room, where they remain until called to the salesrooms in Boston and elsewhere.

One of the chief features in the American system of machine manufacture is the interchangeability of parts. This appears to great advantage in bicycle making, for the actual number of pieces in a bicycle is about three hundred; but by this system any pieces lost or broken can be quickly replaced at a comparatively small cost. The capacity of the works is one thousand two hundred bicycles per month, and it is difficult to keep abreast with the orders. A corps of designers and experts are constantly devoting their energies to the improvement of the bicycle and tricycle, of which latter none have yet been made in America, though it is very popular in England, it being more comfortable and less dangerous than its fleeter rival.

A. L. R.

Institute Dining Hall.

EDITORS OF THE TECH: I wish to call attention to the condition of the Institute restaurant. The proprietor of this restaurant has a considerable advantage over all competitors in that he has his rent and gas gratis; and, being in one of the Institute buildings, the students would naturally go there in preference to going elsewhere.

Now, under these circumstances, why cannot he furnish patrons with well-cooked, substantial meals at a fair price? At the beginning of the year a large number went their regularly, but these have dropped off until now only one remains. Nevertheless, it is unnecessary to say that the restaurant properly managed would be a great convenience to a large number of students.

Something should be done, so that next fall the restaurant may be opened promptly with a capable proprietor who will endeavor to please his patrons, and thus benefit both himself and the students.

Fragment of a feminine conversation: — "And you know that awfully cute Freshman from Cincinnati — the one with the old-gold bangs."

Department of Architecture.

Mr. KIDDER has sufficiently recovered to resume his work again in the Department. He delivered his first lecture on the 22d.

The two problems on hand at present are, for the Seniors a chateau d'eau, and for the Juniors the grand staircase.

Cobb and his bride are at present stopping with his father in Longwood. The club-house is getting on nicely, and we were told the other evening that the fifteen original houses has now increased to fifty.

Prof. Clarke's Tuesday and Thursday morning lectures have of late been on contracts and the laws of building. These are two subjects of the most practical importance to architects, and Prof. Clarke's large range of experience in superintendence amply fits him to treat of them. Make an effort, brothers, to rise earlier in the morning and don't miss a good opportunity.

The following is a list of the drawings required of the regular Seniors for their theses: One elevation, section, and perspective to scale of eight feet to the inch plan, and two sketch elevations sixteen feet to the inch. Either the principal elevation or the perspective to be fully rendered in color.

The series of lectures to be delivered by outsiders was inaugurated on Thursday, the 13th, Mr. Cummins delivering the first of his course of three lectures on Interiors. He began by consideration of the interiors of Greek temples, and referred incidentally to some of the Egyptian and Assyrian rock cut tombs. In his second lecture on Thursday, the 20th, he treated of Baths and Basilicas. The lectures were well attended by members of the department, and also by some of our brothers and sisters from the Art School.

"Are you sick again, Tom?" Laconic Tom: "Sic sum." — Ex.