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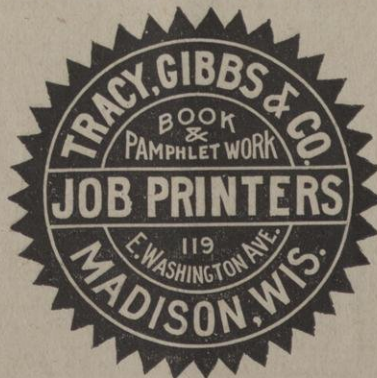
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# THE SPHINX.

Vol. I.

MADISON, WIS., MAY 25, 1900.

No. 16

## My Way.

You may be a little too late, dear,  
For this gay old town of ours;  
And you may have lingered too long,  
dear,  
In some other suburban bowers.  
But your form and face are enough,  
dear,  
To give you a place in my heart;  
And some co-ed beauties I know, dear,  
And I on this day must part.  
I know that we two can agree, dear;  
For the soul that is back of those  
eyes,  
I know from their look into mine, dear,  
Is free from coquettish disguise.  
It seems that through all of the past,  
dear,  
I have lived with the thought of to-  
day;  
And my life is reborn for all time, dear,  
With you as the light and the way.  
Perhaps this is sudden for you, dear,  
And the world will look on aghast;  
But it seems we can never make up,  
dear,  
For the wearisome years of the past;  
So we'll just be a world to ourselves,  
dear,  
And go on with to-day as the start,  
Whatever the ending may be, dear,  
We will live just a life of the heart.  
But to-day we will go to the meet, dear,  
And sit in the bleachers or stand  
We'll applaud all the runners to-day,  
dear,  
And the sounds from the 'Varsity  
band;  
And if when it's over and done, dear,  
I decide I have made a mistake,  
Why, I'll just see you off on the train,  
dear,  
And go cover myself in the lake.



## Could this be Wilder?

The state university periodical, THE SPHINX, of the free lance description is becoming what might be called "warm." The recent articles on the possibility of a politician as a successor to President Adams and on profes-

sors who write books, with the inference that the teaching is relegated to their less learned assistants, must hit a number of people, and something will no doubt fall quite soon.—*Wisconsin State Journal*.

IF a grass widow should marry a grass widower would their

children be bachelor buttons or widow's weeds?

A--HOW would you like to be a pie-eater in a museum?

B--Not at all. It is too much of a hand-to-mouth existence.



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Always remember that this is only fun and pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley.

THE MADISON city council had a fit of sanity the other night and elected to the position of city engineer the man that everybody wanted them to elect. The city, by the agreement of Prof. Turneaure to accept a rather undesirable job, seems to have struck an excellent bargain. Even the politicians have found that planning a sewage disposal plant and engineering a ward caucus are two distinct occupations, and that the law of division of labor should here be strictly applied.

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THIS IS an instance of a healthy tendency. We have all heard that college men couldn't apply their theories to practical life—and generally it has been noticed that they couldn't. We have also heard much talk about educated men in practical politics—and practical politicians have continued to be educated in nothing much but villainy. There are a few notable exceptions in the public eye just now, and perhaps they are becoming more numerous. They ought to. Because, you see, the common idea that colleges ought to fit men for real life is not so far out of the way. And as men, even college men, can't be hermits, they are pretty sure to be judged by the kind of citizens they make. The man who knows so much about Greek roots or coal-oil derivatives that he hasn't time to register and doesn't care who is the next governor—that man is a bad citizen and should be suppressed by public opinion.

NOW, university men have it in their power to make Madison an ideal town. A few of them are doing a good deal in that direction, and the rest can do a lot more. They can do it not only by acts, but also by influencing public sentiment. For instance. The position of mayor of Madison should be one of great honor. Men of the highest attainments should welcome an election to the office, both for the honor of the place and for the opportunity it offers of doing things. But is this the case? Hardly. Look over the list of mayors for the last five or six years, and consider—are they the kind of men that would be raised to the mayoralty of a university city in any country but this? Respectable men enough perhaps they are, but in no case men of the dignity, of the vigor, of the intellectual or administrative capacity that the position demands. We shall have better mayors when public sentiment regards the mayoralty in a better light, and probably not before.

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PARDON THE SPHINX for changing the subject. She wants to talk about a recent resolution of the regents. Now, don't imagine that THE SPHINX's sole delight lies in roasting the regents. They are very well-meaning gentlemen, and most of the things they do are quite sensible. But once in awhile they make a mistake, and the mistakes of public officials have to be discussed. That is the only

way to obtain their correction. The latest step of the regents is an entire reorganization of the college of law at one fell swoop. This radical measure has already been widely discussed, and it appears to meet the disapproval of everybody interested, except the regents and President Adams, who originated and recommended the reform.

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DID space permit, the resolutions would be published in full. Perhaps, though, that is unnecessary. Briefly speaking, Professors Bashford, Olin and Jones are removed from the law faculty; Professor Carpenter is relieved of the duty of instructing, and is continued as Jackson professor of law *emeritus*; the president is authorized to nominate a professor of law at a salary of \$1,600; and the dean and president are to employ special lecturers, who are to instruct not more than two hours per day, and who are to conduct all examinations without compensation.

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IT IS unnecessary to say anything about the three professors so summarily dropped. Any one who knows anything of the Wisconsin bar knows their reputation as lawyers. For years they have donated a large portion of their time—for the amount paid for their services is no compensation—and whatever standing the Wisconsin law school now has is due largely to them. Men come here from other states because their names are in the faculty list. Graduates look back to the training given by these men as a most important part of their professional equipment. And much of the work that they are now doing is to be turned over to a man whose whole time can be obtained for \$1,600 per year! A simple statement of the idea shows its absurdity.

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OF COURSE we are told that these men may be retained as special lecturers. Well, suppose the offer is made to them, which is not certain, and suppose they accept the changed position, which is even less certain. No one of them can devote more than one day in a week to instruction, and they will be limited to two hours per day, where they now give three. So in the most favorable view, a large proportion of their services will be lost. Besides, the school loses all the prestige that is given by having such names in its faculty. To be sure, the plea is made that no man can teach for three hours in succession and do justice to his work. If anybody seriously believes that statement, let him watch any one of these men engaged for seven or eight hours a day, for days and weeks in succession,

in the trial of an important case, and then say if he thinks three hours of teaching will produce complete exhaustion. There are many of us humble students who will be mightily interested in learning that the regents consider three hours of work too much for a single day. Then we are told by the *Daily Scaredinall*, the regents' semi-official mouthpiece, that the attention of these three professors will be directed mostly toward the work of the middle and senior years. As a matter of fact, the change will be more likely to confine them to the junior and middle classes.

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COMMONLY when a man has held a job for some time he expects to be warned a few days before he is fired. Such consideration, it seems, is not due university professors. Not only were they given no notice that the president would recommend the change, and no opportunity to state their views on the subject before the regents acted, but they were not even notified that their positions had been abolished until nearly a month after the passage of the resolution. If this is the way that business is regularly done at the University of Wisconsin, it is time for a change in the direction of fairness and straightforwardness.



BLACK ART.



## THE LAW FACULTY.

## What Madison Lawyers Say of the Proposed Change.

## Need Contact With Practicing Lawyers.

Law students should regularly come in contact with some practicing lawyers. Any arrangement that does not provide for this would be very unfortunate.

FRANK W. HALL.

## "A Very Bad Thing."

The change proposed by the board of regents is a very bad thing. It is all right for a student to get theoretical law, but there is absolutely nothing that will do him as much good as to get his law from men who are engaged in the rough and tumble of legal practice. It is largely the following of this principle that has given Wisconsin's law school the standing it has. To abandon it would be a fatal mistake.

A. G. ZIMMERMANN.

## "No Reason for the Change."

In regard to the change in the law faculty contemplated by the recent action of the regents, I would say that I am strictly opposed to it. There seems to be absolutely no reason for the change.

ERNEST N. WARNER.

## Col. Bird's Opinion.

The change in the law faculty contemplated by the regents it seems to me will impair considerably

the efficiency of the law school. I understand one of the reasons urged for the change is that a person engaged solely in teaching law can impart more valuable instruction than one actually engaged in practice. I think the proposition refutes itself. An active, energetic practitioner knows more law and can teach more law than any theorist, however able he may be. I always considered Professors Jones, Olin and Bashford the strength of the law faculty, and I do not think their places can be well filled by calling in theoretical teachers of the law, even though at less expense. But the greatest objection that occurs to me in the change is the degree in which it will weaken the faculty of the law school. These professors are doing really valuable work and they ought not to be interrupted in it.

GEORGE W. BIRD.

## "A Great Mistake."

This action of the board of regents is certainly a great mistake. I have much fear that it will work harm for the institution.

S. T. SWANSEN.

## From District Attorney Dudgeon.

I cannot look upon this move as a wise one. The three men from whom it takes professorships, by the very fact of their being experienced and successful practitioners, have held the standard of the law school as no mere theorist can. In fact, I do not see how they are to be replaced, if they do leave, by men who will do the work they have done and are doing.

M. S. DUDGEON.

## L'Avenir.

(With apologies to Kipling).

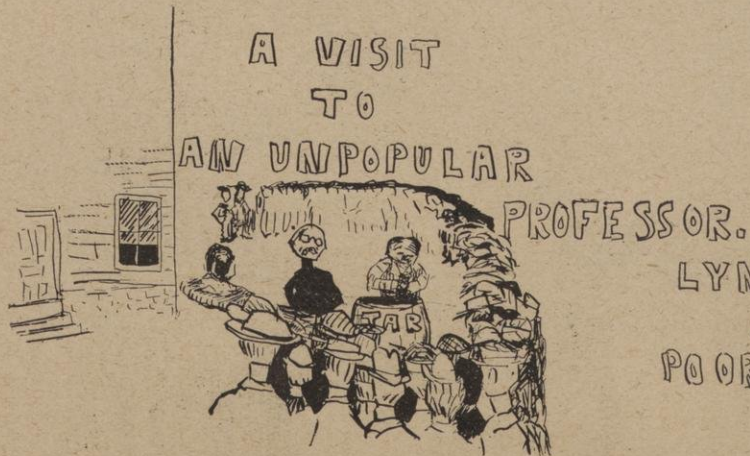
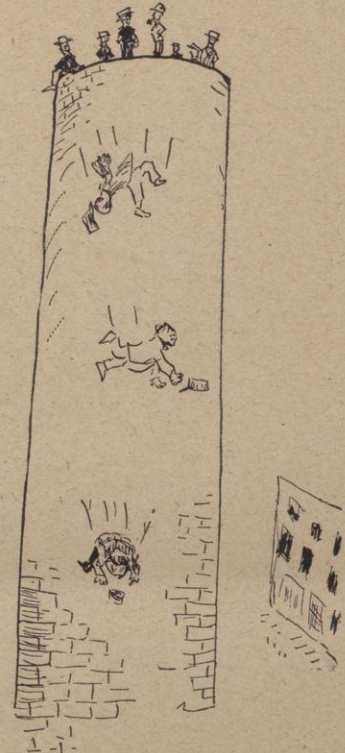
When the year's last Blue Book is written and  
The fountain pens have run dry,  
When the last hard exam. is finished,  
And we lay down our books with a sigh,  
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it;  
We shall loaf for a month—maybe two,  
Till Belief in Co-education shall call us  
To work anew.

And those that were good shall be happy; they  
Shall loll in a hammock or chair;  
They shall find real sleep is a blessing,  
With never a horrid night-mare.  
They shall sleep till ten in the morning  
Till a sweet voice gently shall call.  
They shall rise to eat mother's cooking,  
And never be tired at all.

And only our fathers shall praise us, and  
Only our fathers shall blame,  
For the Exs. and Cons. that are sent us, to  
Show how we've played in the game.  
But each for the joy of his loafing, and  
Each, in his separate place,  
Shall forget all his toil and his bucking  
And be glad he can rest for a space.

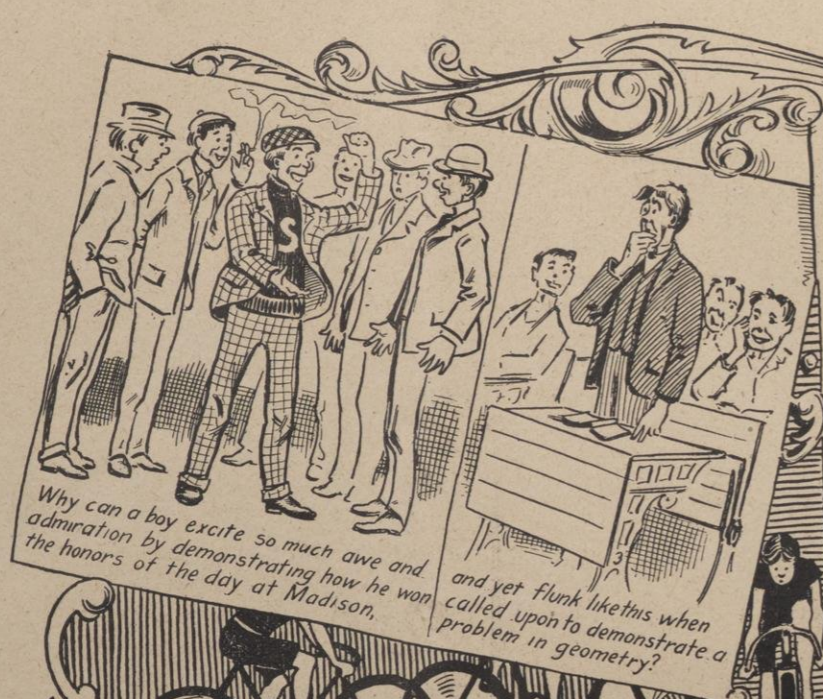
"DO you understand the principle of the new scaffold?" asked the prison warden.  
"I guess I'll soon get the hang of it," answered the condemned criminal.

PROF. REINSCH—An attorney is allowed great liberty, but must base his inferences on the evidence. If he makes remarks in the air, you can call him down.



SOME POPULAR BUT SLIGHTLY ERRONEOUS IMPRESSIONS OF LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

THE SINX.



Why can a boy excite so much awe and admiration by demonstrating how he won the honors of the day at Madison,



and yet flunk like this when called upon to demonstrate a problem in geometry?



Why does a big fellow like this recite, "An Ode to Spring?"



and a little like this "Horn of the Bridge?"



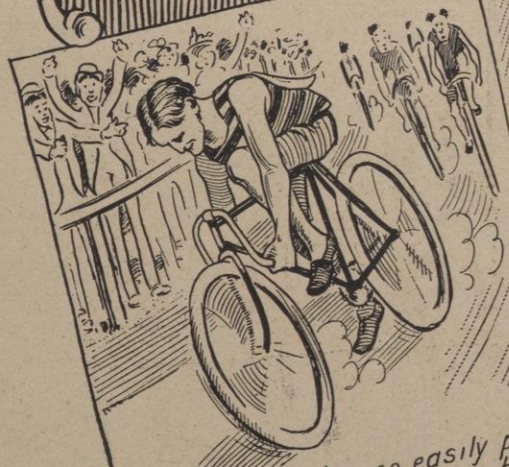
and this one takes for his subject "A thing of beauty is a joy forever"



Why will a boy exert himself like this in the mile run and think it is fun,



while he thinks it is a terrible task to bring up a scuttle of coal, for his mother, from the cellar!



Why can a boy so easily pass and yet find it such an examination in Vergil?



Why don't this fellow calm down? Surely he must be crazy to teatures. He looks a little awkward in this manner. Oh no: he is. Yes, but he has forgotten simply reciting the "Charge of the Light Brigade", at the contest.



Why does a boy receive such applause for accomplishing a standing high jump



and such reproaches for a low jump in standing?

## THE SPHINX.



Blessed No. 6649—What doth our Peter look glum about? Liver out?

Blessed No. 71144—Naw, e's only moulting.

#### More Boarder Items.

"I have often been impressed," said the P. G., as he thoughtfully peeled a radish and tried to get a look into the kitchen to see whether "it" was going to be pie or tapioca,— "with the striking similarity there is between a high school student and a mosquito."

"Spring it," said the Soph, since no one else seemed interested.

"Because his highest ambition is to enter the meet."

"Then, too, in both cases," supplemented the G. S. Sp., "it's points that count."

"By the way," said the senior, "speaking of mosquitoes and those other animals that imbibe their food by a sort of sucking action, rather than in the ordinary way, what are we going to do to Stagg in the forenoon?" "Oh, he'll be our meet this time," returned the P. G. with assurance. "You know the story about the sitting hen—or setting hen, we always called them,—No? Well this particular hen became convinced that it was no longer her duty to furnish Easter eggs for the house-

hold, but that henceforth her sphere lay in the line of matronly experience. In other words, as father would have said, she wanted to set. Now, when a hen sets out to set, or sit, if you prefer, it's harder to change her mind than it is for the faculty not to light on the most innocent man in a hazing scrape. The farmer who owned this hen tried in several ways to dissuade her, and finally he ducked her in a tub of water. This made her so hot that for six weeks she laid for him. Now, it's the same way, in some respects, with Wisconsin and Stagg. No, but I'll tell you on the square, I think Stagg's firsts will be scarcer than young kids that wouldn't run ten blocks to see a monkey and a hand organ."

And the sophomore girl said: "Oh dear, I do hope Wisconsin will beat in the Interscholastic."

#### Who Was It?

Just room for two  
In a little canoe  
Tied up to the shore.

Then two big feet  
Help in two little feet.  
Wanted!—no more.

Sun shines bright,  
Increased delight,  
Seldom so happy before.

Sun goes down,  
The dark clouds frown,  
Waves begin to roar.

Jump two little feet  
Up from the seat;  
The water covers them o'er.

Two big feet brave  
Two little feet save  
All on the shore once more.

Another canoe  
Now holds them true,  
But this one has a door.

With big feet fond,  
O'er life's great pond,  
Little feet sail evermore.

*Kathleen Morris, Class of 1900,  
Racine High School.*

#### No Wonder.

MRS. JONES, of Sparta—So you are not going to allow your son Jimmie to go to the Interscholastic at Madison?

MRS. BROWN—No, I am not. I do not think it a safe place for a boy of mine to go to. Why, they say that the students knock the professors' eyes out there; every day the students make stabs in their classes; the sorority girls cut some of the boys dead, and only a week ago one of the professors there sat down on one of the students. No siree, my Jimmie stays here in Sparta, where it is safe.



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1.	.....	.....
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1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
½ Mile Run:		
1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
1 Mile Run:		
1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
120 Yard Hurdle:		
1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
220 Yard Hurdle:		
1.	.....	.....
2.	.....	.....
1 Mile Walk:		
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Hammer Throw:		
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A Question of Grammar.

MISS STERLING—Will you give the passive voice of 'can, Mr. Armstrong?

MR. ARMSTRONG—Can't.

MISS S—Correct.

Wunderaufgewecht.

INSTRUCTOR — Herr Stabber, was bedeutet *nachnie*?

HERR STABBER—*Nachnie* ist der Gegenteil von *bow-legged*.

Probably.

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Prizes.

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For the best drawing, by Clarence L. Fairbanks, of Racine high school, a year's subscription to THE SPHINX and a copy of the 1901 *Badger*. For the best story, "An Old Maid Affair," a year's subscription to THE SPHINX,—Howard Van Wert Welty, Stevens Point high school. For the best piece of verse submitted, a year's subscription to THE SPHINX, Miss Kathleen Morris, of Racine high school.

## An Old Maid Affair.



arly in June the postman brought a letter from Aunt Cynthia, telling us of her intended visit. As I read the letter I said to myself, "Now you are in for it." She was to arrive on the following Saturday afternoon.

Miss Cynthia Almira Jenkins was not our real aunt, but we always called her that because she was a distant relative of the family, being my grandfather's sister's oldest daughter. She had lived in Endsville for the last half century or more, and taught school in that little, quiet country village for nearly forty years, but lately had been asked to resign, and given a teacher's pension.

Saturday afternoon I walked to the station, thinking of the embarrassment I was doomed to undergo.

As the train stopped I stood on the steps of the station watching for Aunt Cynthia to come through the heavy iron gates. After watching a short time, I saw the tall, lean, angular form of a woman pass through the gate. She had a very old-fashioned poke-bonnet on her head tied with a large bow of rusty, black ribbon underneath her chin. From each side of this head-dress, on each side of her wrinkled, set old face, emerged a bunch of tight little curls. About her thin shoulders was a Paisley shawl. In her black cotton-gloved hands were a bird-cage, band-box, carpet-bag and sunshade.

"Oh, ye maids of Cranford!" I thought, as I hurried towards her, for I knew this very singular looking person must be Aunt Cynthia Almira Jenkins.

"How do you do, Aunt Cynthia," I said, as I shook hands

with her, after she had emptied her right hand.

"Why, sakes alive! Charles Stuart, how ye are grown since I saw ye! Why, I remember of holding you in my lap when you were six months old; but, dear me, when you looked at me you began to cry so, I had to give you back to your mother; how is she, Charles?"

I assured her my mother was well, and asked her if she would not take a carriage. I thought by this means to be rid of carrying her luggage through the crowded streets.

"Why, Charles, I wouldn't be shut up in one of them coops where I couldn't be free to jump out if the horses should run away; no, I'll walk."

I took her bag to the wagon, and then we were ready to start for home. Aunt Cynthia insisted on taking my arm so she could walk easier.

If you can imagine a young fellow, walking along the very familiar streets of his native town with an old maid, carrying a band-box and sun-shade on one of his arms, and a bird cage in his other hand, meeting friends and schoolmates at every corner, you can have some idea of the way I felt toward Aunt Cynthia Almira Jenkins on that Saturday afternoon.

But this was not to be my greatest embarrassment.

Sunday morning Aunt Cynthia and I went to church. As I play the organ, we went early. I gave Aunt Cynthia a seat where she could see the minister and people. All went very well until church was over. I was playing a voluntary while the congregation was passing from the church. Mr. Wood, the minister, was near the door shaking hands and speaking to the people. Nearly all had left. Aunt Cynthia was

in the back part of the church, standing with folded arms, waiting for me. Mr. Wood was approaching her and was about to shake hands with her when, to my mortification, I heard Aunt Almira Jenkins cry out in her shrill, cracked, high-pitched old voice:

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*Howard Van Wert Welty.*  
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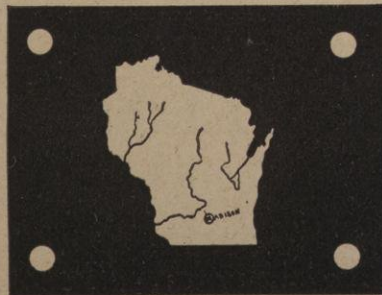
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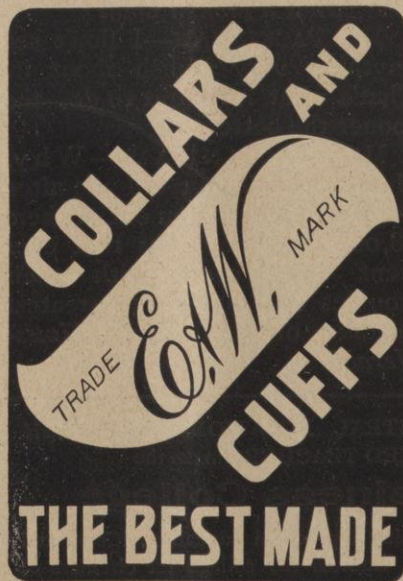
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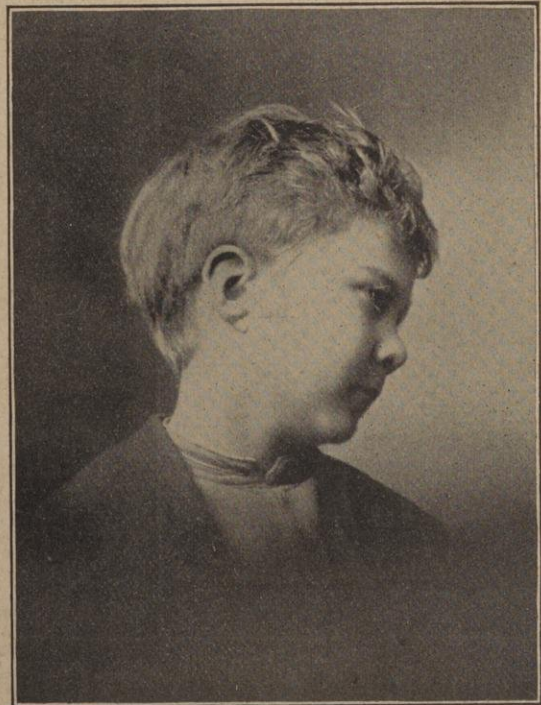
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