a paltry thousand dollars I sprang to my feet; my spirits had been rising for several minutes, and I exclaimed,—

"Sam (is) ne!! If we only get out of this alive we shall be rich men,—we shall be famous men! The animal we stand on is none other than the ancient Plesiosaurus, long supposed to be extinct, and whose existence will overthrow all the theories of modern geology—"

My closing remarks were forever lost. The back of the creature seemed suddenly to give way beneath me. I was precipitated with violence down a flight of stairs and into a brilliantly lighted interior, while from the lips of the individual at whose feet I fell came the single ejaculation, "Well, swelpmejova!"

(To be continued.)

Our Athletic Club.

Editor Tech, — A correspondent in the Tech of Oct. 11, while urging the liberal support of the foot-ball team, says, "All our athletic performances, with the exception of the tug-of-war team's record, have been disappointing and disheartening." Surely this is not a fair estimate of the results attained by the M. I. T. A. C., considering the few years it has been in existence and the small number of men belonging to it. Have the nine-foot-four-inch pole vault of Mr. Sturgis, and Mr. Dorchester's eight-foot-six-inch high kick—both made only last winter—so soon been forgotten? I cite several more of our records, which, even if compared with those of Harvard at its recent fall meeting, are still good, and should encourage further efforts:

One-hundred-yard dash, 10$\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, T. C. du Pont.
One-quarter-mile run, 57 seconds, F. M. Haines.
Running high jump, 5 feet 3$\frac{1}{2}$ inches, J. L. Kimball.
Putting the shot, 31 feet 11 inches, F. O. Harriman.

These should be enough to prove that there is more than "one branch of athletics in which the Institute can do herself credit."

It is hoped that the Faculty will not see fit to rent our new gymnasium to Chauncy Hall School, as the sum received cannot compensate for the injury to apparatus and the interruption to regular exercise caused by these school-boys.

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Department Notes.

The Seniors have just been assigned the problem of the billiard-hall and boat-house. Three weeks have been allowed for the completion of an elevation, section, and plan; and, as far as present appearances go, the designs will be in better taste and more varied than usual. It is likely that Prof. Clark will continue his lectures on specifications to the Seniors.

The Juniors have not begun on problems as yet, the usual elementary doorways and windows occupying their time until Thanksgiving. Prof. Letang is giving the lectures on the Elements of Architecture this year, and what with the "brown papers" for him, the work in Descriptive Geometry, for Mr. Wells, and the drawings for Prof. Clark and Mr. Kidder, their time is pretty well filled up.

Probably Mr. Langenfeldt will not have charge of the class in water-colors until after Christmas.