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THE TECH regrets to announce the resignation of Mr. A. K. Mitchell, 1909, from the Board of Editors.

FOLLY OF THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Idocy, arrant foolishness, are the two words that best characterize the night-before-Field-Day-struggle, between the two lower classes. For the past two years the extreme folly of the custom has been apparent to the upper classmen and members of the Faculty. Not only have certain members of each class been injured, not seriously but painfully, but it has incapacitated a large number of both classes from taking a live interest in the activities of the day itself.

The present form of Field Day was instituted because the old form became dangerous, containing as it did a cane rush. On the last old-style Field Day a prominent young man was killed. The revision that followed this sad accident led to the abolition of rushes. Whatever rushes that have been held since on the day have been under the careful direction of the upper classes and have resulted in no harm, proving to be a most exhilarating excitement. Better it is to have an organized rush on Field Day than this maudlin, unorganized, mob-like series of rushes in a place not at all adapted to this outrageous amusement.

A Freshman lost his ear drum two years ago. A Freshman last year had his lower lip almost completely torn off with a loss of several teeth. Let there not be this year a loss of a precious life from either of the lower classes in this Folly of Field Day.

The true features of this folly are perhaps best dealt with in "The Tales for Tech men," in Technique, 1908, that is George Ade's in composition and sarcasm, not to say humor. It is the Tale of How the

Fool-Killer Backed Out of a Contract. The Fool-Killer came along through Brookline one Day last Fall and stopped to Look at a Strange Sight.

Outside of a Green Fence were two Large Bands of Rough-Looking Creatures. High up in the Trees waved a Piece of Sailcloth with a Serawl upon it. Barb-Wire and Tangle-Foot encircled the tree trunks. Every once and a While the Bands would move restlessly and charge at each other. In the Mellee that Followed, several of the Almost Rowdies would be shoved playfully over a Twenty-Foot Embankment. Up in the Branches there was one fellow playing the Bird Act, shouting Directions through a Megaphone.

It was Cold and Dreary. The Human Beings could not sit down. They shuffled wearily and were pop-eyed with Lassitude and Discouragement, for had they not been on an all-night Vigil for the Honor of their Class?

"Is this a new Wrinkle of Dante's Inferno, or is it a Lookout of the Moulder's Union?" the Fool-Killer asked of the man at the Gate, who wore a Red Badge marked "Marshal" and was taking Tickets.

"No, sir: you make a big mistake in Assuming that they are Drunken Ruffians from the Iron Foundry. These are Institute Boys, Well Bred Young Men, who are entertained at the Best Houses wherever they go. They are not Muckers, but Nice Boys, intent upon preserving the Traditions of Dear Old Alma Mater."

The Fool-Killer shook his head in Unbelief. "Why do they Congregate in the Weeds and Allow the Rain to Warp them, and why do they seem desirous of Each other's Blood?"

"Because it has Always been done be-

fore," replied the Official, impatiently.

Just then there was another Rush, and one of the Fellows went down the Road with Part of His Face removed.

"They are either Frenzied Workmen or Paranoeics!" exclaimed the Fool-Killer.

"Let me Convince you," said the Chesty Official. "You see the Human Vulture in the Tree. Well, he is from Chicago, and his Folks Butt into the Society Column with Siekening Regularity. He is a Popular and Gentlemanly member of the Sophomore Class. The Leader of the Ground Floor opposition has a Grandmother who is one of the eight thousand close Relatives of John Randolph, and belongs among the First Families.

The Fool-Killer started toward the Bunch. The Official called him back, saying, "Do not irritate them, they are not Used to Rudeness from Menials, and are Liable to Swing on You."

"Tell me one thing, are They paid to Do It?" asked the F.-K.

"No, they do it for Love."
Th Fool-Killer hefted his Club, looking at the Interweaving Mass and Shook his Head doubtfully.

"I can't tackle that Outfit today," he said. "It's too big a Job."
So he went into Town and singled out a Grind that was trying to break into the Drawing-Rooms on a Half Holiday, given by the Faculty.

Moral: People who expect to be Lunny should travel in Bunches.

"NEED OF" NOT "INDEED."

In the last issue of THE TECH there appeared an article on the Geological Department. In speaking of the work on the seismograph the sentence "There is indeed a fund to put this work on a permanent basis" should have read, "There is in need of a fund . . ."

This mistake changed the meaning of the article completely. The mistake was due to a slip of the proof reader that now handles the galley proofs for THE TECH.

It has been the custom for the lower classes when decorating in the vicinity of Technology Field, not to place any decorations either on the fence or grandstand. This custom has been followed since the first Field Day at the new field in respect to the wishes of the donors of the field. The Faculty and upper-classmen are very desirous that this custom should be followed this year.

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