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The Tech regrets to announce the resignation of L. S. Walsh 1912 from the Board of Associate Editors, on account of pressure of work. To fill his place, Tech Tech is fortunate in being able to announce the appointment of L. Rosenstein 1910.

Stop, look and listen. In another column is printed fifteen interviews with freshmen. Their opinions are interesting. Who knows but what the suggestions are good.

You cannot get ahead of the Cleofan. The question is how do they stand on "Women's Suffrage?"

The Point System Committee have asked for suggestions regarding changes in the point system. Stop kickig and give them a lift. Now is your chance.

Overflowing with joy. So dines the 1910 men in the Union tonight at their last class dinner. It was a rumor about the building this morning that the list of names of all engaged men of the class was to be read.

Three days extra for Christmas vasa-tion this year has made a great hit with the students. All exercises will close at four o'clock Thursday afternoon, the 23d and vacation lasts until Monday, January 3d.

"The attendance is increacing at the Union lunch room. I wonder why!"—News items. It's the same old story—it pays to please.

Books! books! and books, who's next.

Someone has been attempting to collect contributions for a Christmas number of The Tech.

The Tech wishes to announce that no special Christmas number will be issued and that no one has been authorized to make any such collections. Those who are approached on this subject will confer a favor by making the fact known.

### CALENDAR.

Friday, December 3.

4.15—Gym. Team Practice.  
6:15—1910 Class Dinner, Union.  
8:00—Union Entertainment.

## COMMUNICATION

Dinner committees of the various societies and classes should remember that Friday night as a banquet night is particularly advantageous from several points of view. Friday precedes a half school day. Friday occurs at a time during the week when recreation can perhaps be taken with a greater benefit than other nights, as it follows the week's work. Further, it has almost become a custom to hold dinners on that evening. A custom of this sort does not usually grow without good cause; it grows to fulfill a demand.

It is to be regretted that this custom should conflict with a number of men, those who are forbidden to eat flesh meat on Friday. However, since these men form the minority, and since it has not been proven, or even satisfactorily shown, that eating meat on Friday is detrimental to the welfare of the community or the individual, it seems just that the dinner committees should arrange to hold dinners on Friday, the customary night.

R. S. Bicknell, 1910.

## VENUS AS A PLANET

### Prof. Lowell Writes Interesting Article

Dr. Percival Lowell in the December number of Popular Science Monthly, has written an article on the planet Venus. This article was delivered previously as a lecture at the vicennial of Clark University.

The special object of his observatory, he says, is the study of the planets of the solar system. So extended to-day is the astronomic field that to do good work one must specialize his endeavor, restricting himself to one particular branch of it and incidentally refraining, he adds, from discussing that of which he has not expert knowledge.

It is popularly imagined that this observatory has concentrated its attention on Mars and the question of its habitability. However this discussion has not effected the research, as it is merely incidental in the study of a planet's history.

Venus is the planet next inside the earth's orbit, the brightest star in the sky. Nevertheless, until recently, little has been known about this planet. Soon after the investigation was begun at Flagstaff in 1896, markings were noticeable beyond any doubt and many members of the staff by separate observations corroborated the discovery. The configurations were soon proven permanent in place by observations lasting over several weeks. Then it next became evident that they always bore the same relation to the illuminated portion of the disk, in other words that the planet presented always the same face to the sun.

A map of the markings was made, with difficulty, however, because of the faintness of the markings. Corroberations of this permanence have been obtained repeatedly and the spectroscope has been one of the best. By its use comparison was made of the spectrum of the planet and that of a stationary body, to get the tilt and the position of the equator. The precision with which the length of day on the planet was about one twenty-fourth and showed that the planet could not rotate in less than three or four months at the least. The lack of flattening at the poles also bears out this result.

The Yale navy has a new boat house and two new shells.

You may see

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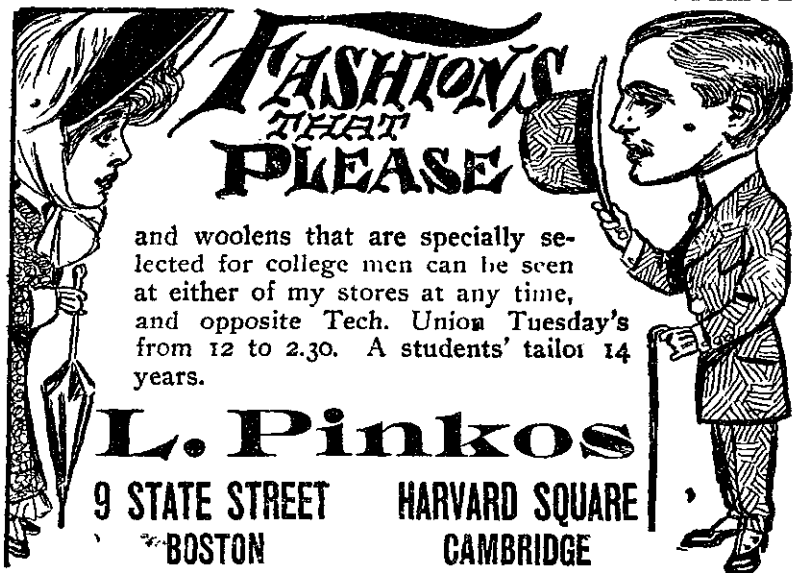
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