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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1906.

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CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 21, Christmas Vacation begins.

Thursday, Jan. 4, Vacation ends, 8 a. m.

THE FOOLISH MAN

CONCLUDED

But this is not the worst of their troubles. Occasionally this man is sent to the legislature or to Congress, where he is an obstacle as well as a nuisance. The energy and zeal with which he attempts to interfere with the plans of wiser men than himself are really surprising, and worthy of a better cause. It seems to have a bad effect upon his nature too; he becomes impertinent; his manners are bad, his tastes are low and his language likely to be sarcastic. He has been known to make a speech on the subject of bribery and corruption just before the passage of a bill granting a valuable franchise to a railroad corporation, thus giving a number of estimable gentlemen a bad half hour, besides delaying the passage of the bill for that length of time. When a proposition comes up to annex a few islands in the Pacific Ocean, usurp their government, and absorb their wealth by a process known as "benevolent assimilation," he has the poor taste to sympathize with the savages, and the effrontery to tell his colleagues that this would exactly reverse the theory upon which the government was founded, that "all men are created free and equal." Just as if everybody didn't know that it was wise and proper to maintain such a theory when we ourselves were weak, but now that we have become a "world power," there is nothing to hinder us from throwing it aside and doing as other nations do.

On one or two occasions, when the Captain Kidds of industry have asked additional protection for their infant prodigies, he has become profane as well as sarcastic, and has asked with some heat when they expect the blanked infants to be able to walk alone. Of course the gentlemen were shocked at his language as well as his audacity, but have long since learned that the best way to deal with him is to listen in silence. And so the fellow goes on protesting against ship subsidies, railroad rebates, packing house methods, insurance graft, the oil monopoly, etc., always standing for

principle while others stand for pelf, until the end of his term, when his disgusted constituents retire him from Congress by a big majority in favor of a man through whom they expect to get for the district at least one government building during his term of office, and who has never heard the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods, not anything which is his."

And now let us leave the Foolish Man in the bosom of his family and the obscurity from whence he came like a knighterrant to reform the world. His fate is hard, but we know that he brought it upon himself; a fate not unmerited, and not unlike that of the man who stops between a fighting couple, and gets a "whipping for his pains."

THE RESULT OF FLIRTATION

It was only a few more weeks until Christmas and we were having the regulation kind of winter weather. Outside, the wind was whistling through the trees and the snow, which had been falling for some time, was being heaped to a considerable height on the window sill. There had been no sun all day and night came on early.

As I sat in my comfortable room alone, I fell into a reminiscent mood. I had no companions except my pipe, which was well blackened from long usage and in sore need of a new stem, and a little Japanese ornament which stood on the mantel. The latter had a green head with large gray eyes. It stood in such a position that these eyes seemed constantly turned upon me.

I had eaten my lonely meal at an early hour and retired to my den for the night. The light remained upon the table unlighted for the blaze of the glowing stove sent a ruddy glare over the whole room. I lighted my pipe as usual lay back in my chair, propped my feet against the mantel and prepared myself for a good quiet smoke. The room was soon filled with a dense cloud of smoke through which my little Japanese man glared at me in an unusual manner. He seemed to say to me "why are you here alone? What reason can you give for being a bachelor? There are lots of pretty girls in the world. Why don't you marry?"

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Y. M. C. A.

Last Wednesday evening the Y. M. C. A. held a very interesting and instructive meeting lead by Mr. Herson, A. The subject "The Birth of Jesus." An abstract follows:

The subject of our topic is the nativity of the worlds Redeemer an event of a most astonishing and glorious description, an unprecedented event, an event which only occurred once within the history of the world. Everything concerning Jesus is a matter of delightful contemplation to the Christian. His name is as precious ointment poured fourth. Let us then with humble views of graceful delight direct out thoughts to the nativity of the Son of God.

Notice first of all the messenger employed.

1. More probably one of the most exalted of all the cherubic hosts of heaven. One of the dignified sons of light. One of those who witnessed the creation of our world and who with his holy companion as morning stars sang together when all the sons of God shouted for joy. An ambassador from heaven to earth, from God to man.

2. The persons addressed.

This is decisive evidence that the incarnation did not take place in December but rather in September or October. After the beginning of October the weather was too cold for the flocks in the mountainous country of Bethlehem. What a contrast between the ambassador and those to whom he appeared. How different too the doings of men and human expectations. It would have been supposed the tidings should have been given to kings or philosophers or assuredly to the priests. But Gods ways are not our ways. In all the works and life of Christ God poured contempt upon earthly show and worldly glory. He did this in his parentage in his conditions of life, in his disciples and chief followers.

3. The message communicated.

1. He describes his person equal to a Saviour.

2. Christ equals One sent commissioned and truthful by God.

3. The Lord here lay his divinity

4. He announces his birth.

1. Is born not promised.

2. He affirms this to be an event of good tidings.

Place, '05, who has been sick with typhoid fever for the past nine weeks was around the college to-day.

PERSONALS

Miss Ludwig, of Wernersville was the guest of Misses Mary and Millie Leinbach, A, Friday evening until Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ada Fermier, of Mahanoy City, visited her sister, Miss Amy Fermier, '10, Friday and Saturday.

Moore, '07, heard the Glee Club at Conhohocken Saturday evening. Now, all the co-eds wonder who she was.

Ellis, '07, went home last Monday evening for his Christmas vacation.

Monday evening Wagner, 10, and Heritage, 10, gave a royal smoker to several of their most select friends.

The Histoical-Political Group held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Professor Hains Monday evening. The time was employed in discussing the President's Message, and following these remarks a general good time was had.

The Sophs. have received their new class hats. They are wearing them everywhere, to class and chapel, so that all may see them.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

Saturday evening the Glee Club and Orchestra gave an interesting and very entertaining concert at Conhohocken. The Glee Club and Orchestra, as entertainers, are first-class. The new members have added much to the quality of the music rendered.

Quite a number from the school attended the concert, and from their favorable comments the whole student-body are anxiously awaiting the date of the concert at the college.

This was the initial entertainment given by the Glee Club this season, and was especially good for the first efforts. As the winter advances the organizations will develop, and be able to offer a most pleasing and delightful concert.

Manager Rhodes has secured quite a few dates, and all members can look forward to some very pleasant trips. Heller, '07, in the capacity of leader is working hard, and devoting much time to the development of the clubs. The prospects are that Ursinus will have this year a musical organization to be proud of.

A good musical club is a credit to a college, and the whole student-body should show that they appreciate the effort of the members of the Glee club and Orchestra.

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EDITORIAL

Today, the best vacation of the college year begins, the much anticipated recess, when all of us can be in our own homes, sharing and contributing to the good cheer and happiness, which pervades all households at Christmas time. After five months of school life, we shall feel free, and just in the proper mood to celebrate the Holidays in the true Christmas spirit.

During this vacation is a good time for us to open our hearts and our purses, and to begin to live the life of freedom, of kindness and generosity. Let us drive out all selfishness, for selfishness always defeats itself. Those things we hoard up we soon lose, and those things we give with a helpful spirit really enrich us. Whatever we give let us give in the true Christmas spirit. By making others happy, giving our sympathy, help and love, we ourselves will become joyous.

We should show those at home by kindness, gentle words and unaffected manners that we appreciate the sacrifices which are daily made, so that we might come to college. Then, those who love us best will be glad that we come home for vacation, and the whole household, ourselves included, will be much the happier for it.

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A few weeks ago an editorial appeared in these columns asking

the alumni to help the college paper. For the two weeks following this request the several reporters of the Association responded, and forwarded many alumni notes of much interest. But, by this time they have either forgotten their duty, or wilfully disregarded the entreaties of the alumni editor.

Alumni, if you desire a goodly number of alumni items in the paper each week, you must help the alumni editor. Many interesting things, which the alumni are doing every week, are not made mention of in the church papers. These are the chief source from which these notes are secured, and as you know, insufficient. Again, we would kindly ask each reporter to think of the troubles of the editors of a college weekly, and assist them in whatever way he can. Do not forget that you are working for Ursinus, when you are helping to publish a better "Weekly"

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The Ursinus Calendars for 1907 are on sale, and can be procured from any member of the Senior class. This Calendar has been gotten up by a committee of the 1907 class, and shows much originality and good taste on the part of the designers. It will make a very pretty as well as useful ornament for your rooms, and each student will certainly purchase at least one of them. The profits are to be used in repairing the chapel, and don't forget you are helping a good cause when you buy.

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The "Weekly" will not be published during the two weeks of the Christmas recess. The next number will appear Jan. 11, 1907, and will contain the second literary supplement for this college year.

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During the past football season, and since its close, there has seemed to be a lack of true college spirit. Such a state of affairs seems strange, as the Ursinus fellows are lively and congenial, and ought to be full of college spirit.

Thinking over a reason for this we have thought that the dearth of Ursinus songs has decreased the amount of college spirit. That is it. Ursinus needs new college songs and plenty of them.

All try your hand at this, and from such a systematic effort some new, original and spicy college songs will be produced and during the winter term the old true Ursinus spirit will be revived.

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(b) "Love's a Bubble"

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Fag Mr. Wismer, '09

David Mr. Fogelman, '10

Mrs. Malaprop Miss Duryea, '08

Lydia Languish Miss Beck, '08

Lucy Miss Long, '09

SYNOPSIS

ACT I. A room in Mrs. Malaprop's Lodgings.

MUSIC : LaCinquantaine Gabriel—Marie

ACT II., SCENE I. Captain Absolute's Lodgings.

MUSIC : Menuet Boccherini

SCENE II. The North Parade.

ACT III. SCENE I. The North Parade.

SCENE II. Mrs. Malaprop's Lodgings.

SCENE III. Bob Acres's Lodging.

MUSIC : Le Cygne Saint Saens

ACT IV. SCENE I. Mrs. Malaprop's Lodgings.

SCENE II. The North Parade.

ACT V. SCENE I. The North Parade.

SCENE II. King's Mead Field.

RECEPTION

The essay, Two Eighteenth Century Dramatists, was a paper on the dramatic works of Oliver Goldsmith and of Richard Brinsley Sheridan and portrayed the Irish influence upon the comedy during the eighteenth century and since. In it were discussed the four great comedies of the age—"The Good-natured Man" and "She Stoops to Conquer" by Goldsmith, and "The Rivals" and the "School for Scandal" by Sheridan. The vocal solos by Miss Fling were thoroughly enjoyed and we predict for her a brilliant future in musical attainments.

The Oration, "The Significance of the Printed Drama," by Mr. Steward discussed the probability of the printed drama in England and America, and what it would mean to the English and American stage if "every play were to be published on the eve or morrow of its production."

The drama "The Rivals" was an entire success. The characters were well assigned and the parts were well performed for amateur actors. The Rivals holds a high place among comedies and justice was done to the production in every detail. This most interesting and pleasing drama held the audience for two hours when all were invited to the library to enjoy a

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ALUMNI NOTES

Three hundred copies of the Reformed Church Almanac have been purchased by the First Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., Rev. E. S. Bromer, D.D., '90, pastor.

On Sunday evening Dec. 20, in Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburg, Rev. John H. Prugh, D.D., '93, pastor, Farmer's Mass in B. flat was sung to the edification of a large audience.

At its Jan. meeting the consistory of Zion's church, York, Rev. Geo. Stibitz, '81, pastor, will take action on the question of discontinuing German service in that church.

Rev. J. M. S. Isenberg, '93, and family, of Philadelphia, spent Thanksgiving Day at Stone Church Pa., with Rev. H. H. Long, '94, and preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the evening service.

Rev. Morgan A. Peters, '95, pastor of the First Reformed Church Kenton, O., is chairman of the executive committee having in charge the great revival movement of ten of the protestant churches. Rev. John Hamilton, of Cleveland, O., accompanied by his singer, Prof Bursk, are engaged for the whole of January 1907.

Licentiate R. W. Edris, '06, of West Reading, has been elected pastor of the Reformed Church at Red Lion, York Co., Pa., as a successor of Rev. J. Kern McKee, '98, who has been called to Pittsburg.

Harman, '06, of the School of Theology, was around college Friday until Sunday, the guest of his old college friends.

Miss Hobson, '06, of Pottstown, attended the Schaff Anniversary Friday evening.

Rev. Kochenderfer, '01 of Royersford attended the Schaff Anniversary.

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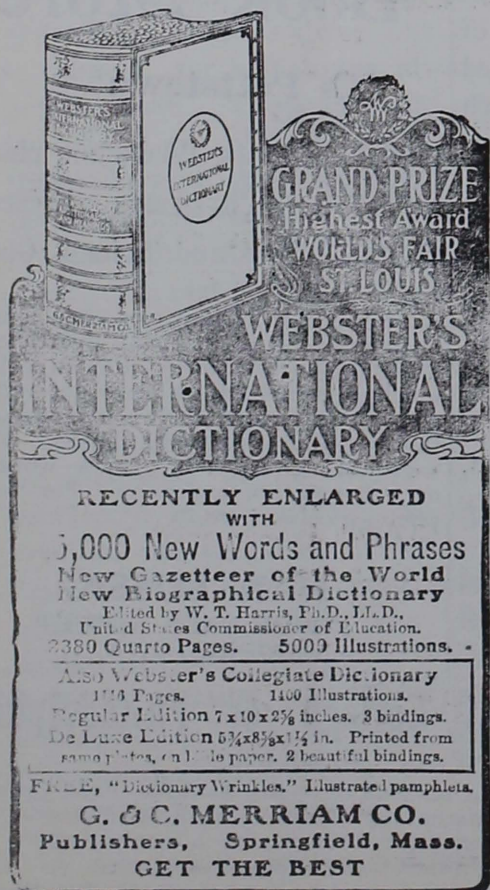
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As I mused thus, my mind turned back to the little affairs of my younger days. It had been years ago that pretty little Charlotte Brown dropped into my life. When I left the old home town, I had never taken the trouble to write. While I was thinking of her, the door opened quietly and a woman entered the room. She walked over toward me and when she got within a few feet of me, she stopped. I saw at once that it was Charlotte and would have gotten up to greet her but she motioned me to keep my seat. She had as yet said nothing, but now she fixed her eyes upon me in the most reproachful way imaginable. At last she began in tones that seemed to come from the very depths of the grave. "You," she said, pointing her finger at me, "you are a deceiver, you are faithless, you do not deserve"—

Before the sentence was finished another figure had silently entered and stood beside her. A glance told me it was none other than Edith Perrine, the jolly young school mistress with whom I had carried on a little flirtation several seasons ago at the sea-shore.

I tried to speak but my lips would not move. I tried to arise but had lost all power of motion.

The girl began to accuse me of heartlessness and perfidy just as the other one had done before her. While she was yet speaking, a third figure entered in the same manner as the other two. I recognized her at once as Marion Clemens, one of my boyhood sweethearts. My conscience was already giving me much trouble. Perhaps I hadn't just treated her fairly but we were both young then. Her words of reproach were scarcely finished until in came another figure, and behind her another, and still more until the whole room was filled with them. Beads of perspiration started out upon my forehead and terror seized upon me. Did I know them? Yes, every one of them. All had come for the purpose of accusing and upbraiding me. It seemed as if I was in the presence of my Maker, on trial for my misdeeds and all these were witness against me. Did I say all? Well, not quite all. Just one stood apart from the others and watched my wretchedness with tearful eyes and sad countenance. I remembered her as Ethel Dunmore, the girl whose life I had saved in a run-a-way accident. She alone took no part in the proceedings.

When they had all gotten into the room and the door was again closed, they gave vent to their feelings at the same time. Each one was shrieking out her com-



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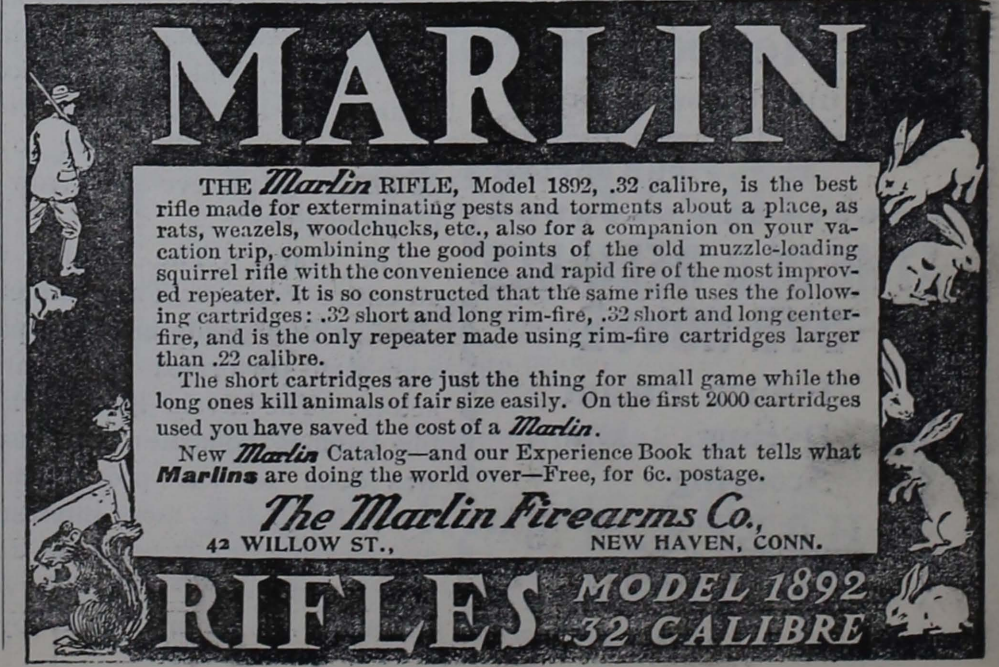
pliment against me. Ethel only looked on tearfully. As the others shrieked they became angrier and until at a given signal they rushed upon me pulling my hair, and scratching my face and hands with their finger nails. At this, my strength came back to me and I made an attempt to wrench myself free from them.

A loud crash followed. I awoke with a start. There was no one in the room. My pipe was still in my mouth but the little Jap man lay on the floor in a thousand pieces. I had knocked him from the mantel in the attempt to free myself from imaginary foes. I picked up the fragments and threw them out of doors. Then I lighted the lamp and sat down to think it all over. What did it mean? Was it a warning or what was it all about? I tried to dismiss it from my mind as only a dream but just as often it came back again.

That crowd, I began to think, was but an ordinary lot. Think of the life I might be leading if the affair with any of them had turned out seriously. They had shown their true nature in the dream and I was more happy in the knowledge that I had not taken the fatal step. But what of Ethel Dunmore, my little friend and sympathizer? Did

she not seem above the others? A bit of reflection called to mind, her sweet disposition and gentle manner. Yes, she was the only one of the lot I could love. If I were ever to break my bachelorhood I would do it for her rather than any other girl I knew. I was half tempted to write her a note, asking to call some evening during the holidays. The thought of writing reminded me of the fact that I had thrust an unopened letter in my pocket before settling down for the evening. I drew it from my coat. It was an ordinary looking square envelope, addressed to Robert L. Vernon, Pt. Clinton, Md. I glanced at the post-mark, Peotone: Why, that's where Ethel Drummore used to live. A dozen thoughts came into my head at once. Perhaps it was an invitation to spend Christmas at her home. I really believe I did care for her and if all goes well—

By this time I had broken the seal and opened the letter. It read as follows:
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Dunmore request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter Ethel Byron Dunmore to George Howard Carlton at Peotone, Md. on Dec. 25, 1906.



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