THE GREAT CONTEST BETWEEN THE GIANTS.

"It is reported that the Faculty and students of the M. I. T. are not in accord upon the present political Issues." — Boston Herald.

"What are you in here for?" asked the visitor at the penitentiary. "'Cause I was put in," growled the poor prisoner savagely. "Yer didn't think I came in here 'cause I liked it, did yer?" — Burlington Hawkeye.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE IN GENERAL CHEMISTRY. — Professor: "I will now treat," etc.
Smithe (who has been dosing under the influence of recent potations, half aroused by the familiar sound): "Good f'r you, ol' boy."

ON A GEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION. — Prof. (showing Soph. a specimen of a rock): "That is a good specimen, Mr. ——."
Soph.: "Yes, it is nice" (gneiss).
Prof.: "You are mistaken, sir; it is only granite."
Soph. (afterwards repeating to a friend): "The Professor showed me a specimen, and I told him that it was nice, and he said, 'No, it is very good.'"

According to the Railway Review, an interesting experiment has recently been tried in Russia in regard to using petroleum refuse as fuel in locomotives, apparently with good results. Heretofore, the petroleum has been too costly for such a purpose; but several recent inventions have made its use in certain regions economical.

The etymological lectures of Prof. Atkinson to the second year have had a good effect. With their aid, the class philologist has recently discovered the derivation of the word kazoo. Kazoos, as is well known, pertain to torchlights, and in ancient mythology all light or fire is considered as emanating from the sun-god, — the supreme deity of the Persians and other religious sects, — who corresponds to the Greek divinity Zeus. Ka being evidently a relic of the agglutinative stage of language, we have only to compare the roots Zeus and zoos.