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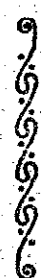
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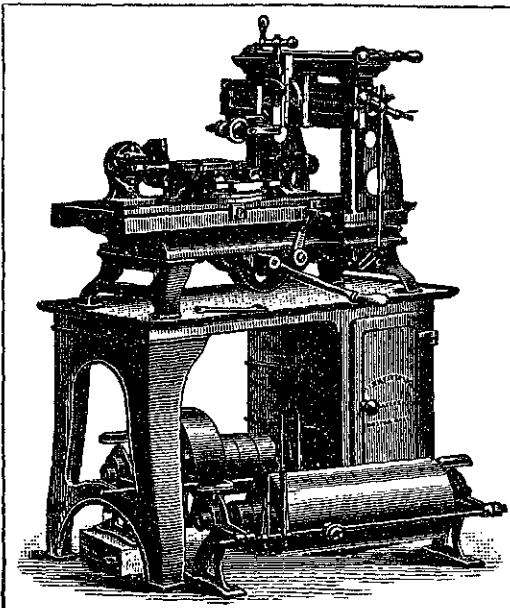
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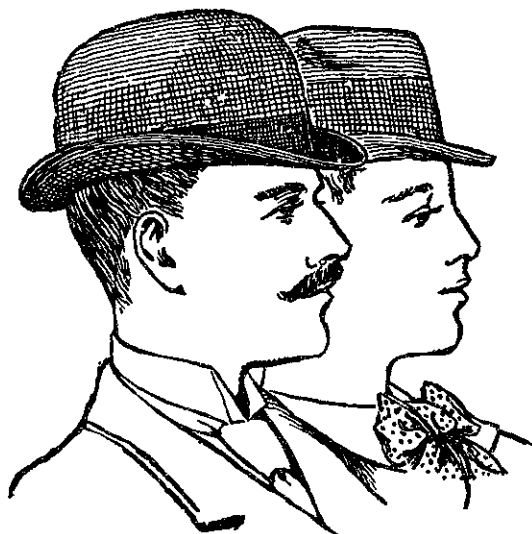
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THROUGH the good efforts of Mr. J. R. Coolidge, Jr., a former pupil in the Architectural Department, and Mr. A. W. Wheelwright, both of whom are now studying in Paris, the Institute has secured the services of a graduate of the *Beaux Arts* of the highest rank to take the professorship formerly held by Professor Létang. M. D. Despradelle is from the *Etalier Pascal*, and was graduated from the *Ecole Nationale des Beaux Arts, de Paris*, some five years ago at the age of twenty-five, an unusually early age. His school record is a fine one. He won nearly all the small prizes, and all but obtained the *Prix de Rome*, which, if it had happened, would have put him beyond our reach. He has already gained

a position for himself in Paris. He is *Sous Inspecteur aux travaux des Batiments civils du Monuments de l'Etat*, and besides his title of *Premier second grand Prix de Rome*, he has that of *Architecte diplome de la Societe Centrale des Architectes Francais*, and also *Architecte diplome par le Gouvernement*. A transcript from a private letter says, "M. Despradelle is a very characteristic specimen of a certain class of Frenchmen, very active minded, a most fluent talker, and a man who seems to have more ideas than his hands or his tongue will ever be able to express." He is spoken of as very enthusiastic, a skilful critic, and a most finished draughtsman. While M. Despradelle rightly feels that his future is an assured one where he is, his great activity and energy attracts him toward us. On account of work that he is engaged upon, he cannot join us until next September, but we can afford to wait with the assurance, by so doing, that we gain so worthy a successor to Professor Létang.

IT has again become necessary to refer to the very insufficient accommodations offered the battalion in the gymnasium in changing their military suits. The fact that two hundred and sixty men are crowded together where but fifty can dress at all comfortably, and that, disregarding the question of room, there are no arrangements provided for hanging up or depositing one's clothes—except the floor—must not be overlooked. A good deal of dissatisfaction is being expressed on account of this great discomfort in dressing, a state which tends to produce a lack of enthusiasm and interest more quickly than anything else. While it is known that he who has direct charge of the drill is doing everything in his

power to make the work as satisfactory as possible, there is certainly some one to blame in the matter, and an attempt should be made to remedy the difficulty. It can indeed be righted if but the proper persons will realize the importance of the matter.

There has been more or less talk among the members of the battalion regarding the benefits to be derived from a change in the drill hours. If, for instance, the period at the armory were to be from half past eight to half past nine, there would be, in the first place, a full hour of drilling instead of but forty minutes. Again, it would then be possible for the men to dress in their room, and thus leave for those out of town plenty of room at the gymnasium, making, it would be safe to say, the satisfaction for more general. Moreover, a number of lockers would be left vacant, which would be very useful to other Institute men wishing to take up afternoon gymnasium work. These considerations certainly seem to be worthy of notice. In any event, may the Freshmen have what it is their right to have,—accommodations. These will aid, as we said before, more than anything else in renewing the flagging interest of the men in battalion work.

A PLAN which is said to be on foot, to introduce military instructions into the Sophomore Year, is one that presents many advantages, inasmuch as the time now allotted to drill is so short, that but little progress is possible. After allowing time for dressing, there remains hardly an hour and a half each week for practical work, one hour being devoted to lectures. This is even less time than is required of the state militia, and there is much time wasted at the beginning of the year for want of competent officers; many men coming to the Institute who have never had military instruction of any sort, and others who have much to unlearn. Thus, to obtain a high

standard of efficiency in this department, these disadvantages must be overcome.

If the proposed scheme is carried into effect, there will be, during the year, instruction in "setting up" exercises and squad drill only, giving the men an excellent foundation for what is to follow. This will include battalion drill, field practice, instruction in military theory and the art of war, together with lectures upon the organization of the armies of the United States and foreign countries. In addition there may be formed a class in military engineering which will be given actual field practice. The advantages of such a system are obvious, and while it is a well known fact that many of the students regard the present drill exercises as merely a bore, to be avoided if possible, it is more than probable that under an arrangement such as the above, they would take a lively interest in the work.

GENERAL dissatisfaction seems to exist among the Seniors taking the thirty-three course in English with Mr. Herrick. And well might they be displeased with the action of the Faculty in giving them, at this period of their course, a subject not only foreign in its relations to their course, but one which they have already taken in their second year under an instructor who taught his subject thoroughly, and in an improved manner.

Seniors begin the second term with the idea that with the view of having them devote most of their time to their theses, as little work as possible will be prescribed for them. Instead of this being the case they are given a preparatory course in English literature; a course carried on in the most elementary manner. The very idea of Seniors taking notes for the sole purpose of seeing how well they can do so, meets with censure from even the most liberal minded student among us. And if these sixty, or more, hours must be spent on English let us have it done wisely. A course

in Business Law or Political Economy, as was given the Electricals in their third year, would be satisfactory; but to compel the repetition of a course in English is unjust in the extreme.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 31, 1892.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

The Northwestern Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology held its Sixth Annual Meeting and Banquet at the rooms of the University Club, Saturday evening, January 28. There were forty-five present, and the meeting was most enjoyable and enthusiastic. The following were elected officers to serve during the year 1893:—President, H. F. Baldwin, '84; Vice-President, C. M. Wilkes, '81; Secretary and Treasurer, John L. Shortall, '87; Banquet Committee:—W. D. Sargent, '87; Samuel Dauchy, '87; Benton Sturges, '90; E. A. Emery, '90, with the officers. A committee of three, Messrs. Frank Wells, '76; Solomon Sturges, '87, and Richard E. Waterman, '92, was elected to act and co-operate with a committee of the Faculty, in connection with the Institute's exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition.

It was decided to have "Technology Headquarters" during the World's Fair, the same to be provided by the Northwestern Association, and \$1,100 was subscribed at the meeting to carry out this project.

The following were present:—

Staughton Walker, '87; F. W. Clark, '80; John L. Shortall, '87; Benton Sturges, '90; Frank Wells, '70; J. E. Fuller, Jr., '88; David Van Alstine, '86; Solomon Sturges, '87; C. B. Beosom, '90; C. M. Wilkes, '81; Wilson H. Eow, '86; William D. Sargent, '87; J. L. Mauran, '89; O. E. Branch, '80; H. F. Baldwin, '84; H. J. Horn, Jr., '88; G. G. Stone, '89; W. L. Dearborn, '88; F. V. Emmerton, '72; R. G. Schmid, —; Edwin O. Jordan, '88; G. L. Harvey, '88; R. E. Richardson, '85; Arthur Woltersdorff, '93; Louis R. Cobb, '86; Henry J. Schlachs, '92; C. L. Burlingham, '86; J. H. McCorsney, '87; A. L. Mills,

'76; R. S. Ball, '91; C. E. Pratt, '87; J. B. Lukes, '92; Samuel Dauchy, '87; H. H. Wait, '91; William B. Poland, '90; G. H. Lukes, '92; F. W. Perkins, '86; Philip Harvey, '90; Jasper Whiting, '89; Albert Sauveur, '89; T. C. Dupont, '84; Richard E. Waterman, '92; John Glidden, '90; S. D. Hood, '90.

It was decided to hold the Annual Banquet the last Saturday of January of each year.

It is probable there will be a dinner of the Association held some time during the World's Fair.

Yours truly,

SOLOMON STURGIS.

DEAR SIR: Permit me to invite your attention to the copy of "Errors in School Books" which is mailed to you to-day. This pamphlet points out many erroneous statements in school books in common use; but the object of the publication is to emphatically direct the minds of educators to the fact that the omission to teach the fourth "R" is a most serious mistake and something, which sooner or later should be remedied.

Will you not in the columns of your newspaper show that the fundamental common school education should be enlarged so as to embrace not only Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic,—but the fourth R—Roads. Should you print anything in relation to this, will you kindly send me a marked copy of your paper, as I wish to obtain for publication a compilation of opinions on the need of such instructions.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT A. POPE.

[We are pleased to state that Technology, though anything but a "common school," is doing her best to impress upon all the importance of good roads. If you don't believe it, ask our Civils. Joking and cyclists aside, it must be evident to every one who gives the matter serious thought that America is behind Europe in no more important particular than this. Even the Highlands of Scotland and the country districts of France can boast of roads that may well put to shame many of our most traveled thoroughfares. It is not for us to argue, however; still we look forward to the day when the United States shall lead in its road systems as in everything else save old cities and ruined castles.—ED.]

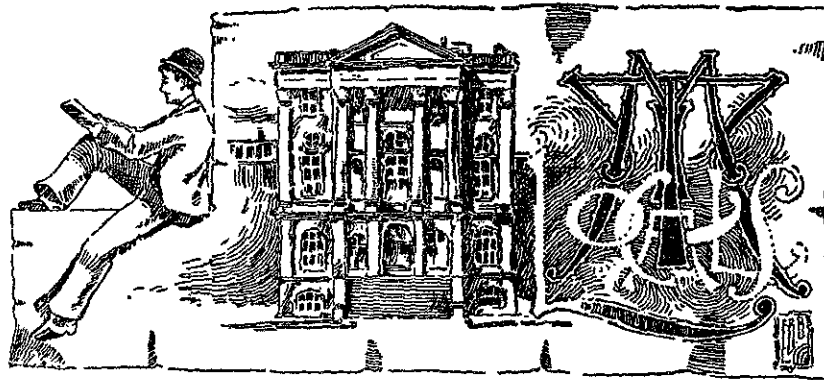
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A short meeting of the Freshman Class was held last Thursday, at one o'clock, in Huntington Hall, to take some action upon a few matters of class interest. Although the meeting was held immediately after, and in the same place as, the Political History lecture, which the whole class attends, two hundred and fifty of the men who did not have enough class spirit to remain in their seats a short twenty minutes went out, leaving, however, enough of the class to form a quorum.

After the meeting was called to order, President Rockwell suggested that a man from each section be selected to make a thorough canvass of his division in behalf of the Bishop Brooks Memorial Fund. The plan met with general approval, and was adopted. The Senior and Class Dinner Committees reported but little progress. Upon motion of Hurd, Crosby was elected Manager of the class baseball team for the coming season. It was decided by vote that all class trophies should be kept for the class by each captain of the athletic team, during the college course. Rockwell and Hurd then spoke of the importance of training for the class team race in the New England championship games, after which the meeting was adjourned.

The Junior Dinner.

The Junior Dinner will in all probability be held next week on account of the difficulty of securing proper accommodations and making necessary arrangements sooner. The expense will not exceed two dollars, and every effort is being made to insure a grand success. Remember, this is '94's Junior Dinner—let every Junior show his class interest by attending. The season is propitious; every man can now spare a night off and afford a little extravagance. Notices will be posted in each building when date and place are settled. Juniors, you have a reputation to sustain.



Stereotomy notes, two dollars!!

Has anybody seen the Photographic Society?

Athletes are beginning to limber up their muscles for the Spring tournaments.

One of the Freshman class has just found out that acid does not make a good eye wash.

In a recent number of *Life* we noticed a very neat design from the pen of E. W. Donn, '91.

Prof. Lanza takes men to the testing machine and says, "at-tension," and "jumps on" them with compression.

The Freshman warriors need not quake in their shoes. Great Britain has too many irons in the fire to fight over Hawaii.

The "Sophomore Architects" began Design last week, and consequently feel very important and full of professional dignity.

Freshmen! Do remember that when you are late to the lectures, shaking the door is not going to let you in—neither is the Instructor.

"Lost, strayed, or stolen," "Pop" Day, last seen on 5th Avenue stage 3033. Any clue as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by the class.

The Track Committee, in arranging the handicaps for the New England Championship Games, gravely announces that Mr. Hurd, '96, has two feet.

All Seniors desiring to take advantage of the low rates offered by the Notman Photographing Co., should make engagements with that Company for sittings.

F. F.: "I fear that Anna and I will have to pick up again."

H.: "Pick up with whom?"

F. F.: "Analyt, of course."

"Are you in the hole?" asked Mr. Reed of a man weighing the water in the ejector test.

"Yes, I owe about \$100," answered the student, busy with his work.

The following men have been elected to serve on the Class Day Committee: Bemis, Beattie, Dearborn, Fabyan, Fay, Norton, Simonds, Alden, Dorman, and Houck.

President Bemis has appointed the following Seniors for the Class Dinner Committee: J. H. Reed, Jr., H. A. Richmond, F. P. Simonds, C. E. Spofford, and Jules Godchaux.

Judging from the activity of the Course II. men on their theses, they will leave enough "original research work" behind them to be copied by the next three graduating classes.

Freshman: "Oh! I find Descrip. a dead snap."

Soph: "How far along are you?"

Freshman: "Nearly through the first plate."

Mr. Brown, '93, who was injured during the vacation, has been improving very rapidly of late, and his friends now hope and expect that he will be able to return to the Institute this term.

Born, to Edward McKim Hagar, a moustache. From last reports both child and parent were doing nicely, and the offspring bids fair to become a moutheir heir to the Hagar lad. No cards.

"Yes, the fever shoved me behind, but I plugged my Dutch down cold."

"How so?"

"Oh! I lived in a 'germ-many' atmosphere so long."

Mr. Ross Turner's water-color class is large this term. A number of second-year men and specials are taking this most interesting and useful study with the third-year Architects, of whom it is required.

All suggestions as to the duties, methods and objects of the Institute Committee from any member of Technology will be gladly received. Drop communications in THE TECH box in Roger's corridor.

The Tech. Glee and Banjo Combination gave a concert at Melrose on Monday last, February 13, which was very well attended and enjoyed. Their next concert takes place on the 22d, at Worcester, Mass.

Freshman (translating French): "And he was choking in the endeavor to swallow the last mouthful of '*pain*.'"

Professor: "Pain, pain? I must say that your translation gives me a very severe one."

In the list of theses of the Course VI. men, the names of Messrs Sutter and Dolan were omitted. They are working together on "The study of the Characteristics of the United States Dynamo, and the Distribution of Potential around the Armature."

The practice for the coming New England indoor championship games is beginning to bring out a large number of men during the afternoon at the gym., so that it once more presents quite a lively spectacle—quite different from "Semi" week.

The following men have been appointed to serve as a committee of arrangements for '93's last undergraduate dinner: Spofford, Richmond, Godchaux, Simonds, and Reed. The Class looks to these men to make the event the most successful of '93's dinners.

A very interesting book can be had of "George," the genial janitor of the Gymnasium. It is a treatise on athletics, and contains all the records for a number of years past. It is sold at the exceedingly low price of ten cents, and should meet with a ready sale.

The Sophomores and Freshmen are beginning to look over their classes; the Sophomores to see what new baseball material there is, and the Freshmen to see what they have in general. Both the baseball teams promise

to be very strong, so a "grand finale" may be looked for.

At a meeting of K₂S, February 8, 1893, Messrs. Dorman, '93, Fowle, '93, Baker, '94, Newell, '95, Rockwell, '95, were admitted to membership. It has been decided to hold meetings every two weeks for the ensuing year, the next being booked for Young's, on February 16.

For the benefit of those students who are dissatisfied at having to pay \$2.25 for a few pages of notes at Ridler's, it has been suggested that the Institute needs all the money it can get, whether by fair means or otherwise, and we should not begrudge it \$2.00 on every set of those notes sold.

Lieutenant Hawthorne has taken a most decided step in regard to the lockers at the "gym." All those lockers not officially rented for this year have been broken open and the contents stored away. This is probably the proper thing, but is, perhaps, a little hard on some few individuals.

Anyone who wishes may spend a pleasant hour on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in watching the drilling of the Freshman Battalion in the Armory. It is only recently that battalion drill, as a whole, has been taken up, and for first attempts the results are quite satisfactory, and certainly interesting.

As yet, Room 30, Engineering Building, has not been transformed into a pool selling establishment. The bookmakers are getting their heads together, though, and the degree question will soon be drawing a large crowd. This part of the Course bids fair to excel Course IV. "catchpenny" schemes.

The Editors of THE TECH regret exceedingly that it has been impossible to get the issue out on time on every occasion, but the cause has been the enforced absence of two of the editors, Mr. Price among them. He is now back, and delays will occur no longer, unless some unforeseen circumstance should arise.

The number of Sophomores taking Political History with '96 forcibly reminds the Freshman of what his fate is likely to be, and presents to him, as it were, a living example of paying the penalty for allowing lecture after lecture to pile up without review. So, '96, take heed and profit by the experience of your predecessors.

Everybody seems to be quite in favor of aiding a bit in the construction of the monument to Phillips Brooks in Copley Square. It is expected that all subscriptions will have been received at the end of this week, and that the sum total may be announced in the next number of THE TECH. Let every man be represented, if he subscribes but a dime.

THESIS SUBJECTS.

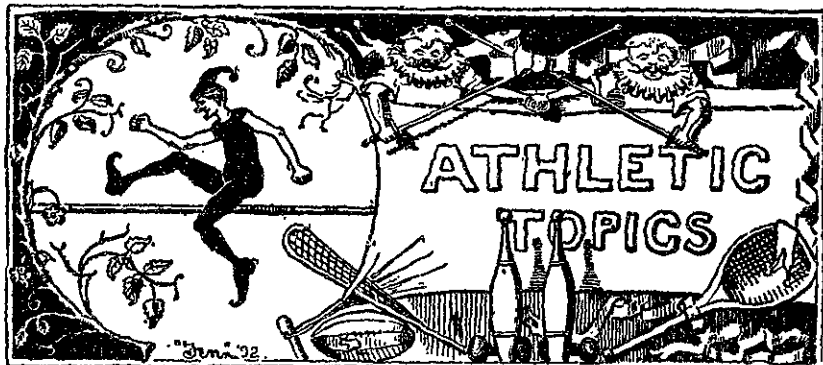
COURSE IX.—GENERAL STUDIES.

- W. B. GAMBLE: Life and Writings of George William Curtis.
- G. K. DEARBORN: —
- F. H. HOWLAND: The Proportion of Foreign to Native-born Citizens in the Legislatures of several of the United States.
- F. C. NORTON: A History of the "Reading Coal Combine."
- A. B. SMITH: A History of the Panama Canal.
- R. N. WALLIS: A History of "Tammany Hall."

Course VI. Man in Second Year Drawing Room: "Mr. Hamblett, this book of drawing instructions says that dimension lines should be composed of dashes one-half an inch long. I have a space three-sixteenths of an inch wide to dimension, and I don't see how I can get a half-inch line into that." Mr. Hamblett: "The book says that the dashes should be represented by one-eighth inch spaces, doesn't it?" Smart Sophomore: "Yes, sir." Mr. H.: "Then, in this case, you should make the dimension line of spaces, and omit the dashes if you can't get them in."

We have but just learned of the death by consumption of Alfred S. Ellsworth, '88, a graduate of Course I. After graduation, he took a position in the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory, and within a year he was an

inspector for several extensive railroads on a number of large bridges. Very few graduates, in so short a time, have been so successful, or have commanded so large a salary, as had Mr. Ellsworth. He remained with the Testing Laboratory, and at the same time was inspector of bridges at Athens, Pa. He also designed not a few bridges himself, including a very large one shortly before his death, and was considered very apt and successful in the department. He had just opened an office with his brother, and was meeting with pronounced success when he died. We are deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Ellsworth, who would undoubtedly have made a great name for himself, and added much to the fame of the Institute.



The team race between Technology and Worcester Polytechnic Institute took place at the Worcester Athletic Club, Saturday February 4th. The representatives of the M. I. T. were Hurd, '96, Lord, '93, Dearborn, '93, and Batchelder, '95; and those from the W. P. I., O'Connor, Allen, Whipple, and Gallagher. The men ran in the order named, and on the toss up Worcester took the pole. First Quarter.—Although O'Connor had the inside Hurd made a good start and took the lead immediately. Both men ran with good judgment, but Hurd was considerably the faster, and at the finish of the first relay had a strong lead of about ten yards. Second Quarter.—Allen started off with a spurt and caught Lord at the end of a lap, but by the end of the sec-

ond relay Lord had regained the distance given him by Hurd. Third Quarter.—This was one of the fastest of all the relays, and Dearborn had a good man against him. At the finish he was just enough ahead of his man to give Batchelder the pole. Last Quarter.—Batchelder and Gallagher are both known to be two of the best at their distances, and the race between them was a "clinker." Gallagher cut inside but fouled and fell down. But he got up as quickly as he fell and lost only about three yards. At the end of the second lap Gallagher spurted and took the lead once more amid the wild cheering of the spectators. Batchelder hung on about three yards behind Gallagher, and they kept this relative position till the homestretch. Here Batchelder made one of the pluckiest spurts ever seen on a race track, and passed his man within a dozen feet of the finish. But he was so completely run out that he fell, utterly exhausted, under the tape without breaking it. As Gallagher broke the tape, Worcester was awarded the race, and every one present agreed that it was the best event of the kind he had ever seen.

The open athletic meeting held last Saturday evening at the Mechanics Building by the B. A. A. was a very largely attended affair. Although the time made in the dashes was not of the record-breaking order, considering the hard corners to be turned, the time in several events was very creditable. In the 40-yard dash, Harvard was an easy winner in spite of the gritty showing of the Yale representative. The team races were by far the most interesting events, applause being especially elicited by the close finish of the race between Amherst and Dartmouth, in which the latter won by a very small margin. Despite the fact that the Institute had but three entries, the winning of the 45 yards hurdle by Hurd, '96, and the nervy fight of Lord, '93, scratch in the same event, brought our athletic association to the front. The breaking of the world's indoor record in the high jump, was also one of the features of the evening's sports.

Tech men have been numerous at the Boston Art Club Exhibition. By clever management one ticket is made to serve all.

With the foundation of the Woman's College and the drill, someone has suggested that Brown should henceforth be styled "Brown's Graded Military Institute for Both Sexes."

Seven Course IV. men have started in the gymnasium this term. They expect to attend twice a week, at least, until that "unmentionable period" comes around again. When one stops to consider the great benefits derived from even so short a course as this, it seems a wonder many more do not take advantage of it. This is an excellent opportunity to get even with your landlady; try it and see.

A Freshman once to Hades went,—
Some things he wished to learn,
But they sent him back to earth again,
He was too green to burn.

—Ex.

"Oh where in the world is my breath?
It's gone!" what distress in his glance.
But relief comes at last, for his breath
Was ascending the stairs in *short pants*.
—Oberlin Review.

The Institute Committee.

The Institute Committee met at 12 o'clock last Saturday in THE TECH office. The committee is composed of the following men, all of whom are well known and influential in their respective classes:—

From '93 — A. F. Bemis, M. Gorham, W. G. Houck.

From '94 — C. A. Meade, R. B. Price, C. W. Dickey.

From '95 — C. F. Tillinghast, G. W. Hayden, G. Abbott.

From '96 — J. A. Rockwell, Jr., C. G. Hyde, D. M. Bates, Jr.

Mr. Bemis was chosen temporary chairman, and Mr. Dickey temporary secretary. The four class presidents were empowered to

draw up a constitution for the committee, a draft of which was to be presented at the next meeting.

A long discussion of the objects, duties, and powers of the committee then ensued; the results will appear in a future issue of THE TECH. For the present, meetings will be held every Tuesday at 4.15 P. M., in THE TECH office, with the exception that the first two meetings are to be on Thursdays at the same time and place.

Mr. Price suggested that a representative man of Technology be made an editor of the University Magazine, if possible, that being the best means of giving Technology her proper position in the college world. Mr. Meade proposed that the Institute Committee in time endeavor to fill the position of a College Senate, if properly supported by the various classes, with a view to a better system of student government. The Dance question was spoken of, and undoubtedly will receive proper attention in a very short time. The feeling against running Tech. parties for pecuniary gain seems to be very strong, and a decided improvement in Technology's social events may be confidently predicted.

THE TECH will keep the students well posted as to the doings and plans of the Committee, of which so much may be expected, if properly supported.

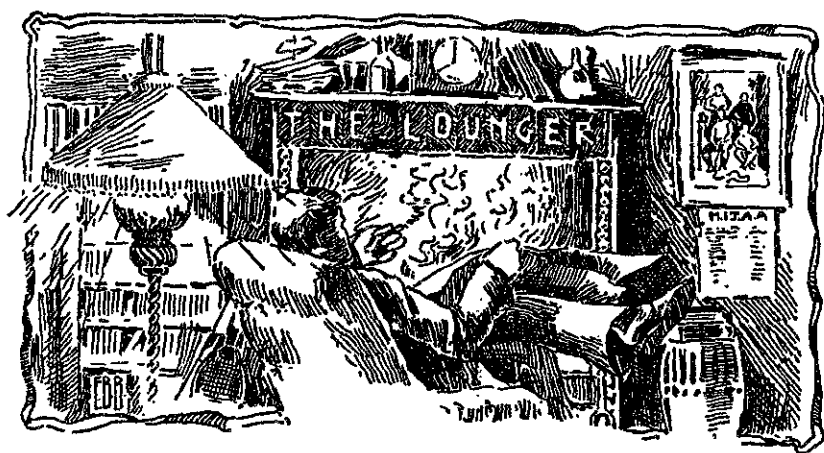
Sub Rosa.

The soft flute-notes float down the room,
We sit alone behind the portière,
—A jacqueminot just dropping from her hair,—
Her shinning, silken gown half lights the gloom.

A perfume faint of jasmine fills the air;
A dreamy waltz, "*Reve d'amour*," ebbs and flows,
And there, where lies the clinging, crimson rose,
Once, twice,—again, I kiss her golden hair.

The "german" still goes on, and no one knows
I tell the story old, behind the portière.
With downcast eyes she listens, the flower in her hair,
And then I kiss her once again, "beneath the rose."

—M. F. B.



"To what heights does the ready wit of man ascend!"

It was on one of our exceptionally characteristic wintry days, when the streets and pavements were fully as insecure as usual, that the Lounger, safely ensconced in a pair of spiked goloshes, was idly watching the hurrying throng on Boylston Street, whose laudable efforts to "stand firm" provoked many more philosophical thoughts than that above recorded.

A man came around the corner, and waved frantically at a passing car. But there was nobody to pull the bell rope. The horses gathered themselves together for a spurt, and, driven to desperation, the man gave chase, howling. He started across a glistening sheet of ice and fell, like many a tempted mortal before him, only harder. But he still howled. The conductor, emerging from the recesses of the crowded car, saw him, and pulled the rope. The man rose, proceeded onward; but, alas! only for a few steps,—the ice was too demonstrative, and wanted more, and, needless to say, got it.

The man looked hurt and reproachful, but rose to the occasion. The car waited, and the passengers watched. He was almost there, only a few feet more; but there were two too many (his own), and once again this tempted man succumbed. Cruel odds! But in the end he conquered. Seated disconsolately on the ice, he swore, but was pardoned. Painfully leaning forward, he unlaced his shoes. Removing them gently, as befitted the occasion, he tucked them carefully away beneath his coat, and treading bravely o'er the treacherous ice, he climbed upon the car. The conductor merrily clanged the gong, the horses started forward, and the Lounger, meditatively watching the back platform, where sat unconquered the man relacing his shoes, gave voice to the thought that provokes this reminiscence.

Shall we pity or congratulate the departed friends who, driven forth from the shadow of old Rogers by

heartless, though, alas! so well-considered words of our august Faculty, no longer grace our fleeting hours with their merry greetings? Heedless of the blow to come, they have sauntered carelessly from lecture to recitation, from "cuts" to the chapel, with never a thought of the morrow, or the sufficiency of the evil of to-day.

They are a jolly crowd, the Flunked Contingent, and the Lounger misses them. They led such a Bohemian existence, and they were such deadly enemies of the grinds! They provoked the sarcasm of the Profs., true, but surely is not that an enviable distinction? Many times they failed, but is it not written, that tho'

"Glorious it is to wear the crown
Of a deserved and pure success,
He who knows how to fail has won
A crown whose lustre is no less?"

And verily, they have known how to fail.

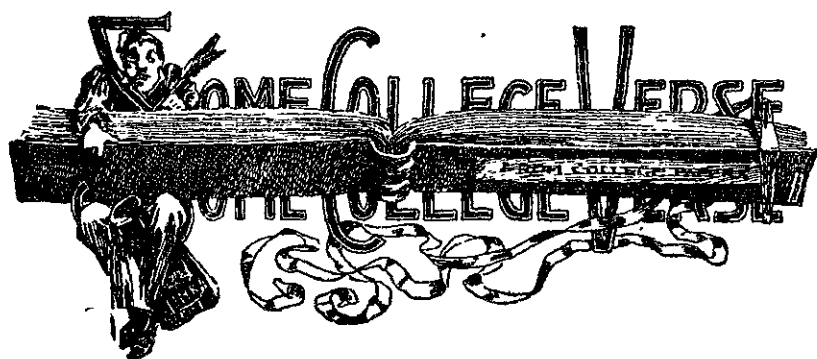
And therefore the Lounger answers, let us congratulate the Flunked Contingent on a new life of "*gail-lardise*," and pity ourselves, who, mourning our gay companions of yore, rest still within the pale of the Faculty's grim jurisdiction, and try to be glad because we still are slaves.

Freed from bondage, they give us a degree; but sometimes 'tis a bootless game, and the candle is too often but a puny wick. However, the philosophers say it is good for men to work, and the Lounger isn't sure they're not right. Only he does at times envy the Flunked Contingent.

The Lounger has run across the following marginal notes found in a second-handed "Notes on Heat," purchased at the Co-operative Store: I needed a shave, and I had forgotten to take my razors to New York, but there was a barber's shop on the other side of the street. The small boy who opened the door handed me a printed card. I wondered what it meant, and read: "Customers are supposed to be gentlemen. No flirting or mashing the attendants allowed. Conversation on any subjects but those of general interest strictly forbidden." On looking around the room, I saw what it all meant, for the barbers were all women,—women who in their black dresses and clean white caps and aprons, looked neat, attractive and pretty. I did not talk, but wondered while I was being shaved whether I might not need one twice a day.

There was another entry, which, being deemed worthy of perpetuation, is dedicated to the author in the following form:—

I fell asleep in the bath-tub,
I dreamed I was drowned, and — well,
Tom found me, turned on the hot water,
And I dreamed I had gone to —.



The man who knows it all
And keeps it, we adore;
But he who knows it all
And tells it is a bore.

—*Lockport Journal.*

Let not his death your vision dim
With sympathetic tear;
His fate's twin scales are balanced trim
To justice. For it's clear,
Since beers have often loaded him,
He ought to load a bier!

—*The Syracusean.*

Two dollars in—there are clouds, you know,
Hence, vain repining!
"So to the theatre she wont go!
With a silver lining.

—*Trinity Tablet.*

SEA SHELLS.

Hold your ear close to this shell;
Wait while I coax the sea note
Out of my deep organ's throat,
Hold your ear close, listen well.
Nay, I've a note to my hand;
If I but sound it—Farewell,
Sea music's gone from your shell!
Now for the thirsty white land;
All this note means is sand.
Hear the cool sea music swell.

Hold your ear close to this heart;
Wait while I find the love chord
On the world's wide organ board.
There! your eyes tell me in part
How the good harmonies start.

Hold your ear closer awhile;
One more note—dare you await
This bitter treble of hate?
God has some shells in the pile!
That's plain enough for your smile.

—*Harvard Monthly.*

"Who is the belle to-night?" asked she,
As they stood on the ball-room floor.
He looked around the room to see—
And she speaks to him no more.

—*The Oracle.*

My love is like a lily,
So beautiful, so fair;
She bears herself so daintily,
With such a queenly air.

But I am a poor man,
To love her is a sin.
Alas! the lily toils not,
And neither does she spin.

—*Oberlin Review.*

BEFORE THE STORM.

On eastern hills the warm light falls,
On belfry heights and ivied walls,
Across the lake long shadows creep,
The weary roses nod in sleep,
Night enters now the world's wide halls.

Through gathering gloom the plover calls,
And silent forest sentinels,
Their solitary watches keep
On eastern hills.

The woodman as he homeward crawls,
Knows that the lull which now enthralls
Valley and height in slumber deep,
Foretells the tempest soon to sweep
In wild, tumultuous madrigals,
On eastern hills.

—*Columbia Spectator.*

SKATING SONG.

The stars shine bright thro' the frosty night,
And the lake is smooth and glistening,
The moon hangs low o'er hills of snow,
With shout and song the skaters go,
While the silent pines are listening.

The dark shores glide on either side;
Their form in the dimness dying;
How fleet, how fleet, our hurrying feet
Their ringing music sharply beat,
In the path of the North wind flying.

No care I know can hasten so;
We are far too fleet for sorrow;
Our hearts are light, and our joyous flight
Leaves all that is cheerless far from sight,
The past, and the fear for to-morrow.

Then once more turn, the smooth lake spurn
Beneath our feet, and glowing,
A something real of joy we feel,
While the ice resounds to the striking steel,
And the winter wind is blowing.

—*Nassau Lit.*

QUATRAIN.

Those indolent persons who carefully try,
All mental exertions to shun,
Apply but the rule as they lazily live,
That "half a loaf's better than none!"

—*Williams Weekly.*

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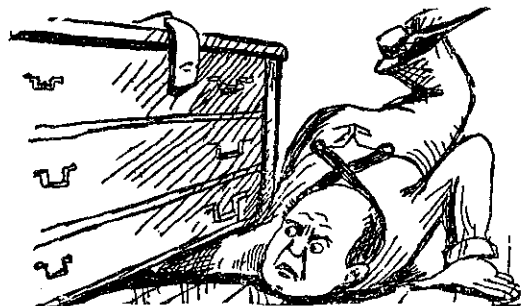
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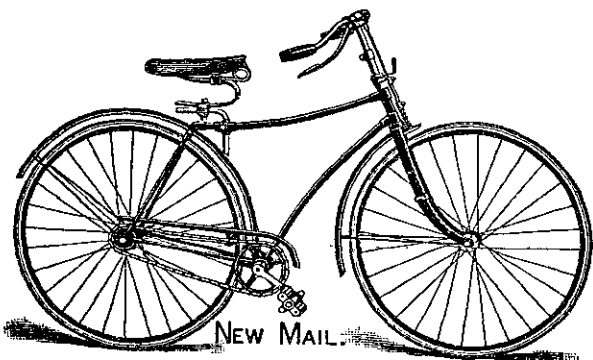
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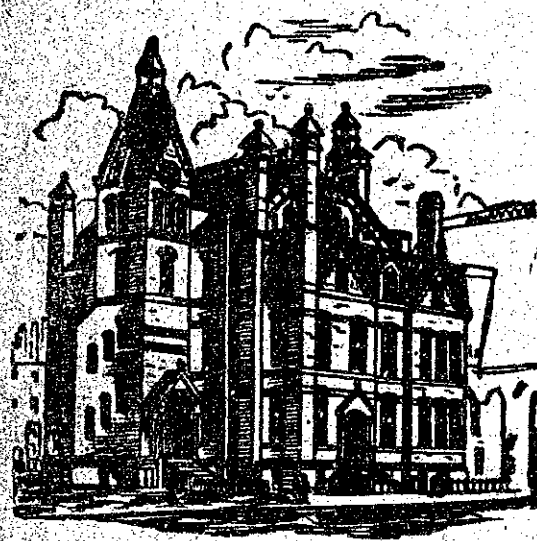
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