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## Experiments in Sapphics

### THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

By L. Owen

Age-old silence dwelt in the charmed chamber,  
Plunged in shadow, heavy with musk of rose leaves,  
Golden sunbeams over the couch of damask  
    Glittered but moved not.

Magic slumber staying the swelling bosom,  
Breathless, half-hid under a mass of tresses,  
Clasping silk shrouds moulded to fairy roundness,  
    There lay the princess.

Deep-wove day dreams hovered before her eye-lids,  
Closed in long sleep. Happy she seemed and more so  
Wrapped in heaven's visions than acting this world's—  
    Pity wake her.

Comes the proud prince: sees in the slumbering figure  
And the fair face destiny's haunting vision.  
Then o'er rose lips, gates of the life-dawn, stooping  
    Reverently kissed them.

Lo the day breaks; streaming through eyes of azure,  
Bursts the life light, rousing her soul of slumber.  
Then her rose lips parting o'er pearly whiteness  
    Smiled him a welcome.

### NIGHT-FALL IN OCTOBER

By Thorleif Larsen

Clouds piled wave-high rolling in massed confusion,  
Crowd on madly, seeking in vain for shelter,  
Fleeing fear-fraught over the warring heavens,  
    Fleeing in terror.

Harried cloud-sprites flee the pursuing onrush,  
Whirling westward, borne in their cars of glory,  
Robed in wrath-wrought garments of black and purple,  
    Hiding the sunset.

Then the storm-gods, panting with lust of conflict,  
Rush in frenzy, pinioned on wings of lightning,  
Leaping were-wild over the swaying tree-tops,  
    Yelling in triumph.

Bursting forth in glorious benediction  
Through the cloud-veil lingers the sun ere setting,  
Staying self-poised thus for a splendid moment,  
    Startling the turmoil.

Awed and fearful then at the wild, strange wonder,  
Cease the grappling elements as uncertain—  
But once more they close and the struggle rages  
    On into darkness.



## The Residence Scheme

The end of the year will see the first of the long awaited residences. Four units designed to hold from forty to fifty men each are now being contracted for, but only one will be ready for occupation next term.

Matters of discipline in each house are to be controlled by the resident students. The residence will be absolutely free from University control and some person or persons selected for the purpose will pass upon the eligibility of applicants for rooms. Accommodation will probably be available for men now paying \$4 per week for board and room.

This in effect is the first report given out by Z. A. Lash, chairman of the board in charge of the new residence. Mr. Lash's colleagues on the board are W. T. White, Secretary; E. C. Whitney, S. H. Blake, J. W. Flavelle, and the Chancellor and President of the University as ex-officio members. They have after a personal investigation of the methods of English and Scottish Universities decided in favor of the unit system and the elimination of possible failure by reason of the erection of a large and costly single residence. The architects are now at work designing three-storey structures all detached and so ar-

ranged that each will in itself be a complete residence.

The board have foreseen the difficulty of selecting from the probable 1,100 or more applicants the comparatively small number for whom accommodation can be provided. They have decided that admittance will not be granted by any arbitrary rule. Priority of application will not be a factor, but some basis of general character, class standing, health and so on will be taken into account. Vacancies will later be filled by the same plan. This is the only difference from the Edinburgh method where the students elect their successors. The reason for this divergence is the fear that certain cliques may gain control of certain houses.

The stand taken by the board in the matter of house management is interesting. A committee appointed by the students, supplemented by such members as the board shall direct, will be placed in charge of each house. They will manage everything except fixed rules about hours, absence from residence and some other matters, all of course subject to the final decision of the board.

Arrangements will if possible be made by which students in residence may take meals in