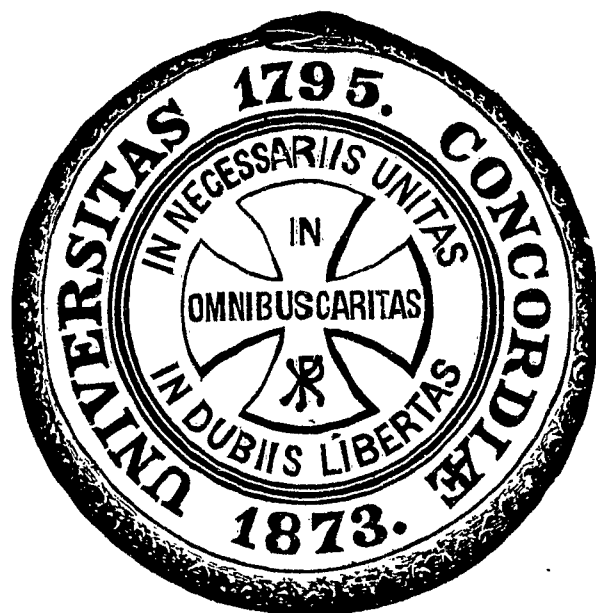


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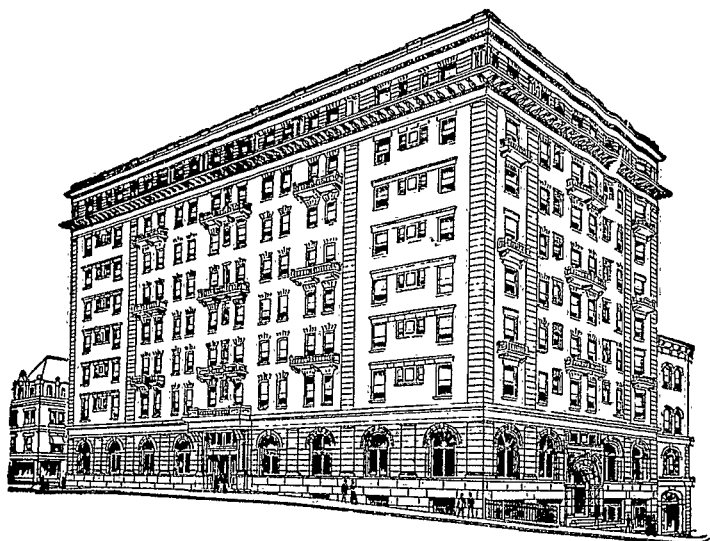
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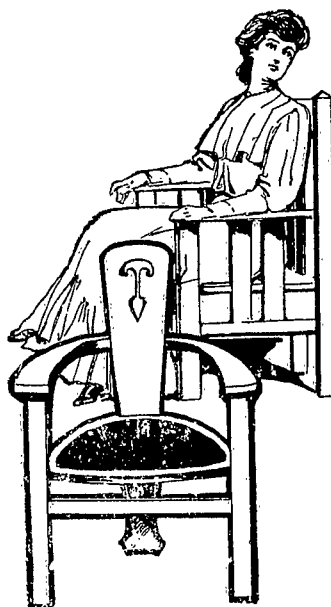
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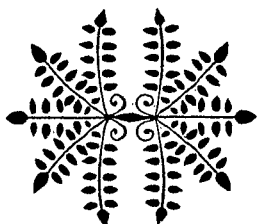
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AMERICANISM.

Mr. Jesup's Lecture on Good Citizenship.

Preliminary to the founding of a chapter of the Intercollegiate Civic League at Union, Mr. Charles M. Jesup of New York delivered a lecture on "Americanism" before a representative body of students in Silliman Hall on Saturday evening last. Mr. Jesup after an introduction by Professor Opdyke spoke in part as follows:

"I come before you tonight not as a politician but as a citizen who for thirty-five years has followed the banking business in New York City. I wish to talk briefly about the formation of Civic Leagues in the colleges. It was during Mr. Jerome's campaign for district attorney that I was first connected with public service in the line of campaign speaking. I was closely connected with Mr. Jerome throughout the campaign, and it was through him that my name was suggested as a man to interest college men in clean government after their graduation. I was somewhat diffident on the matter before I addressed my first audience—a group of Yale students, but they accorded me such a warm welcome that I have ever since felt perfectly at home before groups of college men.

The idea of a civic league is to federate non-partizan clubs of men in various colleges to arouse interest in local good government. Clean principles and absolute non-partizanship must be the standards carried out. Among the noted men that endorsed the idea were Baron Von Sternberg, Governor Higgins, Ambassador Choate, Governor Cummings of Iowa, and many other persons of great reputation. We started with thirteen clubs just one year ago. Thirty-three delegates met with President Roosevelt at the White House and discussed the best means for

establishing the league on a firm basis. Seven clubs have been added during the year and I hope that Union will be the twenty-first to establish a branch club. The reasons for the existence of such a club are: First, to elevate the tone of citizenship—Second, to create a spirit of manliness—Third, to create a bond of union and strength among the universities that will provide for future government of the nation."

Mr. Jesup here read letters from Governor Hughes, Governor Cummings and ex-President Cleveland, all indicating a deep interest in the object of the league and expressing the idea that it would fill a want long felt in our public life.

On the topic of "Americanism" Mr. Jesup spoke as follows:—

"America is bounded on the north by the north pole, on the east by the rising sun, on the west by all creation and on the south by infinity. John Bright held that America held the strongest government in the world, while Webster defined Americanism as 'the love that Americans have for their own country.' We love America for the wonderful past made by men who have built not for a day but for future ages. And all of the highest types of these men have been God-fearing. This is one of the greatest factors of our national strength. And so we should love America for her manhood of achievement, for her manhood of character backed up by the examples of such men as Washington, Lincoln, Hay, Grant and McKinley. All of these men are wonderful signposts in the onward path of American progress. They stand for our country and we must love our country for them. We must perpetrate the heritage that has come to us, and whenever we see Old Glory let us realize that it carries

a message to every one of us. It floats as the emblem of the heritage of which I have spoken.

Without pessimism I may say that the present times demand loyalty for several reasons and the first great reason is that confronting us in the immigration problem. Several years ago there was a convention held by authorities on the subject to try to turn the tide of immigrants away from New York to southern ports. In the year ending June, 1905, ten million immigrants landed in America. Of this number thirty per cent. landed in New York and staid there. The same thing happened in 1906, except that there were more immigrants. Now these immigrants are of the lowest strata of European society, and consist of ignorant Poles, Russians and Italians in a large measure. They come with no conception of the dignity of our republic, and they must be shown by our own examples the duties of citizenship, and their children must be educated up to our true American ideals.

The second problem that confronts us is that of the enormous power of wealth and labor. Wealth is a blessing if used rightly; a curse if it is not. And it is a curse if it is not earned with absolute honesty. In the present age there is too much gambling, but notwithstanding this fact I still hold that there are numerous honest men on Wall Street. But High finance that stops at nothing is not for the good of the country. It reminds me of the story of the Irishman who was arrested for stealing a horse. His father, who apparently had a good sense of right, came to him and said: 'Phwy did yes steal the horse when ye might just as well have bought him and not paid for him.' Capital and labor owe much to each other and proper reciprocation will do away with many of the existing evils. The honest politician is now the one who is in popular favor. Note Croker and Tweed and Murphy as men holding the disapprobation of the public at large. It is now the duty of the collegian to see that such men are kept out

of power, to see that decent men are nominated at the primaries and are elected at the elections; and the men at present in college will have this duty thrust upon them in a few years.

Our third great danger is from Individualism. One American, regardless of personal ability is no better as a citizen than any other of his fellows. All have the same rights and the same privileges, and if the spirit of Americanism is fostered and nourished this menace of Individualism will disappear. So for the obliteration of these evils we must honestly meet our every duty and responsibility in the state, in the home, in our social life and in our business relations. Men are wanted who play fair at every stage of the game—men who will stand by and stand for our American ideals, and thus raise the level of the entire country.

In closing I would say, first have the grit to form your own opinions after carefully weighing the merits of every case in point; second, have the grit to adhere to these opinions, and third, have the grace to live for them honestly, manfully and fearlessly, and you will exemplify the thought that we love our country as men, and will influence others to do the same.

The Civic League.

Following Mr. Jesup's lecture, in an informal discussion, it was brought out that there were at present twenty college clubs in the Civic League. Membership was generally limited to picked men from the two upper classes and in most cases consisted of about twenty men. In no case should the membership, in Mr. Jesup's opinion exceed fifty. Each club must be primarily non-partizan in nature, and its object should be to promote clean politics in the member's home towns and to study civil government as exemplified locally. In Yale the members attend the meetings of the common council in the city of New Haven, and there is good opportunity for the study of municipal government in Schenectady.

Wednesday evening the Union students inter-

ested in the question met in Silliman Hall and after a discussion of the principles of the proposed league organized and elected the following officers:

LaCrosse, '08, president; Hoffman, '08, vice-president; Brunet, '09, secretary-treasurer. The president was voted the power to appoint an executive committee, presumably to consist of three undergraduates and two members of the faculty. A meeting will be called within a week or two to pass upon the adoption of a constitution.

College Meeting.

Some of the old time spirit began to manifest itself at Chapel meeting on Monday, and the under-classmen seem to be imbibing more of the feeling of interest in their Alma Mater, as was indicated by the enthusiasm they showed at the proceedings. Captain Harvey opened the meeting by an account of the West Point baseball game. The team, he said, went down without the least practice and put up a fight worthy of veterans. Practice of the proper sort, under the coaching of Dr. MacComber, should put the team into fit condition to cope in a creditable manner with the most feared of the Garnet's adversaries. Captain Harvey asked the entire student body to give the team their earnest support.

Fairbairn, '07, announced that by special grant of the faculty the Glee Clubs were to take a three days' trip at the end of this month. He proposed a motion that was passed, to provide for the future collection of one dollar Glee Club tax in the same way now applying to the athletic assessments. It was provided that members from each class should get the signatures of the student body necessary for the legal collection of the tax. Tickets of admission to all the home concerts will be given to those who subscribe their names to the list.

Captain Flowers of the track team announced the vacancy of several important positions on

that team. He urged the raw material to make special efforts to come out. Waldron, '06, seconded Flowers suggestions and said that there should, with our present coaching system, be a good team this year.

President White of the student body appointed a committee, upon motion, to enquire into the advisability of adopting the suggestions recommended by the athletic board, and this committee will report its findings in Chapel meeting on Monday, at which time the student body will vote on the suggestions. The committee named consists of Harvey, '07, H. Hildreth, '08, Streibert, '09, and Zimmer, '10.

Y. M. C. A.

The Sunday service at Silliman Hall will consist of a talk by Dr. Hoffman, to be announced at that time. Special attention is called to the meeting to be held on Tuesday evening. A full report of the peace conference will be given by those present from Union, including President Raymond, Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Ashmore and Dr. Hale. Personal impressions will form an interesting part of the talks of all the speakers. All who can possibly do so should attend.

Prof. Ashmore Entertains.

On Friday evening of last week the Senior class was entertained by Professor and Mrs. Ashmore at their house on the Campus.

Mr. W. T. Stead, the noted naturalist, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture on "The Birds of New Zealand," illustrated by a series of stereopticon views, the best obtainable on the subject. After the talk refreshments were served and those present passed the evening in a very pleasant social way. The following were present:

President A. V. V. Raymond, Miss Raymond, Miss Paige and the following members of the Senior class: Bishop, Trumbull, Davis, Blinn, Stearns, Dillon, Brennan, Girvin, White, Pyles, Rodrigues, Franchot, Fairbairn, Gardiner and Waldron.

The Glee Clubs.

Several questions have recently arisen that have caused an indefinite postponement of the Glee Club trip planned for the latter part of this month. One of the principle reasons is the defunct condition of the orchestra and the semi-comatose condition of the mandolin aggregation. It has been found practically impossible to arrange acceptable dates for merely the glee club standing on its own merits. Managers throughout all towns demand from a college organization of this nature full representation in the instrumental as well as in the vocal line. Another thing that has rather put the damper on the scheme is the fact that at present the club has absolutely no financial backing, and it takes no inconsiderable sum to take a group of twenty or thirty fellows on a lengthy trip, especially when there is merely a hypothetical outcome promised at the other end.

The management has in consequence decided to take a few short trips in the immediate neighborhood to try out the metal of the one living branch of the organization and to raise a little of the necessary cash before venturing too far from home.

Union Night at Graduates' Club.

On Thursday night, April the eleventh, about one hundred sons of old Union assembled at the Graduates' Club, New York City, to celebrate 'Union Night.' These alumni recalled to their memories their "happy college days" in story and song and stirred up their Union spirit a great deal. Mr. Clarke W. Crannell, '95, was toastmaster of the occasion and introduced the following speakers: Dr. Andrew V. V. Raymond, president of Union College; Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hendrick, Rev. Dr. Wm. Elliot Griffis; Andrew W. Gleason, '61; Frank C. Avery, '81; George F. Allison, '84; Wm. J. Smith, '69; John A. Bolles, '03; William Allen, '95, and Eli Perkins. President Raymond and Justice Hendrick, in their speeches, answered the declaration of Chan-

cellor Day of Syracuse University that college morals were on a lower plane than hitherto. Both the speakers differed with Chancellor Day and Justice Hendrick said that as a member of the Graduates' Club he could say that college life was as high as hitherto in its standards, if not higher.

Among the guests present were: Rev. Dr. George Alexander, '84; Henry L. Stoddard, '65; Dr. George W. Clarke, '40; Dr. Edgar S. Parney, '84; Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Gilbert, '83; Wm. Grant Brown, '95; Theodore T. Baylor, '89; Henry D. Merchant, '93; J. Y. Lavery, '95; ex-State Engineer Henry A. Van Alstyne and others.

Rutgers Debate.

Interest in the Rutgers debate has crystallized into definite work on the subject: "Resolved. That the Growing Tendency toward Centralization in the Federal Government is a Menace to the Welfare of the Nation." The regular Junior Argumentation Class, supplemented by those interested who are not regular members, is considering the topic in its various phases as part of its work. Those who are trying for the intercollegiate team include Waldron, '07, Hill, '07, King, '08, La-Crosse, '08, Shelly, '08, Hanigan, '08, Tiffany, '08, Wright, '08, Walton, '09, and Mould, '09. This combination includes the best debating material in college, and the committee of the faculty are hoping to pick therefrom a team that will administer a defeat to Rutgers.

The date of the debate, at Rutgers request, has been changed from May 3d to May 10th, the extra time being asked for on the grounds of lack of time sufficient to work up the subject.

A dispatch from London conveys the intelligence that a series of Shakespearean plays in Esperanto, the universal language, will be given before the Esperanto Congress, which meets in Cambridge next August.

College Briefs.

Prof. Horace G. McKean preached at both morning and evening services last Sunday in the State Street Methodist Church at Troy.

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White, '07, Noble, '07, Hildreth, '07, Streibert, '09, and Zimmer, '10, comprise the committee of five appointed to consider the proposed rules of the Athletic board.

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Furnside, '09, has been distributing on the Hill cards containing Union's baseball schedule for the present season and an advertisement of his printing business.

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The Alpha Delta Phi Convention was held Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in New York City.

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The track team takes a cross country run each afternoon and will continue to do so until the track is in condition for use. As soon as the warm weather comes, Dr. McComber will hold regular practices each afternoon.

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The Glee club is holding long and regular rehearsals now in anticipation of the trip it hopes to take.

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On Saturday evening, April 13th, the Union College Alumni Association of Michigan met at the residence of Mr. W. A. Waldron, '79, in Detroit. Among those present were Dr. Raymond, President of the University, Hanlon Crane, E. C. Bradbeer, ex '07, and W. B. Colburn, ex '08. A very enjoyable time was spent by all.

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The Junior class banquet committee has decided to hold the banquet proposed some time ago within a week or two. Albany or Troy will probably be selected as a place to hold the banquet.

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Parsons, '07, was appointed chairman of the Senior banquet committee.

The baseball diamond, despite adverse circumstances, is getting hard and fast as practice games on it indicate.

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The college gate has fully recovered from its attack of acute melancholia. C. B's house is still confined to the campus with jaundice. The operation on the fractured steam pipes is reported successful in every way.—Medical Notes.

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"Eddie" Felthousen is again on the Hill working his level best for the track team. "Eddie" will probably have personal supervision over the long distance men.

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The tedious work of reclassifying all the books in the College Library is progressing at a good rate. The decimal system is being instituted.

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The proposed Glee Club trip to Oneonta and Binghamton has been cancelled, and the decision is now to hold several concerts in the immediate vicinity before venturing on the road. Vischer's Ferry will be the first victim on Wednesday evening next.

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Next week we will publish a complete resume of our track prospects for the coming season, written by a man who is in a position to know the strength and weakness of our own team and of our opponents. It will be worth while.

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Dr. Hoffman, Prof. Hale, Hildreth, '08, and Mead, '09, were Union's representatives at the International Peace Congress held during the week in New York City. President Raymond one of the committee, was also in attendance.

The codification of the Eastern Intercollegiate Football Rules for the coming season will be in charge of a committee consisting of Prof. L. M. Dennis, of Cornell; Walter Camp, of Yale, and E. K. Hall, of Dartmouth.

THE NEW BOARD GREETES YOU.

It is with full appreciation of the standards set by our predecessors that we, in this issue of the *Concordiensis*, take up the work so long and so well performed by them.

Whether we shall carry out to its full extent the policy maintained by the previous board must be decided by time. Certain is it that, with different standards of expression, we may at times appear to swerve somewhat from the path marked out by them. This however, we do not intend to be taken in a spirit of hostility to their views, but rather with the idea that our methods of attaining a common end perhaps do not exactly coincide at every point.

As to our plans, it is our intention to take a firm and unequivocal stand on all measures that confront the University. We shall aim to present in an absolutely unbiased way our news accounts; to praise those actions we deem praiseworthy and to censure those we think blamable. In matters of policy we will advocate with vigor those measures we believe to be right, and to condemn with equal vigor those we consider wrong. Only by pursuing such a course can we justify ourselves in holding the position of chief trust on a college publication that aims to express with absolute fairness the opinions of the student body.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE.

On Wednesday evening there was formed in our college a branch of the the Intercollegiate Civic League, an organization non-partizan in nature with the fundamental principle of good government as its standard.

It is surprising how, in this age of education, so little attention till this time has been paid to a matter of such vital impor-

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tance; how educated men have insisted upon disregarding the affairs of the community, have staid away from the polls, and have let grasping politicians run affairs to suit themselves. Now, however, it seems as if hitherto spasmodic reforms are at least concentrating into definite movement. In the formation of the Intercollegiate Civic League the very heart of the matter is reached.

Here opportunity is given for a man to supplement his general education by a definite idea as to the running of the government he lives under, and with proper support the club organized here should have a signal effect upon local good government. It is the duty more than an opportunity for every student to associate himself actively with the future of the club, and thus promote his patriotism and the cause of good government at the same time

BOLTS.

There are bolts and bolts. Roughly speaking they may be divided into two classes, justifiable and unjustifiable. The former are for use when headaches and similar maladies occur. The latter are an answer to the alluring call of spring fever or some other enticing malady. The former are allright. The latter may be at times. But that is not to the point.

Of late a third class of bolts has appeared. These might be designated, if they are worthy of designation, as baby bolts. Baby bolts are those taken from chapel. They occur when a whole class of apparently full-grown young men stands outside the chapel door and waits for the marker to appear. If, as sometimes happens, the marker does not appear, the entire class stays away from the chapel service. It does not matter how cold it may be outside, or how wet and disagreeable. They bolt just the same—merely be-

cause the marker isn't there, and they are fooling somebody by staying outside. And they call themselves college men.

Funny, isn't it?

Schoolmasters' Association.

On Friday and Saturday of last week the Hudson Valley Schoolmaster's Association met at the Ten Eyck in Albany. The association comprises in its membership the instructors of the Hudson Valley schools and colleges. Dean Ripton, Professor Hale and Professor McKean were Union's representatives. The association meets semi-annually, in April and November to discuss matters of common interest. A dinner is held on Friday afternoon and a business session on Saturday morning. At the dinner last week the speech of the occasion was made by Professor Davenport of Hamilton College, on "Prosperity, the Test of American Character." Superintendent Benedict of the Utica Public Schools was elected president of the association.

Sophomore Oratoricals.

Thursday afternoon the sophomore class held its preliminary contest for appointments to the oratorical stage at commencement time. A committee composed of Dr. Hale, Dr. Ellery, and Dr. Hoffman formed the board of judges. The themes and presentation of all the contestants were excellent, and the committee had some debate before awarding the honors. The contestants consisted of Brunet, Streibert, Roosa, Mould, R. Ury, A. Ury, Faust, Wells, Schutt, MacInosh. Those chosen were Brunet, Mould, A. Ury, and R. Ury.

Two Harvard men were arrested in Boston last week for creating a disturbance at the performance of "Brown of Harvard." A \$40 fine was imposed on each. Three other men were also arrested and their cases continued upon the plea of not guilty. The next evening a public apology was made in the theatre by prominent undergraduates.

BASEBALL.

Season Opens With Game at West Point.

Last Saturday Union played her first game of baseball of the present season with West Point on the latter's diamond. Everything conspired to make the game rather a disappointment to all concerned. During the entire week the Varsity team had been unable to put in even one day of good, solid practice on account of the unprecedented fall of snow. In consequence Manager Brennan wrote to West Point to cancel the game. A reply by telegraph brought the information that West Point had had the same difficulty, so it was decided to play the game as originally scheduled.

When Varsity arrived at West Point a heavy rain was doing its best to further damage an already soggy diamond, and it was impossible to start the game until 4:30. The players waded through seven innings of an uninteresting game when the growing darkness made further play an utter impossibility.

Brilliant plays were rather a minus quantity on both sides, owing to a lack of practice. The Varsity team, however, considering the facts of the case, played together in a solid fashion, more like a team of veterans than a group of men without practice and a thorough knowledge of each other's methods of play. In general Union played as well as West Point. Davis pitched a fine game, and fielded his position well. King, Bergan and Ladue made our only hits, and through lack of more consistent batting these failed to materialize into runs. In the third inning West Point, by a few bunched hits, brought in some winning runs and the score at the end of the game was 5—0 in their favor. There is every reason to suppose that with a few weeks of good steady practice our Varsity team will be one to make a record this year for the Garnet against her opponents.

The line-up and score of the West Point game was:

UNION.

Name. Pos.	ab	r	bh	sb	sh	po	a	e
Diver, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Bergan, lf,	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
King, 2b	3	0	2	1	0	3	1	0
Ladue, cf	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Vogt, c	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Davis, p	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Pettit, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Osborne, 1b	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	2
Hoffman, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	24	0	4	1	0	18	14	5

ARMY.

Name. Pos.	ab	r	bh	sb	sh	po	a	e
Groninger, 3b	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pritchett, ss	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Wagner, 2b	3	2	2	1	0	3	2	0
Beavers, p	3	0	2	0	0	0	3	0
Johnson, 1b	1	1	0	1	0	8	0	0
Hanson, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eyars, lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bonesteel, cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mountford, c	3	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Totals	22	5	5	2	0	21	7	1

Alumni News.

✓ '46. John Livingston Swits died at his home, No. 25 Ferry Street, on April 13, of heart failure.

"Mr. Swits was born at the old Viele homestead at Hoosick, N. Y., and was a son of Abram J. Swits. He was of Dutch and Huguenot stock, and his ancestors were among the first settlers of New Amsterdam and the Mohawk Valley. In 1843 he entered the Sophomore class at Union college, and after graduating in 1846, studied law with Paige &

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Special News Item.

During the week the agent from the sophomore class to secure names on his list for the adoption of the musical tax approached one of his classmates. "Here M——s," he said, calling the other by name, "sign here for the adoption of that musical tax."

"Well, I guess not," said the one approached, "ever since that blame musical club was down home at C——n I have to sneak in nights through side streets so that the people who went to the concert can't get a shot at me. If I signed that thing and it got around I guess they'd lynch me. Got the makings?"

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Respected His Scruples.

In the mathematics class one day at Williams college Professor S., who was rarely made the subject of college jests, was exclusively annoyed by some man "squeaking" a small rubber bladder. The noise seemed to come from near a certain Jack Hollis, and after querying each of his neighbors and receiving a negative answer Professor S. said sternly:

"Hollis, do you know who is making that unbearable noise?"

Hollis, who had been the guilty person all along, assumed an air of stoical bravery and said calmly, "I know, sir, but I prefer not to tell."

Professor S's angry face grew calmer, and with evident pleasure he replied: "I respect your scruples, Hillis. They do you credit and should shame the guilty man, sir."

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Intercollegiate.

The students of Brown Preparatory School, Philadelphia, recently presented the four act comedy, "A Night Off."

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Gardner, left end on the Indian School team, has secured an appointment to West Point. He represents South Dakota and his career at the Army school will be watched with great interest.

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Secretary Taft spoke at the opening of the University of Havana in Cuba.

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On April 5th Nebraska was defeated in debate by Wisconsin. The Hon. William J. Bryan presided over the exercises.

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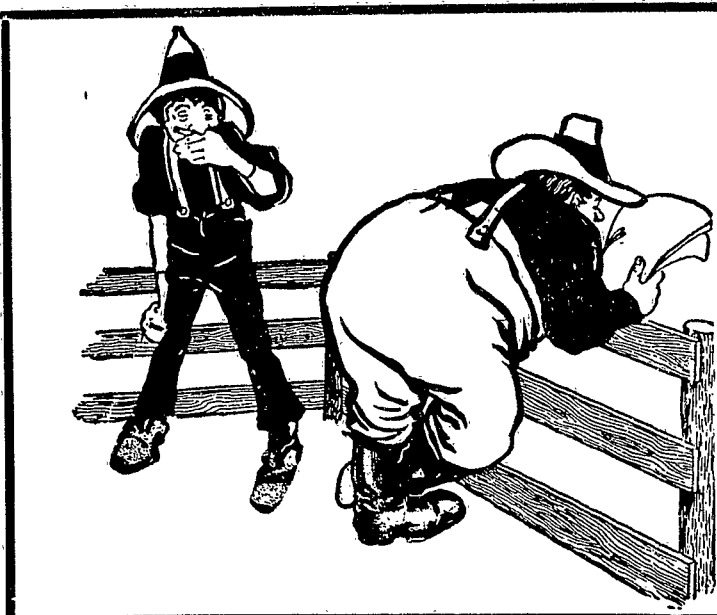
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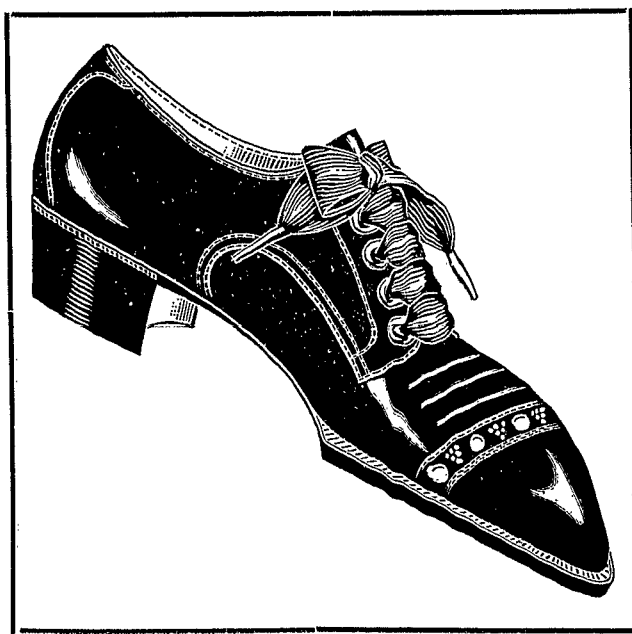
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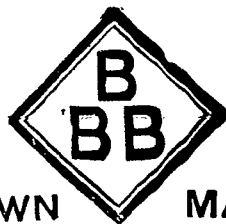
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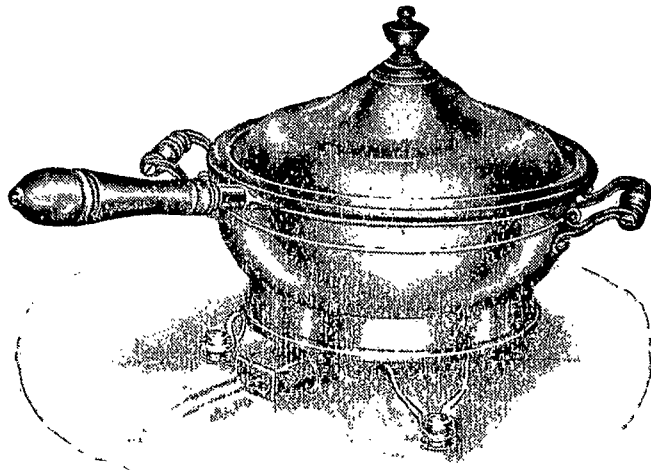
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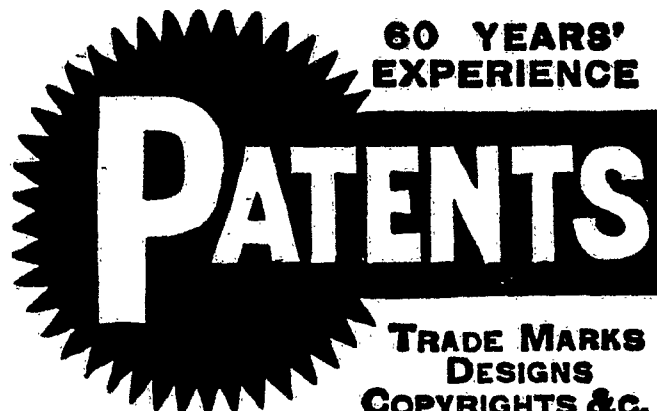
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