Rumors of invoices of young rodents and other hapless victims now reach the ear of the second-year biologist, who promises himself to steel his heart against what is before him by paying particular attention to the sparring in the gym.

The Base Ball Association held a meeting in Rogers Building on Saturday, Feb. 28. The following were elected officers for this year: President, Solomon Sturges; Secretary and Treasurer, Henry M. Steele; Manager, Wm. B. Douglas. A list was taken to find out how many wished to try for the nine and the positions they desired, the following resulting: '85, 3; '87, 14; '88, 17. For catcher, 3; pitcher, 3; short stop, 3; 1 B, 4; 2 B, 5; 3 B, 4; field, 11. Total, 33. A committee from each class was appointed to solicit subscriptions.

The third and fourth year civils have recently been entertained by two very instructive talks on Foundations, by Edward S. Philbrick. The first had reference to the foundations for the abutments of the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge at Dover, N. H., showing the peculiar features of the case, and the methods employed in meeting the difficulties encountered. The second was upon the foundations for the piers of the Boston and Maine Railroad bridge at Haverhill, with other points of interest. It is to be sincerely hoped that more of such practical talks may be had in the future.

An association, called the Portfolio Club, has been formed among the students of the Architectural Department, for the purpose of "establishing a bond of union among the students, and promoting the interests of architecture in America." Fortnightly meetings will be held, at which papers on subjects of special interest will be read; and exhibitions of the work of the department will, from time to time, be opened under the direction of the club. Problems will also be occasionally proposed, and the solutions exhibited and criticized. A member's connection with the club will not expire when he leaves the Institute, but will rather be made more intimate, as, after June 2, 1885, three of the officers will be, according to the constitution, alumni of the department.

Advice.

You say you do not care for cards?  
Consider whist a bore?  
If you will take advice, my friend,  
You'll think that way no more.

Select as partner any one,  
A beauty or a fright;  
But let some jolly, pretty girl  
Be sitting at your right.

And when her soft and dimpled hand  
Lies near you — out of sight —  
Suppose you take it in your own,  
And hold it very tight.

For if you follow my advice,  
And have the proper sand,  
No matter how they stack the cards,  
You're sure to hold a hand.

The dogs of war — West Pointers. — Ex.

"What is the stuff dreams are made of?" passionately inquires a poet. In one brief word, sir, pics. — Ex.

A schoolmistress in a back county of Michigan was discharged recently because she would not eat fat pork. It was unanimously voted a case of "too much style."

Colored Woman. — "Boss, kin I git de job of cleanin' out dis heah bank?" President.—"No. You are too late. The cashier has already attended to that." — Texas Siftings.

Jones: "It would seem that medical journals would try to keep close to facts, but here is a statement I can't swallow. It says a woman was changed from a perfect blonde to a very dark brunette in one year." Smith: "Foreigner?" "No, an American." "Ah! I see. Moved to Pittsburg, probably." — Philadelphia Call.