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# THE SPHINX

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He's a hustler and a hummer, and an ever  
ready comer,  
And there's ruddy human blood a flowing  
through him.  
There is slanginess and vigor in his speech.  
And his troubles—(they are many)—never  
fret him.  
He's a sturdy lad and straight, though he  
hits a rapid gait—  
Mr. Badger—from Wisconsin—have you  
met him?

He's the kind that never knows the time to  
quit,  
He will fight as long as there is breath re-  
maining,  
Whether there be hope or not, he is Johnny  
on the spot,  
For "surrender" wasn't taught him in his  
training—  
O his unabashed assurance and his nerve  
Make you quick to know and slower to for-  
get him—  
You could scarcely call him wild, though  
he's not an angel child.  
Mr. Badger, of Wisconsin, have you met  
him?

*Mr. Badger! here's our best respects to you.  
You're a MAN! sir, Mr. Badger, through  
and through!  
Lay your quibblings on the shelves,  
And we'll drink a toast ourselves  
For Mr. Badger, all of us are you!  
So another toast  
To the plucky cuss  
Mr. Badger of Wisconsin—  
Which is us!*

A. B. BRALEY.





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Always remember that this is only pretence, so that you are not to believe a word of it, even if it is true.—Kingsley

**I**N A FEW DAYS the championship of the Interfraternity Bowling League will be decided, and we will know definitely who the champion bowlers are. In the springtime on the glad, wet campus, we shall get a hunch as to the best Baseball Team. Then if the management decides on another circus we will have our anxiety relieved on the subject of the young men who can transform themselves into the best animal. Perhaps with the local field day we shall have another struggle for the best Relay Four. Far be it from THE SPHINX to extend the cold and clammy handshake to any of these worthy enterprises, but as a humorous suggestion—a quaint fancy, a funny thought, you know—wouldn't it be too perfectly killing for any use if the fraternities should get up an Interfraternity Study League?

**A**FTER ALL THE FUSS and feathers about the Cornell race it is rather disappointing to find that the crew which is to represent that eastern institution is "the freshman crew which won the race at Poughkeepsie last year." Though we are glad to see that the freshman crew which won the race at Poughkeepsie last year has been fortunate enough to work the management for a trip west, at the same time we can not see just where the benefit comes in to the Wisconsin Jubilee. Interesting as a race might be between straight Wisconsin and Cornell eights it will neither produce particularly keen interest nor rampant enthusiasm to see the crew, which we, as Badgers, are proud of, relegated to the same class with last year's freshmen.

In a race of that sort there is neither glory nor profit. We are racing a crew which has no standing in the athletic world however much it may have had last June. It is without name or fame; it is only what the newspaper called it: "The freshman crew which won the race at Poughkeepsie last year." If by some freak we are beaten, our old friends, the Chicago Dailies, will say in large letters "Beaten by last year's Freshman Crew." If we win, an obscure paragraph will be headed "Wisconsin Defeats Scrub Crew from Cornell."

If we have no say as to what Cornell eight is to put in an appearance and if we must look on with wide eyes at the performance of the Freshman Crew which won last year at Poughkeepsie, in the name of the Trophy Room let them race with OUR Freshman Crew and the hardy sportsmen from St. John's.



I do not know, nor would I bet  
On just how much that Juliet.  
The only fact that I can state  
Is what the waiters satiate.

A. B. S.



Some are born great, and some achieve,  
And some in fame are rollin',  
But he is greatest, I believe,  
Who gets an Ex from Olin.



Customer—I presume you pad most of  
your dresses.

Ladies' Tailor—Not at all, we merely  
remedy angularities and accentuate curves.



### A Grouch---Its Cure

Plague hang it all!

Gee! It's all bosh I say,  
This work, and dig, and grind, the live long  
day,

Thunder! The Deuce!

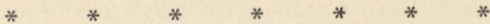
Ah shucks! What's all this clatter  
About the x, y, z's, and force, and matter?

Matter! Oh, humdrum!

Whizz! And this everlasting yell about  
The cribs. Exams! I'd like to cut them  
out.

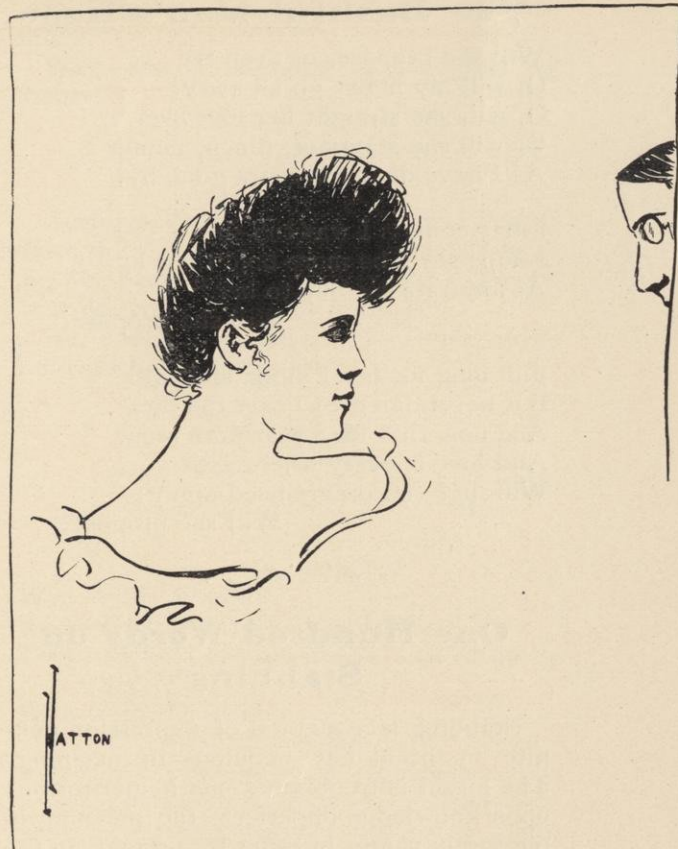
Quizzes! The Dickens!

Jack, my check ain't come,  
That cob? A match? O yes, I'll take some  
From ol' Virginny.



Glory! Now be it one thing, swim or sink,  
I'll not give up my pipe again, I think.

—W. E. F.



He — "Do you know why your ankles  
are like a clever retort?"

She — "Naughty! Naughty! Why?"

He — "Neatly turned."



### A Study In Cognomens

I.

He: "Charmed, Miss Green."

She: "So pleased, Mr. Banks."

II.

He: "Elsie."

She: "Robert."

III.

He: "Darling."

She: "Dearest."

IV.

He: "Mrs. B."

She: "You old fool."



"Miss Blimius is the prettiest girl I ever  
saw."

"You'd better consult an oculist."



## The Bashful Man's Hope

Will she propose, or even try  
Or will my hopes go all awry?  
O, will she straight her love aver  
Or will she stammer, flinch, demur  
As I have done for years gone by?

I may confess I was too shy  
I hope she'll be more bold than I  
At any rate it's "up to her."  
Will she propose?

Full long for her I mope and sigh  
But never dared to "cast the die,"  
And now that leap year doth recur  
And love is every where astir  
Will she? (no others need apply)  
Will she propose?



## One Hundred Words on Stabbing

Stabbing is a method of expression definite in intent but nebulous in meaning. The intent is to obtain a mark meritorious upon knowledge imperfect; the meaning is purposely vague in order to present an infinitesimal bit of concrete knowledge in the most imposing abstract phraseology.

Stabbing may be again defined as vague vocabularism applied to a simple statement of fact.

Stabbing develops ease, quickness, adaptability and knowledge of English. It encourages procrastination, and increases laziness. The man who never stabs is futile; the man who never does anything else is useless; but stabbing as a supplement to study is invaluable.

—Kim.



She—What is that man, a snake charmer?  
He—No, he sells men's corsets.  
She—O, he told me he sold beau constrictors.



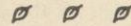
"Ma, a man who makes instigations is an instigator, isn't he?"

"Yes, my child."

"Then is a man who makes allegations an alligator?"



"An Irish High Ball, Murphy," he said to the barkeep at the Juneau.  
"With or without?"  
"Oh, make it Riley."

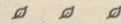


"What do they call that fellow who tells your fortune by your skull?"

"Why, a medium of exchange, I believe," said Richard, who was a dollar short.



A. D. 2000. The survivor from a wreck on the rapid transit road was just regaining consciousness after the operation. Her father was a Captain of Industry, and he had procured at great expense a head to be grafted on in place of the mangled one of his daughter. Her eyes rolled from side to side, her lips moved, and they heard her whisper, "Is my head on straight?"



Cholly—Why do you object to cremation  
Jolly—Because tis' such a warm finish.



"Those verses deserve to shine" said the editor as he threw a manuscript into the fire.



Preface—Title as yet undiscovered.

Prologue—Beg your pardon, Abou.

Bill, a gay student, (may his flunks decrease,) Thought he awoke from dreams that were not peace;

And saw within the shadows of his room

(Filling it full of an infernal gloom)

A master writing in a book of blue.

Exceeding fear had made Bill want to chew The rag of conversation; so he said:

"What writest thou?" The master raised his head,

And with a look to make the strongest quail, Answered: "The names of those who shall not fail."

"And is mine one?" said Billy. "Nay not so."

Replied the Prof. (Bill's brass began to go.)

But still he piped up: "I am never late, I always make my eight o'clocks at eight."

The master wrote and vanished. The next night

He came again, and showed by lantern light The names of such of those as stood the test

And lo! This student's name led all the rest.

Epilogue—Hurrah for Bill!

W. E. J.

First College Thief—Have you taken Money and Banking?

Second Ditto—Well, I never took banking.

Notice in the Libe Cloak Room—Will the person who took the overcoat from this hook please return same? 1907.

DEAR '07:—Sure. The first of June. 1906.

### Fruit Notes

The cultivation of peaches is very expensive.

It is usually profitable to keep dates.

Pippins are shipped east in the fall.

Pears are nice.

### Epitaph

Here lies the body of Amos Jones.

Beneath this heap of dirt and sod,  
His soul is none—knows—where, because,  
He wasn't on good terms with God.

Miggins calls his betrothed, "My Finance."

Well, she is, Miggins is marrying for money.

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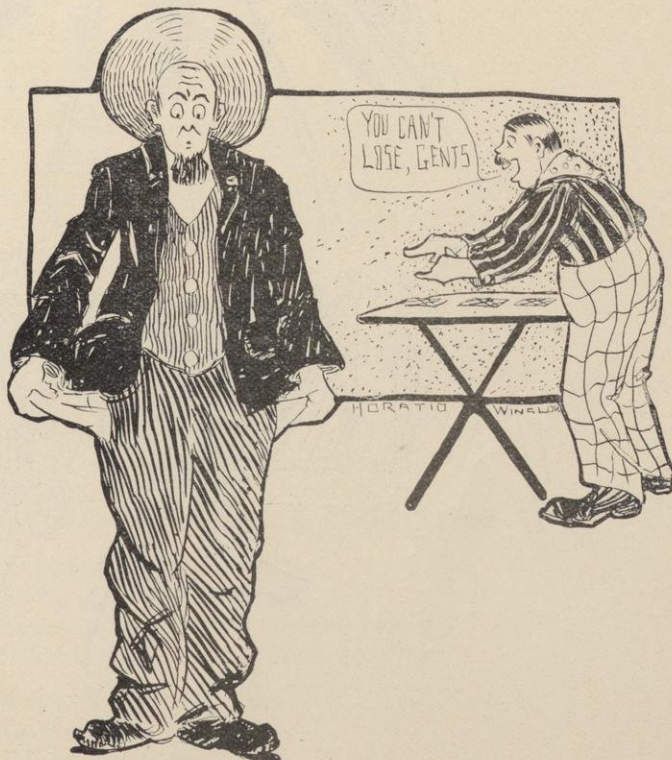
Gushing Young Girlie—O, Mr. Pouritdown, don't you love to watch the clouds floating like flecks of foam in the sky? Doesn't it make you feel better, purer—

Mr. Pouritdown (absently)—Don't know. I always blow off the foam.

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Wee Willie Wistful  
As in the story did Jack and Jill,  
Took "School of Commerce," called up by "Bill;"

Wee Willie Wistful,  
came down the hill.



"Well Done"





**Smooth!**

"I just knew you were a college man;  
You look so intellectual."



## Dampened

"My life flows like the smoothest stream"—  
She said, "Oh cease your shams,  
You know right well, that smoothest streams  
Have not so many "damns."

A. B. S.

He called the waiter to him. "Say,  
waiter, this jelly is "scab jelly. Tell the  
landlady, we won't eat it!"

"Why—what's the matter?"

"Well, here its after 6 o'clock and that  
jelly is still working. Tell her we want  
some that isn't working."

"Touching song, Barnes wrote."

"Wassat?"

"O, Give Me That Five Dollar Bill,' he  
calls it."

♦ ♦ ♦

"Jones is quite a linguist."

"Eh?"

"He, can say 'Hell' in eight languages."

♦ ♦ ♦

"Taking economics, Bill?"

"Nope, practicing 'em. I went to the  
Prom."

♦ ♦ ♦

## The Gentle Knock

A sprightly young girl from Hoboken,  
Claimed her heart by a lover was broken.

"It hurts me," she cried

"And I'm burning inside."

"Cigarettes," said the doctor—"quit smok-  
in'."

"But mother said I musn't go out un-  
chaperoned with a gentleman, so I refused  
Mr. Black's invitation."

"Huh, I don't see where that applies.  
He's no gentleman."

## The Zealous Reporter

A sprightly young reporter was James Alexander Jones  
With the reportorial instinct firmly grounded in his bones.  
Thrilling "specials" for the "Sundays," calculations, figures, names—  
Stories of the throbbing city—these were meat and drink for James.

"Mr. Jones," remarked an editor one fateful summer's day,  
"Do an article on hashes for the coming Sunday—say:  
Write us up some fifty samples—P. D. Q.—now don't be rash!"  
So James went upon the warpath after "Fifty Kinds of Hash."

He ate and wrote and slept until one morning he awoke  
With the thought that he had swallowed half a cord of knotted oak;  
"Gracious goodness!" he cried wildly, "how remarkably this feels!"  
As he scribbled off a special on "Results of Hasty Meals."

He dressed; ate three more hashes, but the pain grew worse and worse  
Till that evening he was cloistered with a doctor and a nurse.  
"What a chance," he faintly murmured, and his tones were low and thick,  
"To write up a little leader on 'The Symptoms of the Sick!'"

"Your appendix is in trouble and your liver's overfed,"  
Said the doctor, as he smoothed the hair from Jameses fevered head;  
"We must operate upon you 'ere you eat another meal."  
"Ha," said James, "another column—'Operations—How They Feel.'"

But alas! poor James was sinking quite too rapidly 'twas clear.  
"Can I help you?" asked the doctor, as he shed a silent tear.  
"Yes; take down this little story," murmured James with labored breath,  
"Have a full-page illustration; call it 'Shaking Hands With Death!'"

So he passed from out the portals and it's likely that today  
He is planning out a series on the "Modern Milky Way;"  
Doubtless radiantly happy, with the single lone regret  
That he hasn't seen his hashatory article as yet.

—B. J.



"This cake gives me a pain."  
 "Gee, it must be made of window."

♦ ♦ ♦

### A Court Remedy

The princess in order to spite him,  
 Cut her brother in two (funny item),  
 Then he said to the king,  
 "There is only one thing,  
 To be done, and that thing is, 'You knight  
 him.'"

♦ ♦ ♦

### Cold Time

In the night I heard a wheezing,  
 It was my alarm-clock sneezing,  
 Quick I put my gloves upon it,  
 Just to keep its hands from freezing.

—A. B. S.

x x x

### The Freshman from Gill

There was a young Freshman from Gill,  
 Who was told he did finely at drill;  
 He said, "Don't you see,  
 It comes easy to me,  
 My father's a dentist at Gill."

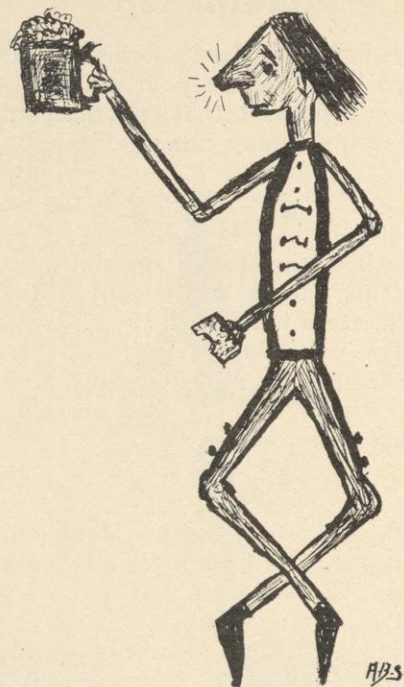
—A. B. S.

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I kissed my sister fourteen times,  
 My head was all awlirl,  
 I like my sister, but I thought  
 She was another girl.

♦ ♦ ♦

Said Tweedledum to Tweedledee,  
 "How shall I pay my locker fee?"  
 "There is no plan that you can hatch,  
 You have to dig for it and scratch."



The Malligourump is a chump, my dear,  
 The Malligourump is a fool.  
 The Malligourump eats bread and beer  
 And never is seen at school.  
 The Malligourump can't read or write,  
 The Malligourump can't sing,  
 But the Malligourump knows how to fight  
 And dance the highland fling.

♦ ♦ ♦

First Inquisitor—That heretic we were  
 torturing to-day jumped out of the skillet  
 we were frying him in, and pretty near  
 killed brother Peter.

Second Inquisitor—Ah, out of the frying  
 ing pan into the Friar.

♦ ♦ ♦

"Sue Brett says she's the leading lady in  
 the new comic opera."

"O, yes. She marches on the stage at  
 the head of the chorus."

♦ ♦ ♦

"Miss Highstone has the measles."  
 "She always had a taking way."

x x x

Matrimony + acrimony = alimony.  
 —Punch Bowl.



## A Tale

John Peter McSmith was a sensible man,  
Who drank on a most economical plan.  
For, showing his wisdom and striking good  
sense,  
He never indulged at John Peter's expense.

He firmly held back from the drink or the  
spree  
Till some one else hinted, "Boys this is on  
me!"

Alas, how our scheming goes down to de-  
feat;  
John Peter imagined he never would treat;  
And yet when he died, says the popular  
myth,  
The neighbors got square with John Peter  
McSmith,

For they carved on his tombstone, where  
strangers may see,  
The touching inscription, "*Boys, this is on  
me!*" — B. T.



## Indulgent

The papa gazed sadly at the bills of his  
College son; then he sighed but there was a  
proud smile upon his face: "No one, can  
ever say I have a 'no account son'" he said  
as he gazed once more at the papers before  
him.



I do not like the way things go  
They don't seem made to suit precisely —  
And yet in spite of all, I know  
That I can manage with them nicely.  
If one can't fix life's little game,  
He can enjoy it just the same.



## Spring Poem

The snow is gone from off the ground,  
The students gaily gather 'round  
And celebrate, 'cause Spring is here,  
And all signs point to fresh bock beer.

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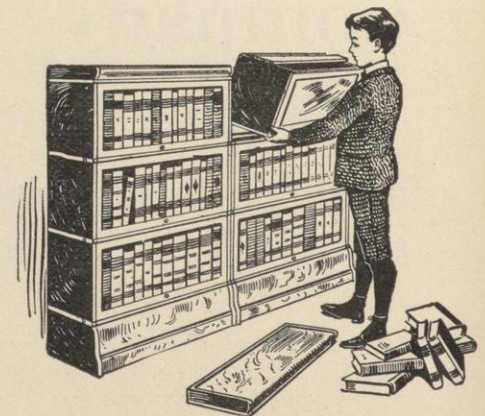
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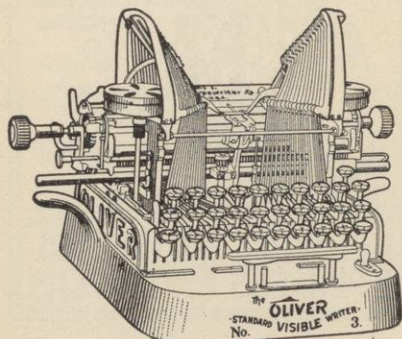


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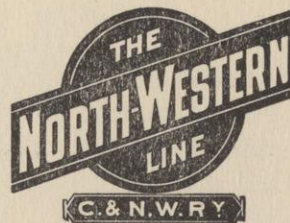
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