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ASN'T THAT a battle royal? And aren't you proud of the team? Of course on paper and according to rules and regulations, Chicago won; Wisconsin lost. But whatever effect this mere nominal victory may have on the minds of people at large, to the thousands who watched the game it means nothing, as far as the prowess of the respective teams is concerned.

The reaction (that's what they call it) from the clamor and hullabaloo is over, and the story of one of the greatest gridiron contests ever seen in the West has already reached the anecdotal stage. And now that the features of the game have been reviewed in calm, sane retro-

spect, the concensus of opinion has crystallized into this:

Chicago had an Eckersall. Wisconsin had no Eckersall.

ISCONSIN SPIRIT, according to some is a very volatile essence.

Now you see it and now you don't.

It is, however, something that is very much in evidence just now. Witness the voluntary rooting rehearsals at the gym.

Witness the yelling, cheering, enthusiastic crowds who attended football practice every day, rainy or sunny, during the week before the Chicago game.

Witness the monster mass meeting—one of the biggest and best in Wisconsin history.

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Witness above all the loyal, plucky crowds that ever since the game, have been following the team to Camp Randall to cheer it on, undaunted by the fact that one player with rather nifty feet and a whole lot of luck, branded four points against Wisconsin's name on the Western championship score card.

Oh, no! Wisconsin spirit is not dead NOW.

But now we are confronted by the question: Will this mighty upheaval of enthusiasm die away when the immediate occasion for it is over?

Will next year's football coaches have to set about reviving it, as Phil King and

Eddie Holt did this fall?

THE SPHINX has only one answer to this. Wisconsin spirit will surely dwindle after Thanksgiving, as far as outward manifestations are concerned, unless some means are established for bringing the student body together regularly and frequently.

What is this "spirit"—this "college spirit"—this "Wisconsin spirit?"

It is enthusiasm, palpable and vociferous enthusiasm, but it is much more than the temporary enthusiasm of very doubtful genuineness, which bursts forth at a victory and drops dead at defeat. It is the enthusiasm which springs from an unwavering belief in the greatness of one's Alma Mater and an unfaltering loyalty to her through casual victories or defeats. The one is merely the selfish joy of the victor at overcoming his opponent; the other is the fervor of the patriot.

It was this spirit that gave rise to the traditional boast: "Wisconsin is a good

loser."

Spirit comes from within. It is the effervescence of cheerfulness and loyalty. It cannot be manufactured by turning a crank. It cannot be called up by pressing a button.

We do not believe that Wisconsin spirit has ever been really dead. It has simply lain dormant, ready and waiting for opportunities to manifest itself.

No matter how much spirit may be stored up in the breasts of individual students,

it can be made apparent only by collective action.

If a student should stand out in the middle of the campus alone and give the 'Varsity yell with all his might, people would think him crazy. But let a crowd get together, the bigger the better, and do the same thing, and they would say that Wisconsin spirit was again rampant.

And this brings us to the point. We believe there are at present too few opportunities for the students to get together, as a unit, and give vent to the spirit, the Wisconsin spirit, that is in them. And what few opportunities we did have in the past, are

being gradually diminished.

How many freshmen are there here to-day who have heard a bunch of seniors or

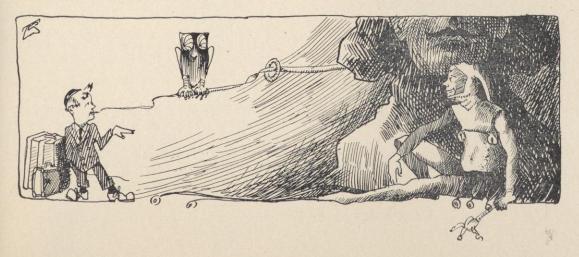
juniors or engineers give their yells?

We used to hear them all in Convocation in the good old days, and be stirred by them. But now even that has been made a sort of sporadic affair, heralded by the bulletin board.

After football season is over, where are we going to get an opportunity to sing

together, in a body, that inspiring Toast of ours?

While we feel a need of frequent general assemblies of some sort, we must of course confine ourselves only to suggestions, and leave it to wiser heads to invent the kind that will satisfy this need. We feel safe in asserting, however, that if the right kind were installed, something so attractive that all of us would look forward to attending them, there would be no further cause for any one saying that Wisconsin spirit was dead or even dying.





First Freshman—Here come some sophs. Second Freshman—Smoke up! They'll think we're seniors.



In Babylon

"What is that?" queried the ancient wayfarer in surprise.

"Only a little light literature for my daughter," replied the fond parent wearily.

Of all sad words of tongue or pen-

Sadder by far to 'Varsity men
Than the time-worn phrase "it
might have been"—

Are the words that chill like a mournful dirge:

"Please call at my office at once
-Dean Birge."



These folks have a son at the U.
He wrote them a letter or two.
But all he did say
Was, "Send check right away."
I've written such letters. Have you?



First Worthy Citizen—Say, I hear you've changed your mind about football, and now you call it a gentle game. How's that?

Second W. C.—Oh, I saw the rush, that's all.

First Engineer—That was a bully lecture Prof. Windee gave on Gas this morning.

Second Engineer—Yes, a most illuminating discourse.

Hank on Football

Feetball at ther varsity is now ther order uv ther day. Hail Columbia! but it looks good ter a country jay! Fer us long agrics has allus played feetball, by gum; An' when we hits ther line, we is goin' some. At Sandy Sink, they sed I hed er "Hankerin" fer ther game, An' here at the varsity I goes it jest ther same. Cause natchelly me feet air big an' hev an' awfull swing; So when they strikes ther ball it gits er mighty sling.

Coach Driver has got me on his squad,
An' ther fust bloomin' day I shoved ther line er rod.
Me name otter hev ben Driver, begad,
Fer I hev druv a team behind ther plow ever since I wuz er lad.
John Hickey tells me he will elect me as varsity coach next year,
An' ye know John Hickey is ther hull cheese up here;
So when ye want an' inside track, even on betin', jest go ter him,
'Cause he wuz ther big guy speaker at ther meetin' at ther gym.

I wuz in me glory at ther big Chicago game,
Fer ther way I yelled, it weren't so very tame.
I've hed er course in yellin' back hum upon ther farm,
When I uster call up ther cows and give ther crows alarm.
As fer rootin', I kin root it up an' down,
I uster watch ther hawgs go snoozin' it aroun'.
Ther country is ther place ter give er man ther feetball spirit,
An' when he gits up ter ther varsity, ther varsity is goin' fer to hear it.

Ther way our old team thet day did play,
Made me say thet at ther varsity I'd allus hev ter stay.
They stepped all over Chicago; they rolled them in ther clay,
In ther soil they made em root in the good oldfashioned way.
Me spirits of camphor and alma mater rose high, an' I was mighty gay,
Till Eckersall did lift his leg, an' over ther gool did kik ther ball ter stay,
Then like all ther rest, I cud hev choked ther orny cuss all day,
But now its over—an' don't make er fuss, I say.

-Hank Cook.



"I've never had anybody to support," said the highwayman, "but I've held lots of people up." This struck us as very amusing so we gave him all we had.



She—Is Miss Johnson good looking? He—Well—er—figuratively speaking.



"What's the trouble, sir?" asked the Head Imp as the Old Man sank down on the hot rock and stretched out his hoofs to the blaze.

"Its no use, boys," said the genial proprietor of the lower regions. "Its no use. I thought we had professional talent, and that we were putting up quite a show, but after seeing that college fraternity initiation last evening, I realize that our best exhibitions here have been nothing but amateurs nights."

And the Old Man drank three iced vitriols and refused to be comforted.

Dope

Not to him who works, but to him who waits do all things come—especially due bills.

It is as easy to forget other people's troubles as it is to remember your own.

Mouth—The beginning of the alimentary canal; the end of a river.

A great many persons in this world are the direct descendants of Cain, although the brand does not stand out on their foreheads.

Jaw—The chief characteristic of a bull-dog; also of a woman.

It is the easiest thing in the world to see good points about one's self. It is only difficult to see them about any one else.

Nerve—The chief characteristic of a buttinski.

"Man wants but little here below," says the proverb. In that case he ought to be satisfied. He certainly gets it.

The Recording Angel does not make a a very large mark when you give away something you can't use.

Say! Did you see the rush? Such an awful crush! What a thrilling, Blood spilling, Heart chilling Frav! Hundreds of freshies slain, Writhing in fearful pain! (Oh, Flossie!) Sophomores brave On the brink of the grave Shrank not or paled not, Just cussed a whole lot. Oh, 'twas' a scene! Struggles in mid-air, Scrapping for fare You well. Dizzy pin wheels spun On slender wires. What fun! Telephone sentry box Battered with mud and rocks; Fire hose squirting, Bout four feet, Without hurting Any one. The crowd gasped, Women fainted, Strong men shuddered. For you see, They were afraid They might get wetted. Heroes? Well, I guess! Who were? Search me!

Oh, Fudge!

As a writer he was a marvel. Who? Ikey.

Mol Rose—Jagsby has a dissipated looking face.

Joe Case—Yes, regular gin phiz.—New York Sun.

"This is a grave mistake," sobbed the man as he found he had been weeping over the wrong tombstone.—Columbia Fester.



The Kind That Pays

Three college graduates went to the big city to make their fortunes. One was an expert on the digestive system of the amoeba so he got a job sweeping out a doctor's office. The second was the college authority on Shakespere's 42nd sonnet, so he began teaching English in a fake military academy.

But the third was Bad Buck Billings, the plunging full back and he challenged Jeffries and was immediately put in charge of the sporting department of the Daily Whirl-

wind at \$40 a week, and then maybe some.

This shows us that the right kind of a college education may be of some use after all.



"And what," asked the enterprising young writer, "what should you say was the greatest graft?"

"Exposing other people's," replied the famous journalist who now wrote exclusively for the magazines.



By Right of Invitation

(A True Story)

Keggs didn't want to go to the Chadbourne Hall party and that is why he took his invitation, slipped it into a new envelope and sent it to Johnny.

He thought that Johnny might want to take the party in.

Johnny was tall, dark-haired and sallow skinned. He had furrowed brows and beady black eyes that swung about like sensitive needles. His nose was of the pointed, prying type. Johnny was a typical "butter-in."

When the invitation came, Johnny's little black eyes glittered more than ever. It was his first invitation to a Chadbourne Hall party. Johnny wondered who She was and where She had seen him. He wondered if it was a simple crush or a case of love at first sight.

Saturday night came and with it came Johnny to the Chadbourne Hall party. His black eyes swung expectantly toward a group of the girls on the stairway. He won-

dered if She was the tall dark one or the little girl with fluffy hair.

Johnny waited expectantly, but neither of the two seemed to show any intention of introducing themselves. In the gymnasium Johnny felt sure that the invitation came from a dainty thing in pink who sat alone off in one corner. He was about to ask when an aggressive young man stepped ahead of him and carried off the dainty thing in pink. Once, Johnny thought he had Her, a tall blonde this time, but she did not even glance at him.

Johnny spoke to Keggs about the party when they met Sunday noon at the post-office. Keggs explained it. Keggs said that probably She was taken sick at the last moment and couldn't come down.

"Sure," said Johnny, "I never thought of that."

And to this day Johnny is wondering what her name was and why she never invited him again.

Eat 'Im Up!

Freshman—Is that American History a lunch?

Junior—Well—a sort of primitive lunch—fish and dates.

Kill the Roommate!

Student—When does Miss Mobile graduate?

Roommate-In Auto.



Landlady—How long will you want the

Freshman-Well-about ten feet will do.



Jones—Got anything that's good for the brain?

Waiter-You might try lobster salad.

It is not hard to laugh over troubles past; the real test of a humorist comes in laughing when they are present.

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"The Bar is Closed." - Cornell Widow.

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Signs of the Freshman

- 1. His necktie.
- 2. His collar.
- 3. His need of a shave.
- 4. His questions.
- 5. His hat.
- 6. His shoes.
- 7. His walk.
- 8. His anxiety not to make a break.
- 9. His breaks.
- 10. His opinions about fraternities.
- 11. His prep. school pins and badges.
- 12. His socks. The Chapparral.

A Bald Reality

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Bleeker—"Say, old chap, I'm in beastly bad luck; need money badly, and haven't the least idea where I can get it."

where I can get it."

Baxter—"Well, I'm glad to hear that—I thought perhaps you had an idea you could touch me for it."—Modern Society.

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"The evening wore on," continued the man who was telling the story.

"Excuse me," interrupted the would-be wit; but can you tell us what the evening wore on that occasion?"

"I don't know that it is important," replied the story-teller. "But if you must know, I believe that it was the close of a summer day."—Cincinnati "Commercial Tribune."

Solemn Facts

Now this here thing we call a joke—

There's lots of folks can make one.

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Them humans are

With sense enough to take one.

-Ex.





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A Student—One who does his own work.

A Grind—One who does some one else's work.

A Scout—Ohe who gets some one else to do his work.—Widow.

"With passion for you I'm afire!"

He cried. "Oh, no doubt!"

Her father then heard the wild cry,

And prompty put him out.

-Ex.

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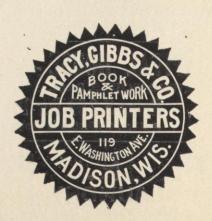
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