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The Coarseness Complex.

The great fear of the average Sophomore seems to be that someone will discover that his mother was a lady.

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Some people are born Sophomores, some remain Sophomores all their lives.

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As long as the Sophomore swagger lasts there is no hope for an education. The Sophomore swagger is bullet-proof, bomb-proof, rain-proof and fool-proof.

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The flapper confirms the Sophomore in his madness. He falls hard for the profane cocktail mixer and tries to outdo her in coarseness.

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The Saxophone is his artistic expression.

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The usual cure for the curable Sophomore is falling in love with a real girl -- one who will stand for no nonsense.

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The Catholic Church offers a deeper, more radical cure, but it takes brains to appreciate it. The Catholic Church stirs the soul to spiritual appreciation, to knowledge of God -- the beauty of God in Himself, and the beauty of God in His creation.

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The Catholic Church is the mother of art, the mother of music, of painting, of sculpture, of artistic expression in poetry, in oratory, in every form of literature. She is not ashamed of her culture. Her culture breeds urbanity, sweetness, strength, generosity, mildness, courage, sympathy, prudence, charity, purity, undying love.

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If you haven't in you the makings of a gentleman, at least pray God for the piety and prudence that will save your soul. Heaven may give you what nature denied.
