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THE BUGABOO

ATTACHING the word "final or "midyear" to the examinations given through the year seems to throw a majority of the youths of the Institute into a near panic during these last few weeks of the semester. Mere mention of study or review is a signal for the panicky ones to assume the undertakers' mien and humbly call the world's attention to the fact that they have not been faithful to the work and that failure will be their due. The confession of children! Some take keen delight in boasting of this condition, secretly knowing they will be successful, but others are really too worried to add further words to those of woe written in the countenance.

Away with the moaning complaint and woebegone visage! Most examinations are not easy, to be sure, and a fair amount of regard for the approaching conflict is healthy but to overdo the ill foreboding is to invite disaster. Stevens' account of the Edinburgh student who, after taxing his faculties to the limit just previous to the examinations, experienced complete mental paralysis during the trial, is a true warning of the state to which cramming and worry will lead. It is infinitely better to have a good stomach and a feeling of fitness during the test, than to be harried, fretful and sleepy. Some instructors suggest that students attend the theatre on the evening preceding the exam. The advice is good in so far as it will (if carried out with the idea of relaxing and not of carousing) loosen the mind and leave the study question dormant. But the necessity of a restful sleep involving a natural number of hours, might well be included in the counsel.

The prepared student is the one who has reviewed throughout the term. He has no occasion to be anxious. The modest "average" student, should on his part, be careful to conduct his studies in order that his brain and brawn will not, through injudicious and frenzied eleventh-hour work suffer a lessening of efficiency in the hour of need. Above all, the bugaboo of cramming should not be countenanced. Don't cram! Don't worry!

It is to be hoped that the extension of time on the receipt of Technique statistics blanks will sour on the wintry 'Eighteen wit to its true potential brilliancy of expression. In view of the fact that the Great American Humorist is said to be still unfledged, the annual ebullition of even so serious a body of Nature-investigators as a Technology Junior class is awaited with much interest.

The first work of the new year for crew candidates starts Monday, and those who intend to take advantage of the opportunity to row under the capable instruction provided, should start off the season with a big representation at the mass meeting on Tuesday.

BOSTON ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL MEN FORMING LOCAL CLUB

All those men from Boston English High School who are now in the Institute who are interested in the formation of an English High Club are requested to meet in Room 2-290 this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

T. C. A. CALLS FOR PAYMENT OF PRISON CAMP PLEDGES

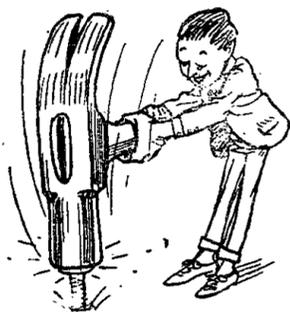
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The Lounger returns to his favorite haunts refreshed by unwonted sleep and rendered eager by the short absence for the society of his old admirers. At the same time he detects in the turgid atmosphere of applied guesswork which rolls about him a feeling as of danger to the structure of Society, which arouses his interest and concern. To be brief, The Lounger



has been neglecting the police duties which form his chief reason for existence, and the Institute is, to paraphrase the colloquialism, rapidly approaching a canine debacle. The circumstance which brought this to The Lounger's roving attention was the receipt, from unknown but doubtless high sources, of a hammer, that symbol of the constructive critic. At first The Lounger was disposed to take the gift as a tribute to his former activities; but a later survey of the ragged and perfunctory manner in which many Institute functions are being discharged convinces him that the message was intended to remind him of his power as a dispenser of the disciplinary "knock" and to censure his (The Lounger's) inactivity. While The Lounger has discoursed on the visitations of inanimate Nature, the wild plantations of human nature have been producing their most malignant growth in choked luxuriance. During the period of sloth the Overtime Club has raged with epidemic vigor, and the unfortunate student is, like the second team in a six-day bicycle race, always a lap behind.

It is rarely that The Lounger feels it necessary to gird up his loins in earnest and to exchange thoughtful and philosophic comments for the direct attack of his erring contemporaries; but the coincidence of an unforgivable river in place of the Institute campus, with the rise of a fencing duel in the dormitory halls, forces him to action. The Lounger has now but one word for the hitherto unlagellated defacer of walls and for the undetected Faculty time-pirate—Beware!



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