What an assortment of types of humanity enter into the composition of that body known to the college-world as “Technology,” and how widely these types differ from one another.

Of course, the first distinctive specimen that rises up before our reflecting minds is the grind. The grind is largely represented at Technology, though by no means so largely as one would be led to judge from what is occasionally said of us by those who, dwelling around us, assign characteristics to us without taking the pains to ascertain whether they are true.

The grind who comes to Tech. is in most cases possessed of certain peculiarities, often due to his previous surroundings, which prevent his enjoying or appreciating what is known as college life—that life of good fellowship to which all college men who have appreciated and enjoyed it, look back as the fostering cause of the truest, most lasting friendships of their lives.

Fellows who have chosen Harvard or Yale, or any other of the universities where so much less is demanded of them in the way of study, have heard of the college life that is so distinctly a feature of these universities, because this feature of work is such a less distinctive one.

But one hears of Tech. only as a place where all the students’ time must be devoted to keeping up with the exacting requirements; and when a young fellow is given his choice, he naturally fixes upon some one of those colleges where he feels that he can get an education and enjoy himself at the same time.

And thus it is that many Tech. men have looked upon Tech. as a place where the hardest kind of work was the chief feature, almost as it is in the office of any business corporation, and these constitute our grinds. They have begun their life’s work at the age of seventeen or eighteen, when they enter the first year, and they deny themselves all the priceless benefits that a young man gains by mingling with his fellows in the enjoyment of the best portion of his life.

Their bodies, their natures, everything but their minds, are allowed to remain undeveloped, while they shut themselves up with their books, exhaust their vital forces in acquiring scientific knowledge, and then step forth into the world armed solely with this weapon for fighting the battle of life.

We can't blame the grind, but we do pity him for not seeing how much more he could gain by shutting up his book once in a while for some other reason than to eat or sleep, and interesting himself in what is going on around him.

But there are plenty of fellows who have come to Tech. to get an education who go at it in the right way, and who find out, after they get here, that college life is just as real with us, if they look about them, as it is anywhere else.

Work is hard, to be sure, but many of us have found that our work may be accomplished so as to leave time for recreation and rest; and after Tech. has grown a little older it will become apparent to all that the ideal Tech. man is not a grind, and that young America is represented here as truly as at the other colleges.

To pass from the grind to the other extreme, we also have our idlers, who never do more than the least amount of work possible to allow them to pass their exams. The specimen of this type comes to Tech. to have a merry time. He usually succeeds, if he lives far enough away from home; but, though very merry, his sojourn among us is never extended beyond the limits of etiquette.

Between these two extremes lies the rest of Technology, which the Lounger will not attempt to analyze. He merely wishes to utter a vehement protest against the reputation that by far too many give us, of being, all of us, “demition grinds.” Rather than be thought a grind, the Lounger would undertake to run the Glee Club, or have the mail system altered for the worse, or something equally absorbing; and his example would be followed cheerfully by a number of Seniors who have an equal abhorrence of the life of the grind but who also have a cold bind on those invitations for the Senior dinner. (For the benefit of those who do not understand the methods of the Senior Dinner Committee, we will explain that this is a facetious way of stating that these men will graduate.)