

Flights of a Flea

-by-
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Monkey Business

It is with extreme interest that we note the passage of the so-called Anti-Evolution Bill in the good old state of Arkansas (not Arkansas) which forbids teaching in the public schools that "man descended or ascended from a lower order of animals." Now we always thought that the teaching of the doctrine of "monkeyism" was a theory, an hypothesis, however the good old Southwestern commonwealth must have been convinced that some lewd persons were "stacking the cards" and "cheating at the game" of presenting the matter as the Darwinian Theory. There is still some hope left for free thinkers at that. All that is necessary for the erudite now is to teach or direct research along the lines of theories and conjectures. Of course this is what has been done all the time, but who could convince a caucus of peanut politicians otherwise after they had effected something for the general welfare. Our legislators all over the country are determined to bring us into "the sheltering fold" by passing laws which give us the right and the ability to improve our morals and to cultivate our intelligence. Memories of Socrates and Plato! How far have we really progressed since the time of the truth seeking Greeks? And have we gained anything due to the fact that Milton did not become a barrister in his native England?

Since the good state mentioned above decreed that the act should go into effect on December 6, we wonder what is due to happen to the vocation of bootleggers in that state. It is highly probable that a good many of the stomach poisoners will elevate their attack by centering fire upon the young minds of the state. It is to be presumed that a good many will be found toting evil pictures of monkeys and chimpanzees on the hip and offering them for sale as good old pre-Dayton cuts. Now if only the Poole Bill had been passed in this state, we too could have made a little extra change by using some of the material gained in geology 2, botany 1, and zoology 1. Easy money is not to be scoffed at; so let us prepare to storm the gates of the coming legislature at Raleigh, and then earn a place on Easy Street!

A Place to Exercise

There has been quite a bit of agitation over another thing besides the current discussions in regard to the honor system, the desirability of femininity and the certainty of literary and dramatic criticisms. This is the call for a new gymnasium to supplant the present inadequate one. Several suggestions have been offered to remedy the situation. Then too, it is rumored that the next legislature will be called on to provide funds for a new structure and equipment. However we have happened upon a novel scheme for obtaining sufficient exercise for the student body. This is to have pep meetings every day in Memorial Hall and to allow different men to lead the cheers each day. The traditional old building would be an ideal place for such. Who would refuse to work in such an awe-inspiring atmosphere? Anyway we are under the impression that such exercise is already being taken. There is an assignment beat in the Tar Heel office which has the name of a man who is to cover daily the "chapel exercise."

Piracy on the High Seas

We learn that the Student Activities Committee is to meet next month and to consider, among several things, the various polemics held in the hallways and the drug stores over the Buccaneer of last year and the first issue of this year. We have been told that this committee is only to function in an advisory capacity. Let us all hope that no matter how unworthy of publication the Magazine and Buccaneer may be that no attempt will be made toward directing student legislation either for or against these publications. The trend of student demand in the nature of the magazines cannot be wholly overlooked ere any action is taken. And the futility of censorship, suppression, and removal is shown throughout the pages of history. It is worthy of considering this factor in any discussion of this sort.

HIBBARD WRITES ON TRUANT PROFS

Says Professors Are Spending Too Much Time on Research And Lecture Tours and Are Neglecting Class Work.

Dean Addison Hibbard contributed the leading article to "The Outlook" for the last week's issue; he wrote on "The Truant Professors."

Writing from twenty years of experience teaching, Dean Hibbard gave some very interesting side lights on American Universities.

Professors today, Dean Hibbard thinks, are spending too much time on research and lecture tours and other activities and are neglecting their classes. The modern university requires too much service to the state from most of its professors. Every time a teacher becomes proficient in his field he then is required to devote a large part of his time to going over the state visiting rotary clubs, women's clubs, giving extension lectures, and generally advertising the university. The more contact the university establishes with the people of the state, the more willing they are going to be to pay taxes to maintain the university. However, the dean says, the students are not getting what they are paying for. "We are robbing student Peter to pay taxpayer Paul" he says at one time.

Another great fault the dean finds with the universities is that the administrators do not reward true teaching. There is not enough compensation in it to keep the best men in the field; as soon as a man acquires experience and learning enough really to teach, he is placed in some administrative office. The proposal is made that more chairs of teaching be established so that the best men will get money enough to keep them in the field of teaching although they can get better jobs elsewhere.

Dean Hibbard makes a strong plea for the undergraduate. Many professors have a scorn for the undergraduate mind; Dean Hibbard would have the best teaching assigned to undergraduate courses.

Debate Class at Work on Next Tilt

Last year the problem of training intercollegiate debaters at the University of North Carolina was handled with some measure of success by a debate squad. Officials of the Debate Council, however, conceived a better plan which they calculated would create a greater interest in debating. Accordingly, arrangements were made with the School of Journalism for creating a debate class which would give a half course credit. At present this class is serving a double purpose by conducting a class for credit and at the same time maintaining the old teams, while the class comprises both the squad and those who are taking the work for credit.

For three weeks the secretary of the Debate Council has been conducting a program designed to give the class a thorough grounding in the underlying principles of debating. He has done this by securing certain faculty members to address the class on the subject of debating with references to their particular fields. Thursday night Professor McKie himself will give the last of these lectures in the form of a summary of the work of the class thus far. After this lecture the class will turn their attention to the next intercollegiate debate, which will be with Marquette University at Chapel Hill. Although the date for this contest has not been fully decided, it will take place about February 18.

Prof. Beard Attends National Drug Trade Meeting at Capitol

Professor J. G. Beard, of the school of Pharmacy, has gone to Washington to attend the meeting of the meeting of the National Drug Trade Conference to be held in the Hotel Washington on December 12 and to be present the following day at the sessions of the Joint Advisory Committee of the National Pharmaceutical Associations that will arrange for a comprehensive survey shortly to be made of pharmaceutical education in America.

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The Library

This Pencil Business

Before heralding the recent literary arrival at the Library let me air the Great Pencil Problem. For some little time now this institution has been acting as pencil purveyor extraordinary to the campus-at-large. Feeling that this is in direct competition with the Book Exchange we have installed several neat tin pencil-holders (complete with chain) at strategic points, such as the catalog. The object is to provide the loan of a pencil and not a gift of one. Bets are being freely laid with odds heavily against the likelihood of the pencils remaining long in their holders. One can only hope.

"Orlando" (Virginia Woolf) is the headliner for the week. Mrs. Woolf has been anything but a best-seller for so long that her sudden popularity with this quasi-historical novel must be a vast surprise to her. Space has never meant much to the novelist—New York in this chapter, India the next. But neither sex nor time is anything to Orlando's creator. The hero-heroine of this tale is a man to the beginning of the 18th century and then a woman down to date. The book is something of a literary curiosity being equipped with a preface, index to proper names, and illustrations reproduced from paintings and photographs of the chief characters.

Bromfield's "Strange Case of Miss Annie Spragg" has been talked about so much by now that it has the air of an old story, but the advent of a second copy offers a convenient peg to hang a recommendation on. If you want something with the charm of Thornton Wilder's "Cabala" and as redundant with life as anything of Arnold Bennett's this is your book. And while we're at it, let's say that it has more than a hint of Norman Douglas' "South Wind". Being composed of several virtually separate stories, each taken up and laid down from time to time by the author thoughtful for his readers' comfort, the book is less fatiguing to the mind than many. The story of Aunt Bessie Cudlip is not a moral one, but very amusing.

The motley crew left on the desk are as follows: (a) two first-class detective tales, John Buchan's "The Thirty-Nine Steps" one of the best of his Hun-slaying Great War mysteries; and Dr. R. Austin Freeman's latest "As a Thief in the Night". The good doctor, a stout staff on which all consumers of detective novels lean, is growing almost as procreative as Edgar Wallace, who, of course, rivals Caesar in his ability to wear out stenographers. The immortal Dr.

The South Carolina plantation Negro is presented in "Scarlet Sister Mary" (Julia Peterkin). It is concerned with the matrimonial and extra-matrimonial joys and trials of Mary, whose sins were not black but scarlet.

The historical novel seems to be coming back with a vengeance: This week we have two, Meredith Nicholson's "The Cavalier of Tennessee" and Gertrude Atherton's "The Jealous Gods." The first is about Andrew Jackson and his times, centering around Jackson's affection for Rachel Robards. The reviewers seem satisfied that no violence has been done the facts of Jackson's life, which is rather unusual in regard to a historical novel.

Mrs. Atherton's contribution to the genre which John Erskine has made notorious is descriptively called "The Jealous Gods; A Processional Novel of the Fifteenth Century, B. C. (Concerning one Alcibiades)." It appears to be a pleasant way of absorbing the spirit, if not the fact, of undying love Thorndike works his quiet deductive and inferential mysteries all through the book, much to the delight of his disciples.

(b) Of the remainder is Schnitzler's "Theresa; A Chronical of a Woman's Life. This is the first full length novel in several years by the famous Viennese. (c) is—whatever do you think!—Barrie's "Peter Pan" finally got into print. It is the guess of this here writer that the play's fall from popularity will date from this appearance between covers. Too much of Peter's charm lies in the glamour of the amber spot. However, it is

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AND SO—

With the close of football Saturday Grid Dust becomes a thing of the past. Throughout the past football season we have tried to present things as we have seen them. Often we have been criticized. At times the critics have not been content with heaping epithets upon the columnists, but have even threatened physical violence. There are those whose pride may have taken the column as it was meant, but through it all we have continued along the same lines, that of giving the little particles of dust that drifted off the gridiron to the students as we saw them.

Our policy has been to avoid unjust criticism, but to criticize when it was needed. Perhaps at times the criticism have been rather raw, at other times we were not direct enough, but we think that we have been just all the way around.

Throughout these columns there has been only praise for the coaches. From those who have attended practices regularly and who have followed the Carolina team through the entire season, there can only come praise for Coach Collins and those who have helped him mould the Carolina team of 1928. He has been untiring and he has been patient. At times it seemed that there were unsurmountable obstacles in his path, but always he has been there working with the team. The team seems to have assimilated part of his philosophy, for no one can say that the Carolina team has let the fact that they were going against a far superior team worry them. The bigger the team the harder Carolina fought. So it was with Coach Collins, the more injuries the harder he worked.

Therefore in closing this, the last Grid Dust for 1928, we wish to say, congratulations to Coach Collins and his team—they were never beaten.

OUR ALL-STATE

Before undertaking this task, we went to the trouble to ask several well known sport authorities throughout North Carolina as to the relative merits of several players. We did this not only to satisfy ourselves as to the worth of the players we were placing on an all-state team, but also to be able to satisfy those who will object to the selections made by the columnist.

There were this year four excellent ends playing on "Big Five" teams in this state. State had Jordan, Davidson had Brock and Carolina had Sapp and Holt. If Brock had been playing with a higher ranking team, he would undoubtedly have rated all-state, for he is an excellent defensive player as well as being very good on the offense. But being handicapped by the record made by Davidson this year and his size he is not quite in the class of the other three ends mentioned. We place Jordan and Sapp on the flank positions of our all-state team. They are both experienced and capable ends. Holt jacks the experience of the other two. At the beginning of the season it looked as if there was a dearth of tackles in the state, but with the closing of the season several players distinguished themselves with their playing. Notably among these were Koenig of Carolina and Kistler of Duke. Yet we feel that the playing of Lepo of State and Weatherby of Duke throughout the season overshadows the performances of the two juniors—Koenig and Kistler. Lepo and Weatherby have played consistently good football all fall and, despite the great playing of Koenig and Kistler during the closing games of the past campaign, are placed on the all-state team.

The three remaining positions in the line are easy. Just mention Faris and Vaughn for the guards and Schwartz for center and one has a trio who are in a class to themselves. Metts is good, but he hasn't the all round ability that Schwartz boasts, and then again he lacks the keen judgement the Tar Heel captain has. Schwartz is named captain of this

much to Barrie's credit that he suggests in Captain Hook's cigar holder, so designed as to enable him to smoke two cigars at once, a great labor-saving device.

team.

The real trouble comes in selecting four outstanding backs. Of course Buie and Warren get two of the positions, but the remaining posts are still vacant. There are a host of Carolina backs who are good, very good. There are Flynn and Kell at Davidson, Murray at Duke, and Melton at State, to select from. Of this number we have picked Murray because of his speed and general work throughout the past season. The Rocky Mount boy stepped into a breach caused by the injury of Jan-koski and more than filled the westerner's place. He gets the full back's position. The remaining half back goes to Nash of Carolina. Magner played great ball during the last two games of the season, but his performance during the early part of the season was not up to the great finish he made. Erickson also stepped into the limelight as did Maus, House, Jackson, Gresham and others during the season, but none showed the consistency of play that Nash did. His work against Wake Forest, Maryland, V. P. I., Georgia Tech, Davidson, and Virginia was outstanding. In the other games he was shaded by some of the other Carolina backs, but he played a large part of each of these games, and we hardly think that Coach Collins was playing him due to a lack of back field material.

In picking this team we may have overlooked some, but let us say in

closing our all-state selections that Wyrick of Carolina, Holt of Carolina, Donahoe of Carolina, Crum of State, Baker of Davidson and several others were worthy of consideration, besides those we mentioned in our selection.

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