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Who went out for a regular tayre,  
She came home at one  
With a horrible bun,  
Which was more than her parents could bayre.

*The Widow.*

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"I wish he would take some of them off and leave them."

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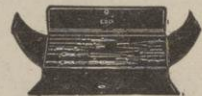
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# The Sphinx

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Something has come between us; can it be  
That I should bear it thus, without a sigh?  
You wonder, but it really could be worse:  
It's just a gate, and isn't very high.

We've had a falling out my love and I;  
And its been icier than I can tell.  
Not that she'd froze me—Oh it wasn't that,  
The ice came first and that was why we fell.

Maiden, with your eyes of blue,  
In which laughter is not gone,  
You have looked me through and through:  
Now come tell me—is it pass, or con?

## The Rarebit Stew.

I.

When Eden was created,  
They put the apple in,  
That Adam when he mated,  
Might eat the fruit and sin.  
Thus Eve began the trouble  
That's never ceased to brew,  
Her daughters make it double,  
By making rarebit stew.

II.

A doughnut's simply awful,  
A fritter's even worse,  
And when one gets a mouthful,  
He's ready for the hearse.  
Mince pie for steady rations,  
Would bring its troubles too,  
But oh, the tribulations,  
Wrapped up in rarebit stew!

III.

I've eaten turkey dressing,  
Hot waffles, have I tried,  
Pan cakes have kept me guessing.  
At fights, I felt inside.  
The Spanish "hot-to-mali,"  
Has made me dream a few.  
But all those things were jolly,  
Compared to rarebit stew.

IV.

I've dreamed of pink eyed lizards  
With many purple hands,  
I've seen them take their gizzards,  
And wash them in the sands.  
I've dreamed a host of dragons  
Danced on me, and they drew  
Their tails around in wagons,  
And fed me rarebit stew.

V.

I've dreamed the fearful creatures  
Had feasts and I was guest.  
I've dreamed they took my features  
And pinned them on my chest.  
They turned my teeth to crimson,  
They dyed my hair light blue,  
And yelled "you've got the 'jims' on"  
All dreams from rarebit stew.

VI.

Eat iron if you wish it,  
Or chew on cotton waste,  
If as a pleasant dish it  
Should chance to suit your taste,  
For lunches in the morning,  
Try nails with cream and glue,  
But heed my solemn warning,  
And shun the rarebit stew.

VII.

Eat poisons—let them fill you  
With laudanum, or zinc,  
They'll do no more than kill you,—  
Try arsenic for drink.  
Blue vitrol's used by many,  
Who lose the one they woo,—  
Try all of them or any,  
But don't eat rarebit stew.





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ABOUT the most popular college professor in the country during the Christmas vacation was the professor at the University of Wisconsin. Harvard, Columbia and Leland Stanford all had hung up their stockings, and had instructed Santa Claus that they wanted a Wisconsin professor for a Christmas present. We are proud, of course, that these universities should make an offer to some of the members of our faculty, as the invitation is a recognition of the high standard of ability possessed by our professors and instructors, and is a fine compliment to our university. But while we are proud of this distinction we are selfish enough to hope that Harvard, Columbia and Leland Stanford will be disappointed.

No university of any standing or prominence can prevent offers of this sort being made to the members of its faculty; it is impossible for a good college professor like a good man to long remain hidden. While then, no one can stop these compliments being paid to our faculty, the university can at least be so situated that the offers will generally be declined with thanks. It costs a great deal of money to run a large university like this, and the people of the state of Wisconsin are as generous as can be expected, but good and valuable men are cheap at any price, and the University of Wisconsin exerts too great an influence on the state at large to jeopardize the high standard of its faculty for a few extra dollars. Ability has its market value like commodities in general, and the retention of noted men in a university is simply a question of dollars and cents, and should be so considered. What answer has been made by the professors who have received the offers, THE SPHINX is not able to state. If an acceptance is given it may, of course, be based on other than financial reasons. But such a thing is very rare, and it is safe to assume that a financial advantage is almost always the reason for the change. Assuming this then as the direct cause of our loss, the remedy is very apparent. We want valuable men in our own faculty, and we want them with us always.





THE SPHINX supposes that the freshmen like other people have made many New Year resolutions, and like other people fully intend to keep them. What all these freshmen resolutions are the Sphinx is not able to state, but reasoning from what has occurred in the past she is certain that she knows at least one. Every conscientious and industrious freshman has made up his mind and has firmly resolved that from now until the "exams" he will work as he has never done before. He has made this resolution because in the majority of cases he is not satisfied with his work during the fall season, and because there will be nothing of any importance to distract his attention from his books. With the football season over and the holidays only a happy memory, he will at last be able to do himself justice.

This resolution, the Sphinx believes, has also been made by the other classes. What has caused the freshmen to reach this conclusion has also operated upon the minds of other students, and two thousand or more students have returned from a joyful holiday vacation firmly determined to gladden the heart of every professor and instructor in the university. College students as a rule know what they go to college for, and if it takes some three months to begin to work hard and do the best for themselves, it is better (like a noted Pennsylvanian once said) to have one resolution in hand on January first than two in mind on June twenty-first. Consequently as college students are only human, a little temporary suspension of the resolution should not be too severely criticised, for after all it is in force most of the time, and "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

### Daggett, J. B.

(With appologies to Kipling.)

Daggett, J. B., was a liar, and a fluent liar there-with.  
 He spoke of the scares of exam., time as "pure University myth;"  
 Came on his father's good money to "study for honors" in September;  
 And I smiled as I thought of his troubles,—likely to end in December.  
 Rushing began with its pleasures. Daggett was cool and gay.  
 Called me a "horrible grind" and tried to induce me to play  
 Poker with him at the frat house, "where is hard work?" said he.  
 "Coming," said I to Daggett. "' And sit down.'" sang Daggett, J. B.  
 History began with its quizzes, topics and maps one or two,  
 Daggett was dear to Prof. Libby—dearer than ever he knew.  
 The freshmen grew cross and cranky—swore at, I grieve to say.  
 All the text books in history, in a truly liberal way.  
 Thanksgiving came on with its quizzes, Daggett went down with a "con."  
 All the delights of the season, tickled him one by one.  
 Imprimis—"Con" on his topic—due to his miserable notes.  
 Later—a "poor" in algebra—study on which he dotes.  
 His look was a trifle unhealthy. Daggett was ill with fear.  
 He called it "a touch of the grippe, sir" as exam. week was drawing near.  
 He babbled of "bucking too hard here" and mentioned his "A" with a tear.  
 While I hadn't seen any "Exs" since the end of my Freshmen year.

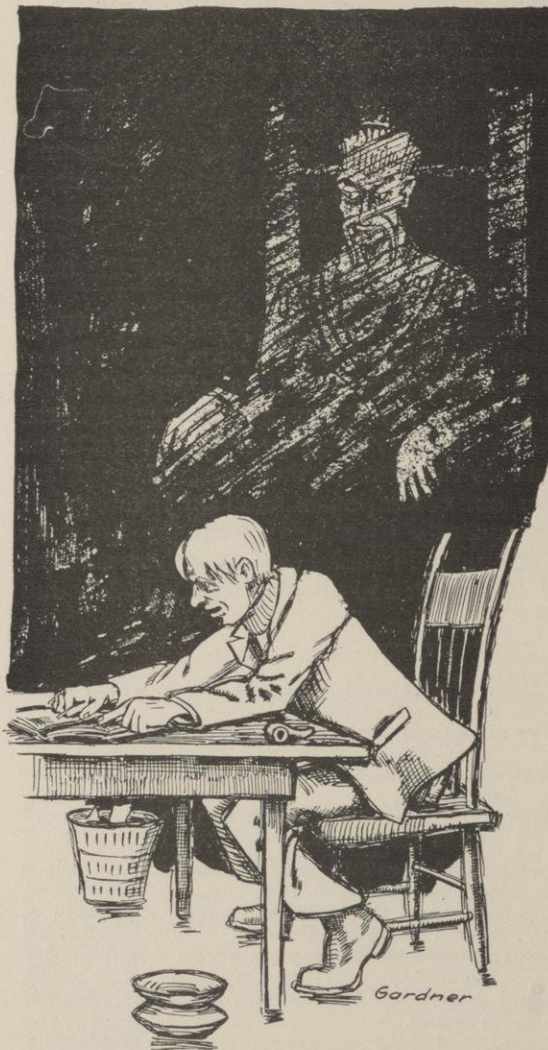
He reached the climax exam. week, which came along pretty soon.  
 (I've mentioned that Daggett was sickly,) Daggett went off in a swoon.  
 That was the end of the business—Daggett, the sore eyed, fled,  
 With a practical working knowledge of "Varsity myths" in his head.  
 And I laughed as I drove to the station and helped him out with his traps,  
 As I thought of the fools like Daggett who prate of their "dead easy snaps,"  
 And the sneers of the easy-goers who loaf and enjoy the land;  
 And I prayed the Lord to deliver another one into my hand.

### Alliteration.

Two grave and reverend seniors were walking down State street the other day, and as is the custom with such noble minded youths, the conversation naturally turned upon subjects of vast and popular interest. They fell to discussing the prevalence of alliteration in the walks of every day life. Finally one stopped and pointing down at the iron trademark in the cement walk said, "Here we have a concrete example of alliteration." This is what he saw:

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#### New Year's Resolutions.

THE SPHINX happened to hear of the following New Year's Resolutions, some of which she would be glad to see fulfilled:

A Young Instructor—I will make a strenuous effort to raise my eyes when I pass a girl on the campus. If I am encouraged enough in this, I hope next year to overcome my shyness entirely.

A Hall Girl—I shall accept all dinner invitations this year and make it a point to call wherever there is a possibility of an invitation.

A. D. G.—I will try to be a good Chi Psi this year as I have been last.

A Law Student—I will freeze to the widows this winter and thaw out in the spring, and I *will* make that Hall girl look up here.

The Badger Board—We will get out a better Badger this year than any that has ever come out before, and we will go to Europe with the proceeds. (So thought we all of us.)

The Library Fiend—I will remember this year to take a seat in the corner with my back to the reading room where no one will come to talk to me.

The Other Library Fiend—I will take my seat in the same corner of the reading room where no one will disturb us.

The Senior Girl—I will try to know all the boys in the class this year. I may be teaching in some small town next year, and it will be too late.

The Engineer—I will do the social act to the extent of my opportunities. I may get a job in Washington and I need the training.

The Y. M. C. A. Youth—I will attend all church services this year regularly. I will not study on Sunday, (Mental reservation—except when we have had a social the night before.)

A Freshman—I shall not accept so many invitations from my class officer, and I shall be more diplomatic in composing my home letters. I shall endeavor to appreciate myself more fully and dispense entirely with that modest air.



## THE JILTED LOVER.



ES, he had been jilted. It was not the first time, but he resolved it should be the last. For him the joys of life were over. But one thing remained—he must end his miserable existence.

He looked at the bottle of deadly poison before him. How it smelt of the grave, and to his nervous imagination seemed to look like the grim spectre of death itself. He shuddered. Taking it in his left hand, and with his pen in his right, he

resolved to keep a record of his emotions up to the very last. Nerving himself to the utmost, he swallowed the nauseous dose, he gagged, sputtered, coughed and choked, then a feeling, serene and calm settled upon him and he commenced the horrible record of his deed.

"Midnight—I have taken it! How it burns. It eats my very vitals. How it courses through my veins. Oh, Kitty, how could you drive me to this desperate act?"

12:15—I feel faint; strange visions float before my eyes. The cold, clammy hand of death is catching at my throat; Oh, Kitty, why did you not love me, as I loved you?"

12:30—I have reached the third and last stage. How elated I feel. A strange bliss steals over me and I am glad to die, I no longer fear it. Such is my ecstasy, that in my supreme, rapturous delight, I don't believe I care whether you threw me down or not, Kitty.

12:45—Death is darn slow in coming. Yet things are getting blurred and hazy. My room seems to be whirling around. I fear my carpet will come up and hit me in the face. But I don't care. If things were not getting so black—I think I should like to smash something. I seem to be hiccupping—surely I am in the last agonies of death. Yes I am growing numb, my pen refuses to write; perhaps I have a hold of the wrong end. Yes, I feel myself gently gliding into the next world. Goodbye, cruel, cruel, Kitty!"

Just as the heavy body fell with a sickening thud upon the floor, a heavy knock sounded upon the suicide's door.

"Oh, Mr. Jones," cried the nasal voiced maid, "the druggist wants me to tell you please not to drink any of that prescription he gave you. It was a mistake. It is a mixture of brandy and chloral hydrate and is used for horse liniment."

But alas—the message came too late. The victim could not hear a word of it. The jilted lover lay on the floor, dead, dead—drunk.







December 9th.—Chadbourne hall girls petition Regents to rescue them from Hamburger.

December 14th—Soldiers Hop to keep warm.



December 17th.—Cork, Ireland, sends Andy an invitation to play in their pond.



December 18th.—Athenean rooster flaps his wings and crows again.

January 6th.—College opens for the merry new year.





January 8th.—Coach Kilpatrick offers to meet track candidates from 6 to 6 P. M. daily.

January 9th.—Senior Class tenders itself a social for the benefit of the memorial.

January 10th.—Poultney Bigelow reminisces at Convocation.

January 11th.—The Small-Pox Germ makes his second annual appearance.



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Tuesday Lecture—The Boer—on subject considerably. Some stories—same as Friday enlarged.

Remarks. Irish brogue, manner attractive, matter interesting.

"Hencoop's" a good fellow but had a cold.

**The Sesonn.**

[With Apologies to Chaucer.]

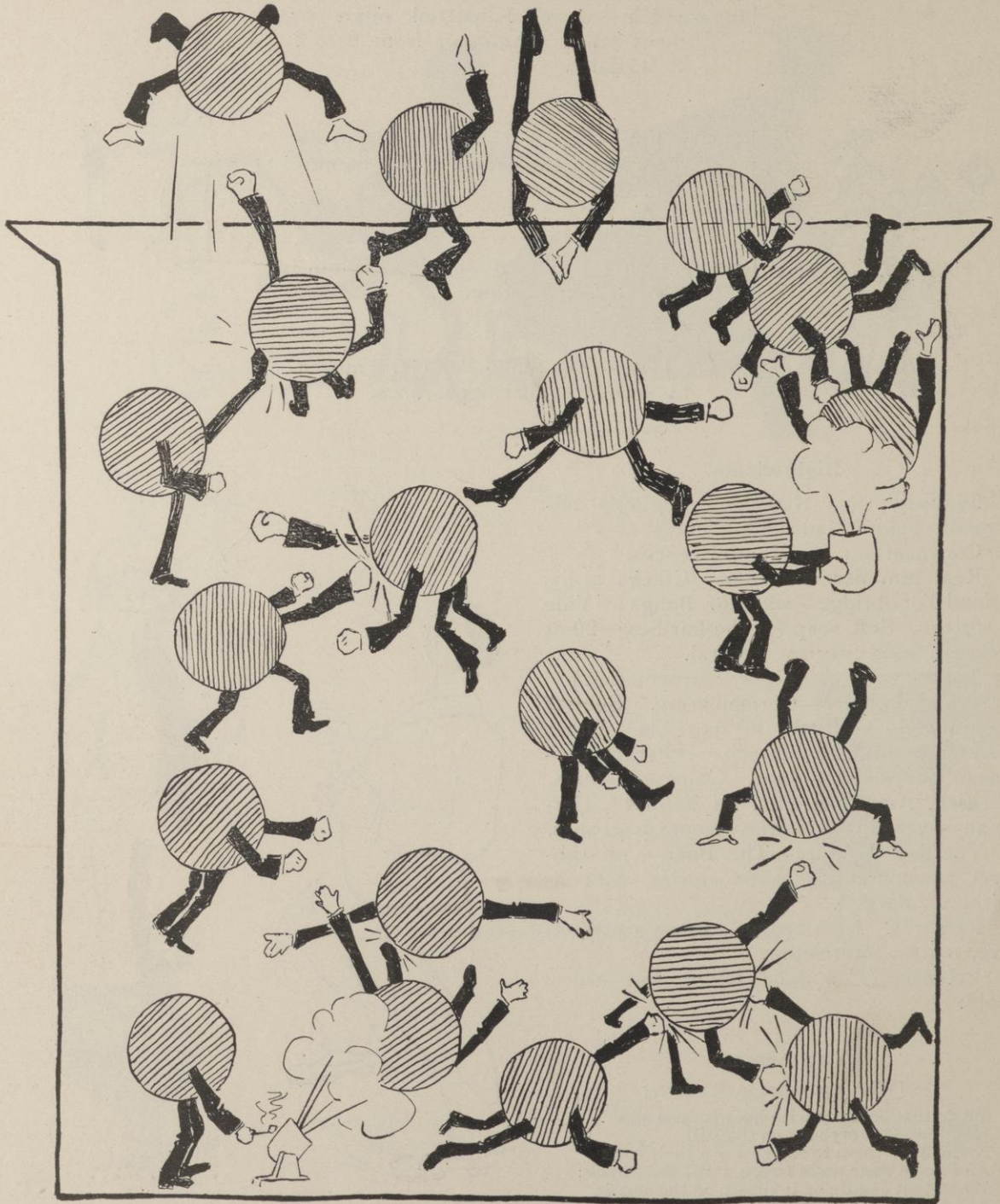
Whan that Janoory with his winds so chill  
 Hath pierced everybody on the Hill  
 And caused them to shiver down their back  
 And make their noses freeze, until they crack:  
 Whan that small pox it sitteth on the corner  
 And every fellow thinketh he's a goner;  
 Whan the fair daughter, and the younge son  
 Hath in vacation through their money run  
 And thinken of the Prom's sweet melodie  
 And dress and tickets, set them down and cry;  
 Whan that exam time cometh fast, and faster  
 And everyone anticipates disaster;  
 Then lacketh everyone in his courages  
 Then longen folk to gone on pilgrimages.



**A Humorous Stab.**

Mr. Kable—"What is a curved line?"  
 B. B.—"A curved line is a bent straight line."





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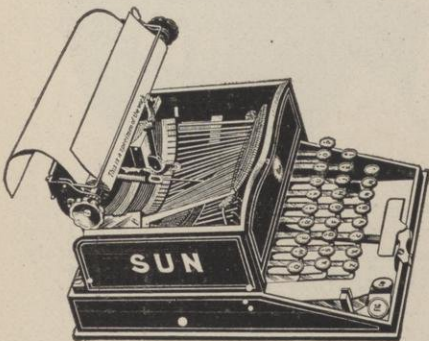
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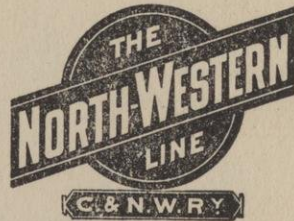
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