CYNTHIANNA BLYTHE

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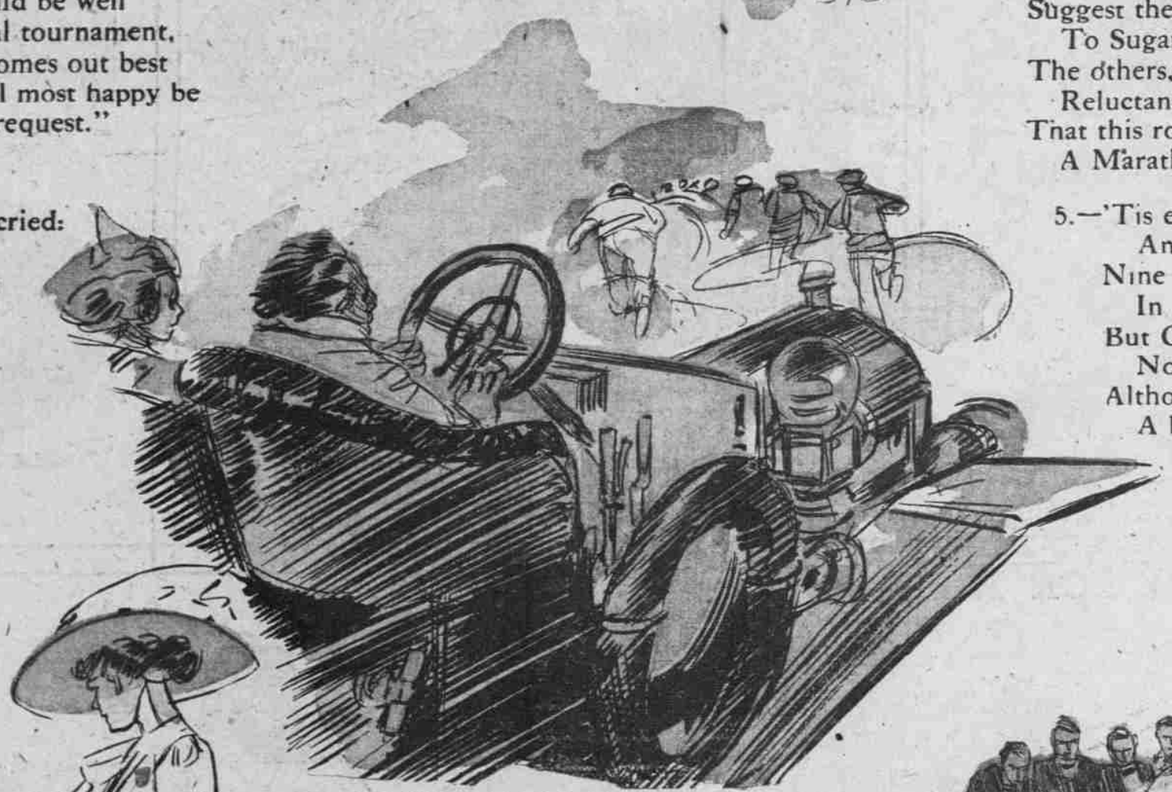
1.—They dance to-night at Forest Lodge,
And Cousin Esterette
With Cynthia, seated on the lawn,
Is urgently beset
By tanned and flannelled college youths,
All eager for a chance
To be her gallant escort to
This most enticing dance.

2.—"Those letters on your chests," said she,
"Prove that you each excel
At some athletic sport, and I
Suggest it would be well
To hold a general tournament,
And he who comes out best
Will find that I'll most happy be
To honor his request."

4.—Big Princeton Jones, and Sayre, of Penn.,
Both wonders on the track,
Suggest they have a running race
To Sugar Hill and back.
The others, after much debate,
Reluctantly agree
That this romantic contest, then,
A Marathon shall be.

3.—"Now that's a go! Come on!" they cried:
And foxy Mr. Rolf,
Of Yale, suggests they get their clubs
And fight it out at golf.
But Leech, a Harvard quarterback,
And Esterbrook, of Brown,
Who does a hundred under ten,
Vote Mr. Golfer down.



5.—'Tis eleven miles to Sugar Hill,
And down the dusty road
Nine (out of training) college men
In grilling contest strode.
But Grey, of Williams, didn't start—
No athlete, we confess,
Although he packs some brains and is
A bogey man at chess.

6.—He followed with his touring car
And hadn't gone a mile
Before one Rolf, of Yale, gives out
And asks to ride a while.
Then Jones, of Princeton, lost his wind,
And Harvard's quarter back
From "that same old bum ankle" has
A horrible attack.

7.—Thus one by one they quit the game
And, each disqualified,
Before they reach far Sugar Hill
He has them all inside.
He sets them down before the Inn
So Esther might observe
That none to look her in the eyes
Possess the proper nerve.

8.—So Grey, of Williams, wins the day,
And Esther for the ball,
By tuckered athletes soundly cursed,
But envied by them all.
And Cynthia to her cousin hints:—
"Dear Esther, I suspect
To casual brawn and muscle you
Prefer an intellect."