

A LAMENT.

With spirit weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
I always sit in the midnight hour
Cramming full my head.
Grind, grind, grind,
Far into the hours of night,
Trying my very best to find
The translation that is right.

Cram, Cram, Cram,
Till the brain begins to swim,
And cram, cram, cram,
Till the eyes are heavy and dim;
Latin, German and French,
How grievous all of them seem.
And though my head begins to nod
I mutter them on in a dream.

Cram, Cram, Cram,
In the dull November light,
And cram, cram, cram,
When the weather is warm and bright.
It makes not a bit of difference,
The spring comes on apace,
The dreaded hours are drawing near,
Exams stare me in the face

Oh, for but one small hour,
No matter how short timed;
No blessed leisure for games or fun
But only time to grind
For only one short hour,
To be as I used to be,
Before I dreaded the name "exam,"
When all my time was free'
—An Unfortunate.

There was a young lady named Perkins,
Who simply doted on gherkins.
She used an X-ray,
And since then, they say,
She has pictured her internal workin's.
—Vassar Miscellany.

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