As shown by its many recent recuperating spells, the new clock in Rogers is certainly built on a nineteenth century plan. Evidently it sets the example to the students that it does not intend to work both day and night, even to please the Faculty.

An imposing array of bags, containing exchange books for the Government, was the subject of much speculation on the part of the Freshmen. One was heard to assert in awe-stricken tones that "They are the English manuscript for the second year."

How hard it seemed to return after a "one-day holiday," when every one else was home for two weeks of merriment! All the worse did those semies appear. Nevertheless, the cloud has a silver lining,—the ten-day calm after the storm. "See that hump"?

Professor Van Daell spent the holidays in Washington, as National commissioner at the convention for the advancement of the study of modern languages. During his absence Mr Meier, instructor in Spanish, attended to the classes in French and German.

The next number of The Tech will contain, as far as possible, a complete list of the subjects of Senior Theses. All '93 men who have not been interviewed on the matter already, are requested to send at once to H. L. Rice, Box 85, the subject of their thesis.

A certain 3d year German section lately presented its instructor with a case of "German wine,"—in vulgar parlance,—beer. We hear with pleasure that, besides its next German lesson, the class also received one upon tact and gentlemanly instincts concerning gifts from American students to their professors.

Mr. C-h-n-g (to class in free-hand drawing room): "Remember, now, that you are to draw the figures all of actual size." (Glancing at board where different instructions had been placed), "O, well—I beg your pardon—I guess you had better not. Remember, then, to make a drawing either larger or smaller than the actual size."

Mr. Dickinson (in English): "Have any of the gentlemen noticed any newspaper headings which did not suggest and represent the subject?"


(The class collapses and is dismissed.)

December 10th the civil engineers of Option I. visited, with Professor Porter, the sewage purification works at Worcester. Some 3,000,000 gallons per day of the city's sewage are now treated chemically before entering the Blackstone river, and the works are being extended so as to deal with the entire sewage flow of 15,000,000 gallons or more.

At the last meeting of the Civil Engineering Society, Mr. Foss described the methods he used in laying out the Chicago Stock Yards. Samuel Storrow, '90, Chief Engineer of the Moxer Artesian Irrigation Co., of North Yakima, in the State of Washington, showed what good chances were open to graduates of Course I. in becoming interested in the matter of irrigation in the West.

The subjects for theses are just now being placed in the hands of the students in Mining Engineering, and Metallurgy. The ores on the list come from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Quebec, New Brunswick, North Carolina, Michigan, Colorado, Utah, Montana, Mexico, Peru, and Bolivia. The students make their choice according to the processes or ores in which they are particularly interested.

Mr. R. K. Sheppard, '94, Editor-in-Chief of "Technique," has been ill for the past three weeks. The doctor finally ordered rest, so that he (not the doctor) is now at Bermuda, where, it is to be hoped, with the complete freedom from any brain work, his health may be so improved that he will be able to resume his duties here at Tech. next term. "Technique," meanwhile, will go on to its comple-