## dImentor wir




## Off hand

We have a problem on our hands. It seems as hough there are two entirely different schools of Portfolio's policy carried on to a greater extent, but then, a larger group want pictures, features, and in general "doings around "campus", on these pages. As the old saying goes, "you can't please everyone all of the time, but you can please most, some of the time." I am presenting this issue to you on that theory as we have tried to divide the magazine as
closely as possible between the two schools of thought. We are still groping around, however, and since this is your magazine, how about sharing your ideas with us?

In this issue we have deviated more to the personal angles of campus life. Bob Findeisen's A Fin Art, the craft of coke dates, will bring you a chuckle a well as a twist of conscience when you see your models assure us that they enjoyed demonstrating.

Does Transient Types reveal you, or maybe th dorm-mate or frat brother down the hall? Our art ist has caught those fleeting glimpses and when no ing board resemblance to persons, living or dead, is purely a quirk of fate

On the literary side we have Tegie Wise's prize winning short story, Variation on a Theme. This story won first place in the Henry Stout contest last year and it is something we're sure everyone will enjo reading.

Winter, Moments is our seasonal picture story. Afte last issue's Autumn Nocturne the general cry was "bu and if you look closely enough you may see your self coming out of that nine o'clock class.

Again we have our Rhyme and Meter page of poetry with several new contributors added to the list. We continue to call more . . . . more

Just keep turning the pages and something new will pop up on each one. Next time we will run a feature in the form of a satire on sororities so, fel-
lows, your turn to laugh is on the way. No hard lows, your turn
feelings we hope

There you have it . . . Volume I Issue II. Thanks to your support and understanding suggestions, w feel as though we had come closer to what you Denisonians want.

BETSY A. WALLACE Editor-In-Chief.

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## Variation On A Theme

## Thea Wise

(Note: This is a $1 \mathrm{egend} w h i c h$ has been told through the centuries with variations. I heard in a letter from Italy that it had been revived in this war. It is not new but I think it is interesting.)
Maria walked slowly, steadily along the narrow, white road. The sharp, white pebbles cut into the
soles of her feet and a fine, grayish dust rose from the road and settled on her face, her clothes, in her throat. When the sun grew higher, the gray dust caked in the fine lines on her face. Her eyes felt like great, hot blisters from the continued staring at the blazing whiteness of the road.
As she walked Maria rubbed the front of her
dress to be sure the packet was still sewed firmly dress to be sure the packet was still sewed firmly
into the gathers. Each time she did so she was swept by a feeling of panic, a realization of what its loss would mean.
About noon she stopped and cut off from the
road. She walked a slight distance up the bank road. She walked a slight distance up the bank
which bordered the narrow track, and seated herwhich bordered the narrow track, and seate no shade from the blistering sun as there were few branches and no leaves, but it did offer support for her back. Like Italy it had been stripped of all but the barest essentials very roots.
From a small bag Maria pulled out a piece of cheese and the end of a loaf of
black bread. Her eyes fixed steadily upon plack bread. Her eyes fixed steadily upon the valley beneath her, she ate slowly and carefully. The bread was very dry but the helped to reduce its harshness. Maria enjoyed the meal. The cheese was made from goat's milk, she was lucky to have it, and the bread was good. She was careful not to eat all of it, but wrapped the remaining
cheese up in a rag and placed both it and cheese up in a rag and placed both it and
the bread back in the bag. Then she picked all the crumbs out of her lap, ate them, and struggled to her feet.
For a few seconds her eyes rested upon the valley again. From her promontory it looked so rich and green. From there one could not tell that the vineyards were mangled and destroyed. The small, white town dustrious, lovely. The great, gaping hole in the capanile was not visible from the north. Rubble can not be seen from a distance of several miles.
Again her hand pressed her dress and fear flooded through her. To carry 170,000 lir whole world it is terrifying. The bidding had been high on her cattle, yet with each sale her heart had been twisted by the knowledge that she would never be able to replace her small herd. It had taken many
years to buy them. She would never live long enough, or have strength enough to start over again As she started up the narrow, winding strip of
road again, she decided that she dare not risk the packet. It meant more to her than her own life. The hills were the hiding place of many bandits, bandits by nature or by necessity. Her brother, Carlo, would be home and she would ask him to finish the trip with her. Then she would not be alone when dark ness came quite sage, quite wise. Now she would be safe. How foolish not to think of Carlo before
Already the shadows were falling over the road and the air was cooler. Maria's steps quickened as she turned up a goat track which led to Carlo's
small, white house. He was sitting on a tiny stool with his back to her, milking his goats. He was a short, spare man, with a drooping moustache, and tired eyes.
He looked
He looked over his shoulder and grunted a greet ing. Maria nodded
"What brings you so late, and on the Terni Maria sat on the wooden bench which backed against the side of the house, and carefully putting
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## A Gine Ant

Bale Gindeisen

Although you won't find it listed in the Dean's catalogue, coking is, nevertheless, a fine art What could require more technique, more finesse,
than the act of showing a girl the best time of her life on a paltry nickel? The answer is "Nothing." And this miracle can be performed. Five cents at the Grille will do the job of $\$ 15$ at Valley Dale if spent by one who knows and loves his work. reach perfection before the fourth year - and even the coker must have been conscientious. Success, however, generally appears at last. By the time they are seniors, most students have mastered the art of drinking five to seven cokes a day with no inconveniences or ill-effects, and are well qualified to

 Pression during coke dating is recommend
who have mastered the Charies Boyer purf
Of course, knowing how to drink plain cokes doesn't do anyone too much good when he is out of thing we have learned here at school. Besides, like algebra, it trains the mind.
No one knows exactly how the coke date developed. According to one pleasant theory, it was a way in which every male could have several dates a week, although he wasn't a big enou
Some give dull convocation speakers and professors all the credit, and there is the biological explanation.
But to get on with the practical. One of the prerequisites for a good coke date is casualness. Even if the male has spent days trying to get into a dorm
to make arrangements and the female has actually decided on skirt and sweater rather than blue jeans, neither must give any hint of their anticipation. The perfect date is the result of a conversation culmination with "Well, how's about a coke now?" Such spontaneity is good.


Howie Hartman demonstrates with Marilynn Meyer how
the pincers movement has definite social advantages. Note the pincers movement has definite social advantages.
that cokes in no way interfere with this relationship.
There is no rule about what to talk about on a coke date. Records, parties, who's campused and why, queer people - are all good topics. School
should be referred to as seldom as possible - and then only with such generalizations as "Professors are stinkers." "Child Developement - wow ! Politics, religion, and philosophy are all right if not run into the ground. If you have ever been hypnotized, order in for a convertible, you are bound to be a success.

Conversation is the main pastime for coke dates. There are, however, games for these couples
who are in the fifth or sixth date stage and have only a sil the fack on.
The first game is bridge, but we discourage it Pulling out a deck of cards always looks so staged. Bèsides bridge involves another couple and presents possibilities of 'bird-doggin' or a bad cross flirt, as the case may be


Cubby Bagnall and friend 'Marble' are examples of how
coke dates can lead to engaging affairs. It should take coke dates can lead to engaging affairs. It should take
months of mutual admirartion and lack of anything to say
before frisking pockets is permissable.


## Maments



Campus


## TRANSIENT



The eagle-spread Atlas who believes the library is only for The eagle-spread Atlas who believes the library is only for
he pursuit of knowledge and is puzzled when he sees it
used for the pursuit of women.


## TYPES

Her nail file is her most prized possession and she even seems possession and she even seem Her smile always carries a shot of arsenic

 on 100 ks , but "terrific, TERRIFIC poisonality."


The backbone of the DU football, baseball, track, swimming, basketball, speedball, socker,
volleyball, tennis - and so on into the night teams. He continually faces a seam splitage.

## DECEMBER, 1946

## A SWEETHERT SERERAOE

by glonia weber and Wiwifred smith
Years ago, when a man serenaded his sweetheart, his procedure was very simple. k ind was pary. He merely tucked a mandorir under his arm, strolled beneath her window, and sang.


For the Denison man today, however, it's not so easy. He - and she - must plan each detail as
horoughly as if they were doing a stage producthoroughly as if they were doing a stage produc-
tion. One worry follows another from the day the date is set until the moment the candles are extinguished.
He and his fraternity begin a series of extensive
ong practices. No flat notes are allowed on this song practices. No flat notes are allowed on this Will the bass flat on that note? Will some howling dog confuse the tenors? All of these difficulties must be taken into consideration and solved as well as possib


While the man is frantically trying to talk his fraternity brothers into spending a few extra hour on their vocalizing, the girl is wandering through
maze of negligee displays in various stores. Her choice is a difficult one. Would the candle light dull this shade of blue? Would this pink one clash with the shade of her roses? Would this one be too plain - or this one too elaborate? She may eve her horrified friends drag her away! While these preparations are being completed some couples find it helpful to pray that the weather stays clear! What would be worse than a rain dampened serenade?
For an example of a successful one let us take Peg Morton and Dick Petrequin's Phi Gam serenThe night was the answer to a prayer, for the intermittent rain had stopped. One or two star showed through the clouds. Only a slight breeze
threatened the existence of the candle flames. All threatened the existence of the cander, not a sound broke the stillness except for the sound of spectators gathering on the lawn below Peg's window. As one by one every light in the dorm blinked out, total darkness descended Suddenly, through the stillness came the rhythmi sound of marching footsteps. The Phi Gams were
coming! An assortment of moving shadows be came distinguished as they approached. Closer and closer they marched - then stopped. An expectant hush fell on the group for the candles in the window above them were lit and began to glow. Be
tween these candles stood Peg. She resembled story book princess wearing a white evening gown and holding red roses. Her smile matched the sparkle of the sequins in her gown, and in the cal dlelight her hair looked like a golden crown


The men began a low harmonious to their pres dent's beautiful sweetheart wit h Softly Now Then out of a darkened window came the voices of Dick's steady tenor voice answered with "Just Tak an Evening." During the solo Peg hardly noticed that one candle had blown out! Her trio responded with the Kappa Sweetheart song, and the singing was concluded with a "Fiji Honeymoon,
After the candles were blown out and the frater-
ity turned to march away, a lone figure left the nity turned to march away, a lone figure left the group and hurried towards the dorm entrance. It white door, he then disappeared through it.

## High Man on A Bed Post

When they carried me into Whisler Memorial Hospital one afternoon, all that was wrong with me was a sprained ankle. In riding class my over am-
bitious horse has taken a notion to have a ride without me and took off - literally leaving me flat on the ground; but I escaped with only a sprained ankle There's something ominous about a hospital and Whisler Memorial is no exception. 1 was gently seated ony riding boot was removed. The entire ankle was black and blue and was as swollen as an over-ripe tomatoe. The round, little doctor probed and jabbed.
"Humm-," he mentioned casually implying that this was indeed interesting. More probing was aimed at the wounded member.
was aware of what was wrong, too aware. His interesting discourse had left no doubt in my mind.
Then the doctor took a large can of what smelled like bear fat and looked like axle grease from a shelf and, with wicked gleamings issuing from his eyes, slabbed the mess on my ankle. Next he pulled a strip from an old sirde yeins and the blood stopped flowing.
"Bedderstayheretonight," the doctor said firmly and two nurses helped me down and all but carried me to a small-white room. My clothes were removed in a rip and bundling me into a swaddling clothes night gown, they dumped me in bed and walked out.
By this time my ankle had white-hot pins in it and the girdle wrappings
had left red welts. I cast a glance around but no one was looking, so I hurriedly unwrapped the bandage and let air and light fall on the black grease.
"What-are-you-doing ?", a voice demanded in no uncertain terms. "But it was too tight!", I meekly answered the white haired nurse whose
head was peering around the door. She strode across the floor and ripped the head was peering around the door. She strode across the floor and ripped the
bandage out of my hands, then with strokes like a tennis player re-wrapped it. "Leave-it-alone-now," I was threatened and she chugged out the door.

Humbly I settled back into the bed and surveyed my surroundings. The foom was like that of any hospital and the furniture held that same ominous solemnity. Suddenly a dark head peered
"Whatcha doing here?" it asked.
Well, you'll soon have a better excuse the seemed incredulous. "No kiddin. Well, you'l soon have a better excuse than that before long,""
Suddenly a woman's voice echoed down the hall. "Jim, here's your medicine!" My dark haired visitor looked stricken, disappeared and, listening, I heard his anguished groans a minute later, then, silence.

I spent the rest of the afternoon in a cold sweat. The dinner was good and I could detect no smell of almonds in the food, no odd taste in the sugar.
The milk was only half sour too. At ten, a young looking nurse came in and threw open the window. Then out went the lights and I settled down for what sleep I could get.
I must have dozed, for suddenly a hand on my shoulder shaking me insistently. I woke in a hurry to have three green pills shoved down my throat and an icicle-like thermometer slipped under my tongue. Two minutes later
it was all over and the person who had inflicted such punishment zipped out it was all over ang the personts. My watch read $11: 15$. "Oh, well, maybe it's, some new cure for sprained ankles," I thought. "But why the thermometer?"


## Campus Kaleidoscope

By John G. Thomas

Soulful gazes seemed to be in order
at the Beta party with Sam Robin-
son, Marcia Brooks, Charles Mc. son, Marcia Brooks, Charles Mc-
Cune, Hope Halberg, Martha Davis, and Olney Dekker all doing their share.


Who has the pin? Jim Faight, Janice Thorpe, Lois Anderson, Bill Onder donk, Pat Fraas, Jacques O'Hara,
Laura Hayes, and Vic Rickman line Laura Hayes, and Vic Rickman

The desire has been expressed by many for item of universal student interest in the Campus Magazaine, so an experiment is attempted. We do not necessarily feel confident that the students' wishes will be fulfilled by this column, nevertheless, we fee
it to be at least a step in the right direction. It may be a wrong step to criticize, but now that Student Senate has evidenced their willingness to conform to student sentiment, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE encouragement from those who leaped at them when they went slightly astray. A SHINY GOLD STAR goes to the members of
the football squad who stuck it out through a decidedly mediocre season. Despite their losses and cidedly mediocre season. Despite their losses and
bad breaks they presented Denison with a season of exciting and enjoyable sport, and uncovered
good number of players that promise to bolster our strength next year
Probably the most HUMOROUS EVENT OF THE MONTH was the new editorial policy adopted by the Denisonian, whereby it has chosen to
criticize organizations before they have been able to prove themselves. Dad's Day, in our estimation, was handled pretty well by the "alleged" campus leaders of Blue Key that planned and carried out the program. It appears to us that meatier material petty gripes. The award of HEART BEAT OF THE MONTH goes undisputedly to the fraternity pledges who entertained their dates royally at affairs that proved
to be the biggest and most successful so far this

The Lambda Chis entertained at the Kappa house, and while Mrs. James Neeland looked on Catherine Niemitz and Ben
Neal, Jean Jones and Wilbur Branthoover, and Mary Schilling Neal, Jrank Schweitzer enjoyed themselves on the floor.


The Sig Alphs were nautical but nice - that's digging pretty
deep for 'em - and Tom Sheibenberger, Elaine Watson, Lloyd deep for 'em - and Tom Sheibenberger, Elaine Watson, Lloyd
Philipps, Beverly Brickell, Doris Bittinger and Jim Kridler shared the spotlight for the moment.

Looking very comfortable and at home in the "Hell" room at the Phi Delt House were: Bert Dawden and Shirley Blinn, Mary and John Battles, and Suzanne Thieme and Dave Walker

## FRATERNITIES

## the way we see 'em

## american commons club

Founded: Right here at home.
Purpose: What did they say it was again?
Motto: "Pledge 'em or kill 'em !"
Active Chapters: Had to run and didn't get a chance to count them all.
Inactive Chapters: Didn't get this either.
Pin: Brother, if you can describe it you should be writing this.
Ideal: To cut their chapter down to the size of the Sigma Chi's.
Flower: Golden Rod
Assets: A1 Dewey
Liabilities: Don't we all.
Property: One seven foot grand piano with four keys in tune.
Prominent Alum : They said there are lots of them. Magazine: "The Portfolio."
How Recognized: It's possible.


## BETA THETA PI

Founded: I'll give you a big clue-it wasn't. Purpose: To hook 'em!
Motto: Ack-Ack!
Active Chapters: You'll find one scattered here and there in a few small schools around Ohio, Kenyon, etc.
Inactive Chapters: If the whole equals the sum of all the parts, they're all inactive.
Pin : Chip off an old beer bottle set in a small iron casting resembling an oven door.
Ideal: To keep secure the bonds of friendship with the Thetas.

Assets: One navy-blue cashmere sweater of "Snowball's."
Liabilities: Earl.
Flower: Daffodil.

Property: One large canteen plus a rather worn-out landing field.
Prominent Alum: One is all they need, and about all they've got.
Magazine: "The All American Boy,"
How Recognized: Very Easily-by their eyes.


## KAPPA SIGMA

Founded: Unexpectedly during the panic of '69. Purpose: To end panic. They did and started one a whole lot worse.
Motto: "We're rugged!"
Active Chapters: They're too active.
Inactive Chapters: There are those too
Pin: A brass representation of a slice of Indiana watermelon being devoured by a trained starfish.
Ideal: To become national.
Assets: The Alpha Phis
Liabilities: Most of the boys.
Prominent Alumni: He's dead. Died in disgust shortly after a smaltzy serenade.
Flower: Dandelion-Willy's idea to save on the pócketbook.
Property: That tumble-down shack on Broadway
Magazine: "Farm and Fireside."
How Recognized: Look for M. O. Gregory first.


## LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Founded: By a bankrupt fraternity jeweler Purpose: To dissolve the bankruptcy. Motto: "We did it and we're glad we did it.' Active Chapters: You have to take off your shoes to count them.
Inactive Chapters: Ibid.
Pin: One pearl clad pretzel.
Ideal: To move into the city limits.
Assets: Haven't seen any yet.

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Liabilities: The whole works is doubtful. Flower: Hollyhock
Property: None.
Prominent Alum : Have any graduated yet?
Magazine: "The Country Gentleman."
How Recognized : They are so different-all of 'em !


## PHI DELTA THETA

Founded: In eighteen hundred and seventy-three, naturally
Purpose: To encourage young men to the ministry
Motto: Take me back to Casab'anca, Mother, it was safer there
Active Chapters: A constant lately, and very understandable at that.
Inactive Chapters: An increasing variable.
Pin : They've been passed around so often, $t$ hey need no describing
deal: To get Alder in the opera
Assets: Do they have any?
Liabilities: There are too many.
Flower: The hops.
Property: "Trigger's" puppies.
Prominent Alum : In Detroit.
Magazine: "Esquire."
How Recognized: By their very rosy complexions after ten bells.


## PHI GAMMA DELTA

Founded: During a typhoid fever epidemic at W and J. Splendid example of what can happen in a delirium.
Purpose: To start or stop trouble. (We don't know which).
Motto: "I don't care for all the rest."
Active Chapters: One. Its activity consisted of serenading behind Shaw Hall one cold evening (or should I say morning?) late in November.
Inactive Chapters: They blush at this

Pin: A hunk of polished slate with a little blob of cement attached in the shape of a star.
deal: To reform the rest
Assets: A few brothers on the faculty, "Jody."
Liabilities: The active chapter.
Flower: The daisy.
Property: Contents of the second floor phone-booth. Prominent Alum : Ha, ha!
Magazine: "The Ladies' Home Journal."
How Recognized: It's not necessary.


## SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON

ounded: To restore peace to a poker club that was near the point of breaking up.
Purpose: To graduate as many as possible
Motto: "Well, how 'bout you?"
Active Chapters: They didn't say
Inactive Chapters: Our adding machine broke
in: A piece of gold tin, with a spot of ink on it, deal: "Shorty" Lawrence
Assets: The Doll House.
Liabilities: "Luke" Green's car. (Or can you call it one?)
Flower: Forget-me-nots.
Property: A pull at the Drag
Prominent Alum: No. 8892 Sing Sing. They made him what he is today
Magazine: "Peck's Bad Boy."
How Recognized: By the pin-rumning northeast by southwest!


## SIGMA CHI

## Founded: In an awful hurry

Purpose: To get to Newark from Granville in two minutes, spend a minute there or five, and get back to G'ville in two more with a minute extra to get into class and seated.

## rhyme

## and <br> meter...

STUDY TIME AT EAST
"Dearest David" - that's how it starts, "Who has last year's Adytum?" What's a paramecium? Harmony, Bible, history dates, Greek mythology, Muses, Fates -
Study reigns (?) as I try to write. If this keeps up, it'll take all night. Proclamation! Barb comes in. "Ten of eleven, kids! Turn in! Class tomorrow, oh what fun! Three hours work, but nothing done To bed! Amen. It's in his hands.

> -Marilynn Meyer.
"You've got a nickel?" is the cry,
I need a nickel or I shall die!
I want a coke - I have but a dime,
If you give me a nickel, I'll be your friend." What a price to pay just to please a yen.

## IF

(with the usual apologies to Kipling) If you can keep your pen while all about you others Are losing theirs and trying to use yours, too;
If you can make straight A's when all profs doubt you If you can make straight A's when all profs doubt y
Will even get a C when they are through: Will even get a C when they are through
If you can walk to Lamson and not be bitter When your tennis shoes are still back at the dorm; If you can say the stroll makes you feel fitter When you trek uphill re: library overdue form;
If you can dream - and not daydream in classes; you can think - and not think you're big stu And not condemn the profs as far too tough "If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty-second's worth of distance run - ", And - which is more - you'll be a Denisonian!
-Marilynn Meyer.

All the term long we ve waited for December. t started last fall - I'm sure you'll remember ow it's here, and it is just the same, But just two weeks, and then vacation! Time for all for recuperation. Then back we come, and finals begin Kinda seems we never can win

Hey! Pull back those covers, throw back that spread It's $7: 35$ - Now get out of bed!
You have an eight o'clock, or don't you know -
How do you expect to become healthy and wise Hey! Now don't go and close those tired eyes!

## MAGIC MUSIC

## By Judy Leonard

If the world lies all enchanted in a feather-bed of
And the glow from people's windows lights up
'Til yatches of the night $\begin{aligned} & \text { nafreald it's magic that will vanish }\end{aligned}$
Til you're half-afrait
from your sight
Listen! Don't you hear the angels - singing strains of "Silent Night"?
If the house is filled with mystery and everyone is
And the stars all seem to twinkle in a warm and
friendly way
The kind old moon itself no longer seems so far
away -
Listen! Hear the scrape of runners and the jingle of a sleigh?
All the trees and bushes glisten just like diamonds
set on blue
And the air, and people's spirits have a certain sparkle, too
Your eyes are stained-glass windows and the
Listen! Surely silver bells are tinkling merrily at you.
If the clouds have left the heavens and are piled up on the earth
And the streets are stewn with tinsel of a pure an dazzling worth
Then the log that fills your fireplace snaps - and crackles are in mirth
Listen! Somewhere, in the distance, cries a baby at its birth!
For the lamp posts are all candles standing tall
And the window
And the window panes are blazoned with the Mas-
'Tis the magic of the Christmas as men knew it
from the start -
And the music that you're hearing is the singing of your heart!

Come on, let's hurry, we'd better run
The clock will soon be striking one.
Thanks for the coffee, and for the show
I've had a good time, but best I go.
Late minutes add - can afford no more
Hey, Mrs. T., don't close that door !

Heeler-Do you think there is any chance for this story to get into your magazine
Wallace-There may be. I'm not going to live forever.

## Variation On A Theme

(Continued from page 2)
her bag to one side, and again rubbing her dress, said
"I have been to the market at Terni. I sold my attle. Now I am afraid to go on alone. It was hard o sell them but they sold well.
"How much did you get for them?"
170,000 lire."
"That is a great deal of money."
"It is. That is why I am afraid. To lose it, to wave it stolen would be a terrible thing. Could you fraid to go further alone" "I cannot go with you
ilked and then I must you. My goats have to be heese. But I have a pistol the fire and watch my, Carlo pulled himself up and disappeared you: ome. In a few minutes he returned with into his and a cup. The pistol he handed to Maria and she placed it in her bag. He filled the cup with the fresh goat's milk and offered it to her. Maria drank it gratefully and then returned the cup to him, wiping her mouth with the back of her hand.
"Thank you," she said, "now I must start."
She straightened her dress, rose, and picked up the bag. When she reached the foot of the goat
she turned and waved, and Carlo waved back.
The hard pistol butt pressing against her side was comforting. The coolness of evening and the warm goat's milk made her feel lighter, younger. There was a faint mist which rose from the burning valley and carressed her cheeks with cool, grey f the black trees, and hung in soft, spongy clumps on the tops of the stubby bushes. Down in the valey the campanile sank into the gloom, after standing out in the singular whiteness which only night ndows
Suddenly out of the gloom and mist, two figures thrust forward. W it h a gasping sense of relief, calente, neighbors of hers in the hills. They, too, had started back when confronted by a mist-eneloped form on the lonely road. Now they came orward and greeted her
"But Maria, why are you alone so long after sun"I have a gun," Maria replied calmly ; "that will protect me."
"Still you should not be alone. I will look at the yun to be sure."
the bolt back and looked into the arrel.
But this is empty! What good is an unloaded sun? You are a foolish woman.
Maria could say nothing. Her lips moved weakly, soundlessly, while her hands returned to the front
of her dress and nervously smoothed the gathers. Her throat was filled with her terror, her agony of apprehension. To have run such risks! To chance osing all! How rash she had been, how foolhardy. Albertino patted her shoulder, as though he had
understood her thoughts.
"It is all right, Maria, I have two extra cart ridges which I will give you. Do not be upset." ridges which As he spoke Albertino inserted the cartridges, reshot the bolt, and returned the gun to Maria. She placed it carefully back in her bag and thanked Al bertino. Albertino and Pia went on their way dow the winding road into the mist.
king. It was not a nice feeling To have the gun and believe it was loaded was one thing. To have had one' faith destroyed was to lose nerve. Maybe it would not shoot. Maybe it had not been cleaned. What if the cartridge was no good? Could she aim the gun? Would she be too afraid
to shoot? When Maria was little she had found a large, black snake drousing in a sun-lit path in her father's vineyard. Then she had been afraid to move, to turn, to run. Would she be afraid now

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an in the bracken beside the
She belonged to terror. It became a part of her Great choking sobs of it racked her body. Fear swept through her mind.
A man parted the bushes and stepped forward. Maria grasped the gun a little more tightly. Once the man had appeared she felt more calm. The fea of the unknown was gone. She knew what she mu do.
when he spoke was hoarse and rasping
Your money. Instantly."
Slowly, deliberately, Maria raised the gun and fired. The report was loud. Louder than she had
expected. She watched the man crumble and fall. expected. She watched the man
He fell heavily and lay quite still.
Maria walked over to him and bent down. She lifted the mask. He was a short, spare man with a
drooping moustache. But the eyes weren't tired any more.
"We moved her this A.M.!"
"Sedative."
Through the hubbub all I clearly heard were a couple of words racing around my head... beer on
whisky . . beer on whisky . . beer on whisky. whisky ... beer on whisky beer o It was morning when I gained my senses. The
sun came through the windows throwing the shadows of the moulding across my sheet like a prison bar. I winced, sat up, and gazed into the eyes of the round doctor.
"Hryumph," he greeted me, but I could detect a
olimmer of relief in his eyes, glimmer of relief in his eyes.
'Youcangohometoday," he said and left.

I was alone, just getting up nerve to crawl out of
bed and into my clothes when the dark head of Jimmie peered at me again. mie peered at me again.
"Told you," he laugh a demon's. Then he disappeared and I heard his inner-sanctum giggle echo down the hall.
I dressed hurriedly casting anxious look around At last I was ready and clutching one riding boo
in my hand I limped to the hall, where I came face in my hand, I limped to the hall, where I came face
to face with-my roommate. Relief swept over me like a clean wind and I clutched her arm and hopped along at a Santa Anita pace.
"Take me home before I'm booked for attempted suicide," I screamed

## WEIGITIY WOIRIDS

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Most girls will answer cheerfully to such nicknames as Blondie, Red, Cutie, and Sweetheart. There are certain nicknames, however, which no
girl likes to be called. Let me offer this advice to men and boys: never call a woman Pudgy, Chubby, Tubby, Fatso, or Butterball, and, above all, never refer to her (unless you happen to be in love with a woman who is circus sideshow material) as being pleasingly plump. Although these words, to me, are the most abominable in our language, most men
love to use them, and they seem to find difficulty in avoiding them. In fact they take a secret, almost fiendish, pleasure in saying, "Why diet? Why exercise?, You're not fat; you're just pleasingly plump." Then there are those who say, "Of course, 'em chubby.'
A girl has only one way to avoid these well-meant but nevertheless derogatory remarks. That is the hard way - dieting. Through varied, bitter experiences and systematic study I have discovered three good methods of dieting: the calorie counting
m et hod, the orange-juice-lettuce-and-melba-toast method , the orange-juice-lettuce
method, and the starvation diet.
In order to follow the calorie counting method, one buys a little red book called "Pocket Guide for Calorie Counters." It is inscribed with the message,
"this book is especially written to make you thin "this book is, especially written to make you thin
or die trying." For most of us this method is excellent but those who have a tendency to cheat in solitaire must never try it. It is too easy for those people to forget accidentally one slice of bread, one tea-
spoonful of gravy, or one banana split, as the case
may be. The orange-juice-lettuce-and-melba-toast method is designed for those girls who feel tha
something besides variety is the spice of life for something besides variety is the spice of life, for
one wishes to lose weight in this manner, she has orange juice, lettuce, and melba toast for breakfast and again for lunch. At dinner she sits down to nourishing, robust meal of orange juice, lettuce, and melba toast. My favorite of the three methods, is,
the delightful starvation diet. Imagine the "oh's" the delightful starvation diet. Imagine the "oh's
and "ah's" in a group of people when one girl declares that all she has had to eat in the last two days is one cup of black coffee and three grapes. She quickly adds that she never would have lived if it had not been for her chain smoking. Then somebody diabolically informs her that she will die before she is twenty-one, and this reminds another
girl of her Aunt Mary who lost two hundred and fifty pounds in three weeks by eating calve's liver and fresh pineapple. And so it goes until the statement is made that people who diet too strenuously become hollow-cheeked and sunk
signs of remarkable self-control.
This brings me to the serious part of my discus sion. Girls of today do not exercise any self-control. They have become lazy, careless, and gluttonous They gorge candy and cream puffs while thei waistlines expand. Self-control is essential for our
we fare, and I see no reason for this tragic lack of it in our young womanhood. I certainly plan to set an example to the weaker members of my sex by exercising this control myself. I shall do this as soon as possible AFTER I have finished my third
piece of pie-a-la-mode.

There was a little gir
Who had a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead.
And when she was good
She was very very good
She was very very good
And when she was bad
She was marvelous.


