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WHY A SUMMER VACATION?

WITH the advent of vacation, the interests of the student are diverted from studies to the lighter and less burdensome task of amusing himself during the summer months.

Yet again there is one class of students to whom summer suggests another kind of opportunity, a chance to supplement their regular school studies with a small but useful amount of practical experience in the business of the outside world.

Although the thought is indeed entrancing that summer means a break in the monotony of study, this fact should not be allowed to exercise too powerful an influence over the student's thoughts as to cause him to lose sight of the possibilities which lie in its coming.

SHOULD WITNESS INAUGURATION

THE inauguration of a new president of Technology is something which does not happen often. It is of course true that the inauguration of Dr. Stratton next Monday will be the second in the course of two years.

The Alumni will be well represented next week, for to them an inauguration means more than to the undergraduate. Nevertheless, every student ought at least reflect upon the advisability of remaining in Boston or its vicinity to witness the coming inauguration.

Aside from the thought that this may be the only opportunity afforded during the life of a student to assist at an inauguration exercise, the students should want to be present out of respect for Dr. Stratton, interest in Technology, and their own curiosity.

Oxford and the Institute

By Charles W. Pipkin

"How is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology like Oxford?" That is one question that Mr. Edison evaded in his comprehensive questionnaire but one problem which I have had to think over since I left the halls of Building Two and the ways of 2-179.

But for many of us the central thing about the college system is, that it is a place where for four years the fullest and most favorable chance is given to develop personality, train and direct ability, and to learn how to live.



EXAMS! EXAMS!! The Lounger has heard nothing else mentioned for the past week. Spring doesn't matter. The weather doesn't matter. Not even the silvery romance of the June moon can dissuade the determined Tech man from taking his exams.

The Lounger says taking his exams, not passing them. For what has passing an exam to do with a clear conscience, other than that it may ultimately be the means of separation from one of the famous Technology sheepskins, which are in reality made of paper?

The mention of sheepskins recalls to the Lounger's mind what happened to a number of last year's Seniors when they had their much cherished diplomas framed. It seems that the Technology seal is embossed but with no ink.

The Lounger speaks of this because he thinks it incompatible with the Institute's reputation to have such an unprotected document as its diploma. The price of sheep is high, he admits, but there are some very good substitutes for leather obtainable in the form of linoleum, sardines' overcoats, and tough steaks.

Some things are acceptable as they are. Others are not. There is one thing which the Lounger does not think has any sound economic foundation,—or economical either, for that matter. That is the great number of F's and sequential condition examinations so evident during the past year.

Investigations seem to be the modern order of events. The Lounger has therefore dedicated his remaining years to finding out who is responsible for this crime wave and nakedly exposing those involved.

In the first place, some professors think time is infinite, even though friend Einstein has proved this to be untrue. Accordingly, those who give F's merely so that the student will "systematically review the subject during the latter half of the next term," might as well realize that this review will extend over a maximum length of time of three nights—more likely one. Few if any of the courses, on the contrary, make allowance for neglect of regular work if such a review is actually undertaken.

In the second place, five dollars may not mean much out of 1400 funks, but to one who is working his way through college it means considerable sacrifice. No mercy is ever advanced on this score.

Third, we have enough worries with our regular courses, let alone to have to bear constantly before us the ominous picture of a condition exam and the probabilities of a Repeat.

Fourth, in the event of repeating the subject, our regular curriculum is disrupted. And as for summer courses, many students would be out earning money for themselves instead of paying money but for these courses. Here the Lounger stops. His investigation will go on, however, for he is not convinced of the logic of the wholesale slaughter used in cutting down

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Publish Summer Daily

The publication of the Michigan Daily, the official newspaper of the University of Michigan will continue throughout the summer as the Summer Daily. It will appear every day except Monday and will consist of 44 numbers before the regular daily will be resumed.

Dartmouth Receives \$6000

Dartmouth College was the recipient of \$6000, given by Redfield Proctor '02, Governor of Vermont, for scholarship funds in memory of his father who graduated with the Class of 1851. Governor Proctor completed Course II at the Institute and is associated with the Vermont Marble Co.

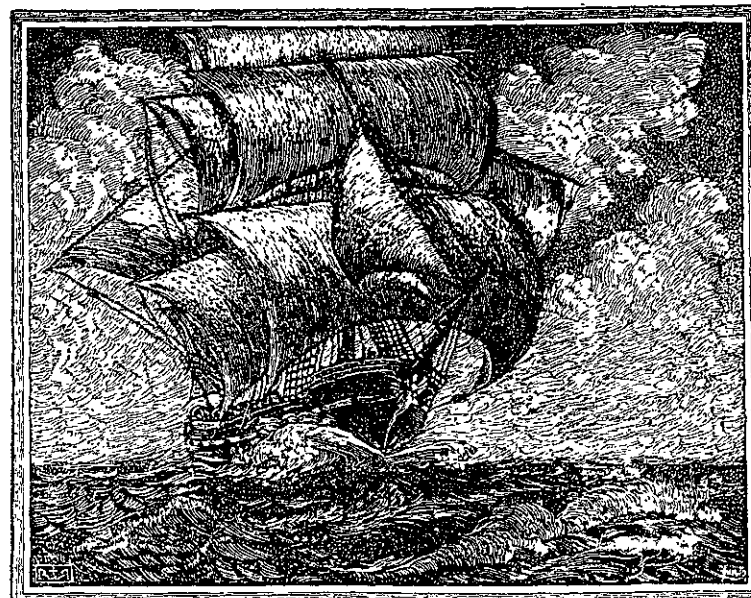
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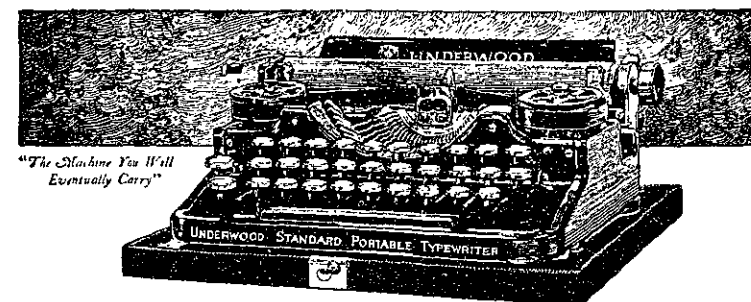
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