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THE HORNET'S NEST

"I see they're talking of establish- 
ing a chapter of Sigma Xi here," re- 
marked Cad. "Mighty good scheme, I 
think. That would give them something 
tangible to work for, and merit in scholarship would get the 
recognition it deserves. Why, you fellows, 
never know whether your friends are 
doing well or not, and just your heroes, 
are athletic and social—never intellect- 
ual. I consider my greatest service in 
college to have been my election to Phi 
Beta Kappa, and I was more widely known for that than for making the 
football team."

"If don't think you're right," said 
Dick. "We fellows in the fourth year 
know pretty closely how our course- 
mates are doing, and a man who doesn't 
keep up isn't so very popular, no mat- 
ter how athletic he is. Besides, we have 
something real to work for, and don't 
need the artificial stimulation you need- 
ed in Cadonia. I won't see the point of 
it—the grinds would work themselves 
to death to make it, most of us have 
ought incentive already in our desire 
to fit ourselves for success, and the 
flunkers wouldn't do any better, because 
they'd make up their minds they would 
never make it. And the creation of an 
anteceaton, even if it is intellectual, is 
certainly undemocratic."

"Good for you," said Billiken, who 
had been standing in the door since 
the middle of this speech. " Aren't you 
the exciting kid, though? What can you 
say to that, Cad?"

"I'm still of the same opinion," said 
Cad. " And our needing artificial 
stimulation in Cadonia, that's all bosh. 
Our students are just as earnest, just 
what did you think of the Dart- 
mouth game? You fellows in the fourth 
year aren't any more earnest."

"Oh, forget it," said Dick. " We were 
talking about Sigma Xi. After all the 
argument is over, the deciding fact 
remains that the scheme doesn't fit our 
conditions here. Any system of honors 
involve comparison, and comparisons 
are more than 'odorous' here, they are 
impossible. What common ground can 
we find in comparison? I'm a senior in 
Course I and you in Course XIV! Not 
the best in the world, and any artifi- 
cial method would be sure to work un- 
justly. The plan may or may not be a 
good one but it certainly is impossible. 
Right again, Demosthenes," said Billi- 
ken. "What now, O Cadonia?"

"But Cad said nothing, and put on 
his cap, reminding me Dick's invicta 
to the former course-mates.

R. W. BABSON SPEAKER

Will Address C. E. Society On Business 
Barometers on Wednesday

"Business Barometers" will be the 
title of the talk which the Civil Engin- 
eering Society is to hear Wednesday af- 
ternoon at 4:15 in 11 Engineering B. 
Mr. R. W. Babson of Wellesley, a grad- 
uate of Course I in the class of 1898, 
will be the speaker.

Mr. Babson is one of the publishers 
of Moody's "Manual of Railroad and 
Corporation Securities" and has for 
many years made a special study of 
industry conditions and changes, so he 
will be thoroughly at home with his 
subject. Mr. Babson in addition to his 
work on the Manual is in the banking 
bureau of statistics on securities, and 
so keeps in constant touch with chang-