

THINGS I NEVER SAW

I've travelled rather freely in my day you'll all agree
I've been to many lands and climes both here and cross the sea
And although I've seen all sorts of things allowable by law
I could fill eleven volumes with the things I never saw.

I've never seen a college that disliked its football stars
Nor a wife who really threatened, "to go home at once to 'maws."
An uncrowded trolley or Chicago street that's clean,
May be mentioned in the weighty list of things I've never seen.

I have searched with ceaseless effort for a city without graft,
And I never saw why statesmanship is mentioned as a craft.
I never saw a millionaire from advertising shrink;
Nor a college funny paper that omitted jokes on drink.

I have never seen a magazine that didn't carry ads.,
I have never seen a summer but it had its crop of fads.
And a year when all Chicago fans were crazy 'bout McGraw,
May be mentioned in the mighty list of things I never saw.