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That knotty point which our last night's efforts failed to elucidate. Who of us has not, on his way to the Institute, espied three or four blocks ahead, and walking like an excited ostrich, some long-legged fellow-student who owes us a little something which would come in particularly handy just then; and whistled with such soulful yearningness as to draw the attention of every small boy, pretty girl, herdic-driver and horse-car conductor within a furlong, but without reaching either the ear or understanding of our absorbed friend. Or perhaps the unresponsive one possesses our umbrella, German exercise, meat-ticket, "stylo," or other equally indispensable article, and is about to accost some feminine acquaintance just ahead, board a car, or elude us in some equally effective manner, while we ourselves have just forty seconds to ascend two flights and write down a black-board full of notes before lecture begins. A freshman or soph may yell, — the former out of his incurable freshness, the latter from his traditional recklessness of the proprieties; but the unfortunate senior or junior must grin, and internally curse; whereas one short, well-understood whistle might turn as one the heads of every "Tech" on the street and a gesture hold the attention of the right man. Surely some sort of a Tech whistle is bound to come, and it only remains for some energetic man to call a mass-meeting to consider the matter.

The last number of the Tuftonian contains an article which is boiling over with indignation at what it calls a most successful exhibition of wire-pulling. This refers to the recent Football Convention. We really fail to see where the wire-pulling comes in, unless it was that which Tufts and Williams engaged in, — and that could hardly be called successful. Amherst, Trinity, and Tech. invited Stevens Institute, Brown, and Dartmouth to form a league with them; and they did. That is the whole affair in a nutshell. The Tuftonian intimates that these last three colleges heard only one side of the question. When the Tech delegates arrived in Springfield, they found the Stevens, Brown, and Dartmouth delegates closeted with the Tufts and Williams men; and it was only with considerable difficulty that they could be induced to come out and join Trinity, Amherst, and Tech. in forming the new league, so greatly had their sympathies been worked on. Then the first thing they did was to propose that Williams and Tufts should be asked to join in the formation, which motion was lost by a tie vote. The Tuftonian's idea of wire-pulling is certainly unique, but its statement that Stevens, Brown, and Dartmouth only heard one side of the question goes even further beyond.

"Small favors gratefully received!" At a college like the Institute, where no "cut" record is of much account, and students attend lectures and recitations because they need to, not because they have to, a suspension of lectures, etc., on the day before Christmas, has little influence on the plans of the students. Those who left for home over last Friday would have done so in any event; of those who did not, the smarter students put their time in laboratory or drawing-room, to get ahead of the others, and the slower ones put theirs in to keep up. As no mortal will pretend that laboratory work is easier than attending a lecture or recitation, the result of the vacation petition is simply that those students who were absent Friday, cut one kind of work instead of another, while most of the professors and instructors were relieved of their customary duties. In other words, five hundred students petition the Faculty for a holiday, and the Faculty give themselves one. "Blessed are the benevolent."

The Tech feels that some apology is due its readers for not producing a Holiday number; but as this year the editorial work has fallen mainly on the editors from the Junior Class, who do not have as much option in the disposal of their time as the Seniors, it has been found impossible to do so.