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SHE: "We might put our heads together and try."

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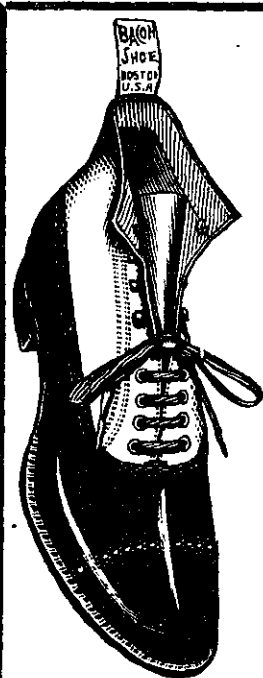
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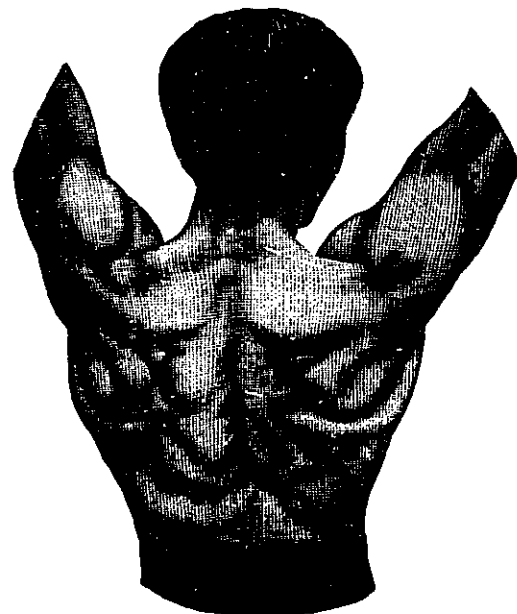
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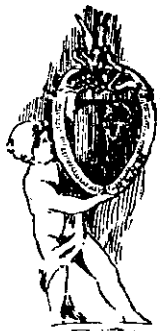
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THE manner in which the preparations for the coming Battalion and Competitive Drill are being carried out is certainly very gratifying. The high and preparatory schools have taken to the idea vigorously, and if we are to take enthusiasm as a measure of coming success, the individual competition will be sharp and interesting. Naturally, the work of the battalion will lack the precision which longer practice would have given. Yet we have no doubt, in spite of the fact that drill began very late this year, that the exhibition will be most creditable. Of course

there are expenses to be met, and we trust that Technology students, as a whole, will be present to give support both to the battalion and to the individual competitors. The surplus receipts will go toward the expenses of the formal drill at the end of the year, and the financial success of that drill should be certain.



HE resignation of R. B. Clark as President of the Sophomore Class seems to have marked the beginning of a somewhat critical period in the history of the class. The first meeting of the class to take steps to elect a president showed, however, that the trouble dated back to the formation of their constitution, when the article relating to the personnel of the Executive Committee, as it now reads, was thrown out for a provision giving the class a large and unwieldy committee, whose organized existence was doubtful. The matter then dragged on until a proper executive board was provided for. Meanwhile unconstitutional action, with its usual accompaniment of wire pulling, personal disaffection, and the division of the class into factions, prevailed. Still, time is passing, and 1901 has no leader, has not been able to maintain its voice in the Institute Committee, has no one to preside at its coming dinner, and may have at least one blank page to its credit in "Technique."

Fortunately a desire to abide by the constitution is asserting itself, and it would seem that the difficulty was approaching an amicable adjustment, and the class nearing a time when it will again be represented in the Institute.



It seems to us that the football team is in a very bad position, and that something should be done to remedy it—and soon. Shortly after his election, the present captain left Technology. Nobody at school knows definitely whether he intends to return next fall or not. The team is thus left without a leader. The manager of the team must be inconvenienced by his absence. Other matters also require the presence of the captain. A coach should be selected soon, so that a system of work can be selected, and put into action. The engaging of a coach depends almost entirely upon the captain. To have a coach and captain who do not work in harmony is worse than having no coach at all. Also the captain should be at the Institute, in order to get at the candidates at the opening of the season, and to know just how the team stands. We advise the team to do one of two things,—to elect a new captain, if that is possible, or to elect a captain *pro tem*.

#### The New Competitive Drill.

THE coming battalion and competitive drill, to take place probably on March 3d, “will be held with a view to forming a nucleus for an Annual Interscholastic Drill, open to all members of high or preparatory school battalions in the Northeastern United States. The competition will be held under the auspices of the M. I. T. Military Committee, and is intended to extend the scope of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and to increase the interest of all parties in military drill. A silver trophy will be the prize, the same to be furnished by the Class of 1902, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.”

The Committee on Arrangements for the Exhibition Drill are Messrs. Ames, Mullaly, Simpson, Hervey, and Lombard. The trophy to be competed for has been bought, and up to date eighteen schools have applied to

enter men. The competition for the cup will be simply individual. The cup will be presented in the Senior year of the Class of 1902 to the institution having made the largest number of points.

The entrance conditions to the competition allow these schools to enter a team of two men each. The men must be “members of the Cadet Battalion they represent, must be regular members of the school, and must have served the entire year in the Cadet Battalion,” except in the case of those who have served in the late war. The entrance fee for each competitor will be fifty cents. The “point” system will be used in awarding the trophy, and the first place in the final squad, which will consist of eight men, will count eight, and each place below counting one less down to the eighth place which will count one. “The competition will be in the manual of arms for the Krag-Jorgensen magazine rifle as adapted to the Springfield rifle, caliber 45, and each competing team must supply itself with rifles, belts, and bayonets. The squads will be under the command of the cadet officers of the Cadet Battalion, M. I. T., and the judges will be selected by Capt. John Boardman, Jr., Instructor of Military Science, M. I. T., and will be, if possible, officers of the regular army.”

The exhibition maneuvers by the M. I. T. Battalion will consist of Battalion Formation, Escort to the Color, Battalion Parade, and Review.

#### The Sophomore Class.

AT the meeting of the Sophomore Class, on Friday, the nominations for vacant class offices, made by the Executive Committee, were rejected. According to a resolution, proposed by E. F. Lawrence, a committee, consisting of E. F. Lawrence, H. K. Baxter, and H. T. Blanchard, were elected, who are to receive and post nominations, and have charge of an election of two men for the Ex-

ecutive Board. This Board, consisting of the second vice president, secretary, treasurer, and two men elected at large, will then present to the class nominations for president and first vice president. The class will be given a chance to toast their new president at the Savoy, on March 3d, at 7.30; the dinner being served at \$2.00 a plate.

The following committee were appointed to select class canes and class pipes: C. W. Adams, R. L. Shepard, and J. T. Scully, Jr.

### The Senior Class.

At a meeting of the Senior Class, on Friday, a system for Class-day elections was unanimously adopted, embracing that of last year, with the following additions: provision is made for the notification and resignation of men nominated for office; the Class-day Committee has been enlarged to fifteen; the second marshal is to act as treasurer of the Class-day Committee, and preside at its meetings in the absence of the first marshal, and the third marshal is to be assistant treasurer, and preside during the absence of the first and second marshals. The class then adopted a resolution, which we print below.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

“We are happy; we are happy; Tech. is Hell!”

WHEREAS, A certain cheer, beginning “We are happy,” has become so popular with some undergraduates as to cause them to give it on nearly all occasions where a Tech. cheer is appropriate, and

WHEREAS, Said cheer calls forth no enthusiasm for the Institute, or spirit of devotion to it, but actually the opposite, be it

*Resolved*, by the Class of '99, that we do depreciate its use, and call upon all true Institute men to discountenance it.

*Resolved*, That this resolution be published in THE TECH.

### Miss Odell.



THE term's work was done, and Neil Richards and I were starting off for the holidays, which we were to spend together at his aunt's in Cheston. I had been there several times before, and had found it a jolly place to spend the holidays. His aunt—Miss Lucretia Richards—is a funny old spinster, who lives alone in a big house. The house is queer, and so is she, but there can't be a pleasanter place to spend Christmas. Every year she fills the old house with boys and girls, and for a week they dance, and drive, and skate to their hearts' content. Somehow, too, she always succeeds in asking just the right people. Almost every year, strange to say, an engagement is announced a little while after the Christmas party. Neil says that Miss Lucretia always seems surprised when the news reaches her, and invariably remarks, “Another pair of fools;” but I have noticed that she is sure to be at the wedding, and, what is more, is preceded by a present that helps materially to start the fools in housekeeping.

Last year Christmas came on Saturday. An unchristian spirit possessed the Faculty, and they had decided that we could do a full week's work before Christmas. Neil and I were to go to Cheston on the 1.50 train Friday, but something kept him,—he never was on time,—and when we tumbled onto the electric car it was twenty minutes past one. It was snowing, too, and we went slowly.

The car was crowded.

Directly in front of Neil stood a stunning girl,—at least, her back was stunning. She was dressed a little too well, perhaps, but we didn't think of it at the time. It was evident that she was going to the station and was afraid of missing her train, for she looked at

the watch on her chatelaine almost every time the car stopped. As for us, we were so interested in watching her that we forgot all about the time until the car stopped in front of the station.

She looked up at the big clock over the arch and gave a little cry: "Oh, my watch must be slow! I'll surely miss it."

That woke Neil up. He glanced at the clock. It was twelve minutes before two.

"Only two minutes to get our tickets," he cried. "Here, take these," and he shoved his grip and extra overcoat at me. "I'll get the tickets."

Loaded down with the two grips and the coats, I started for the train, but couldn't move very quickly, for there were crowds everywhere. I got to the gate just as the gong struck, and barely ahead of Neil and our friend of the electric car. When the gong sounded the keeper began to close the gate, but we all dodged through. Then the train began to move. I took in the situation instantly, and threw the luggage I was carrying onto the platform of the car.

"Give him your bag," I cried to the girl, and pointed to Neil, who was just behind her. "Quick!" She obeyed with almost no hesitation. By this time the train was really moving.

"Now, grab the hand-rail," and I seized her by the arm and waist, and she was aboard the car. I followed her as soon as she was up the steps and out of my way. As I turned to pull Neil on, what did he do but stub his toe and fall flat on his face—not under the train, but away from it. As he fell he let go of her hand-bag in a wild fear of going under the wheels. His hat came off, and the rush of air from the train whirled it along after us for a few feet. As the train went out into the yard we could see him going toward the hand-bag, which had come open and spilled out some of its contents.

We—the young lady and I—simply screamed with laughter. She sat down on

the top step, and laughed until the tears ran down her cheeks.

"We'd better go in and get some seats," I managed to say at last. "It's rather cold out here." I gathered up the things and opened the door for her. We found seats and I sat down beside her.

Then, for the first time, I got a good look at her. Her face did not seem quite so aristocratic as the back that attracted my attention in the electric car. Before I had time to say anything, the conductor came along. At that she seemed very embarrassed.

"I—I haven't any. . . . My handbag, you know!" she stammered, and at the thought of the last that she had seen of that unfortunate article she began to laugh again.

I understood the trouble at once. "Where are you going?" I asked her.

"To Cheston," she said, with difficulty, and then went off in another fit of laughing.

Then a bright idea struck me, and I paid the two fares in great glee. She must be one of the girls Miss Lucretia had invited for Christmas. I'd get the start of Neil. How he must be cursing his luck! Three hours to wait in that station. Wouldn't we have a good laugh at him!

Then I set about making myself very agreeable. "Do you know Miss Lucretia Richards in Cheston?" I asked.

"Why, that's where I'm going," she said. "Are you going there, too?"

"Yes, and I may as well introduce myself. My name is Conroy," was my answer.

"And I am Miss Odell."

We got along together very well, and it seemed but a short time before we were at Cheston. It was quite dark when we arrived, and I did not see anyone there to meet us, so I put down the things on the platform and asked Miss Odell to wait while I went to find the carriage. I had hardly left her when James, the coachman, met me.

"Hulloa, James," I called. He was an old friend of mine. "How are you?"

“Nicely, sir. Miss Richards says as you are to ride up with her in the sleigh, and I’m to take your things.”

“But Miss Odell?” I asked.

“Beg pardon, sir!” James answered, with a look of surprise on his usually expressionless face.

“Where is Miss Odell going to ride?” I asked again.

“Oh!” exclaimed James, and the look of surprise deepened. “Miss Richards says as she is to ride with me, sir.”

Just then Miss Lucretia appeared with the sleigh, and my attention was distracted, so I got in with her. Without giving her time to say anything, I told her the whole adventure, and finished by making her promise not to say a word about it so that I could tell it at the dinner table and have a big laugh at Neil’s expense. We got to the house before the other team, and I went to my room and didn’t come down until dinner was ready.

At the table I told my story to what seemed a very appreciative audience. They all knew Miss Odell too. I’ll never trust Miss Lucretia with another secret.

“The last that I saw of Neil,” I said, as I finished my story, “he was picking up Miss Odell’s bag and the things that had spilled out of it. Poor Neil! He won’t be here until ten o’clock, while I had Miss Odell for company on the train. It’s a good joke on him.”

All the people at the table laughed uproariously at this. Then I happened to think it strange that Miss Odell was not at the table, and looked up. There she stood in the doorway opposite me dressed in black, with a white apron on and a tray in her hand. She was greeted with shouts of laughter. For an instant she stood there puzzled, and then catching sight of me, turned crimson and fled to the kitchen.

It was the end of my peace for that vacation. Neil came that evening and tormented me fearfully about my adventures. He told me afterwards that James confided to him that

Maggie—as James calls Miss Odell—thought I was Miss Lucretia’s coachman.

But the worst of all was a certain Miss Whitney, who—“But,” as Kipling says, “that is another story.”

G. P. D., '99.

#### Reunion of the Class of '74.

THE Class of '74 met Tuesday night at the Parker House on the occasion of their twenty-fifth anniversary since graduation.

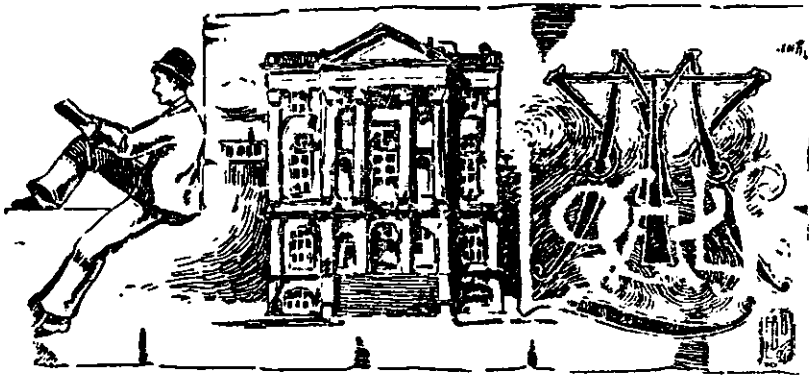
President William E. Nickerson presided at the literary exercises following the dinner, and introduced the Hon. Walter L. Bouve as the orator of the occasion. Mr. Bouve entertained the company with a witty speech, in which he eulogized the Institute of Technology as exerting a wider influence than any school of its kind in the country.

“May he live long to pluck the fruit of the tree of knowledge for successive classes,” was the sentiment with which President Crafts of the Institute, was introduced. The president, in an unconventional way, related anecdotes of his wide scholastic experience.

Remarks largely in a reminiscent vein were made by Prof. R. H. Richards and Prof. Charles R. Cross. The speaking was interspersed with a musical programme, consisting of singing by Mrs. Charles C. R. Fish and Mr. Hay, with piano selections by Miss Alice M. Nickerson, a sister of Professor Nickerson. Mrs. Willis R. Russ read an original poem, dedicated to the class of '74, and in response to an encore recited an original sketch entitled “A Rug Auction on Boylston Street.” A poem written for the occasion by Secretary Read was read.

#### Tech. Calendar.

*Friday, Feb. 24.*—Meeting Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs 33 R., 1 P. M. Meeting of the M. I. T. Minstrels 33 R., 5 P. M.



Owing to the holiday of the 22d, THE TECH is issued on Friday this week.

On Wednesday, February 16th, a party of eighteen Seniors, taking the Mill Option in Course II., made an excursion to Lawrence, Mass. A visit was made to the Pacific and Washington Mills, where the opportunity was presented for an inspection of the machinery in actual operation. Professor Schwamb accompanied the party.

At a recent meeting of the Architectural Society M. S. Richmond was elected vice president, and the following were admitted to membership: H. A. Phillips, '00; J. L. Little, Jr., '00; H. L. Walker, '00; and A. F. Buys, '00. J. F. Clapp has been awarded the prize offered for the best design for the page of the Society in "Technique."

The summer sketches of Messrs. Mead and Gardner, instructors in the Architectural Department, and H. M. Seaver, '98, together with the first problem, a design for a building, situated in Copley Square, to contain one large concert hall, and several small lecture halls for the Boston Athenæum, given those taking a fifth year in Architecture, now cover the walls of the Exhibition Room, in the Pierce Building.

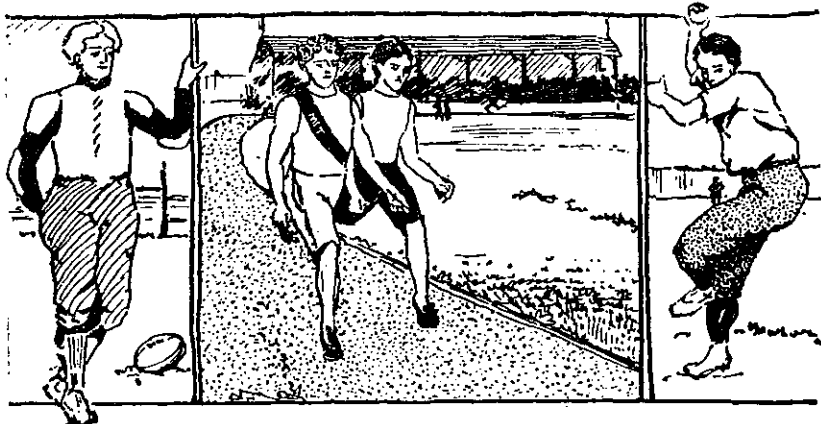
Lathrop, '01, has withdrawn from the Institute and entered the Lawrence Scientific at Harvard. His withdrawal is a severe loss to the Track team, as he was one of the headiest,

gamiest runners who ever represented Tech. The absence of the "weight" men is very noticeable at the "Gym." in the afternoon. This is the weakest spot on the Track team, and it is time now that the candidates should be limbering up. Among her other men, the University of Maine, the newly admitted member of the N. E. I. A. A., has a discus thrower with a record of over 115 feet.

Mr. H. F. J. Porter, of the Bethlehem Iron Company, lectured to a large audience at the five hundred and twenty-first meeting of the Society of Arts last Thursday evening. His subject was "Modern Forging," and he presented in a very interesting way, with numerous illustrations by the stereopticon, the methods in vogue at the Bethlehem works of forging such articles as hollow and solid shafts, dynamo field rings, guns, armor plate. Views were shown of the hollow shafts of the Oregon and Brooklyn, made at these works. Defects in the old methods of forging, and the steps leading to the present methods, were well explained. At the meeting on March 9th, Mr. Theodore H. Skinner will present a paper on "Some Structural Problems Connected with the New Buildings of the University of Virginia."

### The Junior Class.

A CLASS meeting of 1900 was held in Room 11 last Monday noon, at which the report of Treasurer Lawrence, in regard to the December concert, was read and accepted, showing that with a total expenditure of \$105, the net profits to the Class were \$70. President Rabb urged that the regular \$1.15 assessment be paid before Junior Week. L. Stewart was elected toastmaster for the class dinner, and nineteen nominations were made for the Prom. Committee of five men, to be elected at the class meeting to-morrow.



Last week, at Worcester, Holy Cross defeated Tech. in the relay race.

R. L. Shephard, '01, won the 10-yard dash at the Harvard Athletic Association Meet on Wednesday, the 15th. He won his trial heat and semi-final heat handily, and repeated the trick in the finals. Pope, '02, ran in the hurdles, but was not placed.

At the B. A. A. games, last Saturday, the Tech. Relay Team defeated the Dartmouth Team from start to finish. Hall, '00, took the first relay for Tech., and for two laps led his opponent by 5 yards. At this point the Dartmouth man fell and lost about 12 yards more. McMaster, '00, and Priest, '00, both added somewhat to this lead. Garrett, '01, ran last for Tech., and in the last lap simply ran his man to a standstill. Tech's time, 3 minutes 16 $\frac{3}{5}$  seconds, was the second fastest time of the evening. Garrett ran one of the fastest relays of the evening, even after having run on another winning team. Horr, '02, showed up well in the high hurdles, and won third in the finals. Wentworth, '00, in the high hurdles, Baxter, '01, in the high jump, Rowe, '01, and Shepard, '01, in the dashes, all did very well, but were unplaced in their events.

#### Senior Class Elections.

The election of the Nominating Committee for the '99 Class-day officers will be tomorrow, and the election of the Class-day officers will be held on Friday, March 17th.



'77. Herbert Jaques has been appointed by the Mayor as one of a commission of four to investigate the Building Department of the city of Boston. He is to represent the Boston Society of Architects.


'78. At the recent dinner of the Home Market Club to President McKinley, Mr. Eben S. Draper, of Hopedale, occupied a seat at one of the platform tables. Mr. Draper not only represented '78 at the dinner, but the Institute as well, as he has recently been made a member of the Corporation. He is well known throughout the commercial world through his milling interests at Hopedale, and in the political as Chairman of the Republican State Committee. He is brother to General Draper, our ambassador to Italy. His course at M. I. T. was II.

'97. Mr. W. T. Parker, IX., is in his second year at the Harvard Law School.

'98. Mr. F. H. Twombly, IX., is with a large rubber concern in New York City.

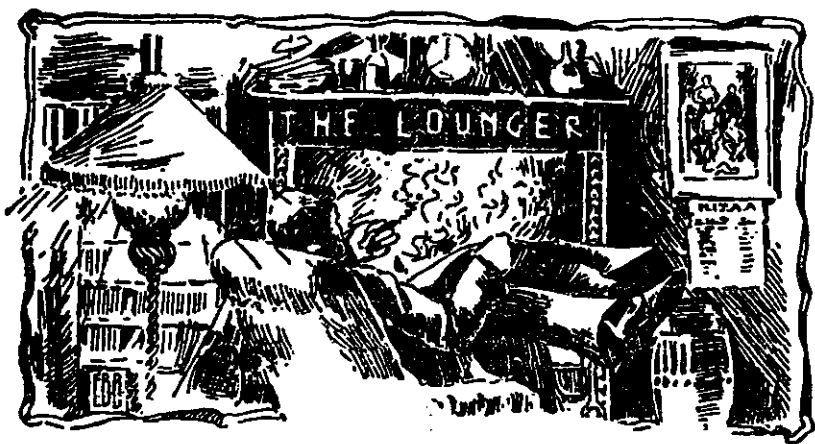
'98. Mr. David LaForest Wing, IX., is in the employ of the Trout Creek Lumber Co., of Northern Michigan.

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HAIL to the approach of joyous spring, the season of which would-be poets write so effusively; the season when the monotonous and dazzling white of the winter snow is delicately tinted with various and ever-changing shades of beautiful brown, as it passes gradually from snow to slush, and from the latter to mud; the season when the Technology world is looking forward to the giddy pleasures of Junior Week; when the face of the "Technique" editor assumes a mysterious and far-away look, and the echoes throughout old Rogers in the late afternoon tell that the Musical Clubs are not idle; when the ambitious actor in coming play religiously shuns the chapel, and devotes his attention to the mastery of cues of another sort. More interesting to the Lounger, however, than any of these are the actions of his friends, the Seniors, as they strip for the strife of their Class-day elections. The Lounger smiles as he hears rumors of the usual elaborate and carefully-worded schemes, occupying many typewritten pages, and formulated with no inconsiderable care to prevent the carrying out of the wicked schemes of rival politicians (existing chiefly in imagination), while allowing full scope for those of their originators, all requiring more votings and revotings than the election of a Congressman, and involving almost as much red tape as a change in one's attendance card, and he looks forward with pleasure to many interesting events.

The Lounger has long been familiar with the common saying that minds of unusually large calibre are accustomed to seek the same waterway, nevertheless he was hardly prepared for two such brilliant *chefs-d'œuvre* in the same year, and especially two of such equal merit as that of the Freshman Class resolving "never to do it again," and the more recent output of his friends, the Seniors, in regard to a certain more or less popular cheer, which it seemed grated harshly on the delicate musical ear of the former manager of

the Glee Club. Although the Lounger has always entertained a high opinion of the abilities and judgment of the said gentleman, he now feels that he has heretofore never done him full justice. To atone for this the Lounger can only say that in the said gentleman the Institute Committee has lost one who would have been an ornament and a credit.

A most interesting trait of the *genus homo*, and one over which the Lounger has been wont to ruminate from time to time, as current events presented new opportunities for observation and reflection, is the remarkable effect of aggregation upon the characteristics and deportment of the individual.

Be the individual (a Freshman or Sophomore, for example) ever so quiet, modest, and unassuming, yet twenty such assembled will often constitute a most lawless horde with little respect for any object save a certain well-known weapon of locust wood in the hands of a brass-buttoned bluecoat. This brings the Lounger to the events of the recent visit of the one admirer of the Secretary of War to the vicinity of the Institute. Truly the Lounger wishes that all of those who, at various times past, have bewailed in doleful tones the lack of "college spirit" among Technology men, as manifested by numerous cheerings, singing of songs, and other forcible methods of reminding the general public of their whereabouts and importance, might have been at hand upon this occasion. Verily spirit was the ruling passion, and the remains of the previous snow storm furnished a vigorous and convincing means of displaying it to great advantage, to which fact all who had occasion to be in the neighborhood at the time will doubtless testify, particularly the passengers of the cars in which windows were neatly fractured in the course of the exhibition. For some unknown reason, however, although at least one of the officers of the escort was hit, the fusillade was momentarily suspended as the presidential carriage drove rapidly past, and thus, owing to this truly unfortunate circumstance, the chief executive of the nation was probably not as deeply impressed with Technology spirit as he might otherwise have been.

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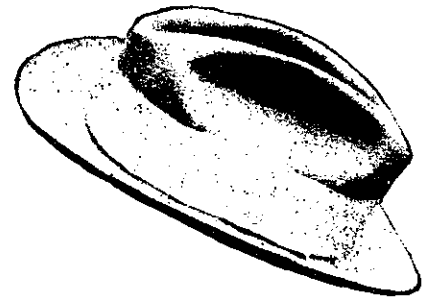
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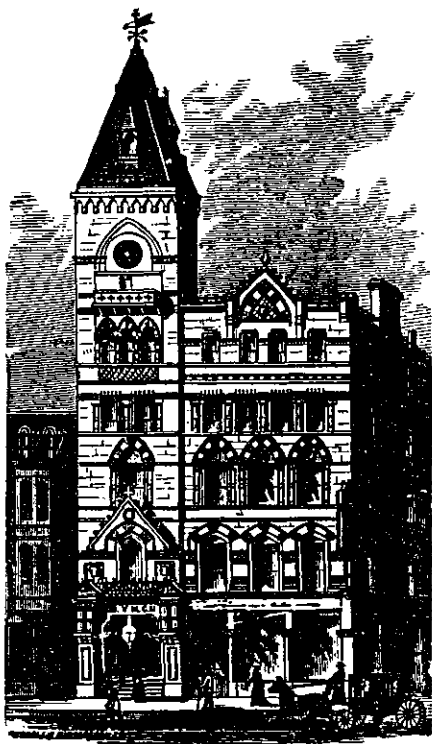
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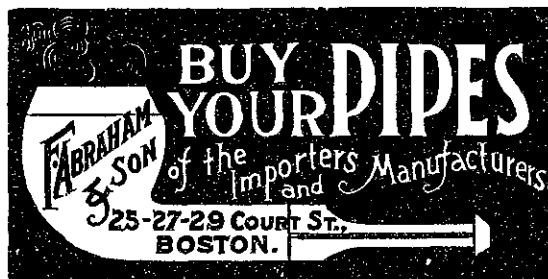
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