It is very gratifying to know that Professor Lanza expects to receive and set up his three thousand pound testing machine within a very few days.

There seems to be quite a little competition with respect to an Institute pin or button. The latest is a square lapel button, with a grey T upon a red background.

It has been suggested that the Senior Dinner occur this term, before the semi-annuals shall have given any more members of the class an opportunity to "change their course."

"Theres a noose item for you," murmured the Freshman to the Editor, as they watched some futile efforts to ensnare an old owl who had found Boyslton Street an attractive thoroughfare.

The dinner of the Architectural Society will be held at the Parker House upon the evening of December 29th. It promises to be a very enjoyable affair, and all its members should take advantage of it.

Since the departure from Tech. of Mr. C. E. Lockwood, the Banjo and Guitar Club has been in the hands of Mr. Geo. F. Shepard, '95, who is doing all in his power to put it upon its former basis.

The Mechanical Engineering Society continues to follow its antiquated policy of electing officers for the year and then doing nothing. Why not follow the example of the Civil Engineering Society?

Mr. D—: "Mr. R., will you please criticize the theme whose subject is, 'Fortes fortuna adjurat.'"

Mr. R., '96: "To begin with, the subject of the theme should not be in French"!!

It is rumored that a member of '91-'92 has been the recipient of three good positions since he left the Institute; and he has found, after a few days' trial of each, that he was not suited for work of the kind demanded. Poor fellow!

What's going to happen? Twice recently "Institute of Technology" matter has appeared under the same heading as news from Harvard, Amherst, Dartmouth, etc., in the Sunday Herald. Tech. college stock is on the rise.

Although the growing interest of '95 and '96 in gymnasium work is most encouraging, there are many upper classmen who have not visited the building since their last drill there. "Come down," '93 and '94, and "get a move on."

A new line of seats has been placed in the front of Professor Richards' lecture room, presumably for the benefit of those grinds who desire to rivet their attention even more firmly upon what is being said and done over the desk.

Ridler continues to play his same little "gag" on every student who is forced to get notes at his shop, by asking them if they don't also want covers for them. O no, Ridler! not when we can buy them at two thirds your price elsewhere.

Nearly all the mining engineers of last year's class attended the Summer School of Mines at Drifton, Penn., last June. The benefits and the successful management of these trips are much appreciated by the students.

Now is the time to arrange your grinds and hand in your contributions for "Technique." All work, sent in at any time, will be credited to the author and will count toward the prizes. Complete lists of prizes will soon be posted and published.

Mr. Swan, '91, is very popular with his large class in Marine Design. Every one in the M. E. drawing room can testify that the marine architecture men work hard. One man shaved off his beard because the wind hindered him.

Some queer things we see: Freshmen reclining on drawing room tables; Sophomores wedging themselves between doors; third-year Chemists fighting for stools; Seniors playing Yankee Doodle with a pencil on their teeth.