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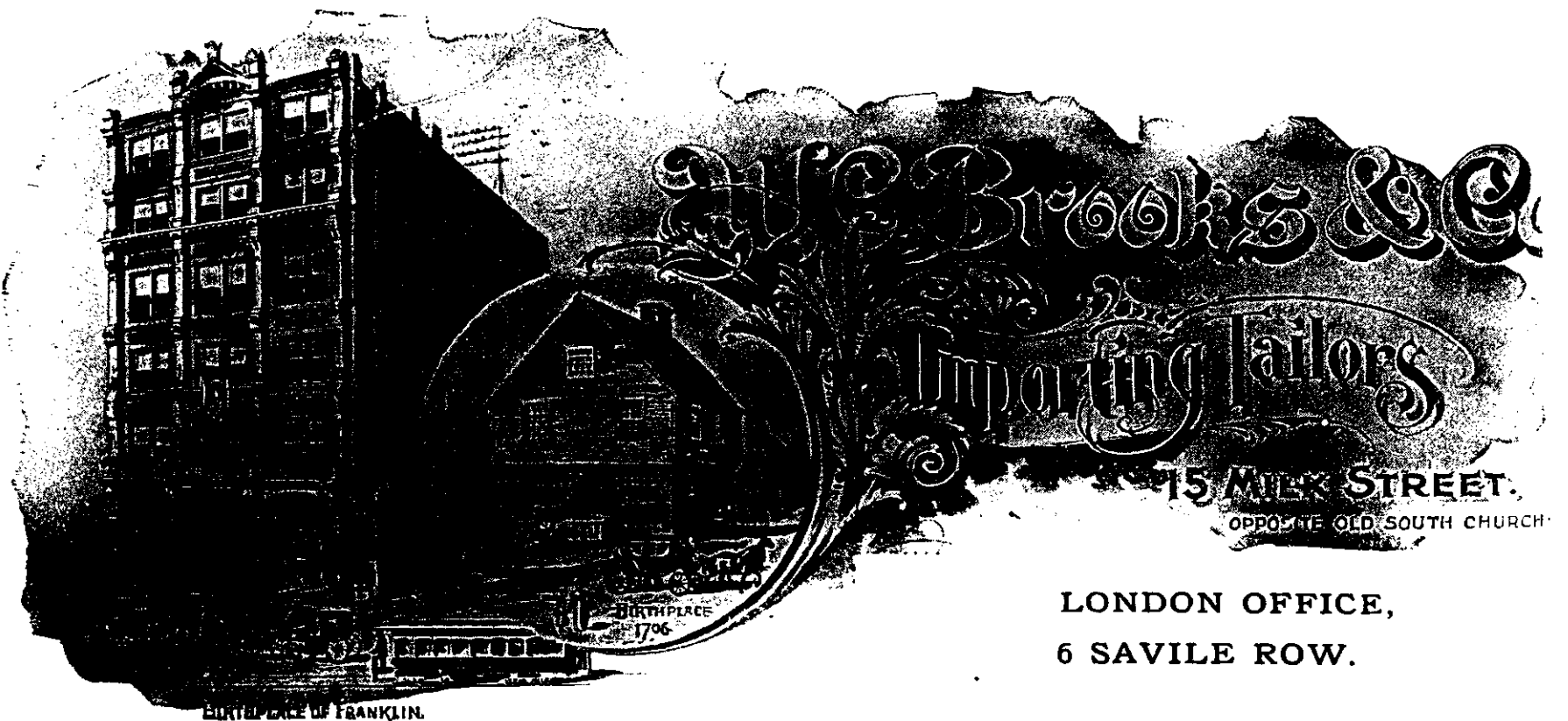
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OMORROW at 3.30, the Sophomore and Freshman baseball teams will meet in the annual game at the South End Grounds. The contest is to be a hard one from the start, as each team is determined to win out. The game is bound to be a close one as neither team at present is showing any marked superiority.

It is to be hoped that the lower classes will attend the game, as it is, with the exception of the cane rush and class football game, the only event calling forth strictly *class* spirit.



THE annual championship games of the N. E. I. A. A. next Saturday mark the culmination of our athletic efforts during the past year, and the date for which we have long been waiting, expecting to win victory and fame.

The approach of the meet, however, sees our team, although in general good condition, somewhat weakened by the absence of some of our best athletes, including Hall, Wentworth and Dutton.

Aside from this, our prospects for making a good showing are very good, and we have sure point winners in Baxter and Murray, both of whom won firsts last year. Among the other athletes who give promise of good development in track work are Frost, Calley, Brown and Pope, and in field athletics Winchester, McDonald and Crane deserve mention. Garrett is to run in the 440-yard dash and, if he is in condition, should easily place in the event. Our prospects, with two firsts and several opportunities for minor places, justify us in prophesying that Tech. will do itself credit in the meet, and show a great improvement over last year.

A significant fact in connection with the team we send to Worcester this year is that none of the men are in the Senior class and, consequently, will all be here at least one more year. Also, the team will enter upon next season's work practically free from debt, a most hopeful and encouraging prospect.



THE annual meeting and banquet of the New England Inter-Collegiate Press Association is an event deserving of more general recognition than that it has received in the past. The association, as its name implies, is made up of representatives of New England college papers, and each year the members meet and discuss the various phases of college journalism. Valuable suggestions are made as to the best methods of overcoming the constant difficulties besetting the youthful editor. The annual meetings have always been of great benefit to those attending them, and this year THE TECH hopes to see the largest representation in the history of the association. The meeting for this year is scheduled for May 28th, at the Copley Square Hotel, in Boston, and all past editors, as well as those now active, are invited to attend.

Senior Portfolio. Special Notice.

The Senior Portfolio will be on sale in Rogers Corridor at noon on Friday, Saturday and Monday, May 25, 26 and 28. Holders of tickets may obtain the book at those times for five dollars, fifty cents rebate being allowed on the originally stated price of \$5.50. After the above dates ticket holders may obtain the book from members of the committee, Zeigler, Rapp and Fitch, but no rebate will be allowed.

Technology Club Smoke Talks.

The last smoke talk of the season was held at the Technology Club on Tuesday, May 8th. Mr. Atkins, the sugar king, was the speaker of the evening, and his lecture, fully illustrated by the stereopticon, proved intensely interesting. Mr. Atkins was in Cuba during the Spanish War and was well acquainted with many of the high Spanish officials there, so he was able to give his hearers a much better idea of the condition

of things on the island at the time of the war than could possibly be gained otherwise. It was remarked by many what a wrong impression the newspapers leave upon the minds of people with regard to Cuban affairs. Many views of Cuba were shown by the stereopticon, which was ably handled by Prof. Dana P. Bartlett.

Tennis Tournament.

The New England Intercollegiate Lawn Tennis Association will hold its annual tennis tournament next week upon the Longwood courts, and the following colleges will send representatives: Brown, Tufts, Wesleyan, Trinity, Colby, Bowdoin, Technology, Dartmouth and University of Vermont. The Technology players will be F. Bradley, '02, and E. G. Thatcher, '01, in both singles and doubles. D. M. Belcher, '02, who was to have played with Thatcher in doubles, will unfortunately be unable to play owing to an injury to his shoulder. The tournament began on Wednesday, May 16th, and matches will be played every morning and afternoon. No admission will be charged and it is hoped that all who are interested in tennis will attend the tournament.

Y. M. C. A.

The M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. during the Entrance "Exams" in June and at the beginning of the Fall Term will conduct an Information Bureau as in previous years. The new Hand Book, that is published for this work, may be obtained from members of the Association.

The Association cordially invites any Institute man who wishes to enjoy ten days of camp life in the Tech. Y. M. C. A. Camp to be held at Northfield, Mass., June 29th-July 8th, to join the party which is going from Technology. Northfield is on the Connecticut River and here during the camp is held the Annual Student Conference. For further particulars, any officer of the Association will be glad to talk with men about the Camp at Northfield.

The Seven Ages of a (Fresh)man.

Adapted from an old Author. By Zig-Zag '03.

"All of Tech's a stage
And all the Freshmen merely comic players;
They have their exits and their entrances.
And one youth in his time plays many parts,—
His acts being seven ages. At first the bumpkin
Paying mighty sums for books and instruments.
Then the grinder toiling o'er the midnight oil.
But soon a change,—a mighty change,—doth come!
His coat was of an ancient cut, but now
He's clad anew. His stockings were of worsted gray,
But now, good heav'ns, they scare me quite! He is a
sport.

Oh! sad to tell, a change again does come!
No more he sits upon old Roger's steps
To show his stockings to the passers-by;
But all alone save for his landlord grim
Who clamors for the rent, he sits and thinks
And racks his brains, then to his father writes,
And asks and begs for money, money quick.
Next, fifth, we have the penitent who sits
And sees the F's, the double F's, come in.
Then, sixth, he says he will reform;
And though he does not, yet he flunks no more
And is a gay and sportive Sophomore.

A Sympathetic Nature.

I was sick of paying bills without any money, I was sick of trying to raise a loan on my furniture; and I sat brooding over the half-extinguished embers of the fire; waiting, waiting,—waiting for something to turn up.

Suddenly, a knock roused me from my aimless dreaming, and the landlady handed me a letter. It was a delicate little note, with a crested envelope, and as I broke the seal a faint odor of perfume seemed to hover in the room. Written in a pretty little hand, this is what I read:

"True gentleman that you are, I feel,—I am sure,—that you will be willing to help me—a woman in distress. It is with a great struggle that I write this; but I must have help. I can bear no more. It is maddening. You will help me? You shall help me. Come to 3—Commonwealth Avenue at eight and show the ring I send you. Do not fail. Oh, do not fail me."

Hurriedly dressing, and throwing to the dogs every consideration but love of adventure, I sallied forth like a knight of old. How would my errand end? Should I find a beautiful heiress in trouble, or a handsome adventuress playing her last card. Quite trembling with excitement, I ran up the steps of the house and rang the bell. A moment's stillness was followed by the slow steps of the butler. I showed him the ring. He looked at it gravely for a moment and then—then,—a broad smile covering his face, he said, "It is the first of April." R. C. T.

Communications.

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

TO THE EDITOR OF TECH,

Dear Sir:—I wish to say a few words in reply to a criticism which appeared in your paper in regard to my resignation of the office of vice-president of the Football Association. The article appeared to be written by one who knew nothing of the circumstances of the case and blindly condemned my conduct because it did not agree with his views.

The facts are these: I was nominated for the office without my consent or even my knowledge and found myself elected to the vice-presidency of an organization in whose very existence I did not believe. Several men present at the meeting for nominating officers knew my views on the subject and should not have allowed the nomination. To resign was the only thing I could do under the circumstances.

Personal criticisms of the actions of others written by men entirely ignorant of the causes governing those actions, appearing in your paper cannot but injure its standing.

Yours sincerely,

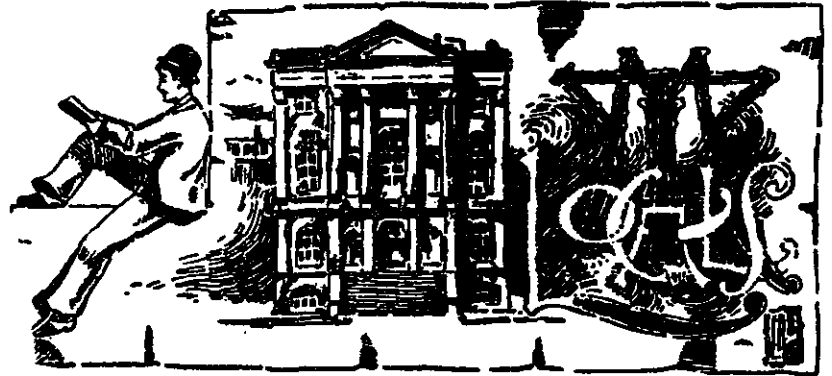
H. P. McDONALD, JR.

[ED. NOTE—THE TECH was incorrectly informed of the state of affairs of which Mr. McDonald writes and withdraws its previous statement in view of the later facts.]

The class of 1900 held its last under-graduate meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 1. A graduate constitution was adopted and nominations made for graduate secretary and vice-secretary, to be elected on graduation day.

Anecdote of President Pritchett.

Fifteen or sixteen years ago the railroad managers of the country agreed that conditions demanded standard time, and to effect this they cut the map of the United States into sections on north and south lines, and by this arrangement when it was one o'clock in any part of a section, it was to be one o'clock in all parts of that section; so the railroad managers theorized. But would the millions of people who had been going by "sun time" all their lives consent to change their watches and clocks and adopt the new-fangled idea? Failure was predicted. Eighteen miles east of St. Louis was the locality where central time was sun time. No change was needed. But eastward to Cincinnati and westward into the plains country of Kansas every timepiece would be off from a minute to half an hour when the innovation started. The railroad people went to Professor Pritchett, then at Washington University, St. Louis, and asked him to become the time starter for the Mississippi Valley. A day was set for the institution of central time. Into the professor's rooms at the university were run telegraph wires connecting with railroad systems east, west, north and south. Professor Pritchett's plans were described in detail and copied into papers all through the valley. Long lists of cities and towns were gotten out, with the changes in minutes and seconds noted for each. The programme was thoroughly exploited. The whole population became interested. The day came, and at twelve meridian, by the observation at the university, Professor Pritchett's telegraph instruments clicked. Thousands of station clocks were set. Every railroad watch was adjusted. The people followed. Within a week, from Ohio to Colorado, central time was the only time. The introduction of the change was marvellous. — *Ex.*



H. C. Pearson, one of the Board of Editors of *THE TECH*, made a visit to the Institute last week.

Invitations for Class Day are not to be obtained by members of the Senior Class until class dues are paid, and applications will not be received until this is done.

Tickets for the Sophomore-Freshman Baseball game are for sale by members of the two teams at twenty-five cents and will be on sale at the South End grounds.

An informal dinner of the Chauncy-Hall Club was held at the Savoy Hotel on Friday evening, May 11th. The dinner was attended by several members of the club and was a very enthusiastic affair.

The final number of the present volume of *THE TECH* will be issued during the first week of June and will be the regular Class Day number, containing the exercises of Class Day and Commencement Day.

The locomotive option spent last Thursday at the Rhode Island Locomotive Works, in Providence, under the guidance of Professor Lanza. Some of the men also visited the works of the Brown and Sharpe Co.

The progress of the theses in the engineering departments is considered very unsatisfactory this year. With a few exceptions, the experimental work is scarcely complete, and never before has there been such crowding at the last of the term in everything.

H. H. Saylor, 1902, who was until recently Assistant Editor of *THE TECH*, has, after several weeks in the hospital, left, on

April 14th, for his home in Pennsylvania. He has fairly recovered from his attack of typhoid fever and expects to return next fall.

The catalogue committee of the Architectural Society has begun preparations for the issue of the annual catalogue of the society. This publication has developed considerably in the last few years and it is the aim of the committee in charge to make the issue of this year an especially good book, combining with the cuts of the work in the Architectural Department, several new features which will appeal to all interested in the work of the Department. A prize of five dollars is offered for the best design for the catalogue cover. For the particulars of the competition the reader is referred to the bulletin of the society in Pierce Building.

A new cast has recently been placed on a pedestal, in the architectural studio of the Pierce building. The cast is a copy of a part of the tomb of Cardinal Tirolamo Basso delle Rovere in the choir of the church of Santo Maria de Popolo, Rome. The tomb was designed by Andrea Tansorino and erected in 1505-7 by order of Pope Julius II. The cast was made especially for the department of architecture by Michele Gherardi of Rome and is the only existing copy. Prof. Homer made the selection during the trip of the Summer School of Architecture through Italy last June, and he selected it after personal inspection of many of Sansorinos works. The cast is one of the richest and most delicate in detail of all Italian Renaissance design. The cast is an acquisition of great interest and adds a valuable piece to the collection in connection with the department.

Calendar.

Thursday, May 17th.—Architectural Society, Annual Dinner.

Friday, May 18th.—1902 vs. 1903, Baseball Game, South End Grounds, 3.30 P. M. Walker Club, Annual Dinner, Young's Hotel, 7 P. M.

Saturday, May 19th.—Worcester Track Games. Handicap Run of the Hare and Hounds from Wellesley Hills. Leave Columbus Avenue Station at 2.15 P. M.



The ninth run of the Hare and Hounds was held last Saturday from Wellesley. The course, over which the Handicap Run will be held next Saturday, was eight miles long, with good, dry footing and no long stretches of underbrush. The trail led through Wellesley Farms, crossing the Charles above Riverside, through Newton to the Big Sign Boards and the Charles River Reservation, along the river to Newton Upper Falls and Echo Bridge and "home" along the Worcester Turnpike. Hunter, '02, and Stiles, '03, were the hares, and Pulsifer, '03, and Jewett, '03, were 1st and 2nd hound, the others being close behind. Next Saturday will be the Handicap Run, and will be the last this year. Prizes will be given to the winners. All Tech. men are invited to compete. The entries close to-day, the 17th, with F. H. Hunter, '02, Manager.

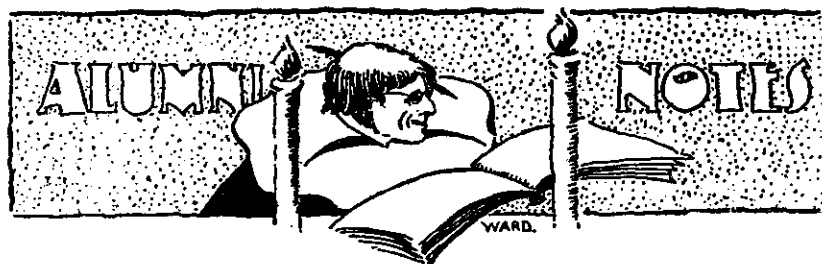
Intercollegiate Bicycle Races.

The bicycle races held in connection with the annual intercollegiate championship games have, since the first race was held in 1887, undergone a somewhat varied career. The track on which they have been held has been wholly unsuitable, and has been the cause of many bad accidents, but in spite of this and other vicissitudes, the races have been continued as a part of the program until this year sees them held on a proper track and under conditions that argue well for the success of this branch of athletics. In 1898, V. R. Lansingh of Tech, tried to have the

event held at Charles River Park but was unsuccessful. The next year, at the winter convention of the N. E. I. A. A., it was voted to hold the races on a suitable track at Worcester, but as such a track could not be secured they had to be held on the old oval, and resulted in an accident in which Steever, one of our men, was badly hurt. This year Ray Murray brought the affair before the convention, and succeeded in having Charles River Park selected as the place for the event to be run off.

This is but the first step towards a far greater plan of having the bicycle races run as an independent branch of the sport, an idea that has been fully carried out in New York in connection with the Mott-Haven games, with the points still counting towards the intercollegiate championship. These races are in every way entirely distinct from the other athletic events, and are not always looked upon with the greatest favor in connection with the meet, and on this account such a plan as is now being carried through might mean much for the future success of bicycle racing as a part of intercollegiate competition.

At 10 A. M. on Saturday, May 19th, the Intercollegiate Bicycle Races will be held at Charles River Park. The points won will count towards the college championship, and men are entered from eight of the leading New England colleges. In Ray Murray, Tech has one who is practically sure of first place, and it is very probable that he will lower the existing record by as much as thirty seconds. Driscoll has also gained considerable repute on the track, and should win a place. Tech's chances in this event are excellent, and it is earnestly hoped that a large attendance will be secured. The distance of Worcester will keep away many from the regular meet, but all should come out on Saturday to cheer the bicycle squad to victory.



'84. C. O. Prescott, V., has gone to the Powder Point School at Duxbury, Mass., as instructor.

'88. F. H. Safford, VI., has been made assistant professor of mathematics and mathematical physics at the University of Cincinnati.

'88. F. M. James, II., is now draughting with the General Electric Co., in Lynn.

'89. Paul R. Hawkins, who served through the Cuban Campaign as adjutant, is now major in the Second Mass. Regiment.

'90. Mr. Geo. W. Fuller, V., has left the Cincinnati Health Dept. to open an office as Consulting Expert on water purification and sewage disposal, at 220 Broadway, New York City.

'91. H. I. Coles, II., has left the Atlantic Iron Works to take a position as draughtsman in the department of construction and repair at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

'91. A. W. Moseley has left William Sellus & Co. of Philadelphia to accept a position as assistant professor at the Michigan Agricultural College. He will be with Professor Charles L. Weil, of the class of '88.

'91. S. W. Wilder has recently been appointed manager for the Merrimac Chemical Co. with offices at 75-77 Broad Street, Boston.

'99. Mr. W. T. Cameron, II., was married in Salt Lake City about three weeks ago. He holds a responsible position in the Utah Power and Light Company of Salt Lake City.

Technique 1901.

Technique, 1901 has had a large sale, and the disposal of the books on the first day of the sale was little less than record breaking, 506 books being sold within five minutes. The book this year is of great merit and is a step in advance, in many ways, of previous *Techniques*. Those that wish to be fully alive to Technology affairs cannot afford to be without it.

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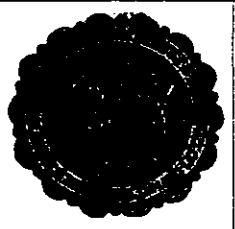
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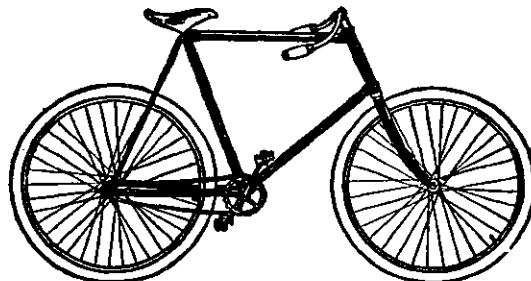
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THE LOUNGER has long worshipped from afar the energetic characteristics of the Class Day officers, as exhibited by the series of phenomena that have occurred in the furtherance of post-examination preparations, but now his delight has become too many for the walls of THE TECH den to contain. It has become something more than a matter merely of personal admiration; it has reached to heights of adoration seldom attained except by newly graduated seniors for their own worshipful selves. The last straw that has caused the breaking forth of this tumultuous feeling of reverence is the newly conceived scheme for a true Bohemian Club Class Day; — for the blending of orations, spreads, introductions, into one grand and delicious *pot-pourri*, on the — h'm — the “Technology Campus” — in other words, — the — well, frankly, the tennis-court. A more or less obscure prep-school, known by the title of Harvard, has until now maintained the lead in affairs of this church-picnic order, but now the glory of a continental reputation will become enhalo-ed over the grass plot between the buildings of Rogers and Walker. At first, the plan of the Class Day Committee was to have the aforesaid garden-plot fenced in by a canvas barrier, but to the delicate sensibilities of the fourth year architects, this savored too much of the class of architectural structure known as the circus tent, and the idea was therefore abandoned. It was then proposed to surround the patch of lawn by a barbed wire fence, after the economical and ornamental manner of the Bursar. But æsthetic reasons led to this intention also being relinquished. Finally, the example of the school in the Harvard-erian suburb was followed; winter green, spruce trees, and conifer firs, interlarded with blue-coated policemen, are to serve as protection from the vulgar outside community; and at the solitary opening in this line of breastwork, Janitor John is to stand and with beaming countenance receive admission tickets that will previously have been intimately associated with monetary transactions of a six dollar variety. As THE LOUNGER, in imagination, conducts his friend's sister into this miniature Coney Island Promenade, he sees on one side the good old ice water tank of

the Mining Department, filled with lemonade; at the other hand, stands the customary fortune-teller's tent; while in the middle are five sporty Thirteeners trying to pitch wooden rings over a lot of impossible umbrella handles, to get a ten-cent cigar. As he, and his, wander about in the Acadian simplicity of the surroundings, the melody of the passing electric car gongs is mingled with orchestral harmony from the vicinity of the basement of Rogers. As he, and her, stroll blissfully in this direction and wander in happy and naive appreciation among the jiggers, boxes of slag, ore crushers, and Hendry concentrators, he observes a suffering orchestra distributing metallic concord in rag-time from the poetic and Pan-suggesting recess commonly called the Metallurgical Pit, distinguished for its contiguity to the coal cellars and for its twenty-four hour copper-runs. As he skillfully dodges a white-hot blast from a cupelling furnace, THE LOUNGER murmurs, “This — this — is happiness,” and his companion, she of the bewitching eye, as if interpreting his inmost thoughts, murmurs in her peculiar, meditative, wondering way, “This — this — is Class Day!”



It is with a considerably varied assortment of sentiments that THE LOUNGER regards the masterly conception and appreciative reception of the plan adopted last year by the Class of 1902 to hold a competitive drill, and present a cup to the school which won, in four years, the largest number of points. The trusting and confident Freshmen of last year totally unsuspecting of the existence of such as go to make up the Class of 1903, expected to see the drill carried on by the latter class. As for the Freshmen drill, it was, due to the general effort of the class, and the able coöperation of the instructor in Military Science, made a thing less possible than the Bursar's entering in the mile run at the Worcester meet would be. Then the wily Sophomores out-generated by circumstances and placed in a box which was of somewhat inconvenient dimensions, selected a committee to engineer the drill under the auspices of the Class of 1902. The committee called on the President and were at once hurled into outer darkness, and, as THE LOUNGER has always believed that virtue is its own reward, the fact that the whole scheme is decorated with crêpe is the most consoling thought of all. Altogether the incident is pathetic to an unutterable degree, and on the whole THE LOUNGER is inclined to think that the Freshmen got some fun for their money, while the Sophomores had the noble reward of being good. Perhaps they'll build another chapel.

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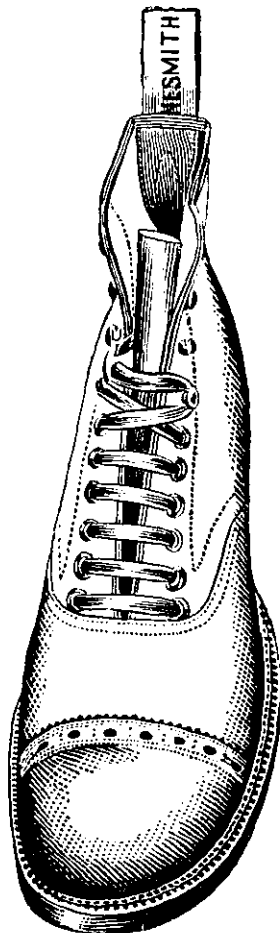
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Hollis Street Theatre.—The reception which "The Rogers Brothers in Wall Street" has received on its return visit to Boston is even more than was expected. The last week of this engagement begins on next Monday.

Columbia Theatre.—The Casino's gorgeous gayety, "The Belle of New York," will be the attraction at the theatre this week. The "Belle" is probably the best known of all Casino attractions, as the piece has been played in all portions of the United States, and has enjoyed a tremendously successful run of two years at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London.

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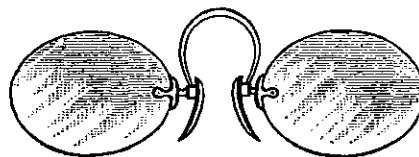
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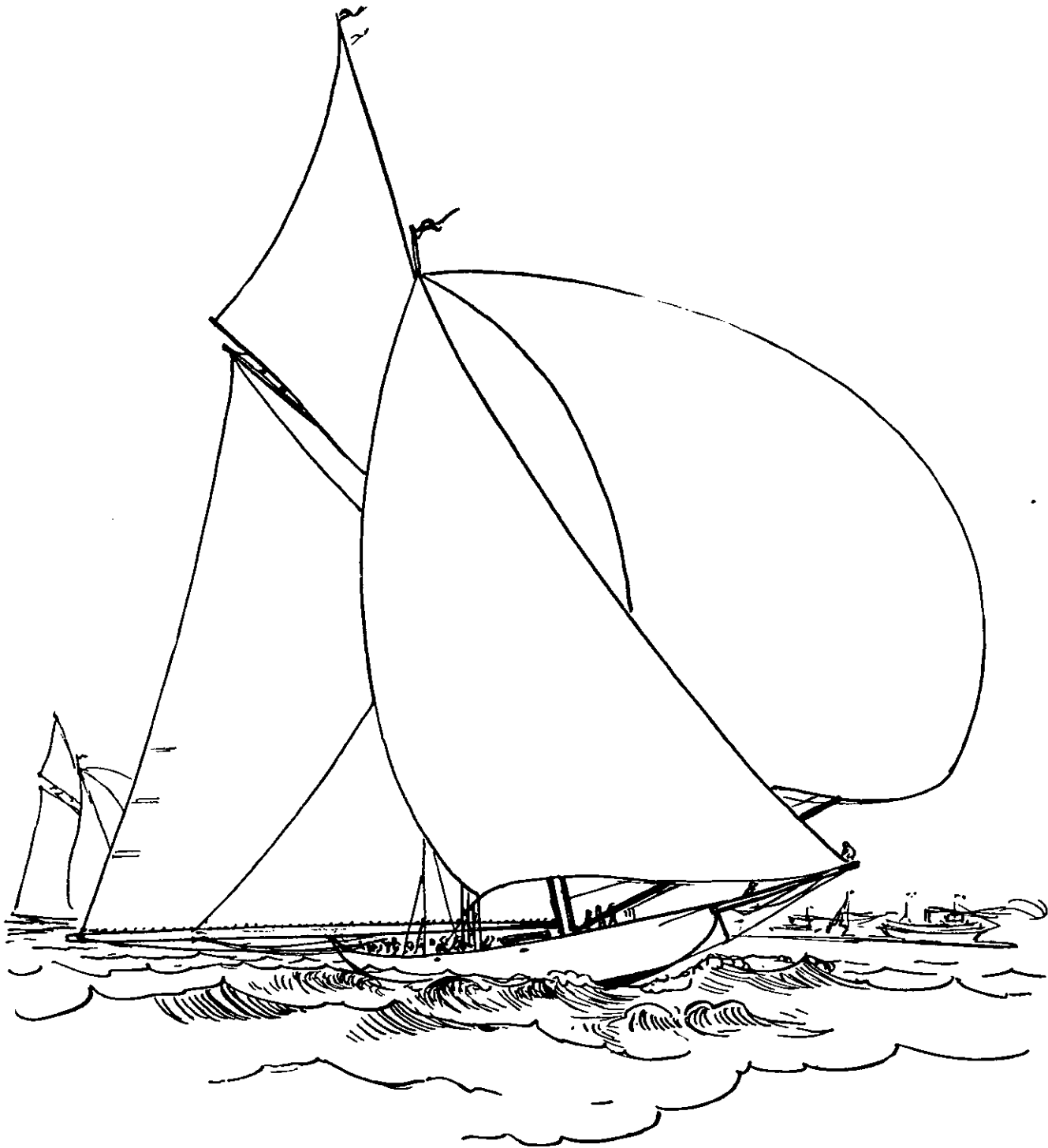
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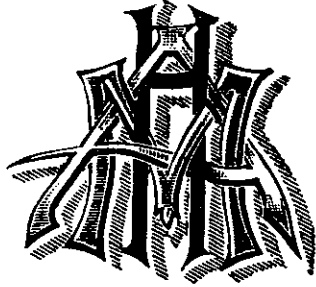
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