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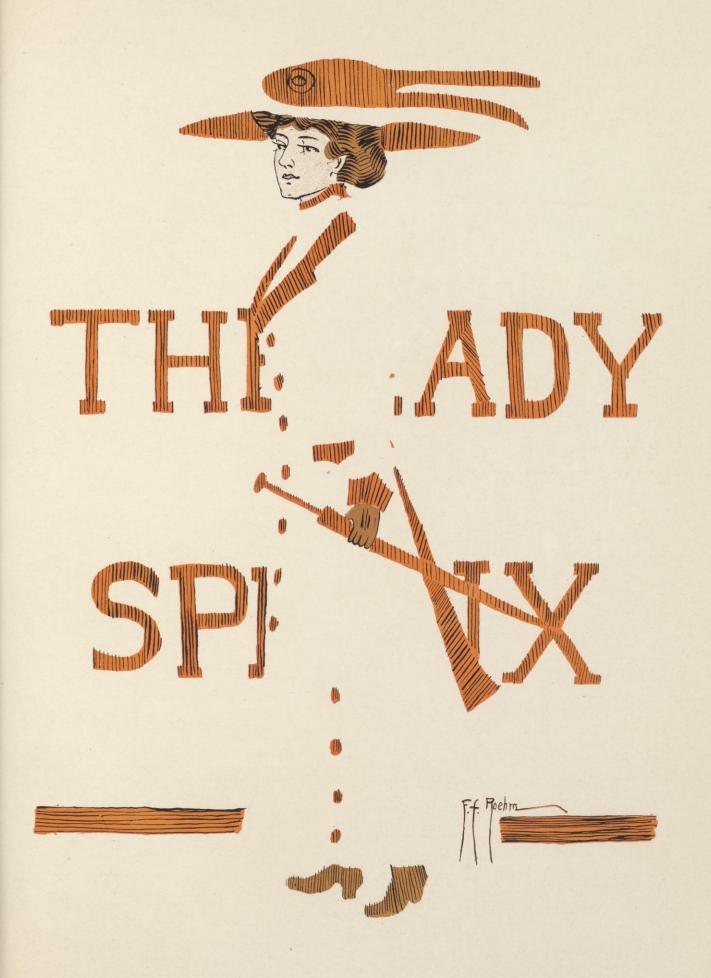
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Like a walking truck-garden.
How can she do it?
Apples and plumbs and grapes
Flowers and a vine;
Dish-pan, coal-scuttle shapes
Truly sublime!

Gaze not so scornfully Look at it mournfully Gently and kindly—
It is the style you know So it is "all the go" She wears it blindly.

Where then is all her hair? And her face, is it fair? Or is she ugly? One cannot see for sooth Whether it's Jane or Ruth Hat fits so snugly!

But then she might as well Almost be dead As wear a last year's hat Over her head! Hair-less and head-less She is for awhile; The one thing her hat can't hide Is her satisfied smile.



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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

Dear People—Please don't blame Mr. Birchard. Really it isn't his fault. We called one day when he was out and coaxed the SPHINX to follow us by offering her fudge and Welch-rarebit. She was quite ill for a couple of days, but is now able to sit up and make faces at herself in the glass, a sure sign that she is once more taking notice. Being a woman she greatly prefers the society of the boys, so we are never able to keep her with us very long at a time, and for this reason we always try to make the most of her during her brief visit. We sincerely hope you won't think she has been badly spoiled while we looked after her.

ISCONSIN being originally established and founded for men and women on terms of perfect equality, and having developed or prospered for fifty or sixty years in a most satisfactory manner under those conditions, any discussion of the status quo seems a little beside the mark. The first appropriation for a University building made by a state legislature was for a home for the girls, and any suggestion that we do not entirely belong here savors of impertinence. The suggestion having been made, however, first the regents and latter the legislature, both speaking as the representatives of the people of Wisconsin, have re-proclaimed absolute equality of right and opportunity. In our enthusiasm we sometimes forget that we do not really own the University, and that the men and women of the state are the real arbiters of her destiny. They have spoken through properly accredited representatives and it remains for us respectively to make the best of it, and the most of it.

E hate to be thought morbid on the subject, but it's almost enough to make one a pessimist—this continual criticism. We would like to suggest in passing that it is most decidedly your own fault if you are displeased with us. Had Man kept awake and had his wits about him instead of lazily napping at the critical moment, he could have overseen the job of manufacturing Woman himself, then perhaps he would have been better satisfied with the outcome. As for girls being in your school, in your classes and incidentally, in your way, we beg to meekly suggest that we believe it was Eve who first recognized the value of a higher education. Being wide-awake, energetic and of an inquiring turn of mind, she once set about to secure this education for herself and her descendants, while Adam thought only of tickling his palate. Of course Adam didn't like it when he had to leave his pleasant occupation and investigate the Tree of Knowledge with Eve. So the modern Adam is much distressed when the co-ed, in many different ways, interferes with that pleasant pastime, tickling his palate. And like the Adam of old, you lay the blame for every conceivable trouble you may have upon our shoulders.

The Sphinx Three

We are perfectly willing to take the blame for those faults which are ours. We admit we have faults. We are not perfect. Who is? But we decline with thanks to be responsible for the idiosyncrasies of "the bunch," or for the follies of the "Fusser." We don't ask to be worshiped. We have no use in the business of daily life for an aureole or pedestal; they are both troublesome to tote around. We would rather any time be first-rate human beings than any poor second-rate goddesses. But for goodness sake, try to be a little human yourselves and remember we can't help being co-eds, and if there are traits in our exceedingly complex characters which seem to you to need nitro-glycerine blasts in order to clear them away, at all events after the explosion be a little jolly about it!

On The University Extension

UR UNIVERSITY in its great generosity not only spreads a bountifutable, and offers a feast of good things to all comers, without money and without price, but is now sending out basketsful of mental pabulum into the highways and byways of the State, that all those unable to come to the feast may still sample the viands. Now that we have undertaken to give all the people all they need all the time, and teach everything to everybody everywhere would it not be wise to

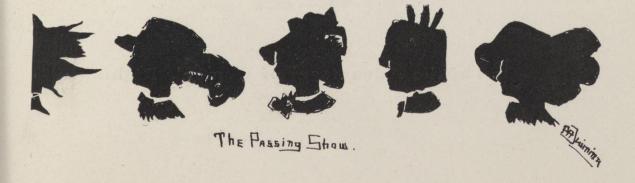
establish a few new courses to meet new demands? It is not enough that we treat lawyers, engineers and other professions in absentia, but we are now reaching out to create butchers, bakers and candlestick makers according to the latest scientific methods. This is most excellent and paternal, but why neglect the maternal? Why not courses of instruction for dairy-maids, house-maids, stenographers and milliners? If we can not teach millinery, surely a course in ethics adapted to the latter class would be of incalculable benefit. Every dollar expended along these lines would surely return to the pockets of the state increased a hundred fold.

We need also a chair of humor. We take ourselves too seriously and a lightening of the load of our own importance would be a blessed relief. The traditions of the "Greatest State University" rest upon our shoulders and when in addition to that we must maintain the welfare of the very best literary society in college, and the greatest fraternity in the country, to say nothing of our responsibilities to the crew and the teams, we need to relax now and then or the strain will be too great. To be sure we have the SPHINX but it is asking much of her that she alone and unaided shall create both demand and supply in humor for the entire University. By all means let us instruct the people in the gentle art of seeing the point.

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Wisconsin girls are just a little bit tired of so much criticism. Of course we are perfectly willing to furnish material for *Cardinal* editorials and feature stories when advertisements are scarce, and we are sincerely glad if our hats and our hair afford any innocent amusement to our little boy

friends. Still, we think that there are plenty of other subjects for masculine peevishness to be vented on. Then there is that old story about the mote and the beam. Of course we know comparisons are odious, but—!





One of the Advantages of Women's Rights

Society

One of the novel ways of entertaining at the University of Wisconsin was introduced by Naskel Hoyes who gave a pink tea this last season. The reception room was elaborately decorated in pink and gold with tiny dincidessent lights casting soft shadows about the room. Punch was served in one corner, the table being beautifully adorned with 'lavender and old lace.' Mellow strains of music came from behind a bank of palms and an odor of violets filled the room.

Mr. Cunningham, too, gave something new in the form of a common dandelion picking. Prizes were offered for the largest bunch picked and Mr. Cunningham himself took the first prize, but out of curtesy to his guests gave Billy Bertles the cup who got second.

Because of Teddy Stempfel's cleverness as a clown he entertained his feminine worshipers with a dual preformance of his circus tricks and clownish pranks.

The Ladies

They're always abusing the women,
As a terrible plague to men.
They say we're the root of all evil,
And repeat again and again.
Now the plague is surely a thing to fear,
A thing to shun and to dread,
Yet to every man some plague is dear;
He's in love with it heels over head.



YE Loy Lo-Ed.

The Way (some) Others See Us



We take great delight in replying to the article (please note that we refrain from adjectives) on co-education in the April Lit, by one Th. St. To answer properly all the writer's misguided statements we would require at least two columns in the Cardinal, but we feel that we would thereby be paying altogether too much attention to so puerile an outburst.

From this article the casual reader would conclude that the Wisconsin co-ed resembles the infant robin clamoring incessantly for food. The amount of candy and Love's Delights which we force our reluctant admirers to pay for must be phenomenal.

We admit that about one girl in twenty actually prefers the Typical Fusser to the man who Does Things, probably because he is useful, liberal, and doesn't make one use one's brains in carrying on a conversation. This one girl is about as much admired by the other nineteen as the chronic fusser is by men in general. It is hardly fair, then, to attribute to Wisconsin girls as a whole, the undesirable characteristics peculiar to a very small minority. We might just as reasonably select the most incurable fusser in college as a representative Wisconsin man.

We tremble at saying it for fear of being called 'unladylike' or 'vulgar;' but we could almost fancy that the embittered author has been sadly strung or stung, either is trying to a man's vanity. If so, we urge him to cheer up and forget it. We're not all like that.

Who was she, anyway, Ted?

The Sad Tale of the Gilligaloo

There's a rare birdie known as the Gilliaaloo.

If you went to the Circus, then you've seen him too;

He feeds upon T squares and compasses true.

And many strange things can this cunning bird do.





"So listen, my children," and then you shall hear

How he sang like a nightingale, boldly and clear,

From a telephone-pole he surveyed far and near

For the Gilligaloo was a young engineer.

But after the Circus, a very small boy Quite delighted at having this novel young toy,

Stuck it up on a pole, and danced round with joy,

Admiring its charms and its graces so coy.

And the rain, it came down, and the wind, how it blew!

And the birdie, forsaken, oh what could it do?

Down It fell, plumage ruffled, with hailstones pierced through,

And that was the end of the Gilligaloo.

—E. S.





If Stempf would really like to be As popular as Carl C.
He ought to pose eternally
•As a cute little clown.

For at the circus, it was said He was adored by each co-ed! "Isn't he SWEET?" the murmur spread. You are the Adjuncts' Idol, Ted.



There was a young actor named Blair, Who was so exceedingly fair * That Wisconsin co-eds

Lost their hearts and their heads
And flocked to the Fuller to stare!

* Good looking, not blonde.



I have often heard that women Are really perfect fools—
At least (it has been stated)
When it comes to using tools
But I've noticed very lately
And the subject has its thrills—
That the women at Wisconsin
Are real interested in drills.



Haskell Noyes is inspecting the Peach crop at the U,

And when he's found the "one best peach," what do you think he'll do?

He'll take up Floriculture, orange-blossoms to perfect,

Then raise a peach-crop all his own; what else can one expect?

Those Ridiculous Questions

At the foot of the Hill they met; She bowed her head.

"Going up the Hill?" he asked,

And then she said:

"Oh, no, I'm planting ripe tomato seeds in S. Africa just now."

The bill-collector stopped him in the street, By curiosity led;

The eager fellow said: "Have you come back?"

And then he said:

"Oh, no, I'm hunting dill pickles with a shot-gun."

His old professor met him at the train And said, "Why, John,

It cannot be that you, with all your brain, Should get a con?"

John said: "Oh, no, I'm going to Boston for my master's degree."

Here lie the bones of dear Lucille
Who one day slipped on a church bell peal
How do I know—don't be so bold,
How do you think? Why the church bell tolled.

"Springtrala" == An Attempt

BY VERA FEEBLE.

I.

When books were even bookier than any book should be, And girls grow daily prettier (as any one can see), When the sparrows scrap right merrily away up on the trees, And you have 'that tired feeling' in head and hands and knees, When you ask for nothing better than to just sit still and smoke, Or play at bridge and poker 'til your bank account goes broke, When you hit the pike to Middleton, your latest crush in tow, And think you'd rather hoof it 'cause hoofing it is slow, When e'en the bull-frogs croaking is a pleasant song to hear, You've got a dangerous malady, and we feel for you, poor dear! What is this foolish sickness, this life-worth-living thing? Why just a very serious case of Springtralasweetspring!



II.

Ah Springtralasweetspringtrala it gets the Normalite; He ceases grinding for his Ex and notes the bright moonlight! It gets the Delts, the Sigma Chis, the Betas and Psi U, The Alpha Delts, the Kappa Sigs, the Phi Delts and D. U., Phi Kappa Psi and Theta Delt and D K E as well, And even Chi Psi feels the thrill of Springtrala's strange spell! Phi Gamma Delt, Phi Kappa Sig, S A E, Sigma Nu, All have it pretty bad, I guess, and seem to like it too!

III.

Professors, you had best beware, think not that you're immune, This fever's always bad, dear sirs, in April, May and June! And if this dire, this dread disease should catch you unaware, You'll find that you'll forget to Con, and give instead a fair; The Agrics and the Commerce, the Laws and eke the Hill, The Engineers and Medics all will indeed be ill! We greatly fear there it no hope, no possible escape, From the awful devastation that travels in Spring's wake.

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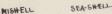


Ah, Springtralasweetspringtrala,
We'd like to take your part,
For we enjoy we must confess that tickling round the heart,
We have a kindly feeling for the moon, the birds, the trees,
We do not mind your freckling sun your curl-destroying breeze—
We like to walk to Middleton, to paddle a canoe,
We like to think "the only girl" and all that stuff, is true,
In fact we like the germs you give so very, very well,
That we seek not for a toxin from Professor Ravenel.
But the effects of Springtrala upon the girls is queer;
It causes them to all break out in the form of new head-gear.
The truth indeed should now be told, I wrote this lengthy Sonnet
So I could break out like the rest, in a spandy new spring bonnet!

Extracts from the new book on NATURAL RESEARCH, showing How to Tell the Profs. from the Buds and the Flowers and Other Things, by F. S. Brandenburg, Professor of Birdology, at the University of Wisconsin.













Shall I show you how to tell The sea-shell from the Prof. Michell;

You can only hear the sea-shell when you put it to your ear. But you can hear the teacher's tie even if he isn't near.

The likeness of these two is this, That all wise geese possess a hiss, And if this giese is not a miss, Then his possessive too, is "his."

The difference between the Roe and the Rose Not every single student knows, Though roses often grow in rows Each day 'tis true that Roe has rose.









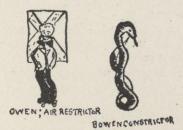


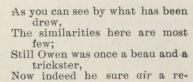
The likeness is indeed complete Between the Beatty and the Beet, *For in Beatty's class who would beat a retreat,

And who of high class would treat to a beet.

To see that Ely and Eels are alike Is really not such a pipe: That eels slip through the water is true, But wat-er thing for a prof. to do.

The Woolley and the mooly Stand before you hand in hand; Their similarity is slight, As you may understand.





strictor.



NO BODY

The similarity here is so great That 'twill penetrate any young pate, And it will be no hard study, For surely nobody is like Prof. Bode.



SOMETHING STU-PAN-DOUS

On Shipboard

Julia just from college speaks to her neighbor as they sit on board watching the people pass by.

"It's awful down stairs, so I've strolled up

Just to get some fresh air, don't you know. No, it's not that the motion annoys me My dear,

But, I simply can't stand it below.

I don't just remember your name, but I see That that will not hinder; for here On the ocean one's friendly with everybody, (No, I just felt a little bit queer.)

Yes, I'm just out of school, just this spring,
—no, not quite—

Yes, I went the four years, but somehow— The course that I took wasn't just the right thing—

But a sheep-skin don't matter just now.

Just look at that woman,—the one with the hat,

That looks like it's been thru the wars,
And the hair fixed so funny—and reddish
at that—

Why! I never have seen her before.

Oh yes, I know every one—that is—I mean All those that you'd speak to at all.—

Well, that man is surely the worst I have seen

To stare so—now I call that gall!
Why, of course it is Jimmy, I'd know him all right.

(Yes, the end of my sophomore year.)
They say he's engaged to a girl that's a
fright,

But! no it's not so—(no, just queer.)
Why, he was in love with each girl that

he'd meet, In fact he said once that he loved me, And to see the old monkey act up was a

treat. Engaged? Just collegiately.

But you can't make me think he is actually now—

Engaged as they say, to a fright,
For I know if old Jimmy should marry he'd
take

A good—looking girl—just for spite.
Why, here he is coming, what's that did I hear?

"Your husband!" so you are the fright, I mean you—yes, of course I do feel a bit queer,

Those big waves—no—but just not quite right.

You think you are a botanist, but really don't you know, You truly are quite ignorant about the flowers that grow.

Even though the violet is modest, shy and sweet Stick to the "common garden" kind which gives you greens to eat.





Drowning Her Trouble

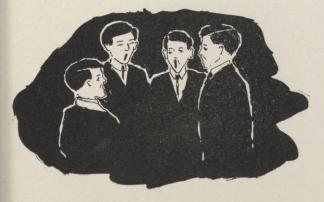
Spring Song-"A Shiveree"

A Serenade by the Glee Club

I.

W--wake up, w-wake up, the hour is 1-1-late, And lo, the drowsy whippoorwill D--doth whip unto his d-drowsy mate, And we are c-c-catching quite a c-c-chill; Our f-f-faithful hearts for you do b-b-beat, For ne'er have they a factor lacked, P-p-please hand out something we can e-eat; We'll have to s-stop, our throats are c-c-c-cracked!





SOLEMN WARNING

Billy knows them all by name, Elsie, Gertrude, Kit and Mame, Rushes a la P. D. Q. Just to see what girls will do-But when he finds them much the same, He loses interest in the game. Still Billy tires not of this life, With all its heartburns and its strife, He never gives up in despair And moans and weeps and wrings his hair-His life is just one glad sweet song. For new girls always come along. He never has the blues and creeps; Instead, he wide-eyed vigil keeps, And when the old girls bore him some, He hunts him up another one-Snuffs out the old flame, lights a new Which flickers for a day or two, But kidders just as wise, dear lad, Have come to endings very sad. We warn you, that beyond a doubt Some flame'll scorch you

you

If

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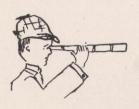
II.

We'll come again tomorrow night;
It's too b-b-blamed cold to l-linger h-h-here,
We'd gladly sing more if we m-m-might,
B-b-but our voices aren't exactly c-c-clear!
So if --, aschew, you all d-don't mind,
We'll say farewell, likewise a-a-a-adieu,
The g-g-grub looks good, you sure are k-kkind;

G-g-good-night, s--s-sweet dreams---as-chew! ---aschew!!



"Please pass a Sellery Root," said a Gay Young Smith as he Slaughtered some Catell which the Cook had just Cerf-ed up Van Hise Coles. "Anything Moore," said the waitress. "No," replied the Mann. "I am Owen here and I haven't the Pence to pay the Price." "Well, anyone as Sharp as you ought to be able to Dodge the cashier," she called as she Chased into the Hall. "O Shea (say) don't let Hear-tel (her tell) on you. She is too Klein to be Kind." Some one said "I Gies-e (guess he) will all right," said some one else clattering the Sterling. "Great Scott," cried our he-Roe (hero) to the waitress who was not Common(s) "Look at the Mayhew (hue) of the Mead." "Yes," she answered, "I think we will have a Shower, Mann, or else it will Snow." And then he Slatt-er (her) such a one that she nearly died a Coffin (coughing)."





To Know a Veil

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The course of smooth love never did run true.

As she sews, so shall she rip.

A woman is the bitter half of man,

A little college is a dangerous thing.

Don't hide your light hair under a basket!

It's a long worm that has no turning.

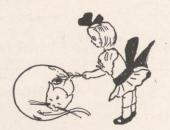
All is not girl that titters.

Make dates when the moon shines.

Little marks sink big guys!

It's an ill prof. that gives nobody "good."

A girl by the hand is worth two bye and bye.



Awakening the Mu

"It's the little things in life that cause"—
Quoth the fair maid with pride,
Just then her speech was verified
A mouse ran up by her side.

When lovely woman buys a bonnet, Constructed of some shredded hay, She piles a lot of fruit upon it, And walks along the Gay White Way. —N. Y. Evening Mail.

When lovely woman writes a story Covering seven hundred pages, She fills it full of love and glory, And sends it thundering down the ages.

- Chicago Daily Tribune.

When lovely woman goes to college And studies there to get through, The boys scoff at her thirst for knowledge, And say "She's here to see who she can do." -Us.

Picture Page for the Children





Or rather on the ground, dher combs, and puffs and pins, an things. Were scattered all around, ad to help her up, and then, to couldn't end just there epromised to be mine, if I Amald smely set, a nair.

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Life.

"Do you believe in love at first sight?" asked the coy young thing.

I certainly do," replied the brute. "If men were gifted with second sight they would never fall in love."

Does one necessarily have fishing-tackle on the brain when it reels?

- "He's quite a shining light isn't he?"
- "Yep-same as the moon," "How's that?"
- "Brighter the fuller he gets."

"Do you believe in heredity?"
"Certainly. I know a barber, who has three little shavers!"

"Why do all fairy-tales begin, "Once upon a time?"
"They don't. Some begin 'I'mawfully sorry, Jack, but we had a quiz sprung for tomorrow and as I have to buck, I won't be able to keep that date tonight, and—,"

"I understand drinking is one of his failings."
"You have been misinformed. It's his most pronounced success."

The Last Resort

"Tell me, where is fancy bred?" said her poetic lover. "Let's try for it at some good restaur-ant." replied the girl of the period, hun-grily.—Harper' Bazar.

Miss Wouldbe—Now tell me how you pronounce directoire?
Miss Can'tbe—I pronounce it indecent.

"Mention some by-product of petroleum." "Chicago University."

"Did her electrical engineer Molly marry?"
"Yes, and it was a great shock to everyone."

"What was Prof. Greene's lecture about, today?" "He neglected to state."

"What do you put on your face after shaving

'Court-plaster."

"You love me I know."

"How do you know?"
"How do you know?"
"Why, I love you; therefore I'm in love, All the world loves a lover, and you're all the world to me."

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When the doctor turns to say When the doctor turns to say
"It's a girl,"
Papa murmurs with dismay
"What! a girl
"Just a girl!"
Oh, but why the sadness there?
Why the bitterness displayed?
Some day some strong man will swear
That great round world was made
For that girl,
Just that girl.

Why did Adam take the bite? Why did Adam take the bite?
For a girl,
Just a girl;
Why was Troy swept out of sight?
For a girl,
Just a girl;
O would heaven still be bright,
And would any good man care
To achieve it if he might
Never claim forever there
Just a girl,
Glorious girl?

Mr. Smith ordered chicken broth at the Fatted Cafe', and after tasting it he called the waiter and said: "Will you kindly tell me how you make this chicken soup?"

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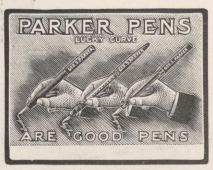
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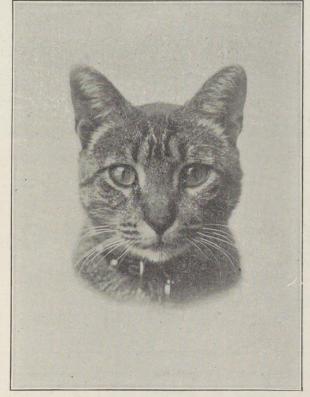
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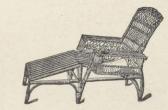
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