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what direction did they extend? Strive as he would, he could not bring back the picture which a moment before had been so clear to him.

What had Ames shown him? Had Ames shown him anything?

The horror of the thought clutched him by the throat. No! It was true! He had seen that figure of four dimensions, clearly, distinctly! It was no dream; it was real, real! He would recall Ames at once—but suppose Ames could not remember? Had Ames really been in the room?

With an inarticulate cry, Ridgley sprang to his feet, dashed from the room and down the dim, wide corridor. Wrenching open the door, he was almost hurled from his feet by a terrific gust of wind. He seized the railing and peered out through the gloom. A hundred yards away, Ames was hurrying across the grass.

It had been no dream!

The wind shrieked like a thousand furies; then, suddenly, all was quiet. The sky was blotted out by an inky pall.

"Ames!" The loud call rang out over the campus.

The hurrying figure stopped, turned. Ridgley beckoned wildly.

"Come back!" he shouted.

"Coming, sir!"

And then the heavens were split by a sheet of flame; the very earth seemed to tremble in the terrific detonation of thunder. Ridgley shrank back, covering his eyes with his hands.

When he looked again, Ames had vanished; but something lay prone upon the grass—a sinister something that was very, very still.

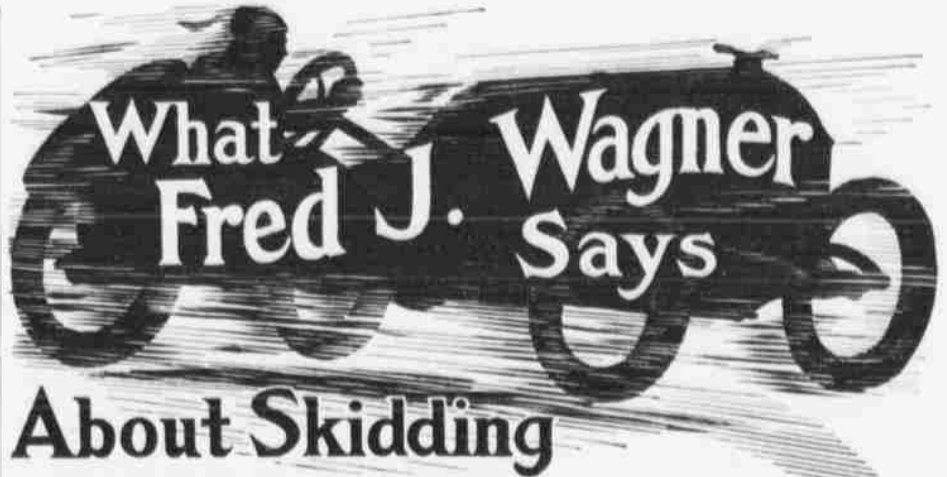
Like a man walking in sleep, Ridgley descended the steps. Bending over the prostrate figure, he turned the white face upward.

Men were running across the campus; a little crowd gathered.

"He's gone," some one said.

Ridgley bent lower; his lips moved.

"I can't remember, Boy," he muttered. "You've taken it with you—taken it with you."



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The Art of Pantomime

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The most ambitious effort was the *Enfant Prodiges*, a genuine comedy in three acts by M. Michel Carré, with music by M. Alfred Wormser. This wordless play on the perennially attractive theme of the Prodigal Son proved to be the modern masterpiece of pantomime. It was limpidly clear in its story; it was ingeniously put together in its plot; it combined humor and pathos; and it was devoid of the acrobatic features and of the slapstick fun which have generally been considered the inevitable accessories of pantomime.

The convention underlying pantomime is that we are beholding a story carried on by a race of beings whose natural method of communicating information and ideas is gesture—just as the convention of opera is that we are beholding a story carried on by a race of beings whose natural method of communicating information and ideas is song. No such races of beings ever existed; but we must admit the existence of such races as a condition precedent to our enjoyment of pantomime and of opera. Tolstoy found fault with the operative hero who sang with his dying breath, and in itself this may be an absurdity, but it is an absurdity inherent in the fundamental principle of all opera. It may be equally absurd to demand us to admit of the possibility of creatures whose only mode of speech is gesture; but this is the fundamental principle of all pantomime. The spectators must accept the art as it is, as it should be; and the performers must refrain from any suggestion that they would speak if they could. This underlying convention is violated in *Sumurun* when the Hunchback gives a shriek of horror when he sees the woman he loves in the arms of another man. It is violated again in the same play when *Sumurun* and two attendants are heard singing. If *Sumurun* can sing, why can she not speak? If the Hunchback can shriek and sob audibly, why is he ordinarily reduced to mere gesture?

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