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forced her to leave her geometry class in the Math Department of Miss Mason's Castle on the Hudson and although a major operation was necessary that night—even the combination of chloroform and ether along with the force of the surgeon's knife did not stop Gladys from talking. I sat with her throughout the night and at intervals even in her delirium she would cry out in a domineering pedagogical tone, "Now, girls that's the last time I'm going to explain that theorem of Mrs. Winfried's hat to you. My teacher didn't have to tell me about it but once." "But, continued Effie to the eagerly listening group around the table—the next day we had a good time talking over old days. Gladys seemed to know everything about you people. "I didn't know until then, Josephine that you had been traveling with the Swarthmore Chautauqua and that you have really been enjoying that beautiful golden life that you longed for so long."

Josephine said, "Yes, sir, I wish you folks could imagine my surprise when Virginia Perry—you know she's a pianist in the same company—and I were walking down Broadway one afternoon and we met Myrtle Drake right face to face. I believe she was happier right that minute than I had ever seen her, for she just had to tell us about her wonderful plans. What were they Myrtle?"

Myrtle was just bubbling over with the thrill of enthusiasm and anticipation when she said "Oh, listen girls every time I think of what I am going to do, I can hear the band peacefully, peacefully playing 'Who'd have thought it'. I am planning to sail in August for Paris to study French styles. I have been running a French Modiste shop for the last two years in Birmingham and I like it exceedingly well. Mama thinks I should stay at home and recuperate. But I think I'll wait a year or two for that—wouldn't you?"

"I certainly would Myrtle"—readily agreed Gord—Now look here, its my time to be loquacious a little now. I've been so quiet at this affair until I'm near about crazy. Now I'm going to talk some and describe to you my little "Church in the Wildwood". It's the dearest little spot you know and it really is in Kalamazoo. I've been there now for three years—even since finishing my theological course at the Louisville Seminary—and I feel like I have accomplished some very material work there. My congregation seem to understand me and I have become peculiarly attached to them. Why, when I am talking on Sunday mornings everybody is so interested there's not a soul in my audience that makes a bit more noise than Alma Perry is making right now.

Alma, what have you been doing since we quit riding to school on the Mapleville truck?"

Why, Gordon, I'm still riding on that Mapleville truck yet. I go to Louisburg every morning with the school folks to my kindergarten work connected with the Graded School. Kenney Pierce drove for us this term but he graduated this year and I don't know who will have charge of us next year. I am going to carry you Seniors up there tomorrow to show you that lovely school building that Mr. Mills finally did get and it is fixed just as he wished it to be—every part of it. The kindergarten rooms are ideal—then there are accommodations for Domestic Science for the big girls, a vocational department for the boys and a well equipped gymnasium for all. And too, you must see that wonderful library. You can hardly get reconciled to the idea of those quiet, studious pupils, studying and using those Reference Books in doing intelligent research work. They are the most independent children I have ever seen. You would never think of them being any relation to us. Do you remember what nightmares our Civics and History and Virgil used to be to us because we didn't know how nor where to look things up."

About this time the fifth course was ended and as the dainty silver comports filled with the tiny lavender mints on which the expressive '22 ran diagonally across were being served—Annie Willis again played her part as hostess in suggesting that we sing our Class song. We did not hesitate for one minute for each word was as fresh in our memory as if yesterday were our Graduation Day. Then because, well, just because I don't know exactly why, but some Psychological motive prompted us with one accord to sing, "The End of a Perfect Day". Eleanor Perry.

Since time immemorial Folly has had a host of devotees at her shrine. It matters not how far removed from the realms of common sense or how offensive to the cannon of good taste are her mandates, there seems to be no diminution in the ranks of the loyal adherents of Folly and Foolishness. Even our class of 1923 has not been immune, for we are all her victims ever submissive to her slightest whims. As love laughs at the locksmith so Folly laughs at school teachers with their stern books and iron clad rules. A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men. It gives zest to life and it has been indulged in by even our August class this class composed of members with minds capable of grasping the most obtruse subject.

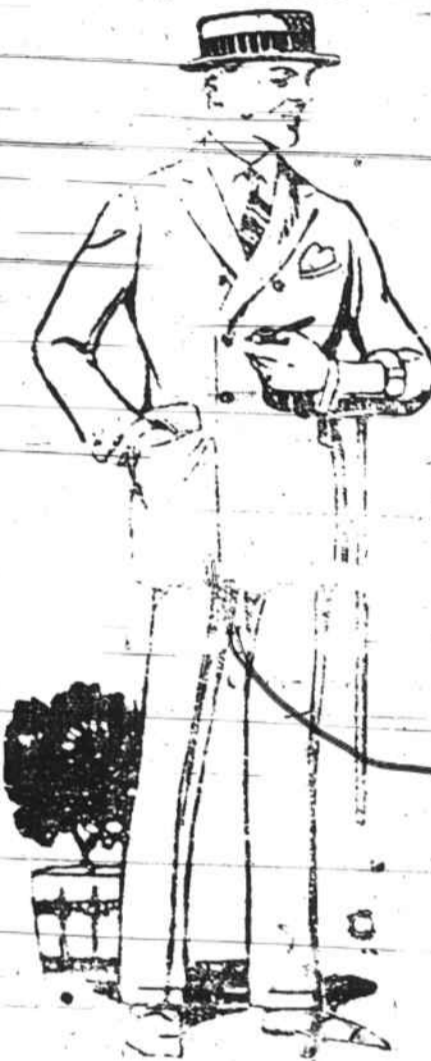
Every one has a mental lapse occasionally. The teachers know this and forgive us. The truth is, they should be grateful to us for relieving the monotony of school life, especially the monotony of examinations by frequent absurdities. While those teachers may rail and storm at us for the ignorance to which our papers give ex-

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pression, yet secretly they are glad of the opportunity to laugh as when they read in answer to the question.

"Who accompanied Dido to the temple?" Answer: "The Queens ascendants and descendants were with her."

As a class we are universally devoted to learning. The only reason this year we have not surpassed our former record, is that it has been so good it has defied improvement. That we have been good and faithful goes without saying, for I have never heard it said.

But that we have a remarkable power of endurance can not be questioned for we have weathered two years of Miss Mattie's examinations and we have the most sanguine hopes for the future. Often Elinor's lament still rings in our ears, "Oh girls that examinations last from eight till twelve but I doubt whether I shall."

In the class we have been the pride of our teachers and have faithfully kept the golden silence, when a ques-

tion was asked in French. Josephine Bryant wishes to know if the bow that is worn on the hair is spelled beau. Gladys explains her doubt on this point by saying,

"Out of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Maurice Clifton unwittingly reveals his idea of Gordon's generosity. Mr. Mills: "Maurice if you had \$10.00 and Gordon gave you \$5.00 more what would you have?" "Concussion of the brain," answered Maurice.

Trouble and Virgil are synonymous terms according to Effie Taylor. Teacher: "Effie, what are you doing, looking for trouble?"

"Yes ma'am," she said, "I am looking for my Latin book."

The appendix seems to serve no purpose anywhere. When we were about to finish our English, Reuben said, "Mr. Carpenter will we have the appendix?"

"No, I think that I shall cut the ap-

pendix out," he replied to him. Myrtle inadvertently reveals her mental calibre in answer to the question. "What is a vacuum?" She thought for a minute, scratched her head and said,

"Miss Mattie I have it in my head but I just can't get it out."

Annie Willis is so impressed with the fact that she is a graduate that she can't get the idea out of her system. While proving a geometry proposition she says, "Given a point from a sphere P A and P B are common graduates."

I understand that Alma and Virginia Perry have highly resolved, never again to suggest an April fool joke on any of their teachers, since the day they so bolterously persuaded the Seniors to be absent from the class room when our teacher appeared for a French recitation they have decided that being ignored and left hidden to their hearts content for fifteen minutes then creeping sheepishly back to their room to find a final examination

awaiting them, combined with the righteously vehement wrath of their fellow classmates is a fury too violent for them to combat ever again.

There is a cause for every effect so there must be some underlying cause for our numerous incongruities.

We belong to that happy class who realize that an appreciation of Folly, bespeaks not a lack of gray matter but a necessary indulgence to furnish the much needed relaxation after strenuous mental effort. Since the relaxation should be in proportion to the mental expenditure the over worked Seniors of the Louisburg High School are justifiable in being so often found following in the wake of Folly.

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