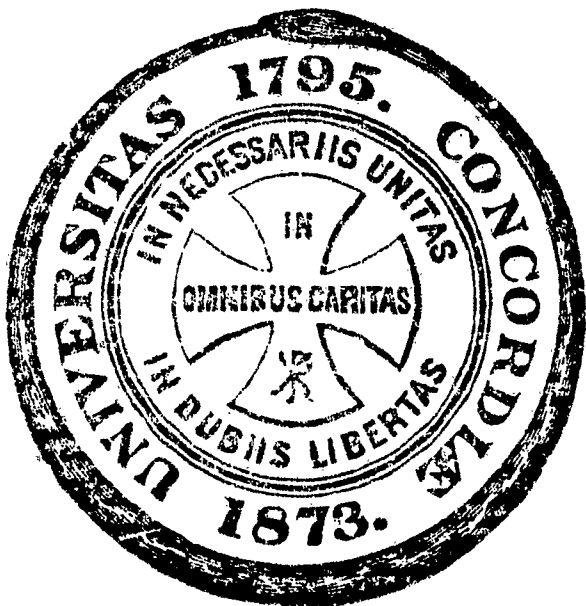


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## The Union College Social Club.

On Friday Evening last the Psi Upsilon, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi and Alpha Delta Phi fraternities assembled at the Sigma Phi house and perfected an inter-fraternity organization which has been under consideration for some time.

A committee which had been appointed early in the week for the purpose of drafting a constitution, reported. In substance the constitution stated, that the above named fraternities do hereby constitute themselves a club for the purpose of promoting social intercourse between the aforesaid fraternities. Provision was also made for a corps of officers, consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and executive committee.

After considerable discussion the constitution was adopted article by article. The following officers were then elected: C. S. Daley, president; Charles J. Vrooman, vice-president; Paul Canfield, secretary; Richard G. Perkins, treasurer. The above named officers are to constitute the executive committee.

The executive committee have formulated a scheme by which the desired sociality of the club may be established and sufficient interest awakened to make the club a success. A series of inter-fraternity contests in whist and bowling have been decided upon. The executive committee are arranging the schedule of games and players which is to be operative throughout this term and probably part of the spring term.

Already the greatest interest is being manifested in the organization which will increase as the games progress. Meetings are to be held at the various fraternity houses every Friday evening.

Sometime during the spring term a dance will probably be given by the club, after which it will discontinue regular meetings until the fall of '97.

## The Commencement Prizes.

The following students have registered for the commencement prizes: Alexander extemporaneous—Furbeck, '97, Brown, '97, G. M. Schofield, '97, D. L. Wood, '97, Hotaling, '97, Sheehan, '98, Nelson, '98, Putnam, '98, Swann, '98, Thomas, '98, Hubbard, 1900. Junior oratorical—Sheehan, Crichton, Thomas, Swann, Putnam, Nelson, Howe. Sophomore oratorical—Ketchum, Wright, MacMahon. Allen for Seniors—Blodgett, Brown, Canfield, Fuller, Cummings, Furbeck, Glazier, Hotaling, Johnston, Multer, Pearse, Pershing, G. M. Schofield, Slocum, Winn, D. L. Wood, Wyckoff. Ingham for Seniors—Winn, Slocum, Canfield, Cummings, Multer, Johnston, Fuller, Furbeck, Glazier, Hotaling, Pearse, Pershing, D. L. Wood, G. M. Schofield, Blodgett. Harroun for Seniors—Blodgett, Brown, Fuller, Furbeck, Glazier, Hotaling, Johnston, Multer, Morris, Pearse, Pershing, Slocum, G. M. Schofield, D. L. Wood. Clark for Juniors—Hammer, Nelson, Putnam, Sheehan, Swann.

## The Literary Societies.

The Adelphics debated the following question last Friday afternoon: "A wise policy for the United States precludes territorial acquisition beyond our present frontiers." Swann, '98, and Cullen, '98, defended the affirmative, and Hotaling, '97, and Birch, '97, debated for the negative.

The Philomatheans also held a meeting Friday afternoon and debated that "A wise policy for the United States precludes the acquisition of Cuba." Pershing, '97, and Hover, '97, spoke for the question, and Wood, '97, and Wright, '99, against it.

## Casper Whitney's Article Regarding the New York Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union.

Strange as it may seem, it is none the less a fact that the athletic atmosphere enveloping the majority of the colleges in the northern part of New York State has always been saturated with professionalism. These institutions have shown as little regard for the ethics of amateur sport as ever I found displayed in the most distant and most benighted Western or Southern localities. And the plea of ignorance is not tenable in New York, where precept and example may be had every day in the week, and certainly not in the northern part of the State, where Cornell has been a zealous missionary of wholesome sport for several years. Yet some of the most noisome scandals have developed in that very section. It is, indeed, extraordinary that these colleges, surrounded as they are by earnest workers in the cause of pure sport, should have steadfastly pursued their unhealthy way!

But these institutions were not without their missionaries, a few of whom were unremittingly devoted to reformation, and late last autumn their efforts were rewarded by a meeting at Utica for the purpose of revising rules and organizing a new and clarified State league.

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This meeting was the result of a faculty conference of the same college, held a month previously at Syracuse, when a plan for a new and healthier league had been outlined. At the first meeting resolutions had been adopted defining the scholarship requirements for athletic-team candidates, and were subsequently accepted by all save Syracuse, which took exception to the fifteen hours of recitations each week demanded of the athlete. At the Utica meeting this rule was modified, the number of hours being reduced to twelve.

The general sentiment of this meeting was for a new league and a thoroughly revised and improved set of rules, but I record with regret, though not with surprise, that Rochester, and to a less extent Syracuse, voted against nearly every reform proposed. Through the good work of Professor Squires of Hamilton, and Professor Patterson of Union, and others, however, the conference finally decided that a new league should be formed, to be governed by an Advisory Board, in which each college shall be represented by a member of the faculty, an alumnus, and an undergraduate. The officers of this board will be also

the officers of the league, and the complete control of the affairs of the league, arrangements of schedules, management of annual inter-collegiate athletic events, appointment of officers, control of the league's finances, will be in hands of the board.

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These rules have been ratified by Hamilton, Colgate, and Union; it is likely that Hobart will also subscribe to them. What may be expected of Rochester no man knoweth, but if she continues in the course hitherto pursued she will decline to join the league,—and be ostracised by all the other Northern New York colleges that believe in wholesome athletics. Syracuse will probably join Rochester in opposition to healthful college sport. It is a rôle to which both are accustomed. Rochester has given utterance to no specific objections to the new rules, and oppose them on the general principle of indifference to clean sport. Syracuse, however, refuses to join the league unless the Advisory Board changes the "twelve hours" of the last clause of Rule 1 to "ten hours," and the "two-term conditions" of Rule 2 to "conditions in ten hours of work." As neither of the changes will be made, Syracuse will remain an outcast in Northern New York inter-collegiate athletics.

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Despite the opposition of Rochester and Syracuse, the new league will be formed, and we are promised a rarefied atmosphere in the athletics of the small New York colleges. The rules are not so strict as the situation demanded, but they are such an improvement as to be a comforting assurance of better ones to come, and they proclaim four distinct gains for healthful athletics.—*Casper Whitney in Harpers Weekly.*

Mauger, ex-'98, has gone into the clothing business. He is located at 921 State street in this city.

The Junior debates have been abandoned on account of their conflicting with afternoon recitations.

There was quite a representation of Union College boys in Albany last Friday evening to attend the assembly of Miss Annesley's dancing class in the study hall of the Female Academy.

Prof. Sidney G. Ashmore has been having a number of lantern slides made from pictures secured by him while abroad last year. With these he will illustrate his lectures on, "The Greeks and Romans."



## Chancellor Day of Syracuse University Casts Reflections Upon Athletics at Union.

In an interview published in the *Syracuse Post* Chancellor Day of the Syracuse University says:

"The charge of professionalism at Syracuse University is preposterous. It is a foul slander and the man who makes it is a dupe of our rivals or reckless of all fact and justice. In either event he has given unmistakable proof of his utter unfitness for calm and judicial discussion of such matters. Already this man has discredited himself in some of our best colleges and wears a cognomen far from complimentary. We can afford to leave him to those who have known him longer and have given him a probably just rating. It is a rating such as to relieve us from any anxiety because of the uncomplimentary words he has written about us.

"But it is a strange irony that represents those colleges whose dark deeds forced them out of the old league as the champions of pure athletics in their attempt to break down the league in which they made their unsavory reputations and form a new one to cover their past records. No one blames them for wanting to escape their history, but it is asking too much to demand that they be clothed in white linen and made the high priests of athletic reform. That only excites derision.

"Does Mr. Whitney know that one of those colleges which he installs in the holy of holies of pure athletics was suspended from an association within a year for crooked business and is so notorious that neighboring colleges of high repute have refused to contest with her athletes? Does he know that another was refused points made at a contest of college men by the trainer of her athletes and withdrew from the old league in resentment, posing as injured innocence? These and other incidents are written deeply on the history of colleges that this judge, who determining causes without facts, sets up as examples and champions of pure athletics."

## President Raymond Replies.

President A. V. V. Raymond was seen at his residence on College Hill yesterday by a *Daily Gazette* reporter and, when shown the article in which Chancellor Day of Syracuse University criticized by imputation the position of Union in recent intercollegiate affairs, he said:

"Chancellor Day is dodging the present situation by going into the past and seeking to arouse prejudice by what happened years ago. The vital question is what shall we do now? As far as Union is concerned no reflection has been cast upon any other institution. On the other hand, she is engaged in an honest effort to come into closer relations with the colleges of the state on the basis of the generally recognized principles to govern all athletic contests. The only real question at issue is that of the basis upon which the new league shall be founded. Upon this Union is prepared to take a strong stand and to join with other colleges of like convictions and purposes. There can be no league at all satisfactory that is not based upon similar views of athletic interests, and there should be no difficulty in bringing colleges together that are animated with the same purposes and aims. If Syracuse does not like the proposed rules, it is her privilege to remain out of the league. But she ought not to seek to escape the reflection thus cast upon her by attempting to cast reflections upon other institutions because of the positions she believes they held in the past. As to the reputation of Casper Whitney, without attempting to justify his course in every particular, it is still time that he is recognized as the foremost champion of pure athletics in our colleges. He has done more perhaps than any other man to correct the evils which have brought college athletics into disrepute in many circles."

Little, '97, and Haviland, '98, spent Sunday Jan. 31, at the latter's home in Glens Falls.

Henry Glen, '93, librarian of the Public Library, is acting as superintendent of the Union Classical Institute during the absence of Prof. Halsey.

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WE WISH to call particular attention to the extracts printed under college notes, concerning Lafayette's football team. The closing paragraph should be read with the utmost care by Union college students; therein lies the secret of her success.

WE REPRINT in this number of THE CONCORDIENSIS Casper Whitney's article regarding the action of the New York Intercollegiate Athletic Union which recently appeared in Harper's Weekly, an article written by Chancellor Day which first appeared in the Syracuse Post, also a reply to Chancellor Day by President Raymond. Editorial comment upon these articles is unnecessary. The true condition of athletic affairs in this state is manifest from the articles themselves. There is not the slightest doubt as to where Union stands.

WE NOTICED in one of the exchanges which came to us this week, an interesting article on college gymnasium work. In connection with the article were tabulated the measurements of the ten strongest men in the college, also a corres-

ponding table showing the measurements of each one of the ten upon first entering the gymnasium. By comparing the two tables, remarkable differences were shown. In the first table the measurements of the entire ten were such as to make the line connecting each individual measurement tend towards the horizontal.

Carefully prepared tables like those mentioned above show the value of gymnastic training while in college.

We have often seen similar tabulated forms made out here during the fall term after the freshmen were measured. We have never seen any tables however, which by comparison would show the results obtained by properly directed gymnastic exercise. If there are any students in college who possess such records we would be glad to publish them in THE CONCORDIENSIS as they would prove interesting matter to our readers and would show the value of our course in physical culture.

AN EDITORIAL in a recent number of the *Williams Weekly* touches upon a subject which might well be considered in respect to Union.

Lehigh University is also actively engaged in work along the same line though the method of procedure is somewhat different. It is purely a matter of advertisement with both and from the standpoint of effectiveness depends entirely upon the energy with which either scheme is prosecuted.

The *Williams Weekly* suggests that all students who have prepared for entrance into college in high schools or academies, improve every opportunity which offers of furnishing their preparatory school papers or magazines with readable articles concerning their college life and customs and also accounts of foot ball and base ball games. The object of course is to keep their college in touch with the best preparatory schools of the country.

Lehigh University has adopted another plan, but with the same object in view. A press bureau has been established which furnishes to every newspaper within a more or less extended area reprint matter concerning the university.

It is clearly apparent that higher institutions of learning are anxious to enlarge their constituency and particularly to attract students to them who have had the advantages of the best high school training.

We are led to ask: What is Union doing to further her influence among prospective collegiate students? Is there any well directed effort being exerted to attract to Union a part of that large body of young humanity which is yearly knocking at the doors of our colleges and universities?

We address these questions to all who are interested in the future welfare of this college. Some well defined plan may at present be in active operation, but we are aware of none. Are we not relying in a great part upon our past history for future welfare while other colleges are appropriating to themselves that which ought to be ours?

We are well aware that much has been done to improve the internal affairs of Union in the last few years; much more than seemed possible in so short a space of time. But there are other fields of operation which with a little well directed tillage may prove to be very fruitful.

The writer well remembers the influences which directed his attention to the college world. Various college papers and annuals came into his possession, some through the medium of the preparatory school which he was then attending. He never saw a Union publication and were it not for the influence of one of Union's loyal sons he would have sought a collegiate education elsewhere. Union could find no more efficient means of attracting to her the better element which is yearly seeking a collegiate education than to place within easy access of every high school student, the undergraduate publications which emanate from this institution. THE CONCORDIENSIS would advertise, THE PARTHENON would interest and THE GARNET would please. The Union college catalogue upon which is necessarily expended the greatest sum devoted to advertising is hardly calculated to induce in the average high school student pleasant dreams of college life. It may interest the parents but they as a matter of fact have the least to say about when it comes a choice among colleges.

### Obituary.

Thomas Hawley Canfield, '41, died on his farm at Lake Park, Minn., January 20. He was born in Arlington, Vt., March 29, 1822, and received his education at Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt.; at the Troy Episcopal Institute and at Union College. He engaged in mercantile business near Burlington, Vt., which city has been his home since 1877. He later turned his attention to railroad building and was one of the constructors of the Rutland, Rutland and Washington and of the Ogdensburg railroads. He was early interested in water transportation from the west.

The first cargo of flour ever shipped from Lake Erie to Lake Champlain, via the Welland Canal and the St. Lawrence River, was shipped by him, and the first line of propellers between Detroit and Ogdensburg was established by him. He was one of the projectors of the Canghna-

waga Ship Canal and never lost his interest and faith in the final accomplishment of that enterprise. The crowning distinction of his business career was his part in the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He was a leading spirit in that enterprise, a member of the syndicate for the construction of the road and one of the directors until 1873, having devoted twenty years of his life to the project.

During the civil war he was assistant manager, under Col. T. H. Scott, of the railroad lines from the north and east. During the last twenty years he has devoted his attention principally to his 3000 acre wheat farm where he died. He was much interested in the new movement for a deep water way from the Great Lakes and was a promoter of the association.

Mr. Canfield was an ardent Episcopalian and for twenty-eight years secretary of the Diocese of Vermont. His death was such as he would have wished, except for his absence from his family. He is survived by a widow, three daughters and a son.

### College Notes.

The University of Chicago offers 1,086 courses for this year.

Harvard has adopted a new system with reference to the distribution of scholarships. Hereafter, they are not to be given to needy students as such, but rather as honors to the best men in the several classes, whether rich or poor. —*The Adelbert.*

The city of Pekin contains what is undoubtedly the oldest university in the world. It is called the "School of the Sons of the Empire." The antiquity of the college is very great, and a granite register consisting of stone columns, 320 in number, contains the names of 60,000 graduates of the highest degrees.—*Ex.*

### TRACK ATHLETICS AT PRINCETON.

The call for candidates for the Mott Haven track team at Princeton was answered by about sixty men. Indoor training has started, the prospects for a running team being especially bright.

The most likely candidates for the different events are: Lane and Jarvis for the sprints; Colfelt and Jones for the quarter and 220-yards dash; Kilpatrick, Cregan and Palmer for the half, and Wheeler and Jones for the hurdles. Tyler will probably be their representative in the vault, and Carroll and Bottger in the jumps. —*Brown and White.*



## A NEW THEORY BY DR. BRINTON.

A new theory as to the mind of the aborigine has just been advanced by Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, professor of American archæology and linguistics, which promises to be received with astonishment in the world of science. It is in brief that all savages are insane. It is a theory over which Professor Brinton has studied many years, and its advancement represents the most careful judgment of one of America's foremost archæologists.—*Pennsylvanian*.

## RICHARD HARDING DAVIS IN CUBA.

Frederick Remington, the artist, and Richard Harding Davis, author and newspaper writer, have reached the insurgent army in the island of Cuba, where they go as representatives of *The Journal*. Mr. Remington is making sketches of the life and activity of the patriot army as he finds it, and Mr. Davis, acting as war correspondent, will have a new field of effort for his trenchant and brilliant pen.—*Brown and White*.

## NO CONDITIONED BASE BALL PLAYERS.

Professor Fine, the member of the Princeton faculty who has charge of the base ball matters, has announced to the candidates for the team that no one who has a condition after the February examination will be allowed to play on the base ball team. He added that this same rule was made last year but that this year it would be carried out to the letter. It is said that this rule, if carried out, will weaken the team considerably.—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

## PROPOSED AFFILIATION.

The desirability of a consolidation between Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is being talked of. Should the project be carried out, it would give Harvard about six thousand students, over twice as many as any other American University. A similar attempt at consolidation failed twenty-six years ago after several conferences had been held.—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

## A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF CORNELL'S ATHLETICS FOR THE GYMNASIUM.

Dr. Hitchcock is at work on a pictorial history of Cornell's athletics from the beginning to the present time. The pictures will be arranged chronologically and placed on the walls of the gymnasium. Pictures of all the crews that have ever rowed for Cornell have been secured, so that this branch of the history is now complete to date. This was brought about by the good fortune of Dr. Hitchcock in being able to purchase seventy negatives of the early athletes,

crews, glee clubs, etc. These were the property of Mr. Jefferson Beardsley, a photographer who flourished in Ithaca between 1870 and 1880. However, the list of photographs of the track and other athletic teams is by no means complete. Since the time of Mr. Beardsley, the work of photographing the teams and crews has not been confined to any one photographer and the consequent separation of the negatives makes the collecting of the pictures very difficult. Dr. Hitchcock hopes with the co-operation of alumni and students to make the history complete in every detail.—*Cornell Daily Sun*.

## LAFAYETTE COLLEGE FOOT BALL.

## RESUME FOR SEASON OF 1896.

In the retrospection of the triumphant foot ball season of '96, no regrets arise to dim its lustre. To a careless or prejudiced observer the victories may be attributed to accident, rather than to superior skill, but the succession of conquests against the strongest teams, would prove the falsity of such a conclusion.

In the words of Prof. March, Jr., we had the "pluckiest team that ever played a game of foot ball." Think of it; not one defeat in twelve games! Scored on but twice! two hundred and forty points to our opponents' ten! What more could be desired? Surely Lafayette's cup of joy is full; the zenith of her fame is reached.

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The story of the game is well known.

How at the end of the first half, the score stood 4 to 0 in favor of Pennsylvania. In the second when the ball was hovering threateningly near the University's goal suddenly Barclay was seen to dart out from the crowd of players, eluding Dickson and Minds, and place the ball fairly behind the goal posts. But the trying moment had come only when he was to kick the goal. Calmly directing the position of the ball, he sent it flying between the posts, making the score 6 to 4. Surely our worthy Professor's sentiment "God Bless Him" will receive a hearty "Amen" from every Lafayette man.

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0 to 0! How much that signifies! Can we ever forget it? Can the Tigers?

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The scrub team worked hard and faithfully all season, for which they deserve great commendation. Handicapped by the lack of necessary outfits, receiving little of the glory, they showed a loyal spirit in thus doing the greatest work on the part of the students in pushing the 'Varsity on to victory. May all praise be given them.—*The Lafayette*.



Personals.

Junior essays are due Feb. 12.

Kline, 1900, is ill at his home in Amsterdam.

Bray, '99, is again out, after a week's sickness.

Potter, 1900, spent Sunday at his home in Glenville.

Sawyer, '99, spent Sunday last at his home in Sandy Hill.

Sherwood, '99, is quite seriously ill with pneumonia.

Merriman, '98, and Utter, '98, are ill at their homes in Albany.

Nathan Beckwith, '94, spent Sunday, Jan. 31, with college friends.

Sawyer, '99, spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Sandy Hill.

Hall, '99, is sick with typhoid fever at his home in Lockport, N. Y.

Van Vlack, 1900, spent Saturday and Sunday as a guest of Loucks, 1900, at his home in Albany.

French, '99, spent the latter part of last week at his home in Binghamton.

Rev. David Sprague, '79, of Amherst, Mass., is visiting his parents in this city.

John L. Sherwood, '99, is seriously ill with pneumonia at the Psi Upsilon house.

Pershing, '97, preached in the Reformed church at Glenville, Sunday, Jan. 24.

John C. Merchant, '98, has recovered from his recent illness and is at college again.

W. J. Kline, '73, and Miss Kline registered at St. James Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 25.

The classical division of the Sophomores have finished the "Persæ" and have begun the "Autigone."

Prof. Charles C. Brown, formerly professor of Civil Engineering, and at present of Indianapolis, Ind., was the guest of Prof. Stoller last week.

Rev. Phillip H. Cole, Union '88, lectured at the Second Reformed church, Thursday, Jan. 28, on "Human Contracts" for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A.

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The examinations will relate wholly to the duties of the position and will be limited to six hours.

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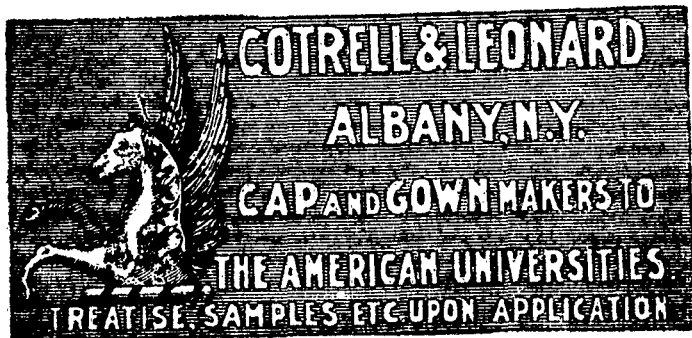
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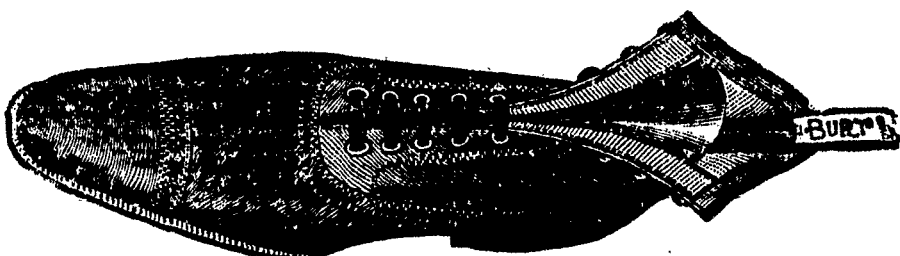
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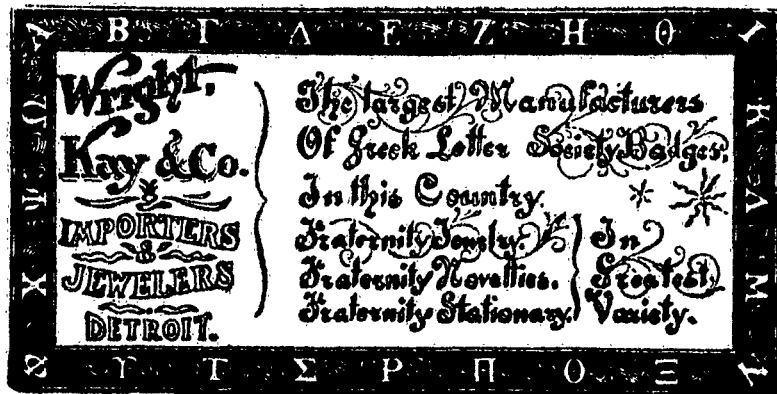
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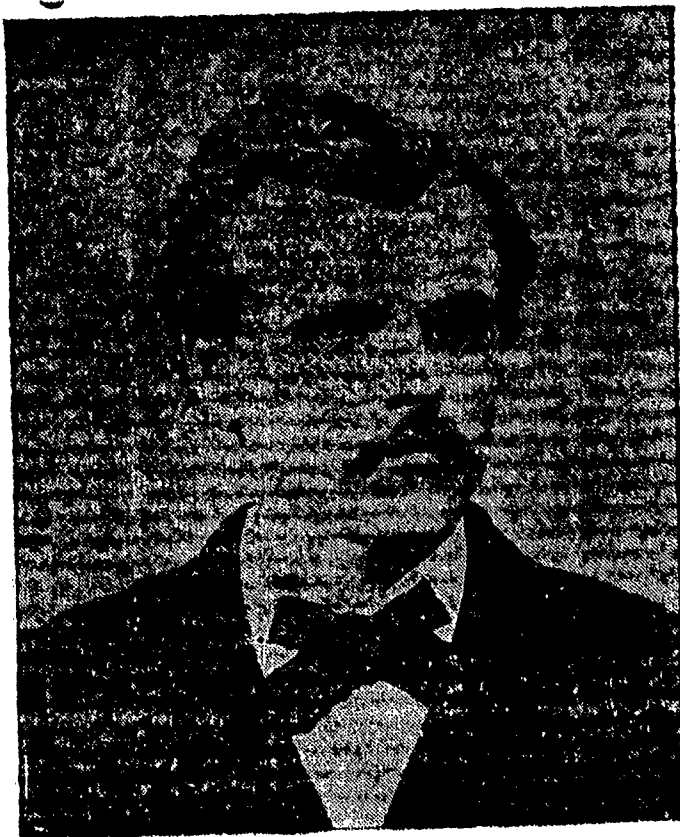
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