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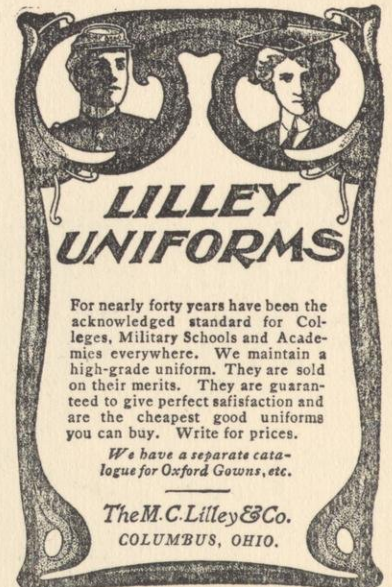
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And now I can't see where a cent's coming from.

Pawn?—I have pawned things in fulsome variety—

Overcoat, watch, and a new fountain pen—
So I must shun all the charms of society—

Busted again!

Busted Again—And my credit's exhausted

Landlady, tailor and hatter are sore.

Touched up my friends and got direfully frosted,

When I attempted to borrow some more.

Fees will be due when we start the semester.

Where in the deuce can I capture the 'yen?'

This is a fracture that's starting to fester—

Busted again!

Busted Again—What? a check from Aunt Lucy!

Whoop! and a fat one—oh beamish old girl.

Fortune is lucious and joyous and juicy.

Gee! won't I make things go humming and whirl.

Save it? Not Willie, not I, if I mind myself.

Not while a twenty is left, or a "ten."

No—I shall spend till I finally find myself

Busted again!

—Berton Braley.

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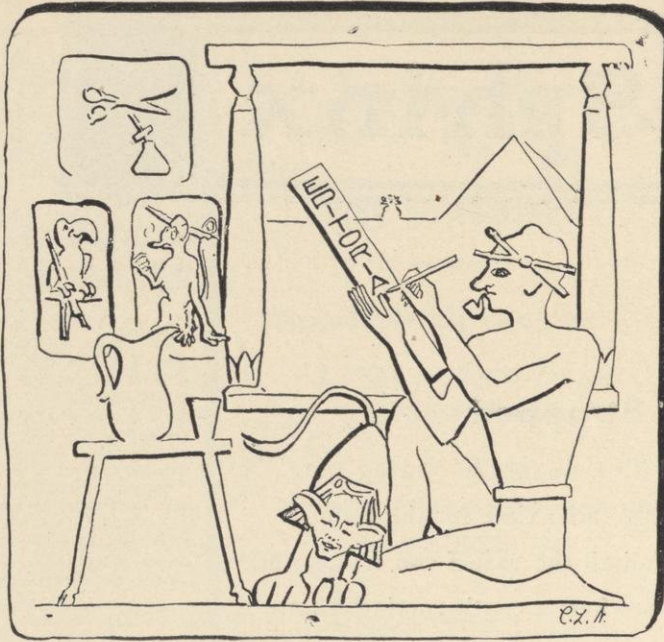
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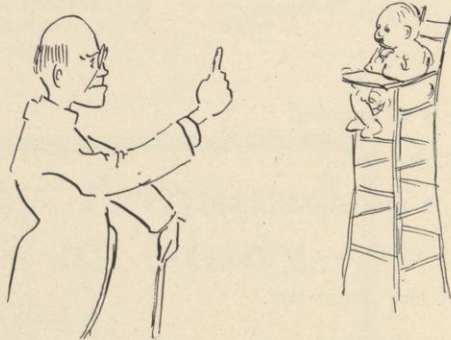
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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley



Children, obey your parents.

WD. HIESTAND has told us on behalf of the faculty, that our period of ecstatic rapture, exams, is to be lengthened about four days, and that furthermore, if we do not come back to school right on time the second semester we won't be allowed to play at the June Scribble Fest. This is another indication of faculty thoughtfulness and solicitude about our scholastic future. The lengthening of "strenuous week" may be necessary, but the other rule is merely one of those ever more frequent manifestations of paternalism which have been given us by a fatherly faculty.

Such rules applied to mid-semester vacations are useful and almost obligatory in order to maintain a decently continuous attendance on uninterrupted courses, but a new semester is as distinct and separate as a new year, and if the student chooses to enter late it is his own business and his own loss. If we are to have high school discipline here lets change the curriculum, provide for high school studies and high school study hours with a fifteen-minute recess at 11 A. M.

CHILDREN MUST NOT WHISPER WITHOUT
PERMISSION FROM THE TEACHER.

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Reading maketh a full man.

WE at Wisconsin have not cultivated one habit which we ought. It is a desultory sort of habit, requiring little effort, yet rich in rewards, and in a certain careless culture. That habit is browsing. We go to the Libe and read religiously—or some of us do—the books assigned by our Professorial Directors, and feel that thereby our learning is much increased, but of the real joy of books we know little. To realize that we should wander aimlessly from case to case, picking up such volumes as appeal to us, here a quaint medieval story, a book of scintillant essays, or a dainty volume of poems-we-have-never-heard-of-before, there a portly old collection of colonial biography, redolent of the days of “patch and hood, of brocade and knickerbockers,” or a modern novel of business or politics. We should not seek but find, and in this thoughtless, wayward reading we will glean much of “sweetness and light,” and best of all, whet our desires for more.

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WE ARE a lusty bunch of enthusiastic boosters, aren't we? Some of our number who have the vigor to go ahead and build a rink that the rest of us may skate despite the snow, get knocked and slammed profusely—just why, the knockers themselves scarcely know. The rink is not a graft. It is a student convenience, run by students and the receipts all go into improvements and maintenance—if it were possible to run the place without price, it would so proceed, but alas the gross commercialism of workmen who insist on their wages and dealers who ask their pay—makes an expenseless rink impossible.

Quit knocking—just boost.

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O, weary mother, drive the cows to roost.

WORK! We've all loitered along lingeringly in the usual pre-Xmas style and have enjoyed ourselves, but the days of dalliance are done and it's up to us. Exams but a month away. Freshmen, buck up on that history, get in that topic, and delve a little deeper into those algebraic formulæ. Sophomore, forget Kehl's and Kirch's and forsake the midnight lunch for the midnight oil. Juniors, remember that your present dignity is not quite proof against cons, and, Senior, chuck the politics and the play, forget the real college devil pose, and get busy on the thesis, the topic and the neglected review.

Work!

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WE MAKE A special request for contributions to the Prom SPHINX. Such copy should be in by February first.

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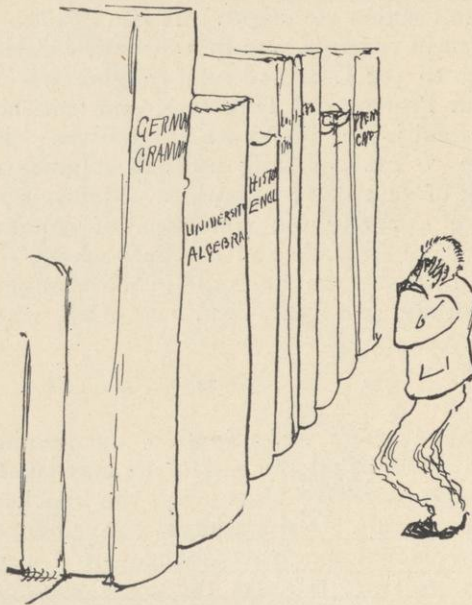
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Cramming

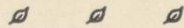


To cram is to stuff. We all know the expression, "Stuff and nonsense." This, then, may be written "Cram and nonsense," meaning that "to cram" is the stuff, and anything else is nonsense. Yet "and" shows some relation to exist between "cram" and "nonsense." This may be thus shown: Many of our studies are nonsense; we cram most of our studies; hence cramming has a fraternal relationship to nonsense. But nonsense is foolishness. Foolishness is folly, folly is fun and fun is wholesome. Therefore nonsense is wholesome. But nonsense is a brother to cram. Therefore cram is very near wholesome.

Hence if you cram you are not likely to fail on account of an ill condition. Wherefore, it is unhealthy not to cram.

And the logic of this is indisputable.

—Kim.



Said a clever young lady, "Oh dear,
I can't put my foot in my ear;
I tried it all night,
But I can't get it right,
Yet it ought to be easy, that's clear."



The rag man picked up his sack but slipped and fell beneath it. "I thought I'd go into the under clothing business," he grinned, on emerging.

Did you ever see a turtle selling tickets to a show,

With a lattice draped in myrtle
On his back?

Did you ever make endeavor to induce a plant to grow,
By balancing a lever

On a tack?

Did you ever see or never see
A collander of lace,
Debating with a Hollander
On Tea?

Did you ever see a sliver
Eating liver

At a pace,

That would shock a stock of Bach
Across the sea?

Did you ever?
No I never—

Well you haven't seen
Much have you?



Prof.—Mr. Briggs, what is a quorum.
Mr. B.—Two-thirds of the members present.



Sphinxograms

Cigars are like old love letters, better burned.



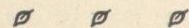
Blessed be the man who invented cooks.



He who thinks wrong of a woman because 'they' say so,—thinks wrong!



Self government rules are like pie crust, made to be broken.



A braggart can some times make good.



“Why does the French-
man fight with his feet?”
“That’s his sole defense.”

Young Doctor—Seems as though I'd
never get any practice.

Old M. D.—Have patience, my boy,
have patience.

Y. D.—That's just what I want. But I
lose my patience waiting for patients.



He is the limit.
Yes, a thirty cent limit.



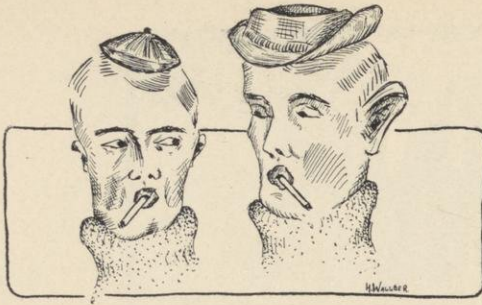
I always hate to go to bed,
For when I do, why then,
Next day I have to waken, and
Get up once more again.

I do not like to go to bed,
But it is plain as snow
That when I write such rot as this
It's clear I *need* to go.



“So Casey has left college, Warum?”

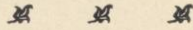
“Got insomania from trying to wake up
every morning and smother his alarm clock
before it went off.”



"His name is Charles Huats Burns."
 "I see. Huats in a name?"



"That's a bum joke," said the artist, as he put the last few strokes on the hobo picture.



Clerk (at book store)—Here is a literal translation of Tacitus which you haven't paid for.

Stabber—Well, I guess that's a horse on me all right.

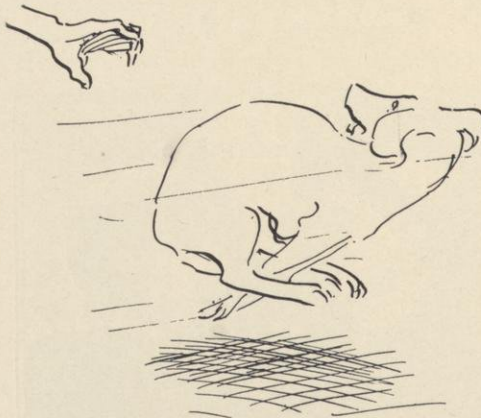


"That storm prognosticator has an awful big head."

"Yep. Weather vain."

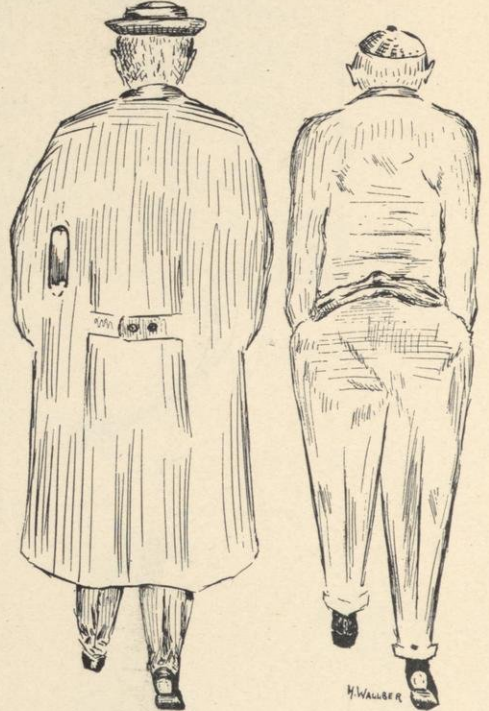


"Jinks says he has the bluest of blood."
 "Sure. Pa's an indigo manufacturer."



A man who was walking incog
 Tore his clothes on a nail in a log;
 Thus left sans apparel,
 And lacking a barrel,
 He borrowed the pants of his dog.

My cat is not lazy or fat
 And nobody to her says "Scat!"
 She don't scratch nor squall,
 Nor howl on the wall—
 The reason? I haven't no cat.

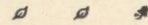


"You been pretty busy of late?"
 "Busy! Dead broke."
 "How'd you mean?"
 "Well, time is money."



"Do you think you could learn to love me?"

"I might, but I'm not interested in the morgue."



Dilatory Suitor—Are marriages made in Heaven?

She—Some men make people believe so, for it seems as if they never in the world would propose.



Mrs. B. (2 A. M.)—Now, William, give an account of yourself.

Wm.—Can'tsh give ac—hic—count; lef ledger at offish.



“The Bombardment of Poor Arthur.”



"Wonder if anyone saw me?"

Weisnichtwo

O the town of Weisnichtwo
 (In English, "None knows where"),
 That' where I'd like to go;
 It's free from wear and tear,
 For no one works down there,
 And the drowsy breezes blow
 To a lazy, drony air
 In the town of Weisnichtwo.

In the town of Weisnichtwo
 They lie around all day
 And sip in rapture slow
 Absinthe and pousse café,
 And they never have to pay.
 At night they see the show,
 And gay old dags are they
 In the town of Weisnichtwo.

In the town of Weisnichtwo,
 I guess I'd make a hit,
 For there ain't much that I know,
 And I'm pretty proud of it,
 And I never work a bit,
 (They're lazy, too), and so
 I think that I would fit
 In the town of Weisnichtwo.

The town of Weisnichtwo,
 That's where I want to go,
 For they never work down there,
 In the town of None knows where.

—J. H. H.



I would not care to go and see
 A place that ne'er existed,
 For my directions would, I'm sure,
 Get tortuously twisted.

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Etiquette

Never, never, darling children, put your
 tootsies in the pie,
 For the pie is wet and sticky and your
 shoes are nice and dry.

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Do not spit across the table, that is really
 out of place;
 If you must be mean to Georgie, throw
 your coffee in his face.

Do not take your napkin with you; take
the spoons or something dear,
Leave the napkins to your hostess as a sort
of souvenir.

Do not eat too much, be careful as the
dishes make their rounds;
No true gentleman or lady will eat more
than forty pounds.

Drop no gravy on your waiscoat, for it look-
eth scarcely well;
If you must take gravy with you, put it on
your coat lapel.



When your heels hit hard,
And your head feels queer,
And your thoughts rise up,
Like the froth on beer,
And your knees are weak,
And your voice is strong,
And you laugh like hell
At some dam fool song,
You're drunk, by gosh! you're drunk!



I would not like to walk the plank
To please a pirate brown;
For when I fell off in the sea,
I fear that I should drown!

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Al. says the town is pretty fair, but he says
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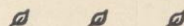
Ira Cross is around again. Glad to see
you, Ira.

Walt. Lueders blew in Monday after
Xmas. Said it seemed just like getting
home.

Gaius S. Woolledge is a prominent stu-
dent here.

"Happy" Boyle treated ye scribe to a
"smile" the other day. "Hap." is one of
the most prominent law students. Come
again, Hap!

Ye scribe would like items for our col-
umn and will not pay liberally for same.



Brother drank carbolic acid
And his death was scarcely placid;
Mother looked up from her laces—
"Child, don't make such awful faces!"

Clipped Quips

Explanatory

"In Europe"—Cholly Globetrot quoth,
 "The 'service' problem makes one wroth,
 In fact it doth appear to me
 (I've felt the qualms)
 That all the—"hands across the sea"
 Are—"Itching Palms."—*Record.*

Nay

"But he gave me his word."
 "Well, then how could he keep it?"—
Record.

Trying

"Just put yourself in my position," said
 the India Rubber man, tying himself into a
 true-lover's knot.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

Sure!

"That man has a perfect right to dictate
 to his wife."
 "How so?"
 "Oh, he married his stenographer."—
Tiger.

Well! Well!

"Percy had a hair's breadth escape from
 being shot."
 "How'd he get away?"
 "Fled between the bangs."—*Widow.*

Ah Goo!

"You look sick. Doesn't your pipe draw
 smoothly?"
 "No; sluggishly."—*Widow.*

Fie!

Doc.—Do you sleep well?
 Sicquer—I go to bed between eleven and
 twelve every night.
 Doc.—That's too many for one bed.—
Widow.

See!

Why is the second hand? For instance.
 —*Widow.*



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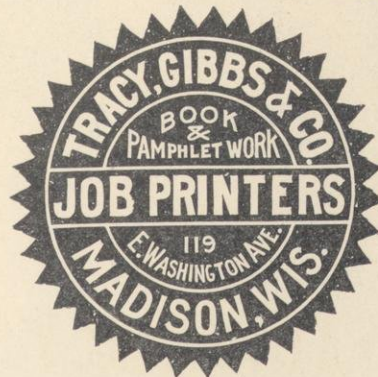
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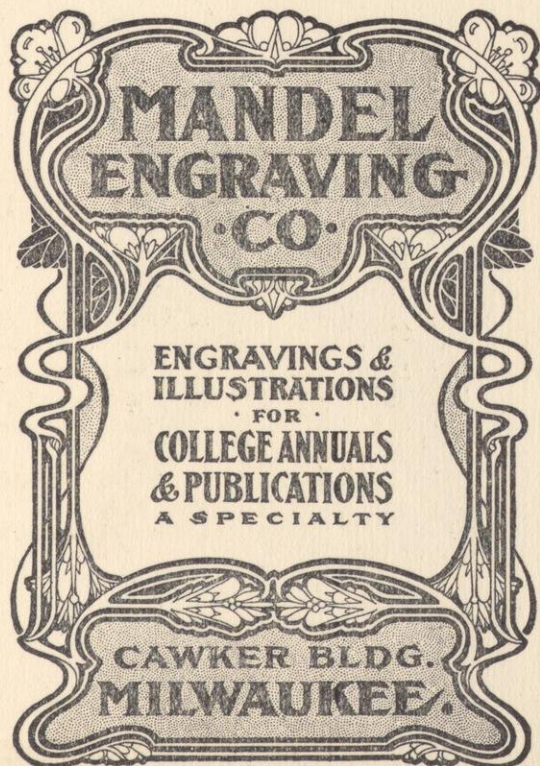
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