

tance. For a moment or two he could not realize what had happened, but the water filling his eyes and ears and running down his back soon told him. Reaching around to the back of his neck he pulled off—a broken paper bag, wet and sticky. For full two minutes he stood staring at it as he held it in his hand, every moment his blood rising hotter and hotter with wrath and indignation. Another joke had been played on him! This was too much to be born. Regardless of his fair neighbors across the partition, whom he knew could hear him, he dashed to the window, and leaning out shaking his fist toward the window above him gave way to a string of oaths such as has never been heard about the old building before.

“You—— — son of a —— you!” he shouted. “I’ll break your —— head for you!! If you’re half a man come out into the hall —— your —— soul to —— anyway, and I’ll kill you by —— I will!!” and so he swore on and on till he had to stop for sheer want of breath. In the midst of it all two windows had been very forcibly shut on the other side of the partition, which only too plainly showed that the inmates had heard what had been going on. At the same time a half dozen or more heads had appeared at other windows. The affair had been watched by a number of the other boys, and the news of it soon spread to all parts of the building. Before the day was over it had become the subject of conversation in every room. The boys gathered in groups about the building and excitedly talked the matter over. The fact that someone had deliberately *sworn* in the presence of the only two girls in the institution was not to be easily over-looked. All sorts of plans were suggested as to what ought to be done about it, but no action was taken until the next morning, when the fellows came together in the front hall after breakfast. Not only Sophmores, but Freshmen, Juniors and Seniors all joined in the discussion of this important matter.

“He ought to be run out of town,” said one fellow, “any man that hasn’t any more sense than to do what he did.”