

TACOMA WASHINGTON

If IKnew What Poets Know

By James Whitcomb Riley

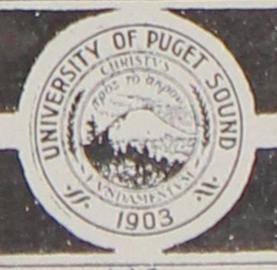
If I knew what poets know,
Would I write a rhyme
Of the buds that never blow
In the summer time?
Would I sing of golden seeds
Springing up in ironweeds?
And of raindrops turned to snow,
If I knew what poets know?

If I knew what poets know,
I would find a theme
Sweeter than the placid flow
Of the fairest dream;
I would sing of love that lives
On the errors it forgives;
And the world would better grow
If I knew what poets know.





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"Phib"

Origin of April Fool

"Phib" was a homeless waif. He wandered into church one night, toward the end of the service and sat down quietly by the door where he remained until all but a few had left the building. We were the last to leave, and we wondered what we should do with him. Obviously we couldn't leave him in the church all night, which would soon be cold, nor could we send him out into the cold night, for there was a foot of snow on the ground and a cold, biting wind was sweeping up from the bay. Then, too, his large eyes held a hungry, sorrowful look that went straight to one's heart, and on questioning him we found he had no idea where he belonged.

So he went with us, reluctant at first, then yielding, and finally eager. But when the out-door was opened, letting in a gust of cold wind and a flurry of fine snow, he shrank back, looking at me pitifully, and shivering. Seeing this, my father picked him up, and started up the street. On reaching home, he watched us unlock the door and turn on the lights, with quite an interested air, and when we came into the sitting-room with its cheery fire, he squirmed out of the arms of his new found shoulder and asks, "What you been doing, Jack? friend, ran directly to the fireplace and crouched down before it, evidently fascinated by the dancing, crackling flames.

We left him there and went to prepare our lunch which we always had after church on Sunday evening, and to get him something hot and nourishing. When I returned with a bowl of hot milk, some bread and a tempting bit of cold meat, I found him stretched out on the rug, sound asleep. So I placed the food on a near-by chair and went back to my lunch. Half an hour later I slipped in, to find him awake, and drinking the milk in long guips, stopping to look into the fire or at the meat between gulps. He seemed perfectly contented and quite at home. As all efforts on our part, to locate his friends or find out about his past, were unavailing, "Phib" became one of the family. It was not long before he was actually plump, and his good nature and mischief became proverbial in the family.

That was a snowy winter, and "Phib" delighted to play in the snow. We had many a fine frolic in the drifts that piled up in our yard and it was worth (Continued on page Thirteen)

The first day of April is known almost universally as All Fool's Day. It is not a holiday and, so far as is known, never has been, but it is as well remembered as some holidays. Each year as the day approaches we wonder how "April Fooling" ever began. This we do not truly know, but there are many suppositions. But before enumerating these, it will be well, perhaps, to understand some of the customs prevalent on that day in our own and other countries.

That the name "April Fool" is appropriate to the day is quite evident, for on it each wit endeavors to make a fool of the other fellow, although he, himself, may be the fool the very next moment. Fools are evident everywhere, not because they are more numerous on that particular day, but beause everyone, even your best friend, tries to reveal your foolishness.

This is done by various methods. Right-out lies, however, are rather flat jokes. For example, John says excitedly, "Jack, there's a big hole on the back of your coat," when there is no such a thing, but wit saves the day when John slaps Jack on the There's a number of holes on your coat."

"Where, what?" cries Jack.

"April Fool," says John, "Of course there are, button-holes."

In England a favorite zest is to send some one upon an errand for something grossly nonsensical, as for pigeon's milk, or the history of Adam's grandfather or Eve's grandmother. If the one sent falls into the snare he is called a fool.

The word gowk is applied to such a person in Scotland. This means cuckoo or fool. Here much mirth is produced by sending poor Sandy with a little note to a neighbor to borrow a hoe or some article unneccessary at the time. The note, reads

'This is the first day of April

Hunt the gowk another mile.'

Sandy takes the note and goes his way. Arriving at the neighbor's place, the good neighbor reads it, excuses his hoe and starts Sandy off to another kind neighbor, who possibly repeats the above performance to Sandy's final disgust.

That this custom has existed for a number of years in France is proven by the fact that Francis,

Duke of Lorraine and his wife owed their freedom to the general observance of "April Fool." It is said that when the Duke and his wife were making their escape dressed as peasants and carrying baskets of rubbish, an old woman who saw them hastened to one of the guards, warning him of her suspicions. He, however, not wishing to be a victim of the day cried, "April Fool" and paid no attention whatever to their actions. Later he discovered himself the fool.

It seems strange that a custom so prevalent as this should have so vague an origin. The most probable one seems to be the outgrowth of a Hindoo festival called "Huli" which was celebrated on the 31st of March. Various tricks and jokes were part of the celebration. Another supposition as to its origin comes from an old English custom, the "Festum Fatuorum." This was celebrated by the early Christians in order to attract others to their worship. They succeeded by yielding to the ancient customs in so far as they did not interfere with the fundamental gospel doctrines. At this feast a part of the jollity consisted in an election of a mock pope, cardinals and bishops, followed by ridiculous ceremonies and zests. Still others consider the custom an outgrowth of the sendings of the Savior from Annas to Caiaphas and from Pilate to Herod. This was, during the middle Ages, made the subject of a miracle play which was celebrated at Easter usually in April.

None of these traditions are satisfactory to me and no doubt you also will be willing to agree with the sentiment of a little verse which appeared in Poor Robin's Almanac in 1760.

"The first of April some do say, Is set apart for All Fool's Day; But why the people call it so Nor I, nor they themselves, do know."

ATHLETICS

Tennis and track athletics are engaging the attention of those seeking physical strength to balance their "imagination and judgment." Each afternoon, students are seen to wend their way toward the Wright's park Courts, while the work on our own courts is at a standstill. It is time for those who intend to compete in the inter-class track meet in June, to begin training. The competition should be keener than ever this spring. The beautiful cup offered each year to the individual high point winner should be sufficient incentive to try out. Some of the boys ar doing good work with the discus and shot, and Benadom is showing his old form in the high jump. Next week will probably see a larger turn out, among whom will be Sutherland who has been the winner of second place for the past two make somebody work to beat him to the coveted prize.

Just a word about baseball. The University has been getting some cheap advert sing in some of the down town dailies. Wherever they got their lack lack of information the writer does not know, but it is certain that they have their wires badly tangled. They have seen fit to throw the entire blame onto the Faculty because we haven't a team in the field this season.

Last year the Faculty hired the best baseball coach in the northwest. We had an energetic, enthusiastic captain who worked hard to develop a team. The daily turn-out to practice numbered from four to a dozen men. The paid admissions to the games numbered from ten to thirty. The season, needless to say, was a failure. To be sure, we were able to beat Whitworth twice, which, in part, redeemed us. Now after doing that for baseball last year, is it just to blame the Faculty because they didn't feel disposed to incur the expense of hiring a coach and putting the diamond in condition this year? And then again the students were not what would be called, afire with enthusiasm. If the boys had wanted to play baseball they would have been out there on the grounds playing before the Faculty would have awakened to the fact that it was time for baseball. It is a bad thing to run to the daily papers with every little grievance, anyway. It looks too much like knocking.

J. M. '14.

U. of W. DEBATERS COMING

The Jason Lee Debating Club is making strenuous preparation for its debate with the Badger Debating Club of the University of Washington. The debate is to be held here and will occur on Wednesday, April 23. The local team, consisting of Ralph Simpson, Rolla Clark and Arnold Warren, is now fast rounding its argument into final form. The question to be debated is "Resolved that a system of compulsory arbitration of controversies between Capital and Labor should be established in the United States." The local team will support the affirmative.

This debate should arouse a large interest in the student body because of its relation to the past. Five years ago the Freshman debating team of the Badger debating club suffered a most severe defeat at the hands of the Freshman team from the U. P. S. The Badger club has been thirsting for revenge ever since and will do its best to win. There is not the slightest doubt but that the Badgers will put a brilliant team in the field, a team, in all probability, far more experienced than the local debaters. If the Jason Lee debaters are to win it must be by years. Walt is a good athlete and is going to thro consistent preparation. In any event the debate will be a warm one and the student who attends will know that he has witnessed a real fight.

Bits From The College Press

CLIPPINGS OF SPRING POETRY

"The rose is red, The violet's blue, The nasturtium, however, is Altogether different."

-Kankakeean.

My heart's in their keeping, My heart's not here; My heart's with the ladies, For springtime is here.

-Wyoming Student.

There was a man in Michigan Who used to wish, and wichigan That spring would come So he could home And go away and fichigan!

—Chicago Chronicle.

COLLEGE NEWS

Student Loan Fund at O. A. C.

Hon. R. A. Booth has offered \$500 to the student loan fund at O. A. C. on condition that the college ra'se \$1000 more. The Barometer has started the fund with \$50 and the students have all engaged enthusiastically in the campaign. The prospects of securing the desired sum are bright and a substantial fund will soon be available to those who need help.

Oberlin Favors Two-Sport System

In order to raise the standards of general scholarship throughout the institution, the Oberlin faculty are in favor of the "two-sport" system. This plan of limiting the number of athletic sports in which a student may take part has been adopted in a number of the eastern colleges.

Colege Journalists Meet

The Kansas College Press Association recently held its annual convention at Emporice College. Twenty-five college journalists of the state were present. Among the subjects discussed were, "The Editorial Page," "Slang and the College Paper," "Too Much Athletics", "The Editors Recompense vs. College Credits," "Charity and Advertising."

"The Eternal Question"

Students at University of Oregon have solved a very trying social problem by selecting partners for one of the big dances by lottery. The results of the lettery were published in the "Emerald" a few how hard you soak it.-Ex.

days before the "prom" and no one knew until then whom he would take.

The Reed College "Quest," in discussing the disappointments that have come to would-be escorts from having made declarations too late, declares, "Regulation is the only proposal that promises success. Escorts might be required to submit applications at an appointed time. The process would resemble the manner of awarding a contract, where sealed bids are called in and opened at a certain time."

BRIEFS

A new college has been established in the Northwest. It is supported by the Methodist church, with an endowment of \$300,000. It is to be called Gooding College and is located at Gooding, Idaho.

W. F. Robinson, of Boston has extended to the trustees of Dartmouth College a gift of \$100,000, to be used in the erection of a new building to house the student organizations which are non-athletic.

The Northwestern University Athletic Association has ruled that hereafter co-eds must go unattended to the athletic games. The decision comes as the result of a discovery that 200 football enthusiasts at Bloomington made more noise than 500 at Evanston.

A bill has been introduced in congress providing for a National University to be located in Washington. The plan is to provide Federal endowment and to offer scholarships to eligible young men and women of all the states, scholarships to be awarded by competition.

The co-eds of U. of W., W. S. C. and Whitman are working hard on their coming triangular debate. The minimum wage will be discussed.

POINT AND PLEASANTRY

A little lemon now and then Is good for some conceited men.

Two microbes sat on a pantry shelf, And watched with expressions pained The milkman's stunts and both said at once, "Our relations are getting strained." -Ex.

You can't drive a nail with a sponge, no matter

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BOOSTING

Be a booster, fellow students, be a booster. When the other fellow does his best boost him. His achievement may be small, but it doesn't matter. Give him a cheer. You'll feel the better for it. He'li feel the better for it. A bit of kindly appreciation now will spur him on to greater things next time. I do not mean to encourage flattery. Nothing is more odious to me. But to appreciate an honest effort is not flattery. There is enough of real good to recognize without resorting to falsehood. Every man has within him something admirable. Every woman has within her something of fineness. And it is for us to find in ourselves and in others the things worth while and to foster those things. 1 have said that the happy man is he that is sincere. But I must not stop here. I must go farther; for I say that the happy man is he that is sincere in his appreciation.

"TRAIL" WINNING RECOGNITION

The Trail is gradually, but surely, winning recognition in the world of College journalism. From the conservative Illino:s Wesleyan Argus comes the opinion that "The Puget Sound Trail is a neat appearing paper and a good representative paper of the West." The Vedette of Houston, Texas, declares, "Puget Sound Trail is a strong magazine. The editorial on "Sincerity" is well written; it has the right ring to it."

In the Tattler of Nashua, New Hampshire, for January, 1913, appears the following review:

"The Puget Sound Trail, Tacoma, Wash.—A paper of much originality coming from the other side of our continent, it brings with it a number of interesting articles and a clever style which successfully bridge the long distance between us and bring its readers, here, into closer touch with the school and the events connected with it. What an entertaining account of a football victory in the November 2nd edition! It is hardly conceivable to us

that a mere football game should afford material for an article so teeming with amusing manner sms and witty descriptions. Then the editorial on 'Sincerity' in the same number and that of the issue two weeks later on 'The University of Puget Sound in Politics!' Both deserve mention in that they attack their respective subjects squarely and condense much good sound sense into a few short paragraphs. 'The Cloud Ship' is a well-written poem with an indescriable air of grace and delicate sweetness about it."

May we suggest that better arrangement of advertisements would be a great improvement. If all readers were not possessed of a good amount of patince, they would soon tire of hunting through a score of advertisements for the continuation of an essay, a poem, or an account of the meeting of some society. Group the advert sements all together at the back of the paper and let us know if you are not pleased with the result."

But the strongest endorsement of any paper is the publishing of its articles in other journals. The condensed news items and clippings in "Bits From The College Press' are constantly quoted. The editorials on "Sincerity" and "The College Man in Politics," have attracted rather wide attention. Both have been reprinted entire in a number of college journals, the latter editorial appearing in University Life of the University of Arizona among others.

To those who have watched with sympathetic interest the struggle of the Trail during the past two years to establish itself on a firm footing these expressions of appreciation from the College world at large cannot but be a source of keen satisfaction.

MY STAY IN JAPAN

When I was a child in Japan.

I played as most children do
I played in the sunshine and rain
I played in the moonshine and dew
When I was a child in Japan.

When I was a child in Japan.

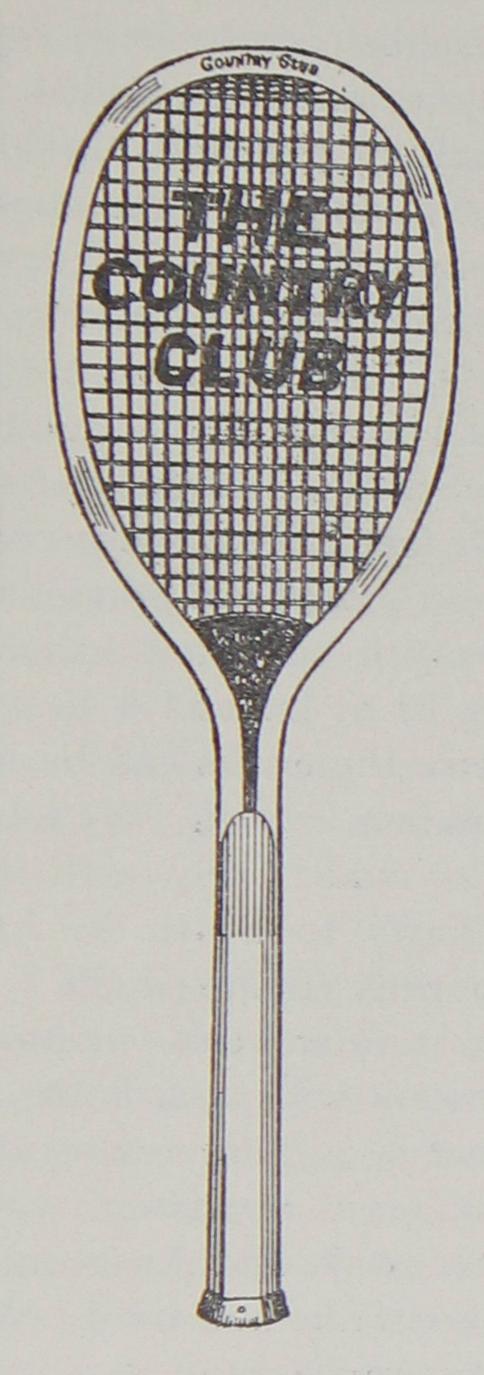
I laughed as most children do
I laughed at the wandering sunbeams
I laughed at the whole jolly crew
When I was a child in Japan.

When I was a child in Japan
I dreamed as most children do
I dreamed of a wonderful fancy
A dream that was old yet new
When I was a child in Japan

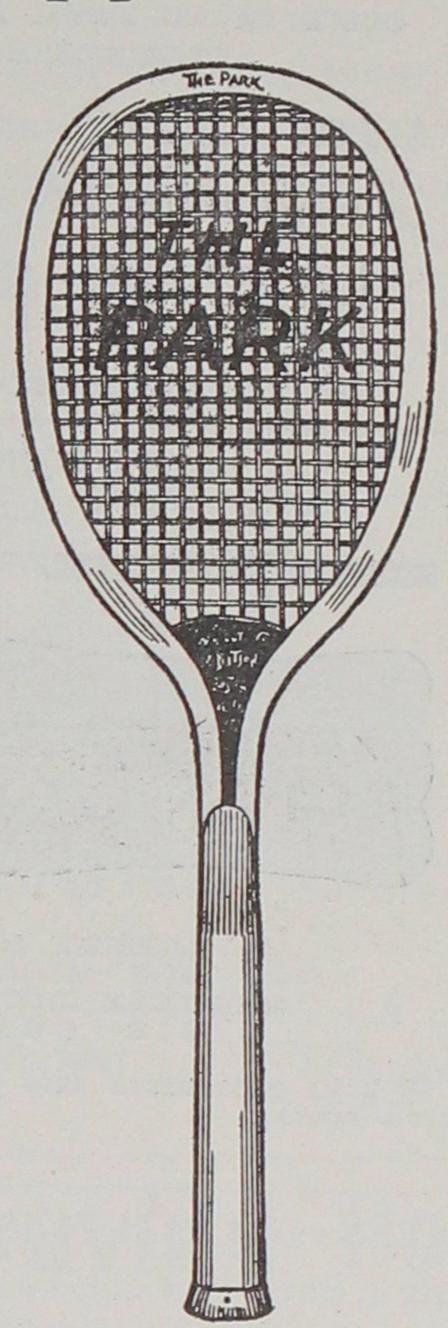
But now I am gone from Japan
My dreams and my fancies are fled
I've wandered away from my childhood
Away from the life that I led
When I was a child in Japan

-Arnold H. Warren.

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THIS PROMISES TO BE THE BIGGEST YEAR TENNIS HAS EVER ENJOYED all over the United States and especially, so it seems in Tacoma. The Wright's Park Courts and the Point Defiance Courts are crowded daily even this early, while at the Tennis club and elsewhere the enthusiasts are commencing to condition themselves for the long season ahead. Some big Tournaments are in store for Tacoma—the Northwest Tennis Tournament, the big city free-for-all, tournaments at the High School, Whitworth, Puget Sound, Annie Wright, St. Leo's, and all the other schools and academies, as well as at the various Country clubs and elsewhere. WHERE WILL YOU FINISHmuch depends on WHEN YOU START. Begin now to get into condition, then when the laggards get into action you will be in the pink of condition and can give them a good thorough trimming. Don't forget that WE HAVE YOUR TENNIS SUPPLIES, which we will let you have at moderate prices.



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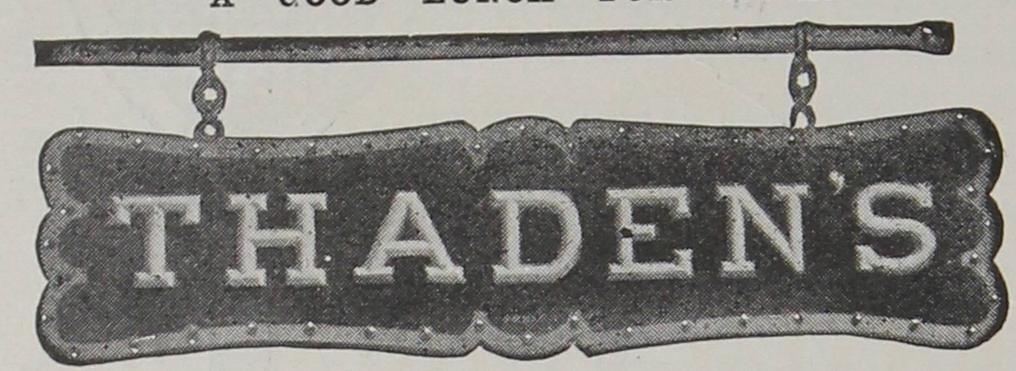
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THETA HOUSE PARTY

March 28th witnessed the embarking of another Theta house party to Redondo Beach, but on account of inclement weather and other reasons, only four of the girls showed up at the dock, Lillian Lister, June Thomas, Mae Reddish, and Ann Fry. The trip to Redondo was quite exciting; added to stormy weather and approaching nightfall, the engine of the launch broke down, and for some hours we enjoyed that funny feeling called seasickness. A good supper and ten or more hours of uninterrupted sleep revived our spirits, and once more the "Reddish Patch" resounded with Theta gaeity. Wednesday morning Annis Scotten introduced herself while everyone was still fast asleep, much contrary to the tradition that one should not go calling before breakfast, which on such occasions usually happens sometime between 10 a. m. and I p. m., unless Mae starves out before the cooks can be induced to arise, and get breakfast herself. Wednesday evening the cottage was made lively with the grand preparation for the party to which we had been invited by the neighboring young people. A country party is a real jollification and this one proved to be quite a lark. But t'me will pass, however reluctant we may be to have it go, and during the three short days June didn't get her fancy work done, Lillian didn't finish her book, and Ann couldn't have written all her letters if she had tried. We thought that the University might have extended our vacation long enough for us to attend another party or two, and fin sh up all the odds and ends, or at least get in enough sleep to carry us through the

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spring term. However we had to be content with our alloted time, and since the Ouija board was kind enough to inform us that we should have pleasant weather on our return trip, on Thursday afternoon we packed up, cleaned out the "Reddish Patch," and sorrowfully turned our eyes toward Tacoma and class rooms.

P. S.—June got a letter a whole day before she expected it.

AMPHICTYON

Monday evening, March 31, the Amphictyons gave their first program for this term. A very interesting program was given, Senator W. S. Davis taking part. We are getting ready for the annual program which is to be held in the U. P. S. Chapel on April the 18th. Every student, Professor, and friend is invited to this program. We are glad to have Mr. Dunning with us again. Mr. Dunning will take part in our annual program.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. devotional meeting last Wednesday opened with a vocal solo, rendered by Miss Joyce Craig. After this Miss Ann Fry gave us a very interesting and instructive report of the Cabinet Conference recently held at Whitworth. She certainly made all who were present realize that it is worth while to attend such a conference.

Y. M. C. A.

The mission study committee gave a clam feed to about thirty-five men last Tuesday evening, and organized three new mission classes under the leadership of Professors Cummings and Davis. Mr. Ralph Simpson will lead a third class.

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Mr. Dunning who, after two weeks for sobering up, is again at school. In his talk at Chapel a few days ago he gave us a general notion of the happenings and tricks of the legislature and especially of the House. He said that although the session was strenous he enjoyed it immensely and gained 15 lbs. His greatest pleasure he declared was to hear the concert given by the U. P. S. Glee Club. After pushing his hobby to the end and being constantly defeated, he drew \$5.00 per day, bottled up his knowledge and came home.

Several new students have enrolled for the Spring

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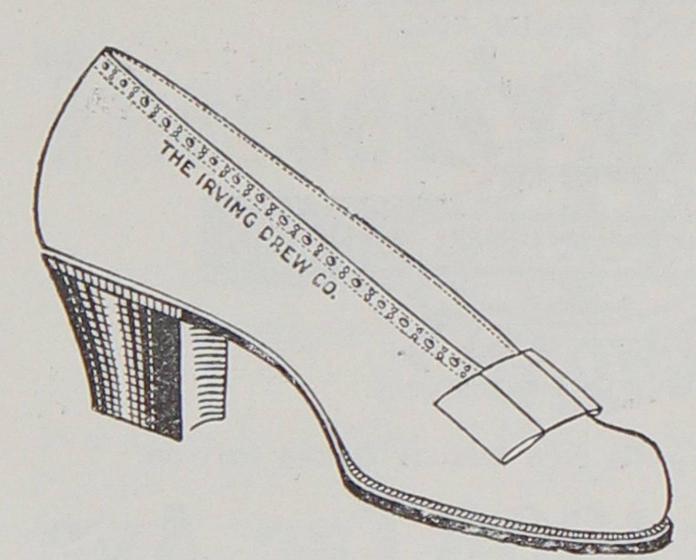
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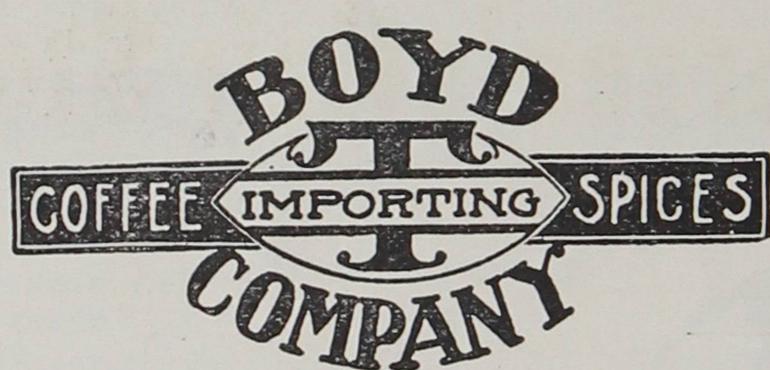
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both in attendance at the Parliament which convened at the First M. E. Church, on April 2, 3, and 4th.

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Miss Ethel Edwards recently from England has entered the University normal-school.

Mr. Arthur Smith left April 2 for Missoula, Montana.

FUNNY THINGS

Teacher—Where were you born.
Prep.—In Washington.
Teacher—What part?
Prep.—All of me, of course.

G. S. (to a broken hearted chap who had bumped his head)—There now, I'll kiss it and it'll be well. E. K. (after the child had continued play)—Glenn, I have an awful tooth ache this morn ng.

Assistant in biology—Are there any other questions that you wish to ask concerning the clam?

Bright Freshman—Yes. If a clam is slent, what is a clamor?

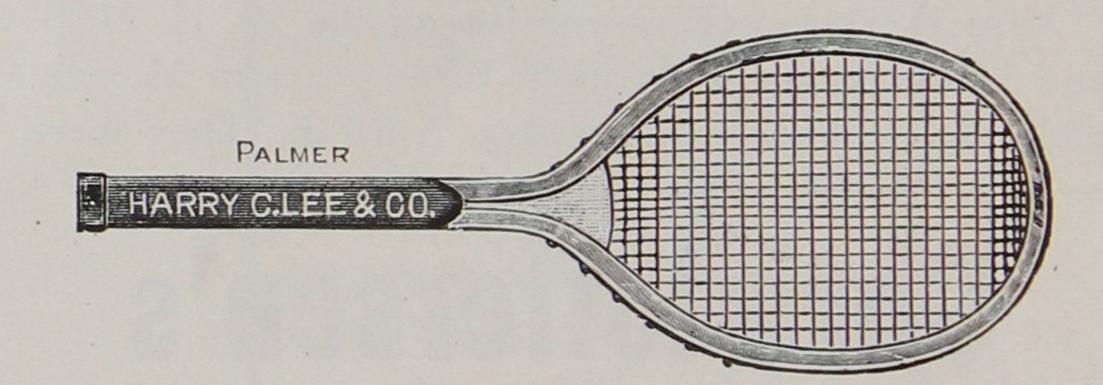
C. K.—Do you know the new definition of a "Mutt?"

K. C.—No.

C. K.—Well, it is a boy who can hold a girl's hand for 30 minutes without squeezing it.

K. C.—Is Black a Mutt.

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"PHIB"

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numb fingers and wet feet to see the pleasure and fun "Phib" enjoyed, and the mischiefous sparkle in his eyes. He was always ready for a game of hide and seek, and liked particularly to play it just about dark, in the house. He could get into all sorts of queer places that were too small for me and that I would never think of. As I would go by, in search of him, he would spring out at me and grab me. It really was 'kind o'skeery' sometimes to see his bright eyes or a blur of something white in some dusky corner, and pretend not to see them, expecting him to throw himself at you any minute. Nothing pleased him more than for me to squeal or turn and run when I had discovered him.

He was quite a favorite with the neighbors, and he visited them often. He was particularly fond of calling upon one neighbor who gave him kippered salmon, which he rarely got at home. Then too, she had a pet canary, which he would sit and watch for half an hour at a time without moving.

We went as usual, that summer, to our camp on the island, taking "Phib" with us, of course. And didn't we have fun together tho—on long walks thru mossy woods when we would stop to watch the birds and listen to them, or chase stray butterflies to the edge of the cliff—or digging clams when the tide was far out, to be roasted at the evening's camp-fire. How he did like buttered clams! That was the best part of the camp-fire to him.

Like many of us, he hated to be laughed at. The only time he was not good natured was when he was sulky because someone had laughed at him. I was the chief offender in this but he would soon forget—and forgive me. There was one time, however, when he did not forgive me. He had always been afraid of the water, and it was only by much coaxing that I persuaded him to go out with me in the row-boat. At first he would cling to me in seeming terror, and become almost frantic if I went any distance from shore, but gradually he grew bolder, and toward the end of summer took

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keen delight in sitting alone in the bow, and even riding the waves of passing steamers. One day with him in his usual place in the boat, I started on an errand. When about a rod from shore he became so restless that I rowed back toward shore to let him out. A flat rock projected out of the water just a good jump from shore. "Phib" had often clambered out on this before, and I pulled the boat up by it that he might do so again. He jumped--and missed-and stepped into cold water just a little above his knees but that was enough for him. He splashed to shore heartily disgusted, blaming me for his plight, and climbed upon a big, long log on the beach. There he squatted, highly offended, and making no response to my coaxing and scoldings. So I left him and went on, expecting to "make up" with him when I returned. I never saw him again, altho we searched the woods around till dark, with some other campers helping us. That was long ago. Even now when anyone suggests that we get a kitten, mother says, "O, let's not. We could never find another cat like "Phib."

MORE FUNNY THINGS

Mamie—The pursuit of art necessitates a great deal of devotion, but is rather tantalizing on the whole.

He—"I haven't the cheek to kiss you."
She—"Use mine."—Ex.

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