all the cards in hand may be trumps, the chance is but one
in 158,753,389,900; yet, a few years ago, two cases of the
kind were recorded.

Students of constitutional history will be interested in
an article in the first number of the new *English Law
Quarterly*, if they meet with it, on the “United States
Constitution,” by Prof. Dicey, and it is worth mentioning
in this connection, that the article on the same subject in
the *Quarterly Review* for January, 1884, is by Sir Henry
Maine.

**Communications.**

*The editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions
expressed by correspondents.*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

The beginning of a new term seems to me
a good, and in this case a very needful time
to call the attention of instructors to the rule
so wisely made by the Faculty, that recitations
should be closed and the classes dismissed at five
minutes before the hour. Some instructors who
are very particular to begin recitations promptly
at five minutes past the hour, and to mark stu-
dents late who come in after that time, are as
negligent in dismissing their classes, thus mak-
ing them late to the next recitation. The physi-
ical effect of rapidly ascending and descending
several flights of stairs several times a day can-
ot but be injurious, not to speak of the liability
to accident. A little thoughtfulness on the part
of instructors will promptly remedy this evil,
and be appreciated by others as well as '87.

**Editor Tech:**

I am sorry to be again obliged to bring up the
matter of non-paid debts, to the subscribers to
the Foot-Ball Association. I have written each
a separate letter, and but little has come from it.
I have not the time to keep on writing these
letters, and so I take this means of communic-
ating with them. It is now the first of this
term, and I have no doubt, or at least I hope,
that that worn-out excuse, “Really, you know,
I’m dead broke,” has not had time yet to be
felt. The Association needs money, and you
have promised to pay and I wish you would do
so at the earliest opportunity. You perhaps
think it a great pleasure for me to be dunning
you all the time, but I assure you you are
greatly mistaken. I only took the position of
Treasurer of the Foot-Ball Association to relieve
Mr. Spring, and it was not my wish to have the
office; but now that I have it, it is my duty to
the Association and to the members of the In-
stitute to pay off all debts. I cannot do this
without your help, therefore I beg you to aid
me and — pay up.

Yours respectfully,

SOLOMON STURGES.

Direct an envelope to me; inclose $ — and
place it in the letter rack. I'll get it.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

In order to settle the dispute between the
Tufts and Tech Foot-Ball elevens, in regard to
the game of Nov. 22, we challenge the Tufts
eleven to a game of foot-ball to take place on the
Union Grounds, at once. No spectators to be
admitted. As the grounds are covered with
snow there can be no difficulty about the “base-
ball lines.” We suggest Mr. J. C. Morse as
referee.

P. R. FLETCHER,
*Capt. M. J. T. Foot-Ball Team.*

**Answers to Correspondents.**

F-c-lty: We suppose the reason why no boards are
put upon the steps of the New Building is because one
would not have far to fall if he slipped on them.

Dartmouth: (1) The report that the Tufts eleven were
to apply for admission to the Intercollegiate Association is
incorrect. (2) Yes, we, also, have played with them.

E. S. D.: Ask Sullivan.

Soph: You say you fell asleep in the barber’s chair and
the barber cut off your mustache. We really do not
know how to advise you in this case. You might bring a
suit for damages against him, but then you would have
to produce evidence of the mustache, which might be
embarrassing.

Rot: The fighting editor has your poem.

Miner: You might get permission to work in the
Chemical Laboratory on Sundays. Otherwise we see no
hope for you.

Fresh, ’88: No, we see no reason why assistants in the
Chemical Laboratory should devote the whole of their
time to the co-eds. Of course it is unfortunate, but you
must get along as best you can.