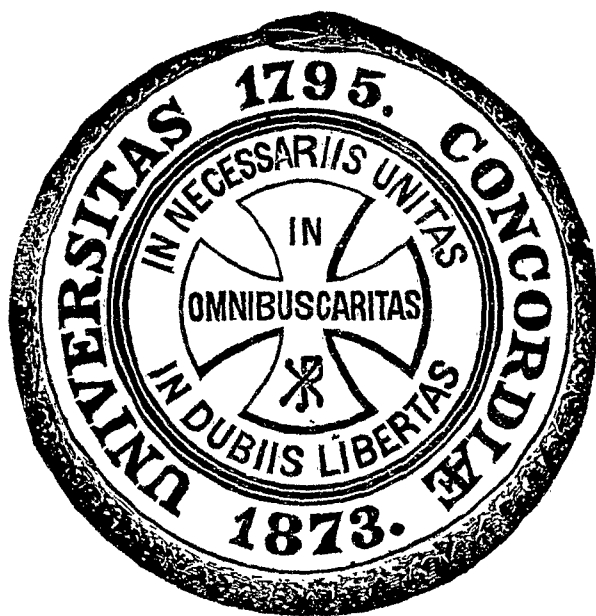


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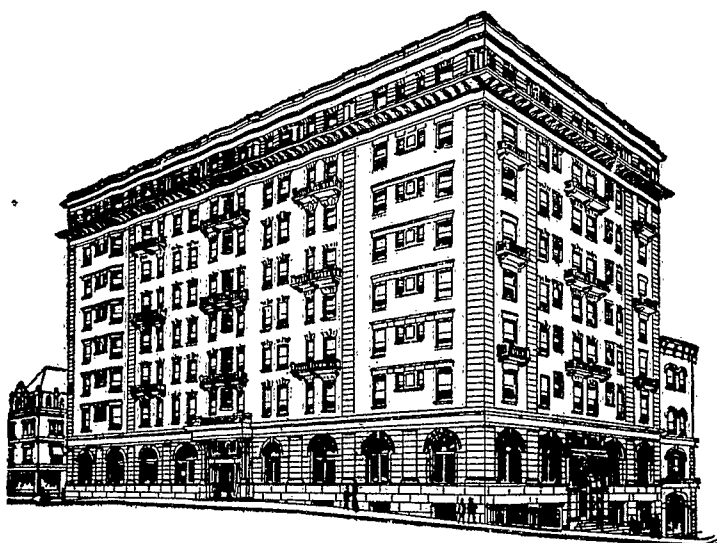
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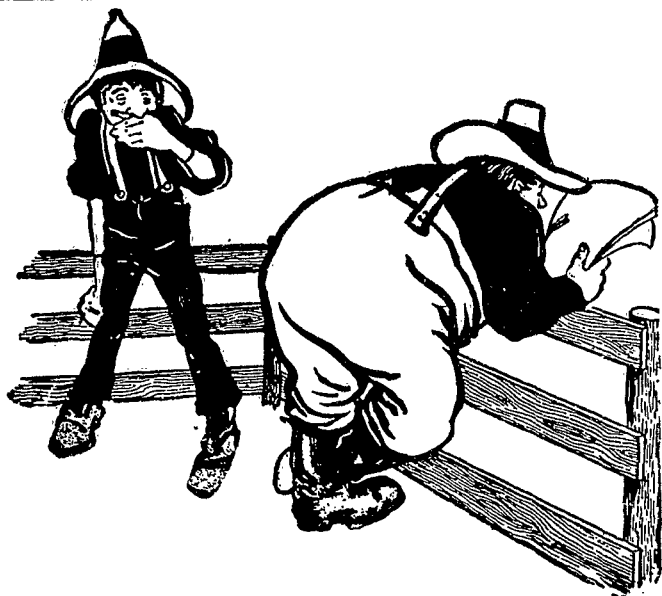
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THE HISTORY OF UNION'S COLORS.

(DeWitt Clinton.)

Search in the literature of colleges, in books relating to college customs, and in general periodical literature, reveals but little of value in the history of college colors.

The earliest printed record of college colors found, is in the "Williams College Quarterly," August, 1865. Therein the announcement is made of the choice of "Royal Purple as our college color."

In "Qui Vier," the organ of Shurtleff College, under date of April, 1868, the colors of eleven American colleges are given, among them Union is assigned magenta, while Harvard's color is given as red. In the same year "Carmina Colleginesia" assigns red to Harvard, and magenta to Union.

The "Harvard Advocate," April, 1875, gives an account of the first use of a color by a Harvard crew in 1858, and the color was "very near to a true crimson."

The "Yale Courant" of same date gives crimson as Harvard's color, but adds, "no formal adoption was made until 1867.

The above statements are preliminary to the relation of facts incident to the formal adoption of garnet as Union's color.

In 1874 Union had a capable crew, fine boats and boathouse, and a good practice course. Preparations for a regatta among college crews, to be held on the Connecticut at Springfield, Mass., were in progress, and Union registered her crew and color for the event.

Harvard had registered the same color, magenta, and immediately protested Union's right to the use thereof. A serious disagreement was avoided at the time, as Union soon decided to withdraw from the event. Early in 1875 thirteen colleges were entered to row on Saratoga Lake in July of that year. In order to be eligible to enter the race Union applied for membership in the

Rowing Association of American Colleges and it became necessary to register the color under which Union's crew would row.

Many years previous magenta had, informally, been adopted as Union's color therefore it was so registered. Harvard at once presented a claim to priority in use of the color, and a controversy began which for a time waxed strenuous. Outside friends of both crews advised a compromise and a committee from each college was appointed to meet and amicably arrange the matter in dispute. After discussion of the rival claims, it was finally decided to request both colleges to abandon magenta and chose another color. This recommendation was followed and in February, 1875, Union College formally adopted garnet as the college color and Harvard adopted crimson. That all Harvard men were not pleased at the outcome is evidenced by the following excerpts:

The "Harvard Magenta," under date of February 12, 1875, had the following: "It becomes our painful duty to inform the H. U. B. C., the H. U. B. B. C., the H. U. F. B. C. and others that the magenta which has graced so many victories, which was first displayed on Lake Winnipiseoga, in 1859, and now adorns our commons crockery must be renounced. Union College has signified her willingness to enter the next regatta. Union College bears a magna standard and Union College desires us to change our color. Union claimed the color in 1860, she states. Before what tribunal? Where was it widely displayed? The color was probably worn by some Union student, but the color of a college is established when it is worn in a race with other colleges."

It is a matter of some interest that Union's application for membership in the Rowing Association having been rejected in the morning session of the convention and while the matter in dispute between Harvard and Union was yet rife, it was on Harvard's motion that the action of the morning was reconsidered and Union admitted to membership in the Association. This was a

gracious and courteous act by Harvard, greatly appreciated by the boys of '75.

In July, 1875, the crews met on Saratoga Lake and garnet was established for Union, as was crimson for Harvard. Thirteen college crews met in that regatta and all but four displayed the colors now borne. Cornell then displayed carnelian, it is now carnelian and white; Brown University displayed brown only it is now brown and white; Wesleyan showed red, white and blue, now cardinal and black; Princeton carried orange, now orange and black.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

Last Tuesday evening the Musical Association gave a concert in the Pilgrim Church of the city. The concert went off very smoothly and the audience was very well pleased, showing their appreciation by generous applause.

The program follows:

1. College Songs..... Glee Club
2. His Honor the Mayor.....Edwards, Baron
Mandolin Club.
3. Mammy Loo Cortwright
Messrs. Fuller, '08; Kline, '08; Bell, '08;
Corbin, '09.
4. Golden Sunset Waltzes Hall
Orchestra.
5. Die list vie line Blume..... Corbin, '09.
6. The Cooper's SongArr. by Parks
Glee Club.
7. Guitar Quartet, My Guiding Star.....A. Lofey
Messrs. Davies, '08; Mark, '08; Hutchens,
'10; Fink, '11.
8. While I Have YouArr. by Parks
Quartette.
9. The Jolly BlacksmithsGeibel
Glee Club.
10. Overture, Bridal RoseLavalle
Orchestra.
11. Just a' Wearying For You.....Corbin, '09
12. The Winter SongBullard
Glee Club.

Dean Wright of the academic department of Yale says that the collecting together of rich students in expensive dormitories at Old Eli leads to serious evils, putting scholarship in a second place and tending to limit social advantages to the favored few.

COLLEGE MEETING.

Much enthusiasm was shown last Monday by the results of Saturday's game.

Coach Grout spoke on Saturday's game with Rutgers. He said that the varsity played an excellent fielding game and predicted a winning outlook for the rest of the season.

Captain Parsons urged the men to come out for track in order to compete in the several track meets.

Stevens, '08 brought up the following amendments to the athletic constitution, which were ratified by the student body.

Article XI. Section 2. Class numerals shall be awarded to anyone who shall have played one game on a varsity team, or who has been awarded a second.

Article III, Section 6. The Athletic Board shall annually elect at its October meeting an assistant manager for the tennis team from the list of Juniors who have registered as candidates with the manager, who shall make recommendations concerning said candidates.

Also these resolutions, adopted by the Athletic Board, March 29th, 1908, were accepted.

I. Athletic teams are classified as of three kinds—(a) college or university teams; (b) second teams, when duly authorized by the Athletic Board; (c) class teams.

II. To avoid misunderstandings and consequent harm to the college, it is the policy of Union to allow no other teams from Union College than those just specified, to play with outside teams. Included among teams not thus allowed would be any team composed partly of Union students and partly of outsiders, unless the outsiders were in the majority.

III. The manager of each college or university team is required to report to the chairman of the Faculty Committee on Athletics the names of all other team managers in his branch of sport.

Faust spoke on Y. M. C. A. work and of the Northfield convention.

President Weyrauch announced a series of campus meetings.

The University of Mississippi, the first school in the South to give a play in the French tongue, will present another this year.

SOME SUB-FRESHMEN QUERIES.

Decoration Day is rapidly drawing near and with it the advent of Union's first Sub-Freshmen Day. In view of this a few probable pertinent questions from the Sub-Freshmen have come into the reporter's head, and so he has seized this opportunity to jot down the pertinent replies that the college fellows will make.

Oh, no; we don't own the campus. It belongs to the kids who must have a place to play, to the ladies who must go shopping, and to the workmen who must have a short cut to the factory. Yes, the diamond belongs to them, too. We are only allowed to practice on it. It was intended for the use of the motley throng of pedestrians."

"No, that is not a branch of the Locomotive works. It is only the steam pipes of our heating plant. When C. B. was here, you know, he tried to heat all outdoors."

"Oh, yes, the Glee Club is going on an extended Western trip. When? Oh, I don't know, some time in 1912, I guess."

"No, there isn't any wild monster inside the chapel. The reason the fellows peek so cautiously inside the door is to find out whether their monitor is there or not."

"Oh, yes, by all means laugh at Ashey's jokes. It's a good plan, we upper classmen have found. It may be tiresome work, but he will stick you if you don't."

"Yes, you can bolt Johnnie Bennett twenty times if you want to. Johnnie doesn't care. He likes bolts just as well as you do."

"Oh, yes, the fellows always pay their Concordy subscriptions. But then they needn't, you know; for the Concordy is a charitable enterprise. The editors are noble philanthropists and are expected to run the paper on wind, and without the support of the student body."

"No, that is not Schenectady's new garbage disposal plant. It is a part of the campus. It beautifies the grounds, you see, to have tin cans and ashes dumped along the brook that bounds through old Union's grounds."

"Why do we call him 'Ducky'? Oh, it's just because he's a bird, you know."

"No the Idol didn't grow with that color of vermillion hue. That was caused by some children from Rensselaer who came over here to amuse themselves one night. Children must be humored, you know."

CRITICS ENDORSE REFORMS OF FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Football next fall will be a more scientific game than it has been so far in its history. The rules passed by the committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association at its meeting are generally conceded to be a step in advance of those last year. Not a measure adopted but is hailed as a notable improvement.

As was thought before the meeting, the chief portion of the sessions was occupied with the forward pass. The result of many hours of deliberation and discussion was the adoption of the following rules, which will be drafted by a committee consisting of Walter Camp, L. M. Dennis and E. K. Hall.

A forward pass illegally touched goes to the opponents on the spot from which the pass is made.

Of the passers' side only the man who first legally touches the ball may thereafter recover it until it has been touched by an opponent.

If the forward pass is legally touched and then free upon the ground and touched by another player on the passers' side, the ball goes to the opponents on the spot where he improperly touches it.

There was another restriction passed bearing upon the forward pass, treating with the rights of players while the ball is in the air. This prohibits the defending players from holding the players on the side trying to make the pass, as was done by Princeton to break up the Carlisle Indians' passes. It also decides the rights of the passing side in using their hands.

These restrictions placed on the game are considered opportune, since they will prevent the general use of the style employed by the Indians. It was doubted by few that with the forward pass left unreformed most teams would have adopted the Carlisle method of manipulating the pass, as it was most effective. It also left room for questionable tactics in the way of receiving the pass. But under the present code the officials will be better able to watch the plays than heretofore.

The drastic penalties opposed where forward passes are illegally touched or are touched after being fumbled by another of the same team will have the effect of doing away with reckless passing and scrambling, as is thought. The practice of holding opponents on the side making the pass, thus preventing them from getting down the field to form protection for the man receiving it, has been prohibited. It was practiced on several occasions in Eastern games during the 1907 season.

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Editorial

With this issue, the new board takes up its work. It is not without a feeling of regret that we see our Senior members leaving for newer and larger duties and leaving us to take up and carry forward the high standards that we shall try to emulate. Our policy cannot now be stated definitely; we shall try to do all in our power to forward the interests of dear old Alma Mater and bring that college spirit of the old days to its most perfect form. We will welcome all correspondence in regard to college life and it shall be printed regardless of our views, if the author signs his name. The work of organizing the board has been held back because the election occurred so near the vacation and so, gentle reader, we crave your lenience if we may not seem to accomplish much for the time being. We hope that the college as a body and our alumni will aid us in the work, as they have done in the past. It would be well for all to remember that the *Concordiensis* is a paper published by the students of Union University and not the small body of individuals who make up the board.

Every year during the winter season the real, live spirit dies out to a certain extent, *Results of the Game.* but with the advent of baseball it generally develops gradually. This year the development has had a great stimulus, and it only remains for us to keep it to that pitch to which the ninth inning of last Saturday's game raised it. Would it not

be a good stunt to start what in some places are called college sings? The cheer leaders should appoint certain evening hours of each week, when the whole student body could assemble on the *Terrace* and with the aid of our Glee Club, perfect our college songs and show our old rivals, the Buff and Blue, that *Old Union* is not to be outdone, even in singing. We showed them, on their own campus, too, how a college could cheer even in defeat. Why, then, should we not become proficient in that other branch and out-sing all our rivals.

We would call the attention of the readers to the first article in this issue by our librarian, Mr. Clinton. It is surely an interesting fact to know how hard it was for each college to choose its colors and how these troubles were settled.

THE RUTGERS DEBATE.

Interest in the annual Union-Rutgers debate to be held in New Brunswick, N. J., on May 13th has crystallized into steady, consistent work and a definite plan for the contest.

Preliminary trials have been held during the past week in the college chapel under the direction of Professors Hoffman and McKean. There has been considerable enthusiasm shown and there have been a goodly number of contestants for positions on the team. The men who have been chosen to represent Union on the negative side of the contention are Weyrauch, '08; La Crosse, '08; Mould, '09, and Davies, '08, alternate.

The debate with Rutgers will unquestionably be the hardest contest of the year. For fourteen consecutive years Rutgers has carried off the laurels from us, but our previous victories this season give good reason for hoping that this year we will destroy the continuity of her unbroken record.

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Last Saturday the Garnet journeyed to New Brunswick and added another victory to her credit. Dunn pitched a fine game at all points and his support was excellent.

In the first inning, with Union at bat first, Perry started things going with a single, went to second on Vogt's sacrifice to Rowland, and stole third, coming home on King's single. With two men out, Rowland circled the bases on a hit over the center fielder's head for Rutgers' only run.

The second inning opened auspiciously for the Varsity. Hayward singled, stole second, went to third on an error and stole home. Dunn made a single with two out and went to second on an error. Perry drew a pass, but the side was retired without any more scoring.

In the fourth Hoffman made a single, stole second, went to third on Mackey's sacrifice and came home on Dunn's single. This ended the scoring in the game.

In the sixth, Rutgers's prospects looked brighter when, with two out, Rowland gained third and Steinke made first. But Dunn pulled out of the hole by striking out Segoine.

What was the unlucky seventh in the West Point and Pratt games changed to the lucky seventh for Dunn. He struck out the three men who faced him.

In the ninth Ladue made a single, but was advanced no further because of good fielding on the part of the opposing players.

The features of the game were Rowe's home run and Dunn's pitching.

The score was as follows:

Rutgers.						
	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wallace, 2b	3	0	0	3	0	0
Fisher, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Rowland, ss	4	1	2	1	5	1
Steinke, c	4	0	0	8	2	0
Segoine, rf	4	0	0	2	0	1
Sangster, p	4	0	0	0	1	0
Van Ness, 1b	3	0	1	10	0	0

Howman, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson, 3b	3	0	0	2	3	1
Totals	31	1	3	27	11	3

Union						
	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Perry, ss	3	1	1	1	5	1
Vogt, c	3	0	0	11	0	0
King, 1b	4	0	1	7	0	1
Ladue, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Tobin, cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Hoffman, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Hayward, 2b	4	1	1	2	1	0
Mackey, 3b	2	0	0	3	2	0
Dunn, p	3	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	7	27	8	2

Score by Innings.

	R.	H.	E.
Union	1	1	0
Rutgers	1	0	0

Earned Runs—Rutgers, 1; Union 2. Home run—Rowland. Base on balls—Off Sangster, 1. Struck out—By Dunn, 8; by Sangster, 8. Left on bases—Rutgers, 3; Union, 3. Hit by pitcher—Howman. Stolen bases—Rowland, Van Ness, Perry, Hoffman, Hayward, 2.

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The game with Pratt on the eleventh reads like a story in a novel. With a score of five to nothing, Pratt finally went down to defeat in the last inning in one of the games that will be handed down to posterity. The game appeared to be an easy one for Pratt, for with her phenominal, smiling pitcher in the box, the Union batters seemed unable to locate the ball. While Pratt, although held down till the seventh by two errors and a single, brought three men across the plate. The outcome from this point never seemed in doubt and again in the ninth two men were sent home for the visitors, giving a hard lead to overcome. One runner, whose score was counted was evidently put out at home by Captain Vogt, as the umpire was busy in an altercation at first and did not see the put, the score was tallied.

Never have the fellows gone more wild than in

the ninth inning, when with one man out and two men on bases, Perry knocked a pretty single which brought the two runners in. From this time runner after runner crossed the plate, until the score stood six to five when the game closed. Ladue seems to be getting in his old batting form, for with two men on bases, he met the ball for a three-bagger. No one has seen such wild enthusiasm as attacked the Union bleachers in the ninth inning, and it is not to be doubted that our yelling aided the winning of the game materially. Although during a vacation there was a good crowd of collegians present and the Pratt supporters were out in force to cheer their team on to victory.

Dunn pitched like an old leaguer, keeping his hits scattered and playing his batters to hit balls that could be easily fielded. Except for a few unfortunate errors, our team was in excellent form and their fielding was much superior to their opponents'. The Freshmen showed up exceptionally well and it is safe to predict that a majority of Union's games will be victories for the Garnet. Our lack of pitchers is very noticeable, but after

May 1st, some of our old stars will be again in the game, and then woe be to our opponents, whoever they are.

The score and line-up follows:

Union.					
	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Dunn, p	1	1	1	2	0
Vogt, c	0	1	8	3	0
King, 1b	1	1	6	1	1
Hayward, 2b	1	0	3	2	1
Mackey, 3b	0	0	3	3	1
Perry, ss	1	1	1	5	0
Tobin, cf	1	1	3	1	0
Ladue, rf	1	1	0	0	0
Hoffman, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	6	6	27	17	3

Pratt Institute.					
	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Holtoff, p	1	2	2	4	2
Gassey, c	1	1	6	3	1
Burr, c	0	0	4	1	0
Ogden, 1b	1	1	8	1	0
Wickham, ss	0	0	2	2	0

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C. Mr'ns, rf	1	1	0	0	2
Sullivan, cf	0	0	1	0	0
V'n V'dt, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	27	14	4

Score by innings.

Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6—6
Pratt Institute	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2—6

Struck out—By Dunn, 7; by Holtoff, 11. Three-base hits—Ladue Vogt. Two-base hits—Perry, King, Tobin, Holtoff, Dunn, Ogden. Left on bases—Union, 4; Pratt Institute, 9. Base on balls—Off Dunn, 3; off Holtoff, 1. Umpire—Glenn. Attendance—450.

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April 11, West Point at West Point....	3	1
April 18, Pratt at Schenectady.....	5	6
April 25, Rutgers at New Brunswick....	1	3
May 2, Colgate at Hamilton	—	—
May 7, Hobart at Schenectady	—	—
May 9, Rochester, at Rochester	—	—
May 13, Rochester at Schenectady.....	—	—
May 15, Hamilton at Clinton	—	—
May 16, Hobart at Geneva.....	—	—
May 23, Edison Club at Schenectady..	—	—
May 27, Middlebury at Schenectady ..	—	—
May 30, Hamilton at Schenectady	—	—
June 6, Rutgers at Schenectady	—	—
June 9, Colgate at Schenectady.....	—	—
Totals	9	10

TRACK.

The following schedule has been made out for the track team:

May 9—Handicap meet.

May 15—Class meet.

May 16—Interscholastic meet.

May 23—Union-Worcester Polytechnic Institute meet.

May 30—N. Y. S. I. A. U. championship meet.

The first four meets are to be held here and the last one at Utica, if possible.

Owing to the delay in getting out No. 22 of the Concordiensis and in perfecting the organization of the new board, it was deemed advisable not to get out an issue last week.

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ORATORICALS.

Last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the preliminary contest for the appointment of four Sophomores to the oratorical stage for the Monday evening of Commencement Week was held in the college chapel.

The judges for the occasion were Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Hale and Dr. March. There were eleven aspirants for appointments, and the contest was keen throughout. The judges had a lengthy debate before awarding the honors, but finally decided upon Coplon, Chaffee, Macomber and Cavert, S. M.

The men for the Junior contest, who have been appointed without preliminary trial, are Welles, R. J. Ury, Faust and Streibert.

TENNIS.

A college tournament open to students and the faculty will be held this week, starting Tuesday, April 28th, weather permitting. Singles only will be played at this time, and all who have ever played are urged to enter. An entrance fee of twenty-five cents will be charged, and all entries must be in by 6 p. m. Monday, April 27th. There are about fifteen or twenty entries at present.

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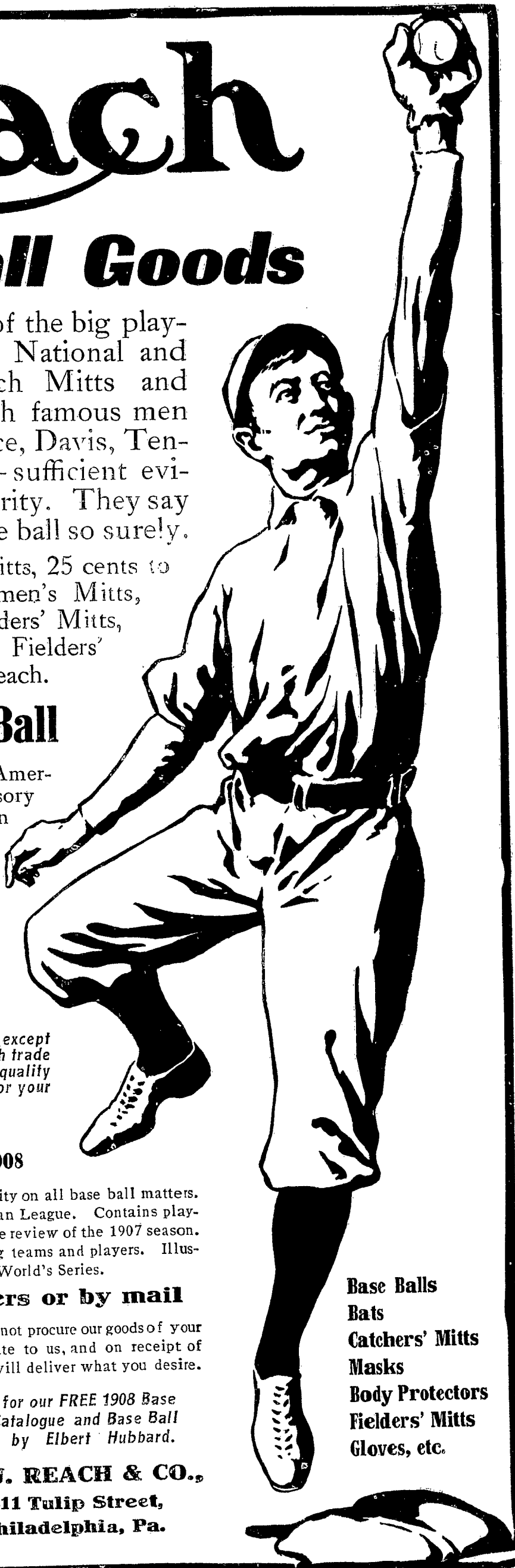
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College Briefs

The Junior Class will hold a banquet at the New Hampton in Albany on May 8th. A large crowd have expressed their willingness to attend and undoubtedly this will be as successful as 1909's past efforts have been.

Helm, '08 attended the eighty-first annual convention of the Delta Phi Fraternity, held at the St. Elmo Club, New York city, April 11 and 12.

Hagar, '06, witnessed the Pratt game on the campus. He seems as great a baseball enthusiast as ever.

Moving up day ought soon to make its appearance.

Again the scraper is making its rounds and it seems to enjoy the work, as it takes its own time.

The skating rink is of some use after all. It is coming in handy now as a place in which to throw the weights.

Learner: I think you might do as well by us as Prof. A-m-e did. He gave us a bolt.

Teacher B-e: Well, the Lord only knows what he'll do. But he's all right, they're all all right, all right, all right, all right.

The following Sophomores have registered with Manager Fuller as candidates for assistant manager of the track team: Newton W. Sutter, Harlan H. Grover, Harold E. Seamans and Ralph S. Merrill.

Prof. Ellery has been invited to deliver the graduating address at the Glens Falls High School.

Dr. Barnes has been made an honorary member of the Pyramid Club.

PYRAMID CLUB.

Recently the officers of the Pyramid Club for the ensuing year were elected. They are as follows:

President—Herbert D. Scutt.

Vice President—Edmond B. Whitcomb.

Treasurer—George A. Dillinger.

Corresponding Secretary—Raymond J. Finch.

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Last Thursday evening a banquet was given for the new officers at Cryne's Restaurant. Following is the toast list:

Toastmaster, John F. Nash.

Speech of retiring president, Vandegrift, '08.

Response of president elect, Whitcomb, '10.

Our Club, Penrose, '08.

Our Debators, Mould, '09.

First Impressions, Travis, '11.

Our Alumni, Reynolds, '04.

The Ladies, Bennett, '07.

Athletics, Dillinger, '10.

Dr. Barnes gave a short talk on different college affairs.

The committee which had the arrangements in charge was composed of Covey, '08; Finch, '09, and Travis, '11.

Last Wednesday, for the first time, eight-oared crews representing Harvard and the Navy met in a race on the Severn River. Harvard was victorious, winning by not a full boat length. Her time for the two miles was 10 minutes and 30 seconds; Navy's, 10 minutes and 32 seconds.

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Upper Classman: Let sub-Freshmen like those stay away. We don't want them. We want men, not cattle.

Moral: Don't make an ass of yourself. Keep off the grass.

Next Commencement marks the completion of forty years of Cornell's history, and plans are being considered by a committee of alumni to have a reunion of all classes.

On April 14, New York University defeated Rutgers in a debate. This is the first time in many years that Rutgers has been defeated.

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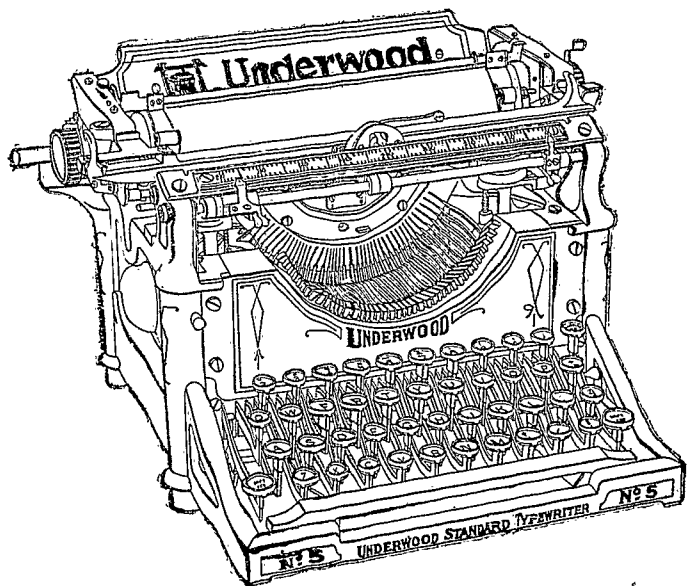
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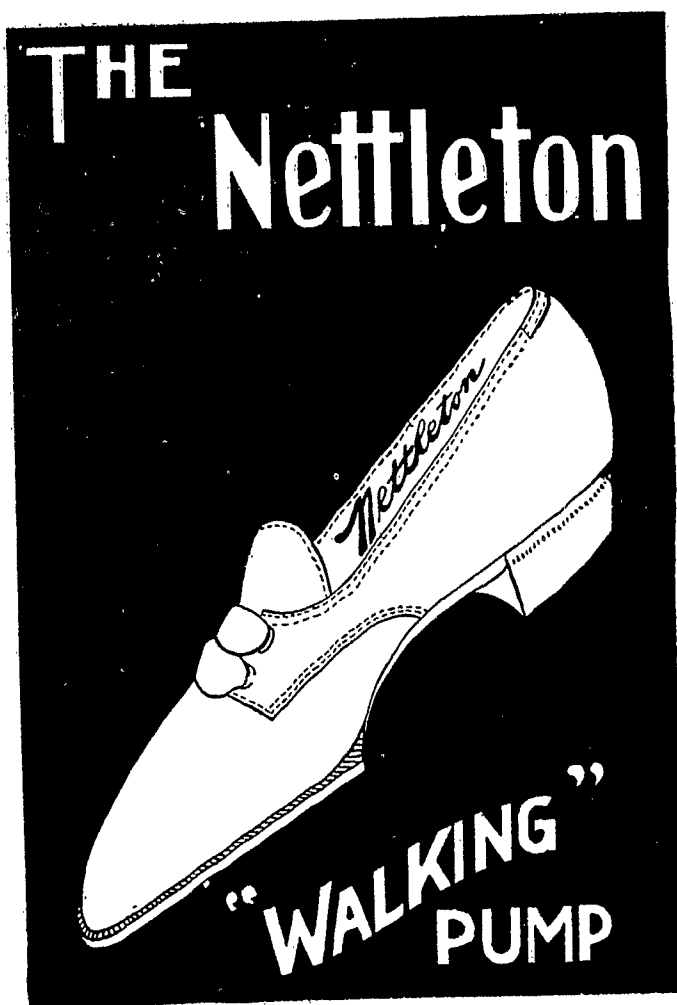
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