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College Magazine Literature.

The advent of daily and weekly newspapers in the colleges and universities some years ago was believed by some to herald the downfall of the college magazine. This prediction of evil has fortunately not been fulfilled. We say fortunately, because the college magazine has a distinct and valuable purpose in the life of an institution for the higher education. The college newspaper has kept itself strictly in the field of news journalism. This has been the outcome of necessity, perhaps, as much as of inclination. The students have neither the time nor the means to embark on the adventurous career of manufacturers of news, as the sensational newspapers do, nor have they the money necessary for the employment of famous writers on special topics. Consequently their papers have properly and profitably confined themselves to the publication of college news, and in the procurement and preparation of such news the young journalists have found plentiful employment for their activities.

Nevertheless, the influence of the newspaper is felt by the university magazine. It has been brought more closely into touch with the actualities of life, and more near to the real purposes of literature as they dominate in our time. One finds less and less of the old-fashioned sophomoric essay on Wordsworth, or "The True, the Beautiful, and the Good." One finds fewer reproductions of the material procured in the classrooms and more courageous attempts to enter the domain of originality in writing.

This manifests itself in two classes of literature in the college magazines. In the first place, the undergraduate essayist is now oftener found with his pen in his hand for the purpose of expressing his opinions on the larger questions of contemporaneous human interest. The Greek and the Roman concern him less

than the East Indian, the Boer, and the Filipino. The writings of Virgil and Homer do not so often claim his attention as those of the latter day romanticists and the younger poets. Thus, instead of rehashing the ideas of older essayists, he endeavors to put forward his own. In doing this he fulfills the mission of the university magazine, which is, after all only an instrument among many for his training and preparation for the later work of real life.

In the second place, one finds a larger percentage of imaginative writing in the college magazine now than he did formerly. In the earlier days the student contented himself with weak and puerile verses. Now he writes more fiction. Indeed, the college magazines are prolific in attempts of the young men to emulate the examples of Stevenson and Barrie. To be sure, the stories found in the college magazines are not of a high order. That would be too much to expect. But the fact that there are so many stories is encouraging. It shows that the boys are leaning less and less heavily upon the shoulders of their elders and trying more and more to produce the fruit of their own minds. But as yet there is not great evidence that they have penetrated beneath the surface of fiction and got at the methods of the writers who have made their marks upon the time. Perhaps a little judicious help in this matter might be extended to them by their professors.—*New York Times.*

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The Houghton Play.

The old ladies of Crauford was the play that was given with much eclat by the young ladies of Mr. Benedict's boarding school on the evening of May 2nd. No admission was charged, and you were expected not to go sans invitation. This of course is not the regular thing in theatres, but this was

different from some theatres. In the first place, there were no men in the play. Reason! there are but two men in Houghton—A. G. Benedict and son Howard, and one of these is too old, and the other too young to take part in amateur dramatics with the young ladies. We see then that they solved the difficulty of the lack of men by choosing a play with no male parts in it. We all enjoyed the play. We all enjoyed the singing. 'Tis needless for us to comment on the good acting of the Misses Stewart, Laing, Benedict, Greene, Rosa and the others who took part. The costuming and stage setting was worthy of much note too, because it was unique and attractive. After the play, there was a reception for the guest of honor, the young lady whose singing we liked so much. There followed the ice cream and cake, and then we listened to the strains of the dreamy waltzes and the stirring two steps, and we tread the measures of Tapischal with the young ladies of the "sem." What mattered it to us if the partner who swayed with us to the rhythm of the music wore the costume of a century ago, and had shortly before been a lady of Crauford. What mattered it to us if the attractiveness of dancing did not appeal to Fritz Dunn, and that he would rather sit it out (every dance) in a corner? No! to-night said we, let cares go to the four winds. We shall enjoy the fleeting hours. So, we made one devout bow to these holders of our hearts, and begged from them the favor of a single turn, knowing full well that the intoxication of the dance would carry us through many. Only too soon did the bell ring, that gentle little summons which means down there "Au revoir," "Auf wiedersehen," a "Get out," accordingly as you stand in. Such an indirect, discriminating little way of saying "Good night dear love" is the ringing of a gong. But such was the end of the Barrett Browning.

Athletic Department.

R. S. C. DRUMMOND, Editor
E. J. WARD, Reporter

The Base Ball Game.

An interesting game of base ball was played on Steuben Field the past week. The contestants for honors were the New York Giants and Chicagos. Each team had its hero and omnipresent leader; Ben Moore for the Giants and Hank Miller for the Chicagoans. The most sensational play of the day was the catching of two flies by Moore. Miller made a spasmodic attempt to connect with the horsehide, but couldn't hit Biela's comet with a croquet mallet. Moore slumbers peacefully on first base while the sphere meanders through his classic pedal extremities, and gives a vivid picture of Ichabod Crane chasing a festive June bug as he waltzes after the oral. It was a great game and the little boys Henry and Bennie had a great and soluminous time.

On Saturday last our team wiped the earth with Colgate, yet we should have done it more thoroughly. Along toward the last we began to play marbles and Colgate began to pile up a few more runs. That is not the way to play ball, just because you are ahead is no reason why you should become careless; then is the time to work all the harder and pile up a score so that you have the other team beaten, come what may. Play ball from first to the last and play it hard. Taking it all together the team play a fair game; yet toward the last it was almost devoid of interest Peet played a good steady game, though he should be careful about past balls and about throwing down to second. Several times he missed his chance by muffing. Lee pitched a good game and Durhee though a little wild at first steadied down and did good work—very good considering that it was his first game this season. Drummond on first held the bag down in fair shape, though it cant be said that he never misses a ball. A trifle clumsy, yet a good steady man. Baker covered

second in his usual way though he has many chances to improve his field work. Reed played a first rate game even if he did have a game leg. He covered his territory well and more too. Capt. Millham played too near third and this forced Reed to cover more than his share of the field. The out field was fair with the exception of Lewis who played as though he were very stiff in the joints. His base running was exceptionally poor, he ran like an ice wagon.

The hitting and base running of the team this year is better than heretofor, yet it can be improved. Weston needs to get a little more of a hustle on, all can learn from Peet how to slide. There is no reason why our team should not be O K by the end of the season.

Cornell 13; Hamilton 7.

Ithaca, May 10.—Cornell defeated Hamilton at base ball yesterday by the score of 13 to 7. The game was entirely devoid of interest, being played listlessly on both sides. This was partly due to the cold weather. Cornell's victory was due to superior hitting in the first and sixth innings. Cookingham made costly errors for Hamilton. Score by innings:

Hamilton	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	—	7
Cornell	4	0	1	1	0	4	3	0	*	—	13

Batteries—Cornell, White and Green; Hamilton, Dunn and Peet. Umpire, Hoagland of Auburn.

Concerning the Meet.

There can't be too many fellows at the field meet in Utica to-day. The more the merrier and also the more the fellows go, the less they will have to subscribe to make up a deficit. We don't say that there is going to be a deficit, but if no one goes there will be.

Go one and all, and yell. Encourage the team, make them feel that there is the entire college ready to stand by them through thick and thin come what may.

It is a great comfort to the team. It makes them exert themselves to their utmost. It makes a winning team. By all means go oh ye bohnors, and yell for your college. You will gain in pub-

lic favor more than you will lose in leaving your darling books for a few hours. Let not 2 o'clock find anyone on college hill, let them be yelling their team to victory in Utica.

Intercollegiate.

A committee consisting of R. D. Wrenn of Harvard, Walter Camp of Yale, A. Moffatt of Princeton, Paul Dashnel of Annapolis, J. M. Dennis of Cornell, and J. C. Bell of Pennsylvania, met at Philadelphia last Saturday, and made several important additions to the foot ball rules of last year.

The fifteenth annual Northfield student conference will be held at East Northfield from June 29 to July 8.

Syracuse carried off first prize in the recent intercollegiate oratorical contest with Union and Rochester.

The President's chair at Oberlin has recently received an endowment of \$40,000.

Seventy-five men were candidates for the Dartmouth track team.

The five oldest colleges in the United States are Harvard, founded in 1636; Williams and Mary, 1693; Yale, 1701; University of Pennsylvania, 1740; and Princeton, 1746.

The total cash surplus of the athletic organizations of Lafayette College are reported by the treasurer at \$1,519.75.

Harvard and Yale will hold their dual regatta at New London, June 28.

In the Hockey League Yale leads, Columbia is second, Brown third, and Princeton fourth.—Ex.

Since 1876, Harvard has now eleven of the intercollegiate track meets; Yale six; Columbia three; University of Pennsylvania two, and Princeton one.

Harvard foot ball receipts for '99 amounted to \$48,490.

Eighty-five men were candidates for places on the Columbia base ball team.

The following foot ball figures are given by an exchange: "Last season Cornell's receipts amounted to \$20,897.-64, her expenses were \$12,385.15, leaving a surplus of \$8,502.49. The University of Pennsylvania is said to have taken in over \$22,000; Princeton \$22,996.22, Columbia over \$10,000, while Yale's net profits from the Harvard and Princeton games amounted to \$36,000."

An university has been founded at Skaguay, Alaska.

Cambridge University, England, has 3,016 resident undergraduates.

At Princeton, Minnesota, Beloit and Wisconsin, the students pay a fee of two dollars per year in addition to the regular tuition fee, for athletic purposes.—Ex.

The library of Cornell University shows an increase of over 12,000 volumes, the total now being 225,022.

The University of California has a chair of Cantonese, the principal dialect of the Chinese language.

Andover has 248 representatives at Yale this year. St. Paul's School is second, with 116.

Harvard, has formerly been the only American institution that would allow Japanese to enter by taking an entrance examination in Japan. The University of Chicago now permits the same thing.—Ex.

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Good Work.

Certainly the college has good right to throw bouquets at itself for the good yelling it did at the Colgate-Hamilton base ball game. This was a good exciting game, and was doubly so on account of the excellent yelling which the student spectators kept up during the whole game. The yells were timely, sharp and well-led. There is a great deal in each of these points. If the yells do not conform to these three criteria, they are "on the bum:" they lack force and effectiveness. The team felt, and showed that they felt the encouragement that was given them. Now, there is no fellow who helped the good work along but that feels that he, too, was benefited. He got out (from his digging and bohning), and showed that he, too, has college spirit (has been imbued with the spirit of his college). He feels that he helped to win the game. He holds his head higher. When he went to dinner that night, he felt himself a large man—in his own estimation, at least. So then, a display of this sort benefits all concerned—the displayers and the displayed (meaning the ball team). Any rational man would draw the conclusion, "Keep it up."

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"Life" wishes to apologize for our tardiness and our mistakes in the past two issues. The fault is no one's. It was simply an unfortunate occurrence. Our printers have been moving, and in the chaos that accompanies, they were delayed in getting out our paper. All of our readers who had any experience in moving will realize that this delay was unavoidable. Also, this accounts for the errors, for in the hurry and hustle of changing, there was not time for the proof readers to do the careful work necessary to a correct copy. Quiet is the indispensable environment of correct proof reading, and it was impossible to secure quiet, and hence a paper without errors.

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"Life" wishes to immortalize a man. Kind readers, we ask your permission. The man should be immortalized because of a saying he said. Unsolicited, unsought, unhelped, he walked up to an editor of our paper on Steuben Field—

amidst the rumble of thunder and the flashing of lightning—while G. T. and De Regt were busy firing our captured Spanish cannon—while Higbee was making explosions and stench in the laboratory—this mighty man breathed forth as an automobile to carry him to posterity these words: "I will not come back to college next fall unless I can get the one dollar and seventy-five cents necessary to subscribe to the Hamilton "Life." This is a saying which might have come from the lips of that mighty orator, Patrick Henry, or its blue flames might have been seen curling from the pronouncer of such an one as William Jennings Bryan. This is not blatant oratory—it is common sense—it is dollars and cents. Observe this. This man would rather give up his college course, his hope of success in life than lose "Life." And who can blame him? There is inherent in every man, a love of life. The only question that confronts such ones is, can we give up a dollar and seventy-five cents for "Life?" The question has been solved by this man, whose mathematical fame will spread abroad until you may write his name as high as that of Newton, of Dr. Peters, or Square, or Pills. As a philosopher, whose basis is epicureanism, this intellectual giant has made a world wide reputation. "Seize the moment and enjoy it" has found a new disciple. But it is unnecessary for us to apostrophize on such a genius. A foregone conclusion is success for the intrepid soul, whose utterances are so free and untrammelled. A prophet is only without honor in his own country is an adaptation of a famous saying. So it would be unwise in us to divulge the name of the speaker, and we will not, except to such of our subscribers who may inquire privately of the associate editor.

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Junior Palm-Singing.

The junior class is responsible for an innovation, which seems likely and deserves to survive. 1901, immediately upon its entrance into college, was marked out by everybody as a distinctly religious class. A composite of its faces made in freshman year, revealed an almost abnormal development of the lines indicating reverence and piety. To

the beneficent influence of 1901 is due the solid sentiment to-day prevalent in college, in favor of Sunday chapels. Thus far, too, they have been conspicuously and numerous present at Y. M. C. A. meetings, and most actively engaged in all religious and missionary work in and round about the college. Accordingly, animated by these deep religious sentiments, and spurred by the ambition to spread this feeling of worship and adoration, they have introduced the custom of singing some Psalm or devotional song every Monday morning just before entering into the Bible exercises conducted by Dr. Elkin. So that every Monday morning the entire class may be seen assembled in front of old south with solemn mien and pious purpose, choring in melodious tune, the sober notes of religious song or psalm. This exercise has, 'tis said, a wonderful effect in composing their minds and calming their agitated breasts, compelling them to forget all things worldly which they may have thought or done the day before, and enabling them to listen to their Sunday School lessons with that earnestness and sobriety which befit the occasion.

The custom has been followed thus far with the utmost success. A greatly elevated moral tone is decidedly visible in the college since the initiation of this pious practice. The visages of the class have become more solemn, and their lives more exemplary. We have endeavored to discover the author of this exercise that we might publish his name, and that he might receive the abundant blessings of a grateful world. We have traced the movement to its source, and we may say with the utmost assurance that its origin is due not to "Goss" or "Fritz" as might be supposed, but to "Rick." We have often suspected this gentleman of ministerial predilections, and have been confirmed in these suspicions by the devout earnestness of his mien, and the intelligent and reverent curiosity of his inquiries during Bible recitations. To him then, speaking for the college and the world, we render our grateful thanks for the introduction of a custom so pure in purpose, so elevating in influence, so inspiring to the whole student body. May it commend itself to the wisdom of the three other classes.

Local Department.

H. MINTZ, - - - - - Editor.
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LOCALS.

May 3. Base ball team starts for Utica to play base ball. They get on a tally ho in front of the D. K. E. house, and wait there for a half or three quarters of an hour. Then they learn they are not going, so they drive down street and disband in front of Turrock's livery. They all thought of going to Utica and playing on their own hook, but the counsels of the peaceful (Dick Cookinham) prevailed, and they stayed home. G. T. White for the first time in his college course came out from Utica on the five o'clock train. Hatch and Keogh drive to Utica, and their horse gets sick. Billy Decker strays on to the campus at his regular time. Excuse an earlier acknowledgement of his punctuality this term. Waddell had a few waking moments to-day. The doctor says that by practice he may be able to wake up for two or three hours every day.

May 4. Prex announces to seniors that he will cut them Monday morning in cumulative evidences. In return for this favor, he wishes the seniors to be present at the declamation contest on May 12. Turn about is fair play. If we do not recite May 7, why, May 12 will do. Shorty Holbrook stalks around with a stove pipe hat on. The hat is a home made opera crush hat. In one hand he carried a lantern, and in the other a curtain pole. Surely the playing of whisky poker for "stunts" is sometimes inconvenient in the result. Ben Moore begins to drill on his K. P. and his prize debate received its finishing touches a week ago. Dick Cookinham, feeling the cold, carries a coal scuttle around the campus all day.

May 5. Colgate vs. Hamilton base ball game. Big crowd and much enthusiasm. Houghton occupies seats in the carriage. Fritz Dunn finds much difficulty in keeping his feet warm. Billy Green comes in from Utica and avoids a scrap, on the eleven o'clock train. Many of the college fellows are interested in the riot which started at New Hartford. Stowell and Taylor oc-

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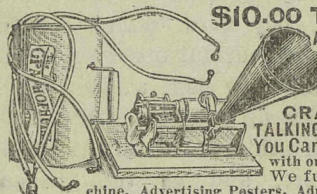
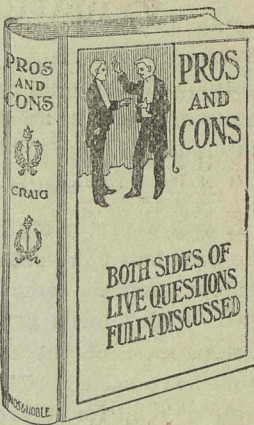
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cupied their customary seats at the theatre.

May 6. Dr. Terrett preached an unusually good sermon. The college was spellbound throughout. Jenkins from Syracuse speaks at the Y. M. C. A. Hatch and Keogh go to Waterville.

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It was a pretty sight that we saw on the base ball field last Saturday—a sight seldom seen on such a chillsome day. Two "little" birds perched on a pile of lumber east of the running track. It must have been hard for them to retain their perch, for there was blowing a cutting wind—one that sent the chills a running up and down one's back. Still in spite of the inclemency of the weather and the shouts that the wind bore to them, they clung to their perch. Ever and anon a careful observer could have seen them draw their wings a little closer, and edge up to one another, evidently for warmth's sake. As the game was not short, and as they began edging early they must have been somewhere near each other by 6 o'clock. But hold! 't was not on their lumber perch that the edging began, for it was near the dashboard of a surry that our two little birdies began their game. Nay they were not alone by any means, there was another pair, not a great distance away billing and cooing away to their heart's content. Soon another pair appeared upon the scene, and the foremost pair of our billing and cooing birdies were forced from their lofty and elegant perch to an ordinary lumber pile. This sudden and hasty flight affected not their gentle murmurs. They twittered away as if nothing but joy was to be their lot. But soon, oh, too soon, the game ended, and down the track came one with clothes as of night and darkness. A shadow of warning was thrown as the advance was made.

Our dear little birdies drew closer their wings, cocked their heads to one side, and said their farewell. Then came the anxious guardian of the flock of tender doves, and away quickly they went down the broad avenue of the campus. Such a sight can't be seen every day, for 't is not our privilege to behold many times such graceful creatures on our hillside. Many say it is the fairest spot in many counties, yea states, yet all agree that it lacks

one thing to complete its fairness. What is it? Nay gentle reader, we can't tell you, but just ask Dunny, he will.

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Spring Field Day.

The day was sultry and threatened rain continually, and to use Uncle John's phraseology, "The only thing the rain didn't do was to fall." Naturally, the threatening weather kept down the attendance to a small number, yet with about two hundred people, the enthusiasm was well sustained. 1902 won the day with 44 points; 1901 second with 22; 1903 third with 21; and 1900 bringing up the rear with but 16. The events which were especially notable were the running of J. W. VanAllen, and the hammer throwing of Drummond and Blakesley. Van Allen ran the 100 yards in 10 1-5, tying the college record, and in the 220 he ran in 23, equalling again the college record. "Dick" Drummond with a throw of 102 ft. and 9 in. beat anything ever in sight around here, and Blakesley putting the hammer out to a distance of 101 ft. 10 in. beat any other throw ever made, except this one of Drummond's. Naylor held out well in the 2 mile race, as did Barnes in the mile. Baker was doing mighty well in the pole vault, and was attempting a ten foot vault when he spiked himself. Keogh had the misfortune to fall at the end of the 220 yard hurdles, thus losing the race. The bicycles were not used, because there was no contest for the positions on the track team. Among the freshmen who showed up as promising athletes, and who will develop into excellent men on the track are Jones, Bush, MacLaughlin, Tutthill, Lomber, Blakesley, Lake, Carmer and DeVotie. This is quite an array of names, and should be an augury of good things to happen to us in track meets in the future. The men who got first place in the meet for the greatest number of point were Van Allen and Barns, who had two firsts and a second, making 12 points. The other men who made high scores were Millham 8; Dunn 7; Mason 6; and Keogh 6. The easy way in which the sophomores won the day shows us that that class abounds in athletic material. They got more points than any other two classes put together.

The Bath Rooms.

The state of the bath rooms in the "gym" is a discredit to the college, the faculty, the trustees and students. No thrifty farmer would take his pigs there to bathe. The floor is covered with mud, and half painted. The showers shoot in all directions, and the zinc on the bottom of the bath proper is broken and cracked. You may attempt to excuse this on the grounds that a new and better bath room is being built, but this excuse is not valid for the interim, when things should at least be clean. More than this, a student who desires to lave, who would wash from his body the dust collection of ages must wait for one of the quarters of the day when the water is hot. Sometimes he has to wait longer than a part of a day, and it is a good part of a week before the water is of such a temperature as to be cleansing, no matter how great the application of soap. Surely this is an evil that can be remedied. Let us have the bath rooms cared for, even if they are out of date, and new ones are in the process of construction; let us have all the hot water we want. Somewhere in the dim past, a man has said that "Cleanliness is next to godliness." This is very apt here, for the college has shown that they think godliness necessary to the well-being of a college student, viz., compulsory Sunday chapels. Then why, ask we, should all the favors be shown to godliness in exclusion of its next door neighbor, cleanliness. Give us all the opportunities that you give godliness. But no! we will be reasonable: we will not ask for a compulsory shower every day, and two baths on Sunday, but we merely ask that you fix up the conveniences so we can get clean when we wish. We ask a privilege—you say. Yes, we ask the privilege to be decent, we say.

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At a Girl's College.

They are all nice, well-mannered, and good looking young persons at Vassar. Grace Margaret Gallagher in her "Vassar Stories," takes note of happy days in that centre of learning. There is plenty of honest fun in the volume, with little clever touches introduced. There is the new girl. Who shall be her room-

mate? Shall it be "the brown bun of a girl?" That new comer never could have had anything to do with a young person who "cries without any pocket handkerchief."

When Molly gets finally settled she writes to her family at home. Here is a P. S. to one of her letters: "Do you think grandma would think me a nervy 'cit.' if I send her my stockings to be darned?" Molly comes across a young woman with the tastes of a naturalist. The new girl wants to scream. She sees frogs, toads, and a rattlesnake. "Take them away!" she cries. It is explained to her that they are all dead. "What do I care if they are! It's the sight—oh, don't!" Molly runs away. The many ceremonials of Vassar are pleasantly described.—Ex. Birds.

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Freshman Declaration.

The excellent competitive exhibition of the sophomores, a few weeks ago, was duplicated, and many think, surpassed by the freshman contest last Tuesday. The speaking was originally scheduled for Wednesday noon, but two of the competitors being members of the base ball team who played Cornell on that day, the contest was held at the same hour Tuesday. It was an exhibition of an unusually high average excellence. There were twelve competitors, but only eleven spoke: Albright, Bullard, Burgess, Capes, Durkee, Lake, Mills, Peet, Root, Tuthill and Waddell. Zeigler, the twelfth, lay dangerously ill at the home of Scoville, 1903, and Dr. Stryker voiced the sentiments of the college in expressing his regret that he was unable to compete. The appearances of nearly all the contestants were great surprises. With the possible exception of one or two, the contest was exceedingly close, and few conjectures were hazarded by the wise and critical upper classmen "judges" as to probable selections. With the sophomore exhibition, the freshman contest was a credit to Hamilton oratory.

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
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 Say, yeh ought tuh see us glidin',
 An' a-glidin', an' a-glidin',
 As upon our bikes a-ridin',
 Yehs, a-ridin', both a-ridin' !
 We jes' give deli cops de sack,
 When thuh win' is at our back !
 O stop dat a-pushin' dar behine !

CHORUS.—To the tune of the notes in the border.
 O stop dat pushin' dar behine !
 O stop dat pushin' dar behine !
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