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and physical construction of the man equals the answer.

"Instinct, coupled with intelligence, experience and common sense, are what tells the athletic director on what lines to work. A constant image of the man he is dealing with must be upon the mind of the athletic director. The amount of mental and physical and nervous energy which his subject is wasting in his exercise, and the amount of mental and physical and nervous energy which he regains from his food and rest are the fundamental principles on which the athletic director must work.

"And when you ask him the question of how much exercise he would give a man per day who was training for a football team the question has no answer, except the difference between men.

"When you ask an athletic director how he knows when a man is or is not at the highest point of efficiency for a competitive contest the answer is the same, the man and the difference.

"And when you ask the athletic director (or trainer, as he is often called) what is the best single indication of a man's condition there is no answer, because there is no single indication which can prove this.

"The question of good training food is a very simple one, because the construction of a man's digestive organs proves that he was made to eat about everything. However, the man's desire must control this particular law. And what his system craves for, speaks for itself through him alone. Regularity of eating, the control of quantity, as well as quality, is the limit of control of this important factor of life.

"Alcohol has no place in any form in the modern methods of training. False feelings from stimulants of any kind are sure to unbalance the relation between the physical and mental portions, and the result is always minus."

Wm. H. Cutler, '97, Course IV, junior member of the firm of Howe, Hoyt, and Cutler, architects in Kansas City, died on Monday, Jan. 7, after an illness of two weeks.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

In certain courses in Tech involving calculations, it is required that answers to the questions on examinations be correct to the figure, method counting for nothing. For instance, if a man on his examination paper solves every problem by the correct method, but unconsciously makes an arithmetical error in each solution his work would count for nothing and he would be required to repeat the course. It seems that the reason for repeating the course, in this case, would not be to acquire a greater knowledge of the subject in question, but it would be to acquire arithmetical accuracy. If we were to take an examination in arithmetic we must admit that accuracy in results should be demanded but when being examined on subjects where arithmetic is only subordinatedly involved, it seems absurd to state that a man knows nothing of the subject in which he is examined simply because in his correct method of solution, being pressed for time, he hastily wrote $9 \times 6 = 56$.

It has been argued on the other side that an engineer may require his assistant to solve a certain engineering problem within a very short time limit, and that in such a case accuracy is demanded. This is true provided such cases should arise, but they seldom, if ever, arise. In modern concerns today all work is checked no matter how rushed it is, and I know of many valuable men who are expert designers of machinery, etc. but who are poor arithmeticians. These men, however, are retained in engineering employ at large salaries because of their knowledge of method. It is commonly said in engineering departments that the man who never makes mistakes is a time killer, and to get rid of this waste of time employers throughout the country have men engaged in checking who look after the mistakes, while the designer is devoting his time to methods.

This is not a phrase in favor of arithmetical slovenliness, which

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