It is rumored that the manager of the new (dime) Boston museum is trying to obtain the services of F——, '83, in his great effort, the "collar act," to be followed by some astonishing feats with the hatchet.

The tender Freshmen have not been permitted by their affectionate mammas to attend a dance in the evening; but now, as the days are growing longer, they are allowed to give a little afternoon party, after promising to be home before dark. This first social event in their youthful lives will occur April 7, in the gymnasium. The upper classmen will, without doubt, be invited to look on, but of course they will not disturb the children nor wash the music.

N. B. — Baby carriages may be called at 5.30 P. M.

Mr. Editor, — '83, '84, and '85 can stand the unparalleled cheek of 'fresh' '86 in giving no semi-annual ball; they can even swallow, without an effort, the unblushing audacity of that class in attempting a new Institute cheer; but when a man (excuse u., boy) is seen around the Institute with hair six inches long, and he a Fresh, their endurance is exhausted, and they hereby give notice if a certain boy, in a very short space of time, does not interview some tonsorial artist they will no longer be accountable for their actions.

Per order the committee,

'83, '84, '85.

The following is from a postal-card directed to the "Machinery School, Boston."

STATE CENTRE Feb 21.

Will you please tell me how Your institution is run and What its name is and if You would experiment on preptual motion for half the enterprise in the united States if You had a good theory advanced that looks reasonable and the cost would not be more than the cost of a dump cart Yours truly

marshall, Co, Iowa.

THE present dearth of college news, though rather unfortunate for the exchange editors, is one of the best indications of a general contentment and prosperity throughout the colleges. People say very little so long as they are satisfied. It is about this time that the best work of the collegiate year is done; perhaps it is because of a desire to make up for lost time as the conviction dawns upon us that we have only about two months more; perhaps it is only due to spring. Another effect of the season which turns a young man's fancy is to bring the poets of the college journals out in force. We have transferred several of their productions to this number of THE TECH, and they will give a better idea of what is current, and the prevailing style in college poetry, than any words of ours.

The air of Williamstown seems peculiarly adapted for bringing out any poetry latent in the young collegian, and strangely enough it is generally poetry of a considerable degree of merit as it reaches the outside world in the pages of the Argo and Athenaum. The poets' corner of these two papers has always been a particularly roomy corner, and has been the source of much of the best verse which has circulated among the college press. The publication and support of two such papers speaks very well for the public spirit and literary ability of the students of Williams College.

Another paper whose lines have fallen in pleasant places is the Michigan Argonaut. The students evidently do not consider that their duty towards the paper ends with a subscription. The noms de plume of the various contributors appear so frequently that the writers are beginning to be recognized as old friends.