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MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1916

In looking over his stock of morning mail, the Lounger found the following communication, which seemed quite pertinent to him. He ventured to present it bodily to the Institute, at the risk of incurring the displeasure of his amiable correspondent.

Dear Lounger:

Those interested in pathology might profitably spend some time in a study of the germ-cultures which first year students ostensibly seeking health through exercise, are forced to inhale from the floor of the Gymnasium. Of course many refuse to be convinced that they are in any way subject to micro-organisms; but if there were, and if their absorption through nose, hair and skin were the main object of physical culture, some of the present system of exercises could hardly be improved upon for the purpose. In the course of the "floor-work," every part of the body is brought into contact with floor well decorated with splinters, and the dust beaten up by the movements is inevitably breathed in, as the students' heads are at floor level. Even the hair is not forgotten; everyone has an opportunity to lie flat on his back and play mop. These constant polishings naturally keep the floor from accumulating any objectionable coating of dirt, but it is open to question whether even so trifling a form of infection as exists herein for those taking the course may not seriously impair, or even vitiate, the beneficial results which otherwise might be expected from it.

A. W. K.

FACULTY NOTICE

The exercises of the Institute will be suspended on Wednesday, April 10, by special vote of the Faculty the vacation of three days (which this year would follow April 19) is postponed two weeks, and will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 4, 5, and 6.

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