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THE courtesy shown the speakers in chapel is remarkable, especially that exhibition of it given by those on the lower floor. When the speaker seems to be near the close of his remarks a large number of the students begin to twist in their seats and to pick up their books. While, by one or two men, such actions would not create much disturbance, when some three hundred or more begin to act thus the words of the speaker can hardly be heard.

But recently discourtesy has gone further than merely picking up the books. One day this week the bell began to ring before the speaker was thru. The freshmen and sophomores made a break for the door. Such a performance as this is not only insulting to the speaker and thus a disgrace to the men who are guilty of it, but is also exceedingly foolish, with the accent on the "fool." Perhaps you may have a class immediately after chapel. And, indeed, one must not be five minutes late on his class. But the faculty give the tardiness, the faculty shall take it away. Besides, the gallery would enjoy hearing the rest of that speech.

FOR the past few days the weather has moderated considerably. Many students have spent a good deal of their time out of doors during the afternoons. All this has been taken as an excuse for cutting off the heat by the powers that be in running the heating plant. As we understand it the university is trying to economize on fuel at the power plant.

Those of the students who remain in the rooms while the heat is cut off feel the change in temperature very decidedly. If we could look more deeply into the cause of all sickness that has filled the infirmary this winter we might trace many a case back to some evening when the student was left sitting for several hours in a room unheated in the middle of January or February. Everytime the university saves a quarter's worth of fuel, a student buys a dollar's worth of medicine. Economy for university, but rough on the student.

Furthermore, the fuel that the university is saving does not belong to her. The students have paid for heat in our rooms, whensoever the temperature shall make it necessary. We've paid for the wood to make the heat and no one has any right to take it from our use, even tho they save a quarter and we lose a dollar in the transaction.

Spring is Coming

An old wasp was weakly clambering up over the edge of a book. The six legs clung tightly, and the wings were upstretched. Having reached the top, the wasp tried to fly and landed head foremost against the window pane, falling to the window sill; and then climbed slowly toward the top of a newspaper. Where the old fellow came from I know not. Perhaps, if I had torn out the moulding which partly covered a crack in the wall I might have found a nest of wasps stretching their legs and wings, just waking from the winter's nap. But I didn't make the search. Before I killed the one already visible, he had landed on the back of my neck; head foremost, tho, luckily for me.

And so, the world is waking up. "A really wonderful judgment," you remark facetiously, "to be caused by a wasp." And you continue sarcastically "Why only yesterday the clouds were thick and a cold rain with a cold wind swept from the northwest. It's two weeks yet, according to the ground-hog, before winter even breaks. It's hardly past the middle of February, Man, you're crazy. It's a whole month before Mother Nature shall stir up her sleeping progeny."

Aye, be that so? And you would like to argue about it, would you? Well, only the day before yesterday an old rooster hopped up on the fence and crowed at me while I was going to breakfast—

"Come, now. That's no sign. Eighty-one roosters woke me up this morning by their confounded racket. They do that every morning."

Well, ain't that a point in my favor? But since you are not satisfied I'll continue. Three days ago I saw a thousand or more little buttercups with their green stems an inch above the ground.

"How do you know they were not wild onions?"

You will interrupt so. I tasted one of 'em. Only yesterday I counted thirty-seven fellows in the postoffice at one time with blue goggles on. They had, to use scientific terms, pink eyes, caused by the pollen flying through the air from budding plants. That is sufficient evidence that the world is livening up. I'm told that it's a good plan when going on a hard class—

"How do you know they didn't have sore eyes. Fellows wore goggles last fall, and all through the winter. I wore them, and I had no pink eyes."

As I was saying, it's a good plan when going on a hard class to wear them. Evidently you don't want to believe what I'm trying to prove. No later than Wednesday I heard you yourself say in substance what I'm saying.

You were watching, "Red" Stewart and his baseball squad. Your eye was following Coach Lawson as he instructed his men in the fine points of baseball. You speculated on this catcher here, that pitcher there; you watched the men in the field as they sped the ball with accuracy to the mits of other fielders. Then the pitcher in front of you threw a sidewise, zig-zag drop to the batter, and the batter rapped it to the fence. And then you turned to your friend and said: "Man, did you see that?" You slapped him on the back. "Wake up, and yell." He tripped you into the ditch. And as you were raking last year's peanut hulls from your clothes, you said: "Spring-time is coming. I feel it in my bones. Let's match for peanuts."

They met at the well.
"Hello, Bill, whadju stan' on today?"
"Math."
"Have 'im spotted?"
"Never got blinded so bad innerlife. Missed fo' out er six."
"Hard luck, old boy."
"I sure hit the ceilin' all right, Whadju have?"
"Psych."
"Didju kill 'im?"
"Damfino. Godanything to smoke?"

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