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## CAMPUS QUAKES AS RIVAL GANGS PLANT PINEAPPLES

### ALBION BEAUTY BREAKS THROUGH

Cupid's dart has at last pierced the hard heart of Kenneth Ollis, prominent Alma Collegian and generally versatile young man. The fact was recently brought out after the return of the International Relations Club from the Model Assembly at Hillsdale.

It was rumored last week that an engagement would be forthcoming. Ollis went on record as saying that it would be fifth coming as it does after the other four. Dame Rumor had it that the engagement had taken place after this statement had been known, generally. It was pointed out by the critics of such things Ollis did not have his fraternity pin. Investigation by Almanian reporters disclosed the fact that Ollis never had a pin, deeming it unwise and unnecessary.

Upon hearing this news the Campus busybodies went into a huddle to see what they could see. A delegation of reporters went to Ollis' apartments and were denied admittance by the butler. Forcing entrance through a second-story window they confronted Ollis with the facts. He refused to make a statement, saying that his lawyer had told him that anything he might say would be used against him.

Question: "How long have you known this girl?"

No answer.

Question: "Where did you meet her?"

No answer.

Question: "Are you really engaged?"

No answer.

So it went. Ollis maintained a dignified silence. He only broke it to say, "Look here! If you guys print that stuff I will wring your necks!"

Members of the doggy International Relations Club were interviewed, with better results. Bit by bit the story was pieced together. Ollis, it seems, met the girl at a dance at Hillsdale. He was immediately smitten with her charm, she being his long-sought ideal. Ollis has always said he wanted a girl about thirty and this one goes him five better, being at least thirty-five, if reports are correct. Ollis begged for a dance on bended knee. The request was granted. (CONTINUED—Try to Find It.)

### obj-ECT lesson fer today



Photo-graph by Slide Garder

The "Swipes" in the above picture is looking at a piece of pie. He is an intelligent "Swipe." He is thinking about going over to the "lab" and getting a microscope. He wants to look at the pie through the microscope, to see whether it is a piece of pie or a little fly speck on the plate. If he decides that it is pie he will eat it, yes, sir, plate and all. "Swipes" have a habit of doing those things. When he has finished the pie he will feel happy. He will then proceed to the kitchen and stick his thumb in all the butter. Aren't the "Swipes" playful little fellows?



Hogan

### Up-River party Is A big Success

Well, well, well, Folke, what do you know? Nothing? Then let us tell you all about the latest social event. Dig out your ears. Here goes:

"Artie" and "Libby" took a little trip up-river last week and Oh, Boy! did they have fun, the little darlings? "Libby" took along a lunch, and "Artie," little parasite that he is, took along himself and his usual sack full of quips and cranks and funny stories, gleaned from much and concentrated perusal of current humorous publications.

They had a lot of fun, way up there in the big woods, where men are men and women are a nuisance. The party was a great success. "Artie" set the woods on fire and "Libby" gambled in a patch of poison ivy. They were also scared by a rabbit. This photo was snapped at that crucial moment. Ain't we got fun? The blank expression on their faces is not due to any fright. It is quite typical and usual.

### NICHOL WINS THE "NOTED BEAUTY"

Among Wright Hall girls, admirably cross-sulted in the last several weeks, is Ann DeKraker. After a whirlwind courtship with Stephen Crowell, the one-eyed swipec, she recently switched to Irwin Nichol, The Invincible Ionian, sole owner of his name (and nothing else.)

"Nick" swept the girl off her feet in the first wild rush of his inconceivable courtship and she has been gasping for breath ever since. The amount of money that Nichol spends classes him with the wealthy set of the College. Some time ago he bought her a Coca Cola and a Hot Chocolate, all the same night. This is practically unheard of in Alma. It might be great stuff in Ionia, but the Alma boys have sought ever to discourage such ideas, because they are prone to be carried too far.

Nichol, however, enjoys a profitable business stringing racquets and girls. It is not everyone who could so effectively handle such a pair of (Continued in 1935, about 1 o'clock)



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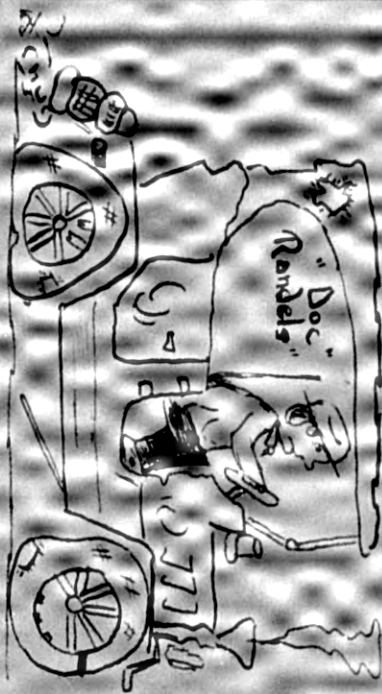
### NUSE IN BREEF

Helen Logan, college co-ed and cut-up, is ill with St. Vitus dance and is unable to leave her room. The malady struck her down in the reception room of Wright Hall. Doctors say that she will never recover.

College authorities announced today that Fred Klerkoper, ten semester man, would be graduated to avoid burning down the buildings to get rid of him.

We know an interesting story about Les Harris and Flora, and that's the long and the short of it.

Indications show that the crop of Campus poets will be even worse than it is this year.



PREXY

this PICTURE PRESENTS A hair-raising Problem.

Spring has come and all the little sprouts are sprouting and all the little birdies are scarce, though now and then some one makes one provided he is good (Yes, good and clever at marking the score card.)

Besides these things, spring brings a host of other blessings. Noticeable among them is the fact that in the spring "Doc" Randels' fancy lightly turns to thoughts of his farm and planting and all that sort of thing. We cannot condemn men for this sort of practice, though we cannot always condone them.

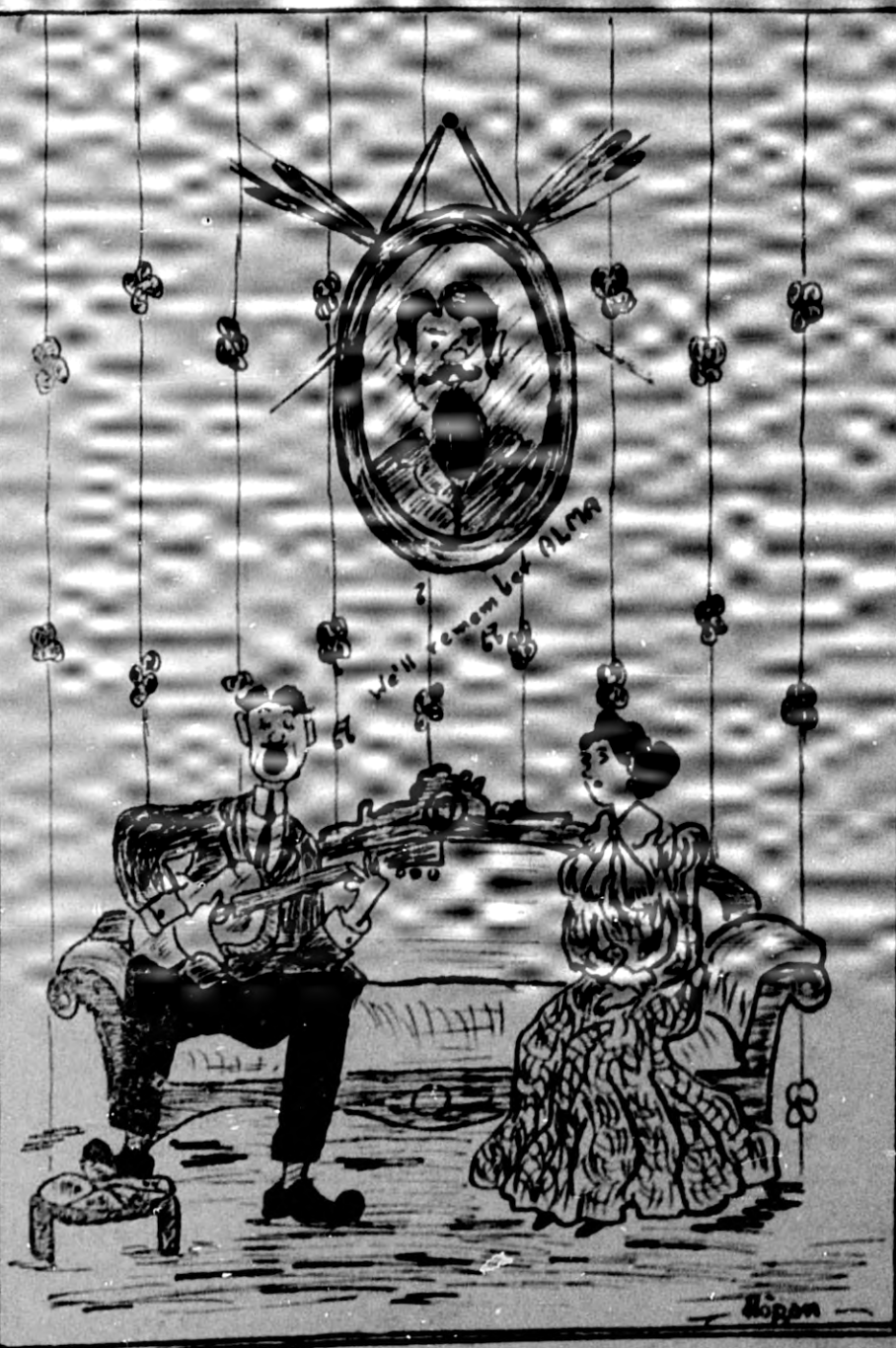
It is at this time of the year that Doc pulls on his boots and overalls and hops in the little old bus and drops out to the farm to see how the annual crop of weeds is coming. The picture shows the "Doc" hot on the trail of a little cut worm. We hope he gets him and flunks him.

### lookIE, Lookie!! nite HALL Reception ROOM!

The above photo shows all the modern conveniences to be found in the Wright Hall reception room. Men are well received here, and they are allowed to do anything that was deemed decorous in the "gay nineties." The only trouble is that nothing was deemed decorous in those days.

One may see grandpa something-or-other's picture in the distance. Do not notice it as it would be hard on your nerves. There is only one inconsistency in the picture, that being the musical instrument. Such things are not allowed in the "hall."

Charlotte and Earl posed for this picture (bless their little hearts.) It is a typical scene, for Earl is always found in Wright Hall. In this camera study they are showing spaced parking, latest college craze.



Hogan

### HOSFORD KOPS THE peTersEn Gets date with RED head GAL

Charles Peterson, owner of one of the finest collections of pictures of beautiful girls (most of whom he does not know) broke out of his trance and in the face of the most severe competition in years, dated the "Red Head."

This is the first time that this has occurred in some time. We are glad to see that Pete is back to the old form. In speaking of her Pete said, "If she will only say 'yes', I will sell out my collection to Eddie Gould, my sole rival in the field. Should Gould get this collection, it will make him the most pictured man in the State of Michigan."

It is said that McLellan, famous heart-breaker, will put in a sealed bid. Peterson does not desire to sell to him, however. The reason is apparent. The picture of the "Red Head" will not be included.



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EDITORIAL

SPRING FOOTBALL

The following are actual photographs taken on Bahlke Field during Spring football practice. We recommend this to our readers as good reducing exercises. Best results obtained if taken on rough grounds, gravel roads, rock piles, pavements, cement cross-walks, etc.



The picture on the right represents a successful nose-dive, and one player actually plowed up enough ground with one of these exercises to raise four acres of sugar beets. Any student who successfully masters this style of play would be in great demand during summer vacation on any farm. In practicing this stunt be sure to hold your head high and keep the left big toe on the ground. Also before making the tackle look around and pick out a good soft spot. Thousand are now making big money. Why not you? Coaches are in demand. SEND FOR OUR FREE BOOKLET. It costs you nothing and also contains 100 other interesting and helpful hints on how to spend your summer vacation.

MOBS SHOOT EACH OTHER IN STREETS

During the past week, another war has broken out between Alma's two leading gangs—the Clizbes, led by "Texas Red" Erickson, Alma's master criminal, and the Tzadmchs\*, headed by that king of gangsters, Uncle Charley Brokenshire. The past few days have been full of horrible atrocities committed by various members of the rival gangs on their enemies. This is the first outbreak since Al Knapp, leader of the notorious Tri Gamma dope ring, was run out of town.

The present altercation started last Wednesday, when someone entered

the stronghold of the Tzadmchs and stole two Italian grammars and a case of Uncle Charley's best near-beer. The latter was up the street making a call, while Hebe was busily engrossed in writing a sermon; so the thief, whoever he was, had a fine opportunity to carry out his work. It is reported (confidentially) to this paper that Vincent D'Angelo, Erickson's fiery little Italian henchman, was seen prowling around the Brokenshire castle. D'Angelo, however, when accused of the deed, swore that he spent a quiet evening at the city library, and didn't go near to Maple Avenue. Be that as it may, the Tzadmchs are sure that it was the work of their bitter rivals.

\*A name invented by the leader—it is a Russian word meaning rough, tough, and nasty.



JIMMY MISSES NOT MRS.

TSH! TSH!

The fashion of reverting back to the good old days of yore was revived last week when the Zeta Sigma Fraternity appointed Stephen Crowell to the position of Chaplain for the society. This is a new revival of old-time methods.

With the signification of Crowell to devote his life to the ministry came this signal advancement. Crowell made this decision after much deep thought, a rare thing indeed. He assumed his duties initially last week Sunday at the Presbyterian Church of this city.

BOOK REVIEWS

Latest Book Reviews by the great authority, I Read A Lot.

"WHY I CANNOT GET A GIRL," by Frank Anderson.

This book carries you through all the passions and depths of despair so characteristic of the author. Beginning with the letter to a prize beauty inspired by seeing her picture in the paper, Anderson carries you through his numerous love affairs, devoting great time to the first authentic account of his whirlwind courtship and subsequent engagement to the world-famous beauty, Marjory Lundbom. For the first time Anderson discloses the reasons for the breaking up of that ill-starred match. It is simple, direct, and forward, like the author. It makes especially fine reading for the children and is especially recommended to the Wright Hall girl.

HOW I CRASHED THE LEAGUE, by Clark Jamieson.

The inimitable "Colonel" of Almanian fame, comes through and tells for the first time how he crashed the Wright Hall League. "Love them and leave them," is Clark's motto. "For three years I tried to make the grade. They called me a weakling and a sissy," says Clark. "Then came my great moment. I showed them I was every inch a man. I owe my popularity to my natural beauty and ready wit," he continues. Don't miss this book. It really amounts to a Wright Hall Manual. Handy for the desk or waste basket.

THE MAROON AND CREAM, Junior Class.

"The Maroon and Cream" is the biennial publication of the Junior Class. It gives the Juniors a chance to show the rest of the students how little they know. The book is full of pictures and has occasionally a worthwhile laugh. Struble's Art Work is terrible. Don't spend your money for this. Get a Western Story Magazine and amuse yourselves.

WHOOPIE MY DEERS

Affairs were brought to a crisis last week with the announcement by Sheila Littleton that she would allow Lornie Smith, former cellar man in the Sheila Littleton Affection League and Wild Bull of the Campus, to escort her to the J-Hop. The news came as a shock in polite circles.

Heberlein and Johnson, one time tied for first place, made it known that they would not contest the decision, good losers as they are. Working on the assumption that Sheila would accept because of noticeable intimacy of late, Paul approached her last week and asked for the coveted date. He was refused. The ambulance was summoned to take him home. He is reported as doing better now, but it is thought that the shock to his nervous system will be too great.

Lornie, upon being questioned, responded in his usual good-natured manner, joking with the reporters and saying that his success was not due to any merit, but just luck and the breaks of the game. Lornie is a modest and retiring youth, but it is expected that he will do great things if he keeps up this continued success. "Tiger" McEvers says that this will soon put Lornie out of the sandlot league.

Johnson maintains a dignified and philosophical silence. "It does not do anyone any good to worry over any girl," he said. "I know she just wants to make me jealous." Quite a boy this Johnson.

This latest quadrilateral has furnished entertainment and diversion for the Campus for the last two weeks.

We know that Amos Ruddock, the Bad Boy from Detroit, likes to give the "low-down" on everybody else, but don't relish a joke on himself. Well, here's one the office devil knows about Amos and we're going to "spill it" and slip it through the Almanian when The Bad Boy ain't a-lookin': He took a sweet kid out one night recently and said: "Gee, I feel like a regular sport. I feel so good tonight in fact that I am going to open up and buy myself an ice cream cone and you can watch me eat it."



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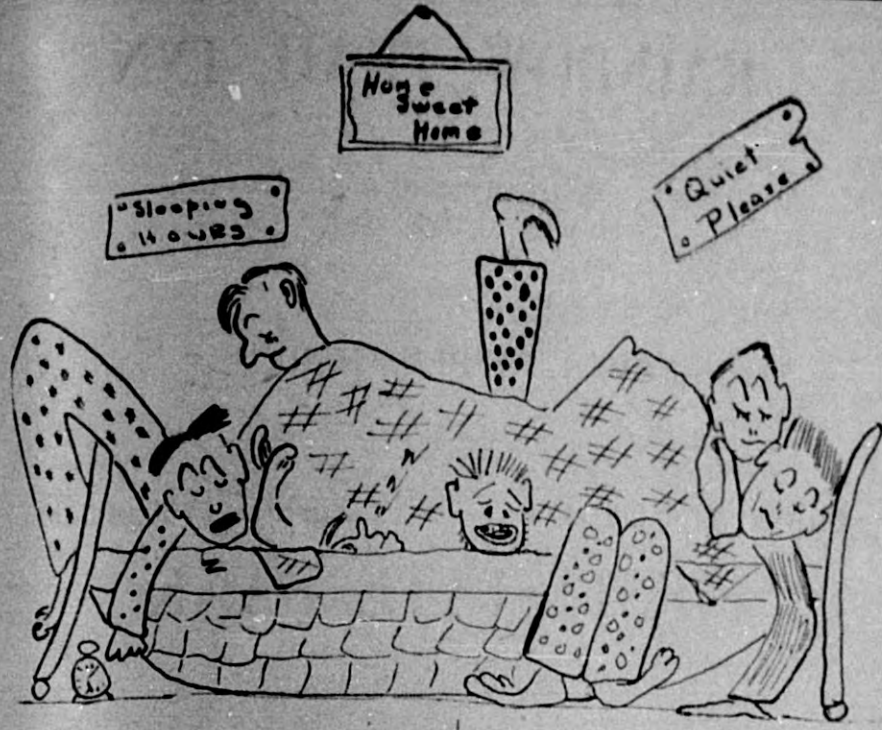


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The little trip to Hillsdale certainly brought about some interesting complications. Besides the Ollis affair and passing over the fact that Prof. Journey absented himself from the sessions for one whole afternoon and thereafter failed to give a satisfactory account of himself, we have the case of Walter Elder. Elder seems to have been seeking a change of atmosphere.

At the same ball where Ollis met Cleopatra, Elder met his little dream girl, in the shape (and a good one, too) of a little blonde from Central State Teacher's College. This little blonde put a big and fast one over on Elder, completely entrancing him in the first few seconds of play.

Elder at one time held the phlegmatic championship of the College and has earned richly and often the

name of Love Pirate for his unscrupulous stealing of other fellows' girls. Wright Hall especially proved a prolific and fecund field for his unnatural and uncanny ability in the field of Dan Cupid. Of late years he rather settled down to one girl. You all know who she is. The trip to Hillsdale brought out the old fighting blood and Elder entered the lists once more.

After rushing the blonde all over the dance floor, Elder took her home. (Not to Mt. Pleasant). When he returned to the Frat house where he was to stay, he found all the beds occupied and he had to sleep on the floor. This made him a little stiff. Anyway he was a stiff.

It is rumored that the little lady will soon put the notorious shiek back into circulation once more.

and Dick (all old familiar couples) and Emmery and Nan were back for it and how good it seemed to see them!

This week-end ushered in the Philo Formal. Saturday night. We found Irene and Ralph among the members. We feel sure they'd be able to tell of all the beauties of Alma in the spring. We hope we'll see them next week-end, too! Ora Collier had a Hall guest (as well as another guest)—she also attended the party.

Next week-end we hope to see all of them back and we know if they could see the old Campus today—Spring at last! and no other campus could hope to compete with ours in the Spring. Well, we just know it would "get" them and they'd come back to live their romances all over again!

The week-end after the J-Hop is the Kappa Iota Formal, Philo House Party, and Alpha Theta House Party. We do hope the Hall stands up under the shock of having so many of us away for the week-end. The ghosts up on fourth can prowl around all they want to and not be disturbed.

At the beginning of the year the Co-Ed Column warned you about the Spring on Alma College Campus—Are you ready for it? Well, take care—it will get you if you don't watch out!

Well, Helen, come again. We enjoyed your little visit to the Sanctum Sanctorium. Come again when you got more time.

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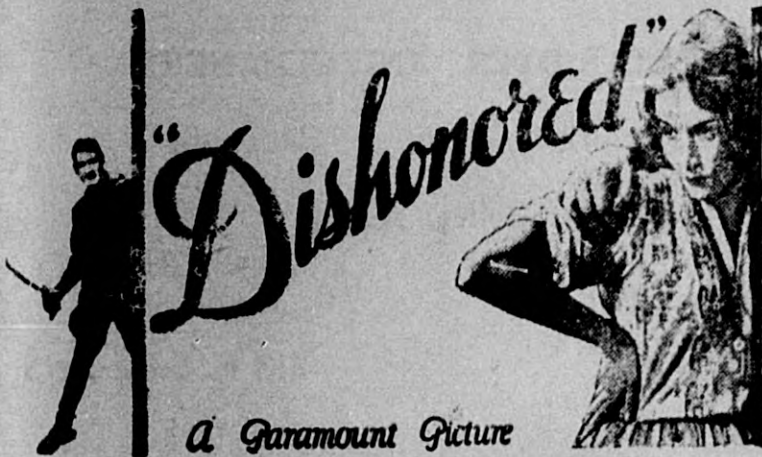
Many things have happened since

Co-ed News appeared last. We've had busy week-ends and busier ones are ahead of us.

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Wright Hall girls severely lectured Miss DeKraker last week. Nichol is not the boy for her, according to them. 'Nick' is a man of many complexes and even now cannot master his inhibitions, whatever they are. It is a pity that Ann should make such a poor choice. She scored first place in the Freshman intelligence tests and shows much mental ability and capacity along other lines.

**Albion Beauty Breaks Through**

ed. End of first round.  
The girl came out of the first dance with a slightly damaged foot. She stamped on Ken's toe. Ollis took the corners in second. Time out for punch. The orchestra sounded. End of the second round. Honors all to Mr. Ollis.

The girl came out of her stupor and hooked Ollis for twelve straight dances. Honors all to the girl. Discussion centered about twelve and one-half cent words, the girl scoring heavily from the twenty yard line.

The promenade homeward was the feature of the evening, from all points of view. The Almanian will refrain from printing the exact details, lest one should accuse us of degenerating into a tabloid. The next day Ollis gloomily bade farewell to Hildae, eaving his heart there among the dance hall sweepings.

Ollis has not been the same man since. He is broken in health and in spirit. Reports from his professors

are to the effect that he is not up to his standard. He seems to be getting his work in on time and seems to be bidding fair for passing grades in all courses. This seems to signify that the man is in love. Yesterday Ollis broke down and confessed all before a coroner's jury. The announcement of the betrothal will take place soon. Reverend (?) Heberlein will officiate at the ceremony as he always likes to do.

The Wright Hall girls are mad. So is the Wright Hall League. At a recent meeting of the League a resolution was introduced to the effect that Ollis should be reprimanded for his unseemingly conduct. Most people are of the opinion that Ollis should have patronized the Home Talent. In defense of himself Ollis said, "What is there to pick from?"

**DIARY OF A MODERN PEPYS**

(With apologies to O. O. McIntyre)  
Up betimes, and to a breakfast engagement at the Ritz Hall at 7:15, then to while away the hours under various learned gentlemen, who spoke of, I know not what. At noon to a delightful luncheon served a la' make-shift at ye Hall. Hence to more lectures and to dawdle away the rest of the afternoon.

In the evening to a delightful (?) dinner at the Hall, which consisted of: Fruit cup, Consomme, Filet Mignon (nothing whatever to do with the overture), French fried taters, Waldorf Salad, Chocolate Mousse (not the common house variety) and a Demitasse. (Correct all false statements and address replies to, The Firemans Child, Alma and environs.

So to the Strand Opera House to see "The Alma Follies." To dine after at the Strand Coffee Grill, then home to bed late-late, being lulled to sleep by the enchanting melodies of "The Old Maestro."

Washington (IP) — Because the President of the United States could not find a popular book in the executive mansion the first night of his occupancy, the nation's booksellers are now reported to be preparing a collection of five hundred volumes as a gift to the White House.

Such books as Don Quixote, Sherlock Holmes, Tom Sawyer and Uncle Remus, as well as many of the best current novels, are to be included in the list.

The idea is said to have originated with Mr. Watson, father-in-law of Herbert Hoover, Jr., who noticed, the evening after Hoover's inauguration and before the Hoover private library was installed, that members of the family wished to turn to books for relaxation and that none was available.

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