

THE WILDERNESS
BY J. OSLER BAILEY

At least, folks with money on the Blue and White didn't lose anything Thanksgiving.

The above statement is only a half-truth. The fellows who invested in pennants, ribbons, and arm-bands lost pretty heavily. Who wants a soggy megaphone, a wet rag or a pennant—or anything else except a raincoat and some dry hose, in the rain.

A couple of apple vendors didn't fare with the pennant hawkers. Someone threw an apple at the smart city feller who insisted on standing up along the fence in front of everybody else. That started a battle which, at least, succeeded in selling two baskets of apples and crushing one derby hat.

Water wasn't the only liquid permeating chill bones, atmosphere, and soil Thursday last. Algernon was on hand, with Reginald for backfield support. Algy was just a trifle lit, and was still thirsty. He tilted a pint-sized bottle of Orange County dew-drops to his parching lips, while the bleachers heaved such a sigh that Frondy thought Virginia had scored a touchdown. He hiccupped down a goodly tankard load and leaned serenely back on Reggie. "Drinsh my likker, Reg, O' Top!" He handed the bottle to Reggie, he thought. "Whash doin', Reg?" he casually observed as he heard a peculiar liquid gurgling around Reggie's feet. He looked up to Reg—but saw instead our police Force, Himself, bottle in hand, pouring five dollars out on the ground with a most official smile. Cat-calls from the bleachers feature the fade-away!

Water and lightning juice weren't the only liquids in evidence at the game: there must always be a right smart of slop when fair ladies get drunk together. We saw a couple of them imbibing from a golden flask: we heard some words we had never heard before in spite of the fact that we've been to sea with ten nationalities in sailors: the scene was, to be frank, nauseating.

Man may be something of a rotter, himself—but he wants his women fine. It's the nature of the species. He has come to take smoking and promiscuous necking for granted in the ultra-modern girl—but when she gets rotten drunk and starts her sickly cussing—it is utterly disgusting to any folk of the male persuasion we have ever seen.

When we got home after Thanksgiving we found in addition to the Turkey hash, relic of Thanksgiving dinner, a covey of six newly-shot quail. That puts us in mind of a

somewhat tragic incident in our own life:

The author,—or the perpetrator, as you choose,—of the Wilderness Colyum was once a great hunter. On one occasion he even essayed to carry a gun along. The dog started to tree—or is it point?—a rabbit. The rabbit was making about 60 or 80 right down a ditch, the dog hard behind. Our valiant hunter,—Ourself, if you please,—raised his doughty weapon and fired point-blank at the rabbit. But the rabbit and the dog were both traveling so fast that when the shot reached the rabbit, it hit the dog. The dog died. Since that funeral event, the great outdoor sport for us has been fishing.

At that, in our opinion, the best way to go fishing is to take a good book along and leave the bait at home.

The old Campus can hardly be said to be a thing of beauty just now. But good excuses can be offered for a great part of the clutter. The large building program which is now going on is the cause of much of it. New athletic fields, new class buildings, not to mention the remodeling of Old East, necessitates a great deal of untidiness. Many are of the opinion that it should be entirely rebuilt, but something must be pardoned to the cause of sentiment. The thing which will trouble many alumni will doubtless be the fact that they will be unable to take their relatives and friends through this old edifice, and relate to them, with the closest attention to detail, just how it was when they roomed in the old affair. Perhaps it is just as well, for they would hardly recognize it as the place they knew.

DR. SHEPHERD

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fine points in the relations between the United States and Latin America he delighted his audience with fresh satire and dry humor.

AUDIENCE AGHAST

The speaker took two stands which were indeed shocking to his audience. The first of these was the assertion that the same relations between the United States and Latin America would have occurred, Monroe Doctrine or no Monroe Doctrine. "These would have arisen and developed anyhow, if none of the authors of it had ever lived," he said. "They have proceeded, instead, from the huge expansion of the United States and from the relative backwardness of the Latin-American countries, which have given to the United States an international position unique in the world."

This learned authority also declared that the Monroe Doctrine "doesn't

work but is workable." To this may be added his statement that there never has been an occasion thus far in the history of the United States for the use of the Monroe Doctrine.

NO PEDANT

Throughout his speech, in support of his contentions he never advanced fine drawn distinctions, the bulwark of the average college professor, and strange to say preferred the concrete to the abstract. Though at times above the college student, it may be said in his favor that rarely did he play the part of the pedant.

In opening his speech he said that the Monroe Doctrine and our relations with Latin American republic was a three sided relation—a triangle composed of Europe, the United States and Latin American republics. Then he brought out the American's disregard of the Latin American viewpoint stating that unless it "is given due consideration, its genuine meaning will ever be elusive and contradictory."

PRINCIPLE SELF DEFENSE

"Distinctions between a true and a false, an original and a derived, Monroe Doctrine should never be drawn. It is neither obsolete nor moribund, nor vagarious nor changeable. The fundamental principle it sets forth remains today what it has always been: that of national-self-defence for the United States."

On top of this he asserted that therefore the Monroe Doctrine belongs exclusively to the United States. Under the same conditions and sailing under a different name "the principle would be equally local and peculiar to any and every other in-

dependent nation which asserts its belief in the right of self defense. It cannot properly be affirmed by joint action with other nations. Nor can it similarly be converted into a world principle."

NO DANGER AGGRESSION

From this Dr. Shepheru passed to the fact that since the war of 1812 the United States has never been in danger of aggression either from Europe or the Americas. Then beginning a rather drastic dissection of the interpretation placed on it now, he said, "For upwards of twenty years after its pronouncement no effort was made to enforce the Monroe Doctrine in any of the senses which have been read into its obvious meaning; and none in accordance with that meaning has been made since. The Monroe Doctrine, in fact, has never been applied at all, because there has been no reason to apply it."

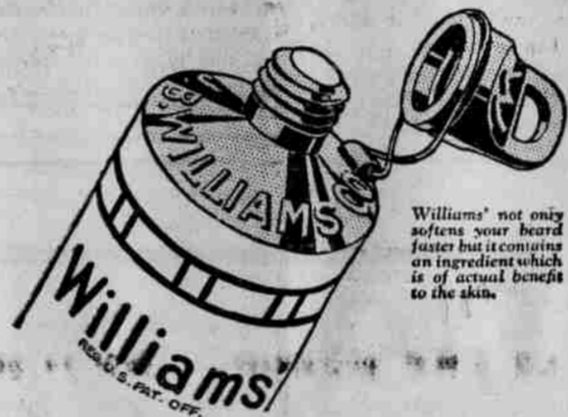
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