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It is hard to imagine anything more laughable than a party of American students trying to imitate a German "mannerism, and carrying out the ceremony in a mixture of poor Latin, worse German, and pleasantly interspersed English, where ignorance made both of the other languages unavailable. The proverbial short step from the sublime to the ridiculous was certainly taken last Saturday when it was attempted to give a Salamander at the Commons. As a German custom the Salamander is doublets just as good as a great many of our own, which are perhaps actually more foolish, but when it is tried to introduce this custom here without the centuries of tradition back of it, it immediately degenerates into a farce. The Union has most certainly been a desirable addition to Tech, but because this has been successful, and is German, is no good reason why we should adopt it for our form of greeting, a Salamander for our toast, beer gruzzling for our national sport, and suspenders for belts, and slash up each others faces for the glory of wearing scars. Let us venerate the customs that have origin to new ones when we can, and when we do resort to imitation, pick out customs that are worthy of the effort, and then run them through with a dignity that is befitting to them and to us.

X. V. Z.

To the Editor of The Tech:

When the fair name of Technology is linked with the name of a saloon in a Tech cheer given by a representative group of Tech men, it is high time that they were censured severely. This sort of thing is not true college spirit; it is bordering on rowdism. If we heard a group of outsiders doing it, we should be deeply offended. If we want to show our loyalty to Technology by cheering, let it be by cheering that does honor to the school and not tend to disgrace it.

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