

finally ending :

" I was awed when first I met her,
But now, thank you, I know better,
Since the trouble to investigate I took.
For I find this wondrous maiden
With such endless book-lore laden
Never, in her life, has read a single book ! "

As we—the ex-man is—are busy studying for exams, next year aspirants for the office should not come around to bother us. We here give public notice that we will be ready to receive correspondence from gentlemen having the qualifications mentioned in the following advertisement, any time after the July hot weather.

Advertisement.— Wanted, a man with a profound sense of humor, a ready supply of wit, and of a most cool temperament, who knows twenty-five synonyms for good, and thirty-five synonyms for bad, to fill the position of ex-man (*i. e.* exchange editor), next year. Photos and samples of work required.

Some ex-men to avoid the proverbial dryness of their columns try, and generally successfully, to have a couple of journalistic duels on hand. By far the most experienced in this, at least in our corner of the world, is he of the *Niagara Index*. A few words concerning his history might be interesting. He started his career with making disparaging remarks, a rather easy thing to do by the way, about every second exchange that entered his sanctum. Now as the *Index* is not absolutely perfect, it received in return some rather sharp criticisms. But this would not do. The *Index* was not to be criticised, and this fact was made known to the world in a series of diatribes, at which third-class country editors must have grown pale with envy. Suffice it to say, that the command of slang, gained for its writer the title of Biddy Moriarty the Second, while the ability to jumble together words of "learned length and thundering sound," the none less enviable one of Mr. Demosthenes, jr., (a trifle finer than his Attic model). Of course, we do not mean to say, everything he wrote, was in this style. There were times when he rebuked justly, times when he even gave praise! In one of these latter moods, about two months ago, he criticised this magazine freely but justly; and perhaps a day or two later we happened to criticise his in the same manner. But