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## My Sweetheart's Mandolin.

When the nights are soft and balmy in the latter days of spring,
When the flowers are in their blooming and the birds their loudest sing.
When the stars shine at their brightest and the world is fresh and fair,
And the perfumed honey-suckle with its fragrance fills the air-
Then I call upon my sweetheart, and she plays the mandolin
In the glamor of the moonshine, when the summer nights begin.
The glory of all Heaven is in every single star,
But her lily hand is softer and her eyes are brighter far,
And the honey of the locust that the little hummer sips
Is not equal to the honey on the redness of her lips-
When I call upon my sweetheart, and she plays the mandolin
In the glamor of the moonshine, when the summer nights begin.
When those days are past and over, and no more the month is May,
And the little house is empty, and my sweetheart's gone away,
When no more the stolen kisses and no more the lover's talks Can delight the heart within me in our ancient moonlit walks-
Then I'd give all earthly treasures just to hear the mandolin
As I used to in the moonshine, when the summer nights begin.

a Military Hop.

THE Badger Board's war cry:
"The Badger's out! Hurrah, my friends! The Badger's out to stay.
Now of her jokes that horrid Sphinx Can steal no more away!"

THEY strolled down back of Main hall in the evening shadows. "I feel chilled," said she. Said he, "Let's go sit under the firs then."

## Laudatory.

Senior-Have you heard what a compliment Professor Giese gave me on my thesis?

JUNIOR-No, what?
Senior-He told me there was one worse.

> JUNIOR-I don't believe it.

ORCHARD should remember street numbers better when with a young lady.

"B"
ILL" was reading his notes on checks one day,
When a draft came in and blew them all away.

## Farsighted.

She leaned back and laughed hard, her red lips well parted.

He gazed at the mouth in admiring contemplation.
"What are you thinking about? Why don't you laugh?" She demanded sternly.

He continued his gaze and said pensively: "I can't tell you; you might not like it."
"But you must."
"Well, I was thinking, 'what an opening for an enterprising young man.'"

## More Thinking.

Oh ! I'm thinking, yes, I'm thinking; See the wrinkles on my brow.
From this job there is no shrinking, I must do it here and now.

For the Spinach to be written A "pome" must be to-day, So I'll keep right on a-wishin' For the muse to come my way.

I am sleepy, I am tired, And I can not rhyme a word,
From The Sphinx staff I'll be fired, If I don't brace up, I've heard.

Gee Whiz, Gee Buzz, for Heaven's sake, I don't know what to do.
I guess a nap I'll have to take, And simply lett it go.


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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.

Now, brace yourself for a shock, oh more or less gentle reader. For once The Sphinx is not going to roast anybody-at least not very hard. Not, you see, because she is any more kindly disposed toward the world at large, for her intentions are always of the kindest, hard as this may seem to you to believe. But she doesn't wish to acquire the reputation of being a chronic kicker, for such animals, she has noticed, are not at all popular. And so, though there are doubtless many reforms pressing upon the attention of the American people, The Sphinx will gladly abandon, for three long months, the edification of the public and the regulation of the universe to the equally willing and perhaps equally competent hands of the campaign howler.

Speaking of campaign howlers-if you can, you'd better join their ranks for awhile. If you haven't any ideas as to how the nation and its colonies-or the nation including its colonies, if you prefer-should be run-if you haven't any ideas, get a few. And when you have them, go on the stump. Go out and enlighten people who have fewer ideas than you have. Explain to them the iniquity of the Puerto Rico tariff, or the benign goodness of Mark Hanna; dissect Bryan's military record or the Philippine campaign; tell them how
the only logical candidate for governor must come from the northwest or the central south--from Milwaukee, Waukesha, Madison, Augusta, Algoma, whichever you prefer. It doesn't matter much which side you espouse, for you probably won't change any votes; but you will furnish much amusement to other people, and they will furnish much to you; you will greatly strengthen your vocal apparatus; you will learn a lot about people, and maybe a little about politics. So get out and help stir the political caldron-it's a big one, and there is always room for a few more paddles. It's a better form of summer recreation than you will find at any "resort."

All this applies, of course, if you belong to the "sterner sex." Just why one sex should be called sterner is a question. The sternest thing that ever happened The Sphinx came in calling for copy from some of the fair members of the staff who were preparing for exams. But, accepting the epithet as suitable, if you are one of the less stern ones you can't very well go on the stump. But you can organize Maeterlinck Clubs, and Le ages for the Ethical Advancement of Glassblowers' Wives, and you can go to Biennials and have your picture on the front page of great daily papers. What more excitement do you want?

And now The Sphinx will kindly cease her rambling remarks, and bid you a fond farewell. If you've been roasted too hard, never mind. Probably The Sphinx will know better next year. If you've paid hard-earned cash with the expectation that all subscribers would be roasted, and you haven't been mentioned, never mind that either. Make your wants known, and you will get your money's worth in the future. It takes more than a year to get around.

The Sphinx would tell you of the many good things in store for her readers next year, were it not that anticipation might dull the edge of realization. Suffice it to say that the faculty are scheduled to suspend a few freshmen for the crime of being thrown into the lake; that the regents have promised to take some very improper steps for the sole benefit of The Sphinx's editorial columns; that the Scaredinall will continue to commend the cut of all faculty whiskers and the landscape gardening of the Kappa Sig lawn; that candidates for the presidency of the University will be regularly brought forward by the Late Sternall; that the 1902 Badger will not appear until after the last issue of The Sphinx for the year; and finally that The Sphinx will continue to do business at the old stand at the lowest living rates. So come back prepared to subscribe-or at least to get your freshman room-mate to subscribe, so you can read his copy.

## Edith.

The glittering gold of far Klondike Has never a call or charm for me, And for the richest claim or strike I would not brave the cold north sea. The only gold for which I care Is the gleaming gold of Edith's hair.

For heaped-up wealth of fairest Ind, For gems and jewels that rajahs wear, I would not face the hot south wind Or breathe the fever-laden air. The jewels in which my interest lies Are the sparkling jewels of Edith's eyes.

For honor or undying fame-
For riches or for boundless powerFor glory or a noted name I would not spend one sleepless hour. But oh, what toils I would endure If Edith's love I might secure!

## Mixed Songs.

"Listen to My Pleading"
"When the Swallows Homeward Fly;"
"How Can I Leave Thee"
"In the Sweet By and By?"
I have "Fallen by the Wayside,"

- Near "Two Little Girls in Blue,"

And "The Girl I Left Behind Me"
Sings "Adieu, Kind Friends, Adieu."
"I'm the Man that Wrote Ta-ra-ra boom de-a,"
And "T'm a Warrior Bold,"
And "Once I Saw a Sweet Brier Rose" In "Silver Threads among the Gold."
"My Mother was a Lady,"
"My Love," "My Heart's Delight,"
But since my "Fatal Wedding"
"She Didn't Treat Me Right."
So "Since Katie Rides a Wheel,"
"Sadly I Roam,"
And "Mollie and I and the Baby". Are far from "Home, Sweet Home."
So, "Break the News to Mother" "When I am Far Away,"
And "Tell Them that You Saw Me"
"On the Road to Mandalay."
"The Blow Almost Killed Father" A "Comin' thru' the Rye."
He told me, "Take Your Clothes and Go,"
So "We Never Speak as We Pass By."
So, mother, I'm going "Far Away" With "Ben Bolt" and "Sweet Marie," And "As Your Hair Grows Whiter," "Then You'll Remember Me."



As I sit beside an old table here,
Inhaling the smoke of a cigarette, Making big rings that are sticky and wet

With the butt of a glass of cool Schlitz beer-
'A cover of snow over amber clear-
I have not a worry, I have not a fret.
My one sad feeling is that of regret
For a red-haired maiden I once held dear,
Who "cut my acquaintance" and "passed me up"-
Summer it was and the heat of the year-
For loving to drink from this foaming cup.
I must pity that girl as I sit here,
Draining my glass and then filling it up With the amber and snow of cool Schlitz beer.

## At the Last Hop.

"Hello, Bob, no use trying to get in without your brass buttons."
"Great Scott, you don't mean
to tell me they are enforcing that?"
"Well, just ask the commandant."
"I never imagined such a -
"Imagination never was your strong-point, old man; stay out here and smoke."
"Say, Jimmie, did Willson come over?"
"No, not that I know of."
"Is Miss-have you seen Blakely?"
"Yes."
"Well, who else is here?"
"O, Bob, you idiot, Miss Grafton came. Why in thunder didn't you ask that in the beginning? Asking about Willson, heavens, man, he went to Chicago, and-"
"Confound it, Jimmie, I'd like to take a fall out of you. I never thought about-"
"No I don't suppose you did. People in love don't think as a rule."
"Shut up. I'm not in love."
"If you're not I don't want any of the real stuff around me. This spring imitation of yours will do, thanks."
"Jimmie, who did Miss Grafton come with?"
"Miss who, did you say? Grafton?"
"I say take a brace."
"Well she came with Rutledge, of course, but say, Bob, where are you going?"
"Guess I will stroll back to the house."
"Stroll, did you say? Jol's coat is in the hall, old man, and I guess the buttons are all on."

## Loud.

Jones-What popular song does Brown's new hat ribbon remind you of?

Smith-I don't know.
Jones - "Oh, Listen to the band."

M
ISS CL - - HEIMER-Ah, what does Dr. Libby mark on?

Freshman (at the end of the table, after the last exam in ancient history)-Don't; marks off.

## The College Stair.

When Pauline on the college stair Reads out my Livy to me, And tries to get the Latin forms And hard constructions through me, The only thing I ever see

Is beauty written on her.
The only thing I ever learn
Is, I am smitten on her.
I know the color of her eyes, The rosy cheeks like satin, I know the contour of her form, But never know my Latin.
I cannot study musty forms, Tho' study is my duty;
For what is language, old and dead, Compared with living beauty?

And what care I for bold harangues By Roman envoys spoken,
For war or blood or ambuscade, Or faith by Carthage broken-
When Pauline on the college stair Reads out my Livy to me,
And gets, instead of Latin forms, The shaft of Cupid through me?

## The Tale of the Conscientious Maiden.

She was a Conscientious Maiden. So when He asked her to go driving in the evening, she said she would only go if He would promise to bring her back at half-past eight. He was very fond of the Conscientious Maiden, and although He did not. desire to return at half-past eight, He said He would. So they went. They started early, and they drove through the town, for He had hired a very swell trap. Then they drove out on the Willow Drive, and went to see the Gypsy Camp. The sunset was beautiful, so was the lake, so were the trees by the wayside, so was the Conscientious Maiden. After a little while she asked what time it was, and He said they had plenty of time. After another while she asked what time it was again, and He said they still had plenty of time. After a third while she asked what time it was once more, and He said they had plenty of time even yet. But the Conscientious Maiden had known Him for three years, and so before she had come she had borrowed the watch from her roommate and had fastened it in her belt. And now she thought she would better look at it. So she took it out, and He looked very much surprised when He saw it, but when she opened it she looked still more surprised. It was quarter past eight. Then he felt the Conscientious Maiden looking at him, and He
tried to look unconscious, and she said, "Will you turn around, please?" and He turned around. And she said "I didn't think that of you," and He wished He had not done so. And she looked at her watch again. And they did not talk for a while.

Then suddenly the Conscientious Maiden said, "Will you stop, please?" And He asked why, and she only said, "Will you please stop?" And she looked at Him and He stopped. Then, before He knew what she was doing, the Conscientious Maiden got out of the carriage. And she stood in the road, holding up her skirts out of the dust. She said, "I told you I would not drive with you after



Father:-1 hear you were out last night.
Son:-Yes I was out to the extent of forty-eight cents.
half-past eight, and I will not. It is half-past eight. I trust that if I walk fast I will be able to reach the Hall before half-past nine." Well, he pleaded, and He expostulated, and He argued, and He lied, and He scolded, and He raved, and He called names, and He swore. But the Conscientious Maiden walked along the road and held her skirts up out of the dust. Then He got out and took the horse by the bridle, and they walked home. But their conversation was not animated. The Conscientious Maiden reached the Hall at twentyeight and three-quarters minutes past nine. So she stopped and turned around and said, "I am very sorry this has happened. I hope it will never happen again." And I do not think it ever will.

# One Sunday Evening. 

A man he was with crosséd eyes, Nor bright, nor dim,
Who from his heart could heave such sighs
As sure must win.
And Jenny thought he sighed for her,
Nor did she very much demur,
But rather hoped to say "Yes sir," Ere long to him.

And now the services were o'er; A glance she gave.
The throng moved toward the outer door,
In order grave.
And there before her in the hall She saw him standing, straight and tall. Did her heart sink? No, not at allShe would be brave.

That little heart went pit-a-pat; I wonder why?
She saw him fumble with his hatHe, too, was shy.
And then he looked into her face, As if he there would find some trace By which to judge his lady's grace Ere he should try.

And as she neared the charméd place At which he stood,
A blush o'erspread her pretty face (Of course it would.)
And now she thought the time had come When he would ask to see her home,
And they could be all, all alone, Just as they should.

Oh, cruel, crushing, crosseyed man. Alack-a-day!
He stepped so boldly up to Ann; They walked away!
His eyes deceived poor Jenny so.
They are the cause of all her woe;
They' ve made her pretty head hang low; And what's to pay?

## Some Details from a Modern

## Novel.

They were seated on a bench, half-way up the hill, looking out over the lake. The sunset was glorious, the evening was perfect, and they-well, they were not caring about the sunset. She was gazing out over the lake, but her thoughts were wanderingsomewhere else. Her fingers played with the flower she had pulled, she stripped the leaves off one by one, -then she broke the stem into tiny bits.
"Well?" she asked, at last, turning to the man at her side. He was tracing her initial in the sand at his feet, with the point of her parasol. He went over the lines carefully twice before he answered the question; then, leaning back and throwing one knee across the other, he turned toward her, without a shade more expression in his face than usual, and brushing a mosquito from his sleeve he answered her:
"I am waiting for what you have to say to me."

She dropped her flower suddenly, then picked another, a larger one this time, and carelessly tore that to pieces in the same way. The sky and the lake seemed strangely still. The colors of the sunset were yet more splendid. She hesitated, perhaps a quarter of a minute, while the mutilated flower lay in shreds in her lap. Then she took the faded fragments one at a time and dropped them on the ground, where they lay scattered in irregular shapes. Her hands were folded in her lap now, and she was watching an ant which crawled up the side of the parasol until it neared the top, then turned, paused, and, making its way back, disappeared under the bench. Then she raised her eyes to his face, and the merest shadow of a smile played about her lips.
"What am I to say?" she asked in her ordinary tone of voice, and her whole manner was quite in keeping with her words.

A slight breeze caused the leaves to stir imperceptibly, and one could almost imagine that tiny ripples were appearing on the glassy surface of the lake. Her voice, breaking in on the intensity of the stillness, startled him so


Andy-"Why on earth didn't I call it the 'Lucky Duck?'
that he moved the parasol quickly, making a mark across the letter he was tracing. He rubbed this out with the toe of his boot and began tracing the letter again.

For the space of half a minute not a word was spoken between them. Meanwhile, she sat leaning toward him, watching, waiting, and breathing quietly. He felt that he must speak, the suspense was growing unendurable, and yei-at length, grasping the back of the seat yet more firmly with his left hand and dropping the parasol from his right, he twisted the top button of his vest between his thumb and forefinger. With seemingly unusual effort he opened his lips and said almost hoarsely:
"How can I tell you that?"
She turned away again, her eyelids lowered ever so slightly, and she seemed to breathe more deeply. A faint tinge of pink just touched her cheek and faded away again before anyone could have time to notice it. She tossed her head petulantly until several stray curls fell about her face.
"No," she said, her voice betraying scarcely any emotion, "I don't think it will rain."

The breeze stirred again, and a leaf, falling from the nearest tree, floated to the ground, but neither of them noticed it.

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RESHMAN (interrupting soph. in bucking Bennie's notes)-All chickens are of the male gender.

SOPH.-Prove it.
Fresh. (calmly) - All hens set. Sun sets. Therefore all hens are sons.

## At the End.

An old, old man with heavy locks
Was walking slow along the rocks That line Mendota's shore.
He came upon a senior there-
To him a very strange affair,
For wept the senior, sore.
"Cheer up, cheer up," the old man said. The senior only shook her head,

Nor heeded him a mite.
The old man stopped and mopped his brow;
Such things he ne'er had seen till now;
It gave him quite a fright.
"But look at me," he cried again.
This time his words were not in vain; She lifted up her face.
He was a funny sight to see;
In costume of antiquity, He looked quite out of place.
"Who are you?' asked the senior sad, "I mustn't smile, I'll not be glad." Her sobs broke out anew. He answered her, in accents mild, "I'm Herald of the Future, child; I've something here for you."
"Do stop your weeping, tell me why You never smile, but sob and cryThere's much in store for thee. Here is a bunch of keys, one choose To some great life work-win or lose, As fate shall then decree."

The senior quickly answered, "No, I don't know where I want to go; I'd rather far stay here.
The campus green, the dear old lakeThere's not a key I wish to take.

Wisconsin's much too dear."

> But something in his face sublime, Told her that it was even time, She now must choose a key; And suddenly her tears were dried, The sorrow left her as she cried,
> "I choose my destiny."

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## Justice and Mercy.

"I alluz temper justice with mercy, when I kin git my costs that-a-way," remarked Squire Bail, wiping his forehead with a red bandana handkerchief and gazing earnestly at his empty glass.
"In the hon'able court where I preside, costs is the first consideration. After costs, of course, comes justice and mercy. Occasion'ly I give justice and costs, but ginerally costs and mercy goes together. When costs is eliminated, nothin' goes but justice, and justice with the bark on, too. Only yesterday it was that I give Doc Hottum and a fellow from New York all three combined-justice, costs, and mercy. It was a very curious case, and in all my judicial career I never run on to its equal. No, sir."

Here the squire stopped provokingly and gazed once more at his glass. Being anxious to hear his story, I asked him what he would have.
"The hon'able court will take a little rye and syrup, Egan. Never mind about the chaser. What

makes whisky harmful is drinkin' water on the side. Any doctor 'll tell you that this here water is simply polluted with microbes. I never drink nothin' but whisky in the mornin', anyhow. These here fancy drinks is all right towards evenin', but the hon'able court sticks to whisky straight in the mornin'."

Then I ventured to remind the old gentleman that he was wandering from his subject, and that I was anxious to hear about his curious case.
"Oh, yes, about Doc Hottum. You boys know his place across the street. Shot craps there many a time, I'll go bail. Blame clever fellow is Doc. Well, Doc's been considerable worried lately on account of this here Civic Federation tryin' to have him indicted for running a gamblin' house and all that foolishness. Well, yesterday mornin', Pete

Barkey comes down to see Doc and--fill 'em up all around, Egan, and chalk up to the hon'able court -and Pete, he says, "Doc, them preachers have got out a spotter after you," he says, and says he, "he's a big fellow with a loud suit and a white hat and a game eye. Better look out for him. Got it straight."

Now, Doc had ought to known Pete was only stringin' him, but Doc he swallows it all like it was greased. He gets mad, and he feels his muscles, and he says, "I used to be the light weight champion of the South," he says, "and if that low-lived spotter with a white hat and a bum eye heaves in sight of this place, I'm goin' to knock the socks offen him, if it costs me a hundred dollars," he says.

And then, Pete, he comes over to see me, and he laughs and laughs at the joke he's put up on Hot-

"OUt FOR A MARK."
tum, because this here-Thank you, I will. Little more of the same, Egan-this here fellow he described was a dub prize fighter from New York, that wasn't no more of a spotter than I am. On account of Doc's place bein' sportin' headquarters, Pete figured that this here fellow would be droppin' around soon, and, Doc being hot-headed, there'd be a lively mix-up before explanations could be made. Then Pete he pulled his freight and left me all alone with that fool constable of mine, Bill Bradley.
"Bet we'll see a good scrap soon," I says to Bill.
"Business is mighty dog-gone dull," says he.
"What in blazes," I says, "has business bein' dull got to do with this here fight?"

Bill alluz was a curisome idiot, and he just takes a chaw of tobacco and don't say nothin' for awhile. Then he looks up at me with those wall eyes of his, and he says:
"Far be it from me.to interfere with any man's fight unnecessarily, but business is business, and costs is costs."

Then I tumbled, and I says to Bill, "Bill, you certainly do show streaks of intelligence at times. We'll map out our campaign and wait. Maybe there won't be no fight, but if there is one," I says,
'for Heaven's sake don't you break in till you see the police or some other officers comin', for I want to see it. It ain't every day, Bill," I says, "that we kin have the pleasure of seein' two professional pugilists in a street fight, and then get our little costs offen 'em besides."
"Leave it to me," says Bill, and he goes to sleep with that fly-trap mouth of his open so wide that his snorin' drove me over here to Egan's-have another on me, boys-drove me over here to Egan's to escape nervous prostration. Ever hear Bill snore? If you haven't you've got somethin' to live for. Well, just as I step out, who do I see but Hottum run out of his saloon and paste a big guy square in the face. Say, that was the best allround fight I've seen since the war. They slugged vicious, and they fought scientific, but that New York boy certainly did make Doc look sick. Well, just.as I was enjoyin' it a copper comes chargin' down the street like a short tail bull in fly time. And there was that cussed Bradley, sound asleep and snorin' in his chair across the street. I was desperate. I picked up a brick and I heaved it at him, and it hit, too. He woke up just in time, made one jump across that there street and grabbed those men just a second ahead of the copper. He
led 'em into my office, and I explained matters. Then the stranger wanted to lick Hottum again for takin' him for a spy. Then I made a speech. I told 'em I didn't blame Hottum for sluggin' a man he thought was an informer, nor did I blame the stranger for poundin' the face offen a man that come and smeared him in the eye. "Therefore," I says, "I will fine yoụ twenty-five dollars apiece and assess the costs equally between you. The costs will be ten dollars-five to my officer for makin' the arrest, and five to me for tryin' the case. The fines I will hold up during good behavior.

And the first requisite of good behavior," I says, when they settled, "is settin' 'em up to the hon'able court."

That stranger was a prince, and when I left him and Doc they were certainly friendly. "Doc" had the stranger's hat on, and the stranger had on Doc's, and they were tryin' to dance the lovin' twostep together. Well, I must be goin'. I've got a trespass case to try, but I will take one more, seein' it's you. Here's to Justice and Mercy, Costs included.

Bucking-A Farce in One Act. Soene: A room in the Alpha Omega Sorority House. Time, 2 P. M.

Edith-Say, isn't this exam going to be just frightful! Positively, I don't know a thing! I just know I'll get conned. Say, how far are we in this stuff, anyway?

Maude-I don't know. Oh, here it is! See, I marked the place with that sample of Lou's new gown. Isn't it going to be just too sweet? Yes, page 268. Say, what are you going to wear?

Edith-My new pink organdy, I s'pose, and a worried look. I wish they wouldn't have parties exam week. Hal's coming down for it, isn't he?

Maude-Yes, let's get to work. You read first. Is Hal going to stay long?

Edith-No, he's too busy. Glory, how I hate this bucking! Say, did you know that George X-_ had Alice out driving last evening?

Maude-Out driving last evening, and she has physics exam to-day! Well, she must have plenty of time. I wouldn't do it. Page 268 , did you say?

EDITH-Look out of the window quick! There goes Annie Y__ again with Will. That's getting pretty serious, isn't it? Well, I suppose they know what they come to college for.

Maude-Shall I read? There's the 'phone. I s'pose I have to answer it. Hello - - Why, I don't know. It would be awfully nice, but we're bucking for exam. - --Oh, it wouldn't do any good to take our books
along. You know how much you'd let us study. - - Well, I'll ask Edith. - - Say, Edith, Tom wants us to go out on the lake awhile. Can we go?

Edith-Oh, maybe, for a little while, but not long.

Maude-Well I'll tell him to come up then. Say, it is too bad, isn't it?-just when we had such a nice start, too.

Exit Maude and Edith for hats.

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