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The announcement made by Mr. Francis that this would probably be his last year with the Show is indeed a sad one. To him more than to any other individual is due the praise for placing Tech Show at its present high standard.

He has for six years freely given all his strength and energy to the productions of the Shows, and it has been his earnest desire to produce each year a better Show than the year before. The result is that today Tech Show is considered the best college show in the country. This is not an idle statement, but a statement backed up with the testimony of men well versed in amateur theatricals.

The esteem in which Mr. Francis is held by all who have come into intimate contact with him is evinced by the generous contributions to the handsome purse which was presented to him at the Show dinner. Certain it is that Mr. Francis, if he leaves, will leave behind a host of friends who will wish him well in any venture he may undertake.

In regard to Spectator's criticism of the handicaps given in Saturday's race, it is only fair to state that Coach Kernaly had arranged to send the handicaps from Philadelphia, but on Saturday morning they had not arrived. It then fell upon Captain Allen to make them out, and as all he had to judge from were the results of the recent spring meets, he was in justice only able to give new men the limit handicap, and this was done in all cases. The handicaps given to men who placed in the former meets are not to be greatly criticised and under the circumstances the new men need not complain, although it is to be regretted that they did not receive the encouragement which might stimulate them to report for regular practice. An illustration of the uncertainty of giving new men liberal handicaps was given Saturday when a new man captured first place in the broad jump, in which no handicaps were given.

But—there is another chance next fall.

### COMMUNICATION.

Editors of The Tech:—  
Oh, those "liberal" handicaps last Saturday, given for the purpose of bring-

ing out new men for the track team! And then the scratch men finished first in all the events except the quarter, half, pole vault and low hurdles! Other data are interesting:—In the mile the winner was given 20 yards handicap but preferred to start from scratch and even then won by several yards. In the 880 the winner crossed the tape by a much larger margin than his handicap. But the two-mile was by far the worst of all, the scratch man winning by nearly a quarter of a lap.

This method of handicapping not only is discouraging to all but the best men on the team—those who need the encouragement least—but also makes the meet very uninteresting to all concerned. This was particularly noticeable on Saturday by the fact that the inter-fraternity baseball game soon drew the entire attention of the spectators.

Sincerely,  
A SPECTATOR.

### COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of The Tech.  
I beg to submit the following rules for Tech men to follow in regard to track meets:

1. On the day of a track meet, be sure to make arrangements to go to the Ball Game. It is much better to pay half a dollar to encourage a failing industry than to spend a quarter for the support of our own affluent track management.

2. By all means persuade your friends not to go to the meet. There is much more air at the Field for the runners when the audience is small, besides, a large attendance might encourage the athletes to break some records.

3. Never take a girl to a track meet—it distracts the attention of the contestants from the business in hand, and imposes an extra load on the grandstand.

4. Never congratulate or encourage track men. Unlike other athletes, they thrive under discouragement and indifference.

5. Be sure to ask your seat mate "How in Hades HE ever got his numerals." This delicate attention will be sure to please him. If he appears confused, inquire "Why in blazes didn't you get your T?" He probably never cared enough about it to try for one, and you may stimulate him to greater efforts.

6. If your friend doesn't get first inquire gently "Why didn't you run the first lap faster?" You know infinitely more about running a track race than he does.

7. If he did get first, scowl, and ask "Why didn't you break the record?"

8. If he breaks the record, don't say anything—he might do it again.

Respectfully,  
JONATHAN S.

### GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

For Boston—Cloudy, showery probabilities, with light to moderate easterly winds.

Portland, Me., May 3.—A severe horsewhipping was administered by Col. Frederick Hale, son of U. S. Senator Eugene Hale, to Charles Thornton Libby, publisher of several suburban weeklies, at the latter's office yesterday. The cause of assault was an alleged slanderous article published in the Six Towns Times, in which Col Hale's mother was attacked.

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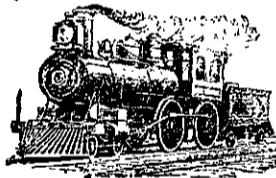
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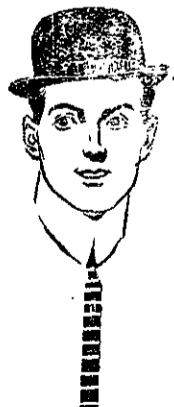
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