queen of queens!" A char, far more gorgeous than any of the preceding ones, appears, bearing the queen of queens, who has been elected to her suzerainty for a single day. The mass of people applaud wildly, and the reine des reines bows to the right and left in acknowledgment. The char passes on, and is succeeded by many others of minor grandeur. These finally give place to advertisements of all sorts: carts covered with placards; a movable platform, on which is Mephistopheles cooking potatoes in a patent saucepan; a gigantic baby, ten feet high, walking along while it absorbs milk from a particular kind of feeding bottle. The cortège is closed by another detachment of Republican Guards, and the procession passes out of sight.

We descend to the street, and each purchases a large bag of confetti from the proprietor of a handcart, that is loaded down with them, after which indispensable transaction we soon lose ourselves in the crowd, while chasing charming little Parisiennes in order to stuff confetti down their white necks, and perhaps steal a kiss from their laughing lips.

Bertram W. B. Greene.

Mechanical Engineering Society.

The committee appointed to investigate the question of forming a Mechanical Engineering Society at the meeting of the Junior Course II. men on April 9th, presented its report on Thursday the 6th inst., to a meeting of members of Courses II., X., and XIII., from the three upper classes.

Some forty men were present, a number which betokens much live interest in the matter, as absolutely no attempt has been made to boom the scheme or to arouse any temporary enthusiasm.

The committee has had the earnest co-operation of Professor Lanza, and reports a generally favorable attitude of all the professors in the department, provided that the students take a proper interest, and appreciate the duty incumbent upon them to support the organization.

A constitution was adopted and officers elected, after which Mr. Hawkins, of '97, gave a careful description of the arch testing apparatus which he and Mr. Eaton are using in their thesis work. Mr. H. A. Clark then gave a detailed account of the test which he made, in conjunction with Mr. Feely, of a power plant at Adams, Mass. Mr. Cowles, president of the Civil Engineering Society, offered some valuable suggestions for the work of the new society.

After the beginning of the next term membership will be limited to students in the three courses mentioned, who have had two years work at the Institute, or its equivalent. The officers are G. A. Hutchinson, '98, President; G. O. Haskell, '98, Vice President; S. S. Philbrick, '98, Secretary-Treasurer; A. A. Packard, '98, and G. B. Street, '99, Executive Committee.

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To the Editors of the Tech:

I wish to call attention to what seems to some of us an unfair imposition. The Junior architects are one and all much incensed over an additional problem in design which has just been imposed to be due May 24th. The class need all their time to finish the problem now in hand, that of an Ecole des Beaux Arts; and feel that any delay on the same has been the fault of the instructors who have neglected the class in their work on the competition drawings for New York.

IV., '98.

Throwing the discus has become extremely popular now, and there are as many as a dozen men out daily practicing it. H. W. Jones recently made 102 feet in practice.