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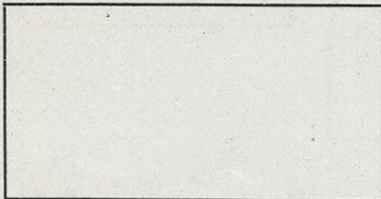
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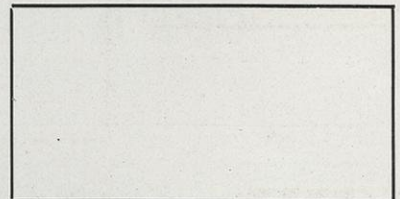
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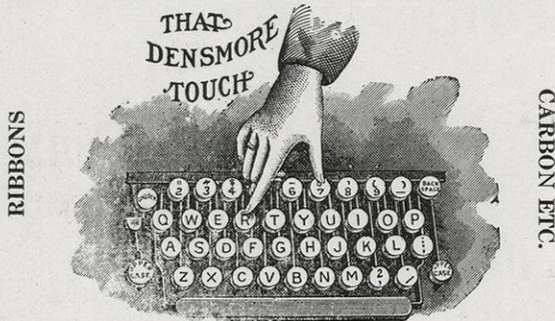


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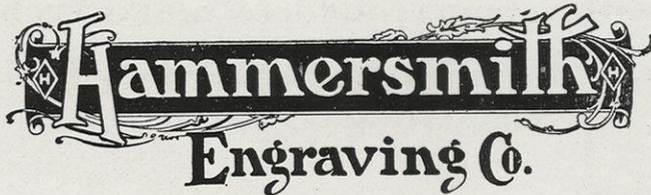
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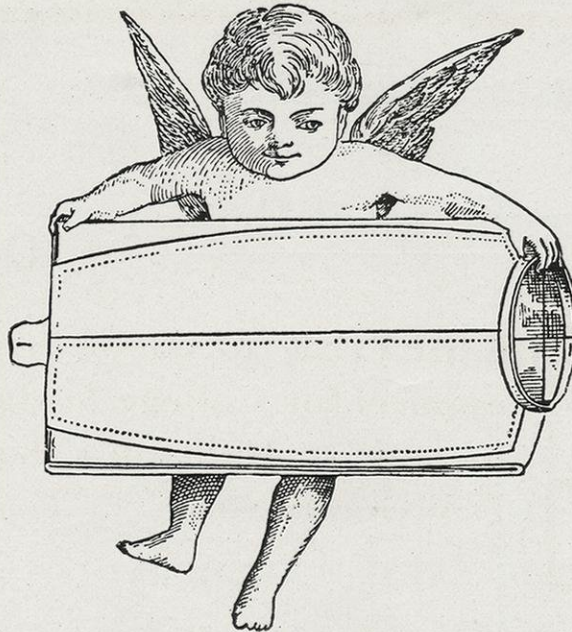
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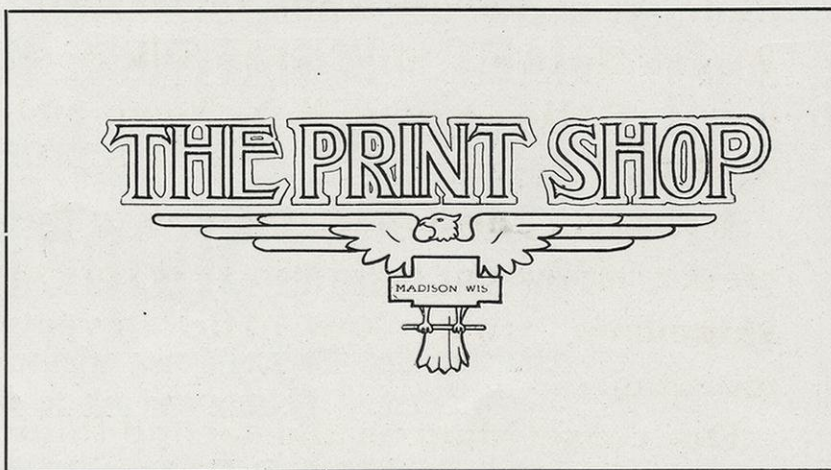
  
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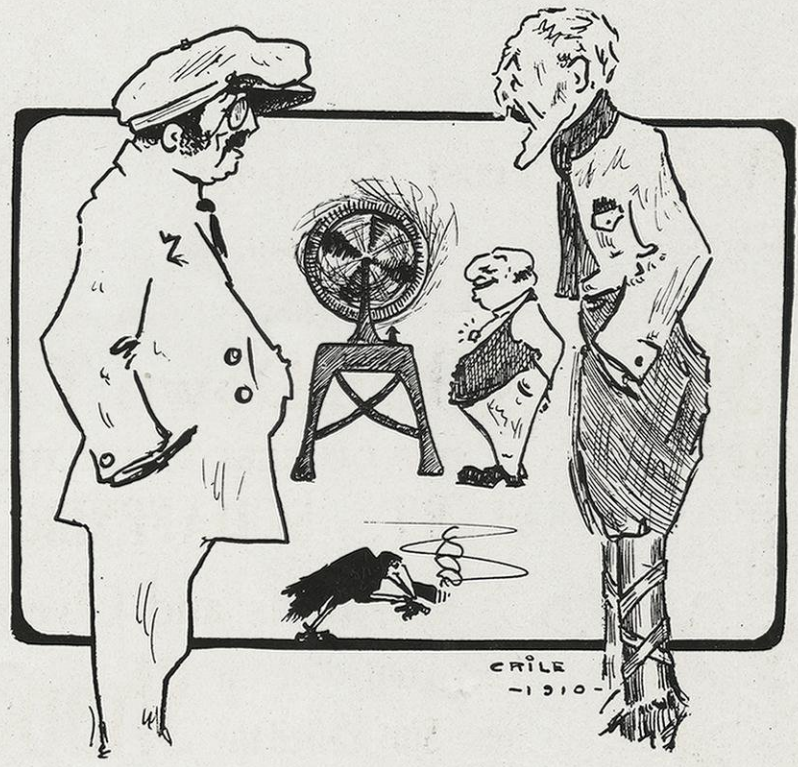
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D'Bord: You look thin, my lord!  
My Lord: I ought to. I just lost 20 pounds.





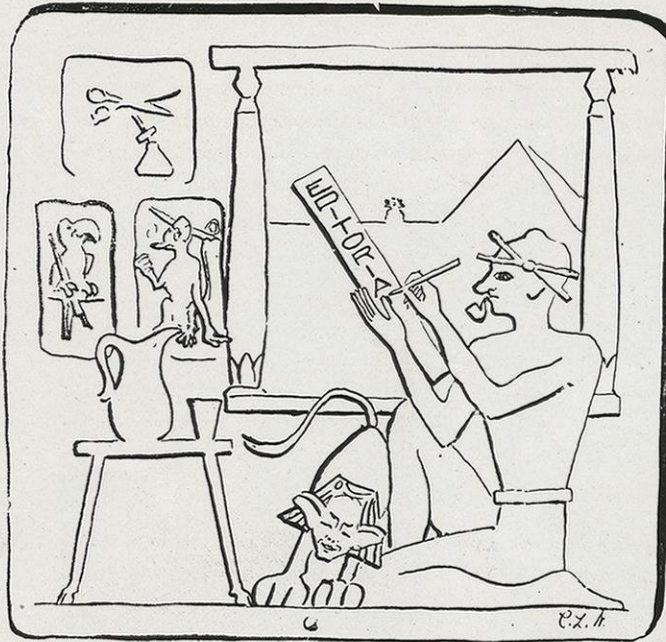
Adoration, Dorothy,  
Think of that from me.  
If the world that now you see  
Were a golden apple tree  
Bearing golden apples three  
None of them should be for me,--  
I'd only take the cores, you see,  
You should have the apples three.  
Adoration, Dorothy,  
Think of that from me!





Good Lord! If \_\_\_\_\_





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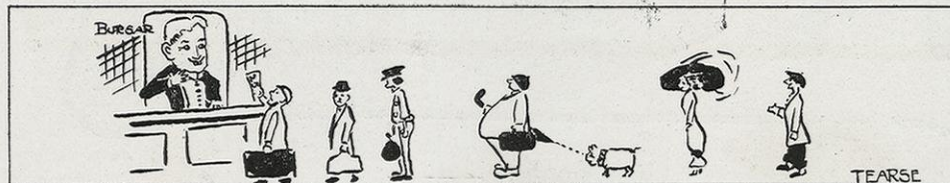
Always remember that this is only pretense, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true KINGSLEY

**W**ELL, it was the Sphinx's lazy intention to have all the ex-editors available write an editorial apiece for this number and one of them went so far as to answer her letters and come through. The others are all too busy with many things. Berton Braley—of Saturday Evening Post, Puck, and Life fame is the valiant supporter, and the following is his editorial—beginning with a “W” according to tradition:

**W**ith all the papers full of the “couldn't come back stuff,” fall is upon us, and the undergraduate, defying all but collegiate traditions, “comes back” to the delicious and debonair life the college student really ought to live—if he wants to conform to the real college story—and to the somewhat dull and prosaic existence he actually knows.

It is good to come back, to see old faces,—old, as college chronology goes—to shake hands of friends, to survey the new crop of freshies—it wasn't “frosches” in my day—and to pipe the latest line of skirts that is drifting in to get a social equipment of culchuh. It's good, for the four years you do it, but after you get out, if you're much account, you won't hanker to repeat the cycle, and you'll find the wide, wide world a pretty decent, liveable, jolly sort of place. College is all right, a college education is a great thing,—get it all, young man, study, foolishness and fussing—but don't get the “come back” habit, until you're one of these regular Madison fixtures.

Berton Braley





**W**HEN, toward the end of last year, there was considerable agitation on the subject of student conference reform, it ended with the definite conclusion that something would have to be done this year—and undoubtedly it will be done. The province, powers, prestige and importance of this body have developed to such an extent that the old senatorial idea has come to have serious drawbacks and has given rise to serious injustice. Although the purely representative conference idea is almost impracticable, a reasonable compromise should be effected between that and the senatorial idea.



**W**E, the students of this university, made a bargain last year that pledged the honor of ourselves and all those who come after us to put a stop to hazing. This word of honor must be kept this year and the student court will see to it that those who neglect to do so will have time to meditate about the value of a sense of honor—much time to meditate in the seclusion of their own home, far from the distractions of college life.

Although the old hazing system was not without its advantages, it is a good thing that it has passed out of existence. It was indiscriminate, aimless, sometimes cruel, and never, as practiced last fall, with any material benefits to justify its existence. But that is not why an old and long established custom is going out—it is going out because the students have pledged themselves to stop it. Will it stop?

The Sphinx stands ready to bet anybody a subscription, a co-op fountain pen, and a Fatima coupon that it will. Are there any takers?



With great regret the Sphinx records the death of a former assistant editor—John Valentine Mulaney, '08. One of the seats of the present board, that of Hollis Lorenz, '12, is also empty. The Sphinx would like to say how much he was liked and how much he will be missed but she hasn't the heart to do it—she feels it all too keenly.







It's hard to be poor.  
Seems to me it's  
damn easy.

S S S

You know the lat-  
est play has a scene  
in an operating room?  
That ought to be  
cut out.

S S S

Ma, what was your  
name before you were  
married?

Jeffer son.

Well, I heard the man  
next door say that dad  
married a corker.

The Girl: You say you were  
up late last night. What were  
you doing?

The Lad: I was drawing.

The Girl: I never knew you  
were an artist. What did you  
draw?

The Lad: I drew a full house  
once.

S S S

"Heavens," squawked the hen," when  
she saw a porcelain egg in her nest, "I  
shall be a brick layer next."

S S S

**A Sphinx Riddle.**

A rich man had two sons, one blonde  
and one brunette,  
And believe me, lady, they're a petted  
pair;  
The blondy left the brunette, with a  
gay girl for the mountains,  
His father followed after. Could he  
say for lighter heir?

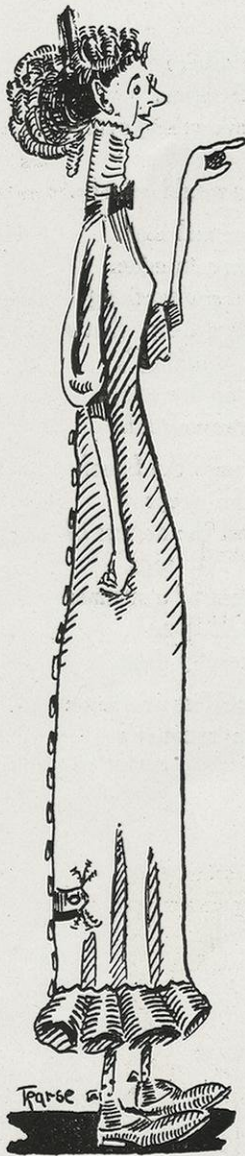


He: (Dreamily) I wonder if the people  
on the stars are as wide awake as the  
stars themselves look.

She: (Yawning) I'm sure they must  
have fallen asleep by this time.



YOU AND I.



"Those frosh look very green, old man,"  
 Quoth nineteen fourteen proudly.  
 Him answered one of his own clan:  
 "Yep, yep, sport," very loudly.

But You and I are very different,  
 From all the rest's inanity.  
 Oh, you and I just must be different,  
 Or where would be our sanity?

"How awfully her new dress looks,"  
 Says She to Her discreetly.  
 "What awful taste and what a mess,"  
 The other answers sweetly.

But You and I am very different,  
 More given to dressy sanity,  
 O you and I just must be different,  
 Or where would be our vanity.

"I'll love you till the stars grow dim,  
 For I can never alter."  
 She looks at him, "Though others fail,  
 I'll never, never falter.

For You and I am very different,  
 Unfailing in our sanity,  
 Oh You and I just must be different,  
 Or where would be our vanity?



S S S

"You have sworn an oath," said Salome, "and you were always strong on keeping your oaths. In the matter of the prophet - -"

Herod interrupted hurriedly, for he was nearly a Hebrew, "What profit?" he cried anxiously.

Herodias edged closer to her daughter, for she was a Jewess. "Make it forty per cent, Sally," she whispered. "He'll jew you down."

Salome was calm and collected—that is, she collected later.

"In the matter of the prophet Iokanan, give me his head, King Herod," she said calmly.

Herod sank back weakly.

"You always were headstrong, Sally," he muttered.

Then he tipped the wink to the executioner.



## WHY THEY COME.

R. R. B. '10



Me and Diogenes (perfectly sober)  
Landed in Madison first of October.  
Came from Chicago where everything's riot-  
ous  
Thought that this solitude soon would quiet us.  
"Nix! Likewise no. Also never and nein.  
Put no more slugs of Wisconsin in mine.  
In summer it's probably restful and soothing  
But now it sounds more like a baby that's  
toothin'",  
Thus quoth Diogenes, speaking his mind.  
Truth must be spoken however unkind.  
Down the parlor car steps comes the bunch  
from the preps  
With a worldly-wise air and the newest of  
togs.  
Brown with sun-tanned content of a summer  
well spent  
They calmly inspect the fraternity dogs.\*  
Behind them the maidens in reckless profusion  
Come clamoring back from a summer's  
seclusion.

Warm, hearty handclaps, volleys of kisses  
Greetings between these impulsive young  
misses.

Rushing committees are questioning madly,  
Some fall reluctantly; others come gladly.  
"Just so they come, that is all we are after,"  
Offers a junior (political grafter).

Off to one side stands a crude gawky person,  
Hands in his pockets and necktie awry.  
"Say, did you ever lay eyes on a worse 'un?"  
"If I was like that I would slip out and die."

"Where do they come from?" Say, look,  
aint that fierce?"  
"Has'nt even got a cuff on his pants."  
"Thin as a rail and as tall as Pete Pierce."  
"It's all right, he'll make good if he gets  
half a chance."

Cool and unruffled amid the noise clatter  
Moves a Normalite from Stevens Point.  
Radiating wisdom that would shatter  
Half the brains—but that is not the point.  
It's an easy thing to stay unruffled  
When you have no ruffles to be ruffed  
Simple, too, to keep your shouter muffled  
When you have no fluffles to be stuffed.

"Where did you get your poetical license?"  
Asked old Diogenes, being satirical,



\*\*"Is this to be taken literally?" Editor.  
"No, with a chaser."—Author.



"Bought it last fall when they sold 'em for  
fi' cents."  
That is what happens when one is born lyrical

LILT OF THE LIVERYMEN

All summer long we have waited for you,  
Studes, studes, bountiful studes.  
Carriages new we have uncrated for you,  
Studes, studes, beautiful studes.  
Dreamed of the day when you would come  
back



THE EQUINE BALLET.

Counted the hours and painted the hack,  
When you are away all the future looks black  
Studes, studes, studes.

Chorus

So jump in the carriage and drive away  
And hurry up, too, for we're busy to-day  
This is the season when we make hay—  
Out of studes, studes, studes.

Say but we're glad you are with us again  
Studes, studes, beautiful studes.  
No, we don't carry no change for a ten  
Studes, studes, bountiful studes.  
Money is here and we are content,  
Furthermore, money is here to be spent—  
We are the geezers for whom it is meant—  
Studes, studes, studes.

Chorus *Ad nauseam.*



FROM EVERY LAND.

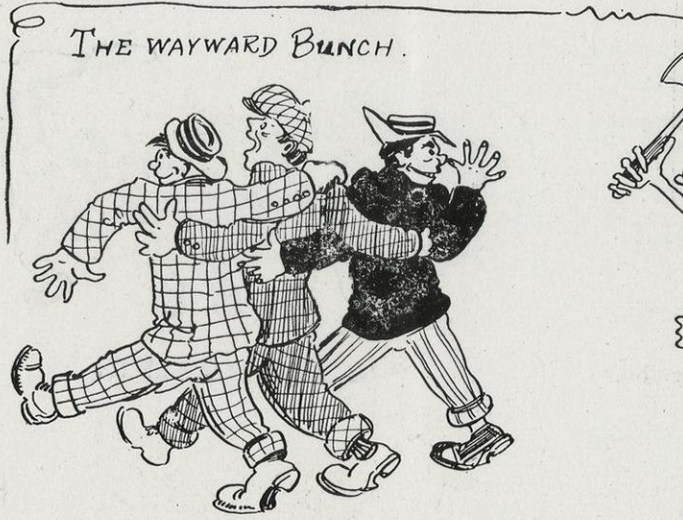
"Yes" I explained, "They all come here for  
knowledge.  
Knowledge is truth, so you'd best stick  
around."

"Well," said Diogenes, "I went to college  
Nothing I learned was very profound."

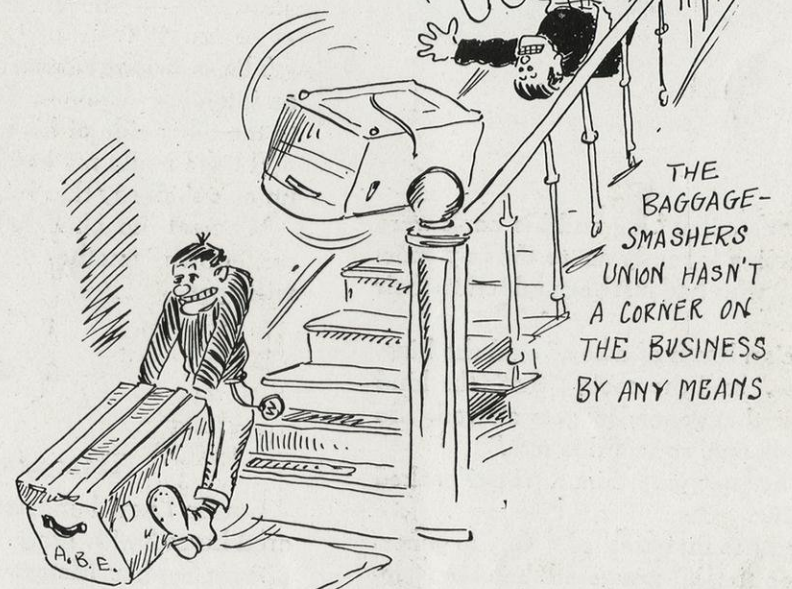
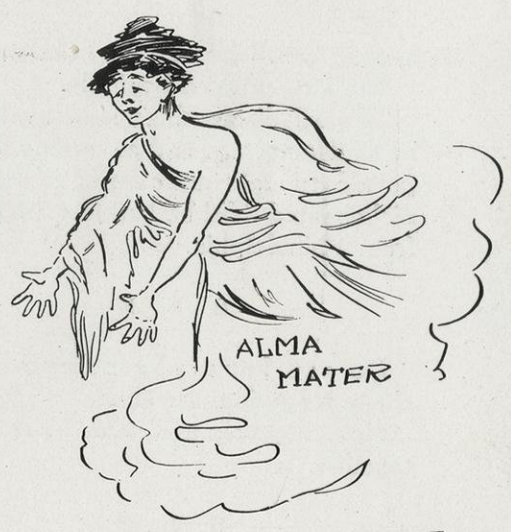
But they keep on coming just the same  
From every land beneath the sun,  
To learn the ropes, and play the game  
And they'll be sorry when it's done.  
Now some will wonder why they came  
The first few months, perhaps the first few  
years

But after that each week grows shorter till  
At last the finish ominously nears.  
And then they grow disconsolate and glum  
But not (I know) from wondering why they  
come.



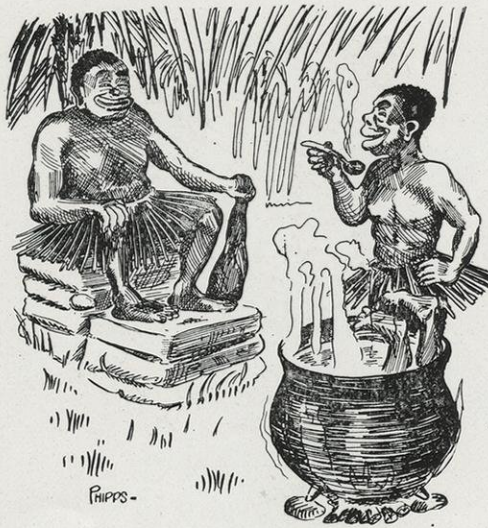


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The cannibal king and his cook were conversing joyously as to the boy missionary who had just been added to their larder.

"He's a broth of a boy," said the king.

"Yes," said the cook, "that's the kind of boy that generally gets stewed. So will this one, so will this one."

"Why not give him a roast?" asked the king.

"Because that kind of a boy is generally too tough," answered the cook, wiping his mouth daintily with the back of his hand.

"He will be all broke up about his getting stewed," reflected the king gently.

But the cook comforted his scruples.

"But it will be the night before and not the morning after," he consoled the king.

"True, true," said the king, "very true. He will have that to be thankful for. What is his name?"

"Jehoshaphat."

"A good name," said the king softly, "a good name. And a good name, as Solomon says, is better than great riches. I was half afraid that the society for the promotion of the preaching of the gospel would put up a Job on us."

"A royal jest," cackled the cook prodding the king in the ribs with his big

spoon. "Shall the water be Luke-warm?"

The king grinned benignly.

"We will discuss this missionary later," he said austerely, and so saying he departed to make an offering to the new nickelplated idol he had just imported from Philadelphia.

S S S

Do you know why policemen and cheap magazines are alike?

Sure, they help each other by clubbing together.

S S S

The newspaper man was writing up an interview while in bed. He rolled to the other side of his meager pallet.

"I have made my bed," he said, "and no one shall say that I do not lie in it.

Whereat he chuckled hoarsely and put down another sockdologer of a whopper.

S S S

#### Transparent

Cousin Lucy: I understand Phyllis covered herself with glory.

Aunt Sophia: Mercy!



The coy maid: Is this waltz time?

The bored one: (discreetly) It's awfully slow.









He: When a man misses a quiz at our college he takes a makeup. How do you makeup?  
The Downer Girl: Sir!

S S S

What is a stand patter.  
A standpatter, my son, is a man who tries to put on the brakes of the machine so hard that the machine busts.

S S S

The Geek: And I really quite lost my wits, you know.  
Miss Caustic: I must get a magnifying glass and help you look for them -- tomorrow.

S S S

Husband: (Singing), "Put on your old gray bonnet,"  
Wee Wife: (Angrily), I won't. I want a new fall hat at once.

S S S

Now, for Heaven's sake, don't ask us who won at Poughkeepsie.

S S S

He: Is this a two-step?  
She: Yes. Certainly not a toe step.

The Geek: You say she cut you dead?  
The Gink: Dead.  
The Geek: Where? How?  
The Gink: On the stone stair-way, by the stony stare-way.

S S S

Isaacs was waiting for his veal cutlet a long time; at last he said to the waiter, "Vell, Veal it in."

S S S

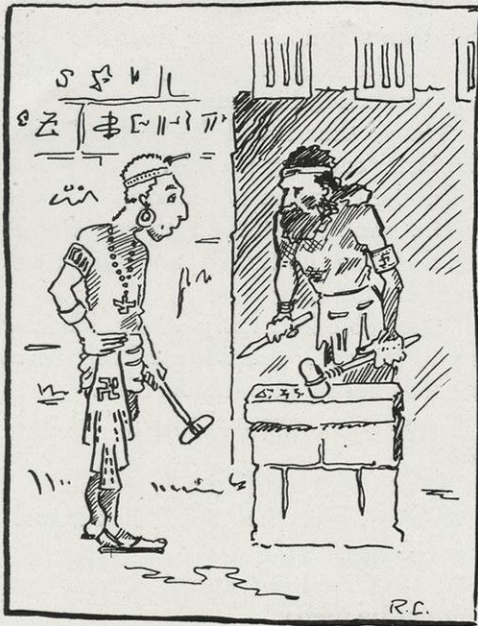
A new axiom discovered!—It's harder to write a joke than it is to joke the writer.



A Dashing Young Man



# The Ancient Jokesmith



"Now about this hobble skirt," said the old jokesmith reflectively, rolling another cigarette, "we should have a new joke on that but all the jokes seem so obvious that they must have been used long ago. I wonder what we can do with it. We must have a hobble skirt joke for the first number, you know."

"Can't you work up something about the way they hobble their mules on the plains, to keep them from going out too far to get to grass," said the confident neophyte brightly.

"Hardly," said the Ancient J. S., "but we might do something with the idea that it is called the hobble skirt because it plays hob with progress."

"That must be as ancient as the 'tea-he tea-he,' old maid joke," said the Neophyte scornfully.

"The waste-line comes down in the world as it grows older," said the old jokesmith sagely, ignoring the Neophyte's freshmanism.

"And the price of gowns seems to go up as the waist-line goes down," answered the latter flippantly.

"There ain't going to be no waist line by Christmas," said the worn one, sadly. "What will the young man do in spring when his fancy lightly turns?"

The two smoked dreamily in a blue silence for some time. Each was busy with his own thoughts.

"They can't walk up hill with 'em," said the hopeful neophyte.

"They'll take a cab everywhere," said the gloomy wise one.

"Guess we'll have to give it up," said the Neophyte sullenly.

"Guess we'll have to. It's a sad subject," answered the Ancient Jokesmith and his thoughts turned gayly to fashioning a dainty triolet on "Those behind the bars."

S S S

Head clerk, "What do you mean by btg. sts.?"

New clerk: "Bathing suits. They are abbreviated this summer."



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Edward I was talking to the royal seneschal.

"How much of monies have we in the treasury, Sir Seneschal?" quoth he.

"None, good your majesty," answered the seneschal.

"I will do to buy none-meat with," quoth the court jester merrily

But the king was not merry.

"And how many ships in the royal navy?" asked the king.

"Three, good your majesty," answered the seneschal, "but they have no sails."

"Make the rich Jews of London buy them," answered the king, "and bring me the money."

"Aha," quoth the court jester merrily, "the king maketh sales for his ships."

But the king was not merry.

"What are the soldiers of my host doing?" asked the king.

"Soldiering, good quoth your majesty,"

the seneschal with a grin.

"Make them roll the oil barrels for the merchants and bring me their pay," answered the king, wrinkling his forehead and scratching his palms.

"Haha, then it will be host-ile," said the jester cackling merrily.

But the king was not merry.

The seneschal turned to go. But at the doorway he turned and spake solemnly to the king.

"The noble lady Mary who holds your jewels in pawn threatens to keep them because her monies are overdue."

"Gadzooks," quoth the king, "is't truly so?"

"I faith 'tis," quoth the seneschal.

"Marry!" said the king, "then I shall marry Mary."

"Then," said the court jester, "you will not be merry."

And the king was not merry.

S S S

Rich dad: "You only visit me when you want money.

Son at college: "Could'nt come much oftener, could I, dad?"

S S S

What is the difference between a farmer and a tailor?

The farmer reaps what he sows and the tailor reaps from what he sews.

S S S

The Jokesmith: Can't I make a joke on that chandelier?

The Engineer: It won't hold you.

S S S

She I saw you last night on State St.  
He That's nothing. I saw two of you.

S S S



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S S S

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"That blacksmith is an honest man."  
"Oh! even he is a forger."

S S S

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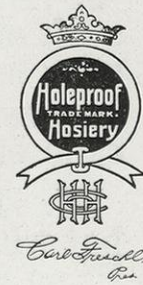
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"Print on," she gurgled back. "You're the editor."

I made a good impression—then six more. "How can I be sure you love muh?" I faltered.

"Read the proofs," she suggested. I did. They were on my collar, where she had laid her maiden blushes. My arm slipped round her waist—and tightened.

"Ah," she gasped, "The power of the press."—Cornell Widow.

S S S

### A Cutting Remark

Duffer—What's the best way to get an edge on?

Bluffer—Whet your appetite.—Yale Record.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder  
—of someone else.—Jack-O'Lantern.

S S S

### An Old Story

Miss Chappel—Where did you go over the week end?

Mr. York—I went to Atlantic City for change and rest.

She—How was it?

He—The waiters got the change and the hotel the rest.—Yale Record.

S S S

"Professor Smart is a man of large caliber, s he not?"

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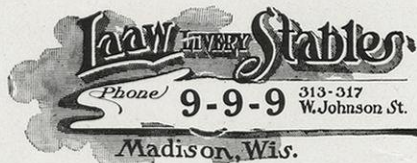
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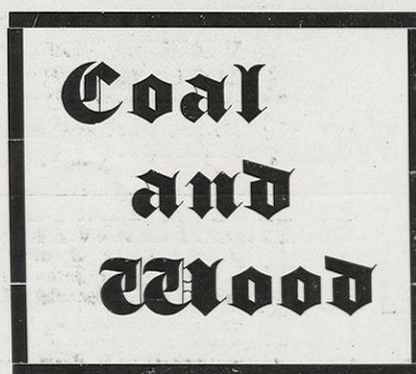
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