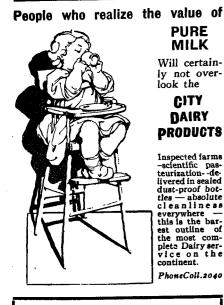
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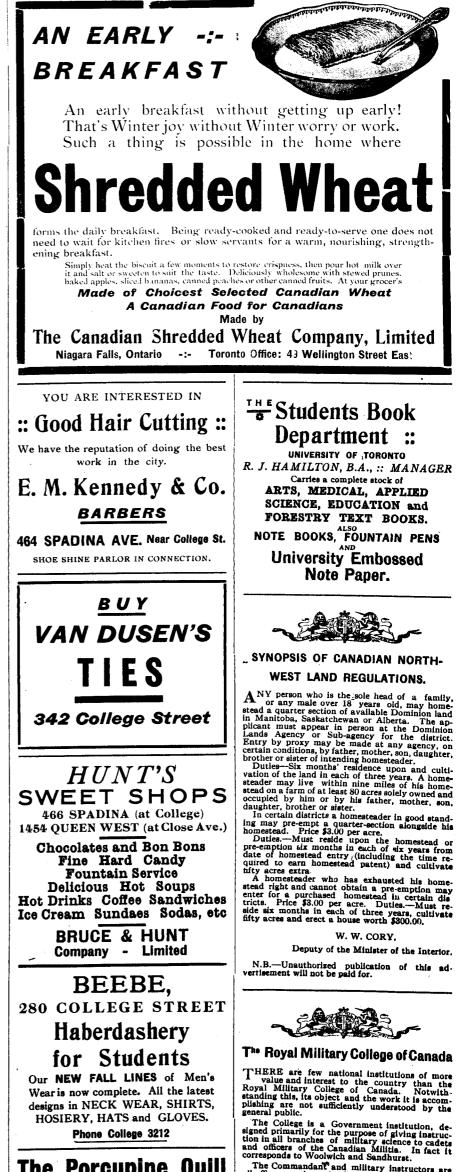
Behold! Their minds enrapt, the scribbling crew Print maniacs, pass in quaint review. Each tries to oust his fellow from the race And spurs his limping Pegasus apace. "Visitors Wanted," "Welcome,"-load on load--"A Little Dream"-all jostle on the road; "'Blue-menthol' Boys" and "Hayseeds" pass along; For simpering College loves a varied song-To strange pedantic egotism the friend, Admires what only fools could comprehend. "Fables in Slang"-Gad! may they be the last!--On screeching harp whine woful to the blast. Then comes a "Comment" by the paper's beau-The pink and pretty Eltinge of the show; But though its tinted pages light the room Its Muse has run to ribbons and perfume.

Oh, Campbell! Campbell! cease thy girlish song! A child may lisp too often and too long. As thou art strong in prose, in mercy spare! Another page! 'twere more than we could bear. But if in spite of all that wit can say Thou still must proseward plod thy weary way; If still in puerile language most uncivil Thou wilt devote King Demos to the divil, And make the world thy wordy amblings rue: God help thee, Campbell, and thy readers too. You know the schoolboy and his early lay Men pardon if his follies pass away; But who forgives the seniors ceaseless prose, Whose page is full of thorns without a rose? What heterogeneous honors deck the head Whose softness stayed, whose manly senses fled? And were you bombast rightly held sublime-A proof to all the red, red rust of time-Then might each man resign his needless trade-Ha! quit the plow, throw down thy heavy spade! All honor waits thee in this wondrous town That loudly cries out "genius" to a clown.

Then comes a new-found member of thy school, That mild star-gazer with the pocket-rule, The crippled Gordon, on his mental crutch, Whose meandering wobble pains us much, And art thou not for pity-witless Bole? Thou dumb, deaf oracle! Blinded Soul! Who each experience so sublimely tells, So quick the air of mystery dispels That all who view "The Swots" sweet glory Conceive thee Bole the hero of thy story. Thou knowest men as they were never known. Earth gives her sesame to thee alone. All Nature spreads before thee like a book-Too bad your eyes aren't equal to one look; For then the "hemlock" of your lay insane Might be the "hashish" of another strain. Yes, all from a glance-alas we know it! 'Twould raise thee Bole .-- Thou mole-eyed poet!

With fairy pinion soaring to the skies Behold the applause-monger Clark arise! To him let Shakespeare, Milton yield, Whose words likes armies take the field. Immortal Heroes! .All thy faults o'ercome Forever reign-the rival of Tom Thumb!

Then Moshier with his dogmatising roar, His nose a-scent for argument and gore, Forever damning all who strive to please Forgetting quack'ry leads not to degrees, A would-be satirist-a trite buffoon, Who rises highest in some low lampoon, Condemned to crouch, and amble with the mean, And furnish falsehoods for some magazine, Devotes to "hockey dope" his child-like mind, And as a dopster leaves his "rep." behind.



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Then, hapless College! be thy writers blest, The freshman's oracles, the senior's jest! Still hear thy motley scribbelers dispense The flowers of rhetoric, though not of sense; While Campbell's colleagues snicker at his wit, And bungling Kester tries to make a hit, With one kind hint I'll stop my friendly verse And this one hint I wish you'd all rehearse-"Though modern practice sometimes differs quite-'Tis just as well to think before you write.' BRUTUS.

EDITOR'S NOTE.-It is with a great deal of diffidence that we denote so much space to a poem dealing exclusively with the staff of the Varsity but we feel that the

work of an undergraduate possessing such undoubted ability deserves all the publicity that the Varsity can give it.

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