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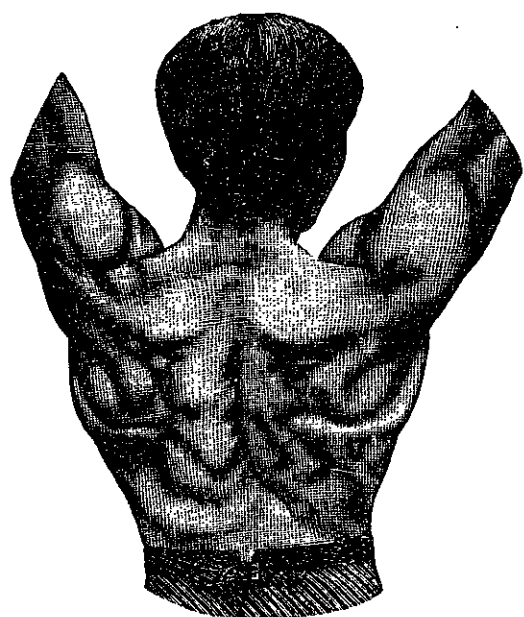
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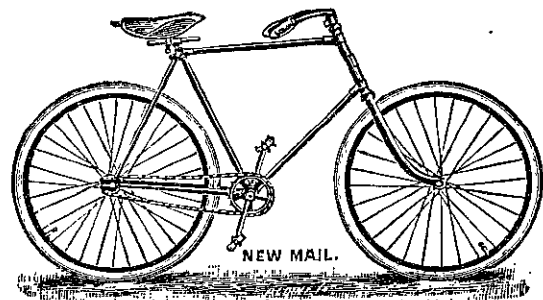
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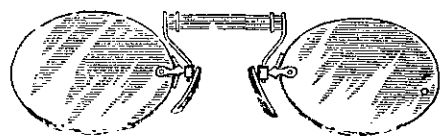
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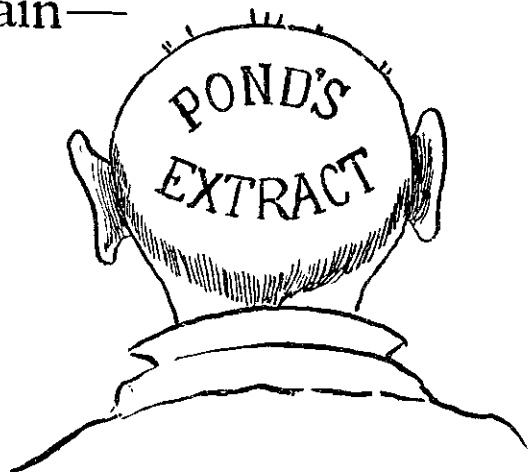
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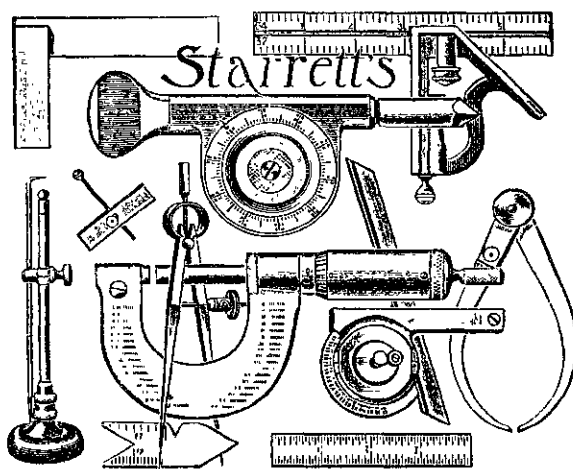
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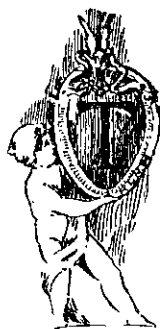
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THE Class of Ninety-six will meet to celebrate its last undergraduate dinner, the fourth of a series which has been successful throughout, on Friday evening, December twentieth. As Freshmen, with an initial dinner in which, with its numbers and with its enthusiasm the class may take pride, followed by similar events during Sophomore and Junior years, when good fellowship and class spirit reigned supreme, the record has been one which is wholly satisfactory.

The dinner which is immediately before the Seniors is far more important than any which have preceded. It is almost impossible to realize at once the close relations which it holds with the class work of the year. It marks the approach to the Commencement period, when the class, for four years united in good fellowship, will stand ready for the work of the outside world. Moreover, not

alone will the dinner afford an opportunity for the selection of Class Day material, but the affair is one which every true lover of our college in Ninety-six should make it his duty to support.

That the inner man will be abundantly satisfied with a host of good things is well assured by a hasty glance at the *menu* which has been prepared; that the toast list will prove unusually attractive may truly be anticipated in the number of popular men who have been assigned post-prandial subjects.

It simply remains for every man in the class to make it a point to be present. Let all course and sectional feeling be cast entirely aside, and let every real supporter of Ninety-six do all in his power to make the dinner what it has only partially been in the past—a true index of the high standard, the learning, the breadth, the wit, and the high culture and refinement which our Alma Mater deserves.

ONE of the incomprehensible things about the mental processes of our students, and doubtless Technology is not altogether exceptional in this respect, is the exceedingly lax ideas certain men seem to have concerning the rights of property. This receives its most striking illustration, perhaps, in the sudden and mysterious ways in which posters, often of considerable value, have disappeared unless they have been protected by lock and key behind the glass of a bulletin board. Petty larceny of a mischievous nature, sign stealing for instance, is not particularly uncommon among certain students of unusually verdant disposition; but the theft of property exhibited by their college organizations admits of no excuse. Such conduct reveals only a lack of decency which should be condemned by all.

THE Management of the Baseball Association has prepared itself to present to the Technology world an enterprise which is entirely novel among our college undertakings and one which will doubtless call forth ready sympathy and support from a host of college men and their friends. We cannot but admire the spirit of integrity in financial matters which has prompted this effort to produce a Minstrel Show on Saturday evening. Everything has been done on the part of the Association, the Glee Club, and other interested persons, to make the affair a huge success. If every seat in Huntington Hall is taken, as should be the case, the student body may congratulate itself upon the carrying on of real charity work, and the Association will be enabled to meet a burdensome and disgraceful debt, which, with those contracted by several other of our organizations, has done much to produce a decided lack of trust in the financial standing of our student undertakings.

WE regret to learn that the Freshman class as a whole is exhibiting an apathy in class affairs which is almost unprecedented. At times when meetings have been called, it has been found impossible to perform important business owing to lack of a quorum. That there should be so large a percentage of men who are unwilling to spare a portion of their time upon work of this nature, which is a more or less accurate index of the character of the men, and of their desire to obtain that broad adaptability to their fellows which is so important in later life, must be considered truly unfortunate.

WE learn that at present the Brown Battalion is less inclined to enter into the proposed military competition than was the case when the challenge was first issued. It appears to be a matter of expense with the Providence men; they would be glad to enter the drill if their expenses were at least partially guar-

anteed. We hope that, in case the match can be arranged in no other way, the home battalion will extend a suitable guarantee. We feel confident that the enthusiasm which such an event would arouse, would be all which would be necessary to fill Mechanics' Hall at a fair price of admission.

THE Architectural Department will shortly be enriched by a most excellent assortment of new casts. While in Europe last summer, Professor Chandler ordered forty casts, which were to be made directly from the originals in various museums throughout Italy. Signor Gherardi, of Rome, has been hard at work for several months past upon a fresh series of moulds from the cornice of the Temple of Concord in the Roman Forum, and his results have received high praise. Signor Cantagalli, of Florence, has also obtained some rare majolica ware, including an old *Bella Roblica* from the National Museum at Florence. These specimens are now on their way from Venice, and will doubtless be placed upon exhibition during the latter part of the month.

THE Minstrel Show which is soon to be given for the purpose of raising the debt of the Baseball Association is, aside from being a most interesting event in Technology life, worthy of strong moral and financial support by Institute men.

The question is suggested, however, whether or not it would be wise for the different societies of Technology, many of which have had serious financial difficulties from time to time, to have some understanding before entering upon the production of any *magnum opus*, so that any shortage resulting should be met by the society then and there. As it is, we believe that nearly every organization which has undertaken any especially elaborate performance, has become encumbered with a debt, often of very considerable dimensions.

Fine performances are all very well, but a sound, responsible business management would make them none the less enjoyable, and we should be spared the hanging clouds of debt which now paralyze the efforts of some of our most admirable organizations.

THE Editors of "Technique" desire once more to remind Technology men that all matter for publication must be submitted to the Board by January first. It is proposed to send the Annual to the printer during the mid-year vacation, which renders it essential that everything which is to appear in the book should be handed in within the next two weeks.

WE publish this week a somewhat extended Communication from a portion of the Nominating Committee of the Class of Ninety-six. In doing so, we wish to make it distinctly understood that THE TECH will maintain throughout a most conscientious, non-partisan position in the matter, a standing which was thoroughly expressed in its last issue.

AT a meeting of the Board of Editors on Monday, December 9th, a unanimous, hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Charles Ewing, Course IV., '97, for his excellent drawing which appeared on the cover of the recent Thanksgiving issue of THE TECH.

THE Management of THE TECH has decided to open a competition for the position of Assistant Business Manager. All men who desire to work for the place are requested to communicate with Mr. W. R. Strickland, Box 3, Cage.

THE TECH regrets to announce the resignation of Mr. William Thornton Parker, '97, from the Board of Editors at its meeting Monday, December 2d. Mr. Parker's resignation has been made necessary by a stress of class and course work. His loss will be severely felt.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

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

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

FEELING that the interest manifested by members of the Class of '96 regarding the present disagreement in the Class-day Nominating Committee warrants a statement to the Class at large by the undersigned of their position in the matter, we submit the following to all whom it may concern.

The election of a Class-day Nominating Committee was authorized by the report of a sub-committee adopted at a meeting of the Class of '96, held Nov. 19th. The features of the report of this "committee appointed to investigate a method of election of the Class-day Officers and of the Class-day Committee," as adopted by the Class, are fully set forth in the Thanksgiving number of THE TECH and need no repetition here. The delegates elected according to the provisions of the report from the several courses of the Class met together for the first time on November 26th, with the President of the Class as temporary chairman. At this meeting Mr. Harrington was elected permanent chairman, and a set of rules to govern the meetings of the Committee was adopted. Among these rules were the following provisions, (a) that a quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of eighteen members, and (b) that all questions of parliamentary law arising in the meetings shall be decided by Cushing's Manual. The meeting then adjourned to December 4th. Between November 26th and December 4th an article headed "Frat Men out in the Cold," and written by a member of the Nominating Committee, appeared in one of the Boston morning papers, declaring that the non-fraternity men had gotten control of the Committee and that no fraternity men would be nominated for Class-day Officers.

This article caused many, both non-fraternity and fraternity men alike, who were anxious to have representative and disinterested nominations made by the Committee, to fear that a plan was on foot to defeat the wishes of a large number of the Class who favor as nominees those who hitherto have worked hard for the Class and who might fairly be considered as entitled at least to hear the voice of the Class at the polls as to whether or not they should be sharers of the Class-day honors.

This feeling the undersigned members of the Committee, embracing both fraternity and non-fraternity men, fully shared. They felt that, while the Class-day Nominating Committee had been organized with unusual powers to control the election of the Class-day Officers and Committee, the functions given it were to be used rather as means to simplify the Class-day Elections, than as instruments to coerce the Class in its choice of officers by placing before it nominees limited in number and not fully representing the different elements of the Class. Therefore, when the meeting was called to order on December 4th and the matter of selecting nominees was brought up, the undersigned signified that, for reasons such as above stated, they were not ready to proceed with the nominations until they had received assurance from the majority that all parts of the Class should be fairly represented among the nominees, and that they were unwilling at present to discuss the matter further in committee, where they were out-numbered two to one, but would gladly meet any representatives of the majority informally, where each party was on equal footing, and endeavor to come to an understanding in the matter.

The minority then withdrew, leaving the Committee without a quorum. Since that time the leaders of the majority have declined to meet the minority informally, and the minority have therefore refused to attend the meetings of the Committee until definite assurance is given them of a thoroughly non-partisan treatment of the questions at issue.

At a meeting of the majority held Saturday, December 7th, Chairman Harrington decided that the section in the rules adopted by the Committee at its first meeting, providing that eighteen shall constitute a quorum, is illegal, according to Cushing's Manual, § 276, a rule which refers to quorums of select or standing committees and provides that "a majority of members is necessary to constitute a quorum for business, unless a larger or smaller number is fixed by the assembly itself." On this decision, the majority have held meetings, calling them legal meetings of the Committee, and have proceeded to nominate candidates for Class-day Officers. At the first meeting under a majority quorum, one of the minority who was present protested against the illegality of such meetings. The protest is based upon the following considerations:—

1. That the Class-day Nominating Committee is a committee in name only, being really a convention

from the different courses and therefore having original jurisdiction as to its rules and regulations, just as has any other representative assembly.

2. That by the nature of their election the members of this committee as representatives of their courses, are directly responsible to their respective courses, and not to the class, as would be the case were this committee a *select* committee, a mere agent, instead of a representative body.

3. That therefore in no way do the rules governing *select* committees apply to this body.

4. And that, being a representative body, it must abide by the rules which it has adopted until they are legally repealed, and hence can now have no legal meeting without its adopted quorum of eighteen. (Cushing, §§ 18, 19.)

In connection with this matter we have consulted legal counsel, and are advised as follows: The mode of selection of the Committee (1) making it representative of the different courses, and (2) giving definite instructions as to its powers, and (3) making a definite term of office (until the election of Class-day Committee); all indicates that the Committee is not a mere servant or agent, controlled or revokable by the class at will, but that, once constituted, it is a representative body, like a Congress or House of Representatives, having the express jurisdiction given by the Class, and the implied power to adopt such rules as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed. One of these rules necessary is to fix a quorum. As the body is representative of the various courses in the Class, it is quite proper, in order to secure harmonious and fair distribution of the offices, to require a large number for a quorum. The Class not having fixed the quorum, it was the necessary right of the Committee to fix it. There must be some quorum, either expressed or implied (Cushing, § 18). Having fixed this quorum, it must recognize it, and can call no meeting, or take legal action of any kind at a meeting, except by vote of a quorum.

For comparison with the case in hand we might cite that of the "Technique" Electoral Committee. This committee, though elected by the class organization at the polls, and directly responsible to the Class, had full power to make its own rules and fix its quorum. How much more freedom, then, in regard to its powers, must the present committee, an assembly so fully exhibiting the nature of a representative body, possess!

In conclusion, the minority wishes to state that the ground for the position taken is not only the legal

right which it is their fortune to possess in controlling a quorum, but also the equity of the case. The undersigned did not foresee that the necessity for continually absenting themselves from the committee meetings would arise. They thought fair their proposition for an informal meeting of representatives from both majority and minority. In this way could the doubts which had arisen have been explained and the way prepared for a Class Day which should receive the support of a united class.

To have this proposal ignored, and to have the parliamentary advantage which rightfully belongs to a minority in case it must needs press its claim to be heard thrown roughly aside on very questionable parliamentary ruling, naturally tends to convince the minority that their further presence at the Committee meetings is futile until the point of a quorum has been settled beyond a doubt. To this end we would suggest that a referee, before whom the question may be argued, be agreed upon by both parties, each pledging itself to abide by the referee's decision. If the chairman of the Committee is sustained in his ruling, nothing then can be said against the manner of choosing nominees, and the Class as a whole should support such choice. If, however, eighteen is the legal quorum, the minority has a claim to be heard.

The one end which we seek is a fair distribution of the Class-day offices among the best men, regardless of course, fraternity or other ties, and a united effort to make Class Day worthy of '96.

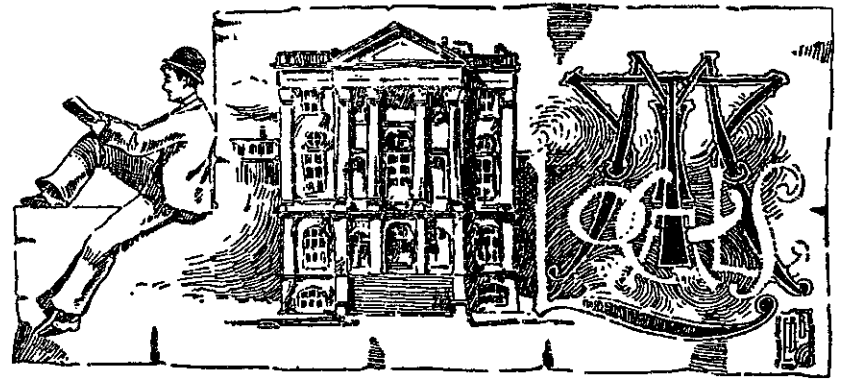
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Ninety-eight is about to take up Electricity in Physics.

All track men of '99 should report to Captain Ferguson.

Gardner Abbott, '95, was in town for a few days last week.

Drawings and posters for "Technique" are wanted from '99.

A photograph of the '99 football team has recently been taken.

The last of the themes in 2d-year Literature will soon be given out.

Tickets for the Minstrel Show were placed on sale Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

The chemical lecture Room, 25 Walker, has been fitted with electric lights.

The list of semiannual examinations was posted in the corridor last week.

The Institute Committee held a regular meeting, December 12th, in THE TECH office.

The planking on Rogers steps appeared in time for the first snow-fall of the season.

The last proofs of the register of students for the catalogue were posted December 2d.

Time has been extended one week on the Third Year Architects Frontispiece design.

The Architects are planning to hold an exhibition of original drawings in the near future.

Several of the Western men are already making arrangements for taking the vacation trip home, together.

Mr. G. A. Robinson, '99, was elected a member of the Southern Club at its last meeting.

The Mandaman Club held a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4th, in Room 26, Rogers, at 1 o'clock.

The Sherwood Club held its first meeting of the year at the Thorndike, last Saturday evening.

It is said that almost half the Sophomore class failed in the mid-term examination in Physics.

The General Bulletin Board contains a list of the names of men for whom mail is waiting at the cage.

The Fourth and Fifth Year Architects handed in sketches for a "Park Waiting Room," this week.

Further work on the tennis ground has been suspended until Spring, on account of the heavy fall of snow.

Mr. Sumner last week gave the Sophomore class in American History two lectures on the Southern Confederacy.

Captain Manahan's younger brother has been elected captain of the English High School team for next year.

Mr. Benj. Hurd will soon make a test of the boiler and lighting plant of B. F. Keith, in connection with thesis work.

All grinds, quotations, and verse must be handed in to "Technique" before December 26th, in order to be published.

In response to a petition of the Sophomore architects, Mr. Lawrence extended the time on their shadow plate to Dec. 12th.

Collins & Fairbanks recently sent a delegate to appear before Ninety-eight in the endeavor to obtain the order for Class Canes.

All are most cordially invited to attend the M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. meetings held at 12.10 o'clock, Saturdays, in Room 26, Rogers.

The Senior Architects spent Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving Vacation working on the designs for "A Country House."

At the meeting of the Geological Club last Monday, Mr. M. L. Fuller described the Growth and Cultivation of the Common Oyster.

Course XIII., Third-year class in Naval Architecture, is transferred from 11 o'clock to 9 on Wednesday, and in Physics Laboratory from 9-11 to 11-1.

A regular meeting of the French Society L'Avenir, was held December 9th. A number of new members from the upper classes have joined recently.

The Annual Indoor Class Championship has been postponed from Dec. 14th to Dec. 21st, inasmuch as the previous date conflicted with the Minstrel Show.

The Class of '98 held a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4th, in Room 11, R., at 1 o'clock. A Penang stick with suitable trimmings was selected for the class cane.

All fraternity men not members of Chapters at the Institute, are requested to give their full names, fraternity, and college, to H. A. Noble, "Technique," '97.

Members of the class of '99, are requested to pay the assessment of twenty-five cents, voted at their last meeting, to the Treasurer, H. L. Morse, of Section 15.

At a meeting of the Freshman class on Tuesday of last week, Ferguson, the English High School hurdler and jumper, was elected Captain of the '99 Track Team.

The Senior and Fifth-year Architects are now working on a sketch problem, "A Waiting Station for Cars at the Intersection of two of Boston's Streets in the Back Bay."

The students of Civil Engineering, and probably many others as well, will be much interested in the report of the Subway Commission of which Professor Swain is a member.

The fine collection of butterflies owned by Mr. H. K. Burrison is now on exhibition at West Newton. Mr. Burrison enjoys a wide reputation as a student of the *Diurnal Lepidoptera*.

The following Senior mentions in Pen and Ink Rendering, Plate number two, in Course IV., have been made: 1st, H. K. Jones; 2d, A. Garfield; 3d, T. B. Hazelton; 4th, Marion L. Lewis.

At a meeting of the Biological Club, December 3d, Miss Norris discussed the latest ideas on Anti-toxin, and Dr. Bigelow read a review of Lindsay's Zoölogy, and Wiedersheim's Anatomy of Man.

Technology will send a team to Worcester on the 19th of this month to compete with Worcester in a team race. Cummings and Grosvenor will probably compete, also, in other events of the meet.

At the Geological Club meeting of December 2d, Miss E. F. Fisher described some Observations on Pot-holes at Shelburne Falls, Mass., after which the general subject was discussed by Professor Niles.

The members of Professor Sedgwick's class in History of Inductive Science were, last Wednesday evening, the guests of Mrs. Sedgwick who gave a most interesting talk on the Life and Work of Leonardo da Vinci. Refreshments concluded an evening which was heartily enjoyed by all.

A meeting of the Architectural Society was held Dec. 3d. The following men were elected to membership: Allen, Bradley, Dana, Purdon, Ingalls. A committee to make arrangements for a dinner at the close of this term was appointed to consist of Messrs. Fuller, Hazeltine, and Von Holst.

A meeting of the officers of the Tennis Association was held Monday, November 25th, at 4.30 P. M., Room 21, Rogers. The Executive Committee was requested to draw

up a constitution. It was further decided to continue the work on the courts in the rear of the Architectural Building.

Course XI. men are engaged in an interesting test of the air in several rooms in the Engineering building. Similar tests are also being conducted in the Public Library. In Room 49, Engineering, small tubes have been inserted through the ceiling through which samples of air may be obtained.

A great step toward the promotion of general interest in preparatory school athletics was taken recently when the English High School eleven of Boston, champions of the State Interscholastic League, played the Portland, Me., High School team for the Interstate championship. The Massachusetts eleven won by 26 to 0.

The Chicago Club held its first Bohemian Dinner last Saturday evening at Dreyfus. About twenty men from the windy city were present. After the dinner, Mr. H. P. Beers, as president, T. E. Tallmadge, H. F. Hoit, and H. V. von Holst, responded to toasts. The company adjourned after banjo music and songs to Keith's, and other places of amusement.

The men engaged on the state water supply analysis are busy in getting their work in the form of the annual report which will be submitted to the Legislature in January. Since 1887, when an act was passed to protect state waters from pollution, the Institute has had charge of this important protective work. During this period of eight years, 15,700 samples of water have been tested in the laboratories in the Walker building.

The class of '99 held a meeting Tuesday, December 3d, in Room 22, Rogers. Messrs. R. A. Ferguson and W. E. West were elected Captain and Manager, respectively, of the track team. The class agreed to an assessment of twenty-five cents, and also extended a vote of thanks to the class of '97 in general, and especially to Mr. H. W. Allen, for the

courtesy and good feeling which have been extended to '99 during the year, particularly at the Cane Rush and Football game.

Mr. Allen Hazen, formerly chemist of the State Board of Health in charge of the Lawrence Experiment Station, and now of the firm of Noyes & Hazen, Engineers, read a most interesting and instructive paper before Course I. and XI. men, Ninety-six, on Friday afternoon, December 6th, in Room 49, Engineering. His subject was "The Disposal of Sewage," and his lecture was based upon the results of careful investigation and personal observation of the disposal methods pursued in England and on the Continent.

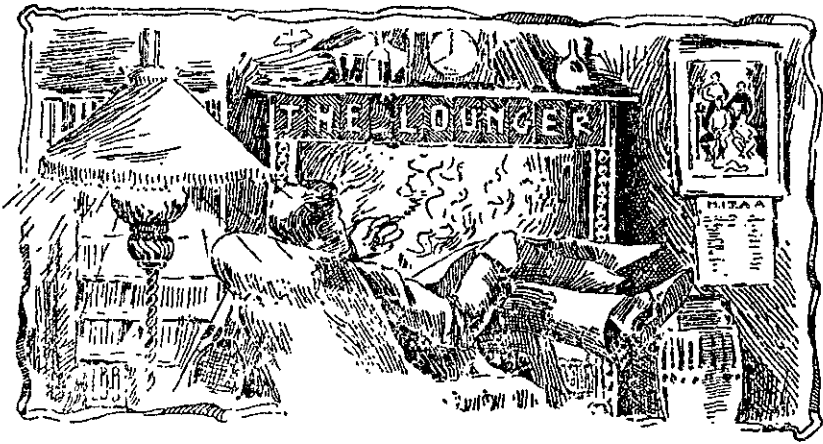
The minstrel show, upon which so much earnest work has been done by the participants, will be given on next Saturday evening. As announced in another column, it is hoped that a large number of men, whether they are interested or not in such performances, will attend, and thus increase the chance of clearing the debt of the Baseball Association. The programme will be as follows: Song and dance, End men, chorus accompanying; Solo, "My Beautiful Irish Maid," Tucker, '98; Duet, Mandolin and Guitar, Barber, '98 and Schuman, '97; End Song, David; Solo (selected), Edgar H. Barker, '96; Dance, E. E. Dennison, '95; End Song, Bones; Solo and Chorus, "Nellie Gray," J. H. Howland, '97; End Song, Rastus; Solo (obligato), "Old Folks at Home," W. R. Dodge, '98.

The following notice to which attention has been called in another column, should be read with interest by Technology men: "The Lodge & Davis Machine Tool Co., of Cincinnati, offers to present to the technical school receiving the greatest number of ballots before March 1, 1896, the Nickel and Gold Plated Tool Room Lathe exhibited by them at the World's Fair in Chicago. Every one in the United States interested in technical education is entitled to a vote. Only votes conforming to the following conditions will be received:—

1. Full name and address must be given.
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The Chemical Department has just received the last installment of the valuable collection of specimens presented by Thomas Gaffield, Esq. This collection includes sets of glass-workers' tools, models of furnaces and glass-pots, samples of materials used in glass making, samples of glass-blowers' work, specimens of old cathedral glass and of mirror, crown, and plate glass. Mr. Gaffield has also given to Technology the specimens (numbering several hundred) which show the results of his extended study of the action of sunlight upon different sorts of glass. These are in themselves most instructive and interesting. Besides the above there are pieces showing the action of sand blast, of glue and mucilage and of hydrofluoric acid. The case which is to hold the collection will soon be finished, and will be placed upon exhibition in a few days.

The Northwestern Association of Technology held its first monthly dinner of the season on November 25th at Hotel Bismark, Chicago, with thirty-two members present. These dinners occur on the 16th of each month during the winter. It was decided to issue the annual directory in more permanent form, bound in leather, and of pocket size. It will contain the names, addresses, occupations, and telephone numbers of the members, nearly two hundred in all. Those present were, Clark, '80, Pierce, '85, McCortney, '85, Burlingham, '86, Fletcher, '86, Currier, '87, Baldwin, '88, Collins, '88, Harvey, '88, Weiler, '88, Nichols, '88, Foque, '88, Hooper, '91, Sudington, '91, Shaw, '91, Vielé, '91, Whitley, '91, Snyder, '91, Hall, '92, G. H. Lukes, '92, J. B. Lukes, '92, Sachett, '92, Jameson, '93, Dixon, '93, Hagar, '93, Nichols, '93, Dearborn, '93, Andrews, '94, Newhouse, '94, Rogers, '94, Swope, '95, Wolfe, '95.



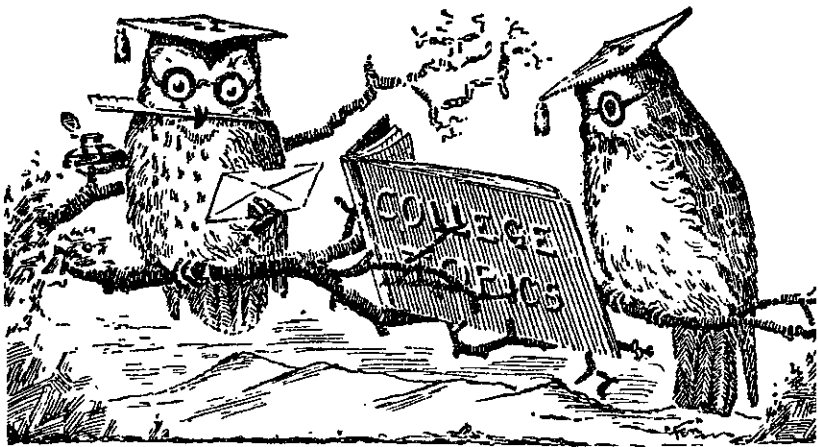
HAIL to the snow, the beautiful, white, fleecy snow, the dark, sloppy slush, and the delightful galosh! Greeting unto the dainty rubber, to the muffler, and the mitten, and the festive concomitants of the winter season. Hail, likewise, to the pretty girl, the cozy sleigh, and the self-driving horse,—to the moonlight, and the unheeded mile post, and to winter's patron saint, the livery-stable man. Welcome the slippery sidewalk and the careful strewer of ashes, the frozen water pipe and the humble plumber, the cold, brisk breezes, and all the other festivities of the season.

Verily, winter is upon our heels.

And so is the minstrel show. The Lounger has heard dire threats and whisperings over this latest perpetration, and is prepared for the worst. He has watched the diligent preparations with interest, and he trusts, therefore, that the strenuous endeavors of the participants will not have proved vain. The Lounger would direct especial attention to the gentleman on the extreme right of the circle, who is a shining example of what may be accomplished by a persistent end man in a conscientious endeavor to enlarge the mouth. The interlocutor, too, has been cultivating an extreme polish of manner, and has devoted much time to the essentials of a graceful introduction; from which the Lounger judges that if Mr. Johnsing, Rastus, David, and all the rest do not have a proper presentation on Saturday, the audience will have lost a large share of the evening's enjoyment, not to mention the consequent futility of certain grewsome sounds which have emanated from the rehearsal room. The Baseball Association ought surely to reap a golden reward from the performance, and in anticipation of the festive evening the Lounger's expectations have been decidedly on the "wax." As the day for the performance

draws near, the Lounger's misgivings also have increased, which leads him once more to counsel the Profs. to devote themselves with renewed assiduity to the imitation of the heroes of Uncle Remus's interesting fables.

A phase of college life less amusing probably than the antics of the amateur minstrel, seems now to be displayed among the seniors, who are surely having a merry time of their last year of grace. To be frank, things are not running with the degree of smoothness which should characterize the proceedings of a well-ordered body of men; neither do the unpleasant tales that the Lounger has heard lead him to believe that the class of Ninety-six is conducting itself in the way best calculated to reflect credit upon itself and upon the college. The source of the recent difficulties is in the election for Class-day officers, which has proved a stumbling-block not easy to be removed, and which has evoked a species of political chicanery not wholly edifying to behold. Not the least unfortunate aspect of the affair has appeared to be the ill-advised communications which the correspondent of a Boston paper has seen fit to write for its columns. The familiar fault of permitting prejudice to warp a native fairness could have been scarcely better displayed than in these letters, in which unappreciated misrepresentation has been so patent as to be almost ridiculous, were it not for the serious reflections implied. A certain lack of perspicacity is doubtless accountable for the extraordinary effusions, which have, indeed, provoked much comment not favorable to the college at large, and for which the Lounger can only express his regret. He is thankful that an experience with former Class-day elections has fitted him to judge with some clearness, perhaps, of the question now at issue among the men of Ninety-six. With the fruits of this experience at his command, let the Lounger urge that no selfish policy of exclusion or no mistaken sense of pique be suffered to dominate the selection of men for the important positions of Class Day. Above all, let him advise the utmost openness and fairness in the whole business. Apropos of any presumptive evidence of unfair actions, let the Lounger remark upon the delightful uncertainty of success which these methods always entail. Then, too, just for a bit of worldly wisdom, he might urge the display of less eagerness and more astuteness, as better calculated to mitigate any possible prospective discomfiture.



The Harvard-Princeton debate will occur March 13th.

A new book of college pictures called "Yale Picturesque" has just been published.

Emperor Francis Joseph has granted women the right to study medicine in the universities of Hungary.

Mr. L. F. Deland has accepted the position of head coach of the Harvard football team for the fall of 1896.

As a result of the Yale-Princeton game each college will receive \$13,769; the net profit from the game amounted to \$29,538.

Henry Irving, who recently addressed the Columbia students, has been made a member of the Shakespeare Literary Society of Columbia College.

"Le Malade Imaginaire," by Molière, was presented at Harvard, December 11, by the Cercle Française. The play abounds in humor, and several ballets and specialties were introduced. This is the fifth annual French play produced by the society.

It has been officially announced that a football game between Pennsylvania and Harvard has been arranged for next fall. The game will be played in Philadelphia, probably on the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, as there is a general feeling among the alumni of both universities against devoting so large a portion of Thanksgiving Day to an athletic contest. The Harvard rules of eligibility will be enforced. This will debar Brooke.



Of all the objections we may possibly hold  
Against the new woman rage,  
The greatest, indeed, when all are told,  
Is on account of her age.

—*W. U. Courant.*

Let the Freshmen all take notice,  
Salt does on the free list stand:  
If they wish to stay among us,  
It will take a deal of sand.

—*W. U. Courant.*

Kiss the rim of the glass, boys,  
Blind to its siren-gleam;  
Drink in its shading depths, boys,  
The wav'ring forms of a dream.  
Then ring from the rim of the glass, boys,  
Ripples of tinkling tones;  
Drink to the heyday of youth, boys,  
Mindless of after-moans.

—*Brown Magazine.*

"Pray, why do you go to college,  
And dig and dig away  
Searching for musty knowledge?"  
Said a youthful maiden gay  
To her friend the sweet co-ed,  
Whom she met on the street one day.  
The sweet co-ed blushed a rosy red  
And paused long enough to say:

"All my reasons I cannot tell,  
I haven't the time to spare;  
But this one answers very well,  
The college boys are there."

—*The Athenæum.*

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**Boston Theatre.**—"In Old Kentucky," which ran so long last fall, will return to the Boston Theatre on Monday for an engagement of two weeks.

**Park Theatre.**—Caroline Miskel-Hoyt will play the principal role of her husband's new comedy, "A Contented Woman." The scene is laid in Denver, and treats of the Woman Suffrage question. The woman in politics is a fertile subject for Hoyt, and he has treated it in his best style.

**Hollis Street Theatre.**—Mr. Nat C. Goodwin will present for the first time in Boston his latest success, "Ambition," by Henry Guy Carlton. The play provides Mr. Goodwin with a fine opportunity for a complex character portrayal of Obadiah Buck, a United States Senator, who is mentioned for President.

**Boston Museum.**—"Too Much Johnson" is still drawing packed houses at the Boston Museum. Its irresistibly funny and exciting situations simply captivate the audience, and Gillette's cool way of extricating himself from the rapid succession of difficulties is tremendously amusing and fascinating.

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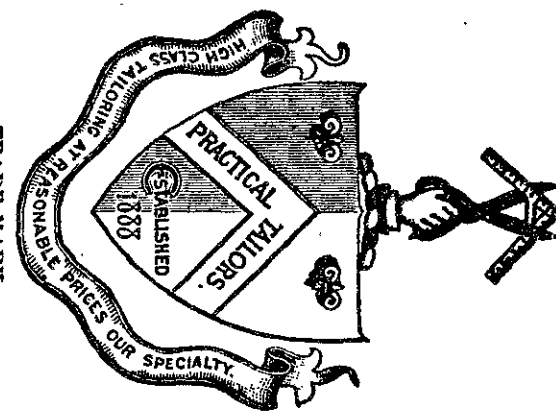
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