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The prospects of the Fencing Team are becoming brighter and the few enthusiastic men who are working under the direction of Coach Lucien Fournon deserve great credit for what they have done. In order to have a successful team, however, it is necessary to develop some good men, and this can only be done by the co-operation of the students both physically and financially.

Recently Henry H. Rogers, the famous Standard Oil Magnate, said in reply to the many alarming predictions as to the opportunities for young men in this country that still better times are to come and that there will be greater opportunities for young men than ever if they will seize them. Some declare that our natural resources are being exhausted or monopolized; others, that the spirit of ambitious daring is lacking in the young men of today. "All nonsense," said Mr. Rogers, and continued:

"Don't be a pessimist. Believe in yourself and your country. We are entering upon an era of development and prosperity unparalleled in the history of the world. The young man who realizes this fact is the young man who will succeed . . . The resources of this land have only been scratched. The next fifty years will see wonders in the way of development that even we do not dream of . . . Get into the fight and do a man's work. There never were so many opportunities as there are today. . . . Better chances forty years ago? Nonsense. Believe in yourself. Have something definite to do, and do it. That's all there is to success in life.

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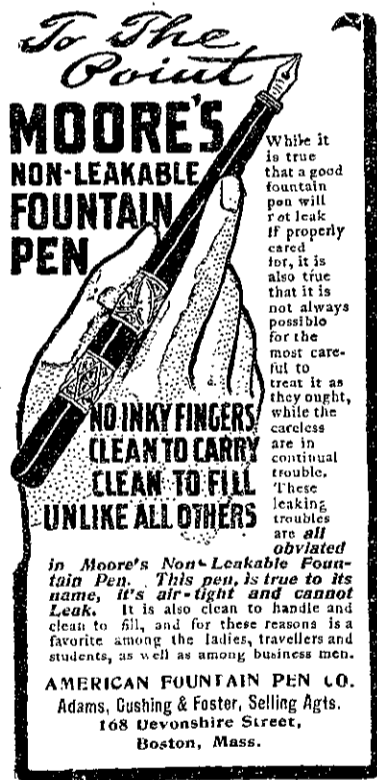
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