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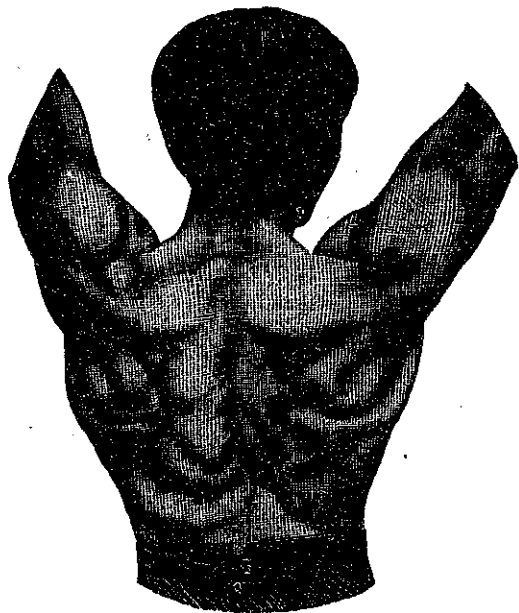
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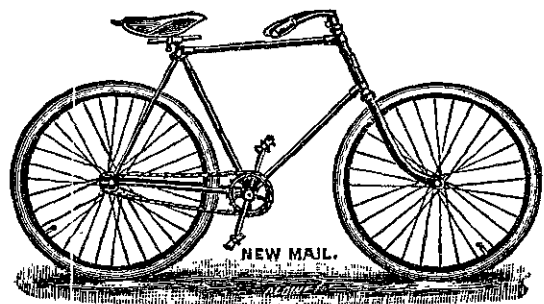
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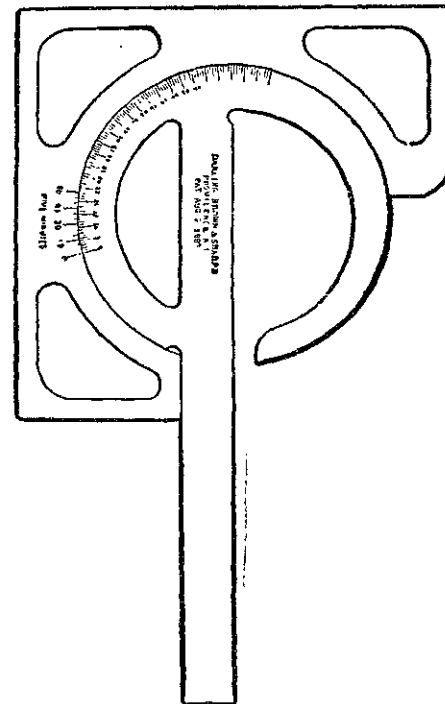
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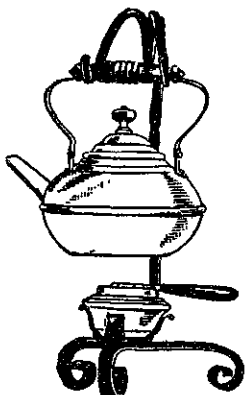
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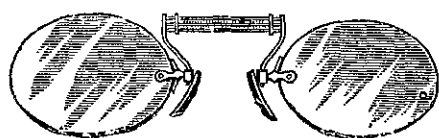
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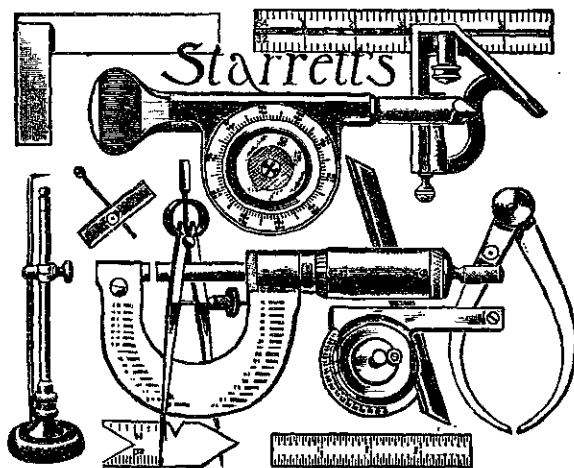
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RATIFYING indeed is the example which Ninety-eight has given us of class unity. Laying aside all personal prejudices, and with no thought but that of selecting men most eminently qualified to serve upon her "Technique"

Electoral Committee, her members carried on the election of this most important body with a spirit of good fellowship which has never been equaled in the history of Institute class organization. One of the most significant features of the outcome of the election, and one which goes far in showing the forethought of her members, and the harmonious relations existing between them, is the fact that all of her class officers were given positions on the Committee, and in fact received an overwhelming majority of votes.

Such thorough appreciation, on the part of a class, of the merits of individual members, such an expression of confidence, is certainly worthy of emulation, and the example of concerted action for the general good set by the members of Ninety-eight will be regarded as an encouraging sign by those who feel that Technology has a double mission to fulfil—that of training the scholar and rounding out the man.

THE communication in another column on the subject of a trophy room is the outcome of a movement which THE TECH heartily commends. A well-filled trophy room would be a source of pleasure to alumni, of instruction and inspiration to undergraduates and of great interest to visitors at the Institute. We understand that a room cannot be obtained until sufficient material has been collected to prove the need for it. It is therefore incumbent on all men connected with classes and societies to see that Mr. Hutchinson is entrusted with everything which might prove of interest in such a collection.

THE Athletic Club is again unfortunate in its choice of a date for an indoor meet, the day assigned, March 14th coinciding with that set for the Junior Dinner. This is an important meeting for the reason that new material, to be developed for Worcester, ought to turn up very quickly. In '94 our hopes beforehand were slender, yet we won; last year we expected great things and got nothing; all of which goes to show that if hard work is put in by everyone, we will not be out of the game this season by any means. Athletes and non-athletes, and especially non-athletes who ought to be athletes, must all

work together. The attendance at the last meet this winter was disgracefully small. This time Ninety-six, and especially Ninety-eight and Ninety-nine, must do their best to encourage the participants.

IT has always been customary to issue an extra number of THE TECH in Junior week and to make a special feature of the number treating of the Senior Assembly. This year we purpose, in view of the recent '98 Dinner and the Election of a "Technique" Board, to issue also a special Sophomore number. The next issue of THE TECH will have a special cover design, and will contain the names of the "Technique" Electoral Committee and the Board as far as elected, as well as the toast-list of the Class Dinner. The Lounger has kindly consented to make public a short sketch of the class in his well-known manner, and it is hoped that the number will be valuable as a memento.

THE TECH trusts that the story which appears in this issue will be appreciated and assures its readers that if sufficient encouragement is given, more of its kind will follow. There are many students at the Institute who are capable of turning out these short, clever, and pointed tales, and from such THE TECH would be glad to hear.

WE take pleasure in announcing the recent election of Mr. Harry Draper Hunt, '97, and Mr. Edwin Ruthven Sheak, '99, to the Board of Editors of THE TECH.

INFORMATION is desired by the Secretary of the Institute in regard to the addresses of the following graduates: A. Hongma, '74, J. A. Hutchings, '83, W. F. Carr, '84, W. P. Gray, '92, W. W. Green, '92, A. L. Jacobs, '92, R. Selfridge, '92, W. C. Thalheimer, '92, H. Lewis, '93, L. Barr, '95.

WITH sincere regret, a few days since, we saw the flag above Rogers at half-mast. With the closing of the life of Governor Greenhalge Massachusetts lost an able statesman and Technology a staunch friend.

Calendar.

- Thursday, March 12th: Meeting of '98 "Technique" Electoral Committee. Meeting of Geological Society in Room 14, at 4.15 P. M. Meeting of Society of Arts.
- Friday, March 13th: Meeting of Deutscher Verein at 4.15 P. M., Room 11, Rogers.
- Saturday, March 14th: Annual Indoor Meeting of the M. I. T. Athletic Association. Meeting of Y. M. C. A. Ninety-seven Class Dinner, Young's Hotel.
- Tuesday, March 17th: Meeting of '98 "Technique" Electoral Committee. Meeting of Biological Society in Room 14, at 4.15 P. M.
- Thursday, March 19th: '98 Issue of THE TECH out.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

I trust that you will permit me through your columns, to call the attention of the students at large to the intention of the Institute Committee to collect, systematically, everything pertaining to the social life of Technology men, and to preserve such material for future display in a trophy room.

The work can hardly be too comprehensive in its details. To make a collection complete, it should include athletic prizes or banners of every description, class canes, flags, menus, invitations, concert programmes, posters, team, society, fraternity and class pictures, everything, in short, that can be of interest to ourselves as alumni, in years to come, or to students of later years. Hearty co-operation will be necessary, and occasionally a little self-sacrifice, in order to carry out the plan with success.

In many cases it will undoubtedly happen, through oversight or lack of information, that no direct application will be made for a most desirable memento. If those who are interested will see that the right step is taken at the proper time, either by notifying the custodian, or by themselves suggesting a donation, the value of the collection will be greatly enhanced.

Hoping that the efforts of the Committee will be well seconded, I remain,

Yours truly,

G. A. HUTCHINSON, *Custodian.*

Admission of American Students to French Universities.

THE TECH announced some time ago that strenuous efforts were being made by educators in the United States to secure more privileges for Americans wishing to study in French colleges, and we are pleased to learn that a most successful result has been attained.

Formerly, the German schools secured all the foreign patronage, owing to the leniency shown in a student's admission. It has now been settled that the French schools will offer similar inducements and open to American students the studies of mathematics and chemistry, in which the French excel. They will be admitted on a bachelor's degree and be permitted to choose their own courses. After pursuing any scientific course for a year, they can, if they wish, apply for an examination in this branch, and if successful, obtain a *certificat d'etude*. Three such certificates will make the holder a *licencie*, and then he can secure a French doctorate, which is decidedly superior to the German, upon presentation of a satisfactory thesis. This system possesses one distinct advantage. In Germany the student presents his thesis first, and if this is accepted, he continues, but if not, his studies give him no credit; in France, a student gets credit for all the work done, even though he does not take the full degree.

The distinctly new features introduced by the new decree are as we have said before: Wider choice of studies; liberty to migrate from one university center to another; the privilege of taking examinations either successively or *en bloc*, just as the student wishes.

The Musical Clubs in Cambridge.

THE Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert Saturday, February 29th, before the Colonial Club at Cambridge. The Glee and Banjo Clubs were not up to their usual standard, the latter club being weakened by the loss of one of its banjeaurines.

The smoke which filled the hall had a disastrous effect on the voices of the Glee Club, and doubtless was the cause of one or two poor pieces.

The Mandolin Club was in its usual good form, and its pieces were much enjoyed, judging by the applause with which they were received. After the concert the members were given a lunch, and the remainder of the evening was passed in bowling, card playing, and the singing of informal selections by different members of the clubs. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by the Tech. men, most of whom remained during the entire evening.

Walker Club Plays.

THE date of the Plays has been changed to April 10th, on account of the change in date of the Junior promenade.

The name of Mr. Hunt's play is announced as "Mr. Jones, Instructor." The other play is to be called "The X-Rays Machine." Original music and topical songs are being written for the second play.

The casts are now made up completely to the satisfaction of the coach, and rehearsals are being held four afternoons a week.

It is proposed to bring out a souvenir programme with half-tone illustrations, if the financial support accorded the plays warrants such an outlay.

During the absence of Miss Ryan from the city, Mr. Rose of the Castle Square Theatre will coach the actors.

The Question: A Romantic Sketch.

HE was a Technology student in Course V. She was a girl of eighteen with masses of black hair thrown back in waves from her forehead, and soulful deep brown eyes. She was sitting under the shadow of a grove of pines on a green slope which overlooked the sea. Her companion lay at her feet, and nerved himself to take advantage of the inter-

view which he had longed for and at last demanded. A blissful fortnight he had spent as the guest of her father, who owned the great sugar refinery in the village. Now he was going home and might not see her again; before he left he must speak out what was in his heart. Her eyes roamed uneasily over the blue waters, and she picked nervously at the muslin of her dress, for she too felt the tension of the moment. At last he half rose on his elbow, gazing earnestly in her face, and stammeringly began: "Miss Dorothy, in these last few days an idea, a hope has come to me which is too wild to be realized, yet which I cannot suppress. I know I am not worthy, that I have always been thoughtless and frivolous and good-for-nothing. But since I came here a new resolution, a new strength has come to me. I long to have a home to—Miss Dorothy, I am overdaring, presumptuous—but, will you, can you—use your influence with your father to make me consulting chemist for his sugar works?"

He was a Technology student in Course V.
KAW.

Eh, Bien?

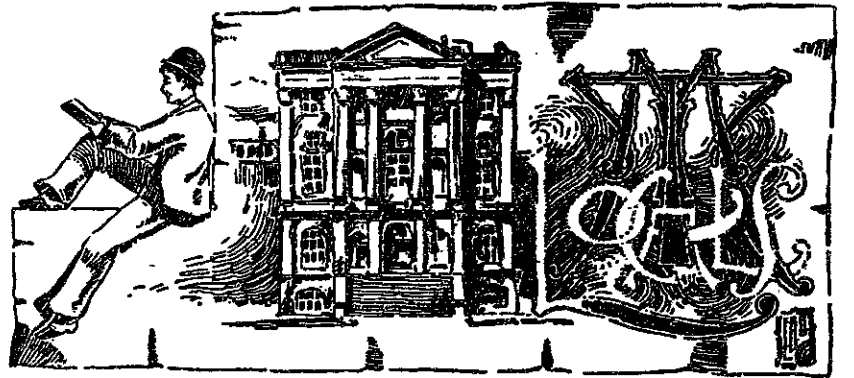
A hand in mine,
A shady spot.
Ah, thought divine!
A kiss,—why not?

M. K.

Love up to Date.

I know she loves me, though with scorn
She treats my adoration;
I know she loves me, though my suit
She checks with strong negation.
And this I know, with proof as sure
As though her lips had said it:
Her heart I have before my eyes,
And there I've plainly read it.
For Cathode rays have stolen through
This maiden so deceiving;
And thus her heart I've photographed,
And seeing is believing.

L. H. S.



The class in Cryptogamic Botany uses a German text-book.

Dr. Ripley has an article in the current number of *Popular Science Monthly*.

All posters for the English Play, "Poster Competition," must be in by March 16th.

Technology is one of the few scientific schools which require Analytic Geometry in the first year.

A list of the scholarships offered by Columbia College is posted in the Library, Room 40, Rogers Building.

The summer courses proved sufficiently successful last year to be repeated, and schedules for next summer are being prepared.

At a meeting of the Geological Club on the 5th, Professor Niles spoke on the subject, "Charles Lyell and Modern Geology."

Two tennis courts only can be built upon the ground back of the Architectural Building, instead of three as was at first supposed.

Hubbard and Rumery, '98, and Stebbins, '97, entered in the open games held by the Cambridge High and Latin schools at Cambridge, Feb. 29th.

Dr. Hough lectured before the Biological Department of Vassar College at Poughkeepsie last week. The head of the department is Miss O'Grady, M. I. T., '85.

All members of '99, who intend to try for the class baseball team, should hand in their names, and the positions which they play, to H. M. Keys or M. Weeks, as soon as possible.

Mr. S. F. Tower, who is taking several courses at the Institute, recently made some excellent photographs of hydroids. Mr. Tower has been very successful with photography in Biological work.

At Professor Despradelles' suggestion, Messrs. Chamberlaine and Spahr are drawing plans for a college clubhouse, which will be presented in the annual Beaux Arts competition at New York this spring.

All men wishing tickets for the Freshman Drill should procure them at once. About a thousand seats have already been sold, sections being reserved for Brown, Harvard, Amherst, Wellesley, and Lasell.

There will be a meeting of Der Deutsche Verein Friday, March 13th, at 4.15 P. M., Room 11, Rogers. Professor Vogel will address the Verein. Messrs. Cramer and von Holst will deliver a humorous dialogue.

The Biological Club met on the 3d, and listened to a paper by Mr. Crampton on "Regeneration of Organs resembling Antennæ in place of Eyes." Professor Sedgwick spoke on "The Effect of Cemeteries on Health."

According to the present Faculty rules Fourth-Year students, candidates for graduation, are no longer required to make up their conditions by March 1st, but will have examinations at the end of the term, as in the other years.

Instead of the regular February meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society, a "Smoke Talk" was held at Marliave's, Friday, February 28th. The affairs of the society were talked of informally, and all spent a very enjoyable evening.

The successful competitors at the drill to be held on the twenty-fifth proximo for the selection of two color-sergeants and two color-corporals will each be furnished with a pair of chevrons free of cost, the gift of the Institute.

Nearly all of the fourth-year men in Course I. have handed in their thesis subjects. A masterful thesis so often wins for a man professional recognition that Technology will watch with interest the outcome of the efforts of Ninety-six.

At the last regular meeting of L'Avenir on the 2d, Professor Van Daell gave a very interesting talk on France and its present government. The weakness of the Legitimist and Imperial candidates and the stability of the Republic were emphasized.

If there are at the Institute men who desire to see any college publication, they will be gladly accommodated by THE TECH, which has numerous exchanges, that could be placed in the General Library reading room. A note in the box will secure the desired paper.

Dr. and Mrs. Talbot were "at home" to the chemists, miners, and chemical engineers of the Senior Class on Wednesday evening, February 19th, and to the chemists and chemical engineers of the Junior Class on Wednesday, the 26th of February, at their home, Balcarres Road, West Newton.

This year it is Professor Bates' intention to bring the study of English Literature down to the present time. Hitherto, this has been impracticable, owing to the lack of time, but the two hours a week, this year, are to be utilized by lectures. Judging from the enthusiasm shown, the scheme meets with hearty approval.

On Thursday, February 27th, Mr. A. F. Porter, '98, was presented with a collar button by the Sophomore chemists. Mr. Lord made the presentation and closed with the magnificent peroration, "May your fortunes rise as high in the future as your necktie has in the past!" The entire laboratory assisted at the function.

By provision of the will of the late Dr. William J. Walker, two prizes are to be awarded annually by the Boston Society of Natural History, for the best memoirs written in the

English Language on subjects proposed by a committee appointed by the council. Further particulars may be secured by applying at Prof. Sedgwick's office.

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Tennis Association was held last Wednesday. Fifty dollars was appropriated for laying out courts, and the Executive Committee was directed to begin work as soon after March 17th as possible. The courts will be two in number, and will be open only to members of the Association.

Professor Sedgwick's course in Sanitary Science is immensely popular. It is not of such a technical nature but that a student unprepared in Chemistry and Biology can comprehend what is being talked of, yet is of greater value to one who has closely watched the actions of Bacteria and understands the process of fermentation.

The withdrawal from the Institute of Mr. Geo. Munroe has led to several changes in the Banjo Club, of which he was leader. Mr. Lawrence Addicks, '99, is now in charge, and Messrs. Jameson, '96, Guitar, and Burdick, '99, Banjeaurine, have recently been admitted. A medley and several other productions are being arranged, and the Club is practicing constantly. More guitars are greatly needed.

Professor Homer has, in his course in Architectural History, devised a plan for taking notes and making sketches during the lectures which somewhat puzzles his class. The views left from the stereopticon are left on the screen for less than two minutes, and it is expected that they will be sketched, while notes upon the lecture are also taken. All this must be done in a darkened room.

The following officers of the United States Army will act as Judges at the intercollegiate drill next May: Captain W. E. Wilder, 4th Cavalry, Adjutant of the Military Academy, West Point; First Lieutenant E. St. J. Greble, 2d Artillery, Regimental Adjutant; First

Lieutenant H. C. Hodges, 22d Infantry, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the New Hampshire College of Agriculture.

Three important books on the Bacteriology of Dairying have been received by the Biological Library. Few who have not studied the subject realize the strides which Industrial Bacteriology has made during the last few years. Many of the vital processes in Tanning, Dairying, and Food preserving are dependent upon this science; perhaps, the latest development is an attempt to impart the flavor of June butter (due to bacterial action) to that made in winter.

The architectural department is fortunate in being again the recipient of costly gifts from Mrs. Draper. They consist of very large photographs framed in oak of the Cathedrals at Exeter, Toledo, Cordova, the mosque of St. Sophia and the Chateau at Pavia. These now grace the walls of the architectural library. She has also presented a set of very valuable books relating to antique monuments. Mr. Gaffield has presented six volumes relating to the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

The lectures in aid of the French and German societies will be given in Room 11, Rogers, at 8 P. M. on March 24th, 27th and 31st, and April 3d. The first lecture will be in French by Professor Van Daell on "Le Misanthrope de Molière." The second will be in German, by Professor Dippold on "Richard Wagner's Ring des Nibelungen." The last two lectures will be in English, by Mr. Blachstein, on "Emperor William I. as a man," and by Professor Vogel on "Goethe's Hermann und Dorothea, and Longfellow's Evangeline and The Courtship of Miles Standish."

On the invitation of Captain Bigelow, Major Reilly, the Commandant of the Watertown Arsenal, recently delivered a lecture to the Freshman Class on "The Manufacture of Gun Carriages for Heavy Guns." He paid a high

tribute to the work of General Rodman, to whose investigations and inventions, he said, was due much of the perfection of modern ordnance. He also mentioned the fact that although the cost of the carriages for seacoast guns is sometimes greater than that of the guns themselves, the importance of the former is often overlooked, and Congress has at times caused great embarrassment by appropriating large sums of money for guns, and making no provision for mounting them. The major had on exhibition an exact model of an eight-inch rifle with disappearing carriage, which he explained in detail, and, at the close of the lecture, he extended a hearty invitation to all Technology students who were interested in the subject of ordnance, to inspect the works at Watertown.



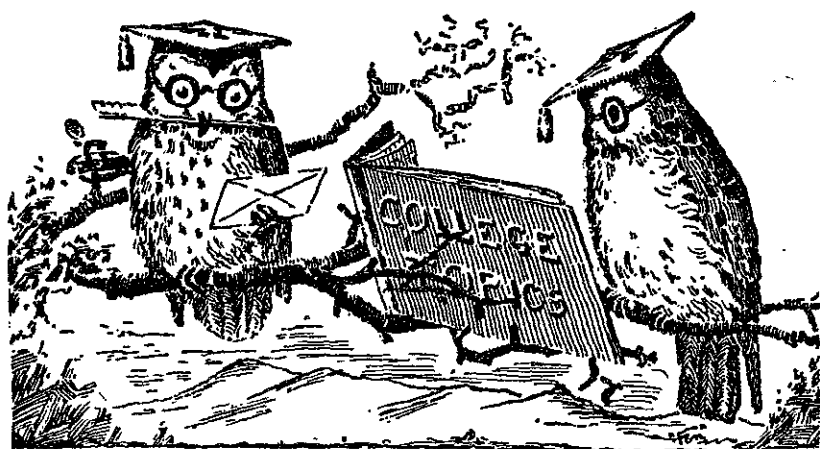
U. OF P. RELAY RACES.

As yet Captain Cummings has received no particulars as regards the expenses which will be incurred in case he accepts the invitation of the University of Pennsylvania A. A., to send the Technology team to their Grand Relay Race, April 25th. Teams representing nearly all colleges in this country and a few in Canada have been invited. They will be divided into groups of four, care being taken to put teams of nearly equal strength in the same group, and the winners will run for the championship of America. The race will be governed by the same rules of qualification and eligibility that now prevail in the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Forty-eight colleges have been invited,

including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Tech., Amherst, Williams, Dartmouth, Cornell, Columbia, University of Michigan, University of California, Tufts, and Trinity. The first prize for each group will be a handsome banner as a college trophy, and each man on the winning team will receive a gold watch. Each man on the team taking second place will receive a silver cup. This is the first meet of the kind ever held in the United States, and will attract thousands of people from all parts of the country.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CYCLING ASSOCIATION.

The Harvard University Cycling Association will hold an Invitation Race Meet for college riders only, on June 3, 1896. The Meeting will be held on the new third-of-a-mile track now being built in Cambridge. This track is highly banked on the turns and will be laid with a cement surface. All the appointments of the track, such as dressing rooms, etc., will be first-class in every particular. The Harvard Cycling Association offers a silk banner to the college scoring the most points in the open events. All points to count must be made by a team of not more than six men, which shall be known as the racing team of the college they represent. Any student in a college may enter, however, and is eligible to win prizes, but his points will not count toward the banner unless he is on the racing team of his college. All college riders are urged to enter and do all in their power to make the meeting a success, for in the event of this meeting being a success the Intercollegiate Bicycle movement now on foot will be materially benefited. The events will be as follows: One-third Mile, Scratch; open. Two-third Mile, Scratch; open. One Mile, Scratch, Intercollegiate Championship; open. One Mile, Handicap; open. One Mile "Quad" Race. One Mile Invitation Team Race. Entries may be sent to W. R. Brinckerhoff, 13 Mathews Hall. Entry fee one dollar.



It has been definitely settled that a California athletic team will come East again this spring.

A race will take place at Annapolis on May 16th, between the U. of Penn. freshmen and the U. S. Naval Academy.

Dinsmore, Dartmouth's crack pitcher, has signed with the Atlantic City Baseball Association for the coming season.

Rutgers will have a crew the coming season for the first time in over twenty years. The college means to atone for not putting a football team into the field last fall.

Burke, winner of the quarter mile in the international meet last year, has written that he will enter the half mile in the Biennial Games of the Harvard Athletic Association in May.

William O. Hickok, for four years Yale's champion hammer and weight thrower, will train Yale's track team for the annual indoor games at the 2d Regiment Armory, March 7th.

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, says that hereafter there will be no discrimination between men and women in choosing members of the faculty at Ann Arbor.

A university under government control is to be established at Tientsin, China. It will have a competent corps of foreign professors. Mr. C. D. Tenney, formerly private tutor of the sons of Li Hung Chang, is to be the first president.

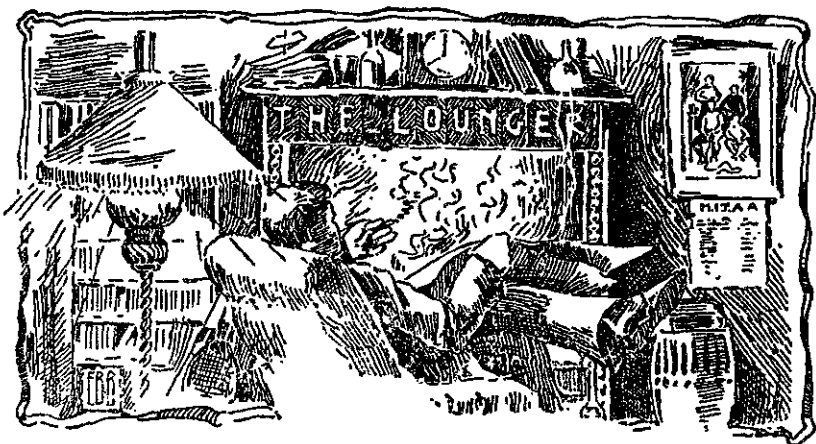
A new departure is likely to be made in Harvard football next fall. The eleven will line up for actual play but three times a week, alternate days being given to some light form of exercise as different from actual football as can be devised.

Twenty-one young men, all belonging to the Sophomore class, have been expelled from Ottawa University for having defied the faculty by giving a banquet to the young women members of the class at a down-town restaurant after 10.30 o'clock.

The Faculty Athletic Committee of the University of Pennsylvania have decided to prohibit the entire baseball team, with two exceptions, from representing Pennsylvania in future athletic contests, because they played on "summer nines." The exceptions are Captain Blakeley, who was declared eligible, and Grey, whose case has not yet been considered.

The new Harvard 'varsity shell, which is being built at Worcester, will be provided with a unique steering device. It consists of a compass in front of the coxswain, whose indicator is connected by lines with the rudder, and registers every movement of it. By means of this device the coxswain will be enabled to tell if either side is pulling harder than the other, and to call on the weaker side for more work.

In German universities the cost to the various governments, compared with or divided by the number of students, varies greatly. The fees are vastly less than with us and the burden of university economy comes from endowment in minor part, substantially from taxation. At Munich the cost is 264 marks per student; at Berlin, 486 marks; at Jena, 1,011 marks; at Strassburg, 1,068 marks; at Konigsberg, 1,326 marks; at Gottingen, 1,334 marks; at Kiel, 1,381 marks.



... "Thus repuls'd, our final hope
Is flat despair."

JOHN MILTON has expressed the Lounger's ideas to a nicety.

The Lounger is in despair. He had in readiness a most carefully prepared pastel on Spring, which the harsh effort of the returning Boreas has prevented him from bringing out at this time. The Lounger's effort was, he feels, an extraordinary one, and could but his ideas have met with fitting expression in verse, he is confident that the English Department would have no hesitation in pronouncing him the finest lyrist of his age. [What his age is the Lounger, for reasons of modesty, forbears to tell.] The Lounger's Spring odes are always of a high order, and this year he had devoted himself with supernal zeal to a study of our Boylston Street flora in order that he might more learnedly discant upon and more intelligently assume the poetic fervor over the nascence of the blushing violet and the humble, yet edible dandelion. But the playful fling which old Winter chose to indulge in drove the Lounger's ambient thoughts more into the vein of the useful mackintosh and unsightly galosh, and the spirit of poetry had to go about with open umbrella. Now that the Lounger has once suffered disappointment, he will await a more favorable season for the exploiting of his vernal wares, and next month perhaps he may be able to bring out his thoughts on Spring with less fear of abrupt contradiction.

Even if the Lounger was cheated out of the expression of certain lofty sentiments, he may at least, without too great a strain of the apropos, narrate a trifling adventure that overtook him recently, since it had to do with another high and noble sentiment,—charity.

One bleak night as the Lounger was standing in a Washington Street doorway awaiting the casual electric, he was besought by a ragged newsboy to purchase a paper. The lad's face was thin and drawn, his voice

piteous in the extreme, and the Lounger's heart was touched. He took a quarter from his pocket and with a kindly word gave it to the boy. Now of all sentiments the Lounger considers charity the highest, and a kind act seems to him to cancel almost any number of old scores accruing from ordinary sinfulness. Having thus favored himself with this wholesale cancellation of a week's accumulation, having made himself solid, as it were, with the higher powers, the Lounger looked expectantly for the grateful thanks of the poor gamin. The urchin, however, received the money without so much as "Thank you," rang it critically on the pavement, and, after poising it carefully in his hand, had the audacity to return it to the Lounger, remarking coolly, "'Taint good, Mister."

One incident in the recent '98 election the Lounger regards with approval. This is the presence of one of the fair sex on the electoral committee. It is a worthy custom and one in which example was set by the present Seniors during the literary period of their career, who found the restraining influence likely to be exerted upon the vehemence of debate to be most salutary. The Lounger has sometimes thought with dread of the period in the future when female influence shall have become as potent here as at B. U., and when shall be hung from the Dictionary in THE TECH office the sign "No Gum Chewing during Office Hours." But at present the sterner sex is in sufficient majority to be magnanimous, and to exhibit its chivalry and its confidence in the judgment of the Co-Biologists.

During the holiday of last Monday, while the Lounger was holding down his desk in THE TECH office, he was aroused from a reverie by a knock on the door, which was followed by the bashful entrance of two little boys of perhaps seven years or so.

"Well," said the Lounger cheerfully, "what can I do for you?"

"Please, sir," they said in unison, "we want to see the animals."

"Very sorry," said the Lounger, "but Tech is closed to-day;" and with an air of disappointment his tiny visitors went downstairs. When they reached the corridor the Lounger was overtaken by an idea, and hurrying after them he suggested, "Your mistake is quite excusable, but perhaps you want to go to the Natural History Rooms?" And with a graceful gesture he directed them to the next building.



A SOLUTION.

She asked me to paint her portrait,
I vowed that it couldn't be done,
That the colors to match her fairy charms
Were not to be found 'neath the sun.

For e'en though I caught her eyes' turquoise
And the tawny-gold gleams of her hair,
Still the petal pink flush of her rounding cheek
Must ever be my despair.

But, alas! for the wreck of illusions,
And the doom to which phantasies float;
Precisely the tint of her cheek's peerless glow
I found the next morn—on my coat.
—*The Princeton Tiger.*

SAD FATE.

Forest glen,
Lion's den.
Savage tones,
Rags, bones.

—*University Chronicle.*

"Non paratus," dixit Sophie,
With a meek and sorry look;
"Omne rectus," dixit Proffie,
"Nihil" scripsit in his book.

—*Beacon.*

WHERE FIRELIGHT FALLS.

(*Rondeau.*)

Where firelight falls from crackling logs aglow,
And shadows flicker on the dusky walls,
And upward through the smoke the sparkles go,
I sit and listen to the wind, that calls
Through barren trees along the woodland halls.
Outside, the world is blind with driving snow
And sharp with frost, but that no whit appalls
Me, where I sit and watch the smoke-wreaths slow,
Where firelight falls.

For dreaming in the ruddy luster shed
I think of one sweet twilight yet to come,
When from the rattling boughs the leaves have fled
And all without the frozen world is dumb,
And in my dream I see one little head
Where firelight falls.
—*The University Cynic.*

When the shadows round us hover
And the daylight fades away,
Then it is the maid and lover
Gladly yield to Cupid's sway,
And they seem to feel elation,
Do these lovers of the dark,
In the faint illumination
Which is furnished by a 'spark.'

—*Brunonian.*

RONDEAU.

There are more fair on this bright world than thou,
And lovelier eyes shine 'neath some fairer brow;
Far daintier curls some Venus-shoulders woo,
And whiter pearls gleam 'twixt lips' rosy hue.
Yet art thou mine, forever more, and now.

Life is but transient, yet love shall teach us how,
How long, how sweet was life when death shall bow
His hoary head; and what, though it be true,
There are more fair?

'Tis not the fairest face that can endow
The soul with love more beautiful; thy simple vow,
The holiest, chastest, dearest accents knew,
And slowly, 'gainst the world, it sweetly drew
My doubting heart to thee. I care not, though
There are more fair.

—*Cornell Era.*

BLANK VERSE.

I.

Ye boyes were noisie during classe,
Ye Proffe was a cranke;
He called on neither to recite,
But gave them each a —.

II.

Ye Proffe walketh downe ye streete,
Nor thinketh he of pranke,
Till biffe! His toe striketh a naile,—
Soft swore he: " — — — !"

III.

But straightwaye were ye boyes repaide,
For them ye Proffe yanke.
And oh! It was ye wronge Proffe!
Then felt they — — — — —.

IV.

It was from this but dayes three
When two younge heartes sanke;
They eache hadde a note from Prex,
Which ran: " — — — — — !"

—*Unit.*

VERY PROBABLY.

"What a beautiful thing is thought," said she;
"A boon it is to myself and Jim.
I sit and think he is thinking of me,
And he sits and thinks I am thinking of him."

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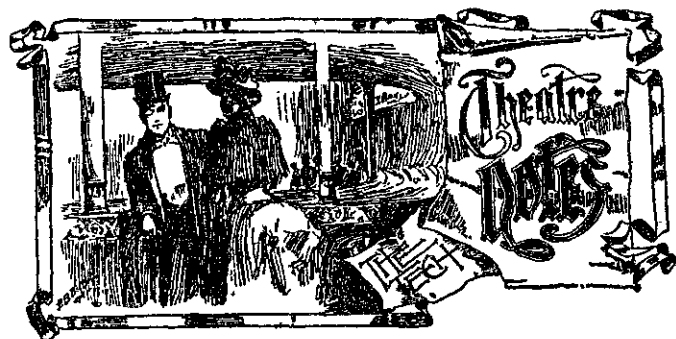
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Boston Theatre.—Sardou's great comedy, "Madame Sans Gêne," will begin on Monday the

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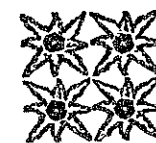
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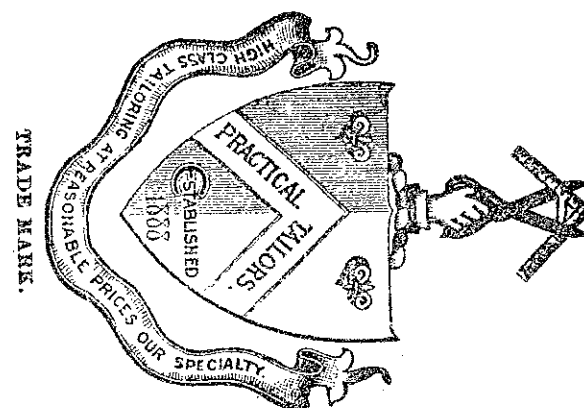
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