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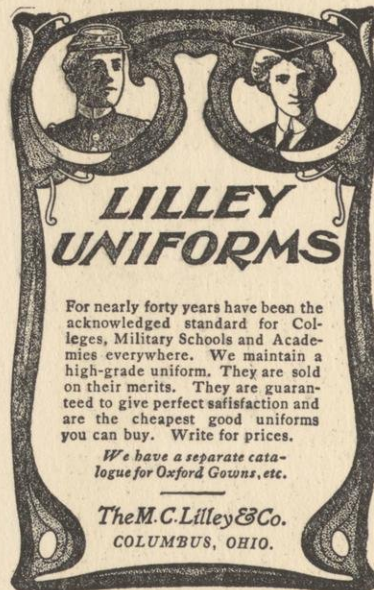
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And Susans smile is joy to greet.
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Melinda is a mayde discrete.
Beatrice hath an ankle neate
In Kathleen's dimples Cupid lies;
But most with love my heart doth beate
For Molly and her apple pyes.

Prue's raven haire mine eye entrances,
And Jane hath, ah! such dainte feete,
Belinda's charm yt mucche enhances
That she is timid, young and fleete,
Myrtilla's piquant and petite,
"And laughter lurks in Lucia's eyes."
But frome them alle, I'd faine retreat
To Molly and her apple pyes!

Clarissa's fudges stir my fancies,
And Mignon's cake makes blysse complete,
No rarebit quite compare's with Nancy's,
And Cora's tarts are savory sweete,
Patrician Rose and Marguerite
Make coffee that ye gods might prize.
Yt moste of all I love to meete
My Mollie and her apple pyes!

ENVOY.

Prince, there be many things to eate
For whiche in vaine ye poet sighes,
But I'll be trottying down ye streets,
To Molly and her appple pyes!

A. B. B.

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All the world loves a lover—until he's married.

A clever lie is better than a dull truth.

The pies mother used to make weren't half as impressive as the shingle father used to wield.

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Hope is the only cinch course in the curriculum of life.

Love and magnetism are very similar. They both decrease as the square of the distance.

No man is greater than his meanest acts.

"Two things greater than all things be
The first is you, and the second me.

Exams are coming and so is the Prom
SPHINX! Get busy.

THE CURLING CLUB AT THE UNIVERSITY is nothing new. It is a well known fact that a similar organization has long existed—*sub rosa*—among the co-eds.

THE INCREASED INTEREST this year in University dramatics is surely a most favorable sign. The fact that there are three full-fledged dramatic societies among the students insures plenty of friendly rivalry and correspondingly good results. One can not overestimate the benefits arising from a proper amount of dramatic training. It supplies a certain ease and self-possession which neither classroom nor literary society can furnish. The performances given by University talent deserve the liberal patronage of the student body. No pains are spared to produce the plays in a creditable manner. The acting is not the result of a moment's inspiration but of months of patient work. They should be attended as freely as an athletic meet, a joint-debate or any other strictly university event.

IN THE PAST it has been the object of THE SPHINX to present the brighter side of life. Far be it from THE SPHINX now to abandon her old-time policy and bring woe and desolation into any happy home. Yet THE SPHINX must speak the truth.

Dear reader exams are at hand. In a few brief days the sound of the fountain-pen will be heard in the land and the air will be blue with blue-books. Yes the melancholy days are come. To the Senior these mid-year examinations will be incidents—to a good many Freshmen they will be accidents. It all depends. The Sophomore and the Upper-classman know the importance attached to these nerve-rackers. The Freshman has much to learn. He does not realize that the University, with a kindly interest, will take good care that no Freshman wastes his time at college when he might be making his way in the sinful world. The first-year student who gets more than two cons will find a certain amount of restraint and coldness among his faculty friends. But all this introduction is merely designed to lead up to a very simple statement.

FRESHMEN BUCK!

Freshmen buck! Lay in a supply of midnight oil and get out your note-books. Dust your spectacles and buy a new eye-shade. The time is come when you must prove your mettle. The time is come when you must make a free decision: Madison or Huckleberry Center. On one hand there is a certain modicum of light and happiness and on the other the close observer will find considerable weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

THIS IS THE SEASON when most of us get restless. About us is a world of busy men, striving, hustling, succeeding or failing, but each trying to do a man's work "in a world of men." About us is work to be done, money to be made, and a place in the economy of business for us to fill. And yet, near as it all is to us, for a college is no longer a quiet cloister, afar from the busy streets—we have no part in it. We spend our days in reciting trivial lessons or hearing useless lectures, and our evenings in studying the same trivialities. The dully dreary routine of grind, grind, grind, drags along, and weary hearted we sullenly go through it, without enthusiasm or apparent result.

That is the way it seems to us or most of us now. And it is a natural feeling, for the good of a college training does not show itself in a sudden or startling effervescence of brilliancy. It is a slow growth, tiresome to wait for, but worth it in the end, and only to be gained by going through all seasons of blueness and dullness.

The great active world is about us, and our place in it is here until the years shall make us fit men and women to fill larger places and assume greater responsibilities in a broader province of life.



A palmist in Afridistand,
To read could find nary a hand,
Till he found an oasis,
From which as a basis,
He read palms and had dates at command.

R. H. K.

A handsome young man from Cohoes,
Used to write with the end of his nose;
When the folks asked him why,
He retorted, "Oh fie,
Just observe how the apple tree grows!"

I. H. T.

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„Ah, beauty and the beast.”

‘He’s certainly a beaut, but she’s not so bad either.’

More Fond Parents.

When Johnny ate the baby’s eyes,
It caused his mother much surprise.
She said, ‘Why Johnny, your’re unkind,
For ‘Out of sight is out of mind!’”

James put zinc in mama’s cream,
Mama perished with a scream.
Father said—with angry eye—
“Careless boy—and cream so high!”

If all the sea were themes, dear lass,
All made for me and you,
And all the land were lecture notes,
What would instructors do?

K. T.

OBSERVATIONS OF EL HAREB.

The sage El Hareb attended a lecture given by a young instructor at the University of Wisconsin. When the lecture was over, he said to one of the students, ‘I noticed in this lecture that after the first few moments the students put aside their note books and spent the rest of the hour in studying other lessons. Why was that?’

‘Your observations were quite superficial,’ said the student, ‘or you would have discovered the reason. The instructor said in the first few minutes all that he knew about his subject. The rest of the time was devoted to digressions and to repeating in different words all he had already said. This practice is common among young instructors.’

E. R.



Said Brother Bill to Sister Nell,
At Varsity I’ll work like xxxx.



But after he was rushed and bid,
A xxxxx of a lot of work Bill did!

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A DISSERTATION ON THE JOLLY.

Some one has said that the Jolly is the oil which lubricates the wheels of society. The Jolly is more than a lubricant—it is an Institution, a Principle and a Unifying Influence. It reassures the Freshman, checks the Sophomore, polishes the Junior and comforts the Senior. It tones down the Swell and injects manners into the Dowd. It caresses the Co-ed, and makes pliant the Prof.; it tickles our Vanity, laughs at our Foibles, puts balm on our hurts and educates us all.

The expert Jollier is a Genius, the tactless Jollier is no Jollier, and from this come deductions. No Jollier is a tactless Jollier—and most Geniuses are Jolliers. Most great men have been excellent at the deceptive Jolly, which consists in making people believe you don't want them to do what you want done. He was a great Jollier who said: "If you want a thing well done, threaten to kill the man who does it!"

The Jolly was first developed by Eve, and ever since women have been expert in jollying men into being good—or otherwise.

We owe the highest development of the Jolly to civilization—indeed without it civilization would be intolerable. Without the Jolly no one would get married or print a newspaper, and we should lapse into barbarism. To sum up—the Jolly is the Standard Oil of Life, the Monopoly of Culture, and the opalescent Jewel of finished Prevarication.

KIM.

First fond mamma—My boy made Phi Beta Kappa in his third year.

Second Ditto—Now isn't that strange, my oldest boy married a Delta Gamma.

Mary—"When John proposed he didn't know what to say."

Phyllis—"That's funny, he's had experience enough."

"Father, what is a Regent?"

"A Regent, my son, is a man who does not believe in presidential government. Now run away and get your Economics for Ely."

"Jones told a story I'll never forget at dinner yesterday."

"That so, what was it?"

"I can't remember."

Wixman—"I'm in an awful fix."

Fixman—"How's that?"

Wixman—Went to see Prue last night and she fed me Welsh Rarebits. Now I don't know whether I'm in love or got stomach trouble.

"What kind of cheese did she use?"

"Limburger."

"Well, it's not love!"



"The professor made an awful break to-day."

"What did he do?"

"He was asking questions about the Civil War, and everyone flunked dead. Finally he turned to Miss Oldgirl and said, 'Miss Oldgirl, will you please enlighten this class on the subject? I know you are thoroughly familiar with *that* period!'"

"Then he saw a fixed look on her face, and added apologetically, 'Oh, I beg your pardon; of course you were a young child then and have forgotten.' George, it got so cold we had to thaw out the thermometer."

"What's this I hear about Capt. Curtiss? They say he's drinking hard."

"Drinking nothin'—they simply say he's fond of Beers."



THE COLLEGE STORY AS WE SEE IT.

CHAPTER I.

"Stuyvesant Sylvester was by far the most popular man in college. Tall as a giant, broad as a blacksmith, handsome, gentlemanly," etc., 846 words descriptive of Stuyvesant, followed by 937 words describing his college honors.

CHAPTER II.

"On the other hand Oscar Slavinslski was a man whom no one liked," etc., 1153 words describing the awful villiany of the villian, with 932 words descriptive of his failures in college.

CHAPTER III.

"Both Stuyvesant and Oscar had for four years loved the same girl. Phyllis Astorbilt was one of those dainty, sylph-like creatures," etc. 1972 words descriptive of the beauty and charms of Phyllis.

CHAPTER IV.

"And now the time had come when Phyllis must make a choice between her two lovers. On the one hand there was the tall handsome Stuyvesant, who had everything in his favor except wealth; on the other hand Oscar, rich and unattractive," etc. 939 words describing how the poor girl felt.

CHAPTER V.

"Stuyvesant took his sweetheart into his arms, and for many moments no word broke the sacred silence of their love," concluded in about one million words descriptive of how they both felt, with a sentence to dismiss the villian, Oscar, for all time. "And you," says Stuyvesant to his hated rival, "you, to the dog-wagon! Bah!"

W. E. B.

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Baron Munchhausen had just finished one of his justly famous tales, and was about to start another, when his old time rival came in. "Hullo, Munch," he said casually. "I've got a little story for you, very short, but makes yours look like thirty cents."

"Well?" answered Baron, glowering over his stein.

"Prof. Coffin let out classes ahead of time today."

The Baron paled and clutched his chair arm for he saw his reputation going.

"And Prof. Scott has sworn off roasting Freshmen."

This time the Baron gasped.

"And the Regents have chosen a president!"

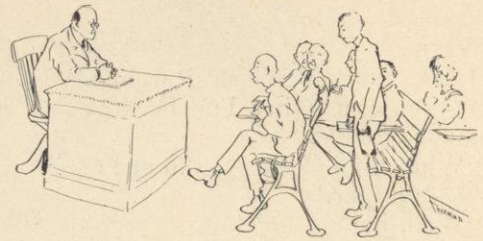
There was a terrible shriek—the Baron threw up his arms and fell dead. His heart was broken.

P. N.



Bills or the Prom? Which.

New Books.



The Crisis—Churchill.

The German lover and his lass sat on the sofa spooning.

Under the sofa was the traditional small brother—who in this case was named Hans.

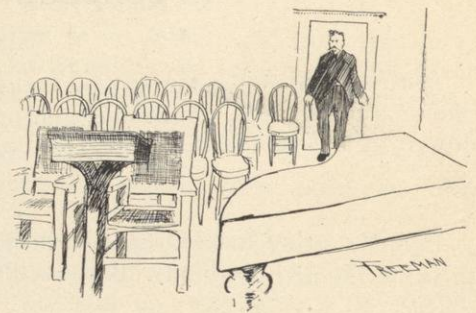
Suddenly there was a loud smack, and Hans cried exultingly:

"Ach! I seen you did it! I heard you did it!"

The German lover and his lass seized Hans by the collar and jerked him off his feet.

A deep voice came from upstairs: "Daughter, was you kissin' dot young man?"

The daughter's voice floated up in a silvery alto, "Ach no, vater, ve was shust shakin' Hans," which for the slow German mind was not bad.



Seats of the Mighty—Parker.



AT THE HOP.

"Any way," said Ella, in a manner that was intended to impress me, "you're perfectly horrid to-night. You're just as contrary as you can be; now aren't you?"

"I may be horrid," I said, "but I insist that I am not contrary."

"Why," she said, positively, "you are contrary. The very act of denying it proves that you are."

"All right," I said. "Granting that this is true, I admit the original accusation that I am both horrid and contrary. Now where are you? If I admit that I am contrary, the act of so doing proves me guiltless of the charge, for if I *were* contrary, as you say I am, I would not admit it, because that would make me uncontrary, and"—

Then the band played and I fled. It was getting too deep for me.

H. R. H.

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Coming.

Don't you hear the awful rumble, and the
deep sonorous grumble,
That is filling all the atmosphere and shak-
ing up the ground.

It's a signal of the season and the dullest
knows the reason,
For things are always that way when
exam time comes around.

When the Frat man quits his fussing, and
the Grind is heard discussing,
How to get Phi Beta Kappa—and we hear
the joyful sound
Of the teacher's voice enquiring for the
topics he's desiring,
Then we know we'd best get busy when
exam time comes around.

And the Co-ed cuts out dances and reserves
her glowing glances.
For her tangled text of Vergil or philoso-
phy profound,
And the midnight oil is burning while the
most of us are learning,
What we should have learned three months
before exam time comes around.



"Oh fudge," said Uncle Charlie, laughing.

Then the telephone is jangling, and you
find each other wrangling,
"Can I have the 5th?"—"Ring off there"—
"Who is this?"—"She can't be found."
"How about the 10th?"—"You're crazy"—
"No"—"I can't" "Why surely—
Mazie,"

There are other things than study when
exam time comes around.

A. B. B.

Once again the SPHINX, dozing under
the lunch cart, listened hopefully.

"I wonder" said one student—and THE
SPHINX wagged her tail gleefully—"why
they made this cart with wheels?"

THE SPHINX, scenting danger, moved
yet a little way off.

"Because" said the second student who
always appears in this connection, "it can
then make light rolls in summer!"

THE SPHINX bit a large chunk of sand-
stone out of her lower lip and attempted to
bury herself in the sand.

"And."—

"And as you were about to say" put in
the editor—"it could then be made easier
for any *tired* fellow who *spoke* to ask when
the *axle* be used to cut the *tongue* for the
sandwiches under the *trees*. Only you'd
have made various and sundry remarks as
to the actions of THE SPHINX. Cut it
short."

Thus THE SPHINX, disappointed slunk
back to her place by the waste basket and
slowly devoured a cord of wood contributed
by honest subscribers.

W. I. W.

Timericles.

We think, and you hardly can blame us,
That the dress suit they wear in Bahamas
(A shawl and a shoe),
May be all right, it's true,
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—Tiger.

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"Yet he may be all right."

"I know; but imagine him walking in a straight and narrow path!"—*Tiger.*

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Dec. 23rd.

'04: What are you running for, Wally? You must be training for a sprint.

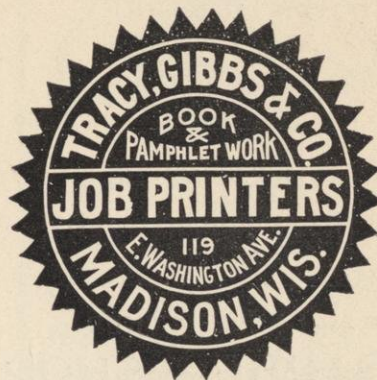
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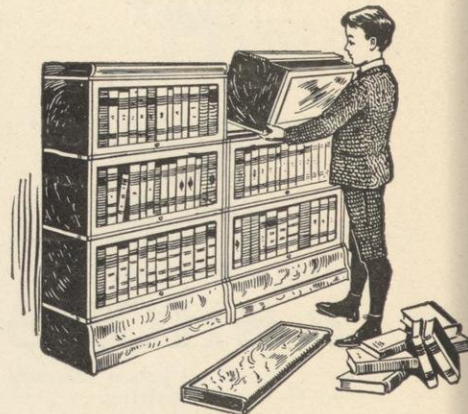
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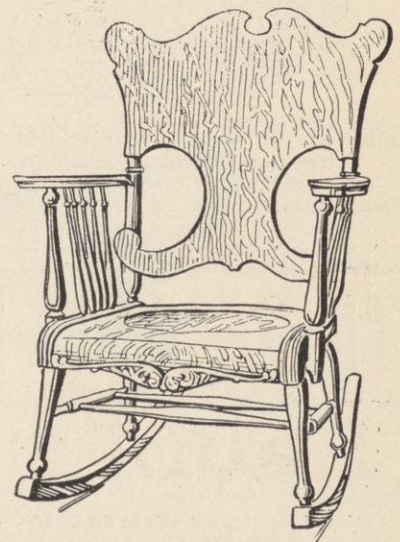
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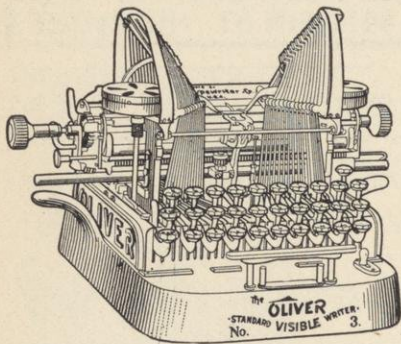
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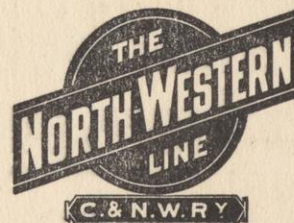
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