

When they had gone, Felton Fiske addressed his nephew:

"You young rascal, you nearly made me lose all the dignity of my two-score years. I thought I would find some dear sweet little white haired old maid—to us all the expressions I've heard about her, and to find a woman like that, was, to say the least, unexpected."

"Aha! I thought you'd like her," said the unsuspecting youth.

The winter passed very pleasantly for Miss Martha, as she worked for her little Russlans, or untangled and patched up affairs for her retinue of boys and girls.

Felton Fiske fell naturally into the habit of dropping into the little cot-take with the boys, then often without the boys.

"I knew you would," said his adoring nephew. "You can't help it. We all do. She said you could be one of her boys before you came."

This promise was brought up to Miss Martha that evening when she and Mr. Fiske were reading one of Van Dyke's books, which Felton had brought over. They had a habit of reading the late books together and were pleased, but not surprised, to find that their tastes agreed on books, as on a love for young people and out of door life.

It seemed very pleasant and natural that such a friendship should grow as it did, but when the "gang" as the H. S. boys called themselves, had come to Miss Martha for advice, consolation, or just a good time—and found Mr. Fiske already there, indignation waxed strong and Phil was not exempt from the general blame.

"You might have known what would happen, you old plug. Now, just see what you've done."

Phil was also getting uneasy, but showed his loyalty to his uncle still.

The climax came, however, when one cold snowy morning, Douglas burst in upon the crowd with, "This thing's got to quit. I put it to a vote now," and he stopped, panting and indignant.

"What's up, Doug?" they inquired.

"Well," he spoke in a whisper, "Phil's uncle and Miss Martha have started for the reservation in one of Johnson's cutters, and—By George! this is going to far!"

A chorus of indignant exclamations followed this announcement and after school that afternoon a crowd assembled at the library in Douglas Maine's home. For hours great hilarity reigned and a satisfied look was upon the face of each boy when he departed.

The next day after a long wet tramp through the cedar bluffs Felton Fiske returned to his sister's home, tired and hungry. As he dropped into a big chair before his bright fire he saw on his desk a very imposing looking document, with a great flourish of ink and much red seal. Curiously taking it up, he slowly broke the seals and read, first with a smile, which deepened as he read, then changed to an expressed half sober, half pleased, and when it was finished he sat looking long into the fire, his eyes, which were in him truly "the windows of the soul" growing more tender and frank.

Immediately after dinner he placed the document carefully in his pocket and started out.

"I must find her alone," he thought. Miss Martha, used to guests at all hours, received him in her study, where she sat by the fire, sewing.

"Did you bring the book?" she asked.

"No, but I have something more interesting," replied her guest, and pulling out the document, he handed it to her, then leaning his arm against the mantle he looked down at her as she read it. Her usually calm face grew

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flushed, as a little smile came and went. She finished reading and her watcher, leaning down, saw her eyes full of tears.

Here is what she read:

"We, the 'gang' of Benton high school, do hereby formulate the following resolutions:

"1. We, the 'gang,' are friends of Miss Martha Hall, who is in turn our teacher, adviser, confidant, and friend.

"2. The said Miss Hall is an indispensable part of this community, and it can not get along without her.

"3. Specialization is a good thing in its place, but to specialize in men is not a desirable accomplishment.

"4. Miss Martha Hall has not, so far, specialized in men, and so of her own accord is not likely to do so now.

"5. However, be it resolved, that if you, as there is due reason to believe, try to persuade her from her chosen course, it will become the painful duty of the 'gang' you to leave this town.

"6. A copy of these resolutions will be sent to Mr. Felton Fiske, and a copy to be placed in the Black Record of the 'gang.' Signed.

"THE GANG,"
"Benton H. S."

When Felton Fiske saw the paper slip from Miss Martha's hand he bent over her and said:

"Miss Martha, shall I go—alone?" And she looked up at him with a smile through her tears and said, "No, not if you need me more than they"

H. B.

Other Side Of It.

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the publication of the Junior book was given are well known in Lincoln and the University. Three of them have had experience in the newspaper field, and the integrity of any of them can not be questioned.

The thing for the Sophomore class to do is to turn down those who seek to sow the seeds of dissention and internal strife and to sustain the decision of the majority.

E. M. MARVIN.

Editor's Note: It appears to the Nebraskan from reading the above letter that our correspondent has formed various misconceptions in regard to our stand in reference to the Sombrero affair. In the first place, we can definitely state that the members of the Sophomore class who are most prominent in circulating the petition which we published yesterday supported Mr. Smith for the class presidency. The movement does not seem to be confined to the faction that suffered defeat in that contest, but, so far as we can discover, meets the approval of members of the class in general.

In reference to the article in The Nebraskan of February 6, in which it was stated that the management of next year's Sombrero would abdicate eltsch year's Sombrero would be under the control of the next president of the class, we would call the attention of our correspondent to the fact that at that time no member of the class had seen the necessity for changing the method of selecting the Sombrero board, and we based our statement on the custom which has prevailed in past years on this subject. In this connection we might mention that the statement has been published that The Nebraskan took contradictory views of this matter before and after the election. This is not true. We have not attempted to construe the Sophomore constitution at any time, and the opinions that were voiced in that regard in our issue of yesterday were taken from bona fide interviews—with members of the class.

We venture the suggestion, however, that a perusal of the constitution might clear many of the points in dispute if that document makes no provision for the naming of the Sombrero board we fail to see where Mr. Smith secured it. We are also surprised that so strict a follower of custom as that gentleman is said to be should so far have forgotten himself as to have announced the board before the remainder of the class officers were elected. Nor do we understand why Mr. Smith's supporters should object so strenuously to a plan which could not but offer a just solution of the difficulty. It seems to us that the election of the Sombrero board would furnish an excellent opportunity for Mr. Smith to vindicate himself in the eyes of his supporters by offering his full approbation of the project.

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