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Comment has been passing freely in the college press of the west for some time past over the debating situation between Iowa and Minnesota. The universities seem to be disturbed over one of the most important questions that has agitated debating circles for some years. Facts show that one of the Minnesota representatives went to Iowa City to attend the preliminary debate there for the choosing of debaters to represent the institution against Minnesota. Iowa says it was unjust; Minnesota says it was just. The colleges of Iowa are taking sides in the matter and it is hard to tell where it is going to end. Iowa takes the stand that the affair is without precedent, unjust to herself, and unsatisfactory all around. Minnesota on the other hand sanctions the act on the ground that Iowa knew her representative was there and could have prevented him from attending instead of waiting until after the debate was over and then allowing a crowd of students to set upon him and take his notes from him. This visit was open, not secret, and according to Professor Sanford of Minnesota is analogous with a coach or captain of a football team of one institution attending a game played by a future opponent. Minnesota further avers that Iowa was at fault in not submitting the question for the joint debate until a few weeks before time for the contest, thus gaining some two months advantage for preparation. It was the privilege of Iowa to choose the question, but she misused her right. Caldwell, the Minnesota representative, has offered to withdraw from the joint contest, showing clearly that he is not attempting anything underhanded. However, Iowa claims she does not want him to take such action.

The solution of the problem may involve a precedent for the west on debating rules. It would seem that the precedent is not a good one, owing to the fact that the spice of the contest comes from not knowing what an opponent is going to say. On the other hand, it is equally bad for one institution to withhold a question for six or eight weeks after it should have been accepted by both parties, in order to give so much advantage for herself. We commend Minnesota's action, in stating that her representative is ready to withdraw and can not see where Iowa can object to the offer as a means of a satisfactory termination of the affair.



When you're foolin' in the library,
And havin' lots of fun
A laughin' an' a jabberin'
As if you're time hed come;
You'd better watch your corners
An' keep kinder lookin' out,
Er the librarian 'll get you,
If you don't watch out.

Everything is quiet on the well, on the campus. The prodigal son has returned, the junior has regained normal condition since his photograph episode, the seniors are not making any early morning trips to the tonsororial parlors, and caps and canes are still to be found at about all hours of the day and night. Besides, no one was able to find a live chicken without blood in it or a dead one with blood in it, so of course it was necessary to take a cat, or a rat, or a mouse, or a rabbit, or a something. Nobody said it wasn't. But still it has been questioned whether the something had curly auburn hair, or wether it was straight and brown. Of course, not many people questioned it, because most cats and dead chickens have hair of one or other of the sorts mentioned.

Seems to the Idler like he heard some one say that spring was love time or anything of that sort. Maybe it is, but he is going to die hard before he'll believe it. If it is love, how are you going to reconcile it to benchwork and flunks? You see anything of the nature that folks talk about, is alright on paper if you've got a dictionary and lots of time to back it up, but when it comes to carrying four hours Greek, seven and one-half hours science with three hours credit, a stack of history with three more hours credit, four hours modern language that keeps you up all night and half the next day, two hours pedagogy and child study, that you may have an eye to future welfare, and an hour gymnasium with

Many members of the Y. M. C. A. are very anxious to retain Mr. J. S. Moore as general secretary for the association for the coming year. The editors feel safe in saying that the work and policy of Mr. Moore has been highly satisfactory to every student and professor in the institution. The feeling is well expressed in the words of a member of the faculty, who was speaking a few days ago of the work done by Mr. Moore. He said:

"It is sincerely to be hoped that the arrangements now pending may be satisfactorily completed and Mr. J. S. Moore retained as general secretary of the university Y. M. C. A. for another year. The work he has done here in this capacity during the past year has been successful beyond question. Never has the association had a larger membership or taken a more active part in university affairs. And the various phases of the work such as the employment bureau, care of the sick, and Bible study, which have been developed under his guidance have made the association a great power for good in the life of the university. We all join in desiring a longer continu-

ance of relations at once so pleasant and successful."

THE GRAFTER.

There are all sorts of guys,
Both foolish and wise,
A traveling this road to hereafter;
But the man for the prize,
It is safe to surmise,
Is the fellow that's known as the grafter.

Seventeen minutes before and after to dress and undress for the occasion, and stealing thirty-nine minutes to scatter your pent enthusiasm among the base ball boys at practice, and going to four shows a week and waiting two hours in line so you'll get front seat in nigger heaven and spending half your time out side of school working your own way through, you have to get up in the mornings and pull the bats out of your belfry to make both ends meet at the same time. The swain that is looking for love in that mix up, better pull his cap down over his ears or he'll get frozen out. As everyone knows, love is alright in its way, but don't put too many weights on the other end of the balance. If you do, you're liable to have a day of reckoning and use several boxes of chalk putting down on the black board the things you might have done.

Strange things oft come to the idler's ears. But newspaper men claim that if they told more than one-tenth of what they know they would be in trouble all the time. That is why the Idler prefers to remain silent so much of the time. It is better to tell only one-tenth of the things you know and be in trouble only part of the time. But there are occasions when things come that can be told, when names are withheld, and still fights be avoided. It is said that a certain instructor in Latin was dictating to a motley gang of sophomores the other day, when the following occurred:

Prof.—(dictating)—"Tell me slave, where is thy horse?"
Startled Soph. in rear seat.—"It is under my coat, sir, but I was not using it."

'Tis not amiss to kiss a miss,
But 'tis amiss to kiss amiss,
As for a miss to kiss a miss
Far more amiss to miss a kiss.

And it's safe to depend,
From beginning to end,
It's a rake-off this fellow is after,
Whatever the game,
It's always the same,
The victor is known as the grafter;
And he's covered with blame,
And consigned to the flame,
That burns forever hereafter.

If he wins in debate,
His points had no weight,
And the judges beguiled with mere laughter;

But his critics are blind,
If they haven't divined,
'Twas the decision that made him the grafter.

If his mark is an A,

These critics will say,
It's a "Summa Cum Laude" he's after,
And they'll give you the wink,
For it's plain that they think,
This fellow's a consummate grafter.
It is ever the case,
In this uneven race,
That we run on the road to hereafter;
That the fellow who wins,
Is condemned for his sins,
And it is he that is known as the grafter.—Ex.

By direction of the Harvard university council every officer of the university, old and young, is required to keep during each month of the year 1900 a journal of his daily doings. The journals when finished are to be placed separately in stout envelopes and sealed by the writers. They will be deposited in a zinc-lined chest, sealed up and securely fastened. The chest is to remain absolutely closed until the year 1925, and no general use of the records will be permitted earlier than 1960. Between 1925 and 1960, however, any individual record may be opened and used if the writer has died and his family or literary executors wish the material for biographical purposes.

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