There should be no necessity for the use of locks on these cases, but it is hard to believe that their meaning is not respected when they are used. If the matter is looked at in the most favorable light, there is nothing but discredit from the theft. We will hope that some one thought to be smart and funny, and took the poster only for a joke. If such was the case, and we sincerely hope it was, his design failed utterly. The least he can do is to return the poster, and thus not only relieve the responsibility from others, but also show that he regrets his misdeed.

Cross Country Team.

A race has been arranged with Harvard to be run off on December 14. The course will be about six miles, and the teams will be composed of six men each. The race will probably be run in Franklin Park. Full particulars in regard to the course will be given in next week's Tech.

The candidates for the team have been sent to a training table at the Hotel Nottingham, and the trials will be held on Saturday, December 7. Among the promising candidates are Hardenberg, '03, Holcombe, '04, Jenkins, '04, Riley, '05, Fraser, '05, and Marcy, '05. The team is in charge of H. F. Peaslee, '03, Captain, and A. J. Sweet, '04, Coach. Sweet is one of the most experienced cross country runners in the United States, having been four years on the Cornell Team, of which he was Captain two years ago.

Nearly all the courses of the Institute have already been canvassed for subscriptions in behalf of the team. The response so far has been general, and if the remaining sections respond as well as those which have already been approached, a sufficient sum will be raised to give the team every advantage. That it should not be hampered in any way is especially necessary, as the team has to be composed of practically new men.

President Pritchett and Major Briggs, Chairman of the Advisory Council, have both given the team their hearty approval, and it is hoped that the students will give the team their support, not only financially, but also by coming out to see the race.

Mechanical Engineering Society.

A meeting for the purpose of forming a Mechanical Engineering Society was held on Tuesday, November 26, 1901. Mr. Weeks, '02, was chosen to preside. Mr. Fisk, the chairman of a preliminary committee, made a report of the various subjects which could be considered by the society; these were as follows: reviews of engineering magazines, thesis works, talks by outside speakers and professors, experiences in summer work and excursions. Professor Lanza made a short address, wishing success to the society. He stated that a number of attempts had been made to form such a society, but that none of them had been entirely successful. A committee, consisting of Robbins, '02, Mayo, '02, May, '02, Bateman, '03, and L. W. Adams, '03, was appointed to draw up a constitution. This constitution was read at the next meeting, held last Tuesday, but on account of lack of time was not wholly accepted. The meeting was adjourned to 4.15 P.M. Friday.

Chess Tournament.

The chess tournament is in progress, with the following men entered:

**SECTION I.** C. L. Bates, '03; A. M. Deane, '04; C. M. Hardenbergh, '03; L. W. Hammet; F. W. Williken.

**SECTION 2.** L. E. Schleson, '03; G. D. Wilson, '03; T. B. Ternan, '05; W. L. Gowinlock, '05; H. W. Edmunds, '05; Guy Hill, '04.

Each man is to play every other man in his section. The winners of the sections then play, and the successful man in this match is winner of the tournament. The tournament will probably be ended by February 1st, 1902.