

## *Freshman's Essay*

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"Hens is curious animals. They don't have no nose, nor no teeth, nor no ears. They swaller their vittals whole and chew it up in their crops inside of them. The outside of hens is generally put into pillars and feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled with marbles and shirt buttons and sich. A hen is much smaller than a good many other animals, but they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum pudding. Betcher life I like plum pudding. Skinny Bates oncet eat so mutch plum pudding that it set him into collery. Hens has got wings and can fly when they are scart. I cut my Uncle Williams hens head off with a hatchet and it scart her to death. Hens sometimes makes very fine spring chickens."

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### Original

There was a young man from St. Paul,  
Who went to a fancy dress baul.  
In the midst of the dance  
He fractured his pance,  
And had to go home in a shaul.