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Four Years or Forty?

This world is getting more and more complicated every day. Take the matter of education, for example. Years ago it was easy: maybe you learned to read and maybe you didn't; if you did and were lucky, you got under the wing of some churchy scholar who taught you the Scriptures and mathematics and perhaps even introduced you into the mysteries of alchemy; then he left you, for he had taught you all he knew. But those were the good old days..... The last universal scholar died many years ago, perhaps in sheer collapse before the rapid growth of the world's vast store of knowledge (for, you know, however hard you try you can't make the world stand still). At any rate, he died, and among his disciples there was a great schism; for those who had learned mathematics from the master went off by themselves; and those who had learned his alchemy went off by themselves; and those who had learned rhetoric went off by themselves—each group to found a school of its own. Thus schism followed schism as the world advanced, and each break meant that the increasing burden of knowledge had overtaxed the capacity of the system to accommodate it. Today, with learning extending from etymology to paleontology, from Sanskrit to statistics, where does one turn for an education?

For the engineer, this is easy. All you have to do is go to school for four years, during which time you must get rigorous and fundamental training in the basic sciences and mathematics; at the same time you must learn to be a man and a citizen; you must master the intricacies of government and the principles of business; you must learn to live and work with your fellows; and you must not become narrow or specialized lest you lose sight of the finer things of life. You must not, however, waste any of your valuable time in studies foreign to your chosen field, for it is in that field you are to become an expert; nor must you let text books substitute for experience; nor should you let too long association with things abstract and theoretical dull your hard-headed practical outlook. Above all, you must keep your nose to the grindstone, lest you get the false impression that life is lived in leisure and insouciance. Four years of this and you are an educated man. It is as simple as that.

Recently, however, there have been heard whispered doubts and queries. Somewhere it seems, in all the shuffle pro and con, someone has lost sight of something. It does not seem to be realized that college education is at best only the beginning of learning; that it is followed by some forty years of active life during which the process of education is continuous.

"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let
the Slipstick fly where it may.

I have noticed that the mail to U. S. Senators has increased to such a degree that each one has been instructed to hire an additional secretary. Come on, you Techawks, write in. I'd like a new blonde, myself. Oh well, the Senators get all the breaks.

"How much is this hat?"

"Fifteen dollars, sir."

"Where are the holes?"

"What holes?"

"The holes for the ears of the Jackass who would pay that much for it."

Man is a worm of the dust. He appears on the earth for his brief moment, wiggles around awhile and then some chicken gets him.

And Why Not?

Us columnists may toil and work

Till the ends of our fingers are sore.

But some wise guy is sure to remark

"I've heard that joke before."

"Professor, would it be an insult if I said 'jackass' to you?"

"Of course."

"And if I said 'Professor' to a jackass, would it be an insult?"

"No."

"Thank you very much, Professor."

So long fellows. I hope you enjoyed the one-act play put on by the freshmen. You know, the one with the name "The Romance of De Pents."

R. H.

OTHER CAMPUSES

"American jazz is a cure for the blues," said Maria Jeritza, opera star, before a Syracuse university audience.

In most biology laboratories snakes are preserved in alcohol. In the Texas Christian laboratories the snakes preserve the alcohol. A professor of geology at the institution says the snakes were placed in the alcohol to keep any use from being tempted to use it for "beverage" purposes. For twenty years the two small reptiles, known to present students as Bishop Cannon and Bishop Wilson, have upheld temperance.

Sixty-two students at Queens university, Kingston, Ontario, each were fined two dollars for having freshmen by rubbing rotten eggs and over-ripe tomatoes in their hair.

Asked for a theme in the first person, a student at the University of Delaware submitted a paper on Adam.

The Colorado School of Mines has a ruling which prevents sophomores from paddling freshmen.

Vassar college, says a professor at Lehigh, was founded by a brewer who was trying to prove that women really could be educated.

Students of Oberlin college voted 96 to 13 never to fight for the U. S. The students also were in favor of the abolition of military training schools and colleges and the distribution of military training funds to unemployed and needy students.

The trustees of Muskingum college in New Concord, Ohio, have lifted a 97-year-old ban against card playing and dancing by students.

At Collegiate Institute, Starford, Ontario, examinations recently had to be postponed because when the time came for writing the tests, it was found that the ink had frozen in all the classrooms.

The Campus, student newspaper at the College of the City of New York, is making arrangements with a fish dealer to sell back issues of its paper to the merchant for wrappers for herrings.

"Resolved: We are becoming a race of lunatics," was the subject of a recent freshman-sophomore debate at Albany State college for teachers.

Small women are the most attractive, according to the decision of the judges in a recent University of Michigan debate. A two-to-one vote by the judges gave the men debaters a victory over a team of co-eds in contending that a woman's charm varies inversely with her size.

A freshman at Mississippi A. and M. can't understand why he has to take courses in husbandry to get his bachelor's degree.

Pay phones have been taken out of the dormitories at Columbia because the students used shoe-lace tips instead of nickels.

Arx News

None other than Ray SCHWAB and Ted 'TRION' have been picked as Armour's team for the twelve hundred dollar RYERSON prize....

Speaking of memorials, something of the sort ought to be erected to KAPLAN, LISCHER, VIEHE-NAESS, and WIETING who were the first members of the sophomore class to rate better than a mention. They went to town with first mentions on a recent judgment, while the grand sum of twenty of their classmates were awarded mentions, which, incidentally are nothing to be sniffed at. And then there was the junior who piped out.... "will there ever be a first mention dished out in life? ? ?"

The time finally arrived for the frosh to turn in their composition renderings.... now they have nothing to do (!) except worry about the outcome of the judgment! ! !

Formal initiation for WALLY LARSON into the "UNCLE CLUB," will be held next week. His sister is now the proud owner of a brand new baby. Won't be long before he will be hearing "Uncle Wally give me a nickel," huh! !

We wonder where a certain younga handsome arch goes at two-thirty each day, and also on Saturdays? ?

The boys are still talking about the frosh-soph brawl. It looks like they are getting better every year.... See you all at the Junior Formal!



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