

LITERARY SOCIETIES

ONETA CURRIE

Literary Societies?—Why, we have none!

THE need of societies has long been evident in the Vassar High School. We have long felt the need of these but other things have claimed our attention and we have sadly neglected this side of school life. Two years ago two literary societies were organized and for a while they interested us, but our minds were soon distracted from this and we resorted to other interests. In the last year we have regretted this deficiency, but hope that other classes in future years will have greater orators and seek this channel to gain publicity. But of course, our lack of orators has not been responsible for this missing link; it is simply our modesty! This is not an apology for our inadequacy, but a mere explanation.

From the foregoing remarks, one might naturally think that we were a listless, indifferent class, but on the contrary we are vivacious and would be as capable participants in societies as some of our predecessors.

One has only to reflect on the success of the various plays and entertainments we have given to be convinced that we have talent which has been cultivated, though not through regularly organized societies.

In coming years, we sincerely hope that the classes will have society organizations and that they will credit us a little with the efforts we have made.

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MISCELLANEOUS

N. B.—Owing to the fact that these jokes cannot be printed on tissue paper, some may experience a little difficulty in seeing through them.

Prof. Osgerby—"What three words are used most among Juniors?"

Junior Boy—"I don't know."

Prof. Osgerby—"Correct!"

Miss Winkler (in English)—"The princess was married by proxy."

Clinton M—"Who was that guy?"

Miss Peterson—"Do you know 'I Need Thee Every Hour'?"

Myron T—"This is SO sudden."

Miss Lidke—"He nodded a welcome to her with his hands."

Miss Thompson—"Where is the alimentary canal located?"

Bright Senior—"In the Northern part of Indiana."

Supt. Osgerby—"How do you account for the fact that the king was killed by a bomb?"

Brilliant Soph—"It exploded."

Miss Williamson to Leon N. (who wasn't paying attention)—"Who was George Washington's father?"

Leon N.—"Well, er, George Washington's father was the grandfather of his country."

Poor Soph!

When the telephone bell jingled merrily at police headquarters a feminine voice replied to Murphy's "hello!"

"Is this the night watch?"

"Yes, madam."

"Well, I want you to find my boy, Gage, and send him home."

"What has Gage done?"

"Nothing. But he won't stay home nights. And sometimes he doesn't get home until nearly ten o'clock."

"How old is Gage?"

"He was sixteen his last birthday."

"Madam," gently replied the officer of the law. "You had better let Gage alone. He probably has got a girl."

Miss Winkler—"We produce very little beautiful verse today. The greatest living poets are all dead."

A Junior, whose ancestors were Irish, recently stepped off a train at a small neighboring town to speak to an acquaintance who chanced to be on the depot platform. They talked so long and earnestly that the train had pulled out of the station before the Junior "came to." Rushing down the track, Jim shouted: "Hold on! Ye, murdering old steam engine! Ye've got a passenger on board that's left behind."

Supt. O.—"I thought you had given up burnt wood art, dearie."

Mrs. O.—"How can you be so heartless? This is a pie!"

Senior boys took a week-end trip from Detroit to the Soo by boat. Re-
grets of the trip afterward, one of them remarked: "Talk about
es! Had I known that Clinton was afflicted that way, we never should
tempted the trip. The very first hour out Clinton collapsed, and refused
up again. I tried all sorts of remedies on him, but without avail. All
utter was: 'O, I'm so ill!'

Elly, I cried out: 'Can't you keep anything on your stomach, Clint?'
'By my hands, Bob,' he groaned; 'only my hands.'"

The Editor-in-Chief: Will you kindly publish directions for tying a
tie—Myron W. Turner.

Myron, you hold the tie in your left hand and your collar in the other.
Put the neck into the collar, and cross the left hand end of the tie over the
right hand end of the collar, steady the right end with the other hand. Then
with the left hand, catching the left with the right and the other with the other.
With both hands, and pick up the loose end with the nearest hand. Pull this end
through the loop with your unengaged hand, and squeeze. You will find the
tie tied and all you have to do is to untangle your hands.

Gleanings from Freshmen's Examination Papers

"Andrew Jackson was called 'Old Hickory' because when he was a boy
was a little tough."

"Benjamin Franklin is the founder of electricity."

"Fennyson wrote 'In Memorandum.'"

"Franklin produced electricity by rubbing cats backward."

"The minority is composed of the miners."

"The Spoils system: The place where spoiled things and waste are kept.
The Board of Health has largely taken the place of this."

"Parallel lines are the same distance all the way, and cannot meet unless
they had them."

"The line opposite the right angle in a right-angled triangle is called the
hypotenuse."

"Benjamin Franklin published the first public library."

"Has Mead Wellemeyere ever taken dancing lessons?" enquired a Senior of
a Freshie.

"Yep, he took two from a correspondence school," was the prompt reply.

Jimmie stood on the railroad track;
He didn't hear the bell.
The engine went to Halifax—
And I know where you think
Jimmie went, but he didn't,
Because he was standing on the other track.

Bob C. (After the Senior Play)—"Be mine, Dear, and you'll be treated
like an angel."

She—"Yes, I suppose so! Nothing to eat and less to wear!"

Little Willie has gone to Heaven
There to dwell for ever more.
For what he thought was H₂O
Was H₂SO₄.

Why is James Daniels like a ball of twine?
Because he is wrapped up in himself.

Mr. O. (in rage)—“How DARE you swear before me?”
Guilty Party—“Beg pardon, sir, how did I know you wanted to swear first?”

A Modest Request

“Dear Teacher,” wrote little Bill’s mother, “please excuse Bill for not coming to school yesterday. He fell in the mud. By doing the same you will greatly oblige—”
His Mother.

Mother—“I hope that Helen can have her voice trained in Europe.”
Howard S.—“Oh! Let’s make it Asia—that’s farther away!”

Father—“Has your best girl gone back on you?”
Mead—“You’ll have to wait until I consult my card index system.”

Waitress—“Do you like codfish balls?”
Cecil (on football trip)—“I don’t know. I never went to one.”

Helen S.—“Please show me some ties.”
Clerk—“Gentlemen’s ties?”
Helen—“Oh! NO! It’s for my brother.”

Preacher—“Do you, Oneta, take Clinton for better or worse?”
Oneta—“Well, if I’ve got to tell the truth, Elder, I’m taking him because he’s the first man that ever asked me.”

A “freshie” girl was complaining to her chum the other day of the way her steady was treating her. “Why don’t you give him the mitten?” the friend asked. “It isn’t a mitten Leon needs, it’s a pair of socks, he got cold feet,” was Laura’s reply.

Bob C. (in court)—“Yes, your honor, I did try to warn the man, but the horn wouldn’t work.”

Judge—“Then why didn’t you shout at the man?”

Bob C.—“I did, your honor, but he didn’t seem to hear me.”

Judge—“Why didn’t you slacken speed rather than run him down?”

Bob C.—“Well, now, you got one on me, Judge, I never thought of that.”

It is rumored that the following interesting notice recently appeared in the columns of a Caro paper: “I have been instructed by the village council to enforce the ordinance against chickens running at large and riding bicycles on the sidewalk.” Signed by Village Marshal.

Desirous of buying a camera, a certain young lady of the senior class, who answers to the name of Jean, inspected the stock of a storekeeper. “Is this a good one?” she asked, as she picked up a dainty little machine. “What is it called?”

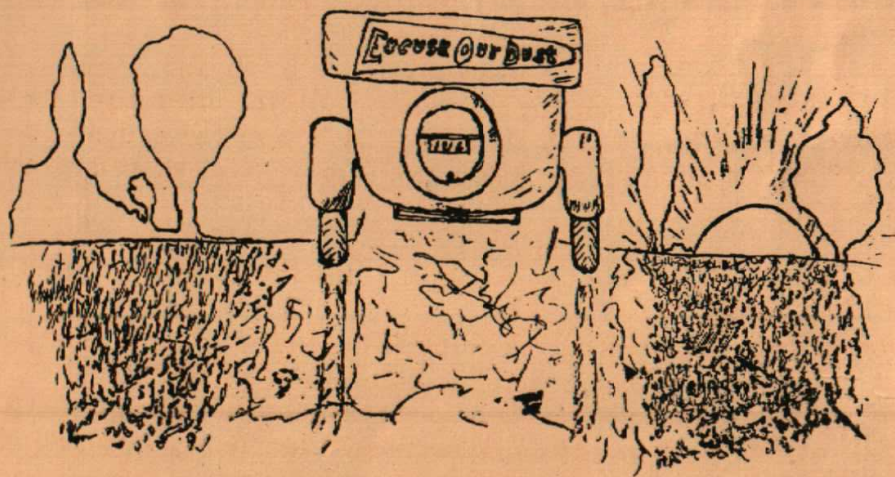
“That’s the Belvedere,” replied the clerk.

There was a chilly silence. Then the young lady drew herself coldly erect, fixed him with an icy stare, and asked again: “Er—can you recommend the Belva?”

Oneta, confusedly—“Why! I can’t think of anything today! My mind has all gone to my head!”

Stage-struck Soph (after trying her voice)—“Do you think I can ever do anything with my voice?”

Miss Peterson, hesitatingly—“Well, it may come in handy in case of fire.”



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