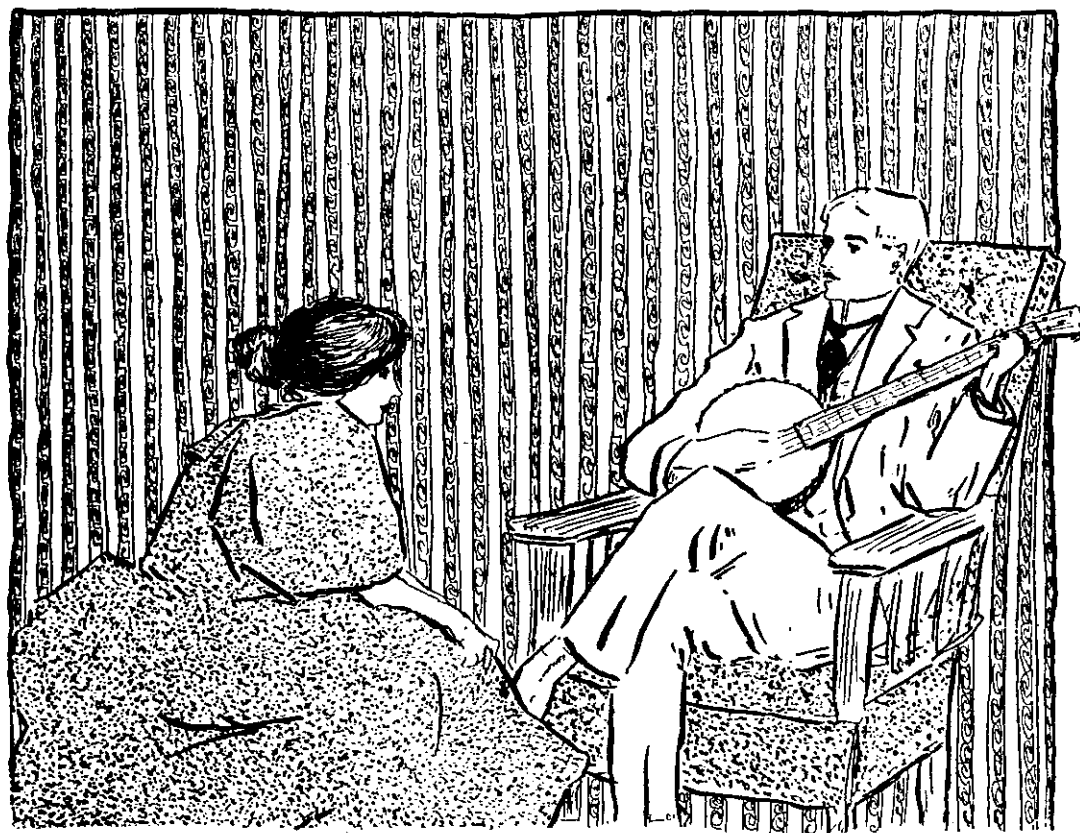


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DOLLY: "Say, Tom, what was the coachman charged with when that policeman arrested him?"

TOM: "About one bottle of whiskey."

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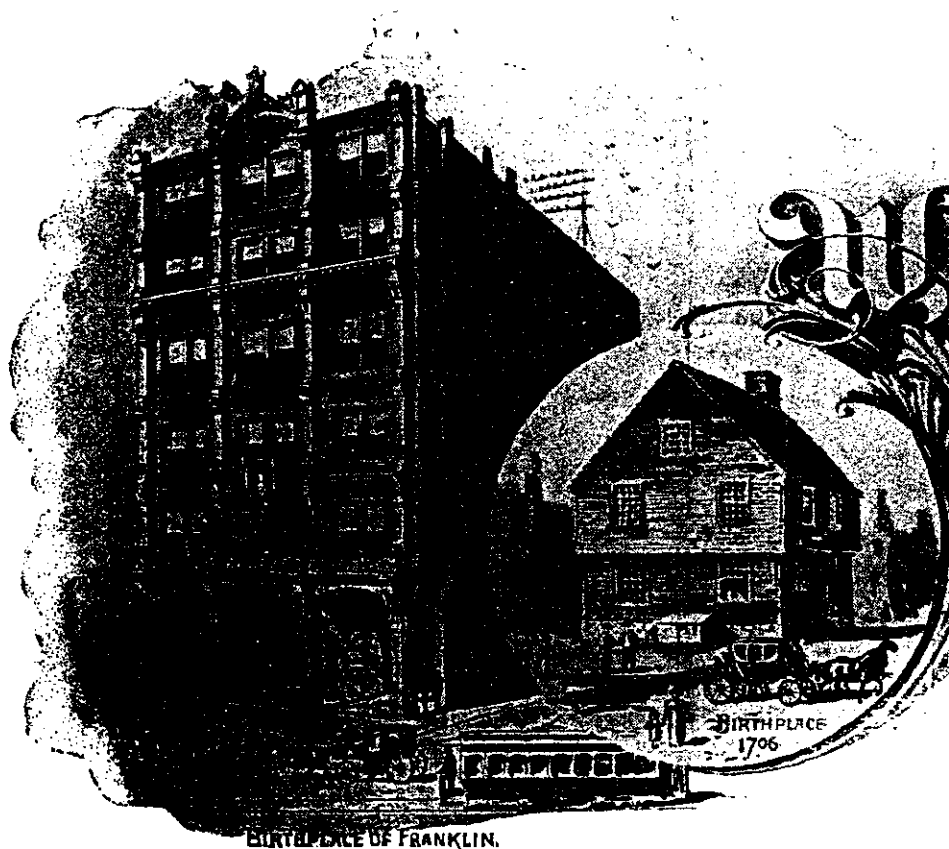
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HERE is a time in the life of every man when he places an abnormally large amount of importance upon his own views and judgments, and to almost every Junior or Sen-

ior there comes a time when he is inclined to criticise and find fault with the Institute at large and everything connected with it. The system upon which the laboratories or drawing rooms are run seems at fault, professors or instructors seem lacking in judgment or other qualities, the rush of work seems too great for the best results, he is obliged to study subjects which appear to have no possi-

ble practical value, and a thousand and one other faults seem evident. Such feelings may usually be traced to a tired brain—too constant application to work and too little enjoyment of the other things which make life worth living, and if more prevalent here than in other institutions, we may attribute the fact to our greatest recognized evil—the lack of social life. Yet, undoubtedly, taken all in all, Technology stands at the head of all technical schools, and though we may often feel dissatisfied or discouraged, yet looking back from riper years and with more mature minds, we will surely gain a greater love for our Alma Mater, and a more thorough appreciation of her advantages.



IN light of the introduction of a gymnasium for girls in the plans for the new building, it seems pertinent to suggest again the absolute insufficiency of the accommodations of our present gymnasium, and the need for a complete set of measuring instruments and testing machines, without which, indeed, no modern college gymnasium is considered complete.

The general thoroughness of the Institute, and its unsurpassed rank in most of the courses it offers, are facts well and widely known. Why, then, should the physical side of the students' education be held in such disproportionally low regard as to be nearly lost sight of. In comparison with other institutions of like standing, the Institute may be said absolutely to neglect physical training. Courses of physical instruction are either required or proposed in most of the prominent

Eastern colleges, and their gymnasiums are, as a rule, well appointed, of ample capacity, and fully provided with measuring and testing instruments; while the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the foremost, if not first, of the schools of applied science and engineering in the world, pays no more attention to the physical well being of its students than to allow them to share with the students of several preparatory schools a gymnasium very deficient in exercising apparatus and bathing facilities, and absolutely without any measuring or testing apparatus beyond a tape measure and weighing scales.

Should this be so? It would be hard to find anyone to answer this in the affirmative. That the necessity of physical exercise is recognized by the governing body, is evident from the incorporation of a gymnasium for girls in the plans for the new building. Why, then, do the Faculty and Corporation allow this shameful lack of the apparatus and accommodations necessary to the proper and systematic physical training of the student body? We know the Institute is not rich, but is it consistent to spend hundreds of thousands on a new building and deny the few hundreds which would fully and satisfactorily develop the department of physical training? We hope it will not be so considered, but that in the immediate future we may see the gymnasium thoroughly overhauled and generously refitted in accordance with modern standards.



THE new term brings many changes; one of the most important being an unwonted activity on the part of the Institute Committee. Among the matters brought before the Committee is a proposition to clear Rogers corridor of society bulletin boards. The solid phalanxes of these blackboards arrayed on

either side of the hall before the memorials to General Walker and President Rogers, present an appearance which is at once unsightly and out of keeping with the dignity of the place. Moreover, they take up much valuable floor space during the busy hours of the day, and, with the increase in the number of our societies, the inconvenience at present felt will be greatly increased. It cannot be denied, however, that they are very effective in attracting attention to important notices. To remedy the existing state of affairs, it has been suggested that the boards now in use be replaced by a single large board, placed in some conspicuous part of the hall. This board would be divided into panels, and the sections given to the various organizations now owning the smaller boards. Such a scheme would possess all the advantages of, and, at the same time, be free from many of the disadvantages of the old system. We are glad that the Institute Committee has taken the matter in hand, and we hope that unless some more feasible solution to the problem presents itself, the proposed change will be carried out as soon as practicable.

The New Building.

ONE of the most impressive and suggestive features of the history of the Institute has been the rapid and continuous growth in the number of students. From 72 in 1865 it has increased to 1,198 in 1897. Corresponding with this growth there have been erected some four buildings: the shops on Garrison Street in 1883, covering 20,000 square feet; the Walker Building in 1883, with an available floor area of 62,500 square feet; the Engineering Building in 1890, with an available floor space of 52,000 square feet; the Architectural Building in 1892, with an area of 21,000 square feet,—giving a total floor space to-day of about 216,000 square feet; an average of about 180 square feet per student. The modern technical institute requires not

merely class rooms for its students, but laboratories equipped with the most modern apparatus and room sufficient for their manipulation. It is this expense of apparatus and space which adds so largely to the cost of tuition at the Institute. It is this, also, which makes the growth of the Institute such a serious problem.

The new building, the plans for which are now in the contractors' hands, will not only relieve the over-crowded departments, but will also provide for the normal expansion of several years to come.

It is to be a fire-proof structure, with steel beams and plaster partitions on expanded metal lathing, 58 ft. by 161 ft., five stories in height and a basement, forming, with the Architectural and Engineering Buildings, a structure over 300 feet in length, and giving additional floor space of over 48,000 square feet, increasing the average per student to 221 square feet, a gain of 25 per cent.

The basement will afford space, 60 feet by 54 feet, for a lunch room. A room, 60 feet by 50 feet, is given to the Mechanical Engineering Department, and this, with the basement of the Architectural Building, will afford 6,800 square feet additional space. The plans for its utilization include an extension of the Hydraulic Laboratory, by means of an additional water pit, connected with the present pit by a 12-inch pipe, and by a tributary canal 60 feet long, 3 feet wide, and 4 feet deep, giving opportunity for weirs and other water apparatus anywhere along its length.

For the Engineering Laboratory there is to be a tandem compound engine, which, when working to its utmost capacity with 150 pounds boiler pressure, will develop about 225 H.P.; a complete ammonia refrigerating plant of about 10 tons capacity; a Parsons steam turbine and dynamos of 150 H.P., with sufficient capacity to run 2,000 lights and a brake of about 100 H.P., 200 revolutions per minute. The removal of the gas engine will relieve the crowding near the Allis triple expansion

engine, where now 30 men work at tables in a space 20 by 15 feet. The new pit will lessen the crowding about the old pit, since the hydraulic work on a large scale has been begun; while the fluctuation in the level of the water will be much less than formerly. The boiler house will be extended to include two new boilers, rendered necessary by the extension.

The first floor will contain three lecture and recitation rooms, one for Technical Chemistry, and two for Modern Languages, a modelling room for the Architectural Department, and the Margaret Cheney Room and Gymnasium for women students. These two rooms, with the recitation and lecture rooms opposite, will be so arranged that they may be thrown into one suite for occasional purposes.

The second floor will be devoted entirely to the Biological Department, and will include a laboratory of General Physiology, a subject of importance in its bearing on the general work of the course; a third-year laboratory for work on Elementary Zoölogy, Comparative Anatomy, Botany, and Microscopic Anatomy; a laboratory for Bacteriology and Industrial Biology for elementary and advanced work in General and Sanitary Bacteriology, and in Industrial Biology of the various ferments. It will contain the various sterilizers, incubators, retorts, and other apparatus belonging to a laboratory of this kind. It is believed that this laboratory will be unique in this country, and perhaps in the world, in the facilities offered those interested in canning, in industries bearing on dairying, and in questions of water supply and sewerage from the bacteriological point of view. The General Biological Laboratory and the Research Laboratory, allowing space for special work; the shop for the repair and manufacture of apparatus for the department; and the large dark room for the investigation of optical and physiological phenomena, and for experiments on the influence of light on the growth of bacteria, will be important features. An ample private

room for Professor Sedgwick, and a room for the Biological Library will occupy the remaining room of this floor.

The third floor will contain the Architectural Library, with its valuable collection of books, plates, and photographs, with space for a normal expansion of some years to come; an Exhibition Room for the work of Institute architects; a fourth-year drawing room of greatly increased size; and a separate room for the fifth-year men pursuing advance courses. The number of these advanced students increases yearly.

The fourth floor will be given over entirely to the Architectural Department. The second and third year drawing rooms, a lecture room, storage, and dark rooms, and rooms for instructors will all have their place.

The fifth floor of the new building will then be occupied by the Industrial Chemical Laboratory, a Laboratory of Textile Coloring, Instructors' rooms, and an Architectural Museum of a story and a half in height (the extra half story being secured by a raised sky-light projecting some six feet above the roof), where full sized copies of pillars and capitols from famous and ancient buildings may be kept and studied with the proper perspective.

It will be seen from the above description that the basement and first floor are given over chiefly to the Mechanical Engineering and Architectural Departments; the second floor to the Biological Department; the third, fourth, and part of the fifth floors to Architecture; and the rest of the fifth floor to Industrial Chemistry.

Columbia's Gymnasium.

IN view of the present agitation concerning the gymnasium appliances, it may be of interest to know what a really modern gymnasium consists of.

The new gymnasium which is being built for Columbia University, and which will be opened by the end of this month, will be the

largest and most finely equipped of any of the college gymnasiums in the country.

The gymnasium itself is 120 feet by 130 feet, and has a height of 35 feet. Suspended twenty-two feet above the exercise floor, and at a distance of about thirty feet from the wall, will be a running track twelve feet broad. The track is arranged through the building in such a way that it is a little over nine laps to the mile.

Between the running track and the wall will be hung all the heavy apparatus, pulley weights, etc., while the swing apparatus will be hung from underneath the track on iron piping. This arrangement will make it possible to have a space 100 feet square in the middle of the floor, which will be used for class exercises.

Below the exercise floor will be the swimming tank, seventy-six shower baths, a locker room containing 1,500 lockers, and a cement hand-ball court. The depth of the tank will range between five and ten feet.

Though this is for a larger number of students than we possess, it yet offers a contrast in the character of the equipments which must be painful to us.

New Yorker: "I should think that the editor of *Life* would be worried about C. D. Gibson."

Brooklynite: "What's the matter?"

New Yorker: "He has designs on the editor's *Life*."

—*Cornell Widow*.

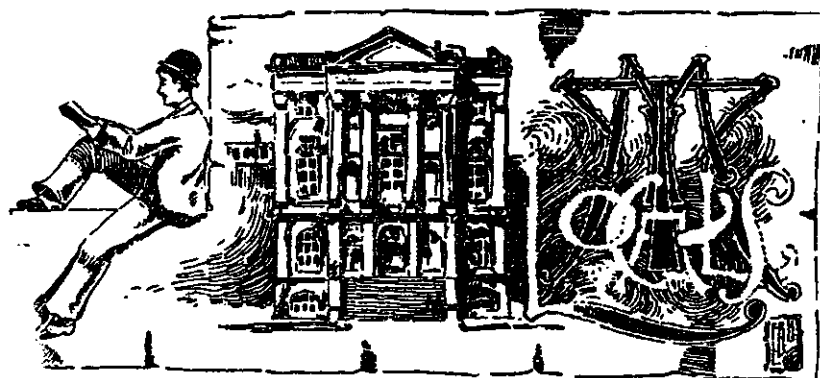
"This is my first experience as a steeple chaser," murmured the Kansas farmer as he whirled through the air behind the village church.—*Yale Record*.

A SLUR.

"Oh dear!" exclaimed the young lady as she stood before the glass, "my hair looks like a fright!"

"That casts a reflection on me," rejoined the mirror, reproachfully.

—*Cornell Widow*.



L'Avenir will probably give a play in 1899.

The mill option went to Lawrence on Saturday.

There was no meeting of L'Avenir on Wednesday, the 9th.

The Institute Committee had its picture taken last Monday at Chickering's.

It is decided that the next Sherwood dinner will be held on Saturday, March 5th.

Next year Course V. students will probably be given two hours more Chemistry in the Freshman year.

The first Mandaman Dinner of the year was held last Saturday evening. Mr. Lewis Stewart presided.

The Hammer and Tongs Dining Club held a dinner last Saturday at Young's Hotel. S. F. Jones presided.

The Glee Club is at present in need of a second bass and a first tenor. Applicants are requested to leave word in box 72 at the Cage.

A new dictionary of Political Economy, edited by R. H. Inglis and published by Macmillan & Co., contains several articles by Dr. Dewey.

Mr. A. T. Hopkins, '97, gave an interesting address before the last meeting of the Biological Club on his recent sanitary survey of Jamaica.

The following members of the Sophomore Class were nominated to membership of the Sherwood Club: Clary, McPherson, H. S. Conant and Brown.

The Mechanical Engineering Society held a meeting on Wednesday, the 16th, at 8 P. M., in 23 Walker. Some papers were read, which were illustrated by the lantern.

Mr. Marshall, '97, now an assistant in the Biological Department, is making a special microscopical investigation of hemp and sisal fibers, as used in rope manufacture.

The Chicago Club intends to have a dinner shortly. All men from Chicago, or its vicinity, wishing to join the Club, should leave their names at the Cage, addressed to F. A. Watkins.

Yale, Harvard and Brown have arranged a joint series of games of ice polo for the coming season, although forming no league. Each college will play two games with each of the other teams.

The trip of the musical clubs to Newburyport will probably come on March 17th. Following the concert a large dance will be given by the young society people of the city, and the men of the clubs will be their guests over night.

At a recent meeting of the Freshman Class, M. C. Brush was elected a member of the Institute Committee. Mr. Rockwood spoke of the needs of the Track team. The Class appropriated the sum of \$15.00 for the requirements of the team.

A new feature in this year's "Technique" will be a short account of each local society, such as the dining clubs, the Walker Club, etc. This addition will add greatly to the interest of "Technique," and will increase its value as a synopsis of the M. I. T. world.

The Gun Club is holding a series of weekly shoots at Wellington, which are to run throughout the term. Prizes are offered for the highest average scores of the series. At the shoot last Saturday Miller, '00, and Priest, '99, tied with 38 each out of a possible 50.

Messrs. L. and C. H. L. N. Bernard have founded a new school for instruction in the French language. The school is located in Boston, and is designed chiefly for the purpose of giving instruction to those who are intending to visit the Paris Exposition in 1900.

Among the new books of the year is "*Six Jolis Contes*," with preface and notes by Professor Van Daell. *L'Echo de la Semaine*, a literary review of French literature, published weekly in Boston, contains a story by Paul Bourget, with notes and preface also by Professor Van Daell.

At a recent meeting of the Electrical Engineering Society Mr. Newhall spoke on rotary transformers; Mr. Roberts described some electric railway appliances; Mr. Smyser spoke on industrial applications of electrolyses; and Mr. Bishop gave an account of the thermal conductivity of solids.

The English Department wishes the attention of Fourth-year students called to the fact that it is always glad to give advice in regard to the planning, writing, or revising of thesis work. Appointments for consultation will be made upon application at Room 23, Rogers, or in answer to written request.

At the meeting of L'Avenir, held on Wednesday the 16th, Greene was re-elected President, Cannon was elected Vice President, R. W. Bailey, Secretary, Lewis was re-elected Treasurer, and Leeds was elected "membre du conseil d'administration." The following men were elected to membership: L. A. Newell, R. H. Clary, and H. H. Thorndike.

Those interested in gymnasium work are looking anxiously for the improved bathing facilities and measuring machines which the agitation of last spring promised to obtain. The work may have to be done over again, but we ought to have these things, and we shall respectfully but unceasingly endeavor to

convince the Faculty and Corporation of this until some decisive result is reached.

The new officers of the Chicago Club are: C. B. Gillson, '99, President; G. B. Street, '99, Vice President; F. A. Watkins, '99, Secretary; W. J. Angus, '00, Treasurer; D. E. Gray, H. E. Sargent, members of the Executive Committee. The semi-annual term dues of fifty cents were declared due, and the following new members were elected subject to their signing the constitution: L. S. Florshiem, '01; W. M. Rice, '01; H. H. Hewitt, A. B. (Vol. C), '99; J. R. Brownell, '00; F. J. Huse, special; F. B. Wilder, '00; P. R. Brooks, '00; H. E. Sargent, '98.

A class meeting of the '1901 men was held last Friday in Huntington Hall. Brush read the report of the committee appointed to consider the question of an intercollegiate drill. According to this report it is advisable to have a competitive drill of six men from the M. I. T., Brown, and Amherst. The report was accepted, and a committee consisting of the four captains, the major, and Brush, and Freeman was appointed by the Chair to negotiate with Brown and Amherst. A committee consisting of Freeman, Sculley, and Rowe was also appointed to arrange a class dinner. The meeting then adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Society of Arts will be held at the Institute to-night, at 8 P. M. Mr. Henry B. Wood will read a paper on "State, Town, and City Boundaries."

On account of the poor condition of the roads and the inclement weather Tuesday, the B. A. A. cross-country run scheduled for the day was postponed till March 5th. The entry list will be reopened, and kept open till March 3d.

The Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert at Reading last Wednesday evening. The next concert will be at East Weymouth next Thursday.

The students who come from Newburyport, some twenty-three in number, met in Room 22 Rogers, at one last Monday, in order to decide how they could best assure the success of the concert that the Glee Club is to give in Newburyport, on March 17th.

M. I. T. will race Dartmouth in the Boston College meet. A second M. I. T. team will race Battery A. of the militia. Trials for both teams were held last Saturday at Holmes Field. Garrett, Priest, M. W. Hall, and Dutton, were formed into the first team, while Sawyer, Emory, McMasters, and Angus, will compose the second. Garrett made very remarkable time on Saturday, running 390 yds. in $45\frac{2}{3}$ sec.

At the meeting of L'Avenir held last Wednesday, Professor Van Daell gave a most interesting *causerie* on "L'Affaire Dreyfus."

Social Hints and Happenings.

Corporal R. B. Wailey has given several delightful receptions lately to his friends from Wellesley. His rooms were decorated in green and gold, the former being particularly noteworthy.

Dr. H. T. Wyler had cards out for a series of informal "at homes" from 10 to 11 on the various days of last week.

Mr. S. O. Fomawr gave a pleasant little supper to some of his friends at a well-known down town hotel last week. A pleasant surprise was furnished to the guests quite late in the evening by the entrance of several men in fancy costume,—blue coats with brass buttons and helmets. The host himself was so amused at this event that he disappeared through a side window to conceal his merriment.

The ball given by the National Association of Ashmen last Thursday was a great success. Most of the gentlemen present wore dress coats, low cut vests, clean white shirts, and

dark or light ties. Among the ladies Miss Birdie Bud, of Somerville, was conspicuous in a V-shaped corsage cut bias with a Florentine chiffon in old Spanish velvet over green tulle. Miss Ellaline Hotstuff, of South Boston, wore a *suivez-moi* and an *allez-vous-en* with a *pâté de foie gras* effect in the back. The skirt was Marengo organdie gored with beads and ornamented with old Camembert edging.

The latest things in eyeglasses are perfectly circular, and join over the nose by a pin falling gracefully on each side of that organ. They should be worn with a shapeless brown felt hat and a slightly devilish expression.

The conscientious Freshmen work,
To get their lessons tough,
The Juniors flunk, the Sophomores shirk,
But the Seniors, oh, they bluff.

—En.

TRIOLET.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot?"
"Well, that depends, my sonny."
"Now if you're friends are still red-hot
Should auld acquaintance be forgot?"
"Why, what a question? Surely not."
"But if they've lost their money
Should auld acquaintance be forgot?"
"Well, that depends, my sonny."

—En.

VERY EVIDENT.

He stood upon the curbstone
Smoking a cigarette,
Waiting before the stage door
To greet his fair soubrette.
He ne'er before had met her,
But thought he could beguile
Her by his stylish outfit
And his *fin de siècle* tile.
At length the door was opened
Disclosing the pretty maid,
The dude stepped up beside her
And impudently said,
"May I see you home, my fair one,
There are loafers on the street."
"I see there are," she answered,
"I hope no worse to meet."

—Campus.



Correspondence solicited from all who have been connected with the Institute.

'86. Mr. W. L. Church, Course VI., has recently been appointed general superintendent of the lighting department in the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co.

'91. Mr. Frederick T. Snyder, Course VI., is now manager of the Ottawa Gold Milling and Mining Co., of Keewatin, Ontario.

'91. Mr. A. B. Stoddard, Course V., is now with the Chappelle Chemical Co., of Chicago.

'91. Mr. W. H. Weston, Course III., has been made superintendent of the Crow's Nest Mining Co., of Melrose, Nova Scotia.

'92. Mr. Arthur J. Ober, Course I., is the United States Inspector on River and Harbor work in the Newport district.

'92. Mr. Arthur G. Pierce, Course VI., has been promoted to the important position of superintendent of stations of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of Boston.

'92. Mr. Ralph H. Sweetser, Course III., has been raised to superintendent of the Everett Furnace, of Everett, Pa.

'92. Mr. Edward Waterman, Course IX., is the new principal of the Charles Kozminski's School, of Chicago.

'93. Mr. Albert G. Davis, Course VI., has recently been appointed manager of the patent department of the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, N. Y. The position is an unusually responsible and important one for so young a man, and Mr. Davis deserves congratulation on his good fortune.

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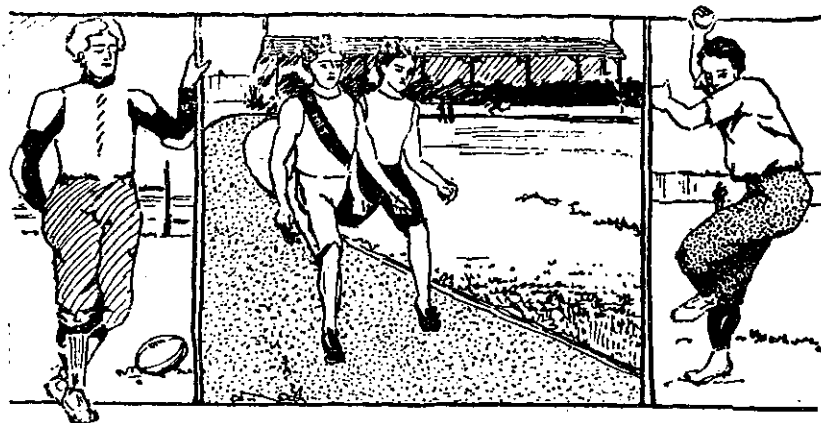
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Everyone who has the slightest interest in athletics should sign the Institute Committee's petition.

At a meeting of the Class of '99, held last week, Haven Sawyer was elected manager of the Class Track team.

A communication just received notifies us of the arrangement of a relay race with Dartmouth at the Boston College Games of the 28th.

Dryer, '99, on whom much was depended in the sprints this spring, has left the Institute. It is said that he will enter Rochester University.

The annual business meeting of the Athletic Association will be held the first week in March. Be prepared to vote intelligently for the board of officers then to be chosen.

President Eliot in his recent report to the trustees says that the general results of athletics at the institution are beneficial, in spite of the overtraining that sometimes occurs.

The "Sportsmen's Show," which will take place in Mechanics Building, March 14-26, will, undoubtedly, be most interesting to all interested in any way in outdoor sports. A feature will be the War Canoe tug-of-war, which will take place in a large tank.

The Roxbury Latin School will use our gymnasium for their annual open meet, in the afternoon of February 22d. A number of our men have entered, and should have a slight advantage, owing to their familiarity

with the gymnasium. Enter with Y. B. Ayer, secretary R. L. S. A. A., Roxbury.

The trials for the relay team to represent Tech. at the Boston College Meet were held Saturday, on Holmes Field. Priest, Hall, Dutton, and Garret secured places on the first team. A second team, composed of Mac Masters, Emery, Sawyer, Gurney, and Angus, will run against a team from Battery A.

A dual meet with Amherst will be held in the spring, probably at Boston. We have here an opportunity to prove the excellence of our athletic standing, and everyone must help. If, as cannot be doubted, our showing is good, immediate attempt will be made to form a permanent dual or triangular league.

"Am I not a wit?"

The budding poet cried.

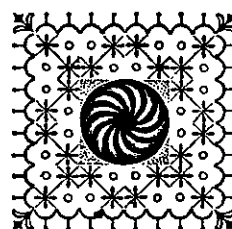
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him and creatures of that ilk, the Lounger can enunciate only certain phrases in "Latin." Yet are there two circumstances which do ordinarily interfere somewhat with the evening's entertainment, namely, the occasional metallic ring in the upper register of the tenor which does remind us of our free gift to the gentleman at the door, and the presence of supers whom we recognize, under indifferent disguise, as our whilom companions of the morning, and who do invariably turn the color of the evening sun and appear hopelessly distressed whenever they see occasion to disfigure the stage. However, notwithstanding these rejoinders, there is yet much real pleasure, obtainable at high cost, in entertainment of this class, and the Lounger will continue to squander his pittance in search of the same so long as the cheerful singers shall continue to visit the neighborhood. This year especially, thanks is due to Mr. G. Washington for making his birthday come within the festive season.

The Lounger is pleased to note that even in the stress of Class-day elections his friends in '98 have not lost the modesty and self-repression which has characterized them since their entrance to the Institute. Upper classmen will remember the extreme difficulty experienced in getting any one to accept the honorable sinecures on the staff of "Technique" two years ago; and the same drama has been re-enacted within the last two weeks. Instead of the usual ambitious struggle on Class-day nominating committees, the only object of the '98 men has been to escape running for office; and forcible means were resorted to in order to obtain a creditable ticket. After the committee disbanded, the authorities of the Class had once more to exercise coercion in order to prevent the self-effacement of the altruistic candidates. A wave of popular indignation, however, asserted the inalienable right of every '98 man to resign from everything. It was, however, useless. These modest Seniors did resign; but, to their chagrin, they were instantly renominated, and in some cases for more important positions than before. Only on election day were the hopes and fears of those concerned all set at rest. There were ruthlessly sacrificed on the altar of public service many of the best and bravest of '98. The Lounger congratulates those who have triumphed after such arduous efforts, and escaped Class-day office; while to the candidates who were elected, in spite of all they could do, he extends his heartfelt sympathy.

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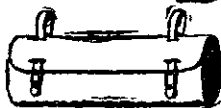
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