

## BUCK'S BRIDGE AGAIN

It is believed that Young's designation of Buck's Bridge as the resident of "Mr. Smith" in the episode which has been related was due to the fact that early in the fall of 1890, he, with other class mates, paid a visit to Buck's Bridge.

After some sort of a trying test, the Freshmen Class came out of the class room relieved that the ordeal was over and keen for some sort of fun. It was suggested, and almost unanimously agreed, that the class would take a hike. Winter was approaching and the days were short, and it was late in the afternoon. Nevertheless, a good part of the male membership of the class started off on a road leading into the country and walked until dark, never figuring upon the necessity of returning. Finally, leg-weary and fiercely hungry, they found themselves in a little hamlet which inquiry proved to be "Buck's Bridge". One building was brightly illuminated. - It was the church whose basement set forth welcoming rays of yellow light. Young suggested that we inquire the cause of the illumination, and upon inquiry we found that a church social was in progress and were told that the cost of the supper would be 25¢ each. Among us we had sufficient money to feed the crowd. And we fell, too. It is believed that the church lost 50¢ for each supper furnished. The quantity of delicious baked beans and brown bread and fixings which each pedestrian consumed was beyond belief.

After the inner-man had been fortified we were confronted with the necessity of getting back to Canton. With the exuberance of youth, someone suggested that it would be a stale thing to go back the same way, and we accordingly hit out across country in another direction. At the next cross-road, which proved to be the Canton-Ogdensburg highway, we turned towards Canton just a little "fed up" with our venture, but supporting our spirits with jokes and songs. The road was crowned up either with snow or as a result of a fall scraping, and it was pitch dark, without even the aid of stars. We stumbled along, and one of our members, ~~more~~ ~~careless~~ than the others, walked off into a ditch, getting wet to his hips. We finally wandered into Canton and separated and went to our respective boarding places, agreed that the fun of the experience was worth all that it had cost us.

The episode is trivial in itself except that the aftermath is indicative of the class spirit which Young had. He was overheard to express the utmost disgust at those members of the class who declined to go, arguing that if the class wanted to do it, all ought to join regardless of their individual wishes. This was characteristic of Young throughout his college career. He was not only a magnificent leader, but a most wonderful follower, and in spite of his disinclination for athletics, was perfectly willing to do the proper things regardless of his personal inclinations.

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