

prize poem on Troy is above the average College poetry. We always have to hunt up our paper knife before reading *Rouge et Noir*, the necessity for which should be removed.

❖CLIPPINGS❖

COLLEGE Professor (to Junior, who has been taking advantage of his absent-mindedness.) Young man, I find on looking over the records that this makes the fifth time in two years that you have been granted leave of absence to attend your grandmother's funeral.

SCENE.—Astronomy class.—Professor to Junior:—"What time does Mars get full?" Junior:—"Don't know, sir; never associate with such company." Decided applause.

JUNIOR (parsing): "*Nihil* is a noun." Prof.—"What does it come from?" Student.—"It don't come at all." Prof.—(quizzing)—"Doesn't it come from *nihilo*?" Student.—"No, sir: *ex nihilo nihil fit*!" Prof. settled.

MR. B.—"Prof., are these gas-receivers graduated?" Prof. D.—"They should be; they have been here more than four years."

THEY talked astronomy. "I wish I was a star," he said, smiling at his own poetic fancy. "I would rather you were a comet," she said, dreamingly. His heart beat tumultuously and he asked, "And why?" "Oh," she said, with earnestness, "because then you would only come round once every fifteen hundred years."

A WILY Junior, on rehearsing his oration, was surprised to see his tutor pull off his hat repeatedly at the end of each sentence, and asked the reason. "I cannot pass a very old acquaintance," replied the tutor, "without that civility."

"Beneath a shaddy tree they sat,
He held her hand, she held his hat,
I held my breath and lay right flat;
They kissed, I saw them do it.
He held that kissing was no crime,
She held her head up every time,
I held my peace and wrote this rhyme,
While they thought no one knew it."

"There a room at the top," the senior said,
As he placed his hand on the freshman's head.

If an untruth is only a day old it is called a lie; if it is a year old it is called a falsehood; but if it is a century old it is called a legend.

SENIOR asks a professor a very profound question.

Prof.: "Mr. W——, a fool can ask a question that ten wise men could not answer."

Senior: "Then I suppose that's why so many of us flunk."

Who was the first dead-head? Leonidas; for he held a pass.

A LONG ISLAND Dutchman in reading an account of a meeting in New York city, came to the words, "The meeting then dissolved." He could not define the meaning of the last, so he referred to a dictionary, and felt satisfied. In a few minutes a friend came in, when the Dutchman said: "Dey must have very hot wedder in New York. I red an agount of a meeting vere all the people had melted away."

A POEM WITH A POINT.

Only a pin; yet it calmly lay,
On the tufted floor, in the light of day;
And it shone serenely fair and bright,
Reflecting back the noonday light.

Only a boy; yet he saw that pin,
And his face assumed a fiendish grin;
He stopped for a while, with a look intent,
Till he and the pin alike were bent.

Only a chair; but upon its seat,
A well-bent pin found safe retreat;
Nor had the keenest eye discerned,
That heavenward its point was turned.

Only a man; but he chanced to drop
Upon that chair, fizz! bang! pop!
He leaped like a cork from out a bottle,
And opened wide his valve de throttle.

Only a yell; though an honest one,
It lacked the element of fun;
And boy and man, and pin and chair,
In wild confusion mingled there.

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