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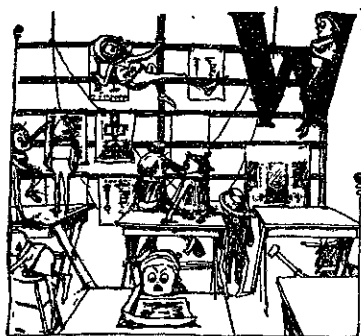
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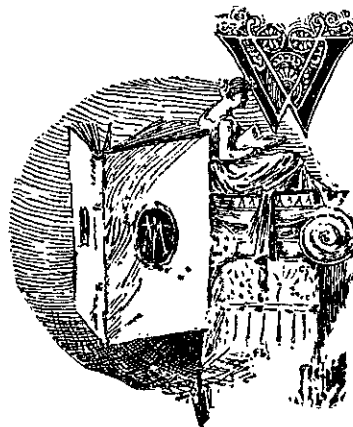
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WE wish to call special attention to the announcement of prizes for the best essays written on the various men who have spoken in Huntington Hall. The idea of offering this opportunity to Tech men who are interested in English composition, is Dr. Pritchett's, and this alone should secure a hearty support for the plan by the students in general. Moreover, the prizes themselves are extremely generous, and we sincerely

hope that the offer will call out a large number of contestants, and will serve to awaken the somewhat flagging interest in English composition.



WE are pleased to notice that the compiling of a Technology song-book seems at last to have been undertaken in a serious and businesslike spirit. At the time when the Sophomore committee on

the matter was first appointed, THE TECH suggested that the movement was one of Institute rather than class interest, and that the work should not be undertaken by one class alone. The committee of Sophomores has taken a step in the right direction in asking all the other classes to co-operate by appointing members to a sort of song-book electoral committee. The Freshman class has already acted in the matter, and we understand that the movement has the hearty support of President Pritchett. It is to be hoped that some sort of official recognition will be given the plan by the Institute committee at their next meeting; thus assuring for the movement the support of the student body in general, and in particular, the assistance and co-operation of the two upper classes. There has been a slight feeling that the Sophomores have been a little hasty and precipitate in their action, and it seems only fair that the Institute committee,

the recognized representative of the student body, should be allowed time to pass on the plan and suggest any desirable changes in the scheme. With the recognition of the Institute committee the whole matter will assume a definiteness which it has hitherto lacked, and the prospects for a real Technology song-book will be very bright. We sincerely hope that the beginning of the next school year will see these prospects realized.



WE should be extremely unwilling to allow this issue to go to press without some editorial notice of the work which has been done this spring by our coach, Mr. Mahon. On another page will be found an account of the meet which was arranged to call out material in our weekly events, and the chances for a successful contest with Brown and Dartmouth seem very encouraging. There has been a growing tendency in athletics during the past few years to confine one's interest in the sport to the mere purchase of tickets in order to see somebody else do something; it is therefore a most encouraging sign, to learn that the squad out this year is far larger and more enthusiastic than ever before.



ALONG with the month of April comes that part of the college year when Technology's calendar undergoes a change from the usual rather monotonous tone of constant study to the much appreciated and lighter tone of social happenings. "Junior Week" is a nucleus, around which all the social events of the year are gathered, and the whole month is filled with the preparation

and expectation demanded by such a gala week. In view of all this stir and commotion, the outsider might be led to discredit the saying that Technology is a place devoid of any social entertainments. Although we admit that on the whole the latter statement is practically true, we cannot help thinking that were it not true, the prominence of "Junior Week" would be lost, and we would no longer look forward to it with the same eagerness as a time when an overdrawn allowance or an unprepared study was not the exception, but quite the rule.

M. I. T. Cross-country Association.

The following nominations for officers of the Association have been received by the secretary: President, F. H. Hunter, '02; secretary, C. R. Haynes, '04; captain, S. T. Worcester, '04, C. M. Hardenbergh, '03; assistant captain, G. P. Palmer, '04; M. C. Richardson, '04; manager, H. B. Pulsifer, '03. The election of officers will be held at the regular spring meeting, which will take place on Monday, April 7, at 1 P.M.

The Association will hold a handicap cross-country run over the Wellesley Hills course probably on Saturday, May 3. Cups will be given for first, second and third places, and for time prize. The run is open only to members of the Association in good standing, though all members of the Association are considered as entered in the run without the payment of any entrance fee. Full particulars will be announced later.

Copies of the new Constitution of the Association have arrived, and one copy has been placed on file with the Institute librarian.

Calendar.

Friday, April 4.— Meeting of Tennis Association, 11 Rogers, 1 P.M. Junior Class Dinner at the Gymnasium. Price \$1.25.

Monday, April 7.— Cross-country Club regular spring meeting, 1 P.M.

Tuesday, April 8.— M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. meeting, 11 Rogers, 1 P.M.

Wednesday, April 9.— Civil Engineering Society Dinner, Hotel Thorndike, at 7 P.M.

Prizes for Best Descriptions of Technology Addresses.

A friend of the Institute offers the following cash prizes, to be competed for by the members of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Classes, under the conditions named below :

I.

A prize of one hundred dollars for the best account of the series of addresses made this year before the student body in Huntington Hall. The paper must not exceed three thousand words in length. In addition to the addresses already given by Dr. Abbott, Dr. Hale, President Eliot, President Hadley and M. Mabileau, papers offered will deal with three other addresses yet to be given. Papers must be in the hands of the editors of THE TECH by Oct. 1.

II.

A prize of seventy-five dollars for the best account of any one of these addresses, including an estimate of the speaker's qualities, as shown by the address. The paper must not exceed twelve hundred words, and must be in the hands of the editors of THE TECH not later than June 5.

III.

A prize of twenty-five dollars for the second best account and description of address and speaker under the terms given in II.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

The papers must be signed by a fictitious name. This must be written also on the outside of an accompanying sealed envelope containing the real name of the writer.

All papers must be written in legible hand (not typewritten) on one side of the paper, which shall be eight inches long by five inches wide. A margin shall be left on the

left side of the paper. No paper which does not comply with all conditions will be considered.

A committee appointed by the president will judge the papers and award the prizes. These prizes will be presented at the dinner given one week after Technology Field Day, in November, at which the Technology Cup will also be presented to the winning class. THE TECH will have the privilege of printing any papers it may choose.

Competitive Drill.

The date of the competitive drill has been changed from April 25 to May 2, in order that it may not conflict with other affairs of Junior Week. Besides the cup, three prizes will be given to the three best men in the final squad. These prizes will be gold, gold and silver, and silver medals, given according to rank. The program will probably be as follows: 1, battalion formation; 2, escort of colors by Company C; 3, first competitive squad; 4, guard mount; 5, second and third competitive squads; 6, wall-scaling squad; 7, last competitive squad; 8, battalion review; 9, battalion dress parade and award of prizes. Already a number of schools have signified their intention of sending representatives. Among these are St. John's Military Academy of New York, which now holds the cup; Lynn English and Classical High; Lowell High, Gloucester High and Hyde Park High. A movement is on foot to have a competitive drill for Tech men, since they will not compete in the exhibition drill. There will probably be two squads,—a Senior and a Junior. The Senior squad will be composed of men who have drilled before, and the Junior squad of those who had never drilled before they entered Tech. The men from each company will be chosen by competition. Medals will be given to the winners in the final squads.

Last Saturday's Meet.

Gratifying as was the work of the men themselves, even more so was the interest taken in the meet held at the Gymnasium Saturday afternoon. Even though it was simply to try out material for the weaker events, there was a larger crowd present than there has been at any other indoor meet for years. Taken altogether, the afternoon was one long eulogy on the work of Coach Mahon and the excellent material he is bringing out. In spite of the heavy going, the two-mile run was a fair test for the long-distance men, and the pole vault showed that Tech has in the past two weeks brought out two new men.

The four events were high jump, shot put and pole vault in the Gymnasium and a two-mile run out-of-doors. In the first event, the high jump, Barry, '04, Clark, '05, and Emerson, '05, qualified. Emerson at scratch could not better his 5 ft. 5½ in. in spite of the repeated trials given him during the jump-off between Barry and Clark. His work was not up to what it could or should have been. The work of Curtis in this event was quite disappointing, for he did not come within 4 inches of his previous record.

In the shot put Winchester, '03, Lindsley, '05, and Lang, '04, qualified easily. The work of Winchester was especially good.

Curtis, '04, vaulted in very good form, but did not come up to his last year's work. Thus Eastman, '04, and Calley, '03, the other men to qualify, kept a few inches ahead. The finals were left for Monday, because of the lack of time, when Eastman won, with Calley second, Curtis just failing to qualify.

The two-mile run, which was the only event without handicap, was over a course from the Lenox Hotel, up Boylston street, over the bridge in the Fenway and through Commonwealth avenue to the corner of Exeter street. Sixteen men started and eight came in well together, with Baker, '03, leading. Worcester, '04, and Riley, '05, were

second and third, respectively. Marcy, '05, who finished fourth, deserves praise for his work.

No official time was taken.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

| | Handicap. | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Barry, '04 | 4 in. | 5 ft. 7½ |
| Clark, '05 | 4 in. | 5 ft. 7 |
| Emerson, '05 | scratch | 5 ft. 5½ |

SHOT PUT.

| | Handicap. | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| Winchester, '03 | scratch | 36.5 ft. |
| Lindsley, '05 | 2 ft. | 35.5 |
| Lang, '04 | 2 ft. 6 | 34.5 |

POLE VAULT.

| | Handicap. | |
|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| Eastman, '04 | 10 in. | 10 ft. 5 in. |
| Calley, '03 | 12 in. | 9 ft. 11½ in. |

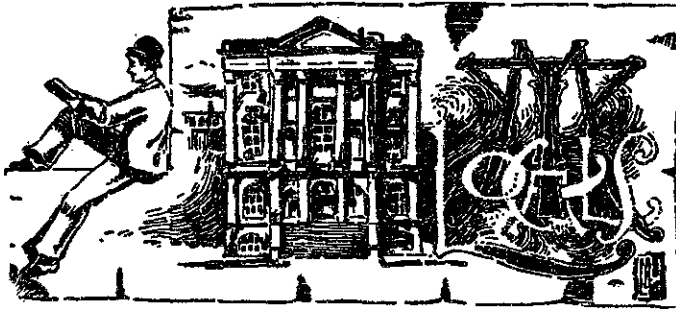
TWO-MILE RUN.

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| Baker, '03 | Worcester, '04 | Riley, '05 |
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Excursion to the Gas-works.

Last Thursday afternoon the class in industrial chemistry made a trip to the Cambridge Gas-works, accompanied by Dr. Thorpe and Mr. Smith. This was the second trip taken by the class this year, and others are to be arranged at a later date. This excursion, like the first one, which was made to the Merrimac Chemical Works, was not only instructive, but was extremely interesting as well. The glowing fires, the heaps of red-hot coke, and the sweaty workmen with their long rabbles and heavy scoops made a scene to be remembered, and gave a better idea of the actual work than any amount of reading in books could possibly do.

The arrival of spring has been officially sanctioned by the Bursar. The boards have been removed from Rogers' steps.



The Sophomore Class will probably have a class dinner on April 11 at the Gymnasium.

The '03 Class Dinner takes place at the Gymnasium Friday, April 4. The price is \$1.25.

Be sure and read the announcement of prizes for the best essay on the men who have spoken in Huntington Hall.

At the recent meeting of the Hockey Club G. W. Batenan, '03, was elected captain for next year, and P. S. Crowell, '02, was elected manager.

L. E. Schlemm, '03, is winner of the first section of the chess tournament. The contest in the second section has not been decided as yet.

Members of the Class of '04 must have paid all class dues for the present year, one dollar in all, by Saturday, April 5, if their names are to go on the *Technique* Electoral Committee ballot.

The Civil Engineering Society will hold a dinner at the Hotel Thorndike on Wednesday, April 9, at 7 P.M. Professors and instructors in the course will be present. Tickets, \$1.75; to members, \$1.50.

A meeting of the Tennis Association will be held at 1 o'clock on Friday, April 4, Room 11, Rogers. All those interested in tennis are requested to be present. The officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

Last Tuesday's Y. M. C. A. meeting was led by A. W. Bartlett, '04. Suggestions from Easter was the theme. The meeting April 8 will be addressed by Brewer Eddy, a secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement.

There seems to have been some question in the minds of the students as to the date of the spring holidays. The days allowed will be April 18 and 19, and the afternoons of the performance of the Tech Show, April 22 and 25.

A college paper has been described as a publication which ten per cent of the students patronize and ninety per cent criticize. An ideal characterization would be a paper which all the students patronize and all the students criticize.—*Ex.*

On Thursday a week ago we received a short but pleasant visit from Mr. Lester D. Gardner, IX., '98. Mr. Gardner delighted us for a quarter of an hour with stories of the good old times when he and "Charley" Winslow used to run THE TECH, and dilated especially on the exciting times incident to a fire in the waste basket of THE TECH office.

It certainly does seem as if the hooting and stamping in Sophomore English had been carried to the limit. A certain amount of stamping, lasting perhaps for a period of ten minutes, is certainly a most amusing and spicy occurrence; but when the unpleasant noise is continued for a full hour, the joke certainly begins to lose its flavor.

The Senior Class has elected the following class day officers: First Marshal, L. S. Cates; Second Marshal, C. A. Sawyer, Jr.; Third Marshal, A. E. Lombard; Orator, I. R. Adams; Historian, W. H. Farmer; Prophet, C. B. Allen; Poet, A. P. Hall; Statistician, W. J. Mixer; Class Day Committee, Adams, Bosworth, Brodie, Brown, Cates, Currey,

Farmer, Fruit, Gardner, Hooker, Kellogg, Lombard, Mixer, Pollard, Proctor, Robbins, Sawyer, Seabury, Stow.

The following appointments have been made in the Cadet Battalion: To be major, Capt. F. S. Elliott; to be captain, Lieut. J. V. Gladding; to be battalion adjutant, Sergt.-Major E. A. Mead; to be lieutenant, First Sergt. H. K. Merrow; to be corporals: Company B, R. Kibbey, V. H. Paquet, G. W. Perry; to be first sergeant, Company A, E. F. Knowles; to be corporal, Company A, A. J. Amberg.

Communications on Raising the Price of Technique.

Statement by Professor Swain.

I heartily approve of raising the price of *Technique* to \$1.50. The book is certainly worth this price.

Statement by President Pritchett.

The reasons advanced for raising the price of *Technique*, as given in the last number of THE TECH, seem to me entirely satisfactory and conclusive. It is most unfortunate to put upon any such Board too great a burden in the procuring of advertisements, and the presence in the volume of such a quantity of advertising seriously detracts from the dignity and attractiveness of the book. The action of the board will meet the approval, I am sure, of the students and friends of the Institute.

1905 Class Meeting.

A meeting of the Class of 1905 was held last Saturday in Huntington Hall. In the absence of the president the vice-president, Mr. Amberg, presided. A great deal of discussion took place concerning the class dinner, but finally a committee of five was elected to make arrangements for the dinner, and nominate candidates for toastmaster, who were to be elected at the next meeting. The committee consisted of Elliott, chairman; Boggs, R. N. Turner, Hill and Johnston.



Mrs. Fiske's plays for her first week offer no attractions of scenery or costume. The view from the studio windows over the roofs of London on a winter midnight is, to be sure, strikingly real and even novel and beautiful; otherwise, the staging both of *Mrs. Hatch* and the *Bit of Old Chelsea* is completely unimportant. Nothing so much wins the *Theatregoer's* heart as this complete reliance on the play and the players for genuine effect.

The story of *Mrs. Hatch* is simple,—a divorced mother seeking to see her daughter after years of separation, and although the development of the narrative becomes intensely tragic, there is no "stagey" or hysterical "scene." The play is altogether emotional without becoming at all sensational.

For this kind of subject, of course, the simplest and most real acting is the most effective; and Mrs. Fiske's company seemed to the *Theatregoer* to produce the most complete effect of reality he has seen on the stage this year. None of the minor parts—with the possible exception of Phil McDonnell in the short piece—were in the least overdone. Instead of the usual stage group, of a really effective dramatic portraiture by the star, surrounded by caricatures more or less effective from the other players, Mrs. Fiske's company presents people all real, and one more vivid than another only because that one has more opportunity to make his character familiar to us. Agnes and the second Mrs. Lorimer, for instance,—and even the detective,—in *Mrs. Hatch*, are no less true, though less prominent, than Mrs. Hatch herself.

Mrs. Fiske's rattling and indistinct delivery, and her not very pleasing voice, promise for the first moments of the play very little tragic power; but her peculiar faculty of expressing emotion choked and repressed, and a kind of nervous self-control, show us the real Mrs. Hatch in the end. Mrs. Fiske has also the grace to refuse persistent recalls from her audiences, when her part has closed in death.

The *Bit of Old Chelsea* is a little scene that pictures in the frankest way the Bohemian life treated with more reserve in the *Trilby* variety of novels. The repulsiveness of the subject is relieved by the brightness and fun of the flower girl, in which part Mrs. Fiske is more sprightly and her speech far more intelligible than in the longer piece.



Next week offers to theatregoers the widest variety of the best modern plays, English and foreign,—one

from Mrs. Fiske, five from Mrs. Campbell. Mrs. Fiske gives for the first time in Boston her revival of Ibsen's *The Doll's House*. Mrs. Campbell gives Sudermann's *Magda*, Bjornson's *Beyond Human Power*, Maeterlinck's *Pelleas and Melisande*, and Pinero's *Mrs. Tanqueray* and *Mrs. Ebbsmith*. Best worth seeing as plays are *The Doll's House*, *Magda* and *Mrs. Tanqueray*. Bjornson's tragedy of faith cure is interesting because the heroine, Clara Lang, plays her entire part in bed; and Maeterlinck's variation of the *Paolo and Francesca* theme is interesting as an example of poetic symbolic drama.

'05 Baseball.

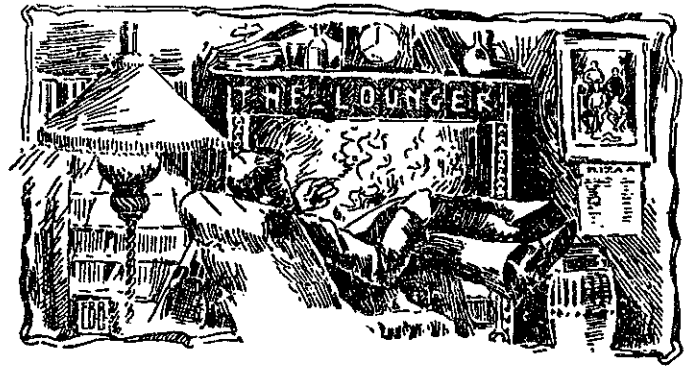
The '05 Baseball Team is rounding into good shape, and if properly supported, should turn out a success. About twenty candidates have reported to Captain Price for practice, and show that there is plenty of good material available. No definite line-up has yet been selected, all the positions being practically open to competition, and more men are earnestly urged to come out and try for them. Practice is held every afternoon at 4 P.M., at Clover Field, meeting first at the Gym. Although no definite schedule has yet been arranged by the manager, S. S. Stevens, several practice games will soon be played, and the opportunity of testing its strength with outside teams will be given.

The following will probably be some of the games: April 12, Mechanic Arts High School, at Franklin Field; April 19, Stoneham High School, at Stoneham; May 3, Boston College Freshmen; May 7, Natick High School, at Natick.

Gymnasium Notice.

All students whose measurements and strength tests were taken last fall and winter are requested to make an appointment for a second physical examination as soon as possible.

WM. SKARSTROM.



A week ago THE LOUNGER in this column asked the bursar, kindly, yet firmly, to take off the boards from the Rogers' steps. Some may have been surprised that they were taken off before THE TECH appeared. Here are the facts: THE LOUNGER, always anxious to please, had an elegant *edition de luxe* of that number of THE TECH printed in advance on sheet zinc and sent it to the bursar, this accounting for the prompt removal of the steps.



The average Tech student knows of the world-wide fame of our professors, but do the professors know of it? A few days ago THE LOUNGER dropped into the bursar's office to pay his dues for next year. He noticed in the huge safe a large pile of creased papers. "What are those, Bertie?" asked THE LOUNGER, absent-mindedly kissing a ten-dollar bill. "Those are testimonials," said the bursar, at the same time handing out the entire vault with all its papers. THE LOUNGER took them home and has examined them carefully. They were letters written in various handwritings and bearing divers dates. The first one he opened was this:

"Before using your complete key to 'Destructive Geometry,' I was unable to see the shadow of a line. I had sharp, piercing planes in my head, and as matters grew worse, I could not even see around a corner. Now, thanks to your Little Brown Book, I can see my finish."

Another one which appeared is interesting on account of its naïve style. It is important, not so much on account of what it has done directly as on account of what it has prepared the way for, etc.

"I did not believe in patent medicines, and relied upon our family doctor to pull me through death's door. Often during the day I had dizzy spells from being carried away by Milton's lofty style, and at times I was willing to dive. Then a friend told me of your wonderful blank verse and of your novels and lectures. After much hesitation I tried some. I am now using patent medicines."

A flattering testimonial has come all the way from Chelsea, and it is printed below in full, the name of the sender only being suppressed.

"When a mere child, I had a great desire to reach up to every mantelpiece within sight. One day I saw a copy of THE TECH on the shelf. Childlike, I determined to get it, but I couldn't reach up. I took a copy of your letter-plates, and placing it face down on the floor, proceeded to climb up. But no sooner was I halfway up when I fell down again to the floor like a J, and B 4 I could get up with E's, I had an H in my head. While using your letter-plates I must have been insane. Since using them, I am in L."

Here is a note that is short but effective, like a bayonet:

"Please send me one-half of your 'Notes on Optics.' I am starving."

A little while later the following sequel came written in the same handwriting:

"I was starving, and at the recommendation of a friend I put a few pages from your 'Optics Notes' on the doorstep. They have kept the wolf from the door. Send me two more pages. I want to kill a cat."

A fancy note bearing the crest of a noted sanitarium came to light.

"Your history lectures are all right. They are fast black and act gently. I was in an awful condition, all run down. I drank in one of your lectures on Home Rule and recited it on Green Street. I was immediately run in."

Our beloved mathematics professor, whose name appears on so many fly-leaves, was not unappreciated by some thoughtful soul who had handled his wares. Here is the letter:

"My baby at the age of two years was unable to read a newspaper even with the aid of glasses. Saw your ad. in one of your books and decided to try your Rough and Reddy library. She licked the red paint off one of the covers. She is now well-read and shows a well-developed case of too much lick. Your books fill a long felt hat."

Our genial, round chemistry prof. seems to have come in for his share of the spoils. The following was written on a piece of filter paper:

"For years my husband was troubled with failing memory. After trying scores of bottles of medicines, all without result, I

heard of your potassiocyanidine through an undertaker. My husband can now look into the future, amen."

How the following letter to one of our co-eds. got in the list, THE LOUNGER does not know. It was written on a piece of brown paper and wrapped in oil-cloth:

"My little boy was sick and all the doctors had given him up. One day I put your photograph on the table near him. It caught his eye, cutting a severe gash. Had there been two of the photographs, there would have been one less Willie. Therefore I want to thank the co-ed. who didn't have her picture taken, for saving my boy's life."

All the above are but specimens selected from a large number of unsolicited testimonials. Any reader of THE TECH who mentions where he saw this, will receive free a beautifully bound volume of "English Readings," provided he remits seventy-five cents to help pay express charges.



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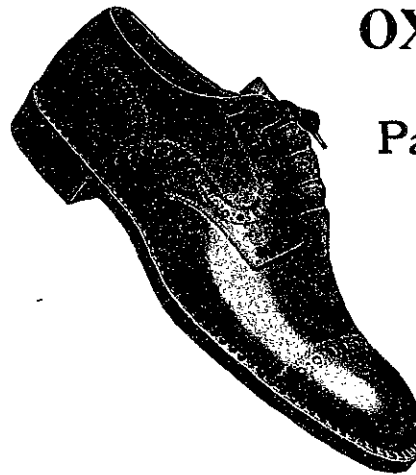


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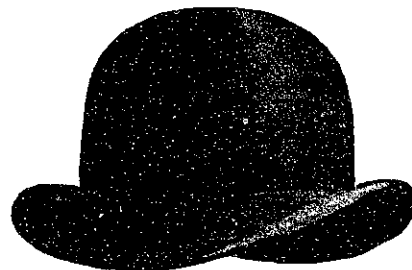
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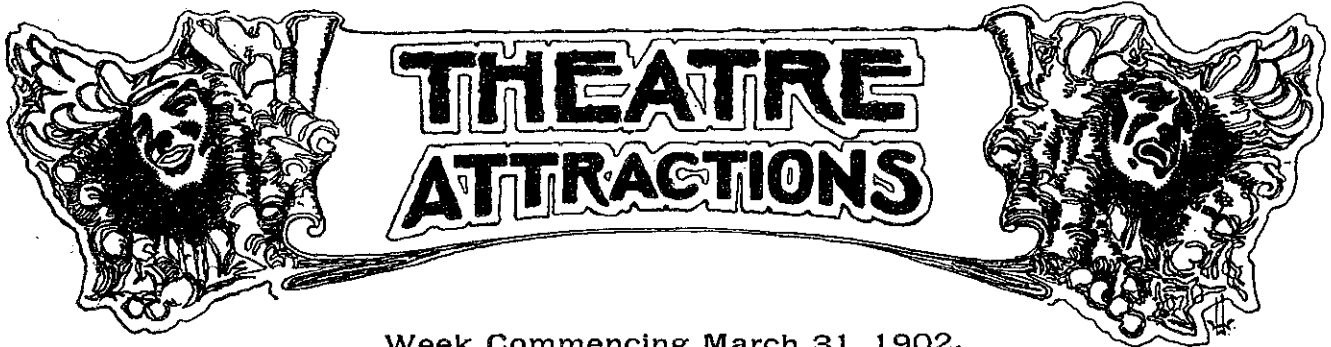
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Colonial Theatre.— "Ben Hur" as presented by Klaw & Erlanger. Performance begins at 7.45. There being no overture to the play, it is necessary that the people be in their seats at the hour mentioned.

Tremont Theatre.— Mrs. Fiske presenting "The Unwelcome Mrs. Hatch" followed by "A Bit of Old Chelsea."

Boston Theatre.— Last week of "Quincy Adams Sawyer." Next attraction is Mrs. Patrick Campbell in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," Monday and Tuesday; "Beyond Human Power," Wednesday matinee; "Magda," Wednesday evening, Saturday evening; "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith," Thurs-

day and Friday; "Pelleas and Melisande," Saturday matinee.

Bijou Theatre.— "Chimes of Normandy" is the bill this week, and to lovers of light opera this is a rare treat.

Boston Museum.— Last week but one of Ethel Barrymore in "Captain Jinks." This is an unquestioned success.

Columbia Theatre.— Last week of "A Brace of Partridges." Next attraction at this house will be "The Girl from Paris."

Castle Square Theatre.— "Under the Red Robe" is the attraction this week. Next week "The War of Wealth" will be given by the regular company.

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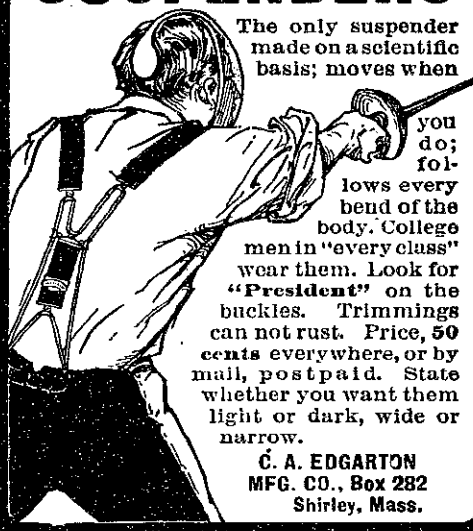
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