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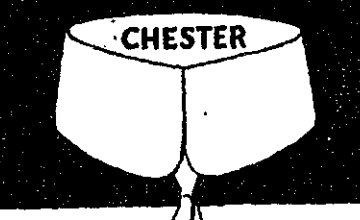
Dear Sir:—In reference to the recent faculty impersonations with which several societies have been entertaining their members, a word should be said now, I think. This form of jeu-de-cheval began in the Biological Society as a means of enlivening the typical funeral Tech-society dinner. All stunts thus presented, as I happen to know, were submitted to the judgment of a member of the Faculty in order to eliminate anything which might unintentionally give the impression of being raw and disrespectful. And in the last performance particularly, though of course mannerisms and foibles of the professors and the usual laugh-producing knocks on things knockable were incorporated, the purpose was not one of ridiculing our teachers with a congeries of exaggerated idiosyncracies, but was one of good-natured amusement and of representing in the various speeches the "lecture-character" of each professor. Professors Cross and Phelps, to be sure, were made to reveal an extraordinary side of their personalities, but this was to provide an outlet for the comedian abilities of the imperson-

ators rather than a humorous reflection on the morals of the impersonated. But the point I am coming to is this: with the accidental occurrence of the Biological and Chemical performances on successive nights, the impression of rivalry is roasting the faculty may be created, and if other societies should happen to rise from the dead, and make blundering attempts to outdo all previous performances, instead of exhibiting a little originality of their own, extremes will soon be reached and some kind of an unpleasant situation will result. VII GRADUATE.

Brussels, April 12—King Albert has approved the plans of the ministry of the colonies for reforms in the Belgian Congo, to become effective on July 1. Taxes will be collected in money and not paid by labor, and polygamy will be suppressed.

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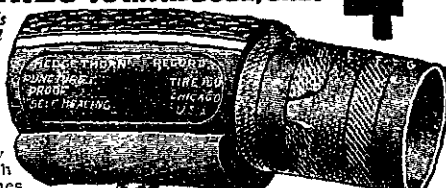
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