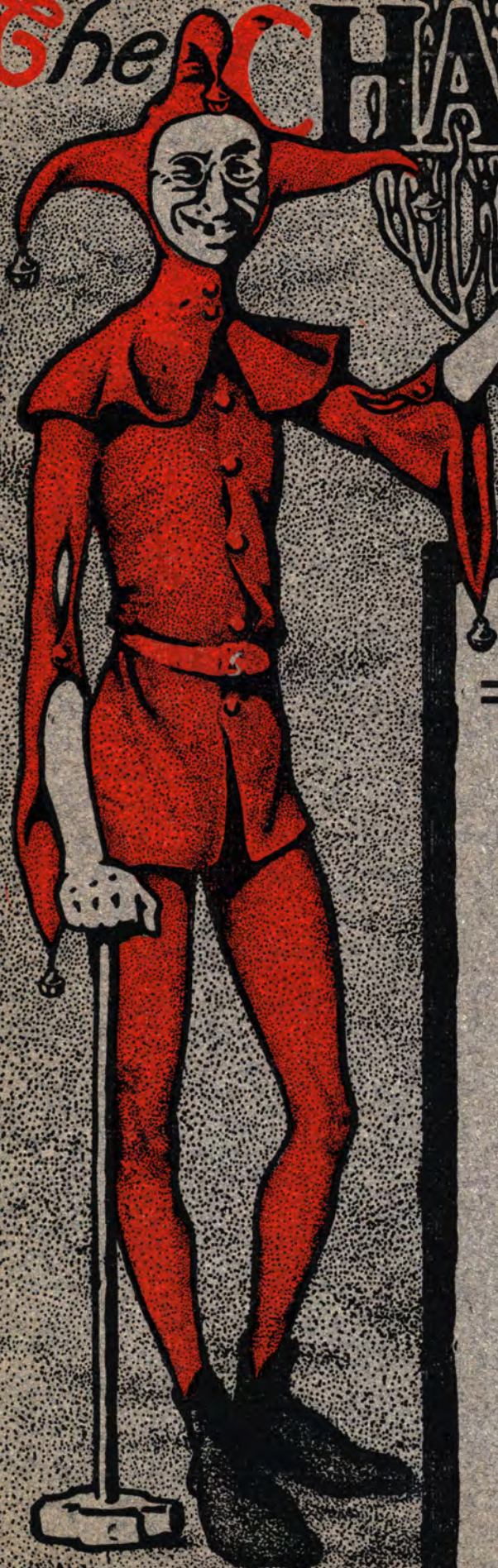


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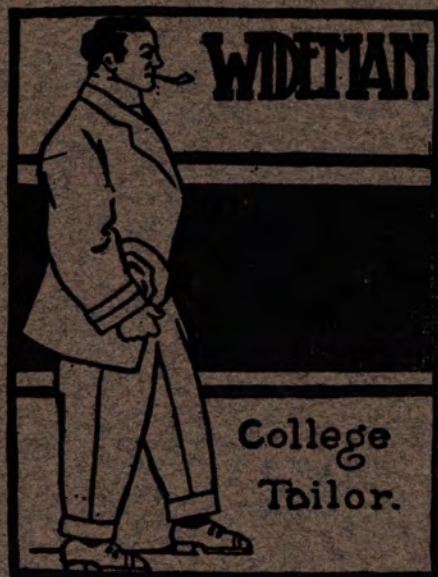
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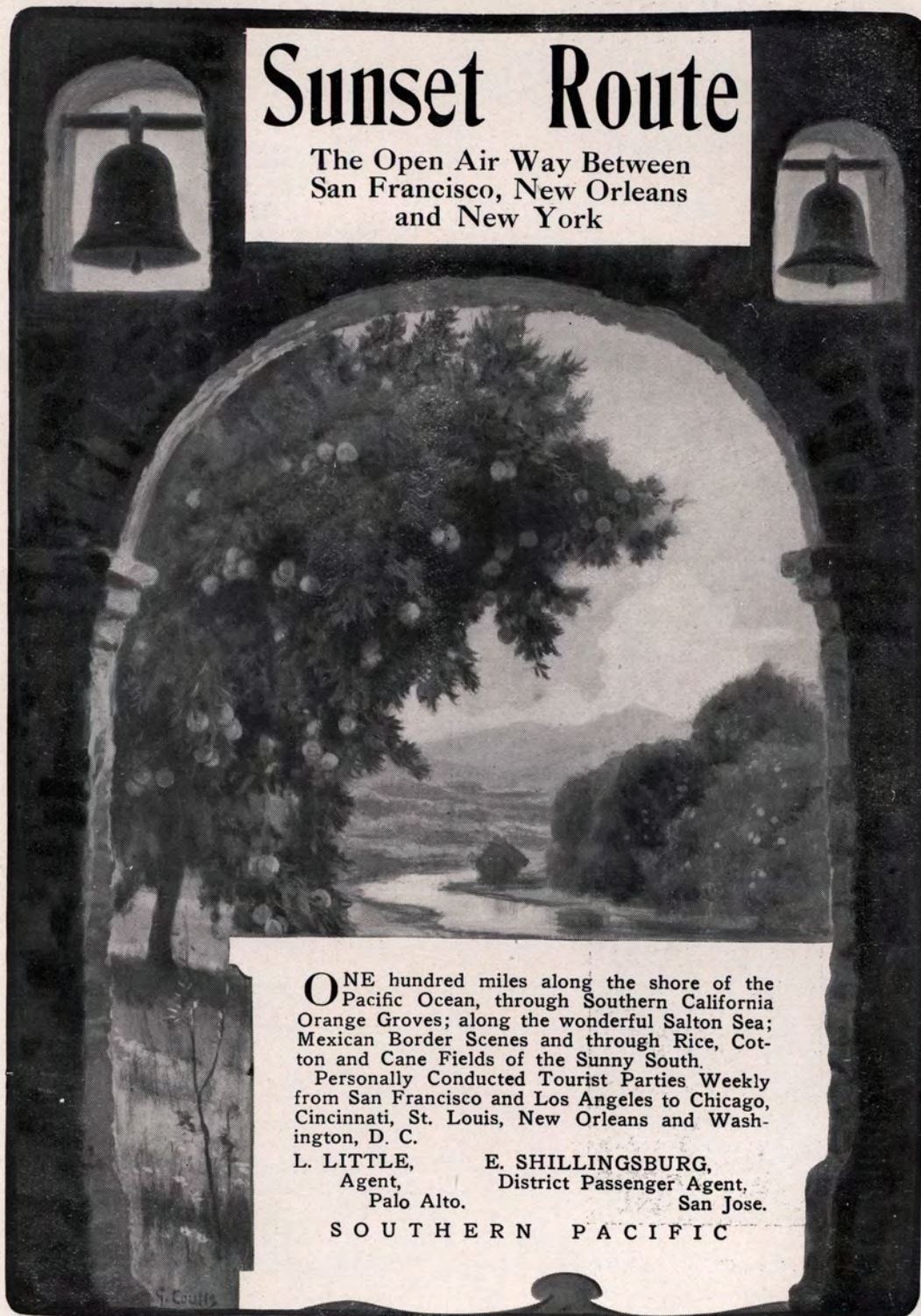
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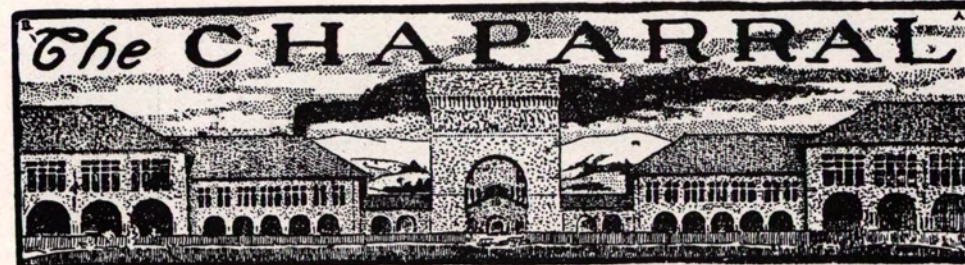
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"I count them over, every one apart,
My rosary—my rosary."



"DON'T THOSE GERMAN STUDENTS LOOK FUNNY?"



GRADUATION.

(Larry MacF. Bowman.)

Long did the night ride sovereign in the sky,
 And draw great shadows on the sleeping hills.
 Such was the time to figure human ills
 And shape brave fortunes at the candle's eye.
 What task was this,—simply to stamp the lie,
 The truth discover? We have done them both—
 Planned the long way to go, and, something loath,
 We wipe the pen and blot the pages dry.

Come to the window, where, presageful, cold,
 The morning wind sets all the leaves astir,
 And voice on voice there rise up manifold
 From earth's green breast the cries that trouble her.
 With the first blush of morning comes a doubt.
 Dawn! Let us put the paltry candle out.





'Tis better to have lived and laughed than never to have lived at all.

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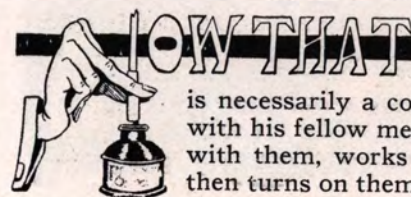
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The Chaparral is fairly started, it may as well be understood just what it proposes to do. It hopes to sprinkle a few smiles among the men and women of Stanford by crystallizing in print the fun of the University. "Chappie" will joke with you and have a good time generally, but he has no time for sorrow, nor any inclination to weeping. He wants to be the exponent of college fun—Stanford fun—which is always pure fun without questionableness and without malice.

(This, the first "Now That" ever written, appeared in the initial number of The Chaparral. It was written by Bristow Adams.)



system of procuring information, commonly known as the spy system, is the most contemptible institution known to man. A spy is necessarily a coward, a hypocrite, and a sneak. He mingles with his fellow men, and, pretending to have a cause in common with them, works himself into their trust and confidence, and then turns on them and betrays them like a cringing Judas. The word spy is synonymous with "yelping cur," venomous snake, or what Westerners call "skunk." Some good Stanford men are missing this semester. The spies got them. Chappie warns all the men of Stanford to

beware, for there are spies in Encina, and spies on the Row. There are spies everywhere.

(In Morris Oppenheim's time the trouble between the faculty and the students was augmented by the undergraduate belief that there were spies in Encina and on the Row reporting student derelictions.)



the festive seashore yields us up again to grind, we tread the squared-off, paired-off quad, and say that we don't mind. But in our hearts an awful doubt, and in our minds a fear. We're once more with the fellows, but we don't know why we're here. For Menlo is as good as dry, they've stolen Charlie's goat; there's moisture in our eye, but there's no moisture in our throat. And ain't it awful, Mabel—it's terrific, goodness knows—the suitcase ain't the thing of old—IT'S USED TO CARRY CLOTHES.

Oh, dry our tears, immortal gods, as Abee dried the town. Pray tap a cloudland brewery, there, and run a pipe line down. For what's the use of living in a village such as this, where throats, and tongues hang out, and there's no liquid bliss? Far rather would we hit the world, and work, yes, really work. We promise that we'd toil and grind, and never duty shirk. We'd gladly give our energy and ne'er fall by the way, if our employer'd only grant one glass of beer per day.

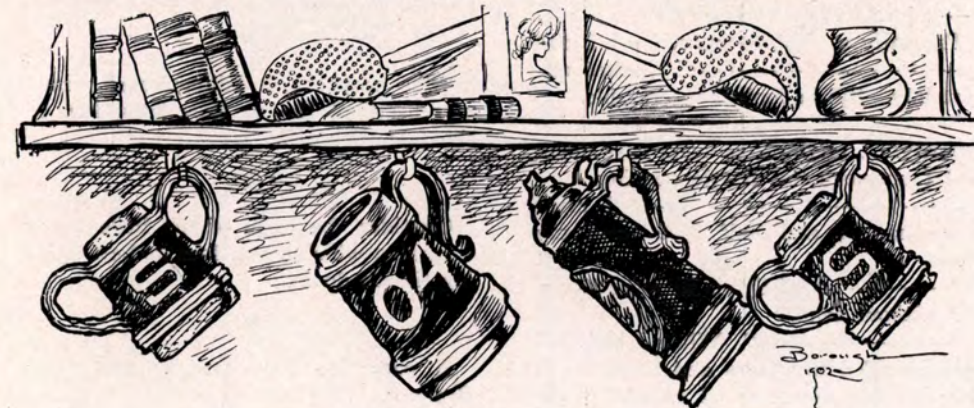
One glass of beer per day, oh joy! One glass of beer per day! Will e'er we hear those words again, before our hair turns gray? Will ever, in this life of ours, except in nightly dream, we see old Charley's curly head, and watch his bright eyes gleam? Will ever, bacchanial gods, will ever, ever we, that old familiar ballad hear, "Well, what's it going to be?"

(Dug Ferry, whose first editorial was the above, edited Volume X, just after the final abolition of booze.)



this is a Back Number, the Present Generation sneaks behind the wings and watches the old-time Heroes stalk the stage again. Ten years is a century of college life, and some of the older specimens of the Joke gentle which are here exhumed may have a pleasant smack of antiquity for us today.

To those who have Went Before, hail! Your halcyon days were touched with a careless joy of living that we know not today; the University has grown up, and we with it. The spirit of Chappie remains the same, but only because Chappie is eternally and essentially young. As we clasp hands across the years we can only say to you, that doing work because you love it has lost none of its zest Down on the Farm.





DILLETANTE.

Sylvia was at home, of course. She always is. This is one of the weird, impalpable things about her character. I turned as she came rustling down the stairs. She had! The white satin.

"———," said I, pressing her hand. "———," she reproached me, waving at a sofa.

"———?" I ventured as I followed her.

Sylvia was silent for a moment. "———," she hesitated, after a minute. "———," she added, hastily. I discreetly examined my shoes. Her royal Herness leaned against my sleeve, gently.

"———?" she said, after a minute. "———," I assured her, looking up. "———."

"———," she encouraged me. "———," I finished.

"——!" Sylvia protested, laughing. Sylvia laughing is, a you may not know, a sight for gods and men. She —— adorable.

Presently a shadow crossed my brow. "———?" I asked uncertainly. Sylvia looked inscrutable.

"———," she said with some severity. I might have been cast down had I not seen the dimple peeping.

"———!" I cried triumphantly, and half rose from my chair.

"———" cried Sylvia in some alarm, but without avail.

"———." When I had said this I folded my arms and compressed my lips like Napoleon. I couldn't have

been entirely successful, for Sylvia grinned. "———," she chuckled rudely.

"———," I retorted, holding my own with some difficulty. You will admit, it was embarrassing.

Sylvia said nothing, so I felt encouraged.

"———?" I asked, patronizingly.

"———?"

"———"

I might have gone on, but something caught my eye. "———!" I exclaimed dramatically, pointing to it as it hung from the ceiling, with its cool green and warm red berries. "———,"

"———!" And then, because the word allowance is almost run out, I took a step forward. Oh, the ——

——— with —— ———!



Perennial.

"Say, where's your roommate gone?"

"Why, he's over eating at the Inn."

"Come out of it! Who ever heard of anyone overeating at the Inn?"



As they paddled along in a nook, She said faintly, "Why, Algernon, look!

In that oak. I declare, I see Mistletoe there!"

And the crew fished them out with a hook.



"Do you believe in eating clubs on the campus?"

"No; nor in chewing toothpicks, either."



"The suspense is killing me," murmured Alkali Ike, as they hung him to the telegraph pole.

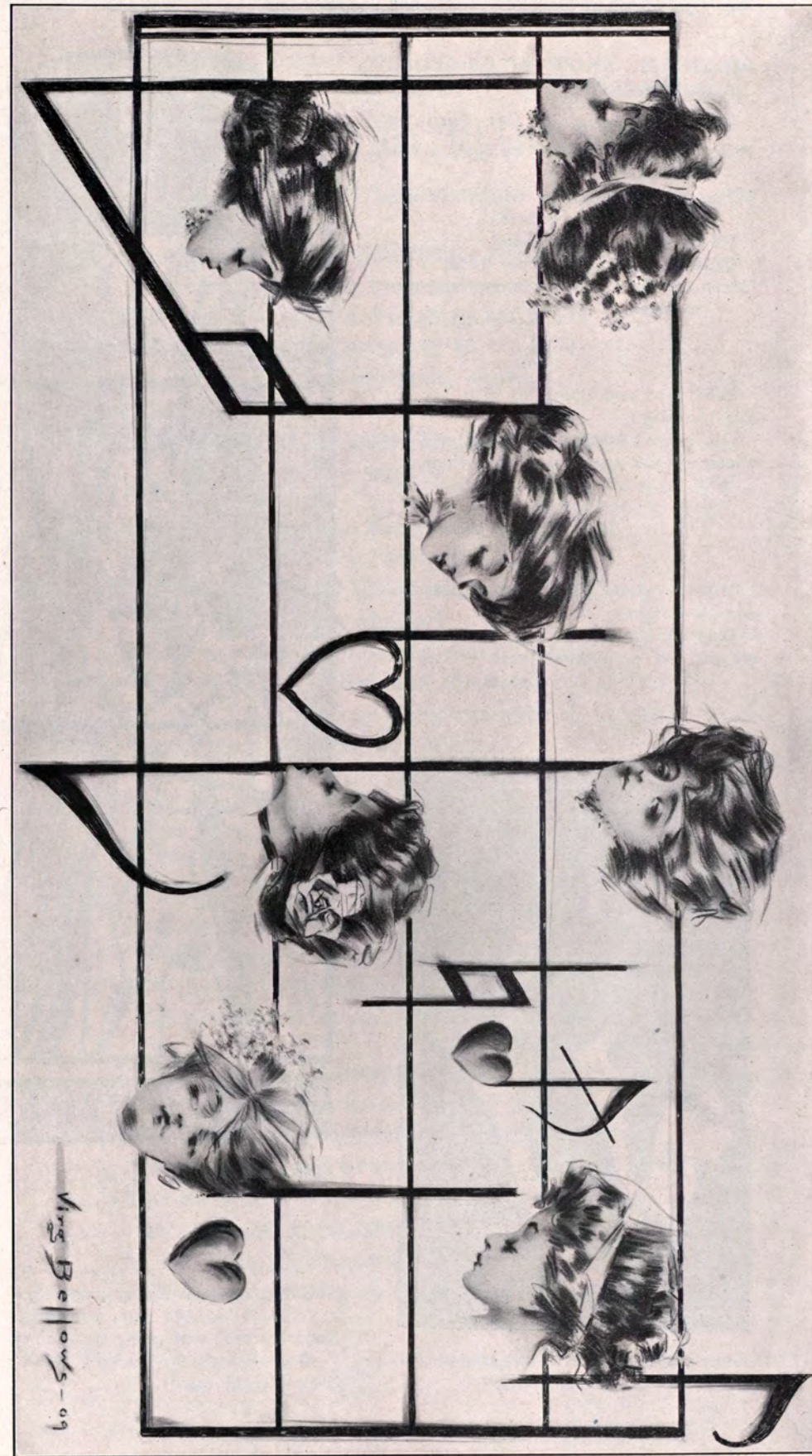


Consider the ways of the little green cucumber which never does its best fighting till it's down.



A paradox—Doc Jordan and Doc Branner.

GRACE NOTES.



King Bellows-09

WHEN THE SNOW BIRDS SCOOT AGAIN ACROSS THE VALLEY.

(Illustrated Song, by Doc Curtin.)

When the snow birds scoot again across the valley,
When the woodchucks trim their hats with woodbine leaves,
I'll be in the canyon grand
With my hat down in my hand,
When the little snow birds melt and turn to slush.

What are you going to give her for her birthday?
Oh, I don't know. Guess I'll give her a pair of silk stockings, for a change.
Why, what did you give her last year?
A pair of silk stockings, bonehead!

Mistress—Jane, the castors on this bed squeak horribly.
Jane—Yis, mum. I'll get some castor oil and put on thim at once."



Bobby's Idea of Mme. Tetrassini—a Col-oratura Soprano.



DESIGN FOR A STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

Doc—These are the D—!!— —!!
XXX?? premises I ever played golf on."
Babe—I say, old man, you want to be more careful with your vocabulary."
Doc—What's the matter? Ain't prem-ises a good word?

GRADUATES BY REQUEST.

(By Wallace Irwin.)

This is no rhyme of Commencement time
When the faculty makes decree
That the pure of heart shall be set apart
By the mystical sign, A. B.
I sing tonight of a common wight
On the campus of the west,
Who makes things snort for an era short
And graduates by request.

The freshmen go in the green of the leaf,
The sophomores in their gall,
The juniors skip by the pink strip slip
And tarry not for the fall.
Where are the seniors, too blithe to last,
The dearest, the beerest, the best?
Ah, they have been seen by the eyes of Green
And are graduates by request.

They go not out with a gladsome shout,
But they go by ones and twos,
And they go in pride, for they've qualified
In their major subject—Booze.
They have felt the heel of the faculty spiel,
They have been the Committee's guest,
And they hit the ties in the merry guise
Of graduates by request.

So the freshman leaveth his fields of grass
And the sophomore leaveth his beer,
And the junior goeth where no man knoweth
At any old time of the year.
And the senior doth wait at the campus gate
With a sob in his throbbing chest,
As he joins the innumerable host
Of the graduates by request.

SONNETS of a MURDERER.

*The Murderer is an
Idealist. He Does
His Work
For Art.*

I.
Let none suppose I murder just for fun.
Did Shakespeare write his verses just to kid?
Did Rembrandt paint Madonnas as he did
In the same spirit George Ade makes a pun?
Did Cook and Peary take their little run
Because they liked the way the runners slid?
Did Cheops build his whopping pyramid
Because he wanted it to sit upon?

Those men were moved by something more than
sport;
They did their work for Art, and so do I;
But their weak way would never reach so high;
Their deeds were fruitless and their grasp fell
short.
Mine, mine is to see how mortals die!
The art of murder is the finer sort.

He Meets a Little Juicy Child.

II
I met one day a little juicy child,
Whereat the time was very bright and fair.
The fates were willing and the heavens smiled,
And therefore did I grasp it by the hair.
"Ah! happy child! be consecrate to Art!"
Exclaiming which I summoned forth the steel;
But, ah, ungrateful did that child depart
And mocked me with the merry, merry heel.

Oftimes I see that infant in my dreams
And hear its mocking accents in my ears,
But when I strive to carve it, then it seems
To fade away; and leaves me with my tears.
So has this cold and callous world no heart,
So treads it on the naked soul of Art.



"I Gave Her Prussic Acid in the Fudge."

III
I never like to poison women folks.
A woman, to be beautiful, must wear
A quiet, well-composed, half-modest air.
But women seldom see our little jokes,
But when one comes to dying and the strokes
Of time are getting few,—she's apt to swear
And frown at you who put the poison there,
And talk to you unkindly when she croaks.

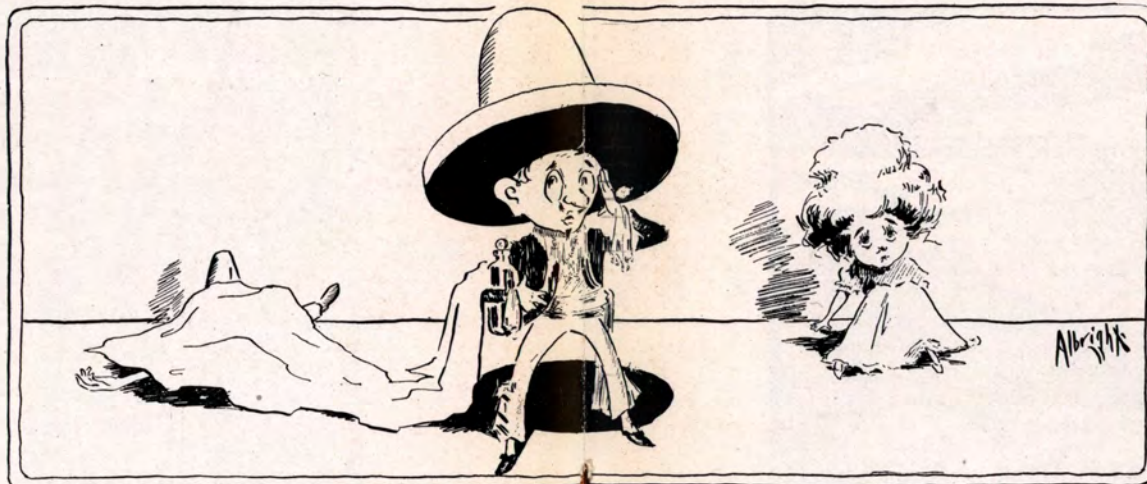
'Twas just last night I killed my fiancee.
I gave her Prussic acid in the fudge;
I never dreamed that she would bear a grudge.
But one can never tell; that's just the way!
It spoiled my whole enjoyment of the scene;
How could I tell that she would be so mean?

Written by

ERNEST JEROME HOPKINS

and

ROBERT LUTHER DUFFUS



IV.
Oftimes, as with hot feet I take my flight,
Before a brute policeman with a gun,
I ponder deeply, weeping as I run,
That truth must thus give way to armed might,
For then the ancient saying is reversed,
Then Time is long and Art must needs be
fleeing,
To preserve continuance of being,
Or keep the Law perspiring, at the worst.

But when such thoughts oppress me, then I turn
For comfort to some homicide I've done,
Some gratifying murder of the past;
I see again the gore ooze forth, and spurn
The present ills behind me, nor return
To sorrow e'er the failure that came last.

*He Is Pursued by a
Brute Policeman
With a
Gun.*

He Uses the Shears to Murder Sam.

V.
I hated like the deuce to murder Sam;
He always had been nice enough to me,
But I was tired of living quietly,—
You know how restless and alert I am,
I used the shears on him. He murmured "Damn!"
And writhed and stretched in awful agony;
His vitals were a pretty sight to see,
Behind his pink and quivering diaphragm.

His way of dying was unique and blithe,—
For Sam was never of your hoi polloi;—
And as I stood and watched him jerk and
writhe,
I had a thought that made me weep with joy;—
Next time I murder, I shall get a scythe
And use it on a tender little boy!

VI.

Some men there are, ignoble lumps of clay,
Who are content with lifeless husks of things,
But I would carve the outer shell away
And gaze on Nature's inner fashionings.
I knew a man, by nature hardly used,
Resembling a potato with the blight,
Yet inwardly with beauty all suffused.
His liver was a vision of delight.

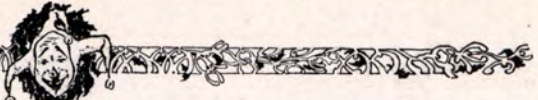
And gazing at it lying there I shed
A quart or more of tender, gushing tears,
To think that this exquisite beauty had
Been hidden from his fellows all these years.
The surface lies; it is in depths profound
That we must seek what makes the wheels go
'round.



"His Liver Was a Vision of Delight."



Chappie's Bookplates for Stanford Professors. This One Is for Prof. A. B. Clark.



A MARITIME DITTY.

(Which you can tyke with a grine of salt.)

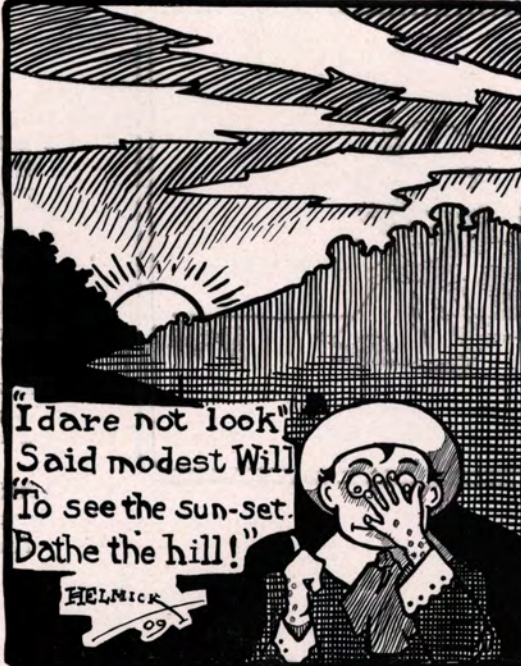
A 'ungry hostrich went to sea,
To get a happetite.
"My stomach's gone to 'ell," said he.
"But this will make it right."

'E never feared the fierce typhoon,
But on the deck so 'ot,
They fed 'im with a silver spoon
On number 10 bird shot.

The fourth day out, they cime a squall
Which sent us hall to bed.
But 'e, 'e couldn't move at all,
And simply 'eaved the lead.

—Larry Bowman.

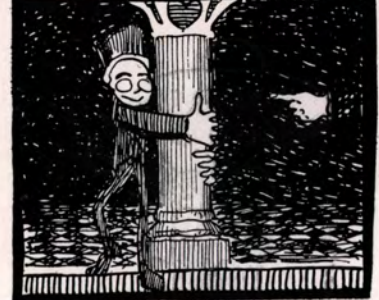
Aint it Awful?



TO BE OR NOT TO BE.
I'd rather be a Could Be,
If I could not be an Are;
For a Could Be is a Maybe,
With a chance of touching par.
I'd rather be a Has Been
Than a Might Have Been by far;
For a Might Have Been has never been,
But a Has was once an Are.



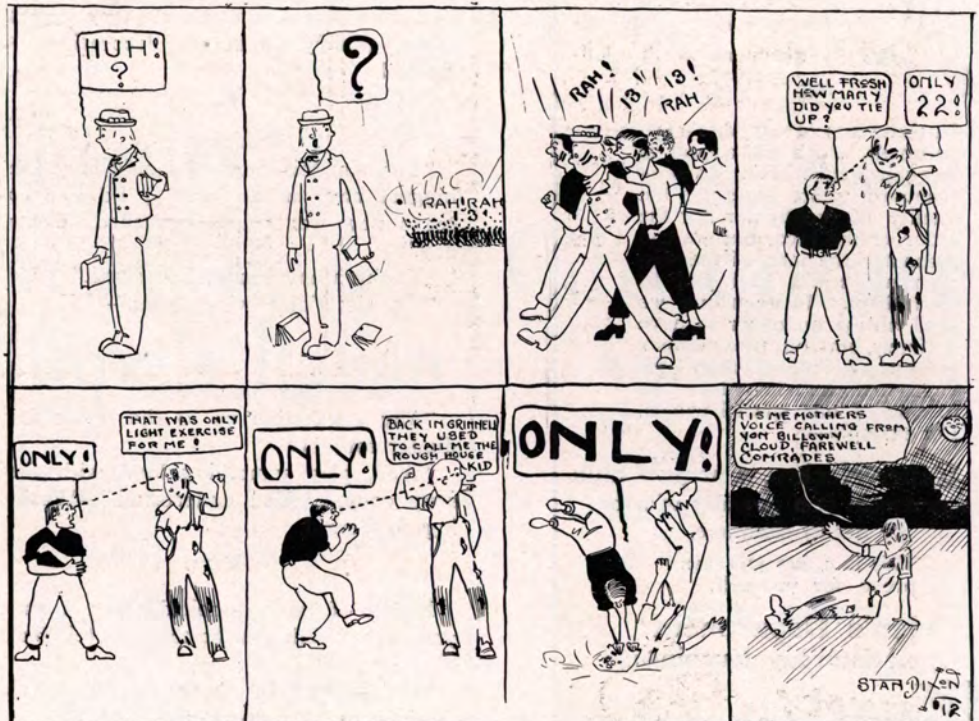
Said a man with the cognomen Miller,
"My wife is false, I will kill her
Though a gent perhaps smothers
His love, there are others;
Behold me embracing a pillar!....."



THE EVE BEFORE NEW YEAR'S.

(Leo Levy.)

'Twas the eve before New Year's, and all through the house not a creature was stirring, save pa with a souse, who stood on the doorstep and clawed through the air in search of a keyhole that used to be there. He found it. We heard him step into the hall, fall into the parlor and snore—that was all. We smiled with indulgence, and sleepward would go, but just for a short fifteen minutes or so. For out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, we sprang from our beds to see what was the matter. 'Twas only dear brother was making the noise, informing the neighbors "I'm one of the Boysh." We playfully poked him, then bedward we're gone, leaving dear brother asleep on the lawn. A few minutes later, some twenty I'd say, we heard heavy footsteps approaching our way. And grandfather, after an informal talk, hung his clothes on the gatepost, and slept on the walk. Then silence. As over the hills came the sun, our handsome star boarder arrived with a bun. That was all, save at nine we arise with a grin, made the rounds of the boozers, and gathered them in. 'Twas pa, as we carried him up through the hall, continued to mutter, "Hap' New Year to all."



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'Ear, 'Ear!
"Your shell-like ears have ne'er been pierced?"
I asked with kind intent.
"No, only bored," the maid replied.
I wonder what she meant.—Tiger.

She was a freshman from Vassar.
"Oh, dear," she sighed. "I simply can't adjust my curriculum!"
"It—it doesn't show any," he reassured her, blushing. And then they both talked rapidly about the decorations.—Record.

Business.
"Yes, sir; this country should have the biggest navy in the world; I'd like to see a new war ship christened every day."
"You're a naval man, I presume."
"No, sir; I'm a wine agent."—Life.

One Suggestion.
"Any suggestion as to the music for dinner tonight?"
"Well, play something loud with the soup course. You undertsand."—Washington Herald.

Father—I never smoked when I was your age. Will you be table to tell that to your son?
Willie—Not and keep my face as straight as you do, Pop!—Puck.

Hammond—Don't you dread the silent watches of the night?
Martin—No; it's the cuckoo clocks that give me away.—Harper's Bazaar.

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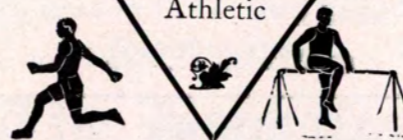
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