


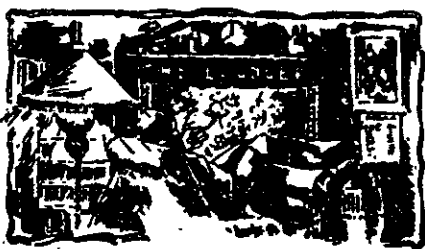
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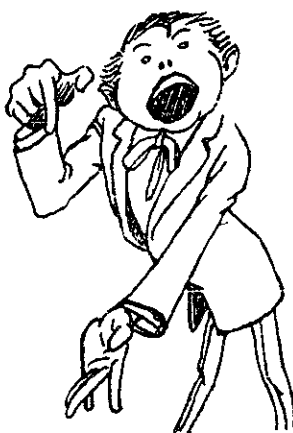


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As The Lounger bruises his delicately tinted fingernails on the light tread of his favorite Oliver, however great his aloofness from the crowd absorbed in the carking cares of gainful pursuits, he cannot help feeling somewhat in the position of one who, having eaten, maketh his after-dinner speech to a stuffed but critical audience. To him comes a mental picture of the ocean of spherical eyes and circular mouths drinking from the intellectual fingerbowl; and correspondingly rush to his mind finished drafts of the humorous story which caused the siege of Ilium, the jest whose original drove



Alienobarbus to suicide, or the pun for cracking which Abel was involved in his regrettable controversy with Cain. This rush of thought and feeling is occasioned by the irrevocable nature of The Lounger's remarks; whereas the speaker can by adroit digressions, gestures or threats, cover up and make his audience forget any "break" or unsuitable assertion. The Lounger stands in permanent black and white, four-square to the winds of criticism. The recent untechnological comment of one of The Lounger's editorial contemporaries brings home forcibly the ease with which even the most unthinking may blunder in the conscientious attempt to say nothing tactfully.

In a very recent issue of a college daily closely allied (geographically) with The Lounger's favorite medium, the following definition is to be found: "An engine's efficiency is the ratio of energy applied to the power ultimately developed. If the two are identical, the efficiency is zero." The subtlety of this definition reminds one of an Entropy text-book, yet of course the context is necessary to show that the statement is of a special case. The writer quoted above is speaking of the use of memory in writing; in this case, it is evident that the ratio referred to is zero over zero. Thus even the purist in mathematics is pacified, and The Lounger leans back with a sigh of relief that his ability to classify the Harvard fine-writing animalcule is still unimpaired.

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- At Bangor, Wilfred Arthur Wyde, S. B.
- At Everett, William Butler Leach, Jr., S. B.
- At Niagara Falls, Winthrop Earle Caldwell, S. B.
- At Stamford, John Shirley Little, S. B.
- At Allentown, Pa., Edwin Shellabarger Wallace, M. A.

Other appointments are: Frank C. Sheperd, Lecturer on Valuation of Public Service and other Corporations in the department of Civil Engineering; Claire W. Ricker and Rudolph F. Zecha, instructors in Electrical Engineering; Edmond W. Bowler, S. B., research assistant in Electric Engineering; Azel W. Mack, research assistant in Applied Chemistry, and Murray P. Horowitz, B. S. assistant in Biology.

TRACK MEN HAVE TRIALS

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Although active training has not yet begun, Mr. Kanaly, the track coach, is putting the sprinters through their 390 yards trial, in preparation for the coming in-door season. The times were not announced, but on the whole the men did very well and prospects are bright for a good showing this winter. R. T. Collier '18, R. S. Coward '20, J. P. Armon '20 and W. H. Sale '20, tied for first, while F. W. White and J. Coon were but one-fifth and two-fifths seconds slower respectively. This team will compete at the B. A. A. games on Feb. 3 and will probably run against Dartmouth. 1920 will not only also compete in these games but freshmen are eligible for the varsity.

On Feb. 17 a freshman meet is scheduled with Lowell High School at Lowell. Coach Kanaly expects to win this meet, for the showing of 1920 in the Field Day relay race was very good. The weight men are practicing steadily, and more interest has been shown, together with the obtaining of better results, than ever before. An attempt was made to secure more meets for the freshman barriers, but the majority of the cross-country teams have been disbanded.

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