

this diabolical art. However, I resolved not to borrow trouble, and soon fell into a comfortable doze, occasioned by the even motion of the cars.

I was aroused by some one touching me on the shoulder and a lady's voice requesting me to hand her a glass of water. Not being at any time remarkable for my self-possession, and rendered still more confused by the suddenness of the request, in my haste to grant it, I spilled the contents of the glass upon an infant sleeping in the lady's lap. The child naturally took exception to this impromptu bath, and set up a most lugubrious howl. This, added to some not very flattering remarks from the lady of a somewhat personal nature, and also the laughter of the other passengers, so crushed my sensitive spirit that tears of mortification burst from my eyes, and I hastened to change my seat for one in the rear end of the car where I sat down by a young lady who I thought was looking somewhat compassionately at me.

She soon entered into conversation with me, avoided with delicate tact any mention of my recent disaster, so that I was rapidly coming to feel more at my ease, when a fresh disaster befell me. That facetious villain who dispenses prize candy, books, peanuts, candy, etc., to the long suffering passengers had just entered the car, and having arrived at my seat, and recognizing with experienced eye a probable victim, blandly asked me if I would not like to purchase a book. My taste not running to reading of any sort, I answered no. Then he of the brazen countenance, with an insinuating glance at my companion, suggested that I might wish to purchase one for my *wife*. This was too much. My over-wrought nerves gave way, and I fled in confusion to the smoker, from whence I did not emerge until we reached N—, where the college was located.

Now, never having been in a large city before, and not knowing what to do or where to go, I was thrown upon the mercy of that howling mob of hotel runners who lie in wait for the unwary, one of whom had me seated in his carriage and was driving me towards the college before I fully realized what had happened to me. I, however, did not much care, as I was too much disheartened by what I had gone through, and was too thoroughly homesick to pay much attention to what might happen to me.

It was quite late when I arrived at the college buildings, so I was unable to catch more than a glimpse of my surroundings. Several young fellows were lounging around on the steps, smoking and talking and laughing in a way that made me envy their apparent freedom from care. As I was very tired and sleepy, I went at once to the room assigned me in one of the dormitories, and soon forgot all my sorrows in dreamless sleep.

The next day I was summoned to appear before the examiners, and this I accordingly did, although with many inward quakings, as I had been given to understand that the professors were accustomed to treat their victims much as a cat does a mouse, asking him questions in a bland voice, letting him run on for a while in false security, and then with velvet paw draw him back by some cunningly worded question, calculated to confuse his already somewhat muddled ideas. I am very sorry to say that I was not an exception to the rule. For when the turn came for me to be put through my paces, and to tell what I *didn't* know about certain subjects my nerve utterly forsook me and I made such exceedingly brilliant replies to the easiest questions put me, as must have surprised the examiners, who no doubt were well used to such scenes of pain and suffering. All things, however, must have an end, and I was finally blandly excused with the comforting assurance that I might enter the Freshman class, though

somewhat heavily conditioned. For the next few days nothing of importance occurred, and I began to think that the stories I had heard of the hazing propensities of the students must have been greatly exaggerated. But in this opinion I was sadly disappointed.

One evening about a week after my arrival, I had blown out the light and gone to bed, and was just about falling off to sleep, when a loud knock resounded upon my door, and a deep, sepulchral voice said, "Open, in the name of the Six."

At last my time had come. "The Six," I had heard, were a body of students, who made it a business to see that new students were well taken care of, and were the ringleaders in all questionable proceedings which transpired in the college.

I dared not disobey the summons, so, trembling in every limb, opened the door, when in stalked six ghastly figures, attired in long, white gowns and with their faces concealed by black masks.

One who was evidently the leader, then ordered his minions to close all the windows, which being done, the whole crowd began slowly to fill and smoke the pipes which they drew out from under their gowns.

All these proceedings were accomplished in the most perfect silence, save when broken by the guttural commands of the leader. The room was soon filled with dense clouds of smoke from the most villainous tobacco ever used, and I, being unaccustomed to the fumes was suffocated and coughed and spluttered in a manner which must have been highly edifying to the wretches behind the masks. After remaining for upwards of twenty minutes one of the men, at the command of the captain, took the water pitcher, and poured the contents upon the bed until the sheets were thoroughly soaked. I was then ordered to bed again and the reader may conceive of my sensations when I was snugly tucked in by my tormentors.

After this proceeding all but one of the figures slowly and silently filed out again, this one being left as a guard to see that I did not get out of bed again. My unwelcome visitor stayed until about one o'clock, when he too left me to get through the rest of the night as best I could.

One other instance of hazing which befell me I will relate before I conclude. I may remark here that these were actual occurrences and to any one who may be inclined to doubt I am prepared to substantiate my statements.

One evening some months after the occurrence just related, I was rudely aroused from slumber (they had this time succeeded in getting into my room through the window) and, after being bound hand and foot, was quietly led down stairs and placed in a wagon in waiting and driven rapidly away.

We must have gone about two miles, as near as I can judge, when the wagon suddenly stopped beside a large water tank at the sides of the road. My cords were then unfastened, and with a one, two, three, I was dumped headlong into the water. A thin layer of ice had formed on the top, so when I went crashing through this, my blood seemed frozen in my veins.

With some difficulty I succeeded in getting out, but the wagon had gone. There was nothing left for me to do but to make the best of my way back to the college which I accordingly did, arriving there more dead than alive, about half past four in the morning. This last dose seemed to satisfy the hazers, as I was never afterwards molested during the remainder of my stay.

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