HANKS to the generous efforts volunteered by our old artistic editor, Mr. Bird, '91, The Tech appears to-day in true holiday attire. We offer to every Tech. man something wherewith to occupy his mind, as a sedative for the natural impatience with which he awaits the arrival of the Christmas goose.

That his mind may not wander too far out of the legitimate channels, however, we have placed in a conspicuous position the above cut, and invite his frequent attention thereto.

While nearly all of us succeed in keeping pace in most things with these hustling times of ours, few of us seem to be able to overcome our conservatism in regard to keeping Christmas customs. There is still a desire with many of us to invest Christmas with all those accessories which old customs have made familiar to us. A Christmas story in which "the clear sparkling snow" was replaced by the singularly muddy mud of Boston would be regarded as a trifle unique, to say the least; and yet one seems to be as typical of a modern Christmas as the other is reported to have been of the Christmases of our grandfathers. Why is the jingle of sleigh-bells necessary for a successful Christmas? Why not, to use a modern expression, bring Christmas up to date? Certainly there would be many advantages; and if some of the old customs are forgotten, the new ones fit the times better. Christmas carolling was no doubt a pretty custom, and well repaid the doctors for the trouble they took to encourage it; but surely it is better to have it done by German bands, who stand the climate well and who have the still greater recommendation that they retire at a much more suitable hour.

The idea that Christmas if not celebrated in a certain prescribed way is not celebrated at all, seems as far wrong as the idea that it should not be celebrated. It seems very fitting that we who represent the advanced ideas of this scientific age should celebrate Christmas not only heartily, but in a rational modern manner. However, if a man has the proper