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"What kind of coal do you use?"

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—*Wisconsin Engineer*

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Professor X, who at times is rather blunt in speech, remarked angrily to his class at the beginning of a lesson: "I don't know why it is—every time I get up some fool talks."

Then he wondered why the boys broke into a roar of laughter.

—*Boston Transcript*



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A pretty girl sat in a railroad train,
As lonesome as she could be;
And she said to herself with a little sigh—
"If he'd only talk to me."

The young man sat just across the aisle,
From the girl with the pretty stare,
And he said to himself, "If I sit with her,
I wonder if she would care."

And so they rode the whole long day,
And neither one of them knew,
Just what the other was thinking of,
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"Mister," replied his Yankee captor, "you don't suppose we came three thousand miles to get licked, do you?"

—*Detroit Free Press*

Knicker:—"Just as one thinks of the cows and chickens as belonging to the country, so does he—"

Bocker:—"Think of bull in quiz sections. —*Punch Bowl*

Voice from bathroom:—"Say, John, got any Ivory soap?"

Voice from the dead:—"What for? Going to wash your head?" —*Purple Cow*

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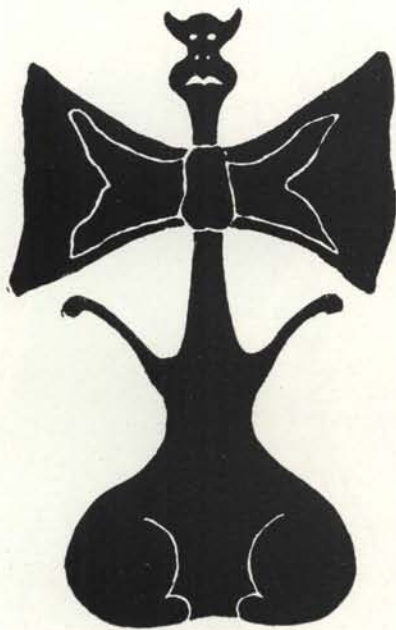
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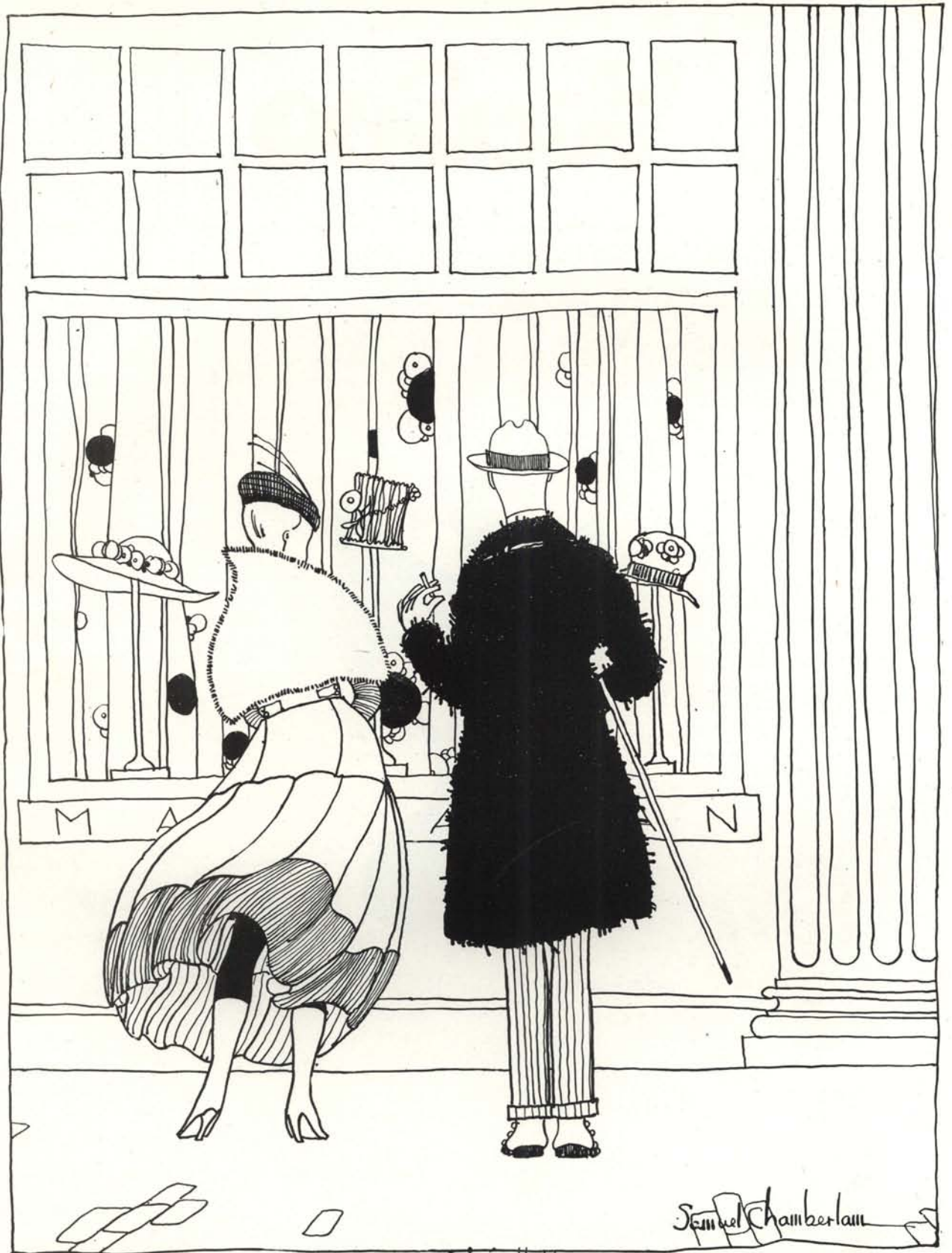
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“John, I need a new hat. The one I have on
looks badly from the back.”
“No one notices the back of your hat, dear.”

Woody

Technological Toasts

Oh, here's to the Crimson of Harvard,
In the land of the bean and the cod,
Where the Cabots and Dodges speak only to Lodges,
And the Lodges speak only to God.

And here's to the Purple of Williams,
Where religion's a mystical myth,
If you're low in your mind, and don't care what you
find,
What's wrong with a week-end at Smith?

And here's to the Bulldog of Yale,
Where they rush up and down with the ball,
It's past first of July, but *they'll* never go dry,
And God speaks to no one at all.

BUT, Here's to the slide-rule of Tech,
Which you wiggle all day and all night,
But where God speaks to Jones in the very same tones
That he speaks to de Peyster or Dwight.

G. F. N., Jr.



She:—"I wonder why Adam ever called her Eve?"

He:—"Oh, I suppose he saw his day of happiness
ending when she came around."

Webster Revised

Alcohol—a liquid, good for preserving almost anything but secrets.

Automobile—from English "ought to," and Latin "moveo," to move. A vehicle which ought to move, but frequently can't.

Benedict—a married male—Benedictine, a married female and Benediction, their children.

Bigamy—sort of insanity in which a man insists upon paying three board bills, instead of two.

Birthday—anniversary of one's birth, observed only by men and children.

Champagne—the stuff that makes the world go around.

Chauffeur—a man who is smart enough to operate an automobile, but clever enough not to own one.

Cook—a charitable institution providing food and shelter for policemen.

College—from French "coller"—pasted or stuck, and "etude" study: a place where every one is stuck on study.

Dead—without life (See Boston).

Explosion—a good chance to begin at the bottom and work up.

Feint—a pugilist's bluff.

Faint—a woman's bluff.

Hug—a round about way of expressing affection.

Infant—a disturber of peace.

Infantry—a defender of peace.

Key Hole—frequent test for sobriety.

Lie—a very poor substitute for the truth, but the only one discovered to date.

Love—a man's insane desire to become a woman's meal ticket.

Meal—according to the liquor law before prohibition, a minute bunch of crumbs, surrounded by booze.

Mind—no matter.

Matter—never mind.

Miracle—a woman who won't talk.

Pullman Porter—legalized train porter.

Sailor—a man who makes his living on water, but never touches it on shore.

Sandwich—an unsuccessful attempt to make both ends meet.

Whiskey—trouble put up in liquid form.

F. M.

The Burleson of the species is most deadly to the mail.

In Boston

Speaking of the weather, I went out the other day. The sun shone down quite merrily, small clouds rolled on their way. But as across the street I strode, clouds gathered, solemn black. The rain came down in torrents and I had to call a hack.



He (trying to remember):—"Pardon my forgetfulness, but do you spell your name with an 'i' or an 'e'?"
She:—"With an 'i', please. H-i-l-l."

"And what is your proposition, my man?" asked the employer of the applicant for chauffeur's position.
Applicant:—"Evenings and afternoons off, car for my own use, \$150.00 a month and quarters. All engagements to be posted a week in advance."

Employer:—"But I have but one car and the Ford."

Applicant:—"That's all right, sir, I won't mind driving you in the Ford."

She (to masher):—"Go away, sir. You're nothing but a joker."

He:—"Ah, but I'm popular. My name comes on every pack of cards."

"Are you still at Tech?"

"No, the profs keep me busy."

Rules For A Fraternity House

When talking with a rushee, keep your left hand in your pocket, thereby holding back the coat and exposing your pin.

Seat all rushees at the head of the table. Serve steak at the head of the table and ham at the foot.

Park all Rolls—Royces, etc., directly in front of the house, all flivvers in the rear. Persuade the man next door to leave his Pierce-Arrow in front of the house during rush week.

During rush week rent about ten raccoon coats to be hung in the front hall.

The hammer next to the telephone is the "nickel." Apply it to the bottom of the box with considerable force when desirous of making a call.

Go to bed early so that no visiting alumnus can steal your bed. When once in the shower remain as long as possible so that the Brothers get good practice in patience. Never buy soap, comb or tooth powder as there will always be a benevolent Brother in the house.

Invite all your friends and relatives around on meeting night, they will be heartily welcomed by all.

Always keep candy, cake and other edibles in the right-hand drawer of your desk—and leave the desk UNLOCKED.

Seniors will carry matches and cigarettes so that all freshmen may smoke. If fond of cheese, keep it outside the window and don't buy Leidekrantz.

When bidding a man, let him know the honor you are paying him. Avoid mention of dues or initiation fees unless forced into it.

J. T. R.

"Have a heavy date, Frank?"

"Oh! About 138 pounds."

21:—"Why don't you run across Harvard bridge every morning? It is good for your wind."

23:—"Nothing doing. There's enough wind on that bridge without my running across it."



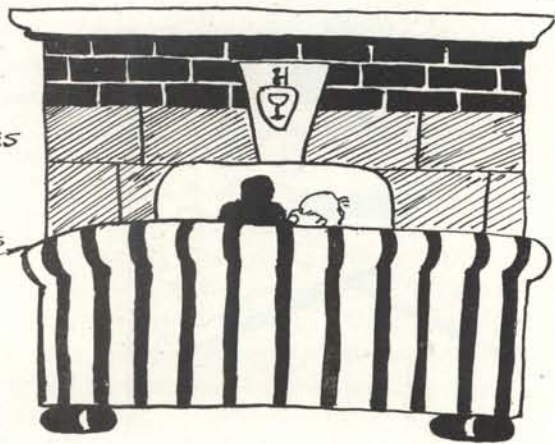
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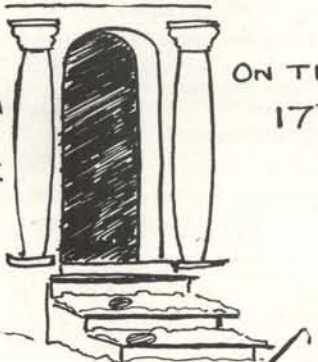


SAY OLD BEAN THIS IS BALLY ANNOYING



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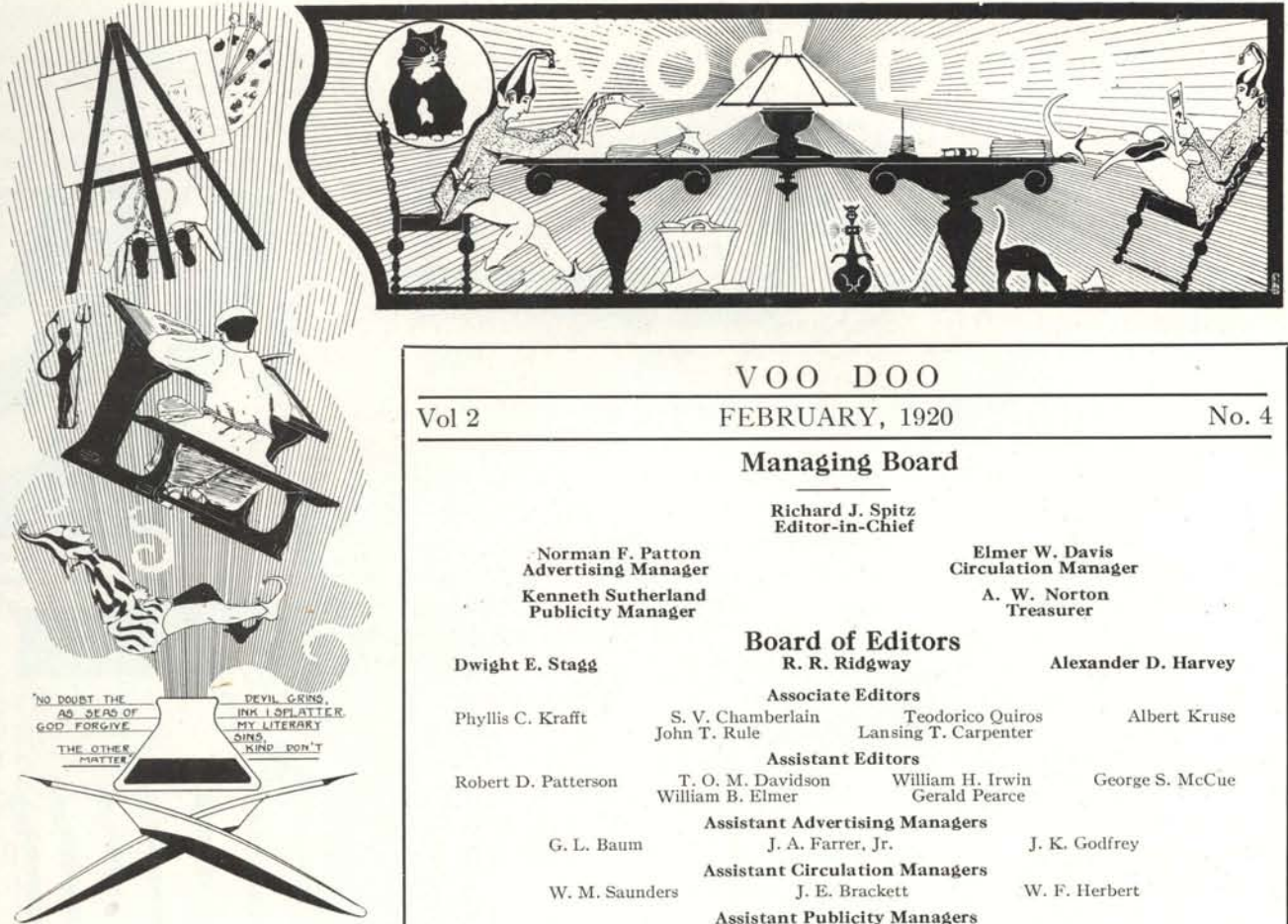
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SAY DONT GET GAY. YOU AINT GOT NOTHIN' TO EAT



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HE work done by Technology women during the war for men in service is known everywhere; it is one of the crowning glories of that time. So fitting was it that we here accepted the devotion and the accomplishment as natural, not realizing how much more fortunate we were than other institutions. It is not well known, however, that similar devotion on the part of a few women has always been the good fortune of the school. Through all its years of struggle and adversity, —and Technology has known hardly anything else,—it has never lacked the presence of some generous-souled woman. Again and again her faith and courage and practical wisdom have been at hand, unstinted and never failing.

The reason for such devotion is a secret hidden, at least from mere man; but one may guess that as every mother longs for her son to know how to work and to be filled with the spirit of work, so these women gave their hearts to Technology, because it fulfilled their mother's yearning as a place of true discipline for the making of strong men. Also, to those who know the spiritual story of Technology, the love and labor of more than one of these women is associated with sorrow and loss. They found solace, indeed happiness, in helping to foster and sustain the institution to which a husband or a father had given his affection.

In this sense one more now joins this devoted band. And the sons of Technology cherish her, too, with mingled grief and gratitude.



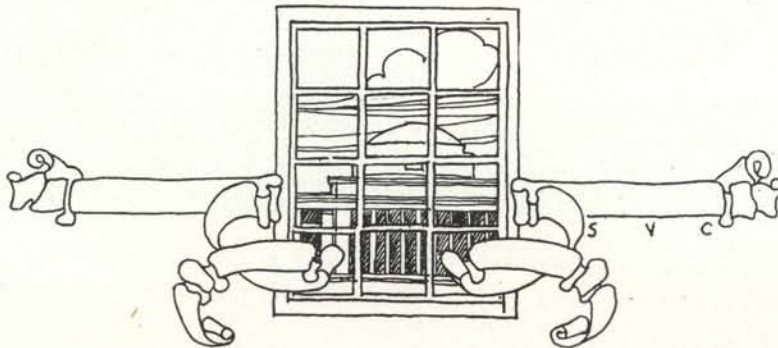
IN the recent death of President Maclaurin we all realize that the Institute has lost the greatest administrator that has ever been at its head. From every side we have heard praise of his genius of accomplishment, and of his quiet, efficient manner of reaching men. We know that these words of praise are not empty ones; our buildings are a witness to that as is also the splendid organization of the body that has served individuals and the nation so well during the past few years. He made these things possible by his breadth of vision, by sheer administrative ability and the will to accomplish; for his work the Institute has justly earned a national reputation, the foundations of which were laid under other and more adverse conditions. But the greatest loss of all to us and the one which we know least about is the loss in Doctor Maclaurin, of a friend who had a lasting affection for the undergraduates, a great interest in their affairs and a great pride in their achievements.

Unfortunately because of the tremendous tasks that have been his to do, all of us have not had the opportunity to see the president this year. Few of us would have known him by sight and even fewer realized or felt his friendship or knew him for the straightforward generous friend he was. It was the privilege of the classes before ours to have had a close association with Doctor Maclaurin through receptions and parties given by him and Mrs. Maclaurin as well as through various undergraduate committees with which he met. When he lived on Bay State Road, weekly informal parties achieved this personal association; parties at which games which originated in the fertile imagination of "Rusty" White of Show fame were played to the detriment of the furniture. It was at these gatherings and at the receptions given to each class that undergraduates discovered what manner of man he was and they found him everything that a man should be, a man's man endowed with a keen sense of humor and gifted with great personal attraction.

This fall when work on the fund drive was at its height he found time to consider and have plans drawn up for an infirmary, realizing the comfort such a building would give to those who must put their faith in hospitals. Throughout his entire connection with the Institute it has been through instances of this kind that he has won the admiration of both alumni and undergraduates; nothing was too small or trivial for him to think of nor was anything too big to get. With all his thoughtfulness for their comfort there was coupled, too, a tremendous interest in undergraduate affairs. For many years it was his custom to lay the foundations of mutual understanding between the students and the faculty by meeting the Class Day committee of each graduating class. At these meetings each man was called on to give his opinion on every important undergraduate question and in addition to give an opinion of the faculty. Expressions were candid, for the men were practically graduates and in this way Doctor Maclaurin gained an insight into the diverse workings of student minds, taking the good points and looking into them and so bettering the school as a whole.

In the eleven years during which Doctor Maclaurin was connected with the Institute as its President he served with enthusiasm and wisdom. At all times he was surrounded by men who were drawn to him by his energy and ability; he stood for the best there is in Technology spirit and was always deeply interested in the advance of science in its various branches and in movements for the moral and social betterment of mankind. A man of remarkable integrity, absolute sincerity of word and purpose, of marked scholarly attainment, but with it all natural and unassuming, he showed that he could endear himself to the student body by his simple, personal charm and by the genial warmth of his nature. As a personal friend he stood out as few men do, marked with courage, vigor, consideration and keen judgment but keeping always paramount the real purposes and the genuine happiness which so many overlook in the trend of daily life.

The loss of Doctor Maclaurin's guiding hand and influence will assuredly be felt: this loss, as a friend, is irreparable. Above all things else, he was the dreamer for whom through his untiring energy and devotion—his dreams came true.





"Blasted ecstasy:—Oh, woe is me, to have seen what I have seen, see what I see!"

The terrific shelling had continued, uninterrupted for three full days. Dog tired, nerve racked and discouraged, the commanding general held what he intended to be a final consultation with his staff, before the surrender. The solemn and down-hearted group assembled, one looking more down in the mouth than the other, with but one exception. Second Lieutenant L. V. H. Van Suderman seemed out of place in this gathering. He was as light hearted as a lover in the springtime on his way to see his beloved.

The general made a speech of farewell, and then asked as an afterthought if any one had any suggestions. Lieutenant Suderman stood up in his most military manner, "Sir, I think that the tide could be turned, the current stemmed, the very tables inverted by a scheme that I have been formulating for months. If you will give me a detail of four men and twenty minutes' time with no questions asked, I will report matters successful and finished at the end of that time." The general considered for a moment and then consented as a last resort.

The Lieutenant took his four men, three sausages and a hound dog that had not been fed for three days. He then sauntered over to the German lines and asked to see the commanding officer.

(To be continued in our next.)

Milady Fair:—"Doctor, why does a small cavity seem so large to the tongue?"

Dentist:—"Just the natural tendency of your tongue to exaggerate I suppose."

"There's many a true word spoken in jest,"

He moaned with tearful eye.

"Ten years ago who would have guessed,
The country could go dry?"

First Simple Nimrod:—"Hey, don't shoot. Your gun isn't loaded."

His Partner:—"Can't help that, the bird won't wait."

At Walton's

Edward:—"Gee, the chicken will not stay in the sandwich."

Elsie:—"Well, that's all right. Chickens usually go out, don't they?"

Her handshake reminds me of the Boston Garter.
Howzat?
Velvet Grip.



Sporty One:—"What makes that red spot on your nose?"

Grind:—"Glasses."

Sporty One:—"Glasses of what?"

Might Have Beens

"I might have married a millionaire," declared Everywoman. "One of my old schoolmates is now one."

"And several of your schoolmates are working right at this time for \$10 a week," retorted Everyman, "while one of them is in jail. I guess in marrying a chap getting \$1500 a year your average is fairly good."

And then Everybaby set up a howl and they had to stop quarreling to attend to him.

Mother Goose a la Mode

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them;
She left them alone, and they never came home,
The profiteers got behind them.

Little Herb Hoover began to maneuver
At eating his Xmas pie,
He put in his thumb and pulled out a plum,
And said, "What extravagant pie!"

Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he;
He called for a drink in his good old bowl,
And they brot him camomile tea.

G. F. N., Jr.

Mistress (to new cook):—"I am expecting Captain Barker and his wife to dinner tonight, Bridget, and I want you to do your best to make the evening a pleasant one for them."

Cook:—"As you please, mam. I'm not much at entertaining the ladies, but I can converse with the men quite readily. At my last place the master spoke to me more frequently than to the Mrs."

Mrs. A.:—"Did your husband get wet last night?"
Mrs. Z.:—"I should say he did. He came in soaked to the skin."

Mrs. A.:—"Inside out?"



He:—"Would you like a book or a kiss for your birthday?"
She:—"Well, I have lots of books, now."



"Hey, Jack":—"Where did you get that good-looking co-ed?"

"Why, she's in my German class."

"Oh, I see! Still in Dutch with her?"

A Natural Phenomenon

He saw a peach across the way,
All smiles and passing fair.
Quick shift—a word—an answer gay,
The peach became a pair.



The Joy Ride

Suggestions for a Speech by the Head of an Activity

When called upon to speak, walk up to platform buttoning lower buttons on coat.

As you look out over the audience assume the air that every one knows you. This makes a big impression on the freshman reporter for "The Tech."

Start out by saying that you don't know why they picked on you to talk. It is a modest way of getting started and you must appear modest at all times.

State that if you told all there was to be told about the activity it would take you from now until midnight. Then give history of the activity for benefit of "The Tech."

Mention the fact that it is the biggest and best activity at the Institute, also that there is a chance for all and no pull exerted. Impress this fact because it goes big with the previously defeated candidates.

Tell them about the responsibility of the various positions and how it will help them in their studies and in their after life.*

About this time, smile at Professor Rogers and remark that any normal man who knows how to plan his time can carry his studies very easily with this kind of work.

Start to conclude by telling them how they will meet the big men around the Institute and that they are sure to get something out of it. (Make no reference to notes from the faculty.)

When you have finished your speech, jump down from the platform with a careless air. As you walk towards your associates assume a smile which will appear to the audience as a smile of relief, but which means to your associates that you hope that they get razed worse than you did.

* After life:—After you have spent four years at Tech.

Kind man (after rescuing young boy from stream):—"Well, my little man, how did you come to fall in?"

Small Boy:—"I didn't come to fall in. I came to go fishing."

Remembrances

My name is McPherson and I'm half Scotch.
Is that so? What, then, is the other half?
Ginger ale.

It is safer to mix drinks than sentiment.
Dolls are made for girls to play with, not for men to marry.

If a jellyfish with a glass eye can stand on his left hind leg and knock the Woolworth building over with his nose, how long will it take a cow with a wooden leg to lick all the paint off an Iver Johnson bicycle, convert it into milk, and deliver the milk, sealed and pasturized, to its customers.

G. S. M.



A Suggestion for Prom programs

No flowers allowed. There will be no dead ones present.

While on leave in Paris, an American doughboy happened to accompany a French poilu to a French burlesque show. During the intermission an attendant came around to the various patrons to take orders for drinks. When asked what he would have to drink the Frenchman replied, "L' eau chaud." "You said it, Bo," from the American contingent, as he went out to get the air.



By a girl's pretty photograph you shall not know her.

"I am innocent," said the defendant as he stood before the court. "I am innocent, your Honor, on this charge of non-support."

"Tis false," exclaimed the buxom wife, two hundred pounds net weight. "He couldn't even lift me, the measly little skate."

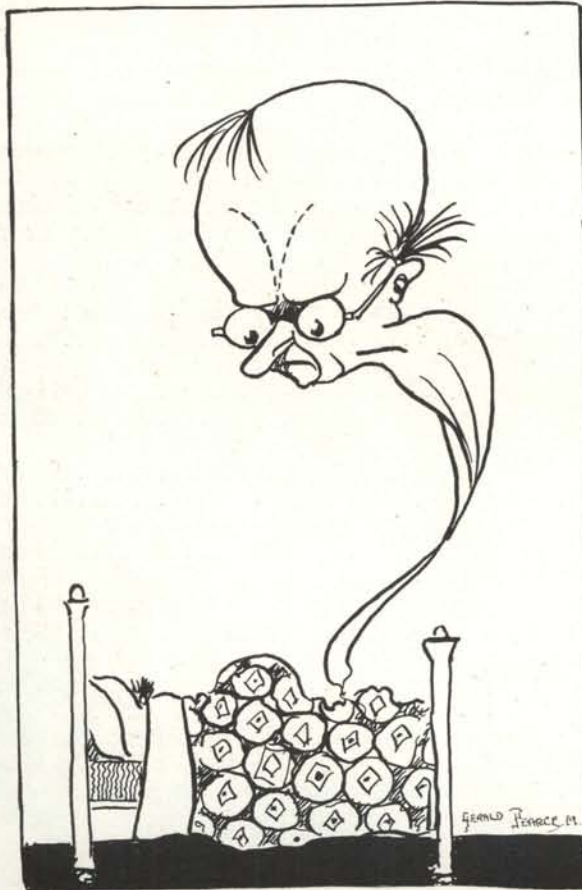
Did You Know This?

The other day an indignant Sophomore was complaining in the Dean's Office that the reason so many "F"s dominated his term report was because he had to spend all his time grinding away at Calculus, Mechanism, Physics, etc., without recreation. Now the Dean being a practical man started calculating by elimination just how much this Sophomore really worked. His result was something like this:

Each year has	365 days
You sleep 8 hours each day which equals	123 days
This leaves	242 days
You have 16 weeks summer vacation	
which equals	112 days
This leaves	130 days
You have 20 days vacation at Xmas and	
in March	20 days
This leaves	110 days
There are 52 Sundays that you do not	
work	52 days
This leaves	58 days
You have one-half day off each Saturday ..	26 days
This leaves	32 days
You spend 6 hours a week at Wellesley,	
etc.	14 days
This leaves	18 days
You have 1 hour each day for luncheon ..	17 days
This leaves	1 day
And this being Armistice Day we close	
on that day	1 day
ACTUAL NUMBER OF DAYS YOU	
STUDY	0



No, Adeline, "water on the brain" is not, strictly speaking, bean soup.



Optimistic Dreams of the Future



Papa, did that artist get \$10,000 for the original picture he painted of our mule?

Yes, and I would have been glad to sell anyone the original mule for a dollar and thirty cents.

A June bug has wings of gauze,
A butterfly, wings of flame,
A cootie has no wings at all,
But gets there, just the same.

Editor:—"Say, do you know any jokes?"

Editor-to-be:—"Yes, I know a good one about a dog. It's a pretty little tale."

There is a belle from Brookline,
Whose face and form are divine,
They also say
She's a trifle risqué
So keep your eye on Brookline.

What makes Annette so popular?
She never says much.
It isn't what she says, but what she looks.
Merely a change of toys.



If We Took Charles Dickens Literally

* * * *

"He was a little old man, thin to emaciation, with only a short overcoat, one sleeve of which was missing, to protect him against the cold winter winds. He had a bullet head, and bushy eyebrows, under which his crab eyes stood out. His ears were large and seemed to flap, and his shovel-like feet seemed to beat the ground as he paddled along. In addition to this, his nose, like the beak of a cormorant, gave him a very fierce aspect."

G. F. N., Jr.

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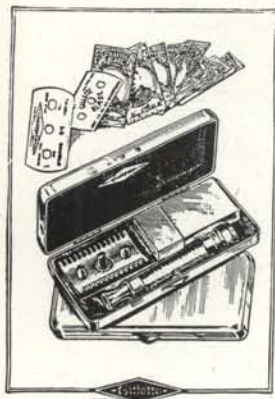
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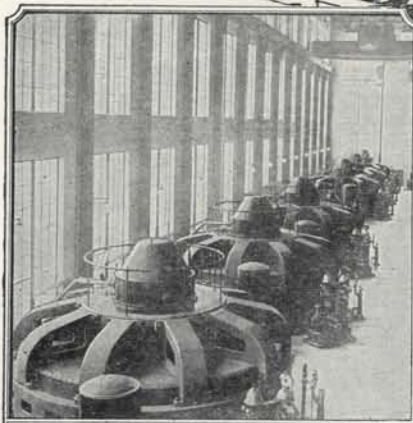
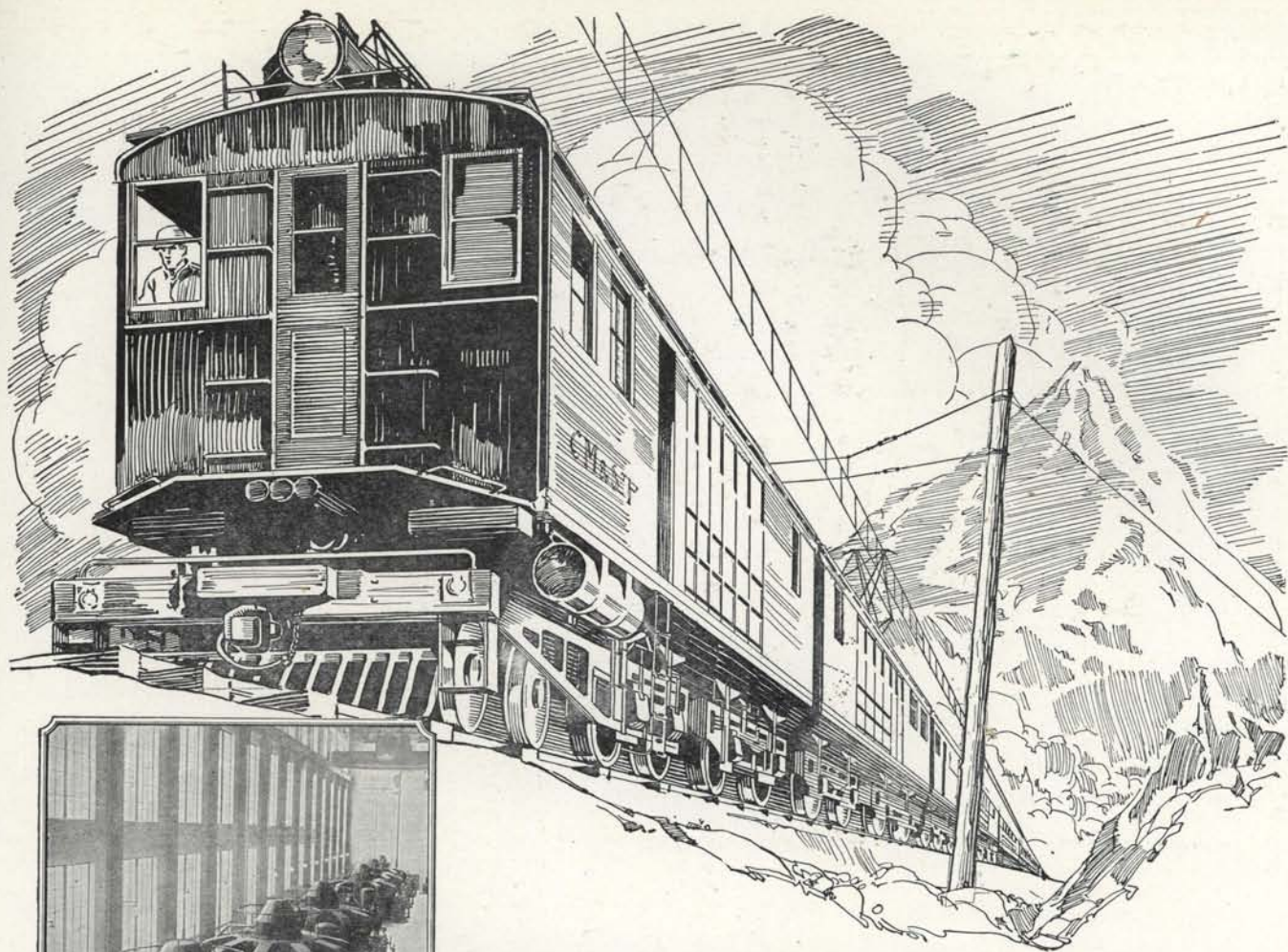
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