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CLASS FLAG INCIDENT.

UNFORTUNATELY the contest of the lower classes last Thursday over Class flags has been too well exploited in the newspapers to need further detailed account here. Though the originators undoubtedly meant well in their endeavor to thus arouse an interclass rivalry, they failed to consider all the forcible results. Viewed by an outsider, the affair gives a rather black eye to the Institute, and being connected so

closely with athletics, has greatly dampened the rapidly growing interest the Faculty have taken, of late, in this branch of our student life. Athletics has had a severe struggle at the Institute, and cannot afford to lose one iota of its support from the Faculty.

Furthermore, Boylston Street is too prominent, too frequented, a thoroughfare for Class rushes and the city authorities will not permit such disturbances in the future. The Faculty have considered that the students who come here come with a definite object, and are more mature in mind, if not in years, than the average, and hence they have not adopted the system of surveillance so prevalent among colleges. Therefore a student is directly responsible for his own actions and should be very careful that they do not in any way reflect discredit on his Alma Mater.

THE TECH heartily endorses the underlying sentiment which prompted last Thursday's demonstration—that is, of creating a Class spirit; but suggests that the time, place and form of such demonstrations be such as will not do more harm than good.

TECH'S ATHLETIC CHANCE.

THE trial games of last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, otherwise called the "Spring Athletic Carnival" were on the whole very successful and promising. It is not safe to predict what will happen from what has happened, but those desiring some idea of Tech's chances in the Triangular Meet, Dartmouth Dual Meet and the Worcester Meet, will find in the last few numbers of THE TECH, under "New England College News," summaries

of the results of recent meets at various colleges, which will afford interesting data. Comparison should be made, however, with the understanding that the conditions of the several tracks and so forth are probably somewhat different.

MANNER OF AWARDING ATHLETIC EMBLEMS.

NOW that, with the advent of spring, athletics have again come into prominence, a consideration of the manner of awarding T's, and the various other athletic emblems, is quite apropos. At present the award rests merely on a man's qualifying according to the conditions specified by the Advisory Council. He receives no official personal notice, so that if at any time his right to wear these emblems were questioned, he would find it difficult and exceedingly embarrassing to prove that right. Such laxity is devoid of dignity and respect and hence greatly depreciates the value of these insignia.

We suggest, therefore, that the Advisory Council adopt some method of giving a definite official award, over the signature of the chairman of the Advisory Council, to each person, the award to bear the recipient's name, the name and date of the meet, and the event, with place and time or distance upon which the award is based. These, as is the case in many colleges, might take the form of shingles of appropriate design suitable for framing. The increase in the dignity and value of the emblems would sufficiently compensate for the small cost.

Spring Athletic Carnival.

In spite of unfavorable weather conditions which prevented the New Field from being completed until Saturday, and which greatly interfered with outdoor work, the Carnival Games were most successful, except, perhaps, in point of attendance, and give great prom-

ise of a successful season on the track. In all the events the showing was creditable, and in the quarter-mile and two-mile runs remarkable time was made. The events were one-mile run, two-mile run, quarter-mile run, shot-put, pole vault, and high-jump; the last three being handicap events.

On Thursday the mile was run over a measured course extending up Newbury Street from the start, between Dartmouth and Exeter Streets, to Massachusetts Avenue, along Massachusetts Avenue to Boylston Street, and down Boylston Street, finishing at the corner of Exeter Street. There were fifteen starters, the first three finishing in the following order: E. F. Jenkins, '04; E. L. Ovington, '04; F. B. Riley, '05. Time, 4 min., 47 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

Considering that a large part of the first half was up-hill running, and that the crowded condition of Massachusetts Avenue caused delay in dodging teams, this time was very creditable.

On Friday the quarter-mile was run on a measured course on Newbury Street, starting at Fairfield, and finishing at Dartmouth Street. Sixteen men entered. For the first hundred and fifty yards, the men were well bunched, after which Le B. Turner, '05, took the lead and continually increased the gap until he finished five yards ahead of the second man, R. S. Franklin, '03, and about twelve yards ahead of the bunch. R. P. Nichols, '05, was third. The time, 52 sec., was extremely good and within $\frac{4}{5}$ of a second of the Tech record. H. L. Williams, '06, fell in the last 25 yards, losing a good chance for third place.

On Saturday the high-jump, shot-put, pole-vault and two-mile run were run off on the new field in front of Technology Chambers. Seven men entered the high-jump. Four fell out at 5 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., leaving Farrington, '05, Curtiss, '04, and O. R. Adams, '06, to fight for places. Farrington won, with an actual jump of 5 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in., and a handicap of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; Curtiss

second, with an actual jump of 5 ft. 6½ in., handicap, 1 in.; Adams, third, actual jump, 5 ft. 2½ in., handicap, 2 in.

There were four entries in the pole-vault: Curtiss, '04, scratch, won with a vault of 10 ft. 6 in.; Mackie, '05, second, actual vault, 10 ft., handicap, 3 in.; Ovington, '04, third, actual vault, 9 ft., handicap, 6 in.

The shot-put was a contest of Morrill against the field, he being scratch, while all the others had a handicap. The shot-put winners: Morrill, '05, scratch, actual distance, 38 ft. 1 in.; Lindsly, '05, 3 ft., gross, 37 ft. 2½ in.; Lang, '04, 3 ft., gross, 35 ft. 6 in.

The two-mile run was the feature of the day. Six men entered. One fell out on the fourth or fifth lap, a second on the eleventh lap, and a third on the eighteenth, leaving but three men to finish. Lorenz, '05, took the lead for most of the first half, Riley, '05, then set the pace for the next mile, when he gave way to Thurber, '06. Both held together and opened up a gap of 50 yards from the remaining two, Lorenz and Ovington. At the eighteenth lap, Lorenz started a splendid spurt, and closed over half the gap between him and the leaders. Riley responded in the last hundred yards and easily spurred past Thurber, finishing strong in the fast time of 10 min. 34½ sec. This clipped just 10 seconds from the previous Tech record, made by D. M. Pray, '99. Thurber and Lorenz were second and third, respectively.

A summary of the events with regard to the various classes is given below.

SUMMARY.

| EVENT | '03 | '04 | '05 | '06 |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1-Mile Run | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| ¼-Mile Run | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 2-Mile Run | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| Running High Jump | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Pole Vault | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Putting-Shot (16 lbs.) | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Totals | 3 | 18 | 29 | 4 |

Mechanical Engineering Society.

The next meeting of the Mechanical Engineering Society will be held this (Thursday) evening at the Technology Club, 83 Newbury Street. Mr. F. B. Gilbreth, one of Boston's most successful building contractors, will speak informally on the methods used on rush work, the assembling of material and handling of the men. Mr. Gilbreth is well known to Institute men as the one who built the Lowell Building in record time last summer. His talk will be profusely illustrated by slides, showing the progress of the work on the Lowell Building, and a large power house at Cambridge. Special music will be provided by members of the society, and the steward will serve the usual acceptable lunch. Many professors and alumni will be present. A charge of 35 cents will be made to cover expenses.

There will be a thesis meeting of the society shortly after Junior Week. At this time members of the Senior Class will give reviews of their thesis work.

The last meeting of the year will be about the middle of May, and will take the form of an inexpensive dinner.

All members of Course II. and X. of the three upper classes, are invited to attend the meetings of the society, and are eligible for membership.

Freshman Class-meeting.

A communication from Major Briggs was read at the Freshman Class-meeting Saturday, in which he kindly consented to withdraw his objections to the baseball team for this year.

The Executive Committee reported two dates suitable for the Class Dinner, and it was decided to have it April 28.

Important matters, such as appropriations for a cup and a new Class assessment are to be discussed at the next meeting, and a larger attendance is earnestly desired.

Civil Engineering Society Dinner.

The sixth annual dinner of the Civil Engineering Society, given at the Hotel Lenox last Tuesday evening, was a pronounced success. Fifty-two men all told were present, and sat down to a well served dinner of ten courses, after which they were entertained by remarks from engineers in the highest ranks of their professions. President Baker introduced the toastmaster, Mr. Paul Hanson, '03, who, after assuring the professor and other guests present of the students' appreciation of the interest shown by them, and of opportunities to meet and hear them personally, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Carson. Mr. Carson, as chief engineer of the Boston Transit Company, Boston subway, and East Boston tunnel, and of the highest reputation in his profession, was well qualified to speak to student engineers. His subject, "Honesty (or rather Dishonesty) in City, State and National Government" touched upon a subject vital to all Americans, and, in its method of correction, most closely to engineers. He cited the shameful exposures of corruption in American cities, most notably St. Louis and Minneapolis, and quoted a former mayor of Boston as saying, "If you want honest government, give positions of trust to civil engineers." This statement he explained by showing that the work of a successful engineer, requiring painstaking perseverance, earnestness and accuracy, and founded on the "eternal truths of science and mathematics," necessitated and developed honesty and integrity. He concluded his remarks by saying that students who will afterwards become city engineers, heads of corporations and commissions, must value honesty as an absolute essential to success.

In evidence of the fact that no resentment was felt among Course I. students at being called "parrots," "pussies," "kindergarten subjects" and by other such expressive terms,

the toastmaster then introduced the head of the course, Professor Swain, who took "Success" as his subject. This term he expressed, not as wealth or reputation, which alone were hollow, but as making the best of one's self and opportunities in character and ability. "Honesty, perseverance and painstaking," he said, were bound to bring success in the end. Mistakes come to everyone, and the sooner made and corrected, the better. The man who is waiting to "go out of Tech to begin work in earnest" is delaying at the critical time. He concluded by saying that the demand for civil engineers, and their future, was never greater than at present, and that it was for the man to make his character of an equal standing with his professional hopes.

Professor Hollis, the head of the Lawrence Scientific School and president of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, was next introduced. His subject, "The Fate of the Harvard-Yale Games," he left for *post mortem* evidence, and took for a theme the advice given him on graduating from the Naval Academy — "Keep your stomach in good condition; live to make use of other men's brains," to which he gave another version — "Keep your dinner down and your courage up." He emphasized the need of health to success and pointed out the civil engineer's good fortune in the opportunities of outdoor work in his younger life. He also touched on the advantages of close intercourse, especially with other scientific men, and expressed himself personally as "revering and respecting the classical and literary scholar; feeling at home with the engineer."

Other interesting and much appreciated remarks were made by Professor Clifford, Mr. Gilbreth, Mr. McKibbin, and Professor Porter, and a telegram from Mr. J. R. Freeman was read, expressing regrets at inability to be present. The dinner broke up at half past ten, with the feeling of an evening enjoyably and profitably spent.

CALENDAR.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

- 4.05 P.M. SOPHOMORE AND FRESHMAN Baseball Practice at Gym.
- 4.10 P.M. Y. M. C. A. MEETING in room 11, Pierce. Mr. W. E. Dowty of Emmanuel Church will speak on "The Right Kind of Concentration."
- 4.10 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for all except Ballet at Tech Union.
- 7.45 P.M. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY Meeting at Technology Club. Mr. F. B. Gilbreth will speak on "Handling of Men and Assembling Materials for Rapid Building Construction."

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

- 4 P.M. MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY Meeting in 2, Rogers. Professor Richards will talk on "Concentration."
- 4.05 P.M. SOPHOMORE AND FRESHMAN Baseball Practice.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at Tech Union.
- 8.40 P.M. 1905 CLASS DUES may be paid to Treasurer Johnston in Roger's Corridor.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18.

- 2 P.M. CHESS CLUB. Simultaneous Exhibition by Mr. Sussmann, the New England Chess Champion.
- 2.07 P.M. HARE AND HOUNDS CHASE. Train leaves Trinity Place Station for Wellesley Hills.
- 6 P.M. STUDENT DINNER at Tech Union.

MONDAY, APRIL 20.

LABOR DAY exercises suspended.

- 10 A.M. BASEBALL. Franklin vs. Freshmen. Franklin Field.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

- 4.05 P.M. REGULAR PRACTICE for Sophomore and Freshman Baseball Teams.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at Tech Union.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

- 4.00 P.M. TECH '06 vs. BATES VARSITY Baseball at American League Grounds. Tickets 50 cts.
- 4.05 P.M. REGULAR BASEBALL PRACTICE for 1905.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

- 4.05 P.M. REGULAR BASEBALL PRACTICE for 1905 and 1906.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Chorus at Tech Union.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

- 4.05 P.M. REGULAR BASEBALL PRACTICE for 1905 and 1906.
- 4.15 P.M. TECH SHOW REHEARSAL for Ballet at Tech Union.
- 7.45 P.M. 1905 ANNUAL DINNER. Further announcement next week.

New Class Championship Cup.

The cup which the committee have selected for a new Class championship cup was placed on exhibition yesterday in Rogers Corridor. It is sterling silver, standing about thirteen inches high, and when finished, will have engraved upon two panels nine wreaths, each to receive the Class numerals, and upon the third panel a shield with the story of the cup. Each year the Class who wins the most points in the three scratch meets will have its numerals engraved within one of the wreaths. The cup will therefore do service for eighteen years. The cost of the cup complete with an ebonite stand is one hundred dollars. Two classes have already subscribed twenty-five dollars each and it is hoped the other classes will do the same at once.

'05 Class Meeting.

At a meeting of the Class of '05, held in Room 22, Walker, last Monday, it was decided that only those whose dues are paid by one o'clock Saturday, April 25, will be allowed to vote for or serve on the *Technique* Electoral Committee, and to remind the men bills will be sent to the delinquents. Mr. Johnston will be in Rogers Corridor every Wednesday and Friday morning at 8.40 to receive dues.

A Class Dinner Committee, consisting of Marcy, Perkins, Motter, Elliot and Sneeringer, was elected to have entire charge of the dinner this year.

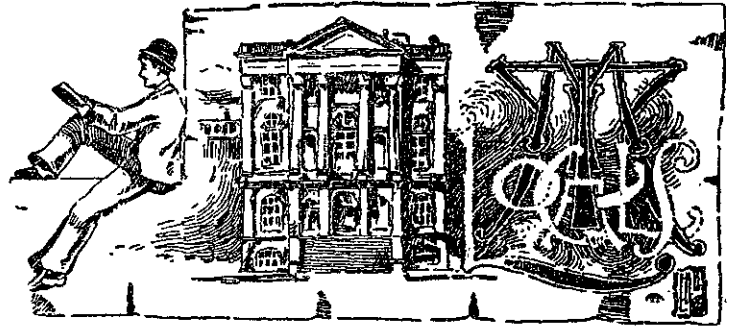
Professor Sedgwick's Address.

Dr. Sedgwick spoke before the Civil Engineering Society on "The Relation of the Civil Engineer to Municipal Government." He considered the relations of professional men in general to municipal affairs, and said that one reason why there is a lack of these men in politics is because they do not wish to pollute themselves in the company of boodlers and the like. The trouble with a great many politicians is that they are "good fellows," and the result is that many municipalities suffer. Professor Sedgwick urged that men should not bind themselves to a party ticket, but to vote for the best men, irrespective of their political beliefs. Again, he said that "decent government clubs" should be formed for the purpose of keeping track of municipal affairs—to learn how and for what purposes money is expended on public works. Then he urged that students and professors should take a keener interest in government affairs around them, and not let these things pass as matters of course. Dr. Sedgwick's address was very interesting and instructive. He presented his facts clearly and concisely, everything was to the point, and he certainly created an impression on his audience.

Simultaneous Chess.

Mr. A. M. Sussmann, the chess champion of New England, will give a simultaneous chess exhibition at the Union, Saturday, April 18, at 2 P.M.

All professors and students whether members of the Chess Club or not are invited to play against Mr. Sussmann. Everyone expecting to play is requested to bring board and men and to be at the Union before 2 P.M. The officers of the Chess Club desire a large attendance, both to make the affair a success and to increase the interest in chess at the Institute.



Mr. H. E. Darling, '06, has been elected to the Editorial Staff of THE TECH.

The 1905 baseball team will practice regularly at the Gym at 4.15.

Mr. G. M. Winne has been elected captain of the 1906 baseball team.

Dean Burton spoke before the graduating classes of the Y. M. C. A. Evening School last week on "Technical Education."

Baseball game; Bates Varsity vs. Freshmen, Boston American League grounds, 4 P.M. Wednesday, April 22, 1903. All Freshmen should go to this game.

Last Saturday the members of the Show tried on their costumes for the first time, and their photographs were taken by Mr. Ness. Proofs will be ready shortly.

Each member of '05 owing class dues must pay them before 1 P.M. April 25, in order to have his name on the *Technique* Electoral Committee ballot.

The annual spring concert and dance of the M. I. T. Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs will be given in the New Century Building on Huntington avenue, Wednesday, April 29, at 7.45. Tickets for concert and dance, one dollar; for concert only, fifty cents. Tickets will be on sale daily in Rogers corridor at 1 P.M. on and after Tuesday, April 21.

It is most important that all men desiring 1905 canes or pipes should procure tickets at once from F. M. Carhart, W. Turner or W. Motter, as the last order will be sent in April 25.

A movement is on foot to change the dual meet on May 2 with Tufts, to a triangular meet, including Brown. The matter is under consideration, with a good prospect of being carried through.

At the Electrical Engineering Society "smoker" last Thursday, Prof. A. E. Kennelly of Harvard, gave a very interesting description of the laying of a cable in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Freshman baseball team has begun its spring work. Much good material has presented itself. The best players at present are Captain Winne, who plays second base, J. F. Haley, field, and B. R. Honeyman, shortstop.

Technique tickets are now on sale; the price \$1.50, is the same as last year. *Technique* Board wishes to announce that members of the instructing staff holding tickets will receive their *Techniques* without standing in line for them.

The attention of Seniors is called to the fact that the English Department is glad at any time to give advice in regard to the planning, the writing, or the revising of thesis work. Appointments will be made upon application at Room 12, Rogers, or in answer to written request.

The Tech Show poster, which is on exhibition in Rogers, is merely a proof. The final poster will be ready within a week. This year's poster needs no especial mention here. It is the best thing of its kind which the Institute has ever sent out, and should take front rank among the many posters which are exhibited in the city.

There were not enough names handed in to R. Hazelton to warrant the holding of a spring tennis tournament.

The Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs gave a concert before the Colonial Club of Cambridge last Saturday night.

Candidates for Graduation and Theses Subjects.

COURSE IX.

| NAME. | SUBJECTS OF THESES. |
|----------------------|--|
| Miss Ava D. Stoddard | { A study of the Negro Population of Boston. |

COURSE XII.

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| Mr. G. F. Loughlin | . Building Stones of Boston. |
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COURSE XIII.

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| Bay, W. J. | Design for Coaling Ship. |
| Cronenbold, E. J. | . { Progressive Speed Trials of Steamboat <i>Orion</i> . |
| Crosby, H. | { Launching of a Four-masted Schooner. |
| Cross, W. P. | . } . Launching of U.S.S. <i>Chattanooga</i> . |
| Hilken, P. G. L. | . } . |
| Fitzler, H. | Design for Marine Governor. |
| Harlow, J. E. | { Progressive Speed Trials of Steamboat <i>Uncatena</i> . |
| Lage, R. | . } . Experiments on Propellers. |
| Turner, H. C. | . } . |
| Parker, P. R. | { Progressive Speed Trials of Steamboat <i>Gay Head</i> . |
| Scudder, O. P. | { Investigation of Strength of a Six-masted Wooden Schooner. |
| Miss L. G. Weld | { Progressive Speed Trials of the <i>Juno</i> . |

1902 Smoker.

About twenty-five were present at the 1902 Smoker last Friday, which shows that these monthly meetings will be popular. The evening was spent in a most informal manner. H. O. Bosworth, who was supposed to be in Denver, gave the fellows a surprise by walking in when the evening was half spent. Those who were present are already looking forward to the next one, and those who were not had better do the same.



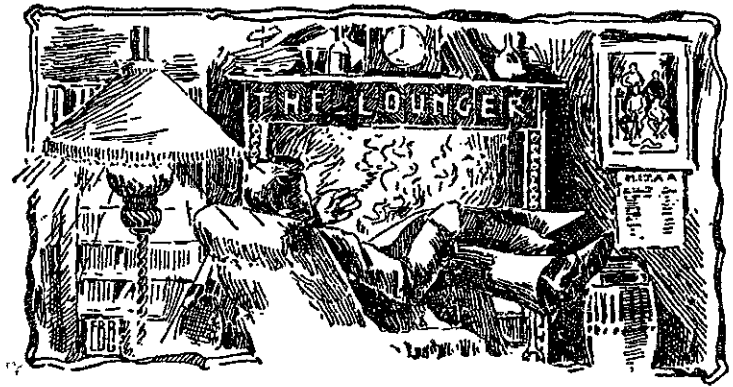
The Girl with the Green Eyes is the latest and a typical Clyde Fitch "show," a farrago of contemptible foolery, and indecent jokes, and cheap, melodramatic clap-trap such as any author should be ashamed to write and any public ashamed to witness — all put together with such skill that one's disgust is humored along and one's interest sustained to the end — and in it all a few very simple, strong, true scenes such as make the play almost worth while. In this sort of piece, of course, there are a lot of quite irrelevant local hits, burlesques like that of the Cook tourists; and always a "song and dance," quite improbable in the action of the play, like that introduced as a bid to the galleries in *The Girl with the Green Eyes*. The real plot of this play, too, is never straightened out; but we are left to imagine how the complications might be unravelled, and a melodramatic and very ineffective "scene" at the end diverts our attention from the issue — which perhaps the author dodges, as insoluble.

The one merit of the play, as has been frequently remarked, is the drawing of the character of the jealous but lovable heroine.

The play is another in the long list of almost worthless pieces admirably acted on our modern stage. Clara Blood good made last year of a secondary part in that other rubbishy Clyde Fitch play, the *Way of the World*, quite the best part in the cast; and the role of Jinny Austin gives her more extended opportunity, which she improves as well. The frivolous, giggling, very modern and rather winning woman, whose empty life leaves plenty of room for whims of jealousy, but whose innate womanliness and sweetness make her amiable, is so completely realized that the part seems too familiarly natural to be acting, at all.

THEATREGOER.

There was a young man in a wagon,
Who took pull after pull at a flagon;
When the flagon had flagged,
He was thoroughly jagged,
And the horse had turned into a dragon.



It certainly did trouble THE LOUNGER at first, and he hasn't quite cleared up the mystery yet, but he has narrowed down the possibilities. The Bursar's unusual and tasty display of mill end remnants of wire fencing is necessarily of some practical use, and the question resolves itself into one of "What?" A series of ionized thoughts chased themselves through the gray matter of the author's cerebrum and gradually deposited themselves — according to the dissociation theory — one lot on the anode and the other on the kathode. On the kathode this theory formed. The new copy of Mr. Minos' labyrinth has been constructed for the fiendish purpose of ensnaring the daring Persimmons lassies who may invade the happy hunting ground of Pat and Course III. They are to be kept in the dark, dank and dingy dungeons beneath Rogers sidewalk and allowed to issue forth at such time as the co-ed supply may be low.

Cleaning the kathode he tried again. This time he thought that the genial professor of Descriptive Geometry might be planning to start a hen farm on our spacious campus, but this thought was not a very heavy desposit, so THE LOUNGER took a look at the anode.

On this part lay the solution — or, perhaps better, the deposition — of the problem. The beautiful lot of Page's Invisible Wire Fence is for decorative and educational purposes. The Bursar is planning a zoo for the edification of Bostonians and the advertisement of Tech. Out back of Lowell — on the lawn — will be the elephants, whereat the co-eds may feed peanuts from the windows of Margaret Cheney's drawing-room for lady students. In Room 11, Rogers, will be planted a large, happy family, with an overflow meeting in 18. Over in the Brunswick cellar one will find the snake-house, and it is only natural that the aviary should be in the Cage — thus accounting for its recent enlargement. Walker, 22, would be devoted to the carnivora and the wire fence would come in strong as a deer park.

It is barely possible that the Grass Protective Society of Back Bay is after the lot — but then — the ideas were good, anyhow.