deliver it in a manner calculated to amuse, send it in. If your divine afflatus bothers you with struggles for utterance, try us. THE SPHINX staff do not ache to monopolize the much-knocked job of tickling risibilities—contributions are looked on, around this office, not as intrusions, but as manna in the literary wilderness. We do not mean that THE SPHINX columns are run as an orphan asylum for all the delinquent children of your brain; we will, though, take any old thing to our breasts on the sole qualification that it be capable of making our subscribers laff foolishly.

The staff take pious joy in publishing the inspirations of the student body at large; whenever any one proves up ability to have inspirations with some regularity, we elect him to our number. That is, if the inspirator be male. Woman, when the pain and anguish of lightsome composition wring the brow, has been found there with the goods—but she detracts from the atmosphere of irresponsibility and Bull Durham which the staff find stimulative to ebullitions of the truest genius. At all times, though, we have a warm, sunny alcove in our heart for co-ed contributions, and we give fair contributors a free hand with the springtime hen number.

Literary dope for any SPHINX is due one week before issue; art, nine days. We like to have material signed with name and address, so we can tell you if we like it, and if not, why not. If this embarrasses you, don't sign it. We will print your signature any way you indicate, and if you don't indicate, will run initials and class numeral.

IN THIS connection we would call your notice to the double Prom number, on which the staff customarily spreads itself. Any others desiring to spread will kindly submit dope by Feb. 3. We pause for a liberal response.



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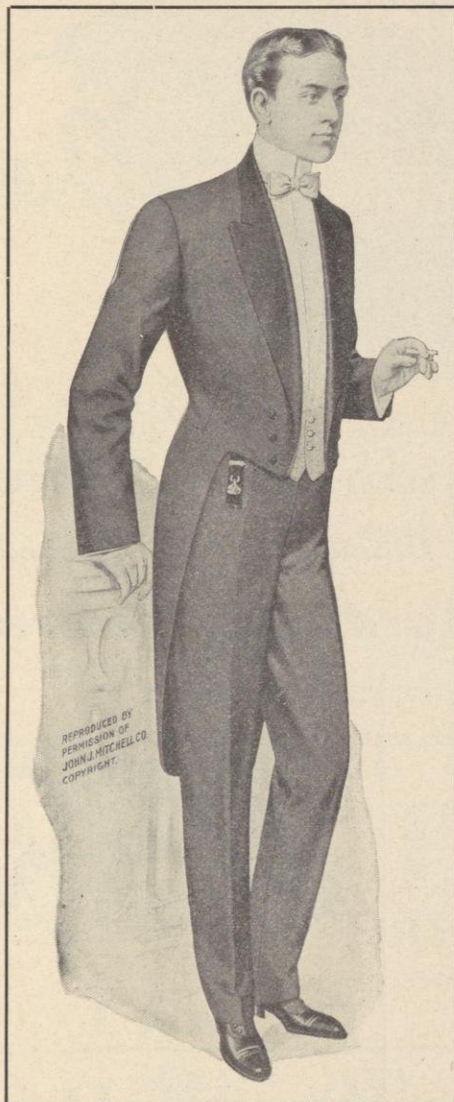
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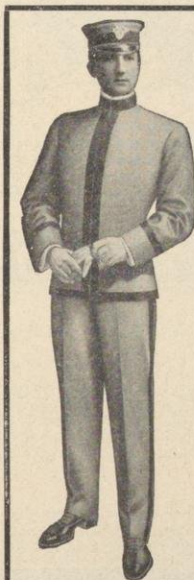
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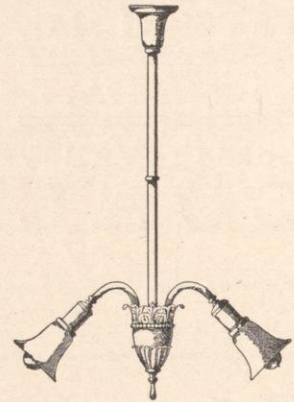
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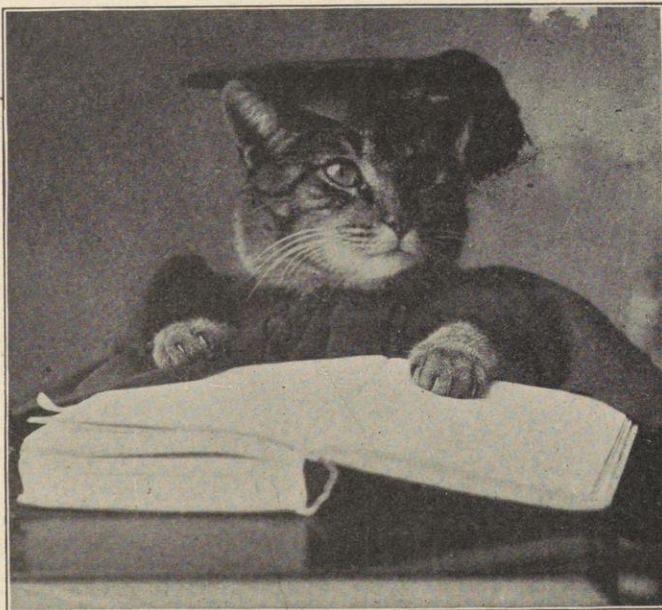
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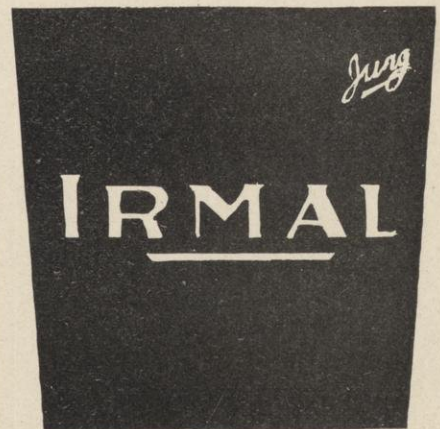
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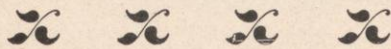
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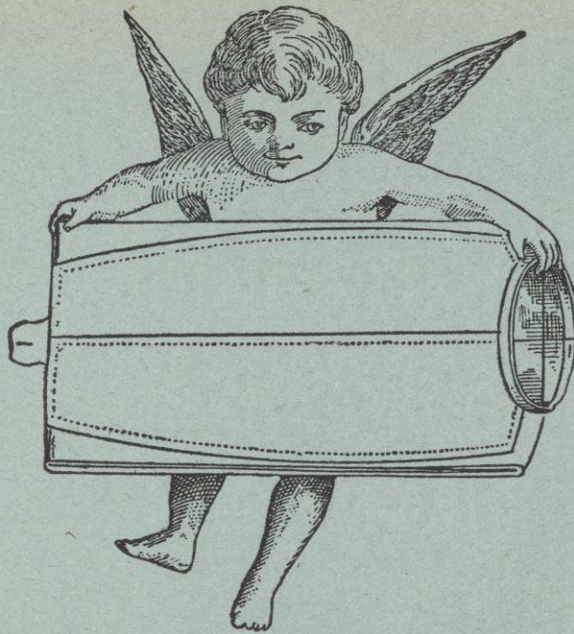
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