Mr. Neftel, manager of the New England Vehicle and Transportation Co., gave a very interesting talk on automobiles before the Electrical Engineering Society. Automobiles are considered a very modern idea, but in fact they antedate the railroad, which is merely a development of the former, the track being a modified steering gear. In comparing the foreign and domestic machines he said the continental designers try to make the most efficient machine, regardless of looks, while the American designer had to consider his patrons' abhorrence of an unsightly vehicle. For business purposes, as means for conveyance, and transportation, they have come to stay. He discussed the various forms, dwelling principally on the gasoline, steam, and electric varieties, especially on the latter. He showed a design for a plant for handling the heavy storage batteries so that a wagon could be unloaded and loaded in less than a minute. The talk was very instructive as well as interesting.

"Waiter, here's a lump in my bread where it isn't kneaded." — Chaparral.

Professor and Mrs. Sedgwick gave a reception at their home on Chestnut Street, on the sixteenth, from eight to eleven, in honor of President and Mrs. Pritchett. The Institute was represented by several members of the Corporation and their families and by some of the professors. Many Boston people not connected with the Institute were also present to meet the President and Mrs. Pritchett. A feature of the evening was the music, furnished by Mr. Carl Armbruster and Miss Pauline Cramer of London.

Meeting of 1904.

A meeting of the Freshman class was held in Huntington Hall, Saturday afternoon, with President Homer in the chair. It was voted to wear a four-inch band of crape on the left arm for thirty days as a token of sorrow for the death of Hugh Moore. It was also voted to give the members of the foot-ball and cane-spree teams sweaters, caps and pictures. On the motion of M. L. Emerson, Homer's election as president was made unanimous by a rising vote.