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Hussey
Reese
Williams

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r f

PURPLE

Burt
M. Enty
Morse
E. Enty
F. Bedford
Steese

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Hussey	c	Morse	
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Williams	r g	F. Bedford	
	r f	Steese	

Second Game Fastest Ever Played in Houghton. Girls Game Also Fast

The second game of the series occurred on the 12th, the girls playing first. It was a fast game and played under girl's rules which seemed to be better as it aided materially in eliminating bunching.

Even though the Purple played good basketball they were unable to defeat the Gold Champions of the previous year.

Players were not changed much from last year. The Gold have with them the oldsters, Steese, Williams, Anderson and Clark. They have also a very fast forward E. Fero, a former star, who strengthened their team greatly.

Team Work

With the teamwork of Fero, Williams and Clark and the hot passes of Steese, gives the Gold the superior team, undefeatable at the hands of the Purple.

The Purple girls have about the same team as last year with the exception of a new guard, Miss Ware who has proven a brilliant player holding the Gold from getting a basket in the first game and only one in the second.

The Purple is also playing a new forward Miss M. Ackerman. She is making a fine player but they still miss greatly the brilliant work of V. Ackerman who starred last year.

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GOLD		PURPLE
Fero	F	Mattoon
D. Clark	F	Ackerman
Williams	C	Jones
Steese	G	Carsons
Anderson	G	Ware
	C	Richards

A rare treat was given to the basketball fans of Houghton and vicinity on Jan. 12 when the second boy's game of the series occurred.

The first basket was caged by Burt, of the Purple and that started the excitement. The ball went up and down the court, the Gold was in the lead during a part of the first half, gaining it by their good pass-work and Howland's famous shots from quarter court and his never failing eye for foul shooting. The Purple soon caught up and tied at 12 all. The game went on and the Purple in the lead and kept it until the end of the half the score being 22 to 18 in favor of the Purple.

Second Half Faster Than the First

On the start the Gold took a run and tied the score at 22 and again at 24. Williams was put out of the game and Crandall was substituted for Howland, Howland taking guard position.

This started the Gold off again and they run the score to 30 where the Purple again tied them. The Gold soon got a foul shoot and then Baker caged another goal unguarded, making the score 33-30 in favor of the Gold. The Purple got another basket soon and that made the score 33-32 in favor of the Gold and 38 seconds yet to play.

With 38 seconds to play the excitement seemed to reach its climax. The Gold fans studied their watches and shrieked in exultation, while the Purple rooters pleaded with Burt and Russell for just one basket.

Then to cap the climax the Purple called time out and retired for a two minute conference. They returned to the floor and every one held their breath! The referee tossed the ball and

neither side scored for eight seconds. Thirty seconds to go! A slim chance! The ball went up in center from out of bounds and Morse tipped to Enty who in turn made a perfect pass to Burt who caged a basket. The Purple went wild and then as if they had received another lease of life, with fifteen seconds to play Morse, Enty and Russell caged another before the Gold men could obtain their bearings. The Purple claim that four points in thirty seconds is the best ever done in Houghton.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Gold Takes Two Games in Succession

The Gold managed to annex two somewhat slow, sloppy games to their string of victories on Wednesday and Friday evenings of last week, by scores of 25-33 and 35-39.

Howland starred in both games, as usual, and was able in the first game to cage nine baskets out of eleven trials from the foul line. A surprise was sprung by the Gold in the last half of first game in the placing of Williams on the floor as forward. He rolled up eight points in a very few minutes, practically winning the game.

Friday night's game was much better than the one proceeding but still it was much below par. Burt, Enty and Steese of the Purple have all improved in their ability to shoot baskets, but again the wonderful work of Howland and Baker won the game.

Gold Girls Win Series

By winning the game Friday evening by a score of eleven to five, the Gold girls won the series for the second year in succession, and incidentally shut the Purple out without a game in two years.

A complete report of the games will appear in the February "Star".

Reflections of an Alumnus

H. H. Hester

Interscholastic athletics, the pro or con of the matter, is the theme propounded to me by the Editor of the brilliant "Star." That seems an incongruous topic for one who, as a student, had so little concern for that department of knowledge denominated "athletics", and who, at the present, has scarce seen a basketball game, let alone football, for some three years. Nevertheless he has been reading and thinking, and if the variant gymnastics of the barnyard and of the pulpit be any qualification, he might qualify under that score.

It is a question of some moment, the athletics of American schools, and has a bearing upon the future of the race, and even the kingdom of God. As I see it now, in the main, I am not in favor of interscholastic athletics either as applied to Houghton or to any other school; whether that school be secondary or collegiate or "universitat", whether it be so-called denominational or a free public school. The same principles, however, that lead me to reject the interscholastic athletics of American schools apply almost equally in the rejection of our present non-interscholastic athletics.

It is becoming a commonplace, even at Houghton, to speak of an all-round education, for body, mind, and spirit. And the old Greek maxim, *mens sana in corpore sano*, embodies great truth. But the trouble with America today is that the emphasis is being wrongly placed: we think primarily of the "corpore" rather than the "mens." America today pats itself on the back, and is

wont to say in the spirit of Nebuchadnezzar of old: "Is not this great America which I have built by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty? Where is the nation that is greater and better than I?" That is, as Ellwood points out so succinctly in his "Reconstruction of Religion". "The trend in Western civilization as a whole" is "unquestionably away from Christian ideals" and toward "paganism, a type of society in which power and pleasure are frankly avowed as the ends of individual and group action. The Great War, indeed, revealed the unpleasant fact that our civilization was not far removed from barbarism." "We must see our present so-called civilization," says John Haynes Holmes, "for what it is---a thing of barbarism, feeding upon the life of the race in the poverties of peace as well as in the woes of war-and get rid of it forthwith."

Now then, in the main, it seems to me, American athletics, whether interscholastic or not, are not helping to rid America and the world of its paganism, but rather are making the tighter those bands of barbarism so responsible for our woes. And for why? Because our athletics places chief emphasis upon the body, and this emphasis looms disproportionately in our schools. And when we are thinking primarily of the body our motives cannot but center upon pagan power and pleasure. I say "our thinking," but it is really a lack of thinking; of this more later. Consider now the disproportionate emphasis upon athletics in American schools, and even in Houghton.

Even in so conservative a school as Oberlin, where a man to be on the varsity football team, presumably must be

up in his studies,---in Oberlin the one concern that brings out the student body en masse, and is the great college interest during the entire fall term of school is athletics, intercollegiate to be sure. But for intercollegiate debate, or oratorical contest, or even for literary society, you scarcely hear it mentioned; and when those functions occur there is but a corporal's guard out, comparatively. It is often said, and more often thought or taken for granted, that American school athletics make young men fit for war, when war must come. And there is little doubt but that our school athletics, interscholastic or otherwise, made no small contribution to the winning of the Great War. It was comparatively easy to turn the athletic departments of our colleges into training camps, the S. A. T. C. And following the war there was much effort to get universal military training substituted for somewhat milder athletics we already had. And what about Houghton? Was she and is she so different from others on this question of athletics? There is not, to be sure, quite so much precious time, energy, and money wasted there as in some other schools in the athletic department of the school. Nevertheless, I wonder if in theory and thought athletics does not loom disproportionately large. Houghton does not have interscholastic athletics, but that is hardly because such is not wanted, but rather because she does not dare to have them. I am inclined to think that the petitions that have come to the board from time to time are some indication of that. But in the athletics she does have, the motives are not different from other schools that have the

interscholastic games. It is easier, for example, to get a crowd out to a basket ball game in Houghton than to a religious service. And during a part, at least, of the year the games are the great center of interest. However, it is a fact that in practice here the evil is not very great. But the theory of athletics at Houghton is decidedly on a plane similar to that of other schools. Houghton too would have its young men fit, even for war. Why, did we not rather regret that Houghton could not have an S. A. T. C. as other schools? And were we not inwardly glad that we might have to put in military training in keeping with a new State law following the war? And did we not have a lieutenant from the army, returned from the war, drill our boys in the use of gun and bayonet for a time, and did we not take pride in their war exhibition at a certain commencement time? I doubt if there was a single man, be he ever so pious, that raised a question as to the ethics of it all. Yes, the writer pleads guilty with the rest. Down in his soul there was a question, as there surely must have been in the silent souls of others. But he had not come to a clear conviction in the matter. Nor does he condemn others if the light has not yet dawned for them. Let us, however, not be lazy, but stir up our minds and hearts, and listen for the voice of God.

This brings us to my reflection on the "lack of thinking" in our athletics. Horace Bushnell once preached a sermon on "Free to amusements--too free to want them." It is not sufficient that a superior external authority says. "You may have such and such amusements--these others you cannot have." Better far is it for the student, especial-

ly when that student is fairly mature, to be free to choose his own amusements and the form that they shall take. In other words let him be "free to amusements, but to free to want them." Especially ought this to be the case when those students are under the care and leadership of men and women of character. If there is good in a basket ball game between boys and girls in a certain school, they ought not to feel they are so holy, or that boys and girls in a certain other school are so wicked, that they cannot associate or play with those other boys and girls. Personally, then, I would have all restrictions removed and trust the matter to the good sense of the students and their teachers and the cooperation of the parents. But at that I would promote in the school supremely the quest of the truth--drawing out the mind of youth into all comprehension and insight and character. This can be the most successfully done only in an atmosphere of freedom--free to do your own thinking under the compulsion of the spirit of God--the spirit not of another man's I say, but of God. School is primarily for the drawing out of the mind and spirit--let that be uppermost. Then will athletics take their proper place--then will war, and preparation for war and the business of killing our fellowmen fade into the background and become no more. Then will our civilization cease to be pagan, moved by motives of pleasure and power; it will have become that civilization of the blessed ones, those of unchanging goodwill, the kingdom of God that Jesus meant it should be.

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Editorial

The subject of interscholastic athletics with which we have to deal this month is extremely hard to enlarge upon especially in the brief space that we have allotted to us for this month. However we will endeavor to answer some of the objections to this class of athletics in general before we attempt to apply them to Houghton.

In the first place some college professors and other rabid critics, who belong in almost every case to the eastern colleges, do not know what they are talking about. They have studied the system of physical education and athletics in one or two of the eastern colleges and finding the system bad in these schools, they immediately generalize and take it for granted that the fundamentals underlying interscholastic athletics are uniformly unsound. And so the first great trouble with the critics is

their proneness for generalization, as any one who really studies the subject can easily see, they never fully analyze the subject.

It seems to be invariably the case that whenever we wish to study any phase of college life that we turn by tradition to our great eastern colleges who boast of hundreds of years of development and are in the popular mind the best developed schools in the world. The truth of the matter is this, although it may jar the egotism of some of our eastern collegians, that Yale and Harvard are at least twenty-five years behind the great middle western colleges in their program for physical training and athletics. Yale and Harvard, the traditional leaders in every branch of college work, are only, after they have celebrated their bicentennial, about to adopt nearly the same plan as has been scientifically worked out in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, for at least ten years. However it is not only in their system of athletics that these schools excel. In law and medicine Iowa with only about ten years of real development is now on a par with Harvard, Yale and Michigan, and is recognized by the Rockefeller Institute as one of the greatest in the world. This fall too, when the Gold sweated warriors of Iowa crashed down upon the Blue team in the Yale bowl, the east and tradition were jarred to the core. Yale was whipped to a frazzle by a school which a few years ago hardly dared to call itself a college. Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, do not worry about athletics. The great controversy which is now on in the east does not affect them, it passes over their heads. They have worked out their own individual

system and are satisfied with them.

There is no doubt that in some schools all the faults that the critics find are carried out. But does this include the idea that the athletics in all schools are rotten? Critics, because of a lack of information completely misconstrue the situation. The people who are against athletics hold that as now carried on they greatly develop a few men and leave the masses in the lurch. In Illinois however there are 6,017 men and 2,154 women engaged in a comprehensive form of athletics. There are ninety acres of play fields so that ten thousand may play. It has compulsory physical training twice every week. Everyone must learn to swim at least 40 yards in order to graduate and at least one thousand are taught each year. There were 300 baseball teams beside the varsity there last year and so many basketball teams that from January until the end of the year two games an hour were played every night until ten o'clock. It is the same in other mid-western schools. Does it sound as if anyone were neglected. Those who are opposed declare that competitive sports have a deterrant effect, especially in the studies pursued, upon those who take part, but it is the testimony of professors in the mid-western schools that the regular members of athletic squads have a higher academic mark than those who are not engaged. This too is borne out by the "figgers". In Illinois the academic work of the average man was 4.28, while the average of the member of the squads was 4.55. The opponents charge that the physical effect on the players themselves is dangerous. Statistics tell us that 54 per cent of the males of draft age were

physically unfit, but it was found that in a certain college in the Mid-Western Conference that 95.9 percent of the members of athletic teams were accepted. Opponents also charge that college sports, especially football, are managed, directed, coached, and to a large extent, played by outsiders. But because a few coaches are rotters, are all of them? Because some schools have put athletics on a semi-professional basis, are all doing the same? The characters of some of the greatest coaches of the day are beyond reproach. Tad Jones and John Blossom of Yale are both men of wealth and standing, religious and sincere. Roper of Philadelphia is a lawyer and may be the next mayor. Rochne at Notre Dame is a professor of chemistry. Dr. Speath, the famous rowing coach of Princeton, is an English teacher and Staggs of Chicago is a divinity man. It is a fact also that many schools, which some time ago adopted a half-vailed professionalism are finding that it does not pay and are slowly disregarding it.

Lastly the opponents claim that coaches receive larger salaries than they should in proportion to the salaries of the professors who teach their young hopefuls Greek and Sanscrit. Let us just notice a few salaries that were this year paid to coaches and their assistants. Harvard with their head coach and a swarm of assistants last year paid for the whole bunch only \$13,000. Roper gets \$4,500, in Princeton, and Fisher was advanced from \$4,000 to \$6,000 at Harvard. If one will investigate the case he will find that these coaches really earn more money than the professors. They work nearly twice as long each day and football coaches es-

pecially as a rule bring enough money into the school to pay for the whole system of athletics and physical training.

So let us investigate before we jump at any conclusions.

Athletics and Physical Training in Houghton

One is almost loathe to enter upon a discussion of this subject even if it resolves itself into a very brief one. He is sure to tread on someones toes. However the following is not an argumentative paragraph but as a plain statement of the facts.

In the first place the whole system of physical education which includes competitive athletics, is, using the very mildest language, in a remarkably bad condition. Even at that, those who had the privilege of attending our beloved school for the past eight or nine years inform us that the system adopted last year and still in vogue is the best that Houghton has ever endeavored to carry out.

This system which divides the whole school into two sides between which all competitive athletics are played, is poor even at the best. Superficially it looks fine but we find that the trouble with it is that it divides the school against itself as any systems of class teams will do. As it is impossible to forbid students the privilege of entering into any form of athletics, it is impossible to remedy the condition unless interscholastic athletics were sometime to be introduced.

In many schools interscholastic athletics are rotten to the core. In some schools, however, we are glad to say that

systems have developed in exactly the opposite direction.

If you really come to Houghton for the express purpose of studying the situation and then do so with an unprejudiced mind you will come to this conclusion. A CHRISTIAN coach, preferably from the alumni, who would be vitally interested in Houghton and her ideals, selected with as much care as a regular professor and, indeed, a full-fledged member of the faculty, peculiarly adapted to the unique work which would be before him—that of training the mind, the soul and the body of youngsters in conjunction, the supreme head of the department of physical education, paid no more than a regular professor, coaching a team in a limited form of interscholastic athletics, and lecturing in subjects along his line would be ideal. This would inseparably bind the athletics and the department of physical education into one.

Such a man (and he could be found) would wield a greater influence for good especially among the non-Christian students, than any one else could ever do.

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"Here, There and Everywhere!"

Matthew Gosbee

We see by the papers that Frank Chance, one of the "million-dollar infield" which made the Chicago "Cubs" famous in days of yore, is now manager of the Boston Red Sox. Will this "old-timer," whose ability as a leader in a by-gone period was second to none, be able to rejuvenate the former "world-beaters?" What a drawing card such a combination would have made a few years ago. The name "Chance" was one to conjure with and the crimson hosemen were able to pack any field to its capacity not so very long since. Will history repeat itself? The "Peerless Leader" has struck the keynote of success, at any rate, when he says, "The gang that fights all the time gets there." Is this not true in every other line of endeavor, too? Let's keep fighting, or, in other words, let's stick to it.

Speaking of old-timers and of the good old "Bean town," have you ever heard of the longest home-run on record? No? Well, it all happened in the old national league park in Boston, lo, these many years ago---at least the hit was made there but the ball never struck the ground until it reached Chicago. Now don't go away yet, it's the truth. You see, it was this way: the old Columbus avenue grounds were right beside the Boston and Albany R. R. tracks and a freight was making up on a siding just outside the fence. The ball was hit, cleared the fence, which was not so very far from the plate and went right in through the open door

into a box car. Just then one of the train crew came along and closed the door and it was not opened again until the train reached "Chi." When it was opened, the ball rolled out onto the ground. Some hit, was it not?

Who dares say that fiction is stranger than fact. If you do, listen to the following: In a bare little room on the fifth floor of a West Side tenement in Chicago, the widow of the former heavy weight champion, "Bob" Fitzsimmons, is dying in direst poverty. This woman, whose name is now Mrs. Tema Reiner, has, in her lifetime, spent more than \$100,000 in aiding those who have been "floored" by adversity, and at one time she pawned more than \$80,000 worth of jewels in order to alleviate suffering. This same woman gave up a fortune and her boxer-husband to become an evangelist. However, when the former "champ" was dying she abandoned everything to watch over him in his last illness and pawned enough jewelry to pay his funeral expenses. Meanwhile she kept giving to charity until, when old age has overtaken her, she faces death herself a subject of charity. She has certainly taken our Lord's advice to the rich young ruler when He told him to sell all he had and give to the poor. Need we have a doubt as to her reward? Can we not hear the voice of her Lord saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into

the joy of thy Lord."

The news that there is a possibility of the repeal of the New York Sunday baseball law should bring joy to the hearts not only of those who hold the Lord's day in reverence but also to every lover of the one-time clean game of baseball. Sunday baseball has done more to injure the name of the national pastime than has any other thing connected with the sport. Whereas the week-day crowds are, under ordinary circumstances, quite orderly, the Sunday crowds are made up, for the greater part, of a different type of people or if of the same type, it is that type under different circumstances, for the person who desecrates God's holy day seems, somehow, to revert for the time being to the barbarous or semi-barbarous state. Disturbances are by no means rare at any Sunday gathering where the object is other than that of glorifying God. Let us hope that the reformers are able to win in this contest and may the spirit of reform spread to every state in the union where the evil is found.

"Wrestling Titleholder operated on by Wife." At first glance we had the impression that this had reference to an operation which is reputed to be quite common in some homes (not Wesleyan Methodist ones of course) where the wife deftly extracts from the pockets of the trousers hanging over the back of a chair enough small change to buy a new hat, while the owner of the trousers fully unconscious of the operation as if under the influence of ether, rests serenely in the arms of "morpheus." This headline however did not refer to such a case. Upon reading further we find that Dr. Ada Lewis, wife of Ed (Strangler) Lewis, world champion wrestler, had simply operated on her husband for a gathering in his hand. With the women taking over all the men's work these days, one certainly does get confused.

Houghton and Her Standards

Rev. Arthur Oliver Northrup

We, the people of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America look to our schools for a standard. In fact they must now and forever be the standard because they produce the leaders of the Church and no body ever rises higher than its leaders. If in the years to come the standards of our schools are lowered to acquire the spirit of the world, our congregations in our church will follow the course because the leaders will first lower the standards from the pulpits. Higher criticism has reached the people from the colleges by way of the pulpit, and so will all other forms of worldly forces. The connection will remain Wesleyan Methodist in spirit, absolutely as our schools remain loyal in deed and letter. If from the doors of our institutions come the modern girl with bobbed hair and bobbed dress and bobbed ideals so will go the church in a limited time. This ideal reaches into every branch of the church. If our schools retain the scholastic standards they have already established, being able to supply the larger colleges with professors, our connection will advance intellectually, in a rational way along rational lines.

The ideals of any institution rest solely upon the basic principles of having and holding a straight, sure course rather than a possible hypothetical course. The average American college became contaminated because they were ready to depart from the prescribed course of truth and grasped at the teachings of German institutions whose hearts had been calloused by the dreams of world

supremacy regardless of means adopted to gain that end. We used American blood and manhood to defeat those dreams, but sad to say, we retain the erroneous teachings. It will react, and has already started in throwing our country into a reign of terror, caused by crime, unequalled in our history.

I firmly believe that there is an ideal in athletics as well as other activities. When we touch this phase of the subject we tread on dangerous ground. For the development of the physical is as essential as the mental and spiritual. In fact it is hard to successfully develop one without the other.

But there must be a line drawn here. The modern colleges are deluged today in the wild rush to athletic fame; some of them and many of them are seeking an honorable road back. While in conversation with a student from the University of Pittsburg, we were told that the captain of 1922 receives a salary of \$100.00 per month. The University of Washington paid Penn State \$10,000 guarantee for the game last year on the coast. In spite of the fact that the Yale Bowl is able to seat 70,000 people the alumni are planning to have two teams at each place (Yale and Harvard) next year. The gate receipts for the Dartmouth-Cornell game was over \$100,000. Coaches of high caliber are more in demand than prohibition agents or preachers. Some say he is using the extreme. All right, we will come down a few stories. I know of one small college, the kind Houghton would have to play, spending \$7,000 on football last year. If our schools were to adopt collegiate athletics it would cost more for a coach that would develop a team that could win

one-half of the schedule, than any president of our schools draws. Last year the salaries of the pastors of the Lockport conference was \$16,585.30. Would you want to divide up this with one coach and how would we feel that Wednesday night in prayer-meeting? I have seen some good men in my few years of acquaintance with Houghton. Some, if coached, would have been able to compete against big colleges, but more have been mediocre. In my honest opinion, we are under the present system developing a better physical, mental, and I am sure, spiritual body of men, then we would ever dream of under the modern system of college activities. I would like to see some more inducements for the students to compete in class games than we have at present. A cup, perhaps, like the literary department has, for the best class in Athletics. But as to the other, there are too many souls without Jesus Christ, there are too many fields ready for the gospel and no men nor money for Houghton to take up intercollegiate athletics.

But there is one standard I heartily endorse. A feeling went stealing when I saw that debating was to be revived. I believe you have the alumni behind you. We will cheer for you, work for you, and best of all, the thing we could not do if it were intercollegiate athletics, pray for you, and I expect Houghton will win.

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Boy: At the barber shop.

Boss: So you had your hair cut on the company's time.

Boy: Well it grew on the company's time.

Teacher: Willie give me a sentence with "fascinate" in it.

Willie: Mother has ten buttons on her dress but she is so stout that I can only fasten eight (fascinate.)

In a public school a teacher was instructing the pupils in tenses and in cross examining them, she asked what tense it would be if she said, "I am beautiful."

One little fellow seeking fun said, "That's past tense."

"See here, young man" stormed the irate father descending the stairs at 1 a. m., "do you think you can stay in the parlor with my daughter all night?"

"I'll try sir," replied the youth modestly "but I am afraid I will have to leave about 4 a. m.

Mrs. A: A terrible calamity happened in a crowded trolley car the other day.

Mrs. B: What was it?

Mrs. A: A lady had her eye on a seat and a man came in and sat on it.

While Gibbons was sitting on the beach one summer afternoon one of the beach belles came and sat down alongside of him. As we all know Gibbons is quite bashful so he moved away. But she did not intend to lose him so she moved up beside him again. After Gibbons and the beach belle had done this several times a large wave came along and upset them both. Gibbon came up coughing and spitting and exclaimed, "Oh, what shall I do, I have a mouth full of sand.

She: "Swallow it, you boob for you sure need it."

Son (to father): When I get big I am going to do as I please.

Father: Then you'll never get married.

Old Mose was wrestling with a balky mule when a bystander asked: "Why Mose where's your will power?" "Mah will power a mall right," came the reply "but did you all notice this mule's won't power".

A bachelor bought 2 eggs. Upon arriving at his apartment he decided to have the eggs for supper. He was about to crack one of the eggs when he noticed the following writing on the shell. "I am the pretty daughter of a farmer and would like to get married. I have several eggs marked so if you are interested write me immediately, Miss ——."

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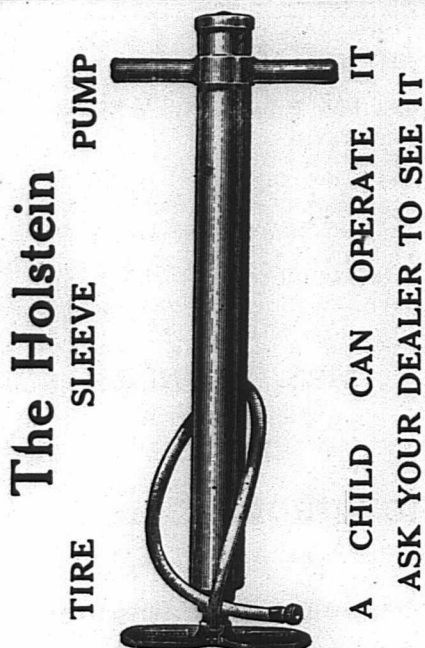
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