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THE purpose of Junior Week is to furnish a holiday that may be enjoyed by every student in college. To do this there must be, in the course of the exercises, exhibitions so varied that all this mass of students can enjoy themselves. Consequently the program for the week is made to cover as many phases of university life as possible. This year nearly the whole field is covered. Athletics come in for the lion's share as usual. There is a baseball game for each day in the week that affords enthusiasm for the fans. Then there comes a track meet. Those in college fond of field sports get their satisfaction. After athletics come the social affairs; dancing for those who like to dance. The senior stunt affords amusement for those who wish to laugh. The Glee Club and the Orchestra satisfy the æsthetic desires of those who feel the power and beauty of music. If we could only have secured a debate for those who love to watch the mind work the week had been perfect. As it is an opportunity for every man in college to have a good time is offered. He who doesn't may hold himself responsible.

"KEEP going boys, I am watching you all," was the message Coach Lawson sent to the team in Winston when Lafayette had just piled up five runs in one inning. That message went from the student body as well as from Dr. Lawson. It makes no difference how the odds are we want our boys to keep going. And furthermore we want them to know that we are always watching their progress. If they are getting beat, so are we, and we feel their pain. If they are winning, so are we, and we rejoice with them—every one of us, all there. The game we lost to Lafayette was a hindrance to our success but it doesn't checkmate us. We've got plenty of moves still and we are going to improve on our game. We must and we are going to win steadily now, never losing so much as a pawn and always strengthening our position. The team is marching toward another championship and the student body is in the procession.

Randolph Nicholson

"That's a smart cat there," he said, referring to the old yellow Jake, which had just slipped in the door when I opened it. "He'll clean up the mice in a little bit, and he can whip anything on the place. He was a stray kitten—just took up here—and we couldn't get shut of him if we wanted to. Come


here, Jake, and turn over for me." The old cat came out from under the stove with rigid tail and lordly air, and brushed familiarly against the old man's leg. "Confound you! hain't I told you about runnin' up against me? You ain't bigger'n I am. But, Good Lord, he thinks he is. Gosh, he thinks he has the right to put all his loose hair on my leg, and trip me besides, and when I try to pick him up he snaps at me like the devil. Why, man alive! you couldn't begin to touch that cat." To disprove his statement I stretched out my fingers gently and said, "Come here, poor old kitty." For a moment he backed up against the stove and stared at me. "Come here, Jakie, old cat, I ain't goin' to hurt you." And to the surprise of us all, he brushed up to me with a great assumption of familiarity, as if to say, "Will you be my friend." I cautiously patted his back, and then let my hand slip softly down his back—when, "meow-wow", he doubled himself up and landed in the wood box. Mrs. Nicholson grabbed a knot of stove wood, and said, "Here git out o' there! Hain't I learned you nuff about that?" Jake took his time, and at last drew up on the meat box under the table. Randolph made a dive, and catching him by the tail pulled the cat out. And thus the unfortunate cat was driven from the room out into the cruel dark.

Randolph continued: "That rain did a sight o' good. Everything's growing now and doing lots of good. I planted about two hundred sweet potatoes today. Doggone if I see how I'm goin' to git all I want to plant on this little place.

"If I'd only know'd it I could have gone to that old reunion of the blue and gray that last time. Durned if I wouldn't like to see how some o' them places look up there. I bet they've changed a whole lot. Man, but we used to have some tough times. Many a night we've gone to sleep snug and warm in our blankets, with the tents over us, and wake up the next morning to find them all gone, perhaps in a field a mile away. The wind done it. And sometimes we'd wake up warm and snug with a foot of snow over us. You see when we went to sleep we'd cover up head and feet, and didn't know what happened. Why, durn it, one night I was on picket duty when a snow storm came up. When I was relieved I was so tired I didn't what to do. It was a mile back to camp, so I says to the boys, 'Boys, I ain't goin' back to camp, too tired; and I'd drop down in the snow behind a rock and cover up with my blankets. When the officer of the guard came around he couldn't find me 'cause I had been snowed completely under. They had to kick up the snow a long time before they ever found me.

"We fellows and the Johnnies used to have some mighty close times together, I'll tell you. When we were on the Rappahannock, them on one bank, and us on the other we used to exchange papers. We'd fasten a twine out of a sail and put the paper in it and start it across. They'd git it and send it back with another paper. Sometimes they'd invite one of our men over to take breakfast or swap coffee for tobacco. But each side had to send a man across when we did that. They'd start one at the same time our man started, and he'd stay till our man got ready to come back. Sometime they'd spend an hour or two talkin' and smokin'. We used to go fishin' out on the rocks, and when we got ready, we'd say, Johnnie, we want to go fishin', are you goin' to shoot us, or perhaps they'd say it. 'No, we ain't goin' to shoot', and they'd send men down to fish with us."

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