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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1910.

The communication, printed herewith, in appreciation of the Chinese Night at the Cosmopolitan Club, surely voices the feelings of all who were so fortunate as to be present at the entertainment. The program was no less enjoyable because it was instructive. The men responsible for the Chinese Night are to be congratulated for their delightful entertainment, and for the spirit with which they fulfilled so pleasantly the broadening purposes of the Cosmopolitan Club. Here's hoping that the Chinese Night is but the first of a number of evenings with the various nationalities represented at Technology!

In spite of the fact that the recent Interclass meet was a failure with regard to the attendance of the student body, nevertheless there was one noticeable improvement over the conditions existing at many other such events, namely, the lack of attendance of a large army of small boys. Five burly policemen in this instance were found sufficient to cope with this serious problem. Unfortunately, however, these same five officers of the law are not often on hand, and conditions at the Field nearly every afternoon are such as should not be tolerated. Not only are baseballs stolen whenever they get very far out of reach, but gloves, track suits and even pocket-books disappear from the Field and locker-room with astonishing rapidity. Beside this is the evident annoyance of having at least two hundred street urchins yelling and

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tramping over the grand stand and track as happened at the recent Freshman-Sophomore meet.

It would seem as though these conditions could be permanently eradicated at slight expense if the right steps were taken. About three rows of barbed wire judiciously placed along the top of the fence would seem to be sufficient to discourage the average small boy from the pleasures of using this as a grand stand seat. Other improvements suggest themselves such as putting a bevelled strip of wood upon the upper rail of the fence, thus making it impossible to obtain a foothold there. Provision could also be made for more speedy recover of balls knocked over the fence by placing a small gate in the south-east corner of the Field. This in any case would be somewhat of an improvement over the rather crude method used at the present time of climbing the fence each time.

Although it is true that the expense of these improvements might seem prohibitive, they would soon pay for themselves in actual money value for articles otherwise lost.

COMMUNICATION.

The Editor of The Tech,

Dear Sir:—If space in your columns is not exclusively required for belligerent correspondence, may room be found for a note to call attention to the really unusual success of a pacific organization which promises, in the future, to provide the most interesting and novel entertainments in Technology life? The Chinese Night at the Cosmopolitan Club seemed to the writer one of the best planned and executed programmes ever offered to a Tech audience. The rooms were decorated with many flags bearing the dragon and the red sun of the Celestial Kingdom, with a superb silk on the piano, with wall banners painted in poetic landscapes of the seasons, and with a large motto, over the hearth, in large yellow characters signifying Universal Brotherhood. It was most interesting to hear the hosts explain the meaning of these decorations, and no less a pleasure to hear Dean Burton, with one-half of his face solemn, making an impressive display of oriental erudition by explaining to guests as they arrived the long Chinese mottoes celebrating the virtues of Buddha,—without a moment's hesitation to betray the fact that he was merely repeating explanations newly learned a moment before. At the beginning, when attention was fresh, there were two really instructive and persuasive talks, on the feeling and policy of exclusiveness among the Chinese, and on the old educational system of China, based on Confucian texts, which, more than political organization or community of race or language, holds China together. The music on Chinese instruments was of the most novel interest,—on a sort of flat harp whose strings were struck by light bamboo wands, and on the long banjo, or the large round one which Mr. Teal called "moon-faced" and which Mr. Shen said "they will call 'pie-faced.'" The refreshments afforded the guests a fascinated, and sometimes rather apprehensive, pleasure,—Chinese tea, nuts, little fruits like sycamore balls, pats of paste covered with white seeds, and confections like rose leaves folded tight over a candy heart. There was a buzz of excitement and genuine curiosity over the question contest, which put to the test the ingenuity rather than the memory of the Occidental barbarians called upon suddenly to state the birth-date of Confucius and the length of the Great Wall. The prizes were thoroughly charming and tasteful, and delightful mementos, for those lucky enough to win them, of one of the most gracious and varied entertainments ever planned for the gratification of Technology fellows.

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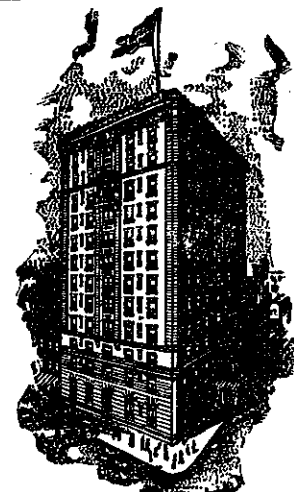
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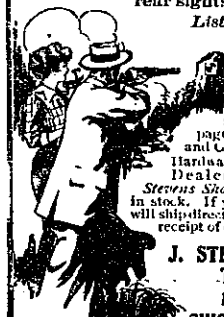
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