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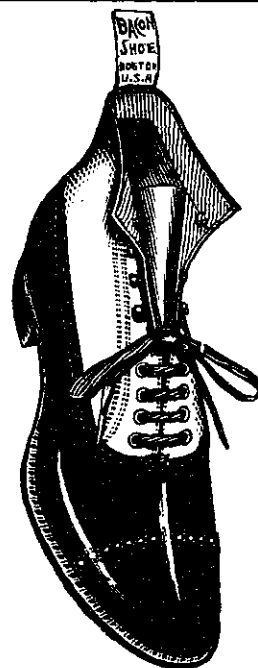
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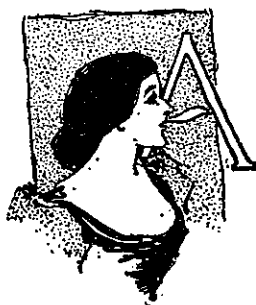
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ALTHOUGH over a month has elapsed since President Crafts tendered the use of Room 34, Rogers, to the students for a Trophy Room and office, practically no progress has been made by the committee elected to take charge of the matter.

To be sure, the committee has submitted a report; but with the exception of the proposition to place the Institute Committee in charge of the room, the report embraces no suggestions not fully discussed at the preliminary meeting of representatives of Technology societies. A full account of this meeting was published on October 20th.

Many societies complain that they received no notice of the meeting, and, so far, have had no voice in the disposal of the room.

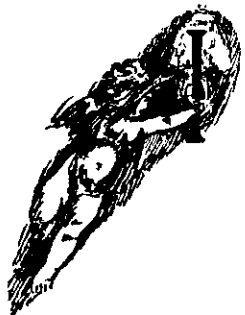
Therefore it would seem advisable that every society at Tech. should receive due notice from the committee, so that in the future there can be no cause for dissatisfaction. Much valuable time has been lost in getting the matter under way; but, with the transference of responsibility to the Institute Committee, we hope to see the plans for this room rapidly carried out.



It has recently been proposed to move the Museum of Fine Arts to one of Boston's suburbs, probably Brookline, that it may have more artistic surroundings than is now possible, with the increased traffic in Copley Square, and the already encroaching high buildings. The idea is in itself good, as the freedom from soot, dust, and vibration, together with a new and beautiful building, would add greatly to the value of the contents of the Museum. But there is another side to the question. In its new location it would be less accessible for a majority of Bostonians, and most especially for the large number of art students who attend a portion of their classes in the Museum. Not the least of these last are the architects at the Institute, who are required to do a considerable part of their work there. They would be seriously handicapped by such a change.

Moreover, all true Bostonians look upon Copley Square as the "Architectural center of America," and with the loss of the Art Museum, the Square would be shorn of one of its gems, with a very good prospect that an

enterprising firm would erect a high apartment house on the forsaken site.



IN the line of social events at Technology, the outlook for the early winter is decidedly attractive. A number of entertainments are already being arranged for, two or three more are planned, and the holiday time promises to pass gaily here.

The Minstrel Show, to be given by the Athletic Association, is well under way, and the annual Home Concert of the musical clubs is announced for December 14th in Huntington Hall.

The social side of life at the Institute is never too prominent, and an excellent precedent to set now would be to increase the number of such entertainments given during the first term, and collect them as near Christmas as may be, to make the holiday more a festive time, and less a chance to make up back sleep.



IN view of the amount of favorable comment heard last year, when THE TECH began to publish a calendar containing the dates, places, and objects of the meetings of the organizations at Technology, we fail to see why the secretaries of certain clubs have lately failed to file the usual calendar notices. If any secretary has not received the calendar blanks sent out at the beginning of the term, they may be obtained at the office of THE TECH. Blanks should be filled out, and left at the Cage for THE TECH by Wednesday noon for notices to appear in Thursday's paper. The calendar is a convenience to members of the various societies and our readers. Its value depends on its completeness and accuracy, and for these qualities we must depend on the co-operation of the different secretaries.

Rival Roommates.



AGNES HALLAM and her mother were sitting one evening on the broad piazza of their country home, drinking in the sweet summer air, and listening to the

croak of the frogs in the woods below. A sudden pull at the doorbell broke rudely upon the silence.

"Oh pshaw, mother! What a shame it is," cried Agnes. "I wanted a quiet evening with you, and it's sure to be some stupid man, I know!"

Her mother's foot made a quick, warning movement in her direction, but it was too late. The maid had shown their callers immediately through to the veranda, and they were already beside them. Agnes, in her sudden confusion, failed to catch the name of the younger of the two gentlemen when Mrs. Hallam presented him. The next moment she was vaguely and uncomfortably conscious that he had placed his chair beside her, and was waiting for her to open the conversation. It was obviously useless for her to attempt to ignore her blunder.

"Oh, what can I say?" she cried, half mortified, half amused.

"Only promise me not to take it for granted that I'm stupid until I convince you of it, which I, on my part, promise to do shortly," he answered, adopting her tone at once.

"That promise is easily made, and far more easily kept than yours," she replied, laughing.

"Ah, now you have quite compensated for your first remark," he said; "so we can proceed on a fairer basis."

Thus the ice was broken at once, and the evening slipped away much more rapidly than that inauspicious remark of Miss Hallam's had promised; and, indeed, the tables had later been completely turned after all, for,

during the course of their conversation, the young man had unfortunately made use of the phrase, "as poky as a college girl," and though Agnes had intended to spare him, she had later let slip the fact that Smith was her Alma Mater. He had tried to smooth things over by remarking, with a touch of the sentimental, "But you are not a bit like a college girl, Miss Hallam." And she had crushed him with the reply that if he considered that a compliment he was very much mistaken. A moment's pause had followed, and then they had both laughed.

"I am so glad she laughed," he said to himself on the way home. "I was afraid she was really piqued."

"That Miss Hallam must be a beauty," he remarked to his uncle, Mr. Wickham. "It was too dark for me to see her, you know."

"Well, old fellow, pray why take it for granted she's a beauty, then?"

"Oh, I can judge by her conversation," replied the nephew, with more seriousness than the occasion warranted.

"I have asked to be presented to you, Miss Hallam, partly because—but never mind the first 'because'—the second is, because you are a Smith girl, and Smith girls are the best dancers under the sun."

Agnes looked up at the tall young man before her with a twinkle in her eye.

"That sounds very well indeed," she said; "but if I were a Vassar girl—"

"Of course I should have said that of Vassar girls," he interrupted; but I should have been lying then."

"Good!" laughed Miss Hallam, gaily. "By the way, a man made rather a funny break to me the other day. He used the expression, 'as poky as a college girl,' as though it were a regular quib, and when he found out later that I was of the blue-stocking calling myself, I wish you could have seen his face! The reason I say that," she added, laughing, "is because I didn't see it myself,

and if you had, you might have described it to me. Funny, wasn't it," she ran on; "but though I talked to him all the evening, I have no idea what he looks like. He was perfectly charming, too."

"But, Miss Hallam," said Creighton, quickly, "before you let the cat out of the bag you must let me confess that I know this mysterious person."

"Well, then, I have let out at least a kitten already," she returned flippantly; "for I have just confessed I thought him charming."

"Well, of course, I have to agree with you," he said, "as he is my dearest friend. He was my roommate all through college, in fact."

"But how have you placed him so quickly?"

"Oh, he gave me a full account of your conversation of that evening!"

"How funny that is! He will seem more real to me hereafter. Since then I have had a spiritualistic feeling of having conversed with a disembodied voice. However, I have several times amused myself by making sketches of its possible owner."

At this point in their conversation the two-step changed to a waltz, and Agnes was borne away on the arm of a new partner. Creighton stood where she had left him, his hands buried in his pockets, totally heedless of the fact that several attractive-looking wall-flowers were casting anxious glances in his direction.

"I wonder if that roommate of mine has cut me out entirely," he said to himself. An hour later when he was bidding Miss Hallam good-night, he remarked that he had a photograph of his roommate at home, and hoped that they would some day have an opportunity of comparing it with her imaginary one.

"Do call some time then, and bring it with you," she said. "This is very unconventional, I fear; but I am only a *debutante*, and don't know any better, you see."

"Such unconventionality is easily par

done," he laughed, "if you will pardon my broad hint which you could hardly have ignored."

"So I perceived," she replied, saucily. "Good-night."



The following Wednesday found Creighton sitting in the parlor of Miss Hallam's house, and listening in some trepidation for the rustle of skirts on the stairs.

"It's pretty hard on a fellow to have to go canvassing for his quondam roommate; I almost feel tempted to leave off the 'quon,'" he said to himself, with a grim smile. But the "canvassing" was not done that day, for Agnes made no reference to the photograph.

Weeks passed, and Creighton became a constant visitor at Miss Hallam's house, but still the matter of that hidden picture lay heavy on his conscience.

At last he determined to speak of it.

"I have a confession to make to you, Miss Hallam," he said; "and I trust myself entirely to your tender mercies. I did not make it at first because I feared that it would embarrass you, and later I knew it would embarrass my roommate, the man that you talked to that evening in the dark, you know. Well, as soon as I saw him after the ball where I first met you," Creighton went on, "I told him all

about our conversation, and he was thoroughly disgusted with my share in it. He said I ought not to have let you say the nice things about him that you did; but, really, I had no idea that you were speaking of him, until you had already betrayed the fact that you liked him—at least a little."

"But you don't mean you told him that I said he was charming!" cried Miss Hallam, with a touch of sarcasm.

Creighton was decidedly confused. "Well—er—but, Miss Hallam, if you had seen how pleased he was when he heard it,—or if you knew what he said about you in return" —

"Of course what he said makes no difference! I didn't suppose you would tell him, but it doesn't matter. I shall probably never meet him, anyway!"

"But won't you allow me to show you his photograph?"

"Certainly," she said, with some return of cordiality. His offense had not been unforgivable, after all. He handed the picture to her—it was his own.

"This is my roommate. You see I had a single room at Tech.," he said.

Agnes could only look amazed.

"You see now why he was so pleased when you said you liked him—a little," Creighton went on. "At least you would see, if you knew what he said about you. He did say you were charming; but he said a great deal more than that—he said that he loved you—that he—but I am forgetting! You just told me that it made no difference what he said!"

"Then you are the man that I talked to that evening?" said Agnes, a bit dreamily; and then her smile broke out. "But I am in love with your roommate—not with you; with the one that I said I knew was only some stupid man, and you were to prove that, weren't you?"

"Yes, and haven't I?" he asked.

"Ye—es, but only in loving me," she whispered.

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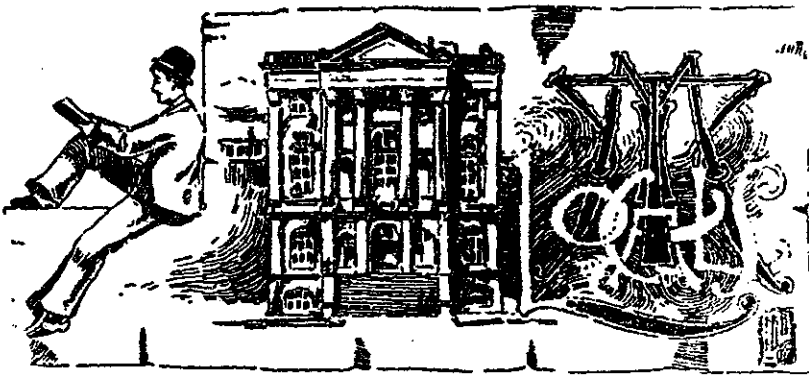
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Professor Lanza was one of the judges in the motor carriage trial at the Charles River Park.

G. S. Tiffany, '00, and H. W. Maxson, '01, have been elected members of the Architectural Society.

A. L. Swasey and R. B. Clark are with the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, and not the Newport News Navy Yard.

Mr. W. S. Hutchinson, '92, Local Manager American Developing and Mining Co., spoke before the Mining Engineering Society.

Mr. Linwood O. Towne, '78, Principal of the Haverhill High School, made a thorough inspection of the Institute with thirty members of his Freshman Class on Friday.

Through the courtesy of Professor Pearson and Mr. Valentine, of the English Department, the next number of THE TECH will contain a few daily themes written by Freshmen.

Mr. John Alden, '77, and Edward Cunningham, '91, members of the Alumni Visiting Committee, called Friday afternoon and visited the Walker and Rogers Buildings and the Gymnasium.

In addition to the list of concerts already printed in THE TECH, the Musical Clubs will give a concert, followed by a dance, at Gloucester, Mass., on December 29th. The date of the Wellesley concert has been set for January 7th.

Two 1900 men from Course II. are to make an efficiency test of one of the motor carriages exhibited at the Mechanics' Fair. The results of this test will appear later, and are expected to contain numerous surprises.

The first meeting of the 1902 Orchestra will take place on November 23d, at 4.15 P. M., in Room 33, Rogers Building. For particulars in regard to membership and to the orchestra in general, apply to Mr. J. A. Robinson, '02, Box 6, Cage.

Inasmuch as a number of the best players of the Chess Club were '98 men, there are several vacancies in the Club membership, and all lovers of the game, especially from the two lower classes, are urged to send their names to Box 73, Cage.

At a meeting of the Chess Club, on November 18th, the following officers were elected: A. F. Nathan, '99, President; R. H. Bolster, '00, Vice President; and C. A. Barton, Jr., '00, Secretary and Treasurer. All those desiring to enter the Chess Tournament should apply to Box 73 as soon as possible.

The new apparatus which has been ordered for the Gymnasium is as follows: one dozen chest weights, four medicine balls, indoor shot, and a new jumping standard. New measuring apparatus will be obtained soon, and physical examinations can be made with greater accuracy than before.

Mr. C. Howard Walker, lecturer at the Institute for the present year on "Historical Ornament," gave two very interesting talks, illustrated by charts and plans, on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, before the Architectural Society on Thursday evening, and the Technology Club on Friday evening.

A meeting of the M. I. T. Yacht Club was held November 16th, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Commodore, T. W. Brigham, '00; Vice Commodore, Morgan Barney, '00; Rear Commodore, W. T. Aldrich, '01; Secretary, A. E. Ritchie,

'01; Treasurer, J. B. Laws, '01. Hovey, '02, was elected to active membership.

The Debating Society and the Walker Club have decided to hold several joint debates this winter, the subjects chosen being debated in each Society before the meeting. The success of this plan is assured, judging by the interest shown and discussion brought forth at the debate at the Technology Club on Monday evening; the annexation of the Philippine Islands was considered.

An interesting course of work has been planned for "Die Gesellschaft" this winter. It will consist of a study of the history of German Literature, and important works of the great authors will be taken up in detail. Several illustrated lectures have been planned, and the Society will probably attend some of the plays given by the "Deutsche Theater Gesellschaft," the plays having been read previously.

At the last meeting of the Society of Arts, Mr. Frederick P. Stearns, Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Board, delivered a lecture on the Metropolitan Water Supply, illustrated by many interesting slides. There was a large attendance, in spite of the heavy storm. Many members of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers and of the Institute Civil and Mechanical Engineering Societies were present.

After considerable heated discussion as to the constitutionality of electing a president at the meeting of the Sophomore Class on Monday, N. L. Danforth, first Vice President, was elected President. H. H. Kennedy was elected a director of the Co-operative Society. An amendment making the Executive Committee consist of the officers and two men elected at large was offered. This will be acted upon in accordance with the provision made in the constitution after two meetings have been held.

The Walker Club-Debating Society debate took place at the Technology Club, on November 14th. The question was, "Resolved that the United States Shall Acquire the Philippines." The Walker Club, represented by Mr. E. H. Davis and Mr. H. H. Howe, took the affirmative. The negative was taken by Mr. S. W. St. Clair and Mr. H. M. Brock of the Debating Society. No vote was taken on the merits of the debate, but a vote by the audience showed that it took the negative side of the question. Refreshments were served after the debate.

Cane Rush Announcement.

SINCE THE TECH is issued on Wednesday instead of Thursday this week, on account of the Thanksgiving vacation, we are unable to publish the details of yesterday's Cane Rush. However, in next Thursday's paper we shall give a complete account of the game and the rush, illustrated by a half-tone cut, if the pictures taken by our photographer prove sufficiently good. The Lounger will also comment on certain incidents of the afternoon. Indeed, the next number of THE TECH should prove of exceptional interest to all Freshmen and Sophomores.

The score in the Class game yesterday was: Sophomores, 0; Freshmen, 11. At the close of the Rush 1901 had 15 hands on the cane and 1902 11.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

The Banjo Club is in need of more men. If there are any who play the banjo or banjeaurine, and who wish to try for the Club, send name to

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'68. Mr. B. P. Tilden, III., is now in the office of the U. S. Surveyor General, at Bismarck, N. Dak.

'73. Mr. F. B. Morse, I., has been made secretary in charge of Negociacion de Minas de Oro, including El Riscate y Anexas, El Pavian, and Ede Oacaca, with his office in the City of Mexico.

'77. Mr. Geo. Bartol, III., has been promoted to the position of general manager of the Otis Steel Co., of Cleveland.

'77. Mr. Ed. Snow, I., has opened an office as civil engineer and landscape gardener, at 851 Tremont Building, Boston.

'89. Mr. Geo. B. Lander, VI., is the receiver of the Concord Land and Water Power Co., of Concord, N. H.

'89. Mr. Frank E. Sanborn, II., is the Director of the Department of Industrial Arts of the Ohio State University, at Columbus.

'95. Mr. Samuel E. Allen, I., who is agent for the Nashawamuck Manfg. Co., has moved his office from Boston to 76 Worth Street, New York City.

'97. Mortimer Frank, I., is studying medicine in the University of Illinois.

'97. The annual reunion and dinner of the Class of '97, will be held on Saturday evening, December 10th, at the Technology Club, and not at Young's Hotel as first announced.

'98. Mr. Donald Campbell, II., has been transferred from the New England agency, to the main office of the Rand Drill Company in New York.

'98. Mr. Chas. S. Hurter (Course III.) is in the assaying business at San José, Costa Rica.

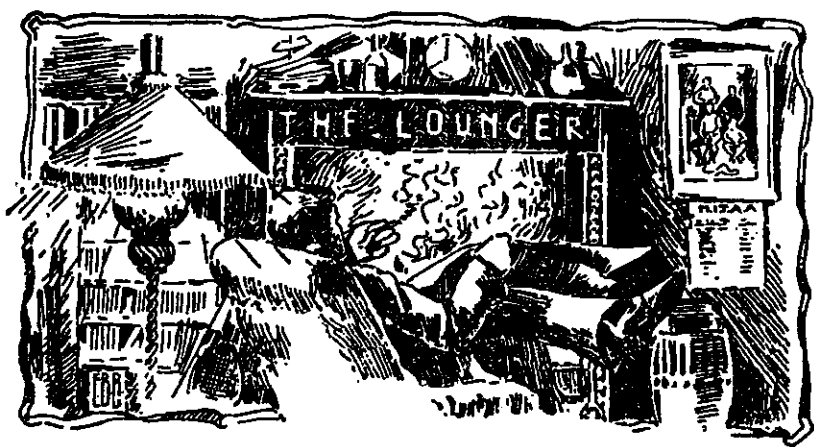


Professor Morris, a scientific boxer, has been sparring during the past week at the "Gym." with a number of the Tech. students.

Professor Boos will start a fencing class in the first week in December. Those interested in the class will please apply to Professor Boos as soon as possible at the Tech. "Gym." any afternoon between 4 and 6 P. M.

The tennis tournament finally ended last Thursday. Street beat Thatcher in an exciting match, 5-7, 4-6, 6-1, 8-6, 6-4. At one time Thatcher had the score in his favor 2 sets to 1, games 5-2 in the fourth set, with only 1 point to win the match. Street, by good uphill work, pulled out the set, and then the match. As stated in the last issue, Ayer, '99, and Thatcher, '01, won the doubles.

A most exciting game of football was played last Friday as a result of the intense rivalry that has existed between the first two options of Course I., '99. Option I., in Waddell, Jensen and Archibald, as the center trio, had three men who, in weight, would have made any of the big four envious. Foote and Burgess did good work for Option I. But Option I. had a loose interference, fumbled a great deal, and did not know the signals. On the other side, Captain Robertson and Drew for Option II. formed splendid interference for end plays. The quarter, Adams, ran the team well at all times. The second option was always quick in following the ball. Option I. made most of its gains through the line by superior weight, while the other option made its gains around the ends. Both sides were penalized several times for fierce offside play.



ONCE more it becomes the duty of the Lounger to call attention to the great and noble work of the Institute Committee, whose members will doubtless have the lightest of hearts during the coming vacation; for already their remarkable resolution of some two weeks ago has borne fruit, and the Freshmen, thoroughly awed and abashed by the high and lofty character of that stern missive, have humbly resolved "never to do it again." Truly the Committee deserves congratulation, and the Lounger would suggest that, inasmuch as in previous years the Committee photographer has portrayed looks of doleful despair and inane vacancy, the members proceed to have their annual photograph taken before the smile of success shall have had a chance to fade from their faces.

The Lounger was particularly grieved last week to note the difficulty which his friends, the Sophomores, seemed to have in selecting a fitting successor to the naval architect (recently resigned) who has formerly managed their presidential helm so ably, and he (the Lounger) deeply regrets the general ill-feeling which seems to have arisen from the election in question, the more so that a large portion of the class seem to feel that the action taken was unconstitutional. One of the first duties of every class is to hold strictly to its constitution whatever happens (in spite of the fact that the Freshmen have been recently criticised for endeavoring to carry out this very principle); and what shall we say of a class which, holding so well to the constitution of another, yet departs widely from its own? Truly, the Lounger fears there will be interesting times when this class shall be called upon to elect a "Technique" Board, to say nothing of Class-Day officers.

The close of the regular football season at the Institute is again marked by the appearance in our midst of those fearful and wonderful organizations, Course Football teams, and in these the Lounger is forced to

note the enormous influence of literature upon the human mind. The stir which the Lounger's own innocent remarks have at times created among students or Faculty need not be referred to; the effect of the five-cent novel upon the mind of the small boy is likewise well known; need we then be surprised that even the long-haired grind should yield to the influence of the daily press, and yearn for the canvas jacket and pigskin? So prevalent is the mania, that the Lounger has even heard that it has reached the topmost stories of Walker, and the Senior and Junior Chemists are having daily practice games on the roof of the said building. The signals used are said to be all chemical symbols, and are thus utterly unintelligible to ordinary mortals.

One of usually so familiar sights which the Lounger has greatly missed during the present term has been the sight, in the various buildings, and above all on the steps of Rogers, of the glittering buttons and jaunty uniforms of the Freshmen battalion. But the many signs, "Drill Suit for Sail," which have so long encumbered the bulletin board unnoticed, will at last receive attention, for a successor to the gallant and popular captain has been appointed. Truly the Freshman will have something to be thankful for, and the heart of many a maiden will doubtless be broken before the coming onslaught of military pomp. Will history again repeat itself, and will these noble warriors follow the precedent of former classes, in wearing their proud possessions on all possible occasions? The Lounger predicts that they will, especially as it is rumored that the new instructor is by no means unaware that blue is becoming to himself, and will set them a good example by appearing in his own regalia at the Saturday lectures, in which case it is understood the Co-eds will all petition to be allowed to attend them. The Lounger fears, however, that the Freshmen will soon find that military glory is by no means all beer and skittles, for it is asserted on good authority that the new incumbent is a strict disciplinarian, who will take the attendance at the lectures, investigate all "sick" excuses for drill cuts, and generally maintain the strictest order. Even the Sophomores, whose examination papers from last June have not yet been marked, are awaiting results with fear and trembling. Let not '02 despair, however, but put their trust in the Lounger, who is their friend, and who will always endeavor to comfort and console.

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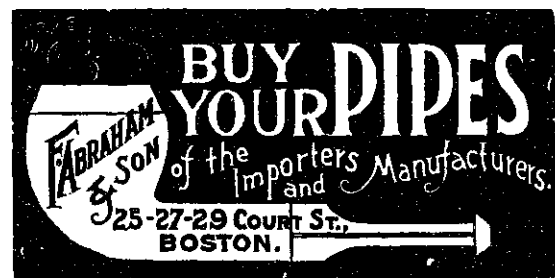
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