My Daughter Meets a Dictionary

This old big book, my daughter hoists the dictionary my mother used at Cornell and that I use now: always use a dictionary older than you are so that your language will be your mother. Look up mother and note the pen and ink drawing of a motorcycle on the facing page (551, *Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, 6th Ed.* 1953). The likelihood my daughter will wield this dictionary at college in 2018 is probably the same as my fine tuning a Harely this weekend, but maybe not… the young reader may seek the book’s advice with the same begrudged curiosity that once saw desk light in Ithaca.