
Colleges and Degrees

don't need a doctor so much as a coroner. But annyhow degrees is good things because they livils all ranks. Ivry public man is entitled ex-officio to all th' degrees there are. An' no public or private man escapes. Ye have n't got wan, ye say? Ye will though. Some day ye 'll see a polisman fr'm th' University iv Chieago at th' dure an' ye 'll hide undher th' bed. But he 'll get ye an' haul ye out. Ye 'll say: 'I have n't done annything,' an' he 'll say: 'Ye 'd betther come along quite. I'm sarvin' a degrec on yc fr'm Prisidint Harper.' Some iv th' thriftier univarsitics is makin' a degree th' alternyive iv a fine. Five dollars or docthor iv laws.

"They was manny handed out be Yale, an' to each man th' prisidint said a few wurruds explainin' why he got it, so's he 'd know. I r-read all th' speeches: 'Kazoo Kazama, pro-fissor iv fan paintin' at th' Univarsity iv Tokeeo, beacuse ye belong to an older civilization thin ours but are losin' it,' to 'Willum Beans, wanst iditor iv th' Atlantic Monthly but not now,' to 'Arthur Somerset Soanso who wrote manny long stories but some short,' to 'Markess Hikibomo Itto beacuse he was around,' to 'Fedor Fedorvitch Fedorivinisky because he come so far.'

"An' thin they was gr-reat jubilation, an' shootin' off iv firewurruks an' pomes be ol' gradyates with th' docthors iv lithrachoor sittin' in th' ambulanees waitin' f'r a