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IN CHARGE OF THIS ISSUE
J. W. Gundling.....L. B. Leighton

Monday, December 19, 1921

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

Those of us who have followed the recent battle of Communications which has been waged in our columns at the expense of so much good black ink, no doubt concur in the opinion that the whole affair is a tempest in a teapot and is ridiculous to the highest degree. Not to the gentleman who so unwittingly committed the offence but to him who sneers at the protest of the Chinese, we should like to address these words.

It is an unfortunate tendency of many Americans to overlook the fact that his point of view toward life may be quite different from that of the stranger to this country. In our American continent we are not in contact with foreign lands and cannot acquire the point of view of other nations without much effort and expense. We, therefore, have become sufficient unto ourselves and have built up a national conceit which often crops out in a most impolite, not to say, offensive manner. It is a fault, which natural conditions unfortunately do not tend to correct. It must be corrected by our own efforts. Not one of us is intentionally impolite, but this universal carelessness has been sanctioned because there is nothing to call it to our attention.

At the Institute we are all slow to take advantage of our opportunity to make the stranger within our gates at home with us. His mistakes are often laughed at by those who would be fortunate to do half so well if they were placed in a foreign school. A little help at the right time will accomplish far more than we often realize; for in the eye of the foreigner each one of us represents not only himself but the United States as well, and all our acts make an impression far out of proportion to their individual significance.

THE KEY SITUATION

There seems to be in the air again the oft recurring question of locker rentals and locker key deposits. Students resented the heavy increase in price this year, especially as they did not understand the reason for it. According to the Bursar's Office, the factor that determines the rental is the cost of maintenance, and in a large manner this cost is due to the action of the students, who cause a great deal of added expense by neglecting to clear out their lockers at the expiration of rental period, thereby making necessary an extra labor expense. There is also the cost of making new keys to replace those which have not been returned, and the changing of locks for which keys remain outstanding.

An attempt is being made to induce more men to return their keys on time, and thereby save some of the expense involved, by doubling the deposit. This may have some effect, but it must be clear that there are always a considerable number of men who either forget or neglect to return their keys, regardless of the size of the deposit. Then the realization of their loss dawns on them, they find that they can get nothing in return for the key, and keep it as a means of retaliation. As has been suggested before in these columns, the delinquent students would return their keys if a part of their forfeited deposit, no matter how small, were offered in exchange. It will be worth while to try this next June when the efficiency of the present system is determined.



The Lounge is confronted with the necessity of submitting himself to the quizical proffs that they may determine whether he shall receive a unanimous election to the society of departed Lenox hounds, or must content himself with a lesser value vote. The whole process seems to the Lounge to be entirely unnecessary, but as they have neglected to ask for his ideas on the subject he must prepare himself for the worst. Of course he realizes that the depleted conditions of professorial finances makes it highly advisable that they obtain as many tons of gold as possible that they may pay tribute to John D. and the well-known journalistic Henry. It is, however, very pleasing to the nearly exhausted Lounge that there are none of these five buck greenbacks due at this time, for he has spent many sheekles at Ye Coop for various things that he would never use himself, and he doubts very much if his sister will, but the other fellow's sister—well that is a different matter. The downshot of the whole works is that even if the donors of the mighty F should call for their gold at this instant, they would be sadly disappointed, all of which shows their admirable foresight.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:
After reading the Boston American of last evening, I have come to the conclusion that the Chinese student should conduct a national publicity campaign for the enlightenment of the American people upon the customs of China. On the rear page of this paper "for people who think" there appeared a cartoon representing China as a Chinese with a queue. In every picture of the cartoon this queue was very much in evidence. He also wore the triangular hat. I would like to enquire if this type of bonnet is still in vogue since the revolution of 1911.
(Signed) H. G. DONOVAN '24

NOTICES FOR UNDERGRADUATES

All Junior Ballot Statistics must be returned by Wednesday, December 21. Ballots may be left in the Technique office, the information office, or in any of the mail boxes in the Institute. Material for the "Feminine Number" of Voo Doo must be in the Voo Doo office, room 308, Walker, by February 1, 1922. Information concerning this number may be had from the editors. The Harvard-Technology Club will meet on Tuesday, December 20th, at 8:00 o'clock at the American Academy of Arts and Science, 28 Newbury St., Boston, Mass.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NEWS

Penn Plans Winter Football
Pennsylvania has introduced a unique innovation into college football with its plan for winter practice. The coaches are adopting this plan as a result of Penn's continued defeats during the past season, since they lay the team's failure to the small number of candidates reporting for practice. It is assumed that the men will have more available time during the winter months.

Cornell Has Referee Class
Cornell University has organized a class in basketball officiating. The students will be given an opportunity to referee at the varsity scrimmages and at intercollegiate, intramural and independent league games. If sufficient ability is shown, the men will have a chance to be appointed by the committee in New York as approved basketball officials.

Athletics are Criticized
President Moody of Middlebury College says: "There are some colleges that turn out men more fitted to be chairmen of country club golf committees than anything else." He says that he does not believe in the prevailing system of athletics in American colleges. The Reverend Moody further asserts that Middlebury does not aim to graduate the national golf champion nor the ranking tennis player.

Harvard Gym to be Changed
The large number of men using the gymnasium at Harvard necessitates a change in their arrangement. 75 new lockers will be installed, and it is hoped that this will help to relieve the present shortage. More men have rented lockers already this year than ever before in a whole season, and applications are still coming in. The handball courts, boxing rooms, etc., will be moved to make more room on the main floor.

Colby Holds Spelling Match
Last Friday evening, Colby College held an old-fashioned spelling bee in their chapel. The building was packed to the limit with spectators and participants. The first word to be missed was "cinch," while they ran on until the words "syndicate" and "scarlatina," each of which finished one of the last two persons left standing.

Cornell Will Be Dry
Sixty fraternities and clubs of Cornell University have informed the faculty that they will control any excessive use of intoxicating liquors among the students. The announcement was made recently by Donald R. Strickler, president of the Student Council and Chairman of the Social Affairs Committee. The restrictions adopted by the student body bar liquor from fraternity houses and will make an effort to prohibit indulgence in intoxicants at social functions.

Syracuse Deals with Smoking Evil
Chancellor James R. Day of Syracuse University, in a notice to the faculty and students, declares that unless rules against smoking on the campus and in various college buildings are respected he will close the gymnasium and other buildings against social and athletic events. The trustees, the notice said, have ruled against smoking on the university property owing to increased fire hazard which it creates.

Providence is not the only city in this country which can boast of a college answering to the name of Brown. Atlanta, Ga., boasts of a Morris-Brown College, while Henderson-Brown College is the pride and joy of Arkadelphia, Ark. It is rumored that steps are under way to stage a triangular checker tournament between the three great institutions in the distant future to decide the supremacy of the better school.

Why She Likes Comic Page
We have already reported in this column that the Radcliffe students have had a census of the preferences of the individual girls for the various sections of the newspaper. Late returns disclose the fact that six girls boldly declared that the "comics" were their first choice, and one of them at least offered a very plausible reason. She explained that her father was a minister and her mother a poet, and that she had to get a laugh out of life somehow.

Oxford to Play in U. S.
Negotiations are in progress between Oxford University and Syracuse to arrange two lacrosse games between the two institutions. In addition Oxford will probably schedule five other contests with teams representing American colleges. Syracuse will also seek games with Cambridge and other universities while on its visit to England.

Yale Will Have New Track
Yale University is planning to spend \$300,000 for improving its track facilities. The plans include a new track on the site of the old freshman football field, the erection of concrete

stands to seat thousands of spectators, and a house to contain 2,400 lockers. The new track, 24 feet wide, is to include a 220-yard straightaway, with 30 yards at either end for stopping and starting. A row of trees will be planted along the east side and also on the south end of the track to protect it from the wind.

Harvard Stages French Plays
The Cercle Francais of Harvard recently staged a series of French plays at the Copley Theatre. "Le Mariage Forcé," by Moliere, "Le Passant," by Francois Coppée, and "L'Ete de la Saint Martin," by Meilhac and Halevy are the plays which were put on. The work was entirely done by Harvard men.

Cornell Holds Walking Race
The annual walking race for undergraduates was held at Cornell last Saturday. The regular heel and toe walking rules were used, violators being disqualified. The men were followed by three inspectors on horseback.

Brown Has Oldest Graduate
John Hunt, of Springfield, Ohio, was graduated from Brown University in 1842. He was 99 years old on October 17, and is without doubt the oldest living graduate of any college. His graduation occurred almost twenty years before the beginning of the civil war. Mr. Hunt has been the pastor of eight different Baptist churches, and is at present enjoying a fine state of health.

Rooting Bad for Voice
One hundred of the most powerful rooters at Washburn College have not been permitted to cheer their football team onward this year—but there's a reason! The department of music hopes for the services of their voices in the glee club. The faculty promulgated the restraining rule when they were unable to put the proper finish on vocal cords trained by gridiron enthusiasm.

University of Kansas Students Thrifty
In a recent survey, it was found that the average annual expense of the students of the University of Kansas was \$827.29. It was found that fifty per cent of the students earned all of the money that they spent, and that seventeen per cent earned all of it while they were at school.

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