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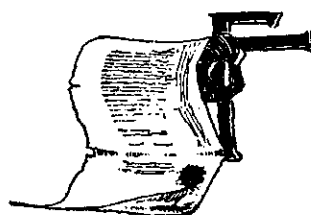
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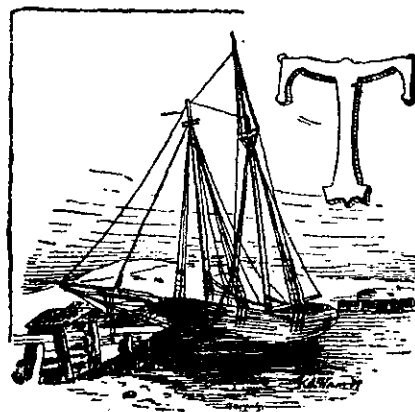


IN accordance with the established custom of THE TECH, the editors take great pleasure in dedicating this number to the Sophomore Class. With the recent "Technique" committee election the Class enters into its part in the larger affairs of the Institute, in whose leadership it will be prominent next year, and it is at this stage in its history that the Class leaders come prominently and forcibly to the front. So far 1900 has been notably free from petty politics, and has possessed a tone of public spiritedness which, we hope, for the better interests of Technology, may never wane. To the Sophomores, therefore, THE TECH

extends its best wishes for the future, sincerely hoping that the enviable record which they have thus far sustained will be upheld to the end.



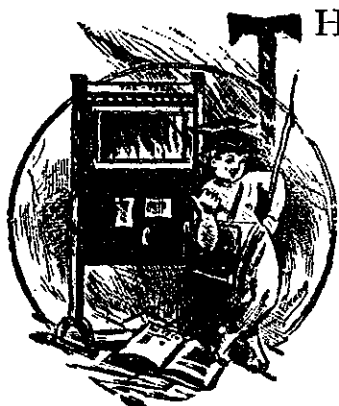
ULL arrangements are being made by the Prom. Committee of '99, and the prospects are very favorable for a pleasant evening. The cards, which are now out, may be obtained of members of the Committee, and it is desirable that every one should get these as soon as possible, so that his order of dances may be arranged in good season. A tea will be given at the Tech. Club in the afternoon, to which all holding Prom. tickets will be invited. The thanks of the College are due to the Committee for all that they have done and are doing to make this chief event of our gala week one to be remembered by all.



THE matter of protecting the bicycles of Technology students has been taken up by the Faculty, together with the Institute Committee. It has been proposed to hire a man to watch the wheels, but this presents the difficulty of entailing considerable expense, which, however, if shared by all the wheelmen, would be a very trifling sum per man. A sub-committee has been appointed from the Institute Committee to obtain the sentiment of the bicycle riders as to whether or not they

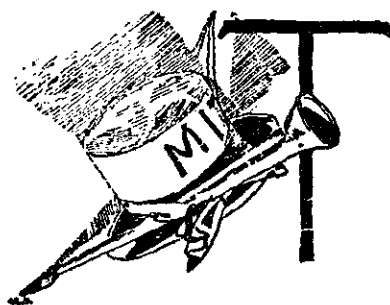
would be willing to pay a small sum monthly for the purpose of hiring a watchman.

The Corporation has offered to stand part of the expense, and in case the plan meets with the approval of the students, additional bicycle racks will be erected. In view of the recent thefts of bicycles from in front of the Institute buildings, the scheme seems to be an excellent one, and deserves the support of every bicycle rider in Tech.



THE TECH is about to inaugurate a new feature, which will take the form of a "calendar" for every day of the week following the day of publication, and stating against each day the events of interest that are to take place on it, such as meetings of different societies, clubs, etc. This feature will be of great convenience to all students, as by looking over it they may see at a glance if anything in which they are interested is going on on any particular day, and they will thus avoid the necessity of continually rushing into Rogers corridor to examine the notices posted there, and which, by the way, the janitor has usually carefully put away just when they are most wanted.

In the making of this "calendar," it is, of course, indispensable to have the collaboration of the secretaries of the different organizations at the Institute. Blanks have, therefore, been prepared, which the secretaries of the different societies can fill out, and may be obtained at THE TECH office, with a statement of what meeting or meetings of their respective societies is or are to take place during the week. These blanks should be left at the Cage before nine o'clock on the morning of the Wednesday preceding publication of THE TECH. This will insure insertion in Thursday's paper.



THE Freshman Battalion, in view of the probability of an intercollegiate competitive drill this spring, or at least an exhibition drill, does not show up as favorably at present as it should. The men have not progressed any too far in the manual, and company drill is still ahead of them. At this time of the College year the '99 battalion, which triumphed over its competitors in the intercollegiate drill of that year, was well into the early battalion maneuvers, and the 1900 battalion, although beaten last May by Brown, was in a very advanced stage of efficiency. The 1901 battalion is a trifle smaller than that of last year; it has a good set of officers, and everything but a little push on the part of the men is in its favor. By adding snap to the orders and movements the work would be improved fifty per cent, and there is no reason why this year's battalion should not be more successful than any which have preceded it, in spite of the misfortune of the battalion of last year. One reason for poor work is that a large number of the men look at drill as a necessary evil to be slouched through by doing as little as possible. The drill and military bearing and knowledge which they acquire are ever useful, and surely no better spirit toward the Institute could be shown than by every man doing good, clean work, and not shirking or loafing.

The Sophomore Dinner.

THE Sophomore Dinner at the Thorndike, on Saturday evening, March 26th, was a most pronounced success from start to finish. The dinner itself was most palatable, and before it was over everyone had entered into the spirit of the occasion. Indeed there was a distinct gain over last year in general good-fellowship.

Between the courses an orchestra helped to pass the time.

The after-dinner speaking was opened by Pres. Lewis Stewart, who, after thanking the class for their co-operation during the past year, introduced the toastmaster for the evening, G. O. Schneller. The latter performed the honors of his office with ease and grace.

All the speeches were of a high order, and were extremely interesting and well received.

B. W. B. Greene's remarks did much to increase the feeling of friendliness and cordiality toward our new President. He emphasized the fact that President Crafts has a very difficult position to fill, and that the students can do much to make his term of office a success, by showing a desire to become personally acquainted with him.

H. M. MacMaster portrayed the prowess of 1900 in all kinds of athletics, and spoke of the good influence which participation in sports has upon men of all degrees.

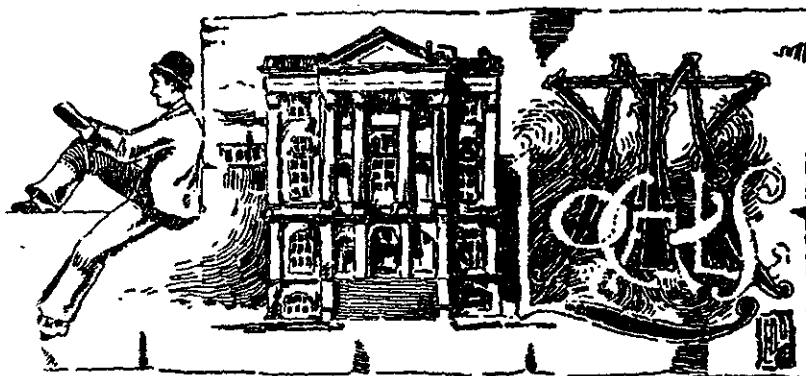
S. C. Sears made an appeal to the men to hold up the integrity and honor of Technology wherever we are. By so doing a higher esteem for Alma Mater will be created, and the movement on foot to create a spirit of enthusiasm for our college will be given a strong and lasting impetus.

F. M. Riley proposed a toast to the ladies. S. P. Brown gave some amusing reminiscences of "Down East;" and the probability of 1900's "Technique," eclipsing all previous issues was set forth by C. M. Leonard.

The eccentricities of "Our Profs," were dwelt upon by A. V. Möller, and the fact that 1900 no longer were Freshmen, but had surrendered the position to a new and unsophisticated class, was discussed by H. H. Howe.

The toasts were interspersed by several solos by P. R. Zeigler, which added greatly to the pleasure of the evening.

After the formal toasts were finished, informal story telling was enjoyed for nearly an hour, and the dinner broke up with rousing cheers for 1900 and Technology.



Captain Bigelow desires two more buglers for the field music.

The first theatre rehearsal of "The Magistrate" was held last Monday evening.

The Industrial Chemistry Class visited the Malden Gas Works last Thursday.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the new building, and the foundations are now in the ground.

At a recent meeting of the Mining Engineering Society Professor Lodge spoke on Mining Law before a large audience.

Candidates for graduation this year are invited to consult the Secretary in regard to possible deficiencies in their records.

Professor Despradelles intends to have the Senior Architects begin the finished drawings for their thesis, during the first week in April.

The Freshmen in the Mandaman Club have elected their officers as follows: Chief, Rockwood; Medicine Man, Bickford; Chief's Daughter, Wesson.

Cadets wishing to practice the manual individually may do so at the Armory between 9 A. M. and 6 P. M. The armorer will provide rifles on application.

Entries for the cross-country run of Saturday should be made with G. C. Winslow, Jr., '99, not later than 4 o'clock, Friday. The run will start promptly at 2.45.

At the last meeting of the Chemical Society papers were presented by Mrs. Ellen H. Richards on "The Cycle of Nitrogen and the Chemical Changes Involved," and by Dr. S. P. Mulliken on "The Chemistry of Methylenes."

The first lecture in the Military Engineering Course will be on April 6, at eleven o'clock, in 26 Rogers. This subject is an option for second-year Civil Engineers, and will consist of lectures, problems, and one day in the field.

"Nine feet, thirteen inches," announced the President of the Athletic Association at the games last Friday, in giving the result of the high jump. The audience looked startled and the dignified official rattled, as he hurriedly corrected his mistake.

At the meeting of L'Avenir held on Wednesday, March 23d, President Greene read Daudet's "Le Sous-préfet aux Champs." It was voted that a French play be given under the auspices of L'Avenir during the Junior Week of '98-99. E. F. Lawrence was elected member of the society.

If 1900 does not have a winning baseball team this year it will not be for lack of practice in actual games. Manager Osgood has arranged a larger number of games than usual with strong teams, but with faithful work and the nucleus of last season's team to start on, the Sophomores ought to repeat last year's victories.

The officers of the Mechanical Engineering Society for the coming year are: President, D. C. Churchill, '99; Vice President, L. W. Riddle, '99; Secretary and Treasurer, J. K. Clark, '99; Executive Committee, the officers and F. M. Blake, '99, and A. Loomis, '99. As Mr. H. A. Fiske, '91, was obliged to go South for his health, he was unable to address the Society on Wednesday.

Mr. Florsheim, the Manager of the Freshman Baseball team, has made arrangements for the following games: Malden High School, April 9th; Roxbury High School, April 13th; Framingham High School, April 19th; Newton High School, April 20th; Tufts Freshmen, April 23d; Cambridge High and Latin, April 27th; Groton School, April 30th; Harvard Freshmen, May 4th. Several more

games are being arranged for. The following men have already begun practicing for the team: Woods, Leeds, Sheppard, Maxson, Harmsfield, Miller, Whilder, Woodhull, H. White, F. White, Lane, Paine, Whiting, Coleman, Roe, and Harly.

There is being designed for the Engineering Laboratory an impact testing machine on a large scale for testing car axles and iron beams, transversely under impact and straight specimens in compression under impact. The machine is built something like a pile driver with a hammer of 500 pounds, and a maximum drop of about eight feet. The principal casting will weigh between twenty-four and twenty-six thousand pounds. A machine is also being designed for, repeated stress in direct tension and compression, which will have a capacity of 100,000 pounds. The stress will be applied in tension and compression alternately at the rate of 60 turns per minute, accurate measurements being taken in the meantime by micrometer readings.

An interesting piece of thesis work is being done in the Engineering Laboratory on the durability of different forms of brake shoes. An apparatus will be rigged by which pressure applied to the brakes while the wheels are revolving can be accurately measured; the apparatus will be run continuously for a number of days, and the wear of the wheel and shoe noted. It is estimated that with one set running at the speed of about 60 turns per minute about 75 horse power will be consumed. A new friction brake for measuring and absorbing power has just been delivered by the Taunton Locomotive Works, after a year's work. The brake is capable of taking up 100 horse power, makes 200 revolutions per minute, and weighs about 5,000 pounds. The brake wheel is about 5 feet in diameter, 15 inches face, and has a coil of pipe imbedded in the rim of the wheel within half an inch of the upper circumference. The water used for cooling the brake passes through this copper tube and out through a hollow shaft.

The Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs have announced their purpose to appropriate any profits from their annual spring concert, for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

At the first meeting of the 1900 "Technique" Electoral Committee, S. C. Sears was elected Chairman and C. M. Leonard, Secretary. S. G. H. Fitch, W. J. Angus, and H. M. McMaster were appointed to draw up rules to govern the procedure of the committee. A second meeting was held yesterday.

The ticket arrangements for the spring concert of the Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs will be as follows: Prices, thirty-five and seventy-five cents. Seventy-five cent seats are reserved, and tickets have a coupon attached which will admit to the dance to be given after the concert. The thirty-five cent seats are also reserved, but do not admit to the dance. The sale will commence April 7th, at 12 M., in Rogers corridor. Tickets for the dance will be limited, and can only be obtained by the presentation of an invitation, which may be obtained from members of the Clubs.

The meeting of the Debating Society held on Tuesday proved the most successful yet, as the question relating to the injury brought to seaboard towns by foreign war is of great interest just at present. After a heated debate the judges decided that the damage done to seaboard towns would not be great enough to make those who declared war criminally responsible. The subject for the next debate is, Resolved, That if Cuba obtains her independence from Spain, the United States should annex Cuba. The speakers are R. C. De Wolfe, '00, and M. Davenport, '00, in the affirmative; and O. G. Luyties, '00, and S. W. St. Clair, '01, in the negative.

To bring about uniformity in strength tests the physical directors of fifteen colleges and universities at a meeting Dec. 31, 1897, in New York, agreed to a system submitted by

a committee of which Dr. Sargent was chairman. The agreement will not go into effect until Oct. 1, 1898. Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Princeton, and Cornell are among the fifteen colleges and universities which have entered into this agreement, and others will be admitted. The strength tests to be used in making up the total strength of any individual are: Strength of back, of legs, of right forearm, of left forearm, of lungs, or one twentieth of the capacity of the lungs, of upper arms (triceps) and chest, and of upper arms (biceps) and back. The apparatus and methods for making the tests are practically those which Harvard has used for a number of years. There is one danger connected with the whole affair. While the new system may help to raise the strength average by arousing more general interest in the tests, it may lead to exaggeration of individual work at the expense of the athletic teams.

Technology Calendar.

Thursday, March 31.—Walker Club meet at Tech. Club, 8 P. M.; Professor Burton to speak. Glee Club rehearsal, Huntington Hall, 1.05.

Friday, April 1—Y. M. C. A., 26 R., 4.10, "The Rich Man and Lazarus."

Saturday, April 2.—Gun Club, Wellington. Hare and Hounds at Riverside; 2.30 train at Columbus Avenue.

Monday, April 4.—Tech. Board in office at 1.

Tuesday, April 5.—Glee Club rehearsal, Huntington Hall, 1.05 P. M. Die Gesellschaft, noon, 24 Walker; Professor Dippold to speak.

Wednesday, April 6.—Military Engineering course, first lecture, 26 R., at 11; also French play. Meeting of all those wishing to take part at the Bernard Phonological School, 157 Tremont Street, 4 P. M.

Thursday, April 7.—Glee Club rehearsal, Huntington Hall, 1.05.

We don't want to buy your dry goods,
We don't like you any more,
You'll be sorry when you see us
Going to some other store.
You can't sell us any shirt waists,
Four in hands, or other fads,
We don't want to buy your dry goods
If you won't give us your ads.

—Ex.

A Sophomore Adventure.

How he got into the room he didn't know. Which room it was he didn't know. He had been in all the rooms of Rogers, but, somehow, this was unfamiliar. There were many people in there, and a recitation seemed to be in progress. "A lecture," thought the Sophomore; "I'll stay and take it in."

He sat down, and as he did so, noticed a young man, with long, very long, arms and legs, a dark complexion, hook-like fingers, and black, piercing eyes, who was arguing with a person so old that the Sophomore decided that he was the patriarch of the assembly.

The younger man, casting a triumphant glance about the room, said to his listener: "You have denied the creation of matter; you have scoffed at the destruction of force; and it now becomes my task to prove them to you. 'Tis a long and mathematical proof, so watch me closely lest you miss it."

He went to a large chart, and drawing as he spoke, continued: "There is a symbol, thus, 0, called zero, which represents nothing: absence of anything?"

"Yes," came the old man's reply.

"And there is another symbol, this, ∞ , called infinity, which represents everything."

"Yes."

"And, further, this combination, $-\infty$, represents minus infinity; not only nothing, but everything less than nothing."

"True."

"Then the combination may be better represented thus, $0 - \infty$."

"Certainly, it may, if necessary."

"Now, from these truths, may we not admit the truth of this, $\infty - \infty = 0$?"

"We may."

"Then, as that is true, and the equation $0 - \infty = -\infty$ is identical with it, we can substitute in the latter our value for 0, and say that $\infty - \infty - \infty = -\infty$."

"Granted."

"And this may be simplified to $\infty - 2\infty = -\infty$."

"Agreed."

"Let us then perform the simple operation of division by $-\infty$, and we shall have

$\frac{\infty}{-\infty} - \frac{2\infty}{-\infty} = \frac{-\infty}{-\infty}$ or when reduced $-1 + \infty = 1$; or, if thus simplified by transposition, $\infty = 2$."

The old man said nothing, but inscribed abstruse calculations upon his cuff in Greek characters. The young man now, pointing to a gray-bearded octogenarian, who was drawing numberless spirals backward and forward around two co-ordinates, exclaimed: "And see,—there, it is proven by radial revolution that $-\infty = \infty$!"

"'Tis true!" murmured the patriarch, visibly agitated, while the poor Sophomore, mentally bruised, foresaw the approach of something calamitous.

"Then," said the fanatic at the chart, "if $\infty = -\infty$, by transposition $\infty + \infty = 0$."

The old man feebly tried to speak, but the younger one continued hurriedly: "So, now we learn that $\infty + \infty = 0$; but, since we already had that $\infty - \infty = 0$, we get by subtraction $2\infty = 0$, and since it is proven that $\infty = 2$, we have $4 = 0$. So, fix any standard you like, and I will make an infinite number of anything equal but two measures of that thing. Thus may I destroy force. Again, give me your standard, name any substance, and I will make 0 measures of it equal to 4. Thus will I create matter!"

The patriarch looked weak, but the demon didn't notice it, and he continued faster and faster.

"And, also, if $\infty - \infty = 0$, and $\infty + \infty = 0$, as above, then subtraction gives us $-2\infty = 0$. But then, so we have $\infty - 2\infty = \infty - 0$, and we know that $\infty - 2\infty = 0 - \infty$; then the two right-hand terms are equal, and $\infty - 0 = 0 - \infty$. And that——"

But this last so resembled a diagram of the chemistry structure of an organic molecule

that the Sophomore gave a great shriek of despair and anguish, and awaking, found himself lying on the great stone balustrade outside of Rogers. The cigarette in his mouth was still lighted. "Well," said he, getting up, "chemistry is good for something, after all; for if I hadn't waked up he'd been disintegrating me next." And, even although he was a Y. M. C. A. member, he swore—that he would smoke cigarettes no more.

"T—Y."

COMMUNICATIONS.

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

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

There seems to be some erroneous ideas in regard to the organization and objects of the M. I. T. Hare and Hounds Club. I would consider it a favor if you would publish this letter of information.

Any student at the Institute is eligible to membership, and may become a member on payment of his dues and a fixed monthly assessment. This assessment is small, merely enough to provide a fund for hiring dressing rooms, and any surplus goes toward the prizes offered in the championship run in the spring.

The Club is not an organization for the benefit of crack runners only. Aside from the consequent excellent training and experience, the runs are held solely for pleasure. Those men who are attracted to the sport, but fear to come on the runs from lack of experience, should remember this.

All men interested are cordially invited to join the Club and come out on any or all of the runs. If they fall behind or feel unable to finish with the rest, they will not be abandoned. I wish to state positively that in such a case some one or two of the old and experienced hounds will be detailed to help along or return home with any straggler. After a couple of runs most new men have succeeded, without difficulty, in keeping up and finishing.

The trails are on an average about seven miles long, and are usually laid in some of the suburbs of the city; e. g., Chestnut Hill, Newton, Riverside, Milton, Belmont, etc.

All questions will gladly be answered by old or

present members of the Club, or, if addressed to me, Box 113 "Cage."

Come out and try a run. The country is fine now. "The more, the merrier."

J. H. BATCHELLER,
Temporary Sec'y-Treas. and Manager.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

All Technology students who care to take part in the French Play, to be given during Junior Week of next year, are requested to meet at the rooms of the Bernard Phonological School, 175 Tremont Street, on Wednesday next (April 6th), at 4.15 P. M.

BERTRAM W. B. GREENE,
Chairman of Committee of Arrangements.

M. I. T. Open Handicap Games.

THE open games at the Gymnasium last Friday night had no surprising features either agreeable or otherwise. The number of entries was small, about forty, and the number of spectators was, proportionally, even smaller. Mr. Briggs, '81, and Mr. Hibbard, '75, of the Advisory Council were present, and expressed a hearty interest in the games. The events were run off quite acceptably, and, with the exception of the pole vault, quickly, owing partly to the small number of contestants. The winners of the events are as follows:—

35-YARD NOVICE.

First, Julius Nolte, M. I. T.; second, R. W. Archibald, B. H. S.; third, F. M. Burke, Newburyport, H. S. Time, $4\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

40-YARD HIGH HURDLES.

First, J. F. Wentworth, M. I. T., 4 ft.; second, T. P. Curtis, B. A. A., scratch; third, R. R. Rumery, H. A. A., 5 ft. Time, $5\frac{3}{4}$ sec.

SHOT PUT.

First, E. S. Hopkins, S. B. A. A. ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ft.), 40 ft. $4\frac{1}{4}$ in.; second, D. J. McCarty (3 ft.), 38 ft. $2\frac{3}{8}$ in.; third, W. W. Coe, Hopkinson, scratch, 38 ft. $2\frac{3}{8}$ in.

HIGH JUMP.

First, W. E. Putnam, M. I. T., scratch, 5 ft. $10\frac{1}{2}$ in.; second, F. K. Baxter, M. I. T., $\frac{1}{2}$ in.; third, H. E. Smith, Newburyport H. S., $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.

35-YARD HANDICAP.

First, G. P. Burch, M. I. T., 1 ft.; second, R. W. Archi-

bald, B. H. S., 3 ft.; third, F. M. Burke, Newburyport H. S., 3 ft. Time, $4\frac{2}{5}$ sec.

POTATO RACE.

First, F. W. Sweeny, C. G. A. A., scratch; second, E. J. Sweeny, 23 ft. penalty; third, disqualified. Time, $33\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

POLE VAULT.

First, A. W. Payne, M. I. T. (5 in.), 10 ft. 3 in.; second, R. S. Shepard, M. I. T. (4 in.), 9 ft. 10 in.; third, E. S. Chapin, M. I. T., scratch, 9 ft. 8 in.



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

'75. Mr. W. F. Sargent, Course I., is now the Manager of the Atlantic Refrigerating Company, in Springfield, Mass.

'78. Mr. Wm. B. Allbright, Course V., is the Manager of the refineries of Swift & Co., at the Union Stock Yards, in Chicago.

'91. Mr. E. B. Bird and Mr. J. B. Haselton, of '96, have illustrated the "Olla Podrida," the '98 college annual of Wesleyan University, and, also, they have illustrated the '98 volume of the "Blue and Gold," of the University of California.

'95. Mr. W. D. Bliss, Course IV., has accepted a responsible position with the New England Coke Co., which is being organized at Everett, Mass. This is the first introduction of their method in New England, and will be operated on a very large scale.

'97. Mr. A. L. Parsons, Course I., is in the office of the Metropolitan Water Board at Clinton, Mass.

'97. Mr. B. A. Loveland, Course I., has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Water Board, to be stationed at Clinton, Mass.



Those interested in the formation of a Technology Canoe Club should give their names to Heckle, '99, or Samuels, '99.

Payne's good work in the pole vault at the open games was a most agreeable surprise. He is a Winchester High School boy and has competed in the suburban interscholastic.

A proposal has just been received from Amherst to set the date of the dual meet at April 30th. At any event, it will be held very near that date, and training should begin very soon.

H. L. Morse, '99, and G. C. Winslow, Jr., '99, resigned from their offices in the Hare and Hounds, and there were elected Campbell, '99, temporary Captain, and Batcheller, 1900, temporary Secretary-Treasurer.

If interested alumni could understand how great a moral encouragement they give by being present at games, as were Messrs. Briggs and Hibbard last Friday, I feel sure that the attendance would be much larger.

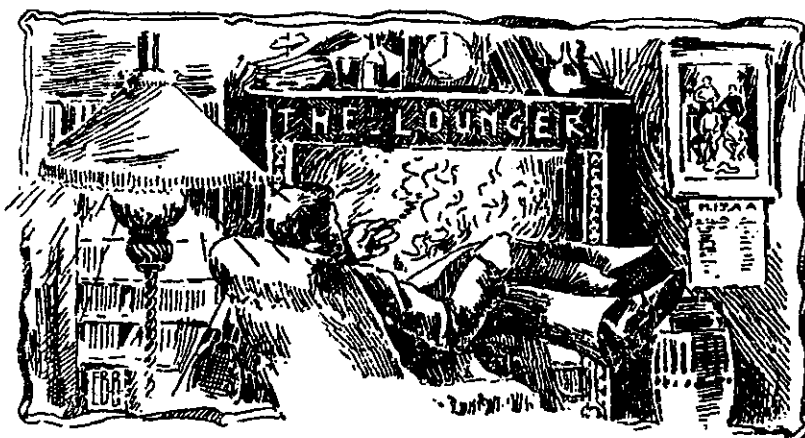
At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the M. I. T. A. A., last week, it appeared that all favored sending a team to Philadelphia for the relay carnival April 30th, but the expense would be so great that it probably cannot be done.

Outdoor work was commenced this week by track and field men. The track on Irvington Oval has been put into shape for work, and Mr. Graham, of the B. A. A., will be on hand every afternoon to coach the men. Men desiring to enter games later in the season will find it to their advantage to commence training at once.

The cross-country run, postponed from last fall, came off Saturday. Eight men entered, seven of whom finished in good time. Campbell, '99, won, breaking the former Tech. record by $58\frac{3}{5}$ secs. The men finished in the following order: First, Campbell, '99, 27 min. 58 secs.; second, Pray, '99, 28 min. $1\frac{4}{5}$ secs.; third, Dearden, '01, 30 min. $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.; fourth, Emerson, '00, 30 min. 1 sec.; fifth, Gray, '00, 31 min. 6 secs.; sixth, Suter, '00, 31 min. 9 secs.; seventh, Morse, '99, 36 min. 26 secs.; eighth, Peterson, '00.

It now appears that the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes will not accept the compromise offered by the A. A. U., and will present a counter proposition somewhat in the nature of a defiance. It is claimed that college athletes will insist that any student, a member in good standing of any one of the associated colleges, and entered by that college in any athletic meeting, open or closed, shall be entitled to competition without registration. The justice of such a demand is self-evident to all. The colleges are as care-

ful in preserving the amateur standing of the students as the A. A. U., and more so. The sooner that registration scheme is put underground the better for all parties, and especially so for the A. A. U.



RECENTLY, in looking over the columns of THE TECH, the Lounger's eye stopped on a familiar paragraph announcing, in a few well-chosen words, that the annual cross-country run would take place Saturday. Still, as he had read the same announcement in many previous issues, he languidly suggested to his friend, the Athletic Editor, that the addition of "positively the last appearance" might add piquancy to the joke.

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However, on the appointed day the Lounger betook himself to Exeter Street, arriving, much to his surprise, in time to see another Tech. record ruthlessly smashed, and to join with the other onlookers in the thunder of applause that always follows on such occasions. Several moments later he saw the Athletic Editor breathlessly cross the line, and, making a way through the dense wall of spectators, disappear on his way to the dressing room. Late in the afternoon the Lounger descended to look for his friend. Opening the gymnasium door, he noticed a very perceptible bluish tinge in the atmosphere, characteristic in the presence of high-frequency discharges of expletives not used, to put it mildly, in the presence of ladies. A glance showed the Lounger his friend clad in raiment that, so far as it went, was irreproachable, but, since it lacked the conventional article of cover for the nether limbs, it gave to the wearer the appearance of a South African Hottentot, rather than the dignified repose that should grace the person of the President of our Athletic Association and Vice President of the Advisory Council on Athletics.

The garment in question had disappeared. A long search, carried on with a diligence born of desperation, revealed no trace of the missing vestments. The day slowly waned; the sun sank into the west. The situation became serious. A plan of campaign was decided on. Under cover of the approaching darkness, it was arranged that the unfortunate athlete should sally forth from the eastern gateway, and, closely surrounded by his friends, make one desperate dash for the nearest tailor. At this point another prominent '99 athlete and member of the before mentioned Advisory Council came in from a baseball game, and, unlocking his locker, which adjoins the sporting editor's, proceeded to gown himself in purple and fine linen. But to his consternation he drew forth not one, but two pairs of trousers.

It is understood that the matter is being hushed up and that friends of the principals will endeavor to keep the affair out of the papers. However, as challenged party, the choice of weapons belongs to the baseball man.

Clearly the canine tribe have right to demand indemnity from our gracious authorities of Technology, the latter being unable to protect the persons of said canines when within the precincts of our Institute. Such, at least, the Lounger believes, are the dictates

of international law. And for *casus belli* have they not far to go. For on Thursday last one of the most gentle and benevolent of these creatures was forcibly blown up, and that, too, by external agency, unless all circumstantial evidence belie. The court of inquiry, consisting of the Lounger, was immediately appointed by the esteemed writer of these columns. Needless to say, the search for truth has been most thorough, but up to the time of going to press, the report had not been received. In consequence, must we content ourselves with a cursory review of the facts of the case.

Between the hours of twelve and six, as the Lounger was standing rapt in thought, in the front of Rogers corridor, there suddenly appeared a dog upon the threshold. Certainly he could not properly be included in that large and aristocratic class who do ordinarily spend the better part of their days in piloting the more timid of our ladies about the Boston pavement. With greater accuracy, perhaps, he would be described as one of those unfortunate animals, half "yaller" and half just dog, with a bar sinister on his family escutcheon which entitles him to the name of cur. Howbeit, this gentle creature, following the instincts of his kind, and hungry with the load of many weeks' fasting on his stomach, did sniff out and make directly for the apartments of our esteemed professor of Wormology. The door being ajar, the Lounger was able for a moment to follow the rapidly disappearing tail, as it entered thoughtlessly in, bearing all before it, thereby fulfilling the office of wags in general. Hastily the door was closed behind, and then, as perhaps, too late, the creature saw his error,—came sounds too terrible to describe, shrieks of pain and cries for quarter. Then deep silence, during which, undoubtedly, the assiduous students took both pain and quarters, for an hour later, as the Lounger repassed the neighborhood, he was able to discover but a very small fraction of the beast (*e. g.*, tail and ear) descending the stairway leading to our lunch room, in a basket! Yet are we told, on authority, that even this fraction did not escape the fulfillment of a certain duty, and on reading the familiar sign of "hash" on the next day's bill of fare, the Lounger is willing to accept the statement without discussion, he having already discussed the article itself on the day above mentioned. Such, indeed, were the facts; is it not a case for armed intervention? To treat a mere pacifico in such impolite manner, to say the least, is not modern warfare, but more closely resembles medicine.

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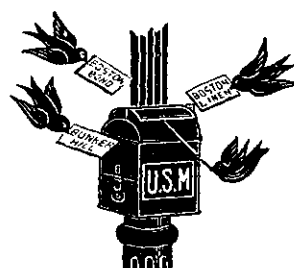
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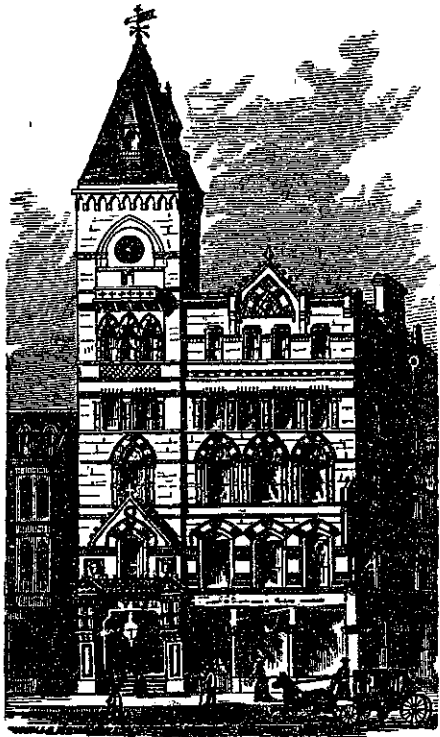
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