The Harvard Bicycle Club has challenged the Technology club to a team road-race, giving them choice of course, distance, and number of competitors. The date proposed is Nov. 11th.—Harvard Crimson.

**Prominent Tennis Players.**

As the tennis season is ended, a review of the work of the prominent players of the United States will doubtless prove of general interest. Some estimate of the ranking of the leading players may be gathered from the following data. It is necessary to except the names of R. D. Sears, the champion up to this year, who was unable on account of ill health to play, and of Dr. Dwight, who played in but one tournament. The records of prominent players who have taken part in at least five tournaments are:

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With a degree of fairness the other crack players may be ranked as follows: Chase, Amherst, '87; Clark, Harvard, '83; Mansfield; Hall, Columbia, '89; Shaw, Harvard, '91; Wright, Trinity, '87; Hoppin, Technology, '87; G. A. Hurd, Yale, '90; Williston, Technology, '89; Hobart; Post, Columbia, '90; Miller, Yale, '85; S. Ludington, Yale, '87.

An examination of the list shows that a very large proportion of the experts are college men,—a noteworthy feature of this branch of athletics.—Yale News.

The following appeared in one of last week's Crimsons:—

The Tech. men threaten to push the Harvard men out of their position in the torchlight parade next week. The former are jealous because the latter have been assigned a place in line very near the head of the procession. If the Harvard contingent is as large as it is expected to be, the Tech. men will undoubtedly lose their courage before the night of the parade.

And the Cornell Era says:—

It is very noticeable how much the student publications of Yale and Harvard surpass those of all other colleges in literary qualities.

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**In Fancy.**

Haggard and weary, pale and wan,

Painfully studying on and on;

Swift chimes the midnight, and still the light gleams,—

Greek roots and dark symbols entangle its beams.

'Neath the shade, dark and grim, glares the spectacled eye,

From those lips, thin and pinched, comes a dolorous sigh;

For the maiden is weary of grinding.

**In Reality.**

Silly pretending to study so hard,

Playfully twirling her last summons card:

"What a fine afternoon,—just the time for a lark;"

How I wish some nice man would take pity—But, hark!

There's Jack, with his buggy." Off trip the light feet,

And away speeds the vision, so fair and so sweet,

Of that maiden a-wearied of grinding.

**DE GUSTIBUS NON EST DISPUTANDUM.**

Some like a hand that's long and slender,

Tipped with pink nails like a seaside shell,

And sing its praises so sweetly tender

In those amorous words poets love so well.

But others, thinking this deceit,

Lay their affections at the shrine

Of her whose hand is plump, petite,

And think that that's the hand divine.

But I to either of these things

Prefer—I speak without a blush—

A moneyed hand—well, say three kings,

An even full house, or a flush.

**The Annex Maid.**

Dainty little maiden,

Tripping forth each day,

Bearing weighty volumes

On your learned way.

This is from the one that passes

Going to his daily classes;

He that looks with longing eye

As you lightly pass him by.

Dainty little maiden,

With the nut-brown curls,

Would that I professor were

In your school of girls!

Passion plants

I'd botanize;

Lecture on the heart with sighs;

Or, in just a class of two,

Love's sweet Art I'd teach to you.

—Yale Record.