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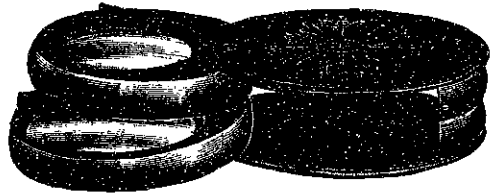
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HERE was no lack of enthusiasm in Technology's welcome to Prince Henry last Thursday. Rarely has a Technology crowd joined so heartily in the school yells as when the prince passed by; and in the good-natured snowballing that preceded and followed his passing we saw cheering evidences that there is still boyish

blood at Technology, and capacity for enjoying a little boyish sport. We can state with a certainty that this hour of freedom was enjoyed by all, but perhaps not enjoyed in a way that would have pleased the royal visitor had he known that a certain portion of his escort was most lustily snowballed by certain lively Tech students. Besides, many of the shots missed their mark and went into the crowd on the other side. We deplore the oversight and seeming indifference of many of the students as to what the outside public must think of this rudeness. In addition, it does but little towards encouraging the Faculty to continue this most laudable practice of giving open hours, thereby breaking up the monotony of the regular routine, in times of peculiar interest. Nevertheless, on the whole, it was one of those incidents that bind us all closer together, and that will be remembered when the greater part of lectures and lessons is forgotten. College life is, after all, rather monotonous, college days very like one another in character, and it is incidents like that of last Thursday that will in future years add variety and color to the college landscape of lectures, laboratories and recitations. Technology has fewer of such incidents than most colleges. Let us, therefore, when the opportunity comes, join in them all the more heartily, and carry with us into school work and life work the feelings of comradeship and enthusiasm that they arouse.

Be sure and read the account of the "Technology Hero" on the next page.

A Technology Hero.

On Jan. 2 last the steamship "Walla Walla" was wrecked off Cape Mendocino, California. On board at the time was Assistant Engineer Hermann Kotzschmar, of the U. S. Revenue Cutter Service, who was a Technology graduate, Course II, '95. Following is an extract from a letter by Captain Hamlet, R.C.S., at San Francisco, to the department at Washington, calling attention to the gallant conduct of Mr. Kotzschmar, and giving an account of the heroic and pathetic incident:

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"In connection with the services performed by this officer as acknowledged by the steamship company, it may be stated that he personally unhooked both of the boat-falls and put the plug in the boat when she was lowered, and stood for thirty-one hours at the steering oar, with absolutely no assistance from any one of the other occupants of the boat. It is not so stated, but it is a fact that there was not a single seaman from the lost steamer in the boat with Kotzschmar, and no one who could or would relieve him for a moment in the work of guiding the boat to the shore. When a landing was finally made, the boat was upset because no attention was paid to his directions, the men even refusing to pull an oar. It was evidently a case of every one for himself at this juncture, and Kotzschmar was left to save his wife alone. Three times he succeeded in swimming with her through the surf to the beach, and each time was borne back again by the receding waves, from lack of assistance from those who had succeeded in maintaining their foothold. At the third attempt he was thrown upon the beach stunned and senseless, and his wife was swept out to sea and drowned almost under his eyes.

Comment on the cowardly conduct of the other occupants of the boat is unnecessary, but I hope that some public recognition of the

bravery of Mr. Kotzschmar at the hands of the department may be accorded.

Respectfully yours,

O. C. HAMLET, Captain, R.C.S.

United States Revenue Cutter Service, San Francisco, Jan. 20.

P.S.—The boat contained nine passengers, all men, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. K."

Athletic Meet.

On Saturday, the 29th of March, an athletic meet is to be held at the gymnasium, in the afternoon. The meet is for the purpose of bringing out men in those events wherein Tech is especially weak, and is the idea of Mr. Mahan, the coach. Prizes are to be given, there will be no entry fees, and admission to the gymnasium will be entirely free. There are three handicap events: the high jump, the pole vault and the shot put; and one scratch event: the two-mile run, which will start and finish in front of the gymnasium. Everybody should turn out.

Junior Class Smoker.

On Friday, March 7, the Junior Class held another smoker at 71 Newbury Street. Dr. Pritchett, Professor Bates, Professor Wendell and Mr. Blachstein were present, together with between fifty and seventy-five students. Professor Bates told some very amusing stories, and Dr. Pritchett made a short address, stating the purpose of these student gatherings and looking forward to the time when the Walker Memorial Building and the new Technology Chambers will add greatly to the spirit of good fellowship among Tech men. Dr. Wendell gave a very interesting talk on his experiences while studying in Germany, and gave a graphic account of taking his examinations for Doctor of Philosophy. Mr. Blachstein made a short address, and among other things defined the word "Kommers," and gave its derivation.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Chairman Taylor and the other members of the committee, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, one of the features of the occasion being the singing of the quartette.

The Society of Arts.

The 564th regular meeting of the Society will be held at the Institute, Room 11, Rogers Building, Boylston Street, on Thursday, March 13, 1902, at 8 P.M.

Dr. Heinrich O. Hofman, professor of metallurgy at the Institute, will address the society on "Aluminum as a Reducing and a Heat Producing Agent." Illustrated with experiments and slides.

Members are requested to invite friends interested in the subject.

GEORGE V. WENDELL, *Secretary.*

1905 Class Meeting.

A meeting of the Class of 1905 was held last Saturday in Huntington Hall. The minutes were read and the treasurer's and football manager's reports were rendered. The treasurer's report was accepted, and the football coach of last fall was paid in full. The matter of having a class baseball team was discussed at length, and finally S. S. Stevens was elected manager. The class board of directors was given full charge of managing the class dinner.

The Hare and Hounds run posted for last Saturday, was called off on account of the deep snowfall. If the weather conditions are favorable there will be a run next Saturday. A special business meeting of the Club will be held in Room 26, Rogers, next Friday, at 1 P.M. The object of the meeting is to take steps looking toward a more formal organization.

Freshman Page Themes.

I AND MYSELF.

My sister solemnly informed me a little while ago that one night, just after midnight, as she was going back to her bedroom after getting a drink of water (she has a way of eating candy in bed), she saw me, clothed in nothing but my *robe de nuit*, bending over my desk and writing busily. After I had written for a while, I blotted the business and, after wiping the pen and covering the ink-bottle, took the written sheet and *tore it up*. Well, I never remembered doing such a deed, so it must have been a somnambulistic act. What then beset my brain was, what on earth could I be writing about? It couldn't be overstudy; I had nothing preying on my mind; no stock-speculating troubles and losses. It couldn't have been some girl, for then I would have written more than I did. It couldn't be some supernatural thing,—oh rats, no!—and yet, on the whole, what else? It might be that I was slightly demented; but even in this case the idiot who would write letters to himself at midnight in his night-robe must be a supernatural idiot. So you see the whole business finally came down to a supernatural origin.

And then I thought of a way to find out what I wrote during my somnambulistic writing periods. I had, lying continually on my desk, some highly glazed paper, a thick, heavy-writing medium pen, and some ink that dried very slowly, such as indelible ink; and every night after my work I would lock up all my desk articles except these I have just mentioned, and, above all, I threw away the old blotter and put a fresh, unused one on the desk with the other things. Morning after morning when I arose I examined the things. No traces. I began to get discouraged, when one morning, on examining the things, I found—just what I expected would happen. I had written on the

glazed paper with the slow-drying ink, and, upon blotting, almost all the ink came off on to the blotter in legible words, only it read backwards from right to left. But I held it before a mirror, and the reflection read from left to right. There were several lines of writing on the blotter, but heavy ink lines had been carefully drawn through them on the blotter. One line, however, remained clear, and it read:

"If you think you can get ahead of yourself, you are very much mistaken.

"Yours very truly,

"YOURSELF."

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EDITOR'S OFFICE.

It was a small room at the head of three flights of very dusty, narrow stairs. Inside was a large office desk, a chair in front of it, and by the side a large table littered up and covered, as was the desk, and for that matter every corner of the room, with every kind and description of books, magazines, proof-sheets, and the various miscellany that an editor's office collects. As regards the decorations on the walls: the main picture was a side view of the full-length figure of a girl in black and yellow, by Beardsley. The rest of the walls were simply covered with pictures of all kinds and sizes, mostly of the poster type, and all in good taste and keeping, which, together with the disorder of the room, gave it a decidedly attractive and Bohemian appearance.

Written to — an artistic literary crank.

R. B.

EDITOR HIMSELF.

He was seated in the chair as I entered, and I must say, entirely in keeping with the rest of the room. He was hunched up in as small a space as possible, with his knees drawn up till they almost touched his chin. His yellowish hair, very long and standing out in every direction, together with his long

Roman nose, gave him a decidedly wild appearance, which was only intensified by his black lustrous eyes, which had a peculiar dancing madness in them. As he arose to meet me I noticed that his clothes were almost falling from off him, so big and loose were they, but I will say scrupulously clean, as was his entire person. Altogether he was an object well calculated to startle one, and well in keeping with his strange and curious room.

Continuation to — the literary crank.

R. B.

More Don'ts for Freshmen.

Don't swagger at all.

Don't fail to take an active part in the activities of your own class.

Don't air your opinions in class or out unless there appears to be a real demand for them.

Don't imagine that people have been waiting for you in particular to enter here; you are only one of several hundred.

Don't miss reading the bulletin boards; every one does, and you might find something of interest on them.

Don't delude yourself into thinking that your name in prep. school has followed you here.

Don't expect the president to conduct your career personally; he is a very busy man, and will hardly have time.

Don't be afraid to try for things like glee club, dramatic club, weekly board, public speaking, etc.; it takes nerve, but the kind that people like.

Don't find fault with the way things are run; for after you have been here a while you'll find it a pretty good place, after all.

Don't ask a man himself if he is a Freshman, however much he may look the fact. Ask some one else.

Don't try to amuse your classes with witty remarks; some people's sense of humor is not over keen. — *Chicago Weekly News*.



All communications with this department should be addressed to the Alumni Editor.

'87. Granger Whitney, III., has announced his engagement to Miss Julia Pittman of Detroit.

'87. T. W. Sprague, III., has recently made extended trips to Cape Breton and North Carolina, to report on mining operations.

'93. J. C. Boyd is roadmaster of the Boston Elevated Railway.

'93. Sam Hugh Brockmier, III., is making an enviable reputation as a mining engineer.

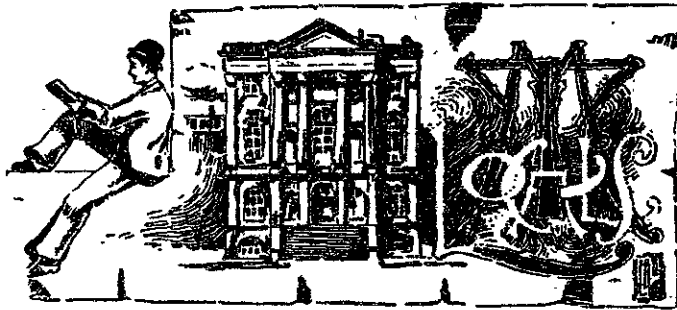
1902.

Notices have been mailed to all men, otherwise eligible to vote in the coming Class Day Election, who are not upon the Class lists by reason of not having signed the Class Constitution or not having paid the Class assessments.

Any men who have changed their mailing address from that given in the Catalogue, and any who live in cities outside of Boston, are requested to leave their addresses at the "Cage" for the Class Secretary, in order that there may be no delay in receiving ballots.



Popular Profs. and their Epigrams.



Thomas S. McDougall, 1904, is leader of the Glee Club.

Mr. Margeson again requests that all men should call at the "Cage" for mail at least twice a week.

Mr. Herbert W. Goddard, 1904, the secretary of the Tech Board, is quite sick with tonsillitis, and was unable to be at work last week.

Mr. Walter Wellman, 1902, has returned from his home, where he has been sick for two weeks with tonsillitis.

The Class of 1903 will hold a meeting Thursday, March 13, at 1 P.M., for the purpose of electing the "Junior Prom." Committee.

The following appointments have been made in the Cadet Battalion: Company E: To be sergeant, W. A. Taylor; to be corporals, C. R. Boggs, C. E. Atwood.

An interesting and suggestive collection of designs submitted for the cover of *Technique*, 1903, is on exhibition in the Pierce Building.

More men are still needed for the Tech Show chorus. Candidates should report to Mrs. Walker in Huntington Hall on Mondays or Thursdays, at 4 P.M.

The Chauncy Hall Club had a dinner at Hotel Savoy on March 4. Although the attendance was small, those present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

There will be a meeting of the Class of

1903 on Thursday, March 13, for the purpose of electing the Junior Prom. Committee

Mr. F. A. Thanisch will address the Mining Engineering Society on "Notes on South America from Personal Experiences," at 4 o'clock Friday, March 14, in Room 11, Rogers.

The annual spring meeting of the St. John's Society will be held at the Technology Club on Thursday, March 20, at 8 P.M. There will be the election of officers and business meeting. Mr. Edmund Billings of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and of the Wells Memorial Institute is expected to be present and speak.

The following Sophomores have been appointed to collect the athletic assessment in their class: Course I., C. L. Homer; Course II., R. A. Wentworth; Course III., C. C. Carhart; Course IV., H. W. Rowe; Course V., K. M. Baum; Course VI., W. F. Goodwin; Course VIII., H. T. Kalmus; Course IX., E. T. Parker; Course X., C. R. Haynes; Course XIII., G. H. Powell.

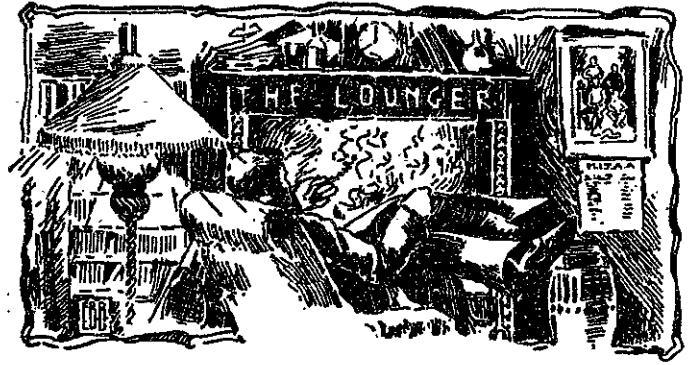
At last Tuesday's Y. M. C. A. meeting W. C. Pickersgill gave an enthusiastic report of the Toronto Student Volunteer Convention, from which he had just returned. It was decided to make increased efforts in raising money for Y. M. C. A. work in the Canton Christian College, China, in which two Tech men are teachers. At the next meeting Rev. Allen E. Cross, assistant pastor of the Old South Church, may speak.

Not the least prominent feature of the celebration in honor of Prince Henry was the cheering in front of the Rogers and the Walker Buildings. At eleven o'clock the crowd began to gather, the snowballs began to fly, and a close observer, if he listened carefully, might have heard the sharply accented Tech yell shot out vigorously from a thousand throats. The passers-by seemed to enjoy the fun of the flying, white-winged

messengers, especially those on the opposite side of the street. Prince Henry, after hearing the honeyed words of a nation, after being soothed by the soft music of heavenly orchestras, should have been refreshed by the earnest, sincere words of the "We are happy" Tech yell.

The service for students held last Sunday evening in Emmanuel Church was well attended, and most interesting. Rev. Leighton Parks, Bishop Lawrence, Prof. A. Lawrence Lowell and Dr. Pritchett were the speakers. President Pritchett said, in part, that "Life asks for men of power. It wants men who will use all the force and energy they possess." "But," he emphasized, "there must also be love, in order that men may understand each other." He spoke of President McKinley's power as the "power of love." Besides power and love, however, there must be "earnest, straightforward, correct thinking." And speaking of religion, he said that for the educated, even more than for the uneducated, it was of importance.

The twenty-fifth anniversary and reunion of the Class of 1877 will be held at the Technology Club, 83 Newbury Street, Boston, on Thursday evening, March 13, at 6.30 P.M. Price of dinner tickets, \$2.50 each. Dr. Pritchett will be the guest of the evening, thus affording an opportunity for '77 men to meet the new president. All those who cannot be present at this meeting are requested to write to the secretary, giving all possible information about themselves. The last directory of the class was published in 1897, and a supplement to the same is to be published, with everything correct, up to 1902. \$1,760 has so far been contributed or pledged for the Walker Memorial by twenty-nine members of the class. It is hoped that additional contributions will be made, so as to swell the fund to \$2,000.



The prince has come and gone. Some of us have had our photographs taken, and H. R. H. has no doubt by this time had them pasted in his Family Bible or his album or something of that sort. One ceremony, however, was omitted from the whirl of horrors through which Prince Henry went while in Boston. When he came up Boylston Street it has been suggested that the procession should have been stopped in front of Rogers while the editor-in-chief of THE TECH, accompanied by Albert M. Knight and Arlo as *aides de camp*, advanced and presented a copy of last week's TECH, with its impossible cover design, to H. R. H. the Prince. But the chance went by, and the one ceremony which would have left an indelible impression of an up-to-date educationalism and of hustling American journalism upon the prince was lost — lost.



While THE LOUNGER has always been ready to admit the usefulness of the Professional Society at this domicile of unrest known as the Institute, yet he has never so fully appreciated the benefits arising from the institution as he has within a day or two. It appears, from its bulletin, that the Architectural Society has so far transcended the common plane of action as to inaugurate the custom of collecting examinations given in the architectural course for the benefit of posterity who shall form the future Architectural Societies. The scheme is certainly new, and one first thinks with Freshman ingenuity that it must impress the instructing staff as an invention of the devil. THE LOUNGER, however, holds that such is not the case, in spite of his Y. M. C. A. predilections. In a little while the number of collected exams. will cover every possible question — and when that stage is reached, one might almost as well prepare to learn the subject as to learn the examinations. Nevertheless, the scheme is novel, and as the Architectural Society has not yet been summoned to the bar of justice in the secretary's office, on the charge of *lèse-majesté*, there is evidence that the omnipresent eye of the secretary looks approvingly — and, if approvingly, what more need be said?

THE LOUNGER notices that at Wellesley College the Faculty gives yearly a comedy to which all the undergraduates are invited. The cast of characters is made up of members of the Faculty, principally. Now if a small country school of less than eight hundred buds can furnish enough talent from the ranks of its Faculty to stock a show, then the Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology ought to be able, not only to organize a show, but also to carry its own bill-posters, sandpaper scrapers, and even its audience. For a first attempt it might be advisable to try something new,— *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, for instance. We might be able to induce Professor D-s-ile to design a suitable cabin with papier-maché trimmings and ornamental lamp-post in front. Tommy P-pe would make a capital *Uncle Tom* by the judicious use of a little oxidizing agent. He could stand on a box while the curtain was up, and the box could be ingeniously hidden by huge bales of cotton, which, in turn, might be hidden by the footlights. The light-hearted, blithe, merry *St. Clair* could be beautifully impersonated by A-b-t Kn-t, with one or two exceptions. Much of the success of this production depends upon the selection of a suitable *Little Eva*. To leave no stone or rock unturned, we would ask L-n-s F-n-ce to take this important part. Mr. Merrick of the workshop would be glad to make us a few long, creamy shavings, which, fastened on the head with glue, would be all that is necessary to transform L-n-s into the golden-haired little fairy. The ascension of *Eva* to heaven in the last act would, of course, be omitted. The furious, brutal, pusillanimous *Legree* would be ably represented by one of the co-eds. The prettiest, gentlest, meekest, girliest one would do, if she could remember not to play the part with too much bombast. It will be remembered that in the book the slaves flee from *Legree* at every opportunity. They would play the part realistically. Perhaps Professor D-p-d could be persuaded that he would make a good *Ophelia*. After awhile he would get the Yankee accent and drop his *g's* so well and thoroughly that you couldn't tell him from a Frenchman born in Africa. For an *Eliza* there would be H-r-y T-l-r, and to see him jumping across the river on the floating cakes of ice would be rare sport. We might get A-lo B-t-s to give us a few glances and use them for the cakes of ice. In that case, perhaps H-r-y could skate instead. If we broke the news gently we might be able to secure the services of Ch-lie Cr-s as *Topsy*. He would doubtless enjoy the part if he could work himself into the right mood. The clog dance might come hard to him at first, but we could resolve the motions into components for him, and it would be clear. For this gorgeous production the scenery could be furnished by A-lo B-s, he willing. He could sit in a little basket suspended from the chandelier and

paint the scenery in his own words. We would not ask for more. For the bloodhounds we could have — but never mind the bloodhounds. THE LOUNGER is getting beyond his depth.



We have had much edifying talk and speech-making of late on informal dinners at the Institute, and while THE LOUNGER (who for eighteen years or so has taxed the English language to express his feeble thoughts) cannot argue against the usefulness of speech, yet it seems to him that all this talk has not effected the ends sought in the Senior Class. Of course he says this with reserve, for Seniors move in a sphere by themselves beyond the criticism that applies to the more moral contingent of the Institute. Nevertheless he knows that Dr. Pritchett some time ago stated that in his opinion the average student dinner was too formal, and the cost was in inverse proportion to the enjoyment. THE LOUNGER followed this up by saying all the things he could think of in commendation of the opinion; the newspapers followed by stating that the "loose system of German Kommers" was to be introduced at Tech; and the temperance societies foretold the immediate destruction of the flower of the American educational system. The student body very gratifyingly sided with the idea of informal dinners—and now, to crown all this logical development, the Senior Class is to hold a dinner which, per head, costs that which is paid for a set of free-hand letter plates,—in other words, two dollars. True it is that dress suits are to be prohibited—but it is not the dress suit, but the financial aspect that affects the class. Though THE LOUNGER has no desire to be pessimistic, he can hardly say that this is in the right line toward reforming and revivifying our student dinners. Whether the class will reap the reward of its two-dollar wisdom in form of a depleted attendance at the annual celebration, THE LOUNGER has not the hardness of heart to speculate upon.

Calendar.

Thursday, March 13.—Junior Class Meeting, Room 11, Rogers, 1 P.M. Meeting Society of Arts, Room 11, Rogers, 8 P.M.

Friday, March 14.—Meeting of the Mining Engineering Society, Room 11, Rogers, 4 o'clock.

Thursday, March 30.—Meeting of St. John's Society, Technology Club, 8 P.M.

There once was a woman called Psyche,
Who had a small baby named Iche,
The child when quite young
Got a brogue on his tongue,
So they had to change Iche to Miche.

— *Widow.*

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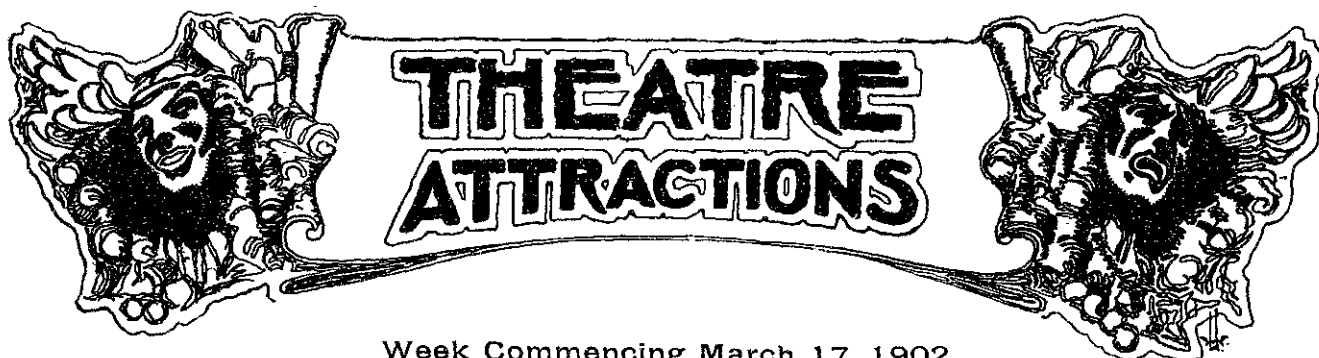
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