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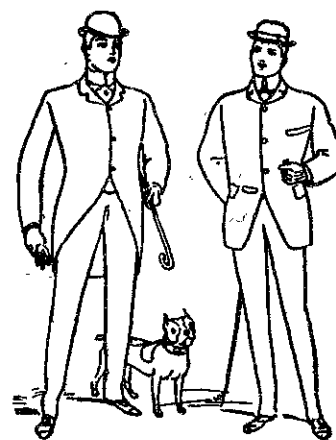
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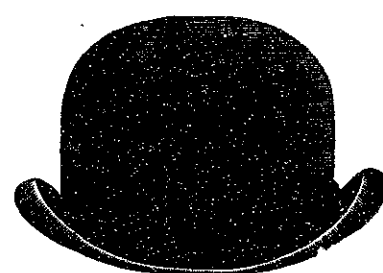
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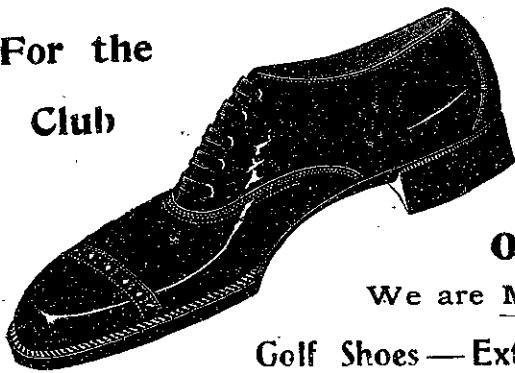
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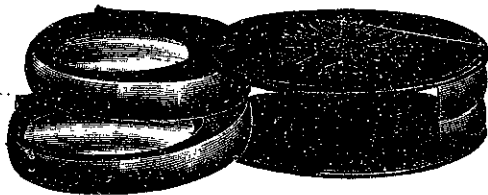
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Editors' Note.

We were exceedingly sorry not to print any Lounger last week. The Lounger was much disgruntled when he looked in our last issue and found that no space had been allowed for the expression of his invaluable discourses and words of wisdom. As a matter of fact so much happened at the Institute last week that all the available space was required for its tabulation.



THE decision of the Sophomore Class in refusing to support a baseball team this spring is unfortunate in that it is premature. It appears that Dr. Pritchett favors

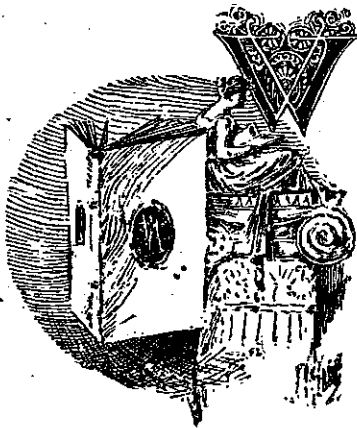
baseball among the lower classes at the Institute, if played under certain specified conditions. Therefore, as the matter stood, those voting against the continuance of baseball opposed the informally expressed opinion of The Faculty, while those in favor of supporting a team directly antagonized the wishes of the Advisory Council. Neither of these positions comes into the province of the students at the Institute. Although delay at this season of the year is objectionable to the organization of a team, the subject should have been allowed to rest until Faculty and Advisory Council arrived at some definite conclusion, the class then concurring with this decision. As it now is, after a short and heated discussion, the class voted not to support a team this year, with the result that a large portion of the class is dissatisfied. The justice of such dissatisfaction must be allowed, because of the lack of thoroughness with which the subject was treated. Dignity, and above all, deliberation, should be the foremost characteristics of the class meetings.



HILE the spirit of rivalry exhibited at the Freshman dinner may be gratifying from one point of view, the result of the Sophomores enterprise, if it is worthy of that name, can but reflect upon the management of the Dinner Committee.

In the first place, their interest was evidently not great enough to arrange for

the customary competition for the cover design, a fact to be regretted, as such a course has come to be a recognized custom at the Institute. Then, besides, it would seem that even a small amount of attention to their duties would have revealed the fact to the Committee that the type-set form had been changed by the Sophomores. A committee's duty to a class is a serious thing and if men are willing to assume that duty the class should hold them responsible for the fulfillment of the same.



WITH this week's TECH is printed matter relating to the Annual Spring Concert, and as the system of placing the seats on sale is somewhat changed from that of former years, those interested in the concert

will be glad of this information. While we are looking forward to the three events in the dramatic line which are to take place this Spring at the Institute, it is well to remember the Spring Concert and Dance which has always held an important place in the happenings of Junior week. This year no pains are being spared to make this concert fully equal to those of the past, and as these have been of a high quality, THE TECH looks forward to a very satisfactory and successful performance this year, and it is hoped the demand for seats will be satisfactory.

HUNTER — Hello, Bill, going to the German Play?

RYE — No, I'm sick of these Dutch Comedian acts.

The Junior Week issue of "The Tech" will contain criticisms of 1902 Technique.

1904 Class Dinner.



THE Freshman Class held their first annual dinner last Saturday evening at the Hotel Thorndike. Unlike most affairs of this kind, interest did not lag during the hour or two previous to the time set for the dinner. For the first time in many years some few members of the Sophomore class interfered with the arrangements of the dinner

committee, and endeavored to make the affair as unpleasant as possible for the Freshmen. It was the intention of the Sophomore contingent to have used a menu made up according to their own ideas, and to forcibly prevent the President of the class and the speakers on the toast list from being present at the dinner. The former intention was successfully carried out. The menus used had printed on the cover: "Victorious Sophomores," "Class of 1903," "Thorndike," "March 30, 1901." The toast list was also somewhat mixed up. Their latter intention, however, of forcibly detaining the speakers, was fortunately discovered in time, the persons in question warned, and escorted to the hotel by several of their classmates. The gloom occasioned by the substitution of the false menus was counterbalanced by the foiling of the plans against the speakers, so the dinner itself passed off very enjoyably, perhaps more so than if there had been no excitement previously.

President Homer opened the after dinner speaking by making a few well-timed remarks on the Class of '04, after which he introduced Mr. H. W. Bull, the toastmaster of the evening. Mr. Bull demonstrated his capabilities for that position and kept the interest where it should be, during the remainder of the evening.

J. W. Cobb gave an interesting prophesy on

"The Freshies Future at Tech." Fulton Crary spoke on "Athletics," and laid deserved stress on the share which the Freshman class must assume in the upbuilding of athletics at the Institute.

B. Blume spoke on "Our Missing Classmates." Much to the joy of the Freshmen, this toast did not have a significance it might have had, if the Sophomore schemes had been successful. As it was the "Missing Classmates" were able to be present and hear the speech themselves.

The "toasting" was well finished by excellent addresses by Messrs. R. T. Spamer on "Our New President," and Mr. Gould on "Ancient History." During the evening a subscription to the amount of one hundred and seventy dollars was raised for the Walker Memorial Fund. This is very nearly the amount similarly reached by the Sophomores at their dinner. A smaller subscription was also taken for the support of the baseball team.

Among the sixty-four present were: Messrs. C. S. Homer, C. S. Rodgers, P. Smith, J. W. Cobb, T. Wakefield, S. A. Macluny, H. W. Bull, E. Harrah, C. C. Sperry, D. B. Bary, B. Blume, J. G. Metcalf, G. Powell, Downes, F. A. Pirie, D. F. Dow, P. T. Sullivan, F. A. Cobb, G. Bouscaren, H. W. Lackman, F. Crary, J. H. Harnet, M. F. Kerr, R. F. Spamer, A. F. Kemper, R. D. Patterson, H. W. Sherrill, M. E. Weaver.

Dinner of the Miners.

The dinner of the Mining Engineering Society, held at the United States Hotel on the evening of March 28th, well deserved the success that it scored as being a most enjoyable occasion. Thirty-two enthusiastic members were gathered round the festive board, and though the talk of the evening was at times of a serious and scholarly tendency, fun and cheer, too, had their place in abundance.

Louis S. Cates, president of the Junior Class, presided as toastmaster over the post-prandial exercises. The toast list of the evening was opened by Frank D. Rash, president of the society, in an able and well-delivered address. Francis K. Baxter, the senior class marshal, next spoke on "Fussers" in a humorous vein that was greeted with rounds of applause. "Caves and Coves Around Tech," by Caspar A. Schmidt, abounded in clever hits on the "Miners." The formal speeches of the evening were concluded by interesting and reminiscent tales of the "Summer School of 1900," by Charles I. Auer. Music by Eric W. Bailey and Paul E. Chalifoux added considerably to the life of the dinner, and almost everyone present had some clever story to relate.

Those present were: Louis S. Cates, Frank D. Rash, Paul E. Chalifoux, C. F. Green, A. Healey, G. B. Manson, Otis I. Godfrey, Frank D. Rathbun, Eric W. Bailey, Robert White, Jr., James F. Pell, Henry C. Marcus, Arthur J. Eveland, D. F. Haley, John Boyle, Jr., L. B. Wilder, W. W. Welch, W. W. Garret, E. P. Fleming, O. S. Stockman, H. A. Stiles, F. H. Sexton, A. H. Sawyer, W. H. Comins, B. McKechnie, E. W. Knight, C. H. Sisson, E. Madero, Frank K. Baxter, Charles I. Auer, K. Asano and J. B. Simon.

Success of the Tech Show.

The phenomenal demand for tickets for the Tech Show guarantees for it this year a far greater success than has been scored by either of its predecessors. Indeed it is no small feather in the cap of college students to originate in America parts in an opera written by so famous a pair of authors as those of "Pinafore" and the "Pirates." That the public is realizing that the Tech students can put forth a production that is well worthy of their support, and that they can give a play that will vie with any professional performance, is admirably shown by

the widespread applications for seats that have already been received by the management.

The central incident of the "Grand Duke," that is sure to create intense interest, is in the nature of a new form of duel called "statutory." By a truly Gilbertian device, two gentlemen, each of whose existence is an offence to the other, can fight a duel under proper legal supervision with a pack of playing cards, each drawing one to the appropriate accompaniment of elaborately tremolo music. The drawer of the lowest card is promptly pronounced permanently dead to the world, and his widow and heirs proceed to the settlement of his estates. Several gentlemen in the opera successively become victims of the Statutory Duel, with Gilbertian results, amatory and otherwise. This leading feature of the show is to be admirably delineated in attractively designed posters that will shortly be produced for Boston's gaze.

The roster of the show's management for the present year is now complete and comprises Allen Winter Rowe, General Manager; James Bradford Laws, Stage Director; Kent Tillinghast Stow, Business Manager; William Jason Mixter, Assistant Stage Director, and Robert White, Jr., Press Manager.

The Spring Concert and Dance.

The annual concert by the Musical Clubs will be held in Paul Revere Hall, Wednesday evening, April 24th. The distribution of tickets will be conducted according to the scheme of last year, as follows:—

1st. Tickets to the concert and dance will be sold only to holders of certificates. Each certificate is exchangeable for one ticket on payment of one dollar at the regular sale of seats. Tickets for the concert alone do not require certificates and may be procured at the public sale April 16th.

2nd. Certificates may be obtained only of club members. As each member of the clubs

has at his disposal but five certificates, it is evident that early application is essential to procuring tickets.

3rd. The choice of seats will be regulated in the usual way, and priority of application for certificates does not guarantee preferment in the reserving of seats.

4th. The purchaser of one-dollar tickets to the concert is entitled to an equal number of dance tickets.

As the demand for tickets is always large and the supply limited it will be well for all to carefully note the foregoing rules so as to avoid all confusion. The management will be pleased to give any required information.

Class Day Committees.

At the last meeting of the Class Day Committee the following sub-committees were formed. Committee on finance: Holmes, Chairman; Baxter, Bickford, Coburn, Garrett, Lawrence, Perry, Murray, Seaver, Walcott. Committee on decoration: Baxter, Maxson, Florsheim. Committee on engraving: Baxter, Higgins, St. Clair.

The matter of wearing caps and gowns at Class Day had been referred to President Pritchett for advice. He reported that as such a move on the part of the students would necessitate the same move on the part of the Faculty, it did not seem advisable. The Faculty do not wish to wear caps and gowns, feeling that the high position of Technology warrants a more civilized mode of dress.

Civil Engineering Society.

The Civil Engineering Society met on March 29th. Mr. Lamot duPont, '01, spoke on the topic, "Reconstruction of Bridges in Service," and Mr. G. E. Russell, '00, on "Steel Dams." The date of the annual dinner to be held at the United States Hotel has been changed from April 10th to April 9th.

President Pritchett's Washington Trip.

The Washington Society of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in conjunction with the Alumni from Baltimore and Norfolk, tendered President Pritchett a reception Saturday evening at the Cairo, at which ladies were also present. Later in the evening light refreshments were served followed by President Pritchett, bearing on the Walker Memorial and also by Col. C. D. Wright and Mr. Henry McFarland. Secretary Long and Senator Lodge were unable to be present. The reception formed a most pleasant opportunity for the President to meet the Alumni. Monday morning he attended a meeting of the Light House Board of which he is still a member.

Athletic Association Election.

The Athletic Association held its annual election of officers last Friday.

Richard L. Frost, '02, was elected president of the association. He is the present captain of the track team and has been in close touch with athletics ever since he entered the Institute. George T. Seabury, '02, was elected vice-president, and Robert A. Pope, '02, and G. D. Wilson, '03, treasurer and secretary, respectively. Both Pope and Wilson have played on the football team and have done some work on the track.

Gilbert H. Gleason, '03, will be next year's manager of the track team and C. A. Sawyer, '02, will act as the association's representative to the Advisory Council.

1903 Class Meeting.

The Sophomore Class met on March 29th with an unusually large attendance. The following committee of four to take charge of the election of the *Technique* Electoral Committee was elected: L. H. Underwood, V. A. Foster, V. I. Nettleton and R. H. Howes. The subject of baseball was brought

forward and after a brief discussion the class decided, by a vote of 58 to 45, not to support a baseball team this season.

Championship Run.

The Fourth Annual Championship Run of the Hare and Hounds Club was held from Wellesley Hills over the eight-mile trail laid a week before.

The honors of the day went to S. T. Worcester, '04, who, from the two-minute mark, made a strong run, passed the limit men and opened up a good lead before the finish. Peaslee, '03, from the three-minute mark made a good showing and far excelled his work of a year ago. Holcomb, '04, also did well and with more experience should become a good runner. Pearson, '02, ran well and had he been better acquainted with the trail, might have been a factor at the finish.

Worcester made the best time over the course, covering the distance in 54 minutes, 16 seconds. Considering the strong wind and in some places, the poor footing, this is an excellent showing. The following was the order at the finish:

1st, S. T. Worcester, '04, 2 min.; 2nd, H. F. Peaslee, '03, 3 min.; 3rd, A. M. Holcomb, '04, 4½ min.; 4th, L. C. Hammond, '02, 5½ min.; 5th, P. C. Pearson, '02, 6 min.; 6th, A. P. Porter, '04, 6 min.; 7th, H. B. Pulsifer, '03, 5 min.; 8th, B. A. Shaw, '03, 5½ min.; 9th, G. M. Proudfoot, '04, 5 min.; 10th, C. M. Dearden, 1 min.; 11th, O. S. Stockman, scratch.

Officials — Starter, D. M. Pray, '99. Timer, H. L. Morse, '99. Judge, John Clausen. Announcer, Ernest Wye, H. A. A. Clerk, W. P. R. Pember, '02. Checkers, J. R. Marvin, '02, F. H. Hunter, '02, S. B. Hayden, T. C. C.

Junior Week "Tech" will have an enlarged Alumni Department.



1902 Class Dinner menus may be obtained from R. T. Proctor, 1902.

Application blanks for the "Grand Duke," and "A Night Off," may be obtained at the Cage.

Professor Crosby has just returned from a trip to Nova Scotia where he has been inspecting some mining interests.

The drawings made in the Architectural Department, which have been to the Paris Exposition have been returned and are now in the Exhibition Room, Pierce Building.

The class in Municipal Sanitation visited the South Terminal Station the past week to inspect the system of smoke consumers and mechanical stokers.

The Mining Engineering Society will hold a meeting Friday, April 5th. Professor Richards will give an illustrated lecture on "Ore-dressing."

The Keystone View Co. of Weadville, Pa., desires to engage student canvassers. Their representative is Mr. Wilmer Monroe, 8 Orchard Street, North Cambridge.

Any students who may desire employment in summer hotels will do well to consult W. C. Pickersgill in Room 34, Rogers, between 1 and 2 o'clock on Tuesday or Saturday.

A meeting of Tech men interested in Christian Science is to be held in the rooms of George W. Adams, at 372 Boylston Street, on Friday evening, April 5th, at 8 o'clock. All Institute men interested in the subject are invited to attend.

Secretary Tyler has posted forms of application and notices regarding the awarding of state and other scholarships for undergraduates and for fellowships and graduate scholarships for post-graduate students.

We beg to state that we were misinformed as to the date of the Civil Engineering Society Dinner. It is to take place on April 9th and *not* April 10 as stated in our last issue.

Students desiring summer work are invited to leave memoranda at the Secretary's office stating address, age, course, and any previous employment or other facts affecting the matter — also whether canvassing will be attempted.

Out of about four thousand students at Harvard, there are only sixty-three men privileged to wear the "H." Sixteen of these are entitled to it for football, fifteen for the crew, twelve for baseball, and twenty for track athletics.

Mr. C. Howard Walker entertained about twenty members of the Architectural Society at a Smoke Talk at the Technology Club last Friday evening. He spoke on "Italian Architecture," a subject on which he is an authority. The talk was instructive and told in a most entertaining way.

President Pritchett reviewed the Freshman Battalion, March 27th, and afterwards addressed them upon the probability of having an exhibition drill followed by a dance in Mechanics Hall on some Wednesday afternoon in May.

The mentions awarded the fourth year architects on their problem of a hotel for a society of architects, are as follows: first mentions, Appleton, Emerson, Henrick; seconds, Hamilton, Holford, Aldrich, Bond; thirds, Price, Lawrence. The third-year mentions are, first, Wood, de Colmesnil, Kern, Bilyea, Ross; second, Crowell, Jackson; and third mention, Muzzy.

The Musical Clubs give a concert followed by a dance at the Century Club, Salem, Friday, April 5th. The train leaves the North Station, at 6.40 P. M. On Thursday, April 11th, another concert will be given at Marblehead. The clubs will leave on the same train in both cases.

The management of the Tech Show makes the following announcement:

The \$2.00 seats are all gone. Of the \$1.50 seats, but 37 remain. Of the \$1.00 seats but 45 remain. Plenty of 75c. and 50c. seats.

For the Dress Rehearsal practically no seats have been applied for. Those failing to secure seats for the regular performance are therefore advised to submit applications for the Rehearsal.

A letter has been received by President Pritchett from Signor Marconi, the celebrated electrical engineer, now stopping for a short time in this country, which brings the pleasant intelligence that Signor Marconi hopes, later in the year, to visit the Institute of Technology, and to deliver a lecture on the present state of wireless telegraphy before the Society of Arts. Signor Marconi is now in New York for a short time only, and will return to Europe, but he expects to be again in this country later in the year, when it is hoped he will find time for the lecture at the Institute.

At the last meeting of the Society of Arts, Professor M. I. Pupin showed in an entertaining and comprehensive way the nature of electrical wave transmission and the principles which led him to discover the increase in the distance of propagation by the insertion of induction coils at proper intervals along the line. He illustrated his lecture by experiments on the analogous transmission of waves along a cord against friction, and showed a number of slides of his experimental apparatus,

Prof. Burton Heard From.

A message received by President Pritchett from the Technology Eclipse Expedition on its way to Sumatra gives pleasant news of the progress of the party, and of the good health of its members. Professor Burton and his assistants joined the Dutch Steamship *Köningin Regentes* at Genoa on March 12, and found on this steamer an official party from the Netherlands, which will co-operate in the work of observing the Eclipse of May 17.

Professor Burton writes that all the instruments have been safely landed and placed on board the steamer, and as this steamer goes directly to Padang there ought to be no doubt of the safe arrival of the men and instruments in Sumatra. Professor Burton and Mr. Harrison Smith have two pieces of apparatus to be tested in this eclipse, of which most valuable results are expected.

Tufts Baseball Schedule.

March	29.	Manhattan at New York.
	30.	Princeton at Princeton.
April	10.	Open.
	13.	Holy Cross at Worcester.
	17.	Wesleyan at Middleton.
	19.	Open.
	20.	Exeter at Exeter.
	23.	Williams at Tufts.
	27.	Trinity at Hartford.
	29.	Colby at Tufts.
May	1.	Holy Cross at Tufts.
	4.	Exeter at Tufts.
	9.	Syracuse at Tufts.
	13.	University of Vermont at Burlington.
	14.	University of Vermont at Burlington.
	15.	Dartmouth at Hanover.
	16.	University of Maine at Tufts.
	20.	University of Vermont at Tufts.
	21.	Williston Seminary at Easthampton.
	22.	Amherst at Amherst.
	25.	Open.
	29.	Westbrook Seminary at Portland.
	30.	Bates at Portland, A. M. Bates at Lewiston, P. M.
	31.	University of Maine at Bangor.
June	1.	Colby at Waterville.

Buffalo Exposition Notes.

Buffalo will be able to accommodate all the visitors of the Pan-American Exposition next summer. The city has a large number of permanent hotels with accommodations for a great number of guests, besides hundreds of boarding and lodging-houses. In addition, a number of large apartment houses have been converted into hotels, and several caravansaries with accommodations for from one thousand to five thousand persons have been erected near the Exposition Grounds. Many of these are of new fire-proof construction. Outside of all these provisions for the housing of visitors, there will be thrown open more than three thousand private dwelling-houses with an average accommodation for sixteen persons each. It would seem that the arrangements in this regard are better than any before made by a city in which an Exposition has been held.

In view of certain misleading stories which have become current, the Superintendent of the Bureau of General Information of the Pan-American Exposition Company, Mr. W. D. Thayer, reports that Buffalo will be able to care for at least 150,000 persons, while the suburbs can care for at least 50,000 more, and that the rates will be reasonable. The Superintendent says: "There is no shortage of accommodations, and the charges, I am sure, will be much lower than those that have accompanied any other Exposition."

Walker Memorial.

The Northwestern Association are going to send out to each Alumnus an account of what they did at their dinner last month with a rousing appeal for a subscription of a even thirty dollars from each. The other societies will be urged to do their utmost toward increasing the fund. The Memorial Committee have issued a lot of the \$30 subscription blanks.

When does *Technique* come out? This year, *Technique* will appear at 12 M., Thursday, April 25th, rain or shine.

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'74. Colonel Samuel P. Colt, has recently been elected a director in the American Woolen Co., and the National and Providence Worsted Mills.

'86. H. P. Merriam, VI., Dudley Defence Co., N. Y., visited the Institute week before last.

'89. A. W. French, I., President of the French Oil Mill Machinery Co., Piqua, Ohio, formerly an assistant in the Civil Engineering Department, visited the Institute last week.

'97. Walter A. Gleason, I., is a draughtsman with the Eastern Bridge & Structural Company, Worcester, Mass.

'98. Alvan L. Davis, III., is an assistant superintendent, Ludlow Still & Spring Company, Pompton, N. J.

'99. William C. Phalen, V., is professor of chemistry in the New Mexico School of Miners, Socorro, N. M.

'99. Everett H. Hinckley, X., is now with Thomas Leyland & Co., Boston, manufacturers of gums, colors, and calico printers' supplies.

'00. Arville C. Redman, I., is in the engineering department of the sewer division, Washington, D. C.

'00. Dean Hinman, I., is assistant to the city engineer of Taunton, Mass.

'00. D. E. Maxfield, II., is assistant in the testing department at the Watertown Arsenal.

'00. Aurin M. Chase, II., is mechanical engineer of the Syracuse Chilled Plow Company, Syracuse, N. Y.



THE LOUNGER has often considered making some valuable additions to the Institute library but each time has been deterred by the extreme cost of the publications he had in mind. For instance "Years I have spent at the Institute," by Corporal B-l-y would certainly help out to the extent of a few shelves. "Coats I have Worn and Why," by Rev. W-rth-m-r would serve as a reference work for students of the antique and bizarre. "Stories I have told at Class Dinners," by R-b-n-s-n might be suppressed by the examining committee, but at least it is a cheap work. "Occasions on which I have made Charlie Cross," by the same author is now at press. These are but a few of the many works by men and women at the Institute which have until now been sadly neglected. THE LOUNGER would suggest that a subscription list be started at the Freshman dinner for the purpose of adding such deserving works to our library shelves.

As THE LOUNGER was contemplatively rolling his well-worn quill in his back hair preparatory to desecrating the sanctity of a clean sheet of paper, thoughts came surging through his pondering mind as to the wave of financial prosperity which seemed to have overwhelmed his fellow workers, and he lazily wondered, as he gazed at the startlingly odoriferous floor covering of the office—unheard of event—if his old partner, the Business Manager, had by any chance doubled his customary appropriation of negotiable funds. But THE LOUNGER's musings were rudely interrupted by a violent concussion on the panels of the door and he was greeted by the paralyzing information that there were six chairs and a table down below for the office. THE LOUNGER is shocked, he hardly knows whether with delight or disgust; to see his old favorite kitchen chairs used variously either as missiles of assault or seats, condemned to the fiery gorges of the furnace; to see his ancient friend the table, hearty still, although a cripple, cast off pitiously; that causes feelings of sorrow and indignation to arise within his bosom. It is only the prospect of a realization of his long deferred hopes, indeed, that gives THE LOUNGER any pleasure whatever. This troublesome financial embarrassment

which seems to have demoralized his comrades makes THE LOUNGER dream that before he departs this toilsome life, he may see a realization of the cut at the head of this page. That might even induce him to endure the variegated odors arising from the floor and to continue to give his protégés, the Freshmen, the benefits of his weekly wisdom.

THE LOUNGER has ever considered the reputation of Tech as a slow-death inflicting institution, a blessing in disguise. Simply the magic sentence "I go to Tech," and social obligations and undesirable invitations excuse themselves for preying on his time. If THE LOUNGER chooses to accept an invitation, his martyrdom in leaving his engrossing task at Tech is so apparent that he becomes a hero; for such self sacrifice betokens respect, friendship—even more, mayhap, if that invitation chance to proceed from one of the co-ed-ine gender. So THE LOUNGER has watched with tender solicitude this convenient reputation. He feared the consequences of the mistaken liberality of the Faculty in bestowing a "Christmas Vacation;" but his fears were groundless, for the integral of a sum equals the sum of the integrals of its parts. The threatened students were not punished with a superfluity of vacation. Again THE LOUNGER's nerves commenced to scrape when he read the announcement that there were to be two half-holidays on the afternoons of Tech show. But again he found his alarm was without foundation. The Faculty rose to the sublimity of the occasion and in an unprecedented act of true generosity permitted the students to omit one of the three days of "Spring Vacation," (a holiday and Saturday). That the Faculty was really magnanimous in this instance THE LOUNGER would endeavor to show to any who may doubt. By an application of the method of least squares the fact appears that by this action the working school year has been increased by about three-sixteenths of a day. This arises from the reason that one-half a day plus one-half of another day does not equal a whole day. Course IX. logic might be employed to explain this statement, but perhaps an illustration will serve as well. Split lengthwise the tails of two cats. Place the respective surfaces of the longitudinal cross sections of one half of each tail in close and careful contact. The result is not a whole tail.

Often has it been whispered in THE LOUNGER's ear that there has been a Faculty vote refusing admission to the Institute to pretty girls. THE LOUNGER would seize this opportunity to boldly refute this foul charge. He has no official authority so to do, but he will take all responsibility on the big broad shoulders of his raglan. Waiving choice of weapons, THE LOUNGER hereby challenges anyone who repeats that charge to mortal combat at high noon on the Tech Campus.

It sounds like a dime novel, but THE LOUNGER is assured that it is true, masked men, mysterious cabs, handcuffs and all; that the story of the menus was true is an assured fact to every Sophomore at Tech. But to return to the beginning from which THE LOUNGER has deviated in his unaccustomed excitement. Be it known that there is a Sophomore Class which redounds credit to THE LOUNGER's efforts at reform! He pleaded for class spirit, interest in Tech life, and such things and they have come — with a vengeance, the Freshies say, and who should know if not they. For at their recent banquet (THE LOUNGER hopes to be forgiven for retailing stale news) by what were they met; by the information that their embryo editorial staff, the publishers of the menu, had been scooped, if one might call such an affair a "scoop."

They were forced to effect alterations by a liberal supply of pen and ink and during the evening THE LOUNGER saw (for he will confess he was interested enough to view the ceremony) several individual porters and waiters grow wealthy by absconding with all of those unfortunate cards they could lay hands on and delivering them into Sophomore hands at so much per card. By the time the evening was almost over, however, THE LOUNGER was able to observe that the delicate feelings engendered by this *faux pas* of the first part had worn off and under the mellowing effects of the grape, Freshmen were even heard exhorting friendly Sophomores to "have a (hic) drink on me."

But as to the other conspirators, the group on the corner of Newbury and Arlington Streets, for them, after a suspense as agonizing as it was long, to be hailed by the news, as they stood dangling a pair of suspicious looking "bracelets," and a gag, that there was nothing doing; that disappointment formed a counter reaction to the overbalancing joy of the printed menus they possessed in their pockets. For the birds to have flown the coop just as they were about to be nabbed (THE LOUNGER begs pardon if he

speaks in too technical a parlance) was hard luck, but to have the elaborate accounts of the muddled menus in the next morning's papers before their eyes exercised a soothing effect, which THE LOUNGER has often noticed to be caused by the pleasant glow of cheerful recollections.

The consciousness of having done a good deed and the knowledge that people can be close mouthed when occasion demands it, has given THE LOUNGER new hopes for the reformation of Tech. When THE LOUNGER's special birdie brought him in November the information of the incriminating acts prosecuted last Saturday night, he remarked that every Freshman would know of it before March, but he sees that none of his Co-Eds were told and it was kept quiet. Wise Sophs — be good.

Poster Prizes.

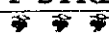
L'Avenir offers two prizes of five dollars each, one for the best design for a poster advertising its play, the other for the best program cover. The poster should, if possible, suggest the story of the play. Competitors are advised to consult Mr. Bernard. Considerable space must be left for the announcement of the play and time and place of its performance. Only the words "Program, *L'Avenir*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology," are to appear on the program cover. Designs must be handed to the Manager, care of Box 71, Cage, on or before Monday, April 11th. Each must be accompanied by a sealed envelope bearing the same mark as the drawing and containing the name and address of the sender.

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Colonial Theatre.— "Ben Hur" is now in its last three weeks, and as the demand for seats continues very large, tickets for the remainder of the engagement should be gotten early. The interest in this famous play seems even greater than when it first

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started. Annie Russell in "A Royal Family" is announced for April 22.

Tremont Theatre.— Miss Henrietta Crosman has certainly scored a well-earned success in her merry play, "Mistress Nell." It is one of the artistic triumphs of the season. Miss Crosman is an unusually brilliant actress and her supporting company is well appointed.

Boston Museum.— Herbert Kelcey and Effie Shannon and a large cast are presenting the romantic drama, "Manon Lescaut," with much force and much dramatic finish. The scenes are laid in France and the French costumes are very lavish. Next week is their last week.

Castle Square Theatre.— The Castle Square Company have scored another success in their production of "The Merchant of Venice." The piece is well staged and the costumes are well suited for the time of the play. "Lynwood," a drama of southern life, is announced as the next attraction.

Boston Theatre.— Grand opera for the rest of this week. Next week Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and M. Coquelin in a repertoire selected from their most famous plays.

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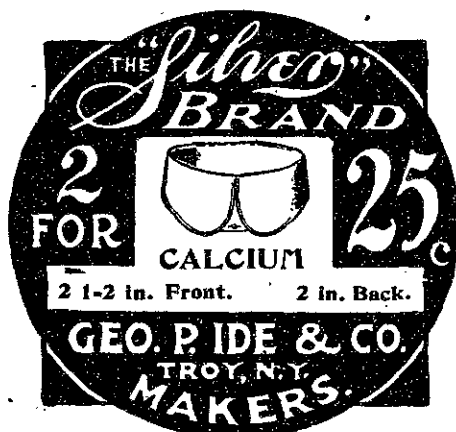


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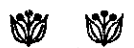
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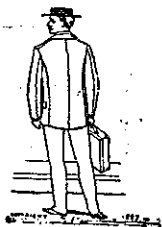
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