is an Institute graduate of ’73 in civil engineering. Mr. Felton is spoken of by Mr. Forney, of the Railroad Gazette, as one of the ablest railroad men of his age in the country.

Prof. A—— told the Junior class the other day that the behavior of the Freshmen was infinitely better than that of the Juniors. Book it, Freshies; it will be a pleasant thing to refer to when you are a little older, and can eat a pound of raw beefsteak on the morning of an examination day.

The class in constitutional history being very much excited over the Guiteau trial, prepared to hang him in effigy the other morning at the lecture. They spent five cents for a wooden effigy which would swing its arms and legs with the proper amount of agony; but owing to a flaw in the string, the execution was deferred for four weeks.

A tom-cat sits upon the garden fence,  
And warbles wildly to its mate, —  
“Oh! when the world has gone to bed,  
I love to sit and mew-till-late.”

But whilst that cat did sit and sing,  
Up springs a boarder mad with hate,  
Who shoots that cat to fiddle-strings;  
He also loves to mu-til-ate.

The following work is in progress at the physical laboratory: Mr. Holman, instructor in physics, is working up the coefficient of friction of belts on pulleys; Mr. Pickering, assistant in physics, is preparing some work in photography to give the Juniors next term.

The chemists and Course B miners, ’82, are working on the following: Mr. Hall, The electromotive force (E. M. F.) and resistance (R.) of a silver chloride battery; Miss Ames, E. M. F. and R. of a Grove cell, with different solutions and with different strengths; Mr. Frost, The E. M. F. and R. of a chromic acid battery, and the designing of a battery for the induction coil; Miss Rice, The variation and resistance of platinum wire at different temperatures; Mr. Mansfield, The E. M. F. and R. of a Daniells element at different temperatures; Messrs. Jenkins and Lowe, experimenting on the Faure secondary battery. Besides this, the regular ’82 physicist, several specials, and the Juniors are at present busy working there.

We have just secured for our readers a literary prize in the shape of an unpublished manuscript of Dr. Johnson. It is that of a Dictionary of Proverbs. We quote the following: —

“The medium of exchange causes the equine female to proceed.”

“Avail yourself of the information afforded by your natural optical appliances before you endow yourself with an ascending motion by a muscular contraction of the lower extremities.”

“A concrete agglomeration of minute mineral particles, endowed with an advancing circular motion, exercises no attraction over the middle order of cryptogamous exogens.”

“Diminutive spherical globules of condensed aqueous vapor, microscopical granular portions of anhydrous silicic acid, cause the formation of the potent expanse of dihydrogen monoxide, saturated with sodium chloride, and the felicitous stratification of immense mineral deposits.”

The imitation of Turner’s “Slave Ship” in the architects’ drawing room is very good, the coloring being especially bold. Call and see it.

We would suggest, as an improvement of our telephone system, that the secretary’s office and the School of Design change numbers. The room that is called most should have the shortest number for its signal.

The Boston Journal of Commerce for Jan. 21 will be interesting to the mechanicals. It contains an article on gear teeth, by Jo-hua Rose; also a chapter on indicator cards, besides much other mechanical matter.

We have discovered still another use for the fire buckets. The architects are using one for a wash-basin.

Photographs of the football team of last fall may be obtained at Hardy’s.

The mention on the railroad station was awarded to Mr. Jones by Profs. Clark and Longfellow, but to Mr. Shepley by the vote of the Fellows.