the immediate family: the governor, the mother, big sister, little sister, kid brother, and the Lounger. We assault the outside cousins en masse. The card with their respective presents wears a stereotyped form such as this: "To cousin Jones, with a merry Christmas, from uncle and aunt, and big sister, little sister, kid brother, and the Lounger." Thus you see each one of us has an attachment on every present that goes out, even though it's nothing more expensive than a Christmas card somebody sent us last year. Sometimes, too, we can cover more than one relation per present. We have one family of cousins in which there are five small children, all about of an age. Our presents to them are generally some five-handed game of picture cards, or a five-handed whirligig machine. The superscriptions on the outside of these offerings reads: "To Johnnie, and Sammy, and Charlie, and Kate, and Margaret, with a merry Christmas from uncle and aunt, and big sister, little sister, kid brother, and the Lounger." Figuring it out by the method of least squares, you see this does away with exactly twenty-nine presents.

There's millions in it, and you get just as many notes of acknowledgment. When it comes to the immediate family, we observe the present-giving custom likewise from a just and economical standpoint. The governor is the only person in the household who has an independent income, and if we should lavish expensive no-goods on him he would eventually have to pay for them. The old man is the only fellow who could really give a present in the family, as everything comes indirectly from him. We get over this difficulty in a very artistic manner. Everybody gives everybody else two dollars, and we come out just square. Sometimes one or two of us get fooled by getting an I O U from some fellow who couldn't raise the necessary dust to start with; but this adds amusement, and the Christmas curiosity is expended wondering who is going to get papered. If the curious outside world see fit to interrogate, the reply, "A check from father," produces utter silence; and if a five-hundred dollar look is then assumed, the inquisitor will not dare trot out any of his own presents less costly than diamonds. Because Christmas comes but once a year, don't give up your whole winter's allowance to some one you don't care a rap about, and call this celebrating. Buy a big lamp and a big chair like the Lounger's, and sit down before the fire and think the matter over. If you cannot get over the idea that you owe everybody some sort of a remembrance, go out and buy the town, and then live without paying your bills for a month in consequence. It is much better, however, to stay peaceably in your room, and not be affected by this evergreen and holly enthusiasm. The Lounger will look up and congratulate all who take the excellent advice herein contained. He has also some few ideas regarding the proper investing of this capital which he would be glad to impart.

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**College Notes.**

Rutgers College has a member of the Faculty, Prof. De Witt, playing a regular place on her football team.

W. R. Baird, of New York, is about to publish a new and revised edition of his "American College Fraternities."

A committee has been appointed by Columbia College to consider the formation of a league next year between Cornell, Columbia, Lehigh, Lafayette, and Rutgers Colleges.

The Canadian census of athletes gives 16,000 lacrosse players, 5,000 snow-shoers, 5,000 curlers, 4,000 cricketers, 2,000 football players, 1,000 oarsmen, 1,000 base-ballists, and 10,000 field athletes, making a total of 45,000 who actively follow some branch of outdoor sport.

A Western intercollegiate football league will be formed next year, consisting of the Universities of Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and the Northwestern University of Illinois. An intercollegiate baseball league already exists, consisting of Lake Forest, Wisconsin, Beloit, Racine, and Northwestern Universities.

The Yale observatory is the official source of correct time throughout the State. It not only supplies the railroads with the correct time daily, but also many public buildings. Its income is $1,000 a year from the railroads alone.