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## "THE DOPESTER"

The relay team this year is much in doubt. I should hate to pick a team now with so many promising candidates in the field. Well, I must say, it is encouraging and if our team don't beat the world's record this year it will be strange.

First class basketball game Saturday. The freshmen look as if they would be the winners. Better wake up, 1912.

What did you think of the Dartmouth game? Pretty close, but if the weather remains cold, and the condition good so that the team can get practice, I think we should get first place in the hockey field.

Also, don't forget that Varsity basketball opens up to-morrow at Medford. The Institute team won the first game last year 28-15 and lost the second game 16-13. Tech looks to me like a winner.

Another thing to think about, while in the thinking mood, is that the indoor meet comes next week and we will have an opportunity to draw a line on the Freshmen crack sprinters.

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"I see they're talking of establishing a chapter of Sigma Xi here," remarked Cad. "Mighty good scheme, I think. That would give the fellows 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 your only heroes are athletic and social—never intellectual. I consider my greatest success 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."

"I 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 matter how athletic he is. Besides, we have something real to work for, and don't need the artificial stimulation you need in Cadonia. I don't see the point of it—the grinds would work themselves to death to make it, most of us have enough 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 could never make it. And the creation of an aristocracy, 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 orating kid, though? What can you say to that, Cad?"

"I'm still of the same opinion," said Cad. "And as for our needing artificial stimulation at Cadonia, that's all bosh. Our students are just as earnest, just as—"

"Oh, forget it," said Dick. "We were talking about Sigma Xi. And after all the argument is over, the deciding fact remains that the scheme doesn't fit our conditions here. Any system of honors involves comparison, and comparisons are more than 'odorous' here, they are impossible. What common ground for comparison have you for a senior in Course I and one in Court XIV? Not the least in the world, and any artificial method would be sure to work unjustly. The plan may or may not be a good one but it certainly is impossible."

"Right again, Demosthenes," said Billiken. "What now, O Cadonia?"

But Cad said nothing, and puffed on his pipe, ruminating on Dick's insult to his former college-mates.

## R. W. BABSON SPEAKER

Will Address C. E. Society On  
Business Barometers on  
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"Business Barometers" will be the title of the talk which the Civil Engineering Society is to hear Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 in 11 Engineering B. Mr. R. W. Babson of Wellesley, a graduate of Course I in the class of 1898 will be the speaker.

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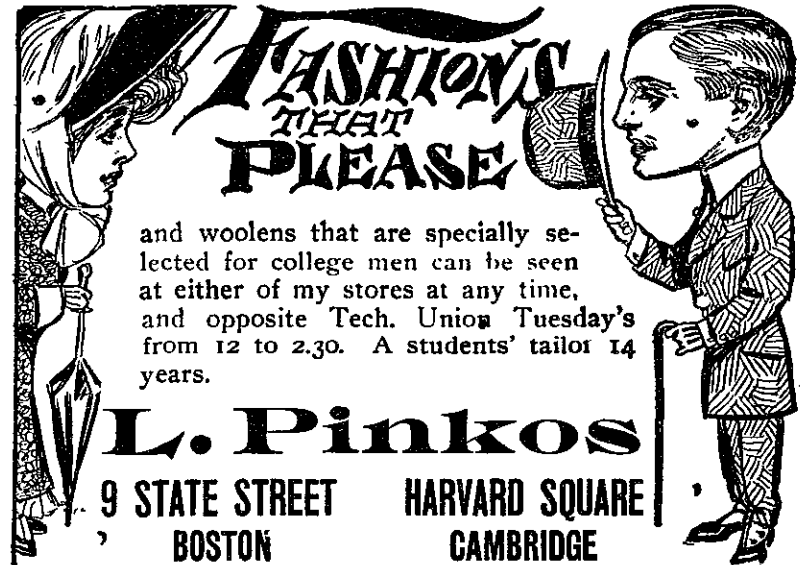
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