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DR. JOHN H. FINLEY RESIGNS

Dr. John H. Finley, State Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York, resigned his position November 18, "to enter an important advisory and editorial relation with the New York Times." His resignation will not take effect until January 1, or as soon after that as his successor is named. This will be done at the meeting of the Board of Regents in December.

Dr. Finley's reasons for resigning were that he was anxious to enter the profession for which he was especially prepared at Knox College, and that he thought he could be of service to his own generation in having a part in solving the problems of to-day. He believes that the press has a good opportunity to help the cause of education.

Dr. Finley, who was president of the College of the City of New York, before becoming education commissioner in 1913, is widely recognized as an authority on education. His work has received official recognition from three foreign countries, France, Italy, and Japan. His work in the World War was extensive, especially in Red Cross work in Palestine.

Dr. Finley is fifty-seven years of age, and is a native of Illinois. He was graduated from Knox College in 1887. He has received honorary degrees from many American universities and colleges, including Johns Hopkins, University of Wisconsin, Princeton, Williams, Dartmouth, Columbia, Brown, Colgate, and New York University. He was president of Knox College from 1892 to 1899. He was a member of the Princeton faculty for three years, and in 1903 he was elected president of the College of the City of New York.

Dr. Finley says that, while the seven years that he has held this office have not been very prosperous years in the world's history, nevertheless, they have been years of progress in the educational world. Better schools and better school facilities have been instituted for the children of the State, both rural and urban. Higher education in universities and colleges has been encouraged, and the profession of teaching has been raised to a far higher level than before.

Dr. Finley will be remembered by many college students as being a most interesting speaker. He has spoken at college at different times, one time being at the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of State College. He has many personal experiences which are very fascinating and his sense of humor is strong enough to hold any audience.

Dr. Finley says that he has declined many good positions none of which seemed comparable to that of the educational field. But he feels that the new field that he is entering offers as good opportunities for service as the one he is leaving.

President Wilson Proclaims Thanksgiving

"The season approaches when it behooves us to turn from the distractions and preoccupations of our daily life, that we may contemplate the mercies which have been vouchsafed to us, and render heartfelt and unfeigned thanks unto God, for His manifold goodness."

"This is an old observance of the American people, deeply imbedded in our thought and habit. The burdens and the stresses of life have their own insistence."

"We have abundant thanks for thanksgiving. The lesions of the war are rapidly healing. The great army of freemen, which America sent to the defense of liberty, returning to the grateful embrace of the nation, has resumed the useful pursuits of peace, as simply and as promptly as it rushed to arms, in obedience to the country's call. The equal justice of our laws has received steady vindication in the support of a law-abiding people against various and sinister attacks, which have reflected only the baser agitations of war, now happily passing."

"In plenty, security, and peace, our virtuous and self-reliant people face the future, its duties and its opportunities. May we have vision to discern our duties; the strength, both of hand and resolve, to discharge them; and the soundness of heart to realize that the truest opportunities are those of service."

"In a spirit, then, of devotion and stewardship, we should give thanks in our hearts to dedicate ourselves to the service of God's merciful and loving purposes to his children."

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and I call upon my countrymen to cease from their ordinary tasks and avocations upon that day, giving it up to the remembrance of God and His blessings, and their dutiful and grateful acknowledgment."

ALUMNI MEET

The Albany branch of the Alumni Association of State College held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, November 18, in the auditorium. Willard Pearsall, '17, presided. Officers for the year were elected. Mrs. Esther R. Woodard, '11, was elected to succeed Mr. Pearsall, the outgoing president; Miss Minnie B. Scotland, '13, was elected to succeed Mrs. Jennie Davis Kennedy, '14, as vice-president; Miss Florence Chase, '12, to succeed Miss Helen Odell, '13, and Professor Winifred Decker, '00, as secretary and treasurer.

After the meeting a musical programme was given by the music department of the college under the direction of Dr. Thompson and Professor Candlyn. The College orchestra played two selections, the girls' chorus sang, and the boys' chorus and quartette took part. Mr. Pearsall kindly invited the undergraduates who assisted in the program to enter into a social time with them in the gymnasium. Refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed until 11:30.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE STARTS

With one week of practice behind us the outlook for basketball is encouraging.

The prospects for a winning team at State College this season are fair. The practice the past week was hindered by the absence of Captain Hathorn and the temporary disability of T. Cassavant and Baker. The absence of these men from one or more practices gave the coach an opportunity to see how his second string men would work if they were needed. The work of the whole squad showed need of serious study and hard work. The passing and shooting were woefully erratic and wild. There was a decided tendency to dribble needlessly which always breaks up teamwork. These faults are an outgrowth of the interclass games and should be speedily corrected. The most promising feature of the whole practice was the realization by the men of their shortcomings, and the spirit manifested in their efforts to correct them.

There is not a wealth of material by any means and more men are needed.

REVISED BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Dec. 4. St. Michael's at Albany.
- 11. Union at Schenectady.
- Jan. 8. Open.
- 14. Colgate at Albany.
- 22. Manhattan at Albany.
- Feb. 5. Alumni at Albany.
- 12. St. Lawrence at Albany.
- 19. St. Stephen's at Albany.
- 24. Conn. Aggies at Storrs, Conn.
- 25. Open at N. Y. C.
- 26. Manhattan at New York.
- Mar. 4. Clarkson at Potsdam.
- 5. St. Lawrence at Canton.
- 12. Hobart at Albany.
- 19. St. Stephen's at Annandale.

SOPHS GIVE SENIORS PARTY

On Friday evening, November 19, one of the most pleasant events of the fall semester was held, when the sophomores gave the seniors a party in the gymnasium.

Early in the evening the people were entertained by a program which included several tableaux representing Puritan times.

Then all of the seniors were asked to gather at one end of the room and the sophomores at the other end facing the seniors. While they were arranged in this way the sophomores sang some very peppy songs to the seniors. One of the special features of the program was a solo by Charles Reilly who was accompanied by Dorothy Dangremond. Besides this there was other singing and cheering. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

The decorations were corn-stalks, green and white crepe paper, the banners of both classes, and State College banners. For refreshments, popcorn, ginger snaps, and lemonade were served. Music was furnished by the Metropolitan Orchestra.

The chaperones were Miss Murray, Miss Phillips, Miss Martinez, Mrs. Frear, Mr. and Mrs. Deyo, Miss Pay, and Dr. Hastings.

As the crowd was about to leave the freshmen fellows made a very brave attempt to get the sophomore banner. The sophomores were too much for them, however, and saved it, after having had a very narrow escape from losing it.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN IN STUDENT ASSEMBLY

The student assembly Friday opened as usual with the singing of the Alma Mater. After the announcements were made Miss Keim spoke about the plans for "College Night" on December 3. The rest of the period was given over to the senior class.

The seniors presented an entertainment which consisted of a series of scenes representing the chief holidays of the year. They depicted very effectively New Year's, St. Valentine's Day, May Day, the Fourth of July, the First Vacation Day, Midsummer's Day, Continued on page 3

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THANKSGIVING

To all its readers the "News" extends good wishes for a happy Thanksgiving.

Just three hundred years ago the Pilgrims set aside a day in order to return thanks to God for their safe arrival in America. Since that first Thanksgiving that little band of Pilgrims has grown into a mighty and prosperous nation. There is much more to be thankful for now than there was then, but that first Thanksgiving with its simplicity and sincerity was the only true Thanksgiving that America has celebrated. As the years have passed by, the last Thursday in November has been set aside as a day for jollity and festivity. People have come to look upon Thanksgiving as a day to pay homage to Mr. Turkey.

Now we do not think that this is so far from the purpose of the day. We can sometimes best express our thanks by being happy. But still it would be more like the true spirit of the day to save a few minutes for serious contemplation of the things for which we should be thankful. And in that time we should try to think how we can best become useful citizens, for that is probably the greatest way to thank God for his blessings.

LET'S BEAT YALE AND HARVARD

In Chancellors' Hall on Tuesday evening, February 8, John Drinkwater is to lecture on "An English Dramatist's View of Lincoln." This English dramatist has been presented at both Yale and Harvard. Now, come, students of State College, let us beat those colleges in the turn-out we give Mr. Drinkwater. Let every student be present!

In the first place, this poet is of interest to us as the author of the play, "Abraham Lincoln," which was presented under his supervision in both New York and London with the greatest success.

In the second place, let's come to hear this lecture for historical and patriotic reasons. It is said that Mr. Drinkwater gives "a heart-gripping picture of the distinctive personality and sublime leadership of the great president." The New York "Evening Telegram" stated that this essayist alone "has a big enough heart to measure the significance of a Lincoln for the world."

But, for all our interest in literature, history, and dramatics, fascination for this man rests upon his powerful personality. A personality great enough to attract even his critics.

So, on February 8, let us, State College students, fill to overflowing the balcony of Chancellors' Hall. We would like to offer the famous advertisement, "If not satisfied, every penny will be refunded," but students are admitted free of charge.

SIGN UP FOR RED CROSS

Present reports indicate that 1921 Red Cross membership at State College is falling behind that of 1920. If looks as if the student body will have to wake up and support the drive if they wish to retain their reputation. The response of the faculty deserves commendation, and, without a doubt, their subscriptions will reach 100%. The freshmen seem to be a bit disinterested and as yet are "bringing up the rear." Perhaps they have failed to realize that this is one of the opportunities to prove loyalty to the college, the thing urged by Pres. Brubacher at last student assembly. Even among the other classes, there seems to be some difficulty; perhaps it's only a misunderstanding, because many have had their subscriptions credited to other organizations. Of course no matter where one subscribes one helps a worthy cause, but why not sign up at State College and boom the institution?

Almeda Becker is conducting the campaign. Those assisting here are Ruth Tefft, Marjorie Smith, Harriett Rising and Beatrice Buchanan.

BILLETS DOUX

The billet doux habit is common to all walks of college life. We do not mean that these beloved notices are necessary adjuncts to one's career, but that they are accidents that have their place—an important one, at that. When one goes to college he wants to experience all the thrills it can excite. Here is one of them.

These thrills vary in quality, for each victim reacts differently. There is the fatalist who feels he never did know anything and never will—so what's the use? This type is rare, for most of us have a sort of idea we are brilliant—in something, even if it be something other than S. C. T. work. Again, we have the careless Beau Brummels—they may be girls, too—to whom study is a side issue and billet doux part of the day's work. This sort of stude is rare at State, also. Now, the third type is the serious student who feels as he gazes mournfully at his billet doux that he shall just have to stop going places—even on Friday night—and get to work instead. Here's trouble. The type of person—unlike the first two varieties—did not really deserve a billet doux. Getting one means he cramps his activities and "bones" all the time. This happens, if it happens at all, in the freshman year.

So, to whom it may concern: Don't welcome your billet doux like you would the crack of doom. It is

only a gentle warning—you have not just caught on—and, after you talk with the dean and your prof you will find things will begin to brighten up. You will get the stuff, if you really want to. And, remember, thinking things and getting to know people will do you as much good as "grinding" will. Take it from one who has the billet doux habit.

BEAT ST. MICHAEL

Saturday, December 4, State College meets St. Michael's in the opening game of the basketball season. Coach Snavelly is daily putting the varsity men through some stiff practice in order to get them into shape for the contest, and from all reports there will be action from start to finish Saturday night.

Of course the students are going to be back of their team that night with all their usual spirit. Yes, but how about a little cheer practice before hand? With Coach Snavelly in charge you can bet your bottom dollar that there's going to be team work on the floor, and why not have a little team work on the side lines? Everybody will have the proper spirit, but how much better that spirit will look if it comes in a united whole instead of in little packages. Only two weeks remains, so that means work if this cheering is going across. So what do you say? Let's get busy.

WAR ORPHANS

I wonder how many in college have ever heard about our supporting two little French orphans. Perhaps you were not here two years ago when through the French Club the college adopted these children. If perchance you who were here do not remember, may I recall the facts to your minds.

The occasion of our taking these French children was the deplorable conditions imposed by the war upon the French people, many of whom were left destitute of homes, and what we consider essential to life, such as food and clothing. At this time the two orphans that State College adopted were victims of these conditions. Marie Jacob, aged 11, and Francois Pollet, also aged 11, returned to the devastated regions to live in temporary homes built by the Americans. The college sent supplies to them and these were gratefully received. Little Marie and Jacob both come from large families.

Recently word has been received that they still need help. Are they going to suffer because State College is not living up to her promise? It's up to you, are we going to continue this noble service? When you recall the millions of children in Europe now actually at war against death, do you not feel it your duty to help them out of the struelse? If each one when he came back from his Thanksgiving vacation would bring something, however small, to give, just think how much we would have to make two young orphans' hearts happy. Miss Pierce or Elisa Rivaroid will gladly receive any contributions.

NEWMAN DANCE

Newman Club will give an informal Thanksgiving dance in the gymnasium, Wednesday evening, November 24. The committee in charge promises an enjoyable affair, and tickets are still on sale in the rotunda for those who at the last minute have decided to attend.

NOTICE

All organizations and classes are requested to hand in a schedule of the amount of space they will subscribe to in the Pedagogue to the business manager at once. This means by December first at the latest.

STUDENT TAX

One hundred per cent. average for all four classes in payment of the student tax can still be a reality if freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who have not paid will remember the date—November 30. Members of the finance board will be in room 203 from 9 to 12 and from 2 to 4 to collect on that day. So far seniors are leading by four-tenths of a per cent. in the interclass rivalry. Sophomores are not far behind, but the freshmen have made a comparatively slow response. Here is the way the percentages ran Saturday:

Seniors	82.94%
Juniors	82.90%
Sophomores	82.75%
Freshmen	71.57%

The purpose of the blanket tax is to establish a fund to finance all college activities. The finance board in charge of the collection of the tax consists of:

Prof. Adam Walker, chairman.
Prof. Clarence Hildley, treasurer.
Eunice Rice, '22, secretary.
Gladys Lodge, '22.
Elton Hakes, '21.
Helen Chase, '21.
Charles Reilly, '23.

RULES FOR STUDYING EFFECTIVELY

The editors think it advisable at this time of the year, when there are so many outside attractions, to give to the students a plan whereby they can economize their study time. The following rules which appeared in the Rutgers "Targum" were clipped from a copy of the "Hamilton Life."

The rules were taken from "Educational Psychology" by Dr. Daniel Starch, who quoted from G. M. Whipple's "How to Study Effectively."

1. Keep yourself in a good physical condition.
2. Attend to, remove or treat physical defects that often handicap mental activity, such as defective hearing, defective teeth, adenoids, obstructed nasal breathing.
3. See that external conditions of work (light, temperature, humidity, clothing, chair, desk, etc.), are favorable to study.
4. Form a place-studying habit.
5. Form a time study habit.
6. When possible, prepare the advance assignment in a given subject directly after the day's recitation in it.
7. Begin work promptly.
8. Take on the attitude of attention.
9. Work intensely when you work. Concentrate.
10. But don't let intense application become fluster or worry.
11. Do your work with the intent to learn and to remember.
12. Seek a motive or, better, several motives.
13. Get rid of the idea that you are working for the teacher.
14. Don't apply for help until you have to.
15. Have a clear notion of the aim.
16. Before beginning the advance work, review rapidly the previous lesson.

17. Make a rapid preliminary survey of the assigned material.

18. Find out by trial whether you succeed better by beginning with the hardest or with the easiest task when you are confronted with several tasks of unequal difficulty.

19. In general, use in your studying the form of activity that will later be demanded when the material is used.

20. Give most time and attention to the weak points in your knowledge or technique.

21. Carry the learning of all important items beyond the point necessary for immediate recall.

22. You must daily pass judgment as to the degree of importance of items that are brought before you, and lay special stress on the permanent fixing of those items that are vital and fundamental.

23. When a given bit of information is clearly of subordinate importance and useful only for the time being, you are warranted in giving it only sufficient attention to hold it over the time in question.

24. Make the duration of your periods of study long enough to utilize "warming-up" but not so long as to suffer weariness or fatigue.

25. When drill or repetition is necessary, distribute over more than one period the time given to a specified learning.

26. When you interrupt work, not only stop at a natural break, but also leave a cue for its quick resumption.

27. After intensive application, especially to new material, pause for a time and let your mind be fallow before taking up anything else.

28. Use various devices to compel yourself to think over your work.

29. Form a habit of working out your own concrete examples of all general rules and principles.

30. Form the habit of mentally reviewing every paragraph as soon as you have read it.

31. Don't hesitate to mark up your own books to make the essential ideas stand out visibly.

32. Whenever you desire it, to master material that is extensive and complex, make an outline of it. If you also wish to retain this material commit your outline to memory.

33. Do not hesitate to commit to memory verbatim such material as definitions of technical terms, formulas, dates and outlines, always provided, of course, that you also understand them.

34. When the material to be learned by heart presents no obvious rational associations, it is perfectly legitimate to invent some artificial scheme for learning and recalling it.

35. In committing to memory a poem, declamation or oration, do not break it up into parts, but learn it as a whole.

36. In committing to memory, it is better to read aloud than to read silently and better to read rapidly than slowly.

37. If your work includes attendance at lectures, take a moderate amount of notes during the lecture, using a system of abbreviations, and rewrite these notes daily, amplified into a reasonably compendious outline, organized as suggested in Rule 32.

CHEMISTRY CLUB

The annual initiation of the Chemistry Club was held Saturday evening, Nov. 20, 1920, in room 250. The following were initiated: Emma Dente, Mildred Smith, Alice Petith, Mary Consollick, Hildred Haynes, Ethel Tenney, Eleanor Guiltinan,

Margaret Betz, Eleanor Griffin, John MacGregor. Many new and original stunts were staged, due to the originality of the committee in charge, who were Helen Metz, F. Reginald Bruce, Gladys Lodge and Malvina Lemmle. Refreshments of punch and cakes were served in the moonlight and dancing was enjoyed, the well known Victor orchestra supplying the music.

CANTERBURY CLUB

The monthly corporate communion of the Canterbury Club was observed 8 o'clock Sunday morning, November 21, in St. Paul's Church.

Rev. Paul Birdsall, rector of Grace Church, Albany, was the speaker at the last Canterbury meeting. Father Birdsall gave an illustrated lecture on Japan. This informal lecture given from the viewpoint of one who has traveled extensively was not only most interesting, but most delightful as well.

The members of the Unit at the Albany Medical College were the guests of Canterbury at this meeting.

Miss Helen Hendricks, student secretary for the National Board of Religious Education, Collegiate Department, will meet with the members of Canterbury on Tuesday evening, December 7, at St. Andrew's Guild Hall (members please note the change in the date of meeting). Miss Hendricks will bring direct to us the reports from the province of New England and the province of New York and New Jersey.

PRESS CLUB

Ethel Huyck, of the "News" board will be president of the Press Club this year as a result of the special meeting of the club last Friday. Louise Persons, also a member of the "News" board was elected vice-president. At the next meeting the vote for secretary-treasurer will be retaken, as it is at present tied between Edith Sanders and Vera Nolan.

The Press Club has arranged a program of speakers, the first of which will be Miss Kathryn H. Starbuck, a lawyer of Saratoga. Miss Starbuck is secretary of the New York State League of Women Voters and also a member of the executive board of the Citizen's Union of New York City. She will talk on "Women in Politics," December 1, at 4 o'clock in room 101.

On December 13 Jacob Golden, of the "Knickerbocker-Press" staff, will speak on "How Headlines Are Written." Other speakers will be announced later.

HATHORN CHOSEN CAPTAIN OF VARSITY

"Shorty" Hathorn, '21, has been chosen to pilot the Purple and Gold five through the basketball season. Hathorn has taken a prominent part in athletics during his three years in college; but, though good in other sports, he has excelled in basketball. He has played in all inter-class contests and has been on the varsity squad for three years.

Besides being interested in athletics, Hathorn is the president of the senior class, a member of Myskania, and a Kappa Delta Rho fraternity man.

(From Washington Square Dealer) SEVEN PEOPLE ARE ELECTED BY SENATE TO HALL OF FAME

Mark Twain and Patrick Henry Among Those Chosen, Edwin Booth Lacked Three Votes

Names of persons honored by elections to the Hall of Fame of New York University in its regular quinquennial contest, according to a report just received from the University Senate, are as follows: Samuel Langhorne Clemmons, known as Mark Twain, James Buchanan Bads, Patrick Henry, William Thomas Green Morton, Augustus Saint Gaudens, Roger Williams and Alice Freeman Palmer. Edwin Booth, the actor, received 48 votes out of 51 needed for election.

Out of 266 votes, Samuel Langhorne Clemmons received 72, James Buchanan Bads, out of 74 votes received 51, Patrick Henry from 261 votes was given 57, William Thomas Green Morton received 72 out of 124, Augustus Saint Gaudens from a possible 201 was given 67, Roger Williams from 141 received 66, and Alice Freeman Palmer was given 53 out of a possible 60.

Ballots for this election were received from 27 University and College presidents; from 18 professors of history; from 11 scientists; from 14 authors and editors; from 19 public officials and men and women of affairs; from twelve Justices, active and retired.

Ninety-six men and women compose the electorate to the Hall of Fame. Two-thirds of the votes cast are required to elect, unless the particular name which is being voted upon bears the marking "M. J. F.," (more justly famous) in which case fifty-one votes, or a majority of the votes cast are required to elect.

All of those elected in this contest bore the marking M. J. F., thus requiring only 51 votes, or a majority of the votes cast, to be elected.

It was possible to elect twenty men and ten women to the Hall of Fame this year, but only the one woman and six men mentioned received the required number of votes.

Prior to this election fifty men and six women have been elected to the fifty-six men and seven women.

Between now and the next quinquennial election, which will take place in 1925, the Hall of Fame idea will be developed in various ways along educational lines, with the object of stimulating interest in American History and inculcating reverence for our great dead.

In 1921 there will be a public unveiling at the Hall, on University Heights, of twenty-six bronze tablets bearing the names of men and women who have been elected to this and previous elections. Thirty-seven tablets have been unveiled to date.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN

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The First School Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Among the features were Baker, as the fisher boy in "The First Vacation Day," Gertrude Burns, as the Statue of Liberty in "The Fourth of July," and several clever dances, as for instance, the dance of the witches on broomsticks and jack-o'-lantern in "Halloween."

The performance was well worked out under the leadership of Amy Cluble, chairman of the committee, and each scene received a great applause from the students.

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The "NEW" College Shoe

The above represents the type of shoe that is going to be worn extensively by college students this Fall.

It has a medium round toe with straight inner border, broad low heel and flexible shank.

It has been approved by the Nat. Y. W. C. A. and also a majority of the College Dept. of Physical Education throughout the country.

For Men and Women



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"I see b' th' paper," says Dilly O'Dooley, "thot a conductor b' th' name o' John Cows has married a girrul b' th' name o' Mary Waters. Mebbe they intind ter start a milk wagon."

Angry Man: "Here, what do you mean sending me this bill for ten dollars? Didn't you say that I had no case against the railroad company?"

Lawyer: "My dear sir, that is what the bill is for—advice."

Old Way Would Do An Obliging Conductor

"Miss," said the conductor, severely, "if you are going by this train you must get aboard at once." "Oh," gasped the dear young thing, who had been chatting with another damsel ever since the train arrived, "do let me have a minute more; I must kiss my sister." "Get aboard, miss; get aboard!" said the conductor, obligingly, "I'll attend to that for you."

A Rise Out of Him

Jones—You're just like a baker, Smith.
Smith—How's that?
Jones—Always loafing.

The Little Dears

Edith—Dear, Jack is so forgetful.
Maud—Isn't he! At the party last night I had to keep reminding him that it's you he's engaged to and not me.

He saw her stepping from the car, And up to her he sped.
"May I help you to a-light?"
"I do not smoke," she said.

This Is Why

Curious—Why is a ship always spoken of as she?
Anxious—Give it up. Why?
Curious—Because it takes a man to manage her.

Some Cow!

A Long Island animal was advertised for sale by her owner: "For Sale, Cow that gives five quarts of milk a day also two grindstones, one set of harness and a hay rake."

Said a bald-headed man to a waitress bold:
"See here, young woman, my cocoa's cold!"
She scornfully answered, "I can't help that;
If the blamed thing's chilly, put on your hat."

Not as Expected

"This boy," said the proud mother to a neighbor, "do grow more like his father every day."
And the neighbor knowing the father asked:
"Do he, now? And have you tried everything?"

He Had a Reason

Bill—Why do you call that lawyer "Necessity?"
Jim—Because he knows no law.

Between Stations

The conductor was walking through the coach when a nervous old lady tapped him on the arm. "Please, sir," she said, "do you think this car is safe? A little while ago I thought the wheels acted bumpy."
"The car is perfectly safe, madam," assured the conductor. "The little bump you felt was caused by the car passing over a frog."
"Oh, the poor little thing!" she exclaimed. "What a shame!"

Engineer McGinty says:
It's aisy enough ter be happy
When floatin' down th' stream,
But th' man wuth while,
Is th' man with a smile,
Whin he can't git up th' steam.

I Can't

"I Can't" lacks in nerve, he's too faint of heart,
To pitch in like a man and do his part.
He's none of the spirit that fights and wins;
He admits he's beaten before he begins.

I Will

"I Will" has a punch hid in either hand,
He has training, strength and a heap of sand.
He swings his hard fists in the world's grim face;
And bangs away till the world gives a place.

The Professor had just finished an evening talking on Sir Walter Scott and his works, when a lady said: "Oh! Professor, I have so enjoyed your talk, Scott is a great favorite of mine." "Indeed," said the Professor, "What one of his books do you like best?" "Oh," answered the lady, "I haven't read any of his books, but I am so fond of his Emulsion—I've used a lot of that."

A Diplomat

"The man who gives in when he is wrong," said the street orator, "is a wise man, but he who gives in when he is right is—"
"Married!" said a meek voice in the crowd.

— Milestones.

Tight Wads

A young clergyman was complaining to a friend that his congregation was made up of "tight wads."
"They are so stingy," he said, "that when I ask them to sing 'Old Hundred'—they sing 'The Ninety and Nine'."
— The Phoenix.

"Who was this 'ere Nero, Bill?" asked a coster of his friend as they gazed into the picture shop.
"Wasn't 'e the chap that was always cold?"
"No, that was Zero," was the answer. "Another bloke altogether."
— London Fun.

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