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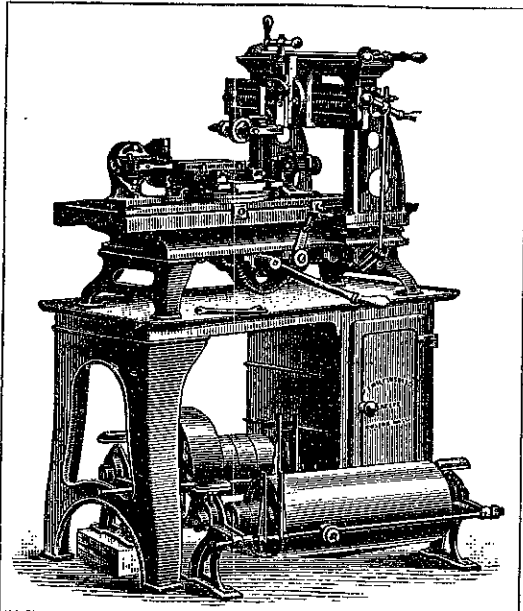
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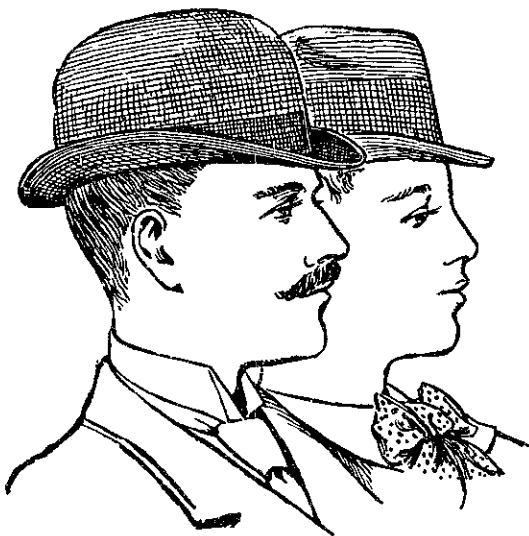
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In Memoriam.

PROFESSOR EUGÈNE LÉTANG.

DIED TUESDAY, NOV. 29, 1892.

It is sad news that we are called upon to chronicle this week by the death of a beloved instructor, Prof. Eugène Létang. In the architectural world, and throughout the Institute, the loss which his death occasions will be felt most keenly, while in the department of Architecture with which he was connected it will be well nigh irreparable. The following from the pen of Professor Chandler is presented without comment:—

In the death of Professor Létang, the department of Architecture has sustained a loss which will be long felt. His presence was hardly known outside his own department. His character was so modest, so unassuming that he wrongly set a low estimate on his abilities to aid in matters outside his special work, and for the same reason no one not intimately acquainted with him, knew how great his influence was for good over the many students that have come under his charge. He always maintained the highest standard among them, in-

sisting on their best endeavors. His interest in this work never flagged. He was so thoroughly at home in it, so well prepared that his scholarly strength impressed every one with whom he was brought in contact. He came to the Institute some twenty years ago, when the department of Architecture was very young. To start such a school at that time was a formidable undertaking. It was entering a new field without precedents in this country. Neither could there be found here instructors fitted to do the kind of work needed. By the advice of Professor Ware, then in charge of the department, Mr. Létang was invited to the position of instructor, which he accepted. His previous training had admirably fitted him for the work. He had learned the trade of stone cutting before thinking of architecture as a profession. He was a skillful draughtsman at that time, but feeling the want of a higher grade of studies than he had an opportunity of following before learning his trade of his father, he went to Paris. He was particularly fond of mathematics, and finding himself sufficiently prepared to pass the examinations to the Beaux Arts, he became a student there. He completed the course in architecture with the highest honors, but was debarred from competing for the "Grand Prix" on account of his age. It was in this flush of a successful past and of an assured future that he came to the Institute. The same zeal and enthusiasm by which he had accomplished so much thus far were carried into his new work. When he came here there were perhaps a dozen students all told in the department, and no one ever connected with it has done more to bring it to its present assured success than our faithful Professor, Eugène Létang.

THE advisability of cap and gown for Commencement is now being earnestly discussed by the Seniors. The communication on this subject from Mr. Bemis, which appears elsewhere in our columns, will be read with much interest, as giving the views of the President of the Senior Class on this many-sided question. We shall be glad to print any other communication bearing on this subject.

THE light in the Carpentry Shop demands more consideration on the part of the authorities. On these dark, wintry afternoons it becomes almost impossible after an early hour for the men to see their work properly; and when the sky is overcast, it is almost darkness that settles down over the benches. Mr. Merrick does a very good thing in having the afternoon hours from two to four; but even under this arrangement, long before the time for closing up arrives, the men are squinting over their work, missing a line here, and spoiling a piece there, and doubtless rendering the atmosphere several shades darker in the heat of their inward feelings. Either a more adequate amount of skylight room should be obtained, or lights should be provided for each desk; and unless some such remedy is applied before long, the Sophomore Class will be forced to choose in a body between deficiency and a visit to the nearest optician.

ONE of the most important innovations for some time at Wellesley College—an advancement which doubtless marks the beginning of the downfall of the ultra-conservatism which has always been characteristic of this institution—is the employment of men among the officers of instruction. With the exception of Dr. Niles of the Institute, who for many years has taught geology there, and whom the Wellesley students learn to revere almost as a father, Wellesley has, unlike its sister

colleges, Bryn Mawr, Harvard Annex, Smith, etc., excluded men from its educational staff; but under the change which has been instituted this year, Professor Carpenter and Dr. Gill of Technology, and Mr. Baker of Harvard have undertaken classes. Professor Carpenter is teaching in the department of Freshman English, while Dr. Gill has charge of the work in qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis. Beyond the individual honor, which is not small, to these gentlemen in being thus chosen on the staff of such a representative college as Wellesley, great credit also accrues to the institution with which they are connected. Technology is indeed well represented among the instructors at Wellesley, for a considerable number, including some heads of departments, are graduates of the Institute. Professor Carpenter and Dr. Gill will follow very nearly the same line of instruction as that given in the respective subjects at the Institute; and while we are giving out credits and honors thus lavishly, it may be well to also include Wellesley in the list for maintaining the standard of scholarship which this latter statement implies.

IT is perhaps needless to point out the importance of Class Day to the Senior Class, and yet a word as to what our Class Day is, may not be out of place. It is the one occasion when the Institute as a social body is brought before the public. It is the one opportunity given us to prove to our friends that we have the inclination and the ability to turn for a brief while from our studies, whose absorbing nature is well known, and devote ourselves to the lighter, more personal traits of college life; and to prove also that, our researches in the field of science rewarded by the degrees we are about to bear away, we have also the power to do ourselves credit in that field so fitly represented by the exercises of Technology Class Day. And in order to appear

to our best advantage, it behooves the Seniors always to exert the utmost care in the selections for Class Day officers. Remember that the office should, in each and every case, go to the man who is most honestly fitted for it. And while this may seem an unnecessary statement, it should, nevertheless, be considered, or else a man may receive an office which, judging him only by his popularity, he would most certainly deserve, whereas the ability to discharge the duties of that office, the real test, might be entirely lacking. The honorary offices, such as those of marshal and aids, should and will be filled by the most popular men; the offices of orator, historian, poet, etc., should be filled by men of unmistakable ability, the best talent in the class.

Let the standard of fitness for office be merit, not simply service or popularity, for only by that means can '93 make that record on Class Day which the reputation of our *Alma Mater* and the universal wish demand.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

IN the last issue of THE TECH, No. 8, I notice some criticism on the Gymnasium work. At the outset, I may state that I do not resent fair criticism but rather court it.

It seems to me that there is a feeling amongst some members of the Athletic Association that there is not enough time devoted in the gymnasium work to indoor athletics, as distinguished from regulation gymnasium work. Now I would like this opportunity to put before the students the purpose of the Corporation in adding to the equipment of the gymnasium, and in engaging an Instructor. It is mainly that the students may have the opportunity to take judicious and systematic exercise for health and development. Those students who attend the gymnasium for that object between 4 P. M. and 6 P. M. are in the large majority, and are catered for accordingly.

A schedule of the various classes was given in a recent number of THE TECH. The classes so far have been well attended, the opening one each day, on the

pulley machines, always being full. For the mass exercises there are very few who stand out. Attendance in the classes is entirely optional, but advisable. Attention in connection therewith is called to one of the rules, which states that while the classes are on, no apparatus shall be used which would interfere with them.

While referring to rules, it would be well if those using the gymnasium would read them up, and keep them in mind. They were drawn up by the Corporation as being necessary for the proper conducting of the gymnasium work. Where so many use the gymnasium, in such limited time, considerable tact is required in the direction of the work, so that some will not interfere with the work of others, and that the most may be made of the time to benefit the majority. Now as to the Athletic element. They begin to come down to the gymnasium only just before an athletic meet, and wish to monopolize the gymnasium floor for sprinting and hurdling at any time. That is out of reason. I may state here that I am not against the Athletic element, but with them, and will do my best for the Athletic Association and the Athletes. If a number of them come to the gymnasium, and say they wish to have some practice in hurdling, sprinting, or jumping, and ask me to coach them, I will make arrangements for them to have it. From now to the Class Athletic Meeting the schedule of classes will be somewhat modified to give time for training for the meeting. I gladly made arrangements for the football team to practice their tricks and signals.

The last issue of THE TECH remarks of myself: "His method of training may be all right in the long run, but the men all seem to start out very poorly, with the exception of those who have had lessons before." I presume that refers to athletics. I have not pretended to take in hand any of the students to train them for athletics. If I had, I should have demanded more systematic work and attendance from them. I simply coached them when requested. I was not engaged as Trainer in Athletics, but as I had had much experience that way, I did some coaching, as I have just stated. If the Athletic Association ask me to coach their members, and to encourage athletics amongst the students, I will do so.

ALBERT WHITEHOUSE,
Instructor in Gymnastics.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

THE advisability and practicability of wearing the cap and gown next Class Day is being thought over

by several members of '93, and will probably be put to a vote of the class on December 21st, when the first vote for Class Day officers occurs. The chief question will probably be whether or not every student could afford to provide himself with a gown. The Class Day assessment is about ten dollars, and this, of course, is quite a drain upon the average man's pocket. A cap and gown would probably cost about seven or eight dollars.

Outside of the question of money, it seems as though the Class of '93 had every reason for adopting the cap and gown. A unit in style of dress, as well as a unit in purpose, will add greatly to the interest shown in our Class Day. That this is really to be desired might easily be proved were it possible to picture to the unconverted the line of Seniors in years past marching into Trinity on Sunday, or into Huntington Hall on the following day. It is not to be said that any were not attired suitably for the occasion, but it is certain that a uniform style of dress would have added one hundred per cent to the impressiveness of the scene. The cap and gown does not, it is true, form a very useful combination after Class Day is over, but surely, as a thing dear to the memory, the gown would rival the degree itself in worth.

It is more or less customary for the Senior Class to leave something in the Institute in memory of its existence here. If '93 can leave behind itself some material thing, a post office or inscription on the wall, as well as good customs, let the class do so; but if it cannot do both, why is it not sufficient to set an example to posterity in the figure of a Class Day cap and gown?

Very truly yours,

A. F. BEMIS.

In An Old Hall.

The fading firelights flicker low,
Whilst shadows steal o'er step and stair,
And paint, with many a ruddy glow,
Fair Margery, musing unaware.

Ah, favored flames! Teach me I pray
The trick, if trick it be I seek,
So, when I come at close of day,
I'll bring that blush to Margery's cheek.

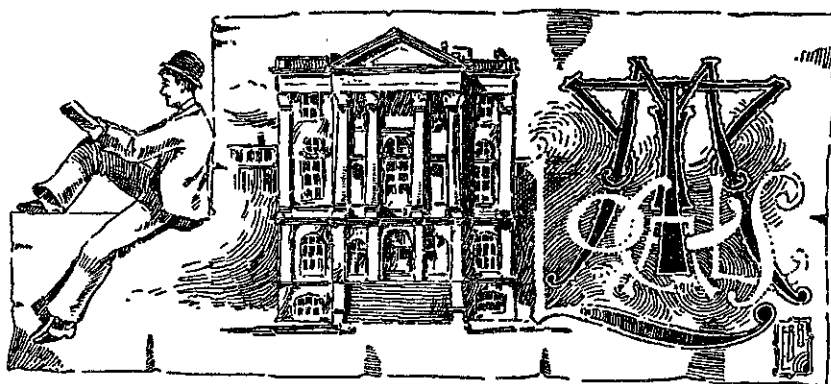
H. A. R.

'95 to '96: "Do you play football?"

'96: "Oh, yes, indeed!"

'95: "What position do you take?"

'96: "Usually an upright!"



Ninety-four Civils are learning to lay out railroads and Chinamen.

Mr. Charles Wetherbee, '91, is studying Naval Architecture at Paris.

The Sophs once more breathe easier as their second intermediates are over.

Allen French, M. I. T., '92, is now in Berlin. He expects to study next winter at Paris.

John Curtin, '92, and Harry Shute, '92, are studying at Hanover, Germany. Mr. Curtin, to avoid the cholera, spent the summer in Ireland.

Mr. Murray Warner, '92, visited Tech. recently, and noted with satisfaction the numerous improvements in and about the various buildings.

The students of the Architectural Department paid tribute to their late instructor, Professor Létang, by placing a wreath of flowers upon his casket.

The options in Course II. began on Monday, December 5th. The option in mill engineering is the most extensive, and that in naval architecture the least.

Pictures of the victorious Sophomore football team can now be had at Maclachlan's, price \$1.25. This is your last class football team, '95, so remember it. Buy!

A quartette, consisting of Messrs. Schmidt, Sias, Wason, and Reed, all of '95, will render several vocal selections at the Sophomore dinner at Young's Hotel, December 16th.

Mr. Austin Bass, '90, is now Assistant Superintendent of the Boston Woven Hose Com-

pany. He will probably have charge of the new factory which is being built for that Company.

Mrs. Richards, speaking at the "Ladies' Night" of the Boot and Shoe Club at the Vendome, last Wednesday evening, made an earnest plea for sanitary science, as applied to home life.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Richards, assisted by the young women studying at the Institute, will receive the Freshmen Friday afternoon, December 16th, in the Margaret Cheney Reading Room.

If some of our freehand instructors could have seen the amount of sketching done upon the Fall River boat, Thanksgiving eve, by the Architectural students, their hearts would have rejoiced exceedingly.

The football team had its picture taken last Saturday in front of Walker. The snow was soft and the street urchins improved the opportunity. Several good shots of both descriptions are reported.

It has been suggested that, since the recent fall of snow has deprived the Tennis Club of the use of the courts, the final matches of the tournament be played off in Huntington Hall with tiddlely winks tennis.

Tech. men appreciated to the full the rare opportunity for enjoyment offered by Sothern's recent engagement at the Hollis, in Captain Lettarblair. Certainly the most assiduous worker could not begrudge an evening spent at such a clever and delightful performance.

Quite a large number of Harvard Medical students take lunch at our lunch room. This speaks well for the head of that department. It is questionable, however, whether in the present overcrowded condition of the room the innovation is appreciated by our own men who lunch there.

That exam. in Industrial Chemistry caught several napping. Why didn't they ask our editor if it was customary to spoil the Juniors' appetite for turkey in that unceremonious

fashion? He knows all about it; could even have told the Sophs. to keep a weather eye open for a squall in American History.

The next regular meeting of the Civil Engineering Society will take place to-night (Thursday, December 8th). A paper will be presented by W. T. Houck, on the Niagara Tunnel. E. M. Hunt will give a review of the latest numbers of "*Engineering News*," and C. H. Johnson will describe a new style of drawbridge.

A new apparatus has been put in the M. E. Laboratory for testing the ejector, and it forms one of the most extensive tests we have, if you judge it by the amount of space covered by the men doing the testing. Four men occupy respectively a scaffold, the second floor of the laboratory, the first floor of the laboratory, and a hole in the ground.

We recommend to our exchanges the following novel device for increasing a subscription list: "Important Notice. According to the plan usually adopted by other College magazines, the first number of the Wellesley Magazine is sent to every member of the College. Any one not notifying Miss W—— to the contrary, will be considered a subscriber for the year."

J. G. Thompson, '91, made an interesting tour through parts of Europe, Asia, and Africa, returning last August. That is a trip many would enjoy, but, alas! we can't all include geography and such extended study of tongues and races in our curriculum. There is one satisfaction open to all, however, and that is that nearly all who travel abroad discover that the United States is a pretty good place, in spite of the weather.

A Glee Club Concert, by the Harvard Glee Club, to be followed by a dance, will be given in the Upper Town Hall, Brookline, Friday, December 9th. The Glee Club will be assisted by the Banjo and Mandolin Clubs, and the concert will last from eight o'clock, until half after nine. Then dancing will be the programme until midnight. The entertain-

ment is for the benefit of the Lawrence School, of Brookline, and tickets for it may be had at the door for one dollar. There will be a special car back to Boston at 12.15

Once more Course X., '94, is heard from. Now it has formed a society, whose object is the co-operation of its members for the purpose of arrangement before graduation for their mutual aid in later business life. Since these men are probably to pursue nearly the same course in future years, it may happen that they can at some time help each other materially; at any rate, their lives will be no less happy or useful because of a "matter of form" which draws them a little closer together. We trust the association may succeed.

Lieutenant Hawthorne is Division Marshal at the bazaar of the Boston Teachers' Benefit Association, which is being held at Music Hall all this week. The bazaar is a charitable affair, and is patronized by such people as Governor Russell, Hon. John D. Long, Hon. Henry L. Pierce, Gen. Francis A. Walker, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mrs. William B. Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hemenway, Mrs. Anna Cabot Lodge, Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, and many others of "Boston's best." Lieutenant Hawthorne has a staff of fifty aids, most of whom are Tech. men.

The department of Civil Engineering has recently received from Col. James Francis, of Lowell, a very valuable gift, consisting of a large number of beautifully made brass orifices of various shapes, for use in hydraulic experiments. These pieces belonged to the late James B. Francis, one of the corporation of this Institute, and probably the most eminent hydraulic engineer in America, and are the original pieces used for experimental purposes many years ago by Mr. Francis and by Uriah Boyden. They will be used in the hydraulic laboratory. The gift of Colonel Francis also includes a large number of the original drawings and designs of Uriah Boyden for turbine wheels.

The Nominating Committee of '93 for Class

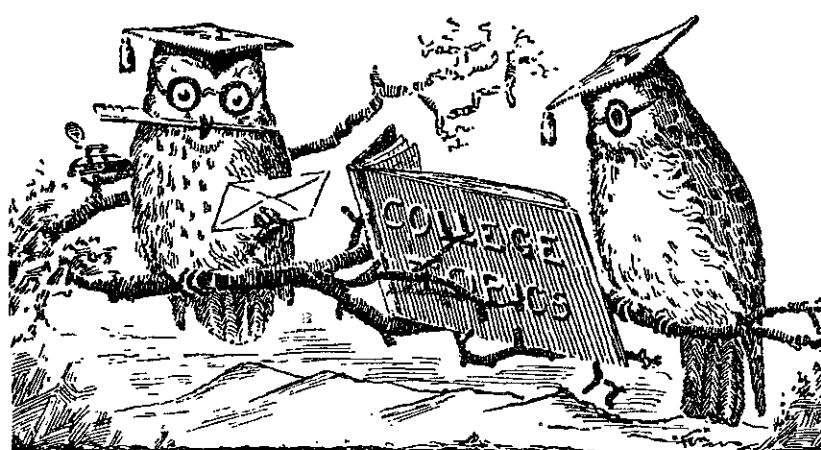
Day officers, held a preliminary meeting Thursday, the 1st inst., and a final meeting last Tuesday. Going to press before the result of the second meeting is known, the full list of candidates nominated will appear in our next issue. At the first preliminary meeting, after the election of Messrs. A. F. Bemis as permanent chairman, and H. A. Morss as permanent secretary, the order of business for the next meeting was decided, when the meeting adjourned. The delegates representing the different courses are as follows: Course I., Messrs. Fay, Houck, and Bemis; Course II., Messrs. Alden, Blake, and Gorham; Course III., Mr. Albee; Courses IV., VII., and XII., Mr. Biscoe; Course V., Mr. Dillon; Course VI., Messrs. Thomas, Norton, Taintor, and Morss; Course IX., Mr. Howland; Course X., Mr. Dorman.

A meeting of the Athletic Club Executive Committee was held in THE TECH office, Tuesday, November 29th. There were present Messrs. Lord, Buchholz, Stanwood, Sturgis, Green, Geiger, and Hurd. The following committees were appointed to attend to business connected with the Class Championship Games which are to be held December 10th. Printing and Prizes; Mr. Buchholz. Games; Messrs. Stanwood, Geiger and Hurd. Seats and Accommodations; Mr. Sturgis. After some discussion it was decided to have annually a cross-country run over a stated course. Points to score for the Class Cup in the same way as in any other event. This run will be open only to members of the Athletic Club. Messrs. Stanwood, Hurd, and Geiger were appointed a committee to decide on a course, and to act as Games Committee for the cross-country run. The meeting then adjourned. According to the conditions of the Individual Cup, the points scored in the cross-country run would count for that, as well as the Class Cup. The man who wins the cross-country run this year will create a new record and hence will receive a record cup as well as the usual prize.



The annual indoor winter meeting for the Class Championship Cup will be held, as everyone knows, or should know, next Saturday, in the Institute Gymnasium, at 2.30. This meeting is one of the most interesting athletic events of the year, and a large audience will be present. Although our gymnasium is not exactly regal in its fittings, it has what many more pretentious gymnasiums lack, and that is room. Without doubt we have better facilities for indoor sprinting and for the short hurdle events than any other college in this section of the country. The floor is not so hard but that the short spikes may be advantageously used, thus making it possible to accomplish much faster time than if only rubber-soled shoes could be allowed.

Let all those who compete remember that there is more than one thing to strive for in the sports. First of all, remember your class. It is the imperative duty of every man in the Institute who has any athletic ability whatever to do what he can toward having the name of his class engraved on the Class Championship Cup. Secondly, do not forget the individual glory to be attained, and the prizes to be won. Two handsome silver mugs are offered in each event. Thirdly, consider that every point made counts both toward the Class Championship and toward the Individual Excellence Cup. First place in any event, five points; second place, three points; and third, one point. And last, but by no means least, bear in mind that every minute you spend in training is good for yourself physically, and makes you better qualified to bear the heavy strain of the hard study necessary at the Institute.



The new Yale commons seat 500 men.

Eight colleges now publish daily papers.

The University of Berlin offers 716 electives.

Knox College now has the youngest college President in the United States.

Wesleyan is to have a new gymnasium. The funds have already been raised.

There are more than thirty young women in the post-graduate department of Yale.

Dr. Charles K. Adams, the newly-elected President of the University of Wisconsin, receives a salary of \$7,000.

Exeter has only two hundred and thirty-four students this year, while Andover has about four hundred and seventy-five.

Col. Amos F. Parker, of Fitzwilliam, N. H., is the oldest college graduate in the country. He graduated at the University of Vermont in 1813.

Prominent alumni of Harvard have collected \$25,000 to erect a Harvard House in New York City, which is intended to be a general clubhouse for Harvard men.

Amherst's football captain for next year will be Harris B. Haskell, '94. Mr. Haskell has played left guard on the eleven for two years, distinguishing himself repeatedly for good all-around work.

One third of the university students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired in college; one-third die prematurely from the effects of close confinement at their studies; and the other third govern Europe.

A Modern Cure.

Scene—Dining Room at Adams House.

NED. CHARLIE.

(Charlie has just entered.)

Ned.

I say, old boy, what's up to-night?
You look knocked out and beastly white.

Charlie (gloomily).

Miss Gail's refused me.

Ned (cheerfully).

What of that?

Don't wear a frown and last year's hat
Because one woman, more or less,
Can't see the charms that you possess.
See here! I meet Jack Gay at eight
Down at the Globe,—“The Golden Fete,”

All new, the latest Paris show.

You'll join our theatre party?

Charlie (still despondent).

No.

Ned.

You needn't be so curt, old man;
Success won't jump at every plan.
Perhaps you pressed your suit too warm,—
One doesn't take a “Gail” by storm.
Try her again some other day;
Meanwhile come on and see the play.

Charlie.

Thanks; but I'm in no mood to-night
For plays.

Ned.

Come, come, it isn't right
To act as though you'd lost your rocks;
Besides, Jack's got a lower box,
And Rose—Rose Dashly—does a dance
That couldn't be excelled in France.
You'll see her, when she starts to sing,
Smile at—

Charlie (interrupting).

I'm past that sort of thing.

Ned.

Nonsense!

(Looks at clock.)

By Jove! It's almost eight;
Put on your things, or we'll be late.

Charlie.

Don't wait for me; I'm here to stay.

Ned.

Well, then, I'm going.

(Puts on gloves.)

By the way,
Rose asked for you this afternoon.

Charlie (with a slight show of interest).

I haven't seen the girl since June.

What did she say?

Ned.

O, spoke about

That night when you and she went out
To “Chellis,” when the Pop. was done;
Said that she never had such fun;
Sighed for another just such lark;
Said to be sure and keep it dark.

Charlie (warming up).

By Jove! That was a jolly night,
And Rose looked simply out of sight.

Ned.

Wasn't it there you said she sung
Something in French?

Charlie (enthusiastically).

Yes, yes; it's rung
For hours and hours through my brain,—
“La Danse.”

Ned.

She sings that song again
To-night.

Charlie.

My boy, you're sure of that?

Ned.

Yes.

Charlie.

Wait until I get my hat.

Ned.

All ready?

Charlie.

Hold a moment more.
Waiter, have supper here for four
At half-past ten.

Come, hurry, Ned,
Jack will be thinking you are dead.

H. A. RICHMOND.

“SWEEP, SWEEP, SWEEP.”

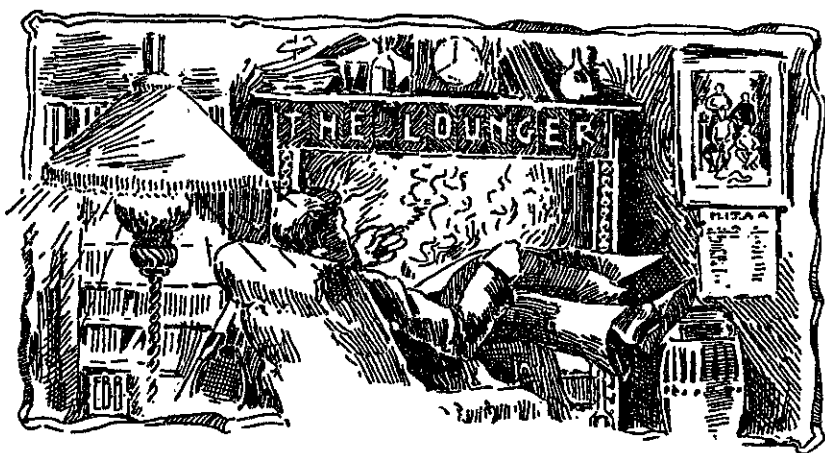
Sweep, sweep, sweep,
O'er the muddy streets, O She!
And I wonder what piece of folly
The next new fashion will be.

O, well for the dressmaker's trade
That your gowns wear out in a day;
O, well for the street-cleaning squad,
Whose labor you share without pay.

And the dusty robe trails on
In a manner that makes us ill;
But, oh, for the sight of a sensible girl
With courage such fads to kill.

Sweep, sweep, sweep,
With thy delicate dress, O She!
But the cleanly look of a dainty maid
Can never belong to thee.

—Phi-Rhonian.



Eheu! fugaces! Exit the football fiend and his gory locks; enter the society queen and her cohorts, her classic and distinctly Bostonian features behaloeed and idealized by contrast with the stern presence of the Muse of Learning, pointing with unbending finger up the thorny path that leads to the battlefield of the Semies. Even the good cheer and jollity of Christmas must be snatched and made away with in a sadly brief moment this year, since old Father Time has been so parsimonious as to roll Sunday and the 25th into one short twenty-four hours. May they be as succulent as the proverbial stolen sweets.

The vista of an approaching Class Day election recalls to the Lounger's memory the glorious occasion when '92 leased Huntington Hall and awoke its somber echoes with merry quips and gibes. 'Twas then that Old Animosity was dealt a knock-down blow in the frigid silence that greeted the rabid utterances of a heart-broken and egotistical speaker of the occasion.

Let us trust '93 will suffer no such mortifying rebuff. Be generous in your hour of triumph, O Senior, when you choose the critic of your deeds and misdeeds, and let us have no travesty of wit for a Class Day theme. Observe closely the bounding line between the friendly and always permissible chaff, and the sour utterances of a diseased and unkempt mind. But the Lounger has no fears but that '93 will choose both well and wisely her Class Day officers.

The Lounger is looking forward to the first of those Olympian gatherings, when the mighty athlete girds up his loins with the white unmentionables, and hies him to the Hole in the Ground, there to disport himself for the gaining of fair maidens' smiles, and other illusive trophies. 'Tis at such times as this that the particular shade of fair maiden who sheds an azure tint o'er muddy Boston, forgets to dally deftly with the

ponderosities of life, and becomes interested. She never knows she is interested, and if you talk with her afterward about it, she will lead away from it; but by observing her as closely as the Lounger has done, you will perceive in the momentary amelioration of the studied sternness of her coyness that she is moved—somewhat moved. Not deeply moved, 'tis true,—she has too practiced a control over herself for that,—but the temporary loss of equanimity on the report of the starter's pistol, and the involuntary shift of position as the straining runners near the post, disclose that touch of nature which the poets are so anxious to provide with an extensive progeny. And what a grand illustration of stoical contempt for pain is manifested in the noble indifference with which the hurdler forbears to rub his shin after the discomfiture of the haughty hurdle! Ah him! the Lounger wishes he could be like that when the freshman comes into his sanctum, and asks if this is the Biological Laboratory. Yes, indeed, there is much, if not more, to learn in these periodical assemblies in the "gym," and the Lounger counsels you all to go and see what we can do when somebody else is trying to do better.

The playing of the final matches of the tennis parody in the gymnasium is well-nigh the *reductio ad absurdum* of this annual farce. The suggestion which appears among the "Locals" is hardly a whit more burlesque. But there seems little or no use in harping on this well-worn strain, and the Tennis Association is rapidly passing from that stage of existence wherein it may fitly describe itself an object of charity, to beggary. There exists this alluring prospect, however, that it would then lapse into "innocuous desuetude," and cease to be a constant irritant, pointing out the lack of energy which permits a sport like tennis to languish for lack of interest so pitifully among a thousand students.

Tempora Mutantur.

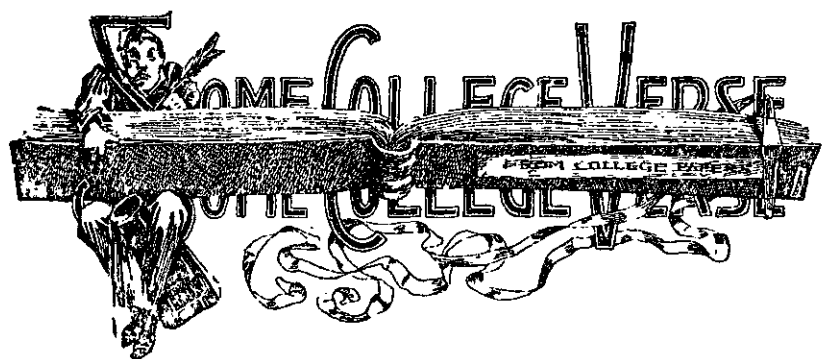
"The world's a stage," says Shakespeare's play;
He'd have to make it read
"A railroad," did he live to-day,
Because of higher speed.

H. A. R.

DIFFERENT CAUSES—SAME RESULT.

"'Tis love that makes the world go round,"
These words we often hear;
But the same phenomenon is found
In drinking wine with beer.

—Yale Lit.



A FAIRY BARCAROLLE.

My skiff is of bark from the white birch tree,
A butterfly's wing is my sail,
And twisted grasses my cordage be,
Stretched taut by the favoring gale.

My cushions are pearly gossamers frail,
My mast is a tapering reed;
My rudder a blush-rose petal pale,
My ballast of wild-flower seed.

Through forests old and meads remote
We'll sail on the leaf-arched streams;
Down the silver rivers of Fancy float
To the golden sea of Dreams.

—*Brown Magazine.*

Ere long the winds will whistle,
But let us all be gay,
They cannot whistle "Comrades," or
"Ta-ra-ra-boom de-ay."

—*Ex.*

A RETORT COURTEOUS.

I loved her and I tried to speak,
But words I could not find;
I said, "You sure would listen if
I could express my mind!"

"Express companies will not take
A thing that's quite so frail;
So wrap it up," she laughing said,
"And send it off by mail!"

—*Ex.*

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

She sat beside me in the pew
And turned toward me her eyes of blue
Just as the box was passed around,
And I my pocketbook did sound.
But as I had no change, you see,
What could I do but drop that V?

THE ROSE'S TOMB.

Oh, musty tome, I've searched thee to the end,
To find, perchance, some sense or sentiment;
Each following page is duller than its mate—
In vain on thee were time and labor spent.

But, wait! Oh, book, my hasty words forgive.
Inside thy cover, at the very close,
There lies, where long ago by her 'twas placed,
The crumbled dust of some forgotten rose.

—*Ex.*

"I've strained my heart," the athlete said,
"It grieves me sad and sore;
The football field no more I'll tread,
My running days are o'er."

Another one has strained his heart,
But twice as hard his lot;
He's pledged his hands to two fair maids,
His heart is strained—why not?

—*Columbia Spectator.*

A PRAYER.

Oh! from thy bounteous store provide
My daily bread, and these beside:
For tongue, give me a thick shoe sole;
For a stomach, give a copper bowl;
And teeth of spikes, and jaws of ash,
To chew, perchance digest, this hash!

—*Brunonian.*

THAT RED NECKTIE.

"I've seen the clown in the circus
Wear clothes of a brilliant dye;
I've seen some sensible people
Who to look like anarchists try;
But there's one misguided creature,
Who attempts to dress more "fly,"
And that's the deluded mortal
With a red
neck
tie."

—*Columbia Spectator.*

STRICTLY PROPER.

"What were you doing last night?" I said.
" 'Twas naughty to do thus;
A black coat sleeve on a white back-ground
Is quite conspicuous."

He stammered and blushed, but finally said,
In a half-defiant tone,
"What matters it all to you, anyway?
I was only holding my own."

—*Brunonian.*

APPLAUSE.

Under the chandeliers' blaze
See how they listen and gaze,
Listen, their eyes growing tender,
Gaze, while the magical splendor
My music spreads in their skies
Flushes and darkles and dies.
I, who have wrought them the wonder,
What do I care for their cries,
Plaudits, and hand-clapping thunder?
All that I care for is yonder:
A strip of brow in the dotted maze,
One loosened strand cutting through it, and under,
Blown by a rapture of gladness asunder,
Thrilling me through with an exquisite praise,
Her two eyes.

—*Exchange.*



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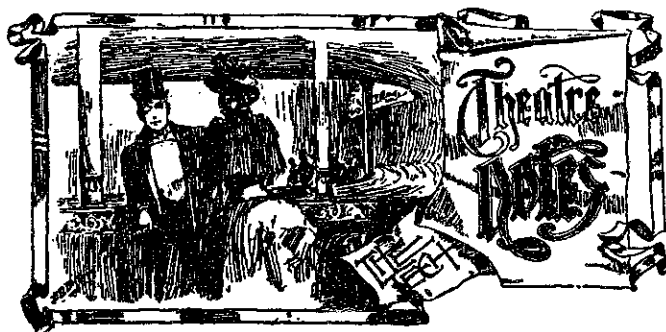
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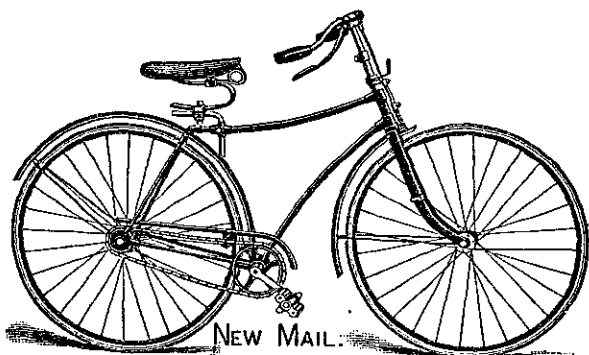
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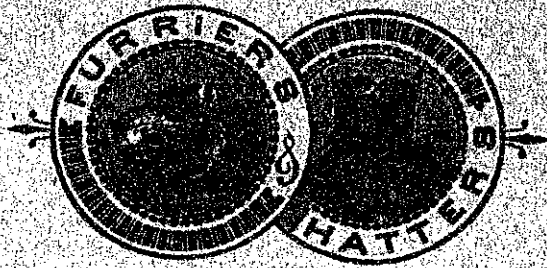
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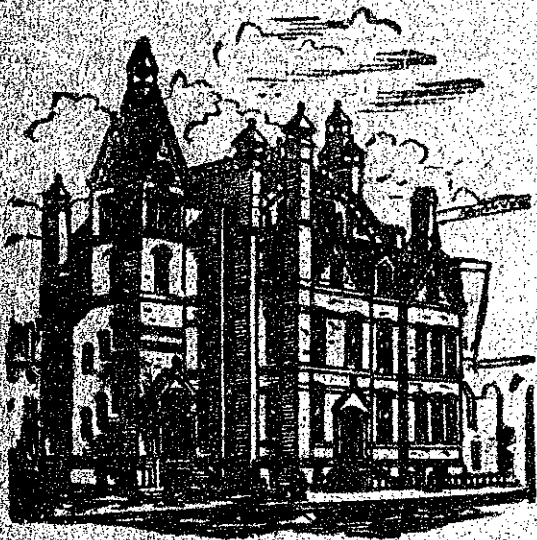


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