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ST. VALENTINE

Most Gracious Saint, we supplicate today,
(Holding a festal honor to thy name),
A gladsome boon upon this unkind way:
The loan of thy fair rubies, gold, and flame.

For it is well known thou dost keep apart
Those blood-red beautiful barbaric jewels,
Wherefrom thou fashionest a human heart
With subtle instruments and most cunning tools.

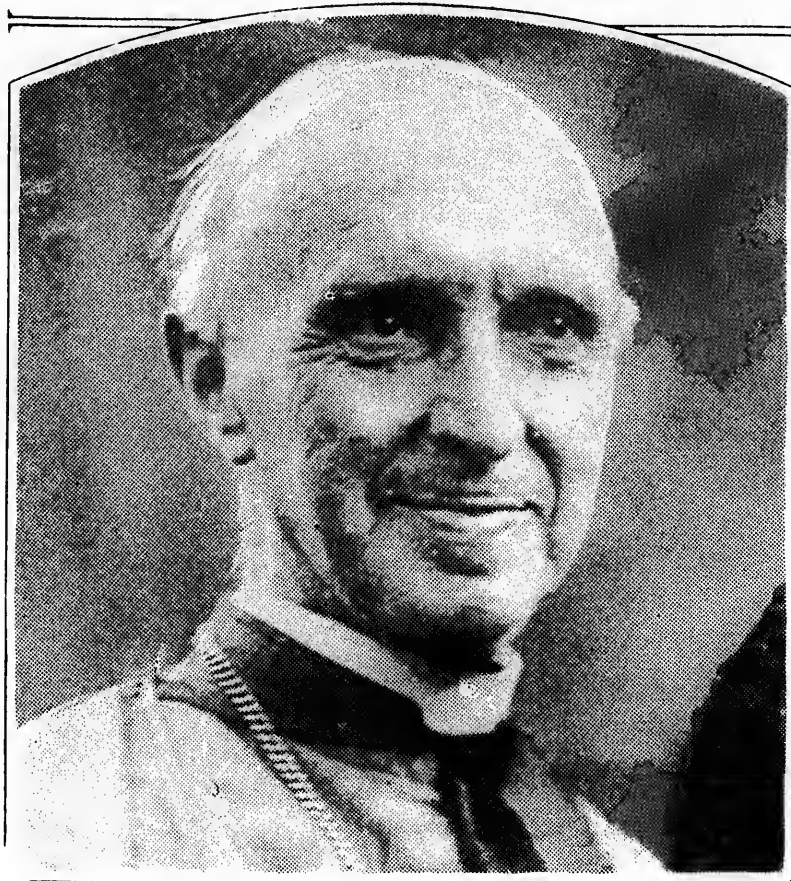
The gold thou hast to burnish and make fair
The masterpiece thy artistry hath wrought;
Was mined in Paradise when Eve was there
From pity, trust and sweet compassionate thought.

Yet, not content within thy secret fire,
Whose names is ecstasy, thou must refine
And make thy jewel's facets shining with desire
Most verisimilar unto the love divine.

Therefore, O grant us these three things today,
That we might hold our festal for a space,
So man and maid will praise thee and be gay,
And see again in one another's face,

The bright reflection of that master light
Rising from the giving heart, up, and above;
What is it, Saint, this which makes day of night?
And thou dost answer, smiling sweetly: "Love."

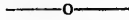
WILLIAM J. METER.



CARDINAL MERCIER

Taken on the Occasion of His Visit to Villanova

A GREAT SOUL PASSES



On Saturday, January 23d, one of the greatest men that this century has produced, folded his hands, bowed his head and died. Behind him stretches a life of unbroken service to his God and his country. That service was such that the whole civilized world stands in respectful silence and mourns the passing of him who was the scholar, the patriot and the Prince of Belgium.

For millions outside the Catholic Church, Cardinal Mercier was the ideal figure of the Christian patriot. To the whole world at large her King and her Prince of the Church embodied as none others the whole spirit of gallant Belgium's heroic resistance to unjustifiable invasions.

Cardinal Mercier was one of the inspiring heroic figures of all times. The death of no Churchman in generations, perhaps, has made a more profound impression on humanity everywhere. The purity and nobility of his character as Prince of the Church was sufficient to win the admiration of mankind. But the tragedy that befell his country during the most dramatic period in the world's history served to set off all the finer qualities of his nature. His was an appealing figure, in a sense pathetic, in a broader sense heroic, as he raised his tall, gaunt form amidst the ruins of his home land, in the presence of enemies of his people to challenge imprisonment or death by his protest. To the Cardi-

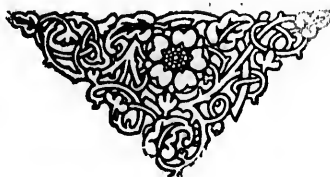
nal fell a task more difficult than that of the King: To remain at his post and to vindicate the rights not merely of his own flock, but of his entire country in the very face of the foe. The spectacle of Prussian militarism, helpless before the mere force of the churchman, gave the world a memorable illustration of the triumphs of the imponderable and spiritual over the tangible and material.

Out of the war trooped heroes among the warriors and statesmen who have linked their names with immortality, but in the case of each of these, a challenge to their greatness can be found. One looks in vain for a flaw in the position or the action of Cardinal Mercier. He was the admiration of the enemies of his people and the warm affection of all their friends.

Villanova was signally honored in the occasion of the late Cardinal's visit after the close of the war. He visited the college during his short stay in Philadelphia and was tendered a reception by the faculty and student-body. Here, as everywhere else, he endeared himself by simplicity of his bearing and his grace and charm of manner.

In his passing the Church has lost a true Prince and an able defender, and his country a son of rare eminence.

May he rest in peace!



ALUMNI NOTES

TESTIMONIAL GIVEN REV. M. A. SULLIVAN, O. S. A.

(Lawrence Tribune)

Lawrence Rev. Mortimer Sullivan, O. S. A., one of
Alumni Lawrence's native sons, who was recently elected president of Villanova College, was tendered a testimonial luncheon at the Catholic Young Men's Association rooms by the members of the Villanova alumni of Lawrence.

An address by Fr. Sullivan in which he spoke of the high position which Villanova College occupies in the educational world and in which he urged the members of the alumni to boost their Alma Mater, was one of the features of the occasion. Attorney Augustine X. Dooley was toastmaster. Addresses were given by Fr. Sullivan, Mayor Walter T. Rochefort, Attorney Dooley, Attorney Michael A. Sullivan, Rev. Michael A. Sullivan, O. S. A., Rev. John A. Drabinsky, O. S. A., James Griffin, president of the Villanova Club, of Lawrence, and William V. Crawford, a member.

507 Old Lancaster Road,
Bryn Mawr, Penna.
January 15, 1926.

Editor of "The Villanovan,"

Villanova, Penna.

Dear Sir:

It is not possible for us, the family of James E. Dougherty, '80, to personally thank each and every son of Villanova who did honor to him on the occasion of his funeral. Through the columns of "The Villanovan" we wish to express our appreciation.

He has passed to us a sacred trust in his love and regard for Villanova that we, his children, will be faithful to until that time comes for us to join him.

The family of James E. Dougherty, 1880.

'80. With deepest regrets the Villanovan announces to the general body of the Alumni the death of Mr. Jas. E. Dougherty, '80, of Haverford. Mr. Dougherty died suddenly on January 6th at the home of his daughter. His death followed an illness of several days from which he had apparently recovered. He was 63 years of age.

The deceased had been intimately connected with Villanova all his life. Himself a graduate of the old school he had always lived close by the college from which he received his degree and was keenly interested in her welfare. His two sons are likewise graduates of Villanova. Mr. Edward J. Dougherty received his degree in civil engineering with the class of '12 and the Reverend Jos. M. Dougherty, O. S. A., took his Arts degree in '20.

Mr. Dougherty was probably the Main Line's best known citizen. He was prominent in civic affairs, in the councils of the Democratic party and in Church circles. From 1892 to 1901 he was postmaster at Haverford. In 1901 Mr. Dougherty founded the Bryn Mawr Record of which he was editor.

Long active in Democratic politics, he served at one time as committeeman from Lower Merion. In 1921 he was the Democratic candidate for the treasurer of the township. He was at one time a director and secretary of the Main Line Citizen's Association.

He was a past navigator of the Cardinal Dougherty Assembly, a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, past grand knight of the Columbus Council, former president of the Philadelphia Catholic Total Abstinence Union, secretary of the National Body, and president of the Philadelphia Archdiocesan Union of the Holy Name Society.

Solemn Requiem Funeral Mass was sung in the Church of Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr, by Rev. Joseph M. Dougherty, O. S. A. About sixty priests attended the funeral.

To the bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy.

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Leo Delohery, '18, and Joseph Callaghan, Pre-Med., '21, will receive the degree of M. D. at Temple University School in June. Each has accepted an appointment as interne at St. Mary's Hospital, Phila.

Dr. David O'Brien, '19, will complete his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital, Phila., in June.

Dr. John Dwyer, Pre-Med., '19, will complete his internship at Misericordia Hospital, Phila., in June.

Dr. Joseph L. O'Reilly, '20, is specializing in surgery at St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Raphael Saenz, Pre-Med., '21, is now located in Balboa, Panama.

Dr. John Kielty, Pre-Med., '21, will complete his internship at St. Mary's Hospital, Phila., in June.

Thomas Fox, Pre-Med., '21, was recently elected President of the Somatological Society, in the Evans Institute of Dentistry, University of Pennsylvania. Tom will receive the degree of D. D. S. in June.

John Taylor, Pre-Med., '22, will receive the degree of M. D. at Hahnemann Medical College, Phila., in June.

Frank Ceravolo and Paul McNamera, both Pre-Med., '22, will receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Long Island Medical College in June.

Michael Murphy, Pre-Med., '22, is serving as interne at the Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence, Mass. He will be honored by Tufts Medical College in June with the M. D. degree.

Thomas McCarthy, Pre-Med., '23, has received a "cum laude" honor in his class at Tufts Medical

College. Congratulations, Tom; keep up the good work.

'25—Edwin Core is a student in the Georgetown Medical School. "Ed" says he enjoyed the New York Club's dance immensely.

'25—"Jim" Southworth, who will be remembered by last year's Freshman Biology students as their good-natured laboratory assistant, is managing his mother's large poultry farm in New York State.

'25—There are many former Villanova men who wish to chime in with a word of praise for the New York Club's dance. Among these are Duke Duhamel, ex-'26; Joe McGuinn, ex-'26; Walt Kane, ex-'26. Joe McGuinn has entered Fordham Law School.

'25—Augustine Maloney, Richard McNally and James Gallagher, who took their A. B. with the class of '25 are continuing their studies at the Collegio Internazionale O. E. S. A., Rome. They have sent many interesting and amusing letters to their friends, in which they relate their experiences as strangers in a strange land. They carry Villanova perseverance into Italy and we wish them luck.

"Dinny" O'Neil, well known for his work on the Norristown Times, has partially forsaken the newspaper game. He is now entered in the Penn Law School. Regardless of his affiliations with other enterprises since his graduation, he has always been active in his work for his Alma Mater. He has directed the footsteps of many boys to Villanova. None have been sorry for his advice and all are his sincere admirers.

'25—We have it from good authority, and we hope it is true, that "Bill" Jamison will enter Temple Law School this coming semester. "Jim" Cloran is with Edelstein and Bernstein, Inc., real estate brokers. "Bill" and "Jim" were inseparable friends and classmates during the last eight years—both coming to Villanova from Roman Catholic High School. So we do not wish to separate any items of interest concerning them. We wish them the best of luck in their ventures and we hope and feel sure that divergent paths will not hinder the companionship which was so evident in them at Villanova.



THE DAY STUDENT CLUB

The new year finds the Day Student Club under full steam. The vigor and enthusiasm which characterized this organization during the football season is again in evidence.

The Club was honored at its last meeting by the attendance of Fr. Sullivan, who expressed his friendship for the organization and his desire to have our membership increased.

A smoker is in the course of production and it will be staged during the present month. On this occasion the Club will act as hosts to the resident student body and likewise the Philadelphia Alumni.

Don Sehl is chairman of the committee in charge of this affair and Joseph McHenry is director of the entertainment.

New York City Club Dance. Reflecting the co-operation which developed this year between the New York City Alumni and the

New York City Club of Villanova, the annual Holiday Dance held on December twenty-eighth, proved an unqualified success. The Catholic Club on Central Park south was selected as the scene of the reunion and provided a setting for the event which lent more privacy than those held in the hotels and promoted a better spirit of good fellowship.

The music was furnished by the Paramount Broadcasting Orchestra, and the combination of their delightful strains, along with several novelty dances, was a complete insurance against a dull evening.

Perhaps one of the most enjoyable features of the dance was the large number of old Alumni who came around to show the present-day students that they had learned their lesson while at Villanova and

were able to skip the light fantastic with the present-day generation.

But Alumni and Students were not the only ones to take advantage of this festive reunion. Fr. Sullivan, our new President, graced the confines of the Catholic Club for all too few minutes to give a hasty greeting to old friends; and from California came Fr. Martel, who is still remembered by many of the older students as one who labored so well and willingly to instill a knowledge of chemistry into our Freshmen skulls. The members of the faculty were well represented by Fr. Berry, spiritual director of the club, and Fr. Hyson. Mr. Carey represented the lay faculty and did quite well, if you ask us.

Taken all in all the dance of 1925 was a success and both students and Alumni are eagerly looking forward to further co-operative success, of which we hope that this is but a modest forerunner.

R. C. H. S. Club Although this organization has not been in the "limelight," nevertheless,

it has been constantly active. Many of the boarders, perhaps, are ignorant of that fact, and it is with regret that we add, many of our supposed members seem to be among the vast throng of unenlightened. The club is emphatically not a "day student" organization, but it is for boarders as well as "day hoppers." Therefore, it is hoped that the next meeting will bring together a goodly number of both kinds of members. For those yet unacquainted with the time and place of our meetings, we would like to say that the club meets on the first and third Fridays of the month, about quarter to one o'clock, in class room "J." However, as a further reminder, a notice is posted on the bulletin

board a few days in advance of the meeting. Meanwhile, the basketball team, under the direction of Manager Frank McNally, has been practicing daily. The game with the Penn. R. C. H. S. Club, which was scheduled for January 16th, had to be postponed due to a misunderstanding. It is hoped that an agreeable arrangement can be made, as our boys are eager to repeat their triumph of last season. The regular team is composed of a number of experienced players, such as "Reds" Bannon, "Bill" and Charley Myrtetus, Paul Taylor, and John Gallen. Among the large group of clever substitutes are Bygott, Coyle, O'Brien, Moore, Oesterle and McGinley. In conclusion, the club repeats its former challenge to all rival organizations in the college for a basketball game, as we are anxious to play other quintets. In this way, the club championship of the school can be decided.

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A NEW VILLANOVA TRADITION

The Villanovan Christmas Tree A novel social gathering and entertainment, which bids fair to become a Villanova tradition, took place in the College auditorium December 16th, on the eve of the Christmas vacation. This innovation was sponsored by the Villanovan staff and took the form of a Christmas tree party. Credit for the idea belongs jointly to Editor-in-Chief James P. Kane and to the Business Manager, Edward V. Duffy. The burden of responsibility for its success and the greater part of the labor involved fell also to their lot. Charlie Dever did yeoman service in helping stage the affair and its success is due in great measure to him and to John Newman for his excellent portrayal and impersonation of Santa Claus.

Practically every man living on the campus, together with a large number of the day students, was present at the affair and the large gathering radiated the mirth and joyousness of the Christmas season. A huge Christmas tree bedecked with tinsled and glittering trappings occupied the center of the stage. The current scepticism regarding the existence of the venerable and jovial saint of the yuletide was dissipated when the jolly old fellow broke in on the gathering and distributed in his wonted fashion gifts which were apropos to the occasion. His pack contained smokes, cigarette holders and pipes of every description.

An attractive program of entertainment kept the party in high spirits throughout the evening. The justly famous team of Newman and Gault offered a sketch in mental telepathy entitled "Why." We are tempted to append the same question here. Their readings or findings kept interest at a high pitch, especially as they struck home on members of

the audience. "Admiral" Snyder in an act all his own, vindicated most convincingly his claim to the title of Strong Man.

John Slane added a touch of pathos by his excellent rendition of the "Prisoner's Song." By popular request "Mow" Vicaro interpreted present-day ballads, employing his own original gestures. He brought down the house. Others on the program were James Hanley in a cornet solo, Frank Sorbo in the Charleston, John Connolly in a banjo solo, and Louis Padula in "The Freshman."

The affair was concluded with the singing of Christmas carols by the entire assemblage, led by the Golden Gate Quartet. Frank LiVolsi and his Villanovans furnished the music during the evening.

The Christmas Tree was voted a great success and favorable comment was heard on every side. We have no doubt that each succeeding year will find the students of Villanova gathered around the Christmas tree, imparting and imbibing the true Christmas spirit of brotherly love and good will.

The Villanovan wishes to thank the patrons and all others who helped make the Christmas Tree a success.

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THESPIANS SCORE HIT

Dramatic Club Villanova's Thespians scored another hit in the new play "Destiny, a Tale of the Lost Paradise." It was produced in the auditorium of Our Mother of Sorrows, Phila. The cast was composed of members of the Vision cast, augmented by new talent. A new star was discovered in the person of John Slane, '28, who played the leading role as Adam. Johnnie proved quite conclusively that he can tread the boards with as much grace as he can the gridiron. Miss Adelaide Dougherty, Miss May Dougherty, Miss Rita Whalen and the O. M. S. choir assisted the players. Rev. J. F. Burns, O. S. A., produced the play under the direction of Mr. W. J. McMenamin.

On December 1 the cast performed before the invisible audience over the radio. They broadcast from station WIP.

If attendance is a criterion, then Destiny was a great triumph. Approximately 6,000 people witnessed the performances.

Because of its heavy nature the Villanova players are to be commended upon the excellent way in which they interpreted their parts.

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A ROYAL CLIMAX

The Band As a climax to the best season the band has experienced since its organization, it furnished the moral support for the Four Horsemen in their game with Pottsville. That day the band served a dual purpose, namely, it furnished

the music and made a perfect cheering section. Unfortunately, Mr. Howard Berry, the radio announcer, insisted on telling his audience that the Big Blue was the Pottsville Maroon Band. However, the extravagant praise he heaped upon the boys compensated somewhat for his blunder. Each member seemed to sense the situation—that it was the final appearance until spring. With this idea they not only produced excellent music, but cheered the Horsemen across the goal. The music evidently pleased the spectators, as a “big hand” was given after every piece.

This ended the band's best season and we take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck for the coming seasons and to congratulate them on their success.

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WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT

Students Turn Out Villanova College greeted its newly-elected President, Rev. Fr. Mortimer Sullivan, on December 9, 1925. Despite the cold and biting air, six hundred Villanova students, together with the faculty, formed an arch extending from the main entrance on Lancaster Pike to College Hall, and stood with bared heads and cheered their new executive as he passed through. This was only an informal manifestation of the rousing Villanova spirit to which Father Sullivan was later introduced.

Later in the afternoon a formal reception was given by the students. Rev. Fr. McGuire, O. S. A., acted as chairman. In introducing the next executive, he praised Rev. Fr. Sullivan's work as a priest of the Augustinian order and pointed proudly to the latter's record as chaplain in the United States Navy during the World War. Rev. Fr. Sullivan, after a few introductory remarks, outlined briefly the methods and the influence of the Catholic College upon modern day education. He pleaded for a continuation of the spirited love for Villanova, which is the heritage of her students. “Only from such a continuance,” he said, “can we hope to make Villanova—glorious and esteemed—the Villanova of which that small band of Augustinian monks dreamed in the early days of the last century.”

At the termination of the exercises, the students were told that the customary holiday given at the arrival of a new President would be added to their Christmas vacation period. Long and thunderous applause greeted this announcement and brought the reception to a close.

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WILKES-BARRE CLUB

The Wilkes-Barre Club held its annual holiday dance in the Sterling Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, during

the Christmas vacation. The dance, the most successful affair ever conducted by the club, was attended by 200 couples.

The patron and patroness list for the dance was as follows:

Rev. J. P. McGuire, O. S. A., Vice-President
Villanova College.

Hon. D. L. Hart, Mayor of Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCarthy

Mr. J. J. Gannon

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Connor

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cunningham

Mrs. J. J. Moore

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Nealon

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Dever

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. O'Donnell

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gibbons

Mr. and Mrs. D. Loughran

Mr. A. J. McGill

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLaughlin

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brennan

Hon. John Stavitski

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Shovlin

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Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Kieley

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Long

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Donohoe

Mr. and Mrs. A. Turek

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Birbeck

Mrs. J. M. Conroy

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McCann

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Conlon

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. McDermott

Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Ford

Mr. and Mrs. John Driscoll

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Curley

Music was furnished by Earl Keating and his famous Ramblers.

Chairman Gibbons and his committee wish to thank all those who co-operated with them to make the affair a success.

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THE BELLE AIR BALL

On the 22d of January the Senior Class of '25 held the last social event of their college career, the Belle Air Ball, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. One of the best and most sociable crowds was in attendance at the ball. There were approximately one hundred and fifty couples there, a number which was not too small and yet not too large, just enough to make it an enjoyable evening for all. On entering the ballroom each couple was presented with a leather program and the fair one received a very nice pocketbook. It was brown with a blue lining and on the inside of the flap was the College seal in white lettering.

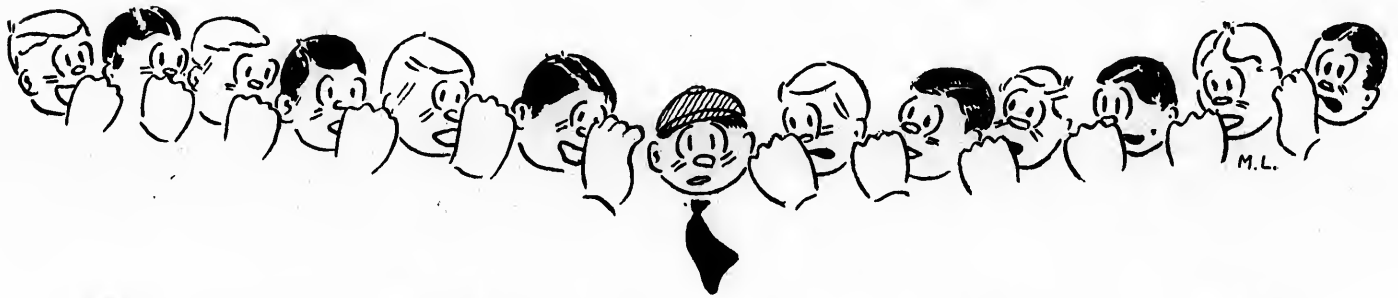
To add a touch of color to the ball, the "Old Guard" was there in force. Many of the Grads not being able to withstand the lure of the haunts of their college days came back once more to revel and have a merry time. The faculty was also represented by a goodly number of its members.

One of the main features of the evening was the music. It was furnished by Gene Reilly's Victor Recording Orchestra. This was something more or less unique, as the conductor of the orchestra, Gene Reilly, is matriculated as a Freshman on the roster of the College. It was the common consent of all present that better music could not have been furnished. The committee did well in choosing this

orchestra for the ball.

The success of the ball is due solely and entirely to the untiring efforts of the committee headed by L. Memminger and assisted by J. T. Furlong, E. J. Grellis, T. V. Halloran, J. V. Hartnett, J. F. Hoffmeister, J. J. McDonald, A. C. Margliano, J. Rowe. They are to be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which they planned and conducted the ball.

Many a pleasant time is had and forgotten, but the Belle Air Ball was a social function that will long linger in the memories of those that attended, one never to be forgotten.



CAMPUS CHATTER

The boys arrived back from their respective homes after the holiday season. Everybody reported that Santa Claus was more than generous.

Classes resumed.

Warren Daley was confined to his room. What's the trouble, Warren, vacation too strenuous?

Ralph Hegner smoked his first, probably his last cigar, for the year 1926. Hegner looked bad when he finished smoking his "rope."

Johnnie Conlon spent the day in visiting the different buildings on the campus. We wonder if "Pollock" was electioneering?

Bill Donohue joined Ad Snyder's boxing and wrestling classes. Bill hopes to lose some of his excess avoirdupois.

Harp McDonnell paraded the campus sporting an "Iron Hat."

"Foots" Loughran held open house all day long. The boys from the Monastery wing cleaned up at the party.

The Koal Krackers held their first get-together for the year 1926. The purpose of the gathering was to discuss the strike situation. "Milky" O'Donnell was unanimously elected to take John Lewis' job.

A number of the boys attended a dance given at West Chester Normal School. The crowd from the Big Blue were headed by Jim Callahan and Gump Dever.

Ed. Donohue and Doc Gannon returned to their childhood days for a few hours when they wit-

nessed "Topsy and Eva" at the Forrest. The boys said that the show lacked something and they thought that something was Simon Legree.

Ryan and Loughran tried to regain their lost laurels in the pinochle world, but Kasel and Hoot were unbeatable and retain the banner for another six months.

The basketball team departed on a trip that includes games against Cornell, St. Bonaventures, Niagara University and Canisius. Nine players, together with Manager Flynn and Coach Saxe, made the trip.

The inter-fraternity league opened with a "bang" and wins for the Business Administration and Engineers. Johnny Slane and Jim Callahan referred the games.

Cries of "Cut his throat" and "lynch him" were heard outside the barber shop. We wonder what the trouble was?

The Caseys engaged in a struggle with San Domingo Council for the first half championship of the K. of C. League. At the end of the game San Domingo was on the long end of the score.

The basketball team returned from its invasion of New York state. Wins were registered over Niagara U. and Canisius, while losses were recorded in the games with Cornell and St. Bonaventures.

The Business basketball team defeated the Phi Kappa Pi in a scheduled league game, the score 28-7. The Engineers did not score a field goal until thirty-

five minutes of play had passed. Score at half time was 14-1.

Louis Matthew Memminger celebrated his birthday on Jan. 17th. Louis played "Cozy" and did not disclose the date of his birth. Nevertheless, this column looked up the records and now we have the play on Louie. We wish you many happy returns of the day, Dutchie.

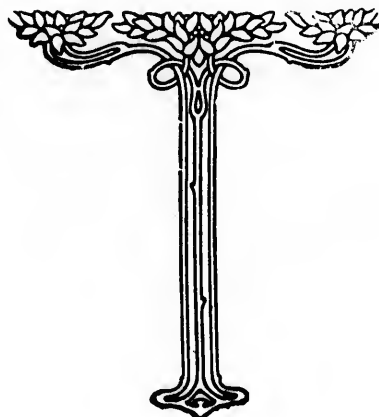
John Cunningham wishes to announce through this column that he is about to open his school of dancing. We understand that John is a past master in the art of tango dancing. Sign early, fellows, as the class will be limited.

A famous undertaker paid a visit to the New Dorm. If you do not believe us, ask Red Byrne or Warren Daley, for it was to their rooms that the visit was paid.

The Sunrise Club held its annual meeting and took one new member into the club. The lucky boy was Bill Hess. Bill arises every morning at five o'clock so that he will be around to see the sun coming up from the East. Dick Sullivan and Neal McCarthy had charge of the initiation.

The Room Wreckers' Association is organized again. Bill Hurley and Jno. McAneny are the leaders of the wreckers. Keep your doors locked, gang, or you may have some straightening to do when you least expect it.

Enter Ken O'Toole, riding on a bicycle—the title of a comedy being produced by Bob Hetznecker and Reds O'Donnell.



"WHO'S WHO" At Villanova



GEORGE JACOBS

A candidate to fill this month's niche in the Villanovan's Hall of Fame is not hard to find. The worth and fame of George Jacobs has spread far and wide among the present generation of Villanova men and it is with the feeling that we are performing a duty long deferred that we bestow upon him the accolade which places him among the immortals. The honor is his by every right and is richly merited, and it gives us considerable pleasure to use only his name in the "Who's Who at Villanova."

George, or "Doc," as he is known to every man in the College, came to Villanova as a Freshman and since that time he has steadily contributed in a very substantial way to the glory of Villanova. Upon the court, the diamond, and gridiron, he is a star; he is our three-letter man. His stellar catching and timely hitting mark him as one of the best receivers in college ranks. George stands as a peer among the athletes of the Blue and White. He is the captain of our basketball team this year. On the court, Doc is the mainspring of the attack and the last ditch of defense and his gamy, gritty playing has endeared him to the heart of every man on the campus. The honor of captaining this year's quintet is a reward of merit justly earned. His worth as a gridiron athlete needs no apology, and with his passing Villanova loses a sturdy, skillful end.

But the finest thing that can be said in George Jacobs favor is that he is one of the most popular men in the college. The fame and the honors that have come to him have not spoiled him in slightest degree. There is nothing of the snob or the "high-brow" about George. For Senior and Freshman alike, he has the same warm smile and hearty greeting. Geniality is as natural to him as sunshine to a summer's day. His sterling character, his gentlemanly demeanor, his athletic prowess, and his absolute unswerving loyalty mark him as one of the great Villanovans of the present day, and so it is that we sing his praises in these columns.

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EDITORIALS

Why Lent? To every well conducted business house there comes regularly a season given over to the taking of an inventory. At such a time accounts are cast up, profits and losses are analyzed and re-adjustments made whereby the business might be conducted in the most efficient manner possible. So, too, during the World War the soldiers who had borne the terrific strain of battle were, after a certain time, led back worn and weary to the rest camps behind the lines, to recuperate their failing strength and soothe shattered nerves. Nature when taxed and burdened beyond its capacity, demands a period of rehabilitation and rest. All around us in every phase of life there is

a certain period of time which must be given to the rallying of nature's forces in order that the life of an organism may be preserved.

If this period of recuperation is so necessary on the physical or purely material side of life, it is altogether logical and consistent to conclude that it is just as vital and necessary from a spiritual point of view.

Many of us, nay, most of us, are accustomed to look upon Lent as sort of a bug-bear—a time of repression and depression when we must forego all legitimate means of joy and recreation. We view with alarm the approach of the long penitential season simply because we mistake or overlook its pur-

pose and meaning. We forget—we fail to realize that the Church has set aside this season of the year as a period wherein we should take stock of ourselves. Just as the business house makes an annual survey of its assets and liabilities; just as the soldier withdraws to the rehabilitation camp to recoup the shattered forces of nature, so, too, we must balance accounts and so prepare for the Great Reckoning which every man must render.

Every one admits—at least to himself—that he is not all that he should be. All of us confess in our better moments to failings, shortcomings, and weaknesses. We are uncomfortably conscious at times of unmanly cowardice and weak compromises which make us unworthy of our better selves. We know there is a skeleton in the family closet; a secret weakness which would consume us with shame if it were known. Now the whole meaning and purpose of Lent hinges upon this particular point. This season of the year is set aside by the Catholic Church simply that we might be brought face to face with the issue. The Church asks us to eschew worldly pleasures and pursuits, in so far as it is possible, merely that we may view ourselves with a true perspective and in the proper light. She asks us to be *honest* with ourselves—to see our-

selves *as we are*. She asks us to recognize our weaknesses and failings and to apply the remedy. She bids us see the chinks and crevices in the armor of our character and to bolster up and buttress the weak points in our moral fabric.

The Catholic College should produce the finest type of Catholic manhood. We are moulding our characters now and the season of Lent that we are spending here at Villanova, has a tremendous effect in determining what sort of men we shall be and what sort of Catholics we shall be. We cannot see the immediate effect of the Lenten season now, but in after life we will be required to meet situations which will call forth every particle of moral stamina in our characters—if they are to be met successfully.

We write this article anticipating a certain amount of criticism and perhaps a rather cool reception. However, we disclaim any intent to moralize or sermonize. Our purpose is simply to set forth a common sense view of an essential phase of Catholic education. If the topic meets with the reader's disapproval we simply say—"Let it ride." "*Qui potest capere, capiat*," or as we say in modern parlance: "Take it or leave it."

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Credit Where Credit Is Due Since time began society has been in the habit of awarding to the deserving individual some mark of appreciation and honor. The appreciation may be purely material in character. More frequently it takes the form of an honor which distinguishes and marks a man as having performed some signal service in a worthy cause. It is simply an official recognition of the individual's outstanding worth and merit. Such are the military decorations given for valorous conduct on the field of battle. Such are the honorary degrees given by our colleges to men devoted to the cause of suffering humanity.

The idea is a splendid one. It shows first of all recognition for service well performed. In the second place, by reason of the immaterial nature of the award, it removes all danger of sordid motives or mercenary aims.

The practice of awarding letters to College athletes is based upon this idea of honorary recognition. To wear the letter of his Alma Mater is the most cherished ambition of every athlete. But is the athlete the *only* one worthy of official recognition? Or, to put the question in another form, Is athletics the only form of undergraduate activity that contributes to the welfare of the college? Let not the

reader think that we have taken up the popular hue and cry on the stressing of athletics in our colleges. Nor are we trying to dethrone the athlete from the prominent place he holds in the college world. We proclaim most vehemently our belief in college athletics and we hold that the athlete is richly deserving of the honor accorded him. The point we wish to make is simply this: There are *other* forms of undergraduate activities which contribute to the common good and *other* men deserve recognition for service rendered.

As you read these lines there probably come to your mind, offhandedly,—the names of half a dozen men who have worked and worked unselfishly and sincerely for the good of Villanova. We will go further and hazard the guess that these men have labored with no thought of reward. Are not such men worthy of recognition? There are men who have given lavishly of their time and energy to the production of dramatics, to the Band, the Orchestras, the Owl, and the Villanovan. There are men who are directly responsible for guiding the destinies and holding together the different clubs and fraternities. There are men who are the backbone and brains of certain organizations—are not such men worthy of praise?

There is a means of giving credit where credit is due and a way of showing recognition to the men who have in some way contributed to the glory of our College. This can be done by the organization of an Honorary Fraternity, in which the athlete, the leaders of various clubs and fraternities, and the heads of various institutions upon our campus, could mingle as brothers. Such a fraternity as is found within the portals of other institutions of the highest learning.

In this way recognition for service well done will be given in an immaterial way, and honor will be done to all who give of their time unglory will be done to all who give of their time unselfishly for the glory of our Alma Mater. Fostering, as we do, any movement for greater school spirit and always advocating credit where credit is due, The Villanovan heartily endorses the formation of an Honorary Fraternity, consisting of the leaders in all college movements.



BLUE OFF TO A FLYING START

SECOND STRAIGHT FOR VARSITY

The opener of the 1925-26 basketball season resulted in a victory for the Wildcats, Philadelphia Textile taking the small end of a 42-22 score. Twelve men played for Villanova, an entire second team going in for part of each half.

This game, played before a capacity crowd in the Villanova gym., presages a successful season for the Wildcats. The team, though light, is fast and shows a fine fighting spirit.

The first combination piled up a big score early in the first period. They were then relieved by the seconds, who held the visitors. The Blue led at half-time, 21-12.

Sheehan led the scoring with six field goals, Barry being second with 4.

Line-up:

Villanova	Textile
Lolos..... forward	Wooley
Leary..... forward	Rosenberg
Jacobs..... center	Gutenkunst
Barry..... guard	Luban
Sheehan..... guard	Wright

Field Goals—Sheehan, 6; Barry, 4; Lolos, 3; Jacobs, 3; Murphy, Nolan, McKeever, 2; Wooley, 4; Rosenberg, Gutenkunst, Luban, 2.

Foul Goals—Jacobs, 2; Wooley, Gutenkunst, 2; Luban, Wright, 2.

Substitutions—Severn for Leary, McKeever for Jacobs, Stamberg for Lolos, Feinberg for Stamberg, Fay for McKeever, Geasy for Sheehan.

Referee—Emery. Time—20-minute halves.

Osteopathy Beaten 21-13

The collection of former high school stars, representing Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, put the Wildcats to a real test.

It was a stubbornly fought game throughout. The margin of the score was never more than three or four points, but was always in Villanova's favor.

Joe Barry and Joe Sheehan, the former Camden Catholic luminaries, counted for five of the seven goals scored, the former making three.

Close guarding and good defense on the part of both teams accounted for the low score of 21-13.

At times, the Wildcats were hard pressed, but the skill and spirit of the team and the cheering of the student body pulled them through.

With two straight victories to its credit, the team looks forward to a good season.

Line-up:

Villanova	Osteopathy
Leary..... forward	Ellis
Lolos..... forward	Bradford
Jacobs..... center	Sullivan
Sheehan..... guard	McHenry
Barry..... guard	Loughton

Field Goals—Lolos, Jacobs, Sheehan, 2; Barry, 3. Foul Goals—Lolos, 1 out of 2; Sheehan, 2 out of 4.

Substitutions—Fay for Jacobs, Nolan for Barry.

THIRD STRAIGHT

A score of 48-11 over Philadelphia Pharmacy gave the Wildcats their third win of three games played. Joe Sheehan filled the stellar role with a quartet of field goals. Barry made two and Jacobs, one.

The seconds took the floor near the end of the first half and finished the game. They scored at will, all having at least one field goal. Stamberg parted the cords four times and Severn three.

The score shows the strength on the defensive of both teams. The regulars held the score to seven points, the seconds allowing only four more to be added.

Half-time score, 22-7. Line-up:

Villanova		Pharmacy	
Lolos.....	forward	.....	Yiengst
Leary.....	forward	.....	Clark
Jacobs.....	center	.....	Lochester
Sheehan.....	guard	.....	Evans.
Barry.....	guard	.....	Van Horn

Field Goals—Yiengst, 2; Sheehan, 4; Clark, Lochester, Jacobs, Barry, 2; Stamberg, 4; Nolan, 2; Severn, 3; Fay, Murphy, McKeever.

Foul Goals—Clark, 1; Van Horn, 2; Jacobs, 1; Sheehan, 4; Leary, McKeever, 2; Murphy, 1.

Referee—Emery. Time of halves—20 minutes.

VILLANOVA, 25; ST. JOHN'S, 24

A field goal by Nolan, sub-center, defeated the St. John's College five of Brooklyn, in the last fifteen seconds of one of the most stirring games ever played in the Villanova gym.

St. John's, with a 6-foot-4 center, and a well-balanced combination, held an edge over the Wildcats at the end of the first half; score, 16-11.

Joe Sheehan was the outstanding star in this exciting triumph, registering four field goals and counting five out of six tries from the foul line for a total of thirteen points.

St. John's retained the lead throughout the greater portion of the second half. When the score stood 22-16 in their favor, Nolan and Severn, substituting for Jacobs and Leary, entered the fray and swung the pendulum of victory to Villanova. Each made two field goals in their short period of activity.

Line-up:

Villanova		St. John's	
Leary.....	forward	.....	Freeman
Lolos.....	forward	.....	Curran
Jacobs.....	center	.....	Page
Barry.....	guard	.....	Gallagher
Sheehan.....	guard	.....	Feeney

Field Goals—Sheehan, 4; Nolan, 2; Severn, 2; Lolos, 1.

Fouls—Sheehan, 5 out of 6; Barry, 1 out of 3; Lolos, 1 out of 2; Jacobs, 0 out of 1.

Substitutions—Severn for Lolos, Nolan for Jacobs.

BIG RED STOPS THE BLUE

Cornell, 28; Villanova, 21

After four victories, the Blue and White finally dropped the first game of their Northern trip to the Ithacians.

Perhaps the ten-hour trip in a day coach on the day of the game took its toll on the speed and energy of the boys. At any rate, their usual speed was lacking and they were unable to keep pace with their heavy rivals.

At the end of the first fifteen minutes of play, the Wildcats led the scoring. From then on Villanova slowly sank, as did the opportunity of winning the most important fracas of the season.

When the second frame started, our team, refreshed by the rest, drew close on the heels of the Red. But their endurance weakened and the hard-fought game was lost, in the last six minutes of play. Till then the game was even.

Line-up:

Villanova		Cornell	
Leary.....	forward	.....	Albee
Lolos.....	forward	.....	Hall
Jacobs.....	center	.....	Wilbur
Barry.....	guard	.....	Rossomondo
Sheehan.....	guard	.....	Clucos

Goals—Sheehan, Barry, 3; Lolos, 2; Leary, 1.

Substitutions—Severn for Leary, Nolan for Sheehan, Sheehan for Lolos, Lolos for Nolan.

ST. BONA'S TAKES THE WILDCATS

In a hard game with St. Bonaventure's College, of Olean, N. Y., the Blue went under for the second time on the Northern trip. The score, 20-17, indicates a close tussle. The effects of the Cornell defeat the night before may have had something to do with this second reversal.

The seconds, with the addition of Capt. Jacobs, started the game. Nolan, sub-guard, was high scorer with two field goals and three fouls. The score at half time was 10-9, with the Wildcats carrying off the long end.

In the second half, with the regulars in, St. Bona's crept into the lead and finished in front. McCloud, for the Up-Staters, was the high scorer of the game, netting four field goals and dropping one single counter.

Line-up:

Villanova		St. Bonaventure	
Stamberg.....	forward	.....	McCloud
Geisey.....	forward	.....	McMillan

Jacobs..... centerDodson
 Severn..... guardGavagn
 Nolan..... guardO'Neill

Field Goals—Nolan, 2; Severn, Sheehan, Lolos.

Fouls—Nolan, 3; Barry, 2; Sheehan, Leary.

Substitutions—Lolos for Stamberg, Leary for Geisey, Sheehan for Severn, Barry for Nolan.

VILLANOVA TRIPS NIAGARA, 25-19

Breaking the short losing streak, the Wildcats took Niagara into camp with apparent ease. Niagara's strong team trimmed Cornell a few days before this defeat.

Coach Saxe started a new combination which proved successful: Severn at the forward position, Nolan at center, and Geisey at guard, were the additions. Barry and Sheehan were at their usual posts, as both have been playing brilliantly so far.

Joe Sheehan led the scoring with three double deckers and three fouls. Geisey was a close second, parting the cords twice.

Line-up:

Niagara		Villanova
Dever.....	forward	Severn
Mullin.....	forward	Sheehan
Baland.....	center	Nolan
Cadzou.....	guard	Barry
Gorman.....	guard	Geisey

WILDCATS, 36; CANISIUS, 18

The wind-up of the Blue's invasion was a decisive win over Canisius College, of Buffalo.

During the first half it was only Sheehan's brilliant shooting that kept Villanova in the lead. But in the second half the Wildcats uncorked an of-

fensive which resulted in the doubling of the score.

Joe Sheehan was again high scorer with six two-pointers and two fouls to his credit. Sheehan has scored 82 points this season.

Line-up:

Canisius		Villanova
Connors.....	forward	Severn
Greneau.....	forward	Sheehan
Short.....	center	Nolan
Deker.....	guard	Geisey
Stahl.....	guard	Barry

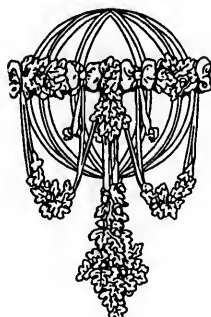
INTER-FRATERNITY LEAGUE

Hooting and howling in the gym and arguments in the corridors, mark the opening of the all-sports league known to the boys as basketball. Boxers, wrestlers, and basketballers all find exit for their virile manhood, but sportsmanship and laughter reigns.

Scores thus far:

Delta Pi Epsilon	24
Epsilon Phi Theta	18
Phi Kappa Phi	23
Lambda Kappa Delta	22
Delta Pi Epsilon	23
Phi Kappa Pi	7
Lambda Kappa Delta	21
Epsilon Theta	16

	Won	Lost
Business	2	0
Pre-Med	1	1
Engineers	1	1
A. B.'s	0	2



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Dumbdora, of the carmined lips
And doctored EYES
We always knew
That
Jellybeans were colored.



The Rugged West
"I've seen some pretty critters
IN MY TIME
Hosses AND Wimmin—
But I never hankered
After any
Like I'm Likin' you?"

The Early 90's



Roses are red
Violets are blue
and so's your old man,
Longing for you

Just Kiddin'.



I aint got a cent
or dime
So I made this
Valentine.
your bow,
for arrow
and arrow



Smith—What, have you taken to wearing glasses?

Brown—Yes, I did so many cross-word puzzles that one eye got to see vertical and the other horizontal.

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“What’s the score, Jim?” she asked, arriving late for the game.

“Nothing to nothing.”

“Oh, goody!” she exclaimed. “We haven’t missed a thing.”

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Willie—Pa sent me for a piece of rope like this.

Shopman—How much does he want?

Willie—Just enough to reach from the goat to the fence.

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Prof.—Who was that who laughed out loud?

Pupil—I did, sir; but I didn’t mean to do it.

Prof.—You didn’t mean to do it?

Pupil—No, sir; I laughed in my sleeve, and I did not know there was a hole in my elbow.

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Judge—What’s your occupation?

Mike—I’m a sailor.

Judge—You don’t look like a sailor. I don’t believe you were ever on a ship.

Mike—You don’t think I came from Ireland in a Ford?

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Salesman (at motor show)—This is the type of car that always pays for itself, sir.

Prospective Buyer—Well, as soon as it has done that you can have it delivered to my garage.

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“Ernest,” said the teacher, “tell what you know about the Mongolian race.”

“I wasn’t there,” exclaimed Ernest hastily, “I went to the football game.”

“Rastus, I’ll give you five dollars to have your picture taken inside the cage with the lion.”

“No, suh, boss, not me.”

“You needn’t be afraid. He hasn’t any teeth,” replied the circus owner.

“He doan need none. Jess his reputation’s nuff.”

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The hall was packed and overflowing with people. Never in the history of the town had there been such a speaker. Fervently his words echoed through the silent mass: “He drove straight to his goal. He looked neither to the right nor left, but pressed forward, moved by a definite purpose. Neither friend nor foe could delay him nor turn him from his course. All that crossed his path did so at their peril. What would you call such a man?” And a voice from the audience answered: “Truck driver.”

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O’Brien—“Well, in me own mind, Columbus was a greater man than St. Patrick.”

McGeachy—“You’ll have to prove that.”

O’Brien—“St. Patrick found a country the Irish could never rule, and Columbus discovered a country the Irish have always ruled.”

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“Chickens, sah,” said the old negro sage, “is de usefulest animal dere is. You can eat ’em befo’ dey is born and after dey is daid.”

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Husband—“Telling lies is not one of my failings.”

Wife—“No, dear, it’s one of your few successes.”

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The young wife was troubled.

“Dearest,” she asked, “do you know that you haven’t kissed me for three weeks?”

“Good heavens,” cried the absent-minded professor. “Then whom have I been kissing.”

"We disturbed mother last night after you brought me home from the dance."

"But we were very quiet."

"That's what disturbed her."

— :: —
"The old-fashioned farmer who used to exhibit his calves at the county fair, now has a daughter who does the same thing."—Selected.

— :: —
When Willie grows up he wants to be a street car conductor so he can tell everyone where to get off.

— :: —
The employer called his secretary.

"Here, John, look at this letter. I can't make out whether it's from my tailor or my lawyer. They're both named Smith."

And this is what John read: "I have begun your suit. Ready to be tried on Thursday. Smith."—Exchange.

— :: —
A corn syrup manufacturing company received the following letter: "Dear Sirs: I have ate three cans of your syrup and it has not helped my corns one bit."

— :: —
"Do you love me, John?"

"Of course I do."

"Then why doesn't your chest go up and down like the man in the movies?"

— :: —
She—"I must dress at once, dear; the Browns are coming here this evening. Should I put on the percolator?"

He—"Oh, don't bother; you're dressed good enough the way you are."

— :: —
Maid (to hotel manager)—"The sheets are gone out of room 19."

Manager (going to the register)—"Let's see, who occupied it last night. Yes, just as expected, someone from Atlanta, Georgia."

— :: —
"All aboard," called the conductor as the train prepared to leave the station.

"Hold on boss!" called a feminine voice, "wait til Ah gets mah clothes on!"

Six cars full of passengers thrust their heads out of windows and craned their necks expectantly. They saw a negro mammy struggling on with a basket of laundry.

— :: —
"Well, Pat, do the twins make much noise nights?"

"Praise be to hivin! Sure each wan cries so loud yez can't hear the ither wan."

The favorite song of the fellow who is always bumming a cigarette is "Let the Rest of the World Go Buy."

— :: —
STEADY JOB

"Still working for the same people?"

"Sure—wife and four kids."

— :: —
Two traveling salesmen discussing their experiences.

"Even been in Garden Center?" asked one.

"No," was the answer.

"Quietest place I ever saw," said the first. "I went through there one summer afternoon and every storekeeper in the place had his chair tilted back against the front of his store and was fast asleep."

"Well," was the rejoinder, "it's got nothing on Forest Vale. I went through there last week and the only sign of life was a dog chasing a cat, and they were both walking."

— :: —
The fault-finder gains nothing for himself, nor does he add anything to the progress or happiness of the world.

— :: —
Magistrate—"Did you or did you not, strike the policeman?"

Prisoner—"The answer is in the infirmary."

— :: —
Edith—"Fanny says her fiance is teaching her to drive the car."

Edna—"I know. When I saw him last he was demonstrating the clutch."

— :: —
He (ardently)—"Have you ever met a man whose touch seemed to thrill every fiber of your being?"

She—"Oh, yes, once—the dentist."

— :: —
Doctor—"Congratulations, Governor, you're the father of triplets!"

Governor—"I demand a recount!"—Washington Dirge.

— :: —
"Say, sonny, why's your milk pail empty? Didn't the old cow give anything?"

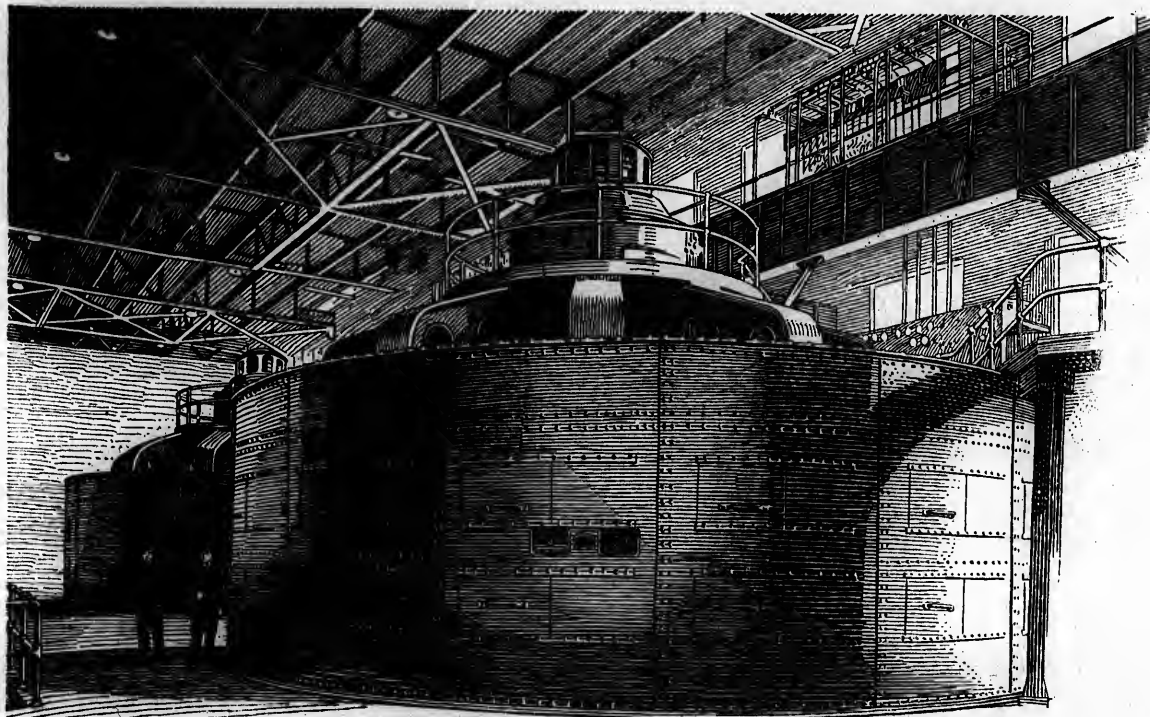
"Yep, eight quarts and one kick."

— :: —
"Waiter, has this steak been cooked?"

"Yes, sir, by electricity."

"Well, take it back, and give it another shock."

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A nut at the steering wheel, a peach at his side and a sharp turn in the road is a good recipe for a fruit salad.



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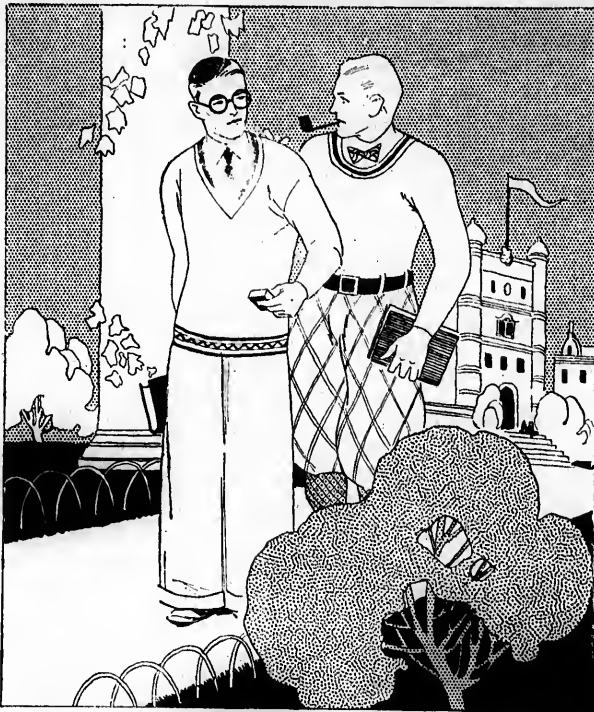
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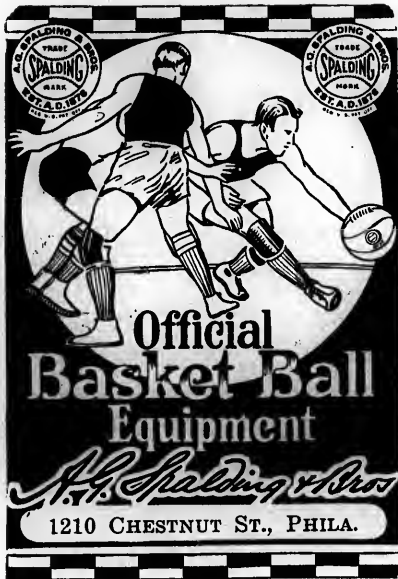
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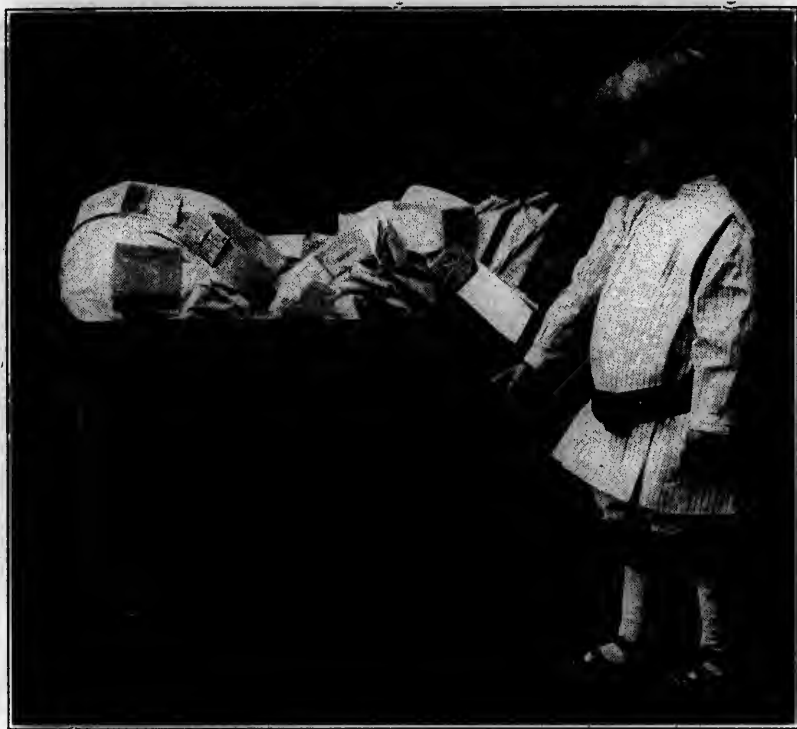
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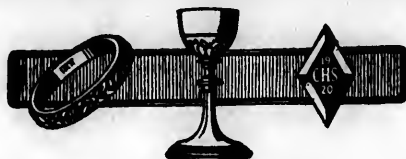
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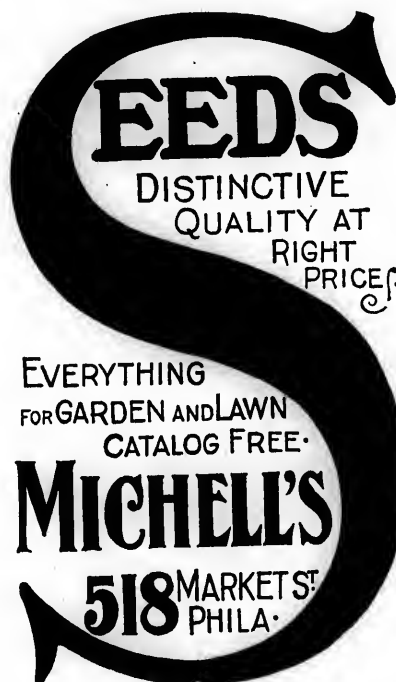
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