

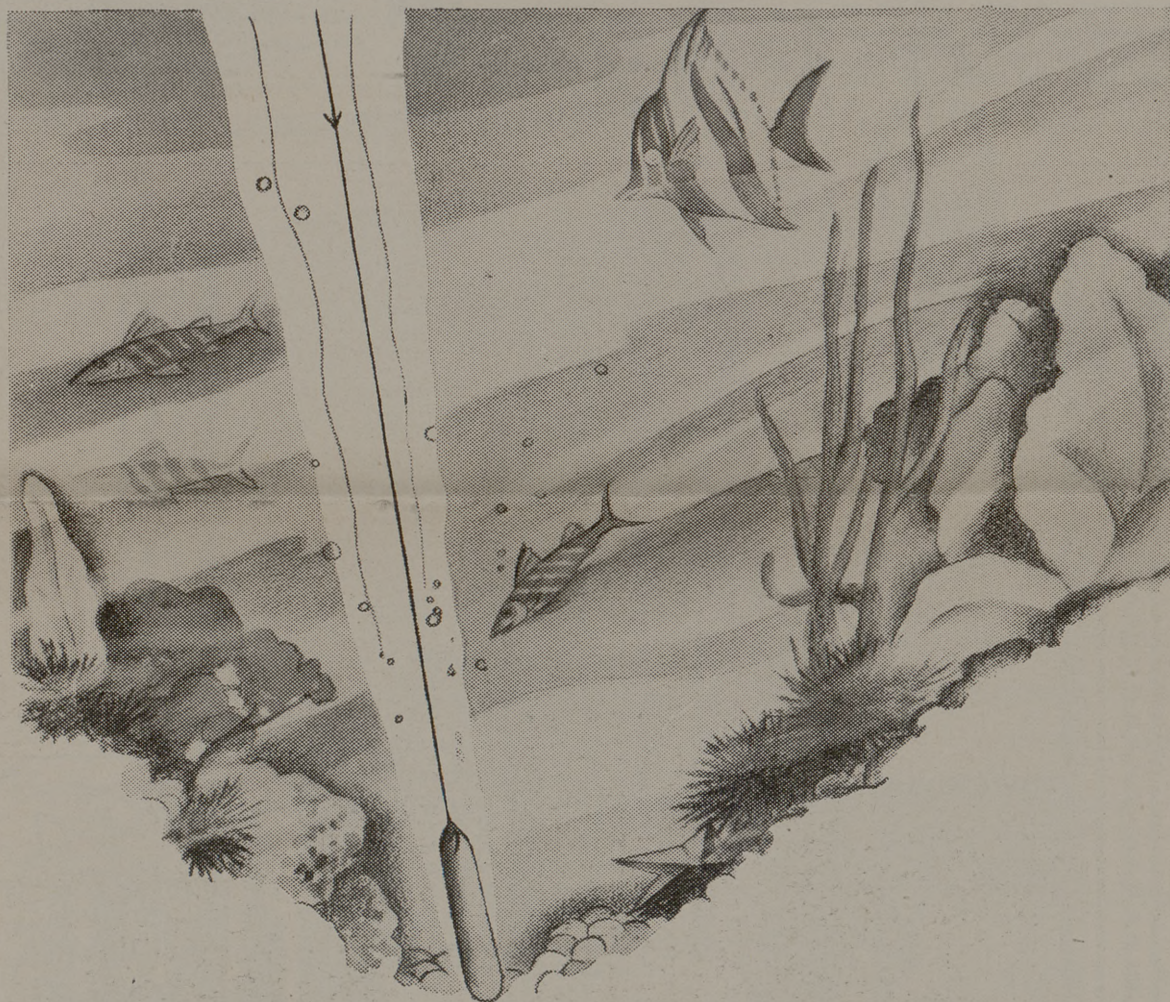
The Student Forum

AN APPEAL FOR THE PRODIGALS

Something like one hundred and fifty years ago a group of our illustrious fore-fathers gathered and declared themselves free. Their's was a just cause in every American's eyes but to those who favored monarchs and the English system of government our patriots were what we "moderns" might express as "grippers." And so it will be with some who read this. We are just a bunch of "grippers," knocking every establishment of law and order and other-

wise making ourselves most undesirable. Still, we have our views and firmly believe them to be sound and just. We believe in laws and lawmakers, and punishment for those who deliberately break these laws, but we do NOT believe in a method whereby the guilty are brought before a questioning board and humiliated. If a man is guilty and admits it, he should be, in our estimation, punished accordingly, without being ordered before a so-called "court" and cross-examined in third-degree fashion. If this board bears the name of "court" then it should act accordingly to all the ideas that the name implies. A widely known authority on the English language, Webster, defines it as a place where justice is administered. We don't believe that justice is the act of bringing a man before a tribunal and forcing him to undergo

relentless questioning without a spark of defense. Justice, to us, means a fair chance for both sides; more like the Greek lady holding a pair of scales while blind-folded. Of course this idea is a little higher than that implied here because we know that the men we speak of would not be capable of administering that sort of justice. Speaking to us day after day, walking with us, talking with us, are men who harbor the very ideas we are opposing. Men who compose just such a court and who value the exercise of duty far more than the friendship of a school-mate. Do not mis-interpret us. We believe in duty and that it should be carried out but we believe that the performer should question the advisability and soundness of his act. If it is against his principles he should be man enough to express himself. Every



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