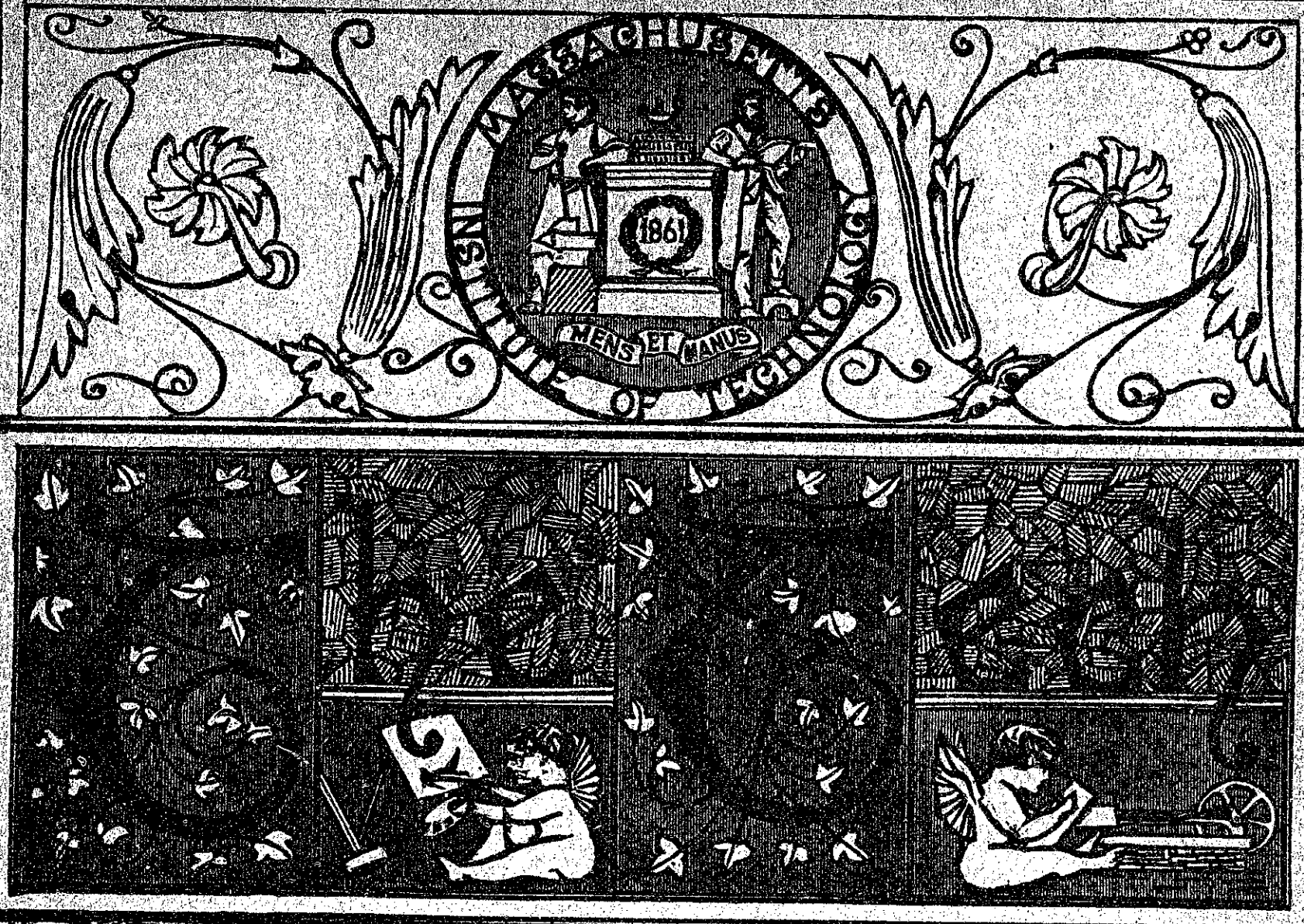

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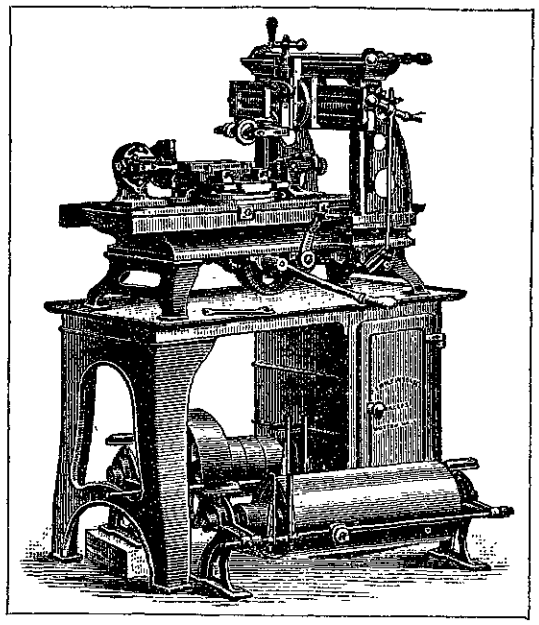

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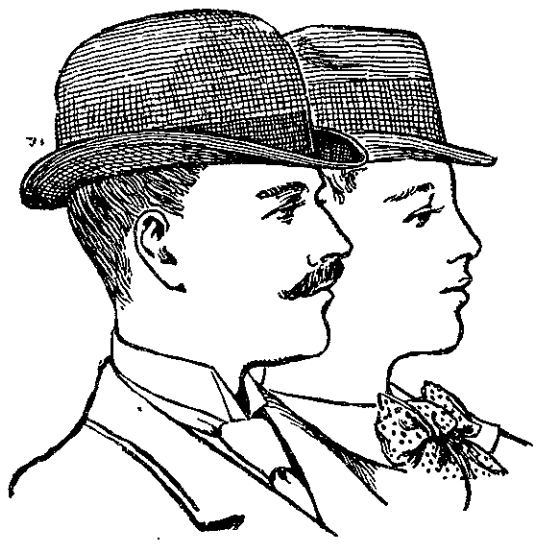

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INVARIABLY every year, the question is raised as to whether or not the full privileges of Class Day shall be granted to special students. The life of a regular student here is a burden of no light weight, and it must be even heavier for a special student, who cannot look forward to the time when he is to receive his degree as a reward for his hard work. Why should the more fortunate turn against the Special in his Senior year, and exclude him from all participation in the closing exercises of that Class, for the welfare of which he has devoted his time, in the affairs of which he has given his sympathy, and in which he has made his friends?

Because a man has been a special student, he has not been debarred from playing upon his class football or baseball team, or from making points for his class in athletic meetings; because a man has been a Special, he has not been hindered in attending class meetings, in serving on committees, or in working for the class on the college publications, or in any other way whatsoever. On the other hand, the Special has been the man most to be desired in many of these cases. Why, then, should Class Day be made an exception, and all these men excluded from a participation in its festivities. The Senior is not to receive his degree until the day of graduation. The day before that is devoted to the parting of friends of four years' standing, and none should consider whether the man on his right receives his degree on the morrow or not.

Therefore, we say to '93, be large-hearted in the matter, and extend the privileges of Class Day to all who have been good, trustworthy members of your class, irrespective of what may happen upon graduation day.

IT is with a feeling of decided satisfaction that we peruse our latest publication, the "Programme." By increasing the admission requirements, the Faculty have gained just so much time for advanced work, time far more profitably spent here in the Institute than in preparatory schools, which will now, in all probability, prepare students just about as quickly as before. Even now, our standard for admission is below that of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale. There, if our memory serves us well, Plane Trigonometry and Latin are required; the work after entrance we refrain from comparing.

It is pleasing to note the very evident desire of the Institute to further scientific research, and improve higher technical instruction in general. Our laboratories, lecture rooms, libraries, and even our professors, are practi-

cally put at the service of all whom they may benefit, especially teachers and scientists wishing advanced instruction and better facilities for research.

The combining of two different courses, as mentioned on page 55 of the "Programme," is certainly of great advantage to those who are able to profit by it. More students try it each year, thinking the broader engineering education thus obtained ample compensation for the extra time spent in study.

But what pleases us perhaps most of all is the fact that the Faculty are strengthening continually the department of "literary, historical, and economic study." No matter how bright the man, how much science he is master of; in these days of general collegiate education, even the engineer must needs be familiar with our language, history, and economic problems in order to be accorded that place in the world which he is otherwise fitted to occupy.

It might be well for all to look over the "Lowell Free Courses" on page 139. Many of these lectures would be very helpful to Tech.)students, and doubtless no trouble would be experienced in obtaining tickets to any of the various courses offered.

ELSEWHERE in our columns will be found a long communication from the Executive Committee of the Class of '93. The good features of the movement therein advocated, and the advantages to be derived from its successful establishment, must be evident to all who will consider thoughtfully the reasons and expected results there stated. The Institute Committee should and will become a living factor in our Technology life, and the various classes should give this suggestion of the Ninety-three Committee the indorsement which it deserves. Undue haste should not, however, be shown in selecting the men for this work. They should be chosen by two, and only two, standards,—ability to keep in touch with all true Institute interests, and executive merit of high order. No consideration of mere popularity, too often in matters of this kind made the test of selection and the future ruin of the cause, should influence in the slightest degree the choice for the men to take in charge this important commission.

ON the fourteenth day of last September Mr. M. Denman Ross died. That we all have met with a sad loss in his death may be judged from the following entry in the records of the Corporation of the Institute:—

"In the death of Mr. M. Denman Ross, this Corporation has lost another of its charter members.

"During all the preliminary steps and discussions which led to the establishment of the Institute of Technology, Mr. Ross took an earnest and active interest.

"As early as 1857, a small party of gentlemen, interested in the filling and the developing of this Back Bay district of the city, held frequent meetings at his house; and one of the earliest suggestions made by Mr. Ross was, that a series of squares of this newly made land should be reserved from sale, and devoted to the use of such scientific and educational institutions as already existed, or were likely in the near future to be established in this city.

"This idea he, with others, advocated at the State House for three successive years, till our charter was granted in 1861, and one square of land was forever devoted to the use of this Institute and the Boston Society of Natural History.

"He was also active in finding the early home of our Society of Arts in Mercantile Hall, Summer Street, and was a member of the committee having in charge the erection of Rogers Building.

"He was deeply interested in the work of the Lowell School of Practical Design, and

was to the last one of the most active members of the committee on this school. He was also, to the last, one of the three members to represent this Institute in the Corporation of the Museum of Fine Arts.

"In 1872, Mr. Ross imported a full collection of apparatus, largely relating to optics, which he deposited in the department of Physics of the Institute, and of which we, for the past twenty years, have had the sole use.

"In all the long years of his service in this Corporation, but few members have been more constant in their attendance, and more prompt in the performance of such duties as fell to their lot.

"As a tribute to the memory of Mr. Ross, this brief summary of his services is made a part of our records."

THE thirteenth issue of THE TECH, which appears December 22d, will be the Christmas number. It wil consist of at least twelve pages, and will contain the fruit of the best talent the editors can extract from themselves and the Institute in general. The price will be raised to fifteen cents a copy, to allow for the additional expense of a special cover and extra cuts. A full list of the contents will be posted on the bulletin board in Rogers that week. Copies will be for sale in the lower corridors of all the buildings, at the office, and at Maclachlan's.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

BOSTON, Dec. 5, 1892.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

I would like to ask those of my classmates, who are in favor of having the members of the graduating class appear in cap and gown on Commencement and Class Day, if they have considered of what the cap and gown is a relic, and what it signifies.

The editorial in last week's Tech. states that "Yale, Harvard, Brown, and several other colleges have adopted it with great satisfaction to all." It is perfectly proper that Yale, Harvard, Brown, and the several others colleges adopt it; but it would be entirely out of place for the Institutute of Technology to so do. The gown has always been identified with universities where theology, law, literature, and the languages are studied. It is a garment adopted from the universities of England, where it is not only worn on Class Day, but also at all times by the students. It is the insignia of the professions studied at these institutions. The divinity student continues to wear the gown in practicing his profession—the law student, in England at any rate, does likewise; while the literary man wears it in his study.

Is the gown the insignia of the professions taught at Tech.? Would we after graduation take it with us into the factories, the mills, mines, foundries, railroads, chemical works, and the many other industrial establishments, where Tech. men are to be found? No. It would be better to take a pair of overalls, a jumper, and an old slouch hat. These are more the emblems of our professions; and if Technology's graduating classes feel that they should like to look distinguished (?) at commencement, they could wear the overalls and jumper with more propriety than they could the cap and gown; though I am quite sure that no class would vote to adopt such a uniform for Commencement and Class Day.

SENIOR.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

The Executive Committee of the Class of '93 have had under consideration a certain matter regarding the welfare of the Institute, and would like to make the following proposal to the members of the four respective classes, '93, '94, '95, and '96.

We believe that there is a very urgent demand for some sort of a body of students, which shall represent the student mass as a whole, and which shall have constantly at heart the amelioration of our interests and our condition, not only among ourselves, but also between ourselves and what may be called the outer world. This body or committee should be given the power to put into execution anything which after due deliberation its members believe to be for the best interests of the students. The reasons for the organization of such a body are readily realized, if one considers one or two of the opportunities which would

present themselves to this committee. It is a most widely acknowledged fact that Technology is almost unrepresented among the college items of our daily papers. We do not refer to Boston papers especially, but in a general manner to the papers of the leading cities,—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Boston.

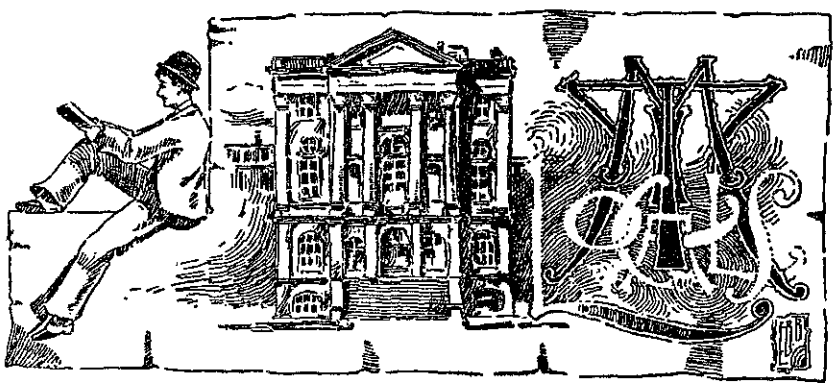
It is almost a disgrace to see for instance, that in the New York papers the name of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is mentioned scarcely once throughout the year. Yet one sees continually items from colleges which are so much smaller than we are, that we are wont to look down upon them as from a considerable height. Uudoubtedly we are miserably represented upon the daily papers of the country as compared with the representation of other colleges. "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," explains the system upon which we are running.

In a case of this sort, this representative committee would consider it a duty to see that Technology was represented equally with other colleges, by agitating the matter and seeing to it that an able and responsible man became correspondent for that paper, on which we needed to be represented. Again, we have but few customs at the Institute, and what few we have we wish to preserve. It would be the duty of this committee to see that old customs were kept up and new ones, (if any were known to be desirable) were introduced.

In a thousand and one ways the body advocated could be of considerable value in promoting the welfare of Technology, both at home and abroad. What now is nobody's business, what at present is the business devolving upon no organized body in particular, but equally upon the different classes, THE TECH, or the enterprise and loyalty of the individual, would upon the election of the proposed committee, fall to it, and at the same time, the interest and importance of the other bodies mentioned above would not be lessened.

We propose the above for the consideration of each of the four classes, and we also propose that each class, if agreeable, shall elect two men, who together with the president of the class shall represent the class upon the committee. We also propose that each class, if favorable to the scheme, shall elect their delegates before the second Saturday of next term, when it is likely that a meeting of the committee will be called.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CLASS OF '93.



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During the past week masons have been filling the seams on Walker Building.

Mr. H. M. Chase, '91, is with the Deane Steam Pump Company of Holyoke, Mass.

"O papa! papa! tell us a story please. The one about Colonel Howard—please do, papa!"

An exam. book returned from the last English intermediate bore this mark: "F. ——if not, why not?"

Members of Course I. have taken advantage of the clear evenings to determine latitude by observations on the pole star.

The Physics Lecture Room has been newly fitted out with electric lights. Some high-power resistance lamps have also been added.

Mr. B—d (in descript. lecture): "Occasionally I can see through the problem, but I can never see through Professor F. when he stands in front of it."

There is a rumor afloat that certain members of '93 are living in a fool's paradise. The rude awakening will come about the middle of January.

Although there is so much difficulty experienced in hearing the commands given in drill, there is certainly one captain who does not have to yell to be Hurd.

The Senior Mechanicals have completed their course in Machine Design, and commenced the study of Dynamo Machines, under Prof. Cross, last Saturday.

Mr. Walter S. Allen, S. B., gave two interesting lectures on "The Manufacture of Fertilizers," to the third year students in Industrial Chemistry last week.

Mr. F. A. Cole, '91, who was instructor here last year in Mechanical Engineering Drawing, is now in the city. He has spent most of his time recently in Omaha and Chicago.

Don't forget the Sophomore dinner at Young's, December 16th. One of the events of the year,—not merely a dinner, but a jolly time as well, and one long to be remembered.

If any of the Freshmen find that NH_4Cl, when heated, has a powerful affinity for cracked test tubes, and desire a scientific explanation, perhaps the Juniors in the Industrial Laboratory will satisfy them.

Mr. H. T. Weed, '91, is second in charge in the department of Chemistry in the Western University of Pennsylvania. He is well pleased with the position, there being much opportunity for original research.

Judging from the number of times John, the janitor, comes into the fourth-year drawing room to collect a few cents owed him for drawing materials, one would surmise that he is not making too much money.

During the holidays the Engineering Building was beautified by a few coats of white paint on the hideous ceilings of a number of the lecture rooms. This makes the rooms in question look much cleaner and brighter.

Mr. Charles Aiken, '91, is with the "Welcome Soap" manufacturers, at Cambridge. He is surprised to find how much there is in soap, after all; at any rate, there is enough to keep him busy, though it may not be "millions."

It is a mournfully suggestive fact that each night the light is seen streaming from the windows of all three stories of Engineering and Architectural Buildings until 5.25 P. M., when the wonted "clip" warns the weary toiler that it is time to quit.

In the basement of the Youth's Companion Building is a pair of the latest Harris-Corliss Engines, which may be of interest to students of Valve Gears and Thermo. They have indicators attached. These are considered model engines of that type.

J. H. Gardner, '93, Marvine Gorham, '93, and F. Baker, '93, together with some of the instructors from the M. E. Laboratory, made a test on the engines of the Plymouth on the evening of December 1st, during the trip between Fall River and New York. The results of the test will be worked up into a thesis by Mr. Gardner.

Stephen Bowen, '92, is in the factory of the Whittier Machine Company, at South Boston. Mr. Bowen spent last summer abroad building himself up after twisting shafting all last year for a thesis. It might be showing a kindly interest if any of his friends should inquire of him what he keeps in that cane he brought from across the water.

The Senior Nominating Committee met last Tuesday to fill vacancies in the list of Class Day nominees caused by the resignations of Mr. Beattie as first marshal, and Mr. Bemis as orator. Mr. Howland, having learned that the Class of '93 considered him ineligible for any office, on account of previous connection with '92, withdrew his name as nominee for historian. Mr. Dearborn, IX., was nominated, in place of Mr. Beattie, as first marshal; Mr. Burke, I., was selected to fill the vacancy on the list for orator; Mr. Rice, X., took Mr. Howland's place as historian; Mr. Speer, II., replaced Mr. Rice as nominee for orator; and Mr. Fabyan, IX., was nominated third marshal in place of Mr. Dearborn.

As before stated, Lieutenant Hawthorn was Division Marshal at the Bazaar in Music Hall last week. On his staff were Vorce, H. M.

Chase, Price, Varney, F. C. Green, Lockwood, Hayden, Tillinghast, Huxley, Geiger, and others from Tech. They were ornamented with red sashes, and, it is needless to say, made a "striking" appearance.

Mr. John R. Freeman has recently loaned to the department of Civil Engineering, for use in the Hydraulic Laboratory, a delicate instrument for measuring the velocity of a liquid at any point in a pipe. The instrument is a Pitot tube, and can be moved across a cross section of the flowing stream, thus giving the velocity at any point in the diameter.

The Architectural Society seems to have taken a new lease of life this year, and is doing good work. Its membership numbers about forty; its officers are C. W. Dickey, President, W. E. Davis, Vice President, and A. C. Turner, Secretary and Treasurer. A very good thing is the system of sketch problems, that are required from the members at the meetings every other week. A dinner will be held shortly after Christmas, before the semi-annual examinations.

Illustrating the danger of careless remarks from a professor of the exact sciences.

Mr. P——: "Now, gentlemen, were I to remove my hand from this book, what would happen? Anybody!"

Doubtful voice from '96: "It would drop."

Mr. P——: "Exactly. And such would be the case if any object were substituted for the book."

Mr. A——: "No, sir."

Mr. P——: (With a slight raising of the eyebrows): "Ah! You have noted an exception to the law of gravity?"

Mr. A—— (modestly): "The object might be lighter than air."

M. P——: "Mr. A——, you may prove Proposition VIII., familiarly known as the *Pons Asinorum*."

The '93 nominating committee convened in the Y. M. C. A. Building Tuesday, the 6th instant, and after a two hours' session completed the following list of nominations for Class Day officers; First Marshal, C. W. Taintor, VI., R. H. Beattie, I., E. L. Andrews, VI.; Second Marshal, F. N. Dillon, V., H. W. Alden, II., J. C. Brown, VI.; Third Marshal, M. Gorham, II., G. K. Dearborn, IX., J. A. Emery, I.; Orator, E. E. Blake, II., H. L. Rice, X., A. F. Bemis, I.; Prophet, T. T. Dorman, X., H. A. Morss, VI., F. H. Fay, I.; Poet, H. A. Richmond, II., A. A. Shurtleff, II., J. I. Solomon, VI.; Statistician, P. H. Thomas, VI., R. Wason, VI., K. S. Sweet, I.; Historian, F. H. Howland, IX., W. G. Houck, I., J. H. Reed, Jr., VI. The committee will meet again to nominate the Class Day committee, on Saturday, the 17th instant. The class election occurs Wednesday, December 21st.

It seems strange that so little is known by Tech. students in general about the Society of Arts. This Society is very intimately connected with the Institute; in fact, it was one of the bodies most influential in bringing the Institute into existence, although established itself but a short time earlier. The meetings of the Society are held usually on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, in Room 11, Rogers Building,—notices always being previously posted on our bulletins. At these meetings are discussed many of the most interesting and instructive topics of the day, mostly of scientific interest, to be sure, yet not entirely confined to science. Papers on Political Economy, Astronomy, new mechanical and electrical appliances, all especially valuable to men educated as we are being educated, show the scope of this progressive and useful organization. Tech. men are always welcomed at these meetings, and the only reason that can account for their poor attendance must be that but few of our students know of the meetings, and their nature. Let all, who can attend the next one; it will be time profitably spent.

The Class Championship Athletic Meeting.

THE annual indoor meeting for the M. I. T. A. C. class championship cup was held in the gymnasium on Saturday afternoon. There was a smaller attendance than usual, and the number of contestants was noticeably smaller than at last year's meeting. Many of the Seniors were conspicuous by their absence. Dearborn, Andrews, Speer, Dorman, Stose, Taintor, Payne, and Boyd competed last year and won points. This year neither Payne nor Boyd have returned to the Institute, but some, at least, of the others mentioned could have competed. This lack of spirit which seems to have characterized the class of '93 accounts in a great measure, if not entirely, for the comparatively poor showing made by it this year.

All who knew anything of the Freshman class expected them to do well; but it is safe to say that even the most ardent of their supporters were surprised at the excellent showing they made. That the Class of '96 came out ahead with a score of 32 points won, '93 and '95 tied for second with 17 points, and '94 fourth with but 6, shows clearly how well they did.

Hurd, '96 and Rockwell, '96 each won two first prizes, and to them the bulk of '96's credit is due. Heywood easily won the high jump and should have won the broad, while Waterman won in the fence vault in a creditable manner. But no one worked harder for his class, and to no one is more credit due, than Stanwood, '93. He ran three heats in the hurdle race, and two in the potato race, besides competing in the high jump.

Following is the summary of events, with first, second, and third in each, and performance of winner :—

PUTTING SIXTEEN POUND SHOT.

W. B. Claflin, '95 1
C. H. Parker, '95 2
Robinson, '96 3
Distance, 30 feet 5 inches.

THIRTY-FIVE YARD DASH.

B. Hurd, Jr., '96 1
E. A. Boeseke, '95 2
King, '96 3
Time, $4\frac{3}{5}$ seconds.

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.

C. D. Heywood, '93 1
A. Sperry, 94 2
Hersey, '96 3
Height, 6 feet $\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

FENCE VAULT.

H. C. Waterman, '93 1
T. I. Jones, '95 2
P. H. Thomas, '93 3
Height, 6 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

THIRTY-FIVE YARD HURDLE RACE.

B. Hurd, Jr., '96 1
C. W. Dickey, '95 2
H. W. Stanwood, '93 3
Time, $5\frac{1}{5}$ seconds.

STANDING BROAD JUMP.

Rockwell, '95 1
C. D. Heywood, '93 2
J. R. Speer, '93 3
Distance, 9 feet 9 inches.

ROPE CLIMBING.

Bakenhus, '96 1
T. I. Jones, '93 2
Saldena, '96 3
Time, $6\frac{2}{5}$ seconds.

POTATO RACE.

Rockwell, '96 1
Hersey, '96 2
H. W. Stanwood, '93 3
Time, $51\frac{2}{5}$ seconds.

The officers of the meeting were: Referee, J. L. Batchelder, Jr., B. A. A.; judges at the finish, G. W. Beals and Jinx Taylor of B. A. A., and C. E. Bucholz of M. I. T. A. C.; timers, John Graham, A. Whitehouse, F. M. Wood, B. A. A.; scorer, W. H. Vorce, M. I. T. A. C.; starter, H. S. Cornish, B. A. A.

The following table shows how the points went for the class championship :—

SCORE FOR CLASS CUP.

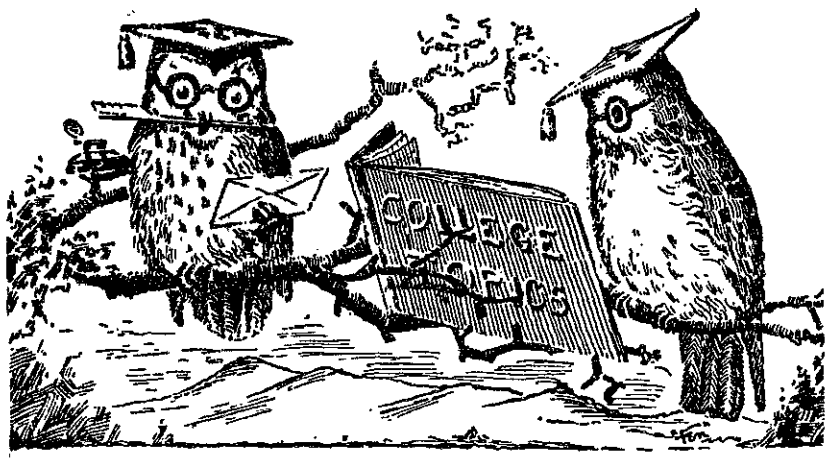
	'93	'94	'95	'96
PUTTING THE SHOT.				
Claflin	—	—	5	—
Parker	—	—	3	—
Robinson	—	—	—	1
THIRTY-FIVE YARD DASH.				
Hurd	—	—	—	5
Boeseke	—	—	3	—
King	—	—	—	1

RUNNING HIGH JUMP.				
Heywood	5	—	—	—
Sperry	—	3	—	—
Hersey	—	—	—	1
FENCE VAULT.				
Waterman	5	—	—	—
Jones	—	—	3	—
Thomas	1	—	—	—
THIRTY-FIVE YARD HURDLE.				
Hurd	—	—	—	5
Dickey	—	3	—	—
Stanwood	1	—	—	—
STANDING BROAD JUMP.				
Rockwell	—	—	—	5
Heywood	3	—	—	—
Speer	1	—	—	—
ROPE CLIMBING.				
Bakenhus	—	—	—	5
Jones	—	—	3	—
Saldena	—	—	—	1
POTATO RACE.				
Rockwell	—	—	—	5
Hersey	—	—	—	3
Stanwood	1	—	—	—
Total	17	6	17	32

The points scored at this meeting, together with the points scored at other meetings since April 1, 1892, give the standing for the individual excellence cup, which is as follows :—

SCORE FOR INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE CUP.

C. D. Heywood, '93	31
F. W. Lord, '93	29
B. Hurd, Jr., '96	10
Rockwell, '96	10
G. K. Dearborn, '93	8
C. W. Taintor, '93	6
W. J. Batchelder, '95	6
W. B. Claflin, '95	6
T. I. Jones, '95	6
C. H. Parker, '95	6
H. C. Waterman, '93	5
F. H. Harvey, '93	5
Bakenhus, '96	5
E. L. Andrews, '93	4
E. A. Boeseke, '95	4
J. Dove, '95	4
Hersey, '96	4
A. Sperry, '94	3
C. W. Dickey, '94	3
G. W. Lawson, '95	3
H. W. Stanwood, '93	2
P. H. Thomas, '93	1
J. R. Speer, '93	1
Robinson, '96	1
King, '96	1
Saldena, '96	1

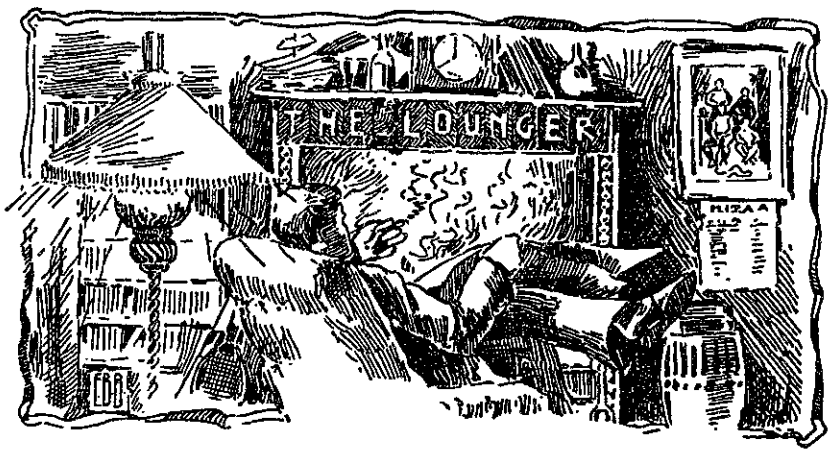


Two Chinese ladies have taken the examination for admission to the medical department of the University of Michigan.

The University of Leipsig is worth nearly twenty millions of dollars, and the revenues of Oxford and Cambridge represent capital amounting to $75,000,000.

Football in every form has been prohibited by the University of Heidelberg, Germany. They draw the line at duelling, and will permit nothing more dangerous.

With the opening of the present year at Cornell University the department of electrical engineering added a line of study, including both lectures and laboratory work, dealing with the alternating current, that, so far as we are aware, has been established as a separate department at no other educational institution in this country. Professor Nichols has selected Mr. Frederick Bedell, a graduate of Cornell, to take charge of the work. Besides lectures, experimental work of various kinds has already been carried out with great success, especially in the measurement of power and the investigation of the heating effects of alternating currents as distinguished from the same effects produced under similar circumstances by direct current. The difference in the two has been carefully measured by distinct methods and with very satisfactory results. Before the close of the year it is expected that some work in efficiency measurements of alternating current motors, and some multiphase experimental investigation, will be inaugurated.



And now the prudent seeker after popularity is about to taste the long-longed-for plum. Secure in the attainment of the almighty "pull," he trots leisurely down the home-stretch, more modest, less eager competitors hopelessly in the rear. And the Lounger up in the judges' stand hears many comments from the various interested critics about him.

One, more reflective and imaginative than the rest, is remarking what a pity it is that the race cannot be divided into two heats; the first, open to those who, coveting the purse, have prepared themselves for it by a long and exhaustive course of training; the second, to include those who, duly qualified by previous record, are content to run on their merits. Another abruptly asks why President is entered for the Orator stake and not for Marshal's. He is silenced by a cutting retort from a notorious turfman to the effect that the honor lies in the running,—nobody cares what becomes of the stake after it's won, nor of the winner, either. And as this seems to be the prevailing sentiment, the puzzled observer holds his peace.

"How about Two for favorite in the —— stake?" asks P. of Q. "Sorry for you if you're backing that," is the retort; "Three wins that race with Swain in the saddle. He'll kill his mount before he lets the others pass him."

"What's this big stallion with the long reach and the nasty eye chasing up and down by the grand stand? Needs boots badly, I should say," says a disgusted voice, easily that of a "lamb" as regards turf matters.

"That's Cross's sorrel. The foxiest jockey in the lot rides him to-day. He was distanced in the last race for the Popularity stakes, and raised Cain at the post ——"

"'That's his gait,' you say? Then how did he get those thirds so easily a year ago?"

"Only two against him," was the laconic response.

"This third race ought to be a good one," says somebody else. "I should choose from One and Two, though. Which is the favorite?"

"Two gives the odds, but those who take the field have a good thing in the black gelding from New England. The other two won't get pushed hard enough."

"One gets the —— stake, that's sure," says a confident voice; "you can't beat his record."

"Record doesn't count, stranger," is the gruff response; "Two's been advertising himself for the last six months for this race, and One can't carry the weight the handicappers have slapped on, beyond the half-mile post."

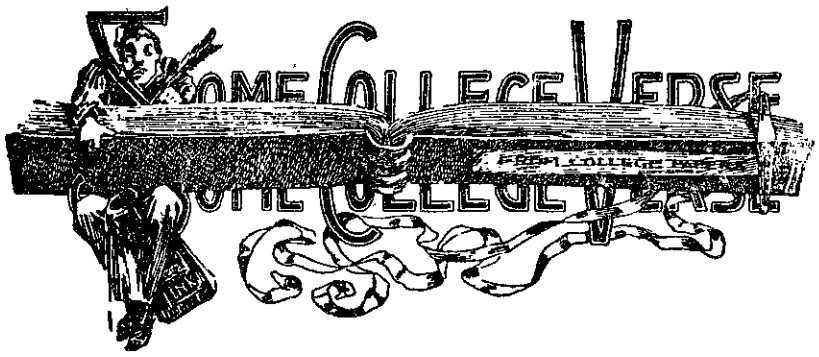
"Who in blazes shall I back, then?" says the last questioner, in despair.

"Take the field every time." "Ay, the field," say they all; the talent's not in it to-day."

The Lounger isn't betting, and is more amused than interested in the popular rumors, and yet, that cry "The talent's not in it" rankles, and he breathes a deep sigh for the favorites. Even with no money up, he feels that there never were weightier reasons why the favorites should win. But there are ominous portents which imply too close an understanding between the jockeys and the handicappers. Many a knowing one has told him that every race was sold. The Lounger won't believe all that, but "forewarned is forearmed," in a race as in other competitions.

. . . . . .

Some one remarked the other day on the American fancy for tags, the more and the larger the better; and our college youths easily lead the remainder of the American people, that is to say, the common herd, in this respect. We like our tags in startling combinations, as conspicuous as possible, and we wear them proudly on waistcoat and cravat, exhibiting them confidently to the public with apparently the most absolute unconsciousness that this great indifferent body passes by our insignia as carelessly as do we the pin or button that decorates the lapel of one of its merchants or bootblacks. We all go duly adorned now in the wake of th s steadily growing mania, and the college man without his tag is as much an exception as is the down-town clerk without his club insignia, the high-school graduate without his class ring. The Lounger welcomed the M. I. T. pin as a long-expected guest, and the lapel buttons which have followed it caused no surprise, with the exception of a very natural astonishment at the exceptional honesty of the Sophomore promoters of this latest tag, who advertise somewhat as follows: M. I. T. Lapel Buttons. For sale by Dorrance and Yoder, '95. Price, $1.00. *It will pay you to call and examine them before purchasing.*



IN THRALL.

I only see one witching face,
Lit by the tableau's fleeting grace;
The gypsy garb becomes her well,
Sweeter is she than tongue may tell—
Bess, a captive maid.

But when the play is o'er, and when
The stage lamps all are dark again,
I feel a clinging pain; at last
In fancy's bonds she holds me fast—
I, a captive made.

—*Wesleyan Literary Monthly.*

A MARTYR.

His head was jammed into the sand,
His arms were broke in twain,
Three ribs were snapped, four teeth were gone,
He ne'er would walk again.

His lips moved slow, I stooped to hear
The whispers they let fall;
His voice was weak; but this I heard,
"Old man, who got the ball?"

—*Hamilton Literary Monthly.*

AKIN TO PAIN.

The game is done, and the darkness
Falls on the vanquished team,
Like balm upon their bruises,
Or plasters or cold cream.
And a feeling of sadness comes o'er me
That is almost akin to pain,
As I silently count the dollars
That I lost on that football game.

—*Red and Blue.*

THE COURT JESTER.

I love my motley and my jangling cap,
My antic staff with its familiar leer;
I love to sit with my wise ape and sneer
At fools who call me Fool. I slyly slap
The King himself with some neat jest, and rap
The smirking courtiers who adroitly veer,
Like weather-vanes, with changing winds. They fear
My snapping tongue, as lamed rats fear the trap.
King! I am King—and King and Court my fools;
My lute, my sport; my shuttlecocks, my tools.
Some arch rondeau, to my pet ape, I sing,
And staid dames pale beneath their paint, ho! ho!
And fops look fierce as hens. Sweet ape, we know
Wit rules. My puppets hop, I pull the string,

—*Trinity Tablet.*

A RONDEL.

"I'd draw the knot as tight as man can draw,
And firm I'd make it fast by every law;
Dearest, you need not speak your fond consent
Your paleness and your blush so finely blent,"
He gently said; "tell me my happy lot:
I'd draw the knot."

But ere he could the eager phrase repeat,—
The phrase his manly fancy found so sweet,—
The modest maiden toward him turned her face;
Her eyes met his a moment's rapturous space,—
She spoke, her firm glance faltering scarce a jot,
"I'd rather not."

—*Lampoon.*

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

"My prisoner for life,"
Cried the newly made bride,
As she kissed her young lord,
Who sat by her side.
"No! no! you're mistaken,
My dear one," said he,
"It's capital punishment
Surely for me."

—*Ex.*

THEIR FIRST BREAKFAST.

One sip of coffee hot he took,
He set aside the steaming cup,
And then beneath the table reached
His wedding trousers to turn up.
"Why act like that?" she said to him,
Her face with glow so ruddy;
He merely said, with husky voice:
"Your coffee, love, is muddy."

—*The Polytechnic.*

MY WISH.

Many men have wished for riches,
While for power some hearts yearn;
Beauty many a mind bewitches,
With wisdom numbers turn.
But I do not ask for great things,
A little boon my soul would please;
It is only that my trousers
May not bag so at the knees.

—*Lehigh Burr.*

A maid with a Duster
Once made a great Bluster
In Dusting a Bust in the Hall;
But when she had Dusted,
The Bust was all Busted,
The Bust is now Dust, that is all.

—*Yale Record.*

MUTABILE FEMINA.

A lass, alas, is often false!
Of faults the maid is made;
So waste no time about her waist—
Though stayed, she is not staid.

—*Cynic.*

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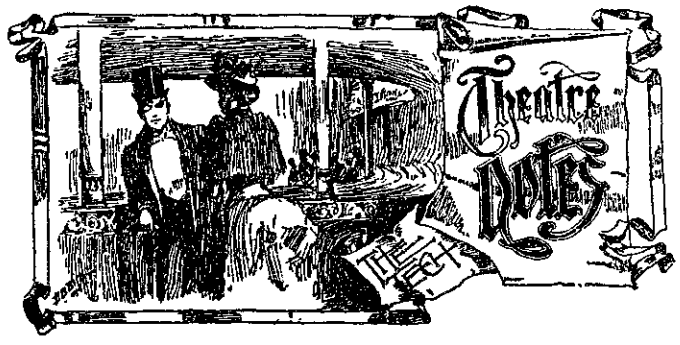

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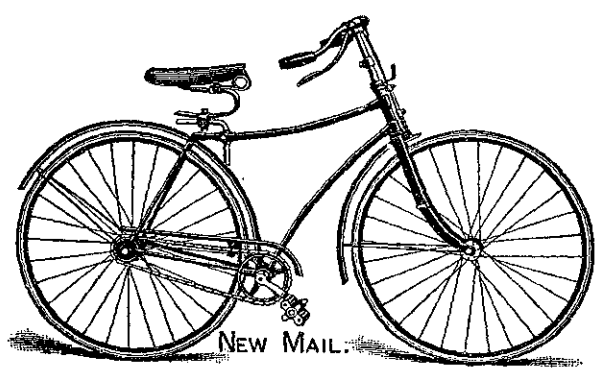

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