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“Turn to the right” . . . . “Turn to the left” . . . . “Keep behind Garrett” . . . . “Relax, don’t be so stiff” . . . . “Hold on with your knees” . . . . “Just talk to him.” Instructions from my two noble escorts were all in vain. I was too busy staying on. Up . . . down . . . up . . . down . . . o . . . oh!!! Whoever has been riding for the first time knows. Oh! . . . the blessed stables.

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By Bessie Spratt, ’37

ACTING quickly in an emergency is surely a wonderful thing. Now take studying, for instance. The fellow who can get a calc lesson under the stress and strain of a shortage of time is acting quickly in an emergency, believe me. Or when a prof assigns a research problem two weeks ahead of the day it is due and you do it all in one evening—that’s when you learn how to act quickly. The man who learns in school to do in two hours what another man does in fourteen days will someday be able to step right into a position requiring high speed such as is demanded of a waiter. The other more leisurely fellows will be left behind.

Now if you are looking for a good comfortable way of studying your calc for tomorrow, you might try this method. If you are faithful in carrying it out, you will probably have results before the quarter is over.

After finishing your evening meal you take time to resurrect your spirits, so to speak, by playing around for an hour or two. Since studying is like swimming in that it is an exertion, the same advice applies to studying as to swimming, namely: don’t go in for at least an hour.
WHEN you finally feel it safe to start, be sure to arrange for your physical comfort. Of all things necessary if your mind is to function, comfort is foremost. So first you find the easy chairs and footstools and choose the softest one of each. A pleasant light is very important also, so after you have enjoyed lounging in the chair awhile, you will probably want a soft light to throw a glamour around and give you a hopeful feeling. Hope as well as comfort is essential to solving a calculus problem.

You will probably need a sharp pencil, some paper, and your book, but don't get them all at once because they might not all fit on the other half of the footstool. Of course you won't want your shoes on. After you do get the general spirit of the thing and have found a good radio program you will begin to invite some of your pals in to study with you, because there is nothing like studying with your friends for learning to concentrate when others are talking.

If your memory is working, by twelve-thirty or so, you will remember that you need to save a problem to do in the economics class which meets before the math class in the morning. You tell the fellows you are going to save the problem, and they suggest that you raid the ice-box for some pie now, so that you may be fresh and bright in the morning. You really feel encouraged, and when you use this method of studying you always stop with a good-natured attitude toward studying and a pleasant taste in your mouth, so to speak.
CHICAGO
By Charles Reynolds, '37.

THIS is Chicago,
With screaming brakes and haggling urchins.
Overhead a jangling "L" takes drooping workers home
To squalor and a tasteless meal.
Sharp whirls of grimy dust
Add to the sordid action of the quitting hour.
Towering buildings give a touch of greatness
To things which are not great.
A pigeon flutters down from overhead
To peck with scorn a sodden cigarette.
This is Chicago.
But where is the grandeur
Which we have heard about?

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FORSAKEN
By William Dickinson, '37

I first admired her beauty as afar
I gazed entranced, like one who views a star
Remote, in silent awe. But closer then
A winsome sweetness, as I watched her eyes
Half hid by lashes languorous, falling when
I touched her hand. I saw the lashes rise
And in those sable depths there was, I thought,
A change from friendship to affection wrought.

Too quick her feeling cooled; from me she turned
Her lovely eyes and for another yearned.
For him those unproved, tender passions burned.
The pleas I uttered fell upon her ear
Unheard. But this avowal she must hear:
My love was ardent, virtuous, sincere.