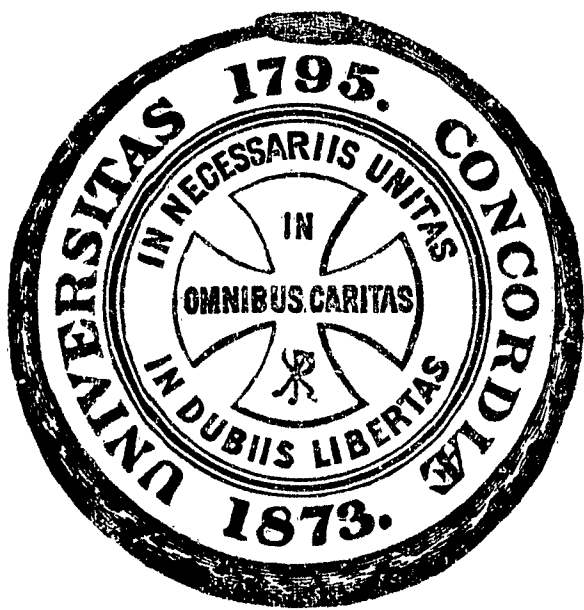


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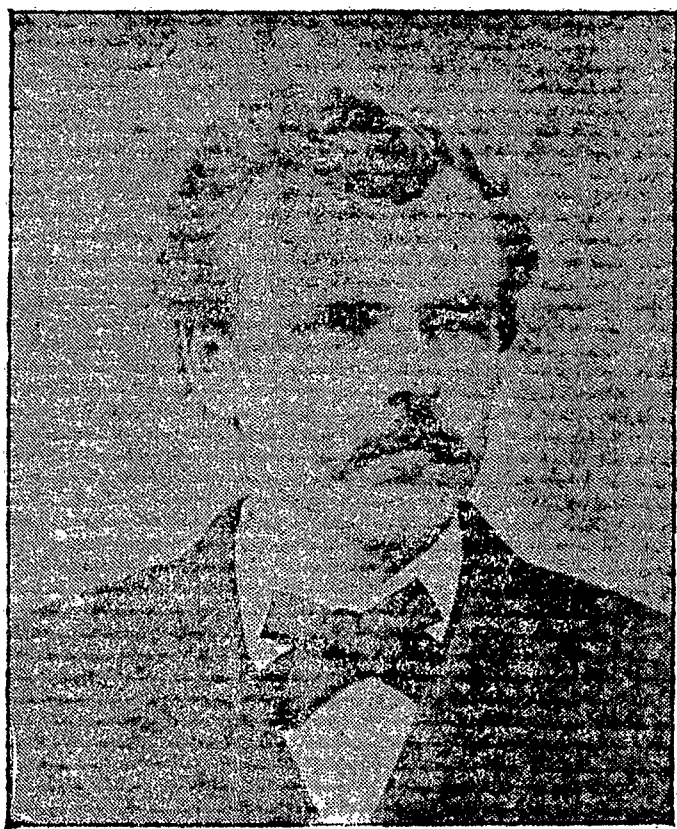


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George Edward Graham's Lecture.

On the evening of Thursday, March 6, the chapel was crowded with an audience eager to hear George E. Graham's lecture, "On the Bridge with Schley."

In a few words Pres. Raymond introduced the speaker as one especially fitted to tell us about the naval operations of the late war, for he was not only present at the scene of hostilities but it was his business to see and he had all the facilities possible under the circumstances.

Mr. Graham opened his lecture by contrasting ancient modes of naval warfare with those of the present time. In the days of Roman supremacy battleships came alongside for engagements, a bridge was dropped between them and the crew of one boarded the other and fought a hand to hand battle. In those days, of course, there were no shells nor iron-clad vessels. When the shell was finally invented and put to use it was made in the form of a hollow sphere filled with a high explosive with a fuse attached. The trouble with this was, that explosion usually occurred too soon or too late, depending on the length of the fuse and the distance of the enemy. These served their purpose very well for ships of wood or thin iron plating, but could not injure the steel battleships of today.

In the Spanish war our navy used the type of shell which is now used by all the best navies of the world. The shell is cylindrical with a cone shaped point. The conical part is made of solid steel while the body of the projectile is hollow and filled with an explosive. In the base is a "plunger" which explodes the shell when its flight is suddenly checked. Around the projectile are two brass bands which, being of soft metal, do not injure the rifling of the gun. These instruments of destruction are fired from the gun with a velocity of 2,100 ft. per sec. and as the weight runs as high as 1,100 pounds

in the 13 inch shell their destructive force is terrific. The largest shot fired at the battle of Santiago was the 13 inch shell, while Dewey used nothing larger than an 8 inch at Manila. Mr. Graham showed his audience some diagrams and some pieces of shells from which one could get a very fair idea of their size and appearance. He also had two "grains" of powder on a string. The striking feature of these so-called grains was their size, each being about the size of a one inch cube.

The lecturer spoke of the signal practice which the gunners took and of the great success which was due to this. At a distance of six and one-half miles the Indiana fired a shot into the midst of the city at the third trial. In fifty minutes the whole fleet had the range and consequently had the city at his mercy. That same night the non-combatants were removed from the city and two days later Santiago had surrendered.

Mr. Graham was on the battleship Brooklyn from March 28 till August 20, when the flying squadron arrived in New York at the conclusion of the war. He proceeded to give an account of the war from day to day as seen from the flagship. To aid him in this he used a stereopticon which was well supplied with views taken by him during the campaign. The first picture was one of Schley boarding the Brooklyn, then followed views of the officers of the ship. He told of the various mascots, the most interesting of which was "Old Billy," a goat, the special pet of the tars. The marines had a fox terrier. The ship started out with a fawn on board but it broke its leg and had to be left behind.

On May 4, news was received of Dewey's victory and a picture was thrown on the screen showing the sailors as they "cheered the ship" when Commodore Schley announced the result of the battle.

It was not until May 13 that the squadron got orders to proceed to sea, an order which was gladly received by all on board. They sighted Cuba on the 21st and a dreary sight it was. This was near Cienfuegos, over four miles from our nearest coaling station, and it was here that the first attempt was made to coal at sea.

After maintaining a week's blockade at St. Plague, Schley proceeded to Santiago where, on May 29, he sighted the Christobal Colon in the harbor. A blockade was formed by the whole Atlantic squadron and maintained for nearly five weeks.

A picture was shown of Hobson and his volunteer crew and others, taken on June 3, relating to the sinking of the Merrimac. Also other pictures illustrating the damage done by the frequent bombardments along the coast during the blockade. Morro Castle was seen to be practically unharmed, while the audience was amused by a picture of two of its guns bearing the date 1678.

Mr. Graham next gave a thrilling account of the remarkable battle of July 3, in which the pride of Spain's navy was hopelessly wrecked by the gallant ships under Commodore Schley. He gave special praise to Captain Wainwright of the Gloucester for his plucky fight against the two torpedo boats and his brilliant victory.

After witnessing the great loss of life on the Spanish side, the commander of the hospital ship was astounded, as was all the world, by Schley's report of "one dead and two wounded."

Mr. Graham had been struck by the calmness of the men during battle, the deliberatness with which the gunners took aim, and the disdain of both officers and men for the aim of the Spainards.

This battle put an end to the fighting in Atlantic waters and the squadron left Cuba for New York without any further exciting incidents, arriving in port August 20, six days after the signing of the protocol.

Mr. Graham's lecture was certainly one of the best which has been heard in the chapel this year. His delivery was excellent, every word being distinct and intelligible to every one in the house. He seemed to hold his audience from beginning to end without any trouble and

frequently excited applause. He is now stationed at Albany, being the head of the Associated Press Bureau at that place, and it is to be hoped that he will find time to give us another talk sometime in the future.

The Sophomore Banquet.

After the lecture delivered in the chapel last Thursday evening, the sophomores assembled at the Edison hotel to hold their annual banquet. The affair was entirely sophomore, for the main purpose in view was to arouse a more earnest class spirit, and interest in all the affairs of the college. From ten o'clock, when toastmaster Gardner Kline opened the proceedings, until four o'clock in the morning, the time was most enjoyably spent. Proprietor Brown gave a delightful menu after which toastmaster Kline called for the following toasts:

Herbert Fuller.....Welcome to 1901
 Everett T. Mallory.....1901 on the Gridiron
 W. E. Van Wormer... ..1901 and the Fair Sex
 Leopold Minkin.....1901 in the Minstrels
 Arthur S. Golden.....1901 in Society
 John E. Parker.....1901 on the Diamond
 Porter L. Merriman.....1901 in the Classroom
 Joseph H. Clements.....1901 in the Theatre
 J. W. Cheesborough.....1901 in the Library
 Everett T. Grout.....1901 on the Track
 Henry S. Bähler.....1901 and the Faculty
 John McNab.....1901 in Journalism
 LeRoy J. Weed....1901 in the Musical Association
 Earl B. Slack.....1901 in Temperance Reform
 J. W. Miller, Jr.... ..1901 at the Frosh Banquet

The toasts were all bright and sparkling, and the responses by toastmaster Kline were always to the point. Besides the regular toasts, each member of the class was called upon to give an impromptu speech, which he did with good will. At the table there were seated some former members of the class of 1901,—Sheehan, Cooper, Mesmer, Keller and Schumacher. College spirit was manifested throughout the proceedings by songs, and yells, and the affair was in every way a success.

Much credit is due to toastmaster Kline for the success of the affair, and also to the committee,—Fuller, Merriman, Golden and McNab.

Alumni Notes.

William A. Jaycox, '87, of Dobbs Ferry is dead.

A. H. Birch, '97, of Amsterdam was on the hill last week.

J. Storrs Cotton, '97, was the guest of friends in college last week.

Rev. Ephraim Deyoe, '39, died February 22, 1899. His last residence was Ramsey's, N. J.

The Penn Yan school board has re-elected Howard Conant, '92, principal of the High School at a salary of \$1200, an increase of \$200.

Announcement is made of the marriage on April 4, of Miss Emeline Westinghouse, daughter of Mrs. Jay Westinghouse of this city, to Clarke Winslow Crannell, '95, of New York.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage on Monday evening, April 3, of Miss Anna Josephine Clute, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Clute, of No. 238 Union street, and Mr. William G. Brown, '95, of New York.

Personals.

Enoch, 1902, has been compelled by illness to return to his home in Buffalo.

The Union College quartette gave a concert at Slingerlands last Friday evening.

F. Roy Champion, '99, has passed the civil service special merit examination, held March 4, for the agricultural experimental station at Geneva.

Magazine Review.

OUTING for March is a seasonable and satisfying number, which carries many fine illustrations. Walrus hunting in North Greenland, fishing in Florida waters, snow shoeing in western wilds, shooting in South America, articles upon terriers and spaniels, wolf hunting, bicycling and yachting, afford a pleasing variety.

At Other Colleges.

Cornell will meet Princeton in an athletic meet on May 30 at Elmira.

Brown university has elected to its presidency Dr. James Monroe Taylor, now president of Vassar.

Harvard is trying to secure football games with western universities, preferably Wisconsin, Michigan and Chicago.

The amateur rowing association of England has decided that no more international races will be rowed at Henley.

New York University will debate with Rutgers soon on the question "Should the United States forego her powers in the East."

A movement is on foot to make a limited co-educational institution of Rutgers college. The general student sentiment is in favor of the project.

Dartmouth is outlining a dual league with Brown in baseball, football and track athletics, the ratification of which for a term of years will soon be asked from the college.

Wesleyan is making another crusade against co-education. The student body decided recently that it is for the best interest of the university to exclude women.

Any student in Northwestern University who cheats in examinations hereafter will be expelled and his name will be published in the college paper and sent to other colleges.

Harvard and Pennsylvania will give a joint gymnastic exhibition in Philadelphia this month. The football game for these two colleges has been arranged for November 4, next fall.

Sir William McDonald has recently given a check for \$181,250 to McGill university to complete the endowment of the McDonald building of chemistry and mining. His gifts now amount to \$2,650,000.

Maxcy Hall at Brown was partially destroyed by fire February 9. Two department libraries and the botanical laboratory in the building are a total loss. Many students lost most of their personal property.

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NO PAPER will be issued next week on account of examinations.

THE 1900 GARNET is now out, and every student in college should purchase a copy. Although edited by the junior class, it is a book pertaining to the whole college. It is a history of the students for the present year. Every freshman especially ought to have a copy, for in no other succeeding annual will there be found represented all the classes that are now in college.

METHOD is everything. And when we discover a good method we cannot refrain from saying a good word for it. There are some courses of study that can be pursued by the single text-book method, but there are ever so many more that require collateral readings along special lines, in order to gain a comprehensive knowledge. This latter method

has been adopted in some departments of the college, especially those of History and Sociology. There are some who do not appreciate the value of these library assignments, and look upon the work with no other thought, than how to cover the readings in the shortest time possible, and remember enough to pass an examination. They seldom take into consideration, that the thorough reading of well known authorities will broaden their conception of a subject. They do not appreciate the fact that the instructor has spent a great deal of time in arranging the material for readings, so that the student can get the most benefit from it. Although the benefits resulting from this method may not be appreciated now, there may be a time when almost every student who has neglected this opportunity of becoming acquainted with the foremost authors, may regret that he took so little interest in the work. The work that is done along these lines should cause the student to think more profoundly than he has ever thought before. The question is a practical one, and the work is practical if regarded in the right light.

It is not the reading merely that is of value, but the ideas that are set in motion thereby. The reading is only a means to an end. Collateral reading pursued in a systematic manner on special topics cannot help but impregnate the mind with new ideas, and cause a desire for further knowledge. And along with this desire the mind grasps the application that these ideas have to practical life. The future can be governed only by a comprehensive knowledge of the past and present. And it is through the writers who have studied past and present conditions, that the college student is enabled to become acquainted with causes and results of phenomena, and to reason from them.

But too much of a good thing defeats the very purpose for which it was intended. Assignments for reading should not be of such length, that the student only has time to cover the readings, and none left in which to form opinions and make comparisons. We do not believe that ability is to be measured merely by the amount of work that any class may be able to do. Ability is measured by the quality of work done as well as by the quantity. It seems far more important that a class should have a clear understanding of a subject, than that it should cover a large quantity of reading matter. We are glad to note a disposition tending toward a reduction in library readings, and we hope that the change will produce better results.

The Other Side.

In the last issue of the Concordiensis a communication was published taken from the New York Tribune, and criticising the athletic morals at Hobart college. For the benefit of those who have not read it, Hobart's answer to the accusation, which appeared in the Tribune on March 3, is published below.

To the Editor of the Tribune:

SIR:—Inasmuch as your editorial "Athletic Morals" published in the Tribune of Feb. 27th, holds up the student body of Hobart College to ridicule, justly deserved if the facts are as alleged, you will no doubt, be willing to hear the other side.

For some time past articles discrediting the athletic standing of Hobart College have appeared in a Rochester paper, culminating in a despatch from Geneva, February 22, representing the students as incensed against the president and faculty because a well known baseball player was refused admission because unable to pass entrance examinations. This decision did not produce any illfeeling between the students and faculty and the students are indignant at being misrepresented. The undergraduates of this college feel the need of purity in college athletics.

The college is a member of the only league in the state where such purity is required, and there is not a college in the United States where athletics are on a purer basis than at Hobart.

WILLIAM BREEDEN,
Manager Hobart Football Team.
Geneva, N. Y., Mar. 1, '99.

Adelphic Election.

The Adelphic literary society met in its hall at North college last Friday afternoon and elected the following officers to act during the remainder of the college year:

President, William F. H. Breeze, '99; vice-president, Lester T. Hubbard, 1900; treasurer, Irving W. Ketchum, '99; secretary, Earl B. Slack, 1901; orator, Semy Baiz, Jr., 1902; executive committee, William B. Davis, '99, John M. Tuggey, 1900, and Emil L. Winterberg, 1900.

Dr. Hoffman in Brooklyn.

[Brooklyn Eagle, March 1.]

Under the auspices of the committee on education of the Civitas club, a meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. T. Alfred Vernon, chairman of the committee. Dr. Frank S. Hoffman, one of the faculty of Union College, was the speaker of the occasion, and he gave an interesting and comprehensive talk on "Municipal Life in Germany," basing his own observation on several years' residence in the German empire. The German cities, said the speaker, were growing more rapidly than the cities of any other country, not excepting those of the United States. They began to develop about 1870, and their growth was the result of a serious, scientific study on the part of the people of the plans of a city, and the adoption of a plan which combines the rectangular and radial systems. This has proved eminently satisfactory. Concerning the schools Dr. Hoffman said the secondary institutions were in the same stage of development as those of the United States, but in the matter of technical schools the Germans were the superiors of the Americans. The theatre and the opera are looked upon as valuable adjuncts to the schools, and as the cities support the theatres, the actors occupy a different position in that country to what they do in this. The method of caring for the poor was explained in detail, Berlin being cited as an example. This city is divided into 250 districts, with a corps of especially appointed persons to attend to the needs of the poor people in these districts. The method of draining was also the subject of comment and in conclusion Dr. Hoffman said that the difference between German cities and those of the United States lay in the fact that the former enjoyed home rule, this plan of government having been in force since 1808.—Daily Union.

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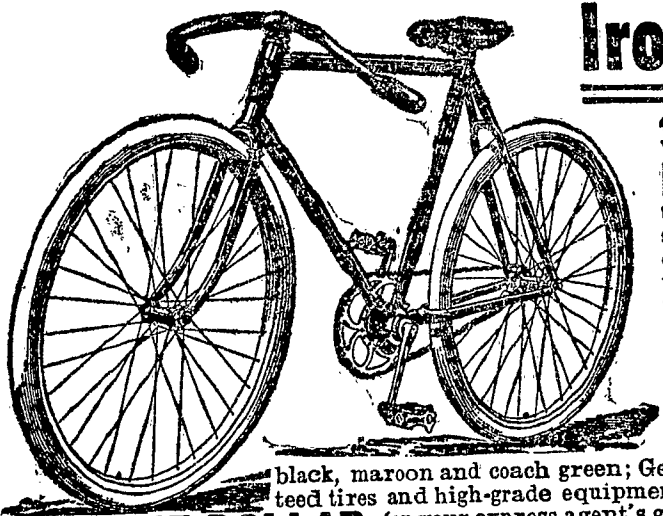
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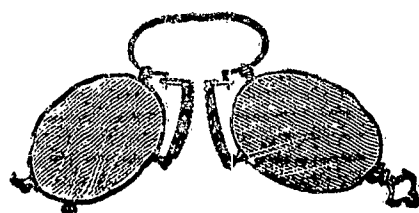
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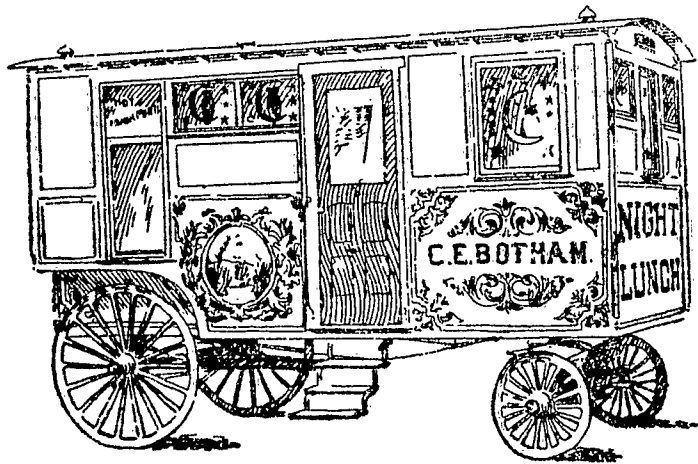
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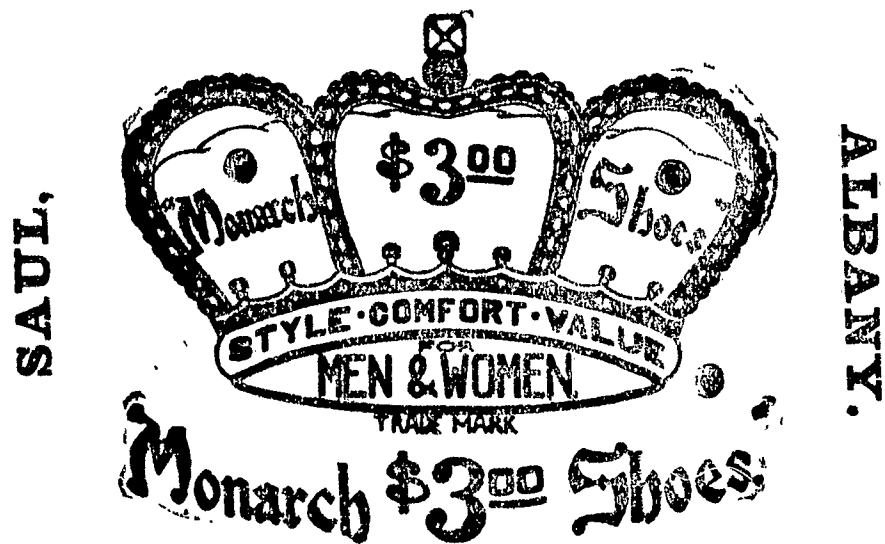
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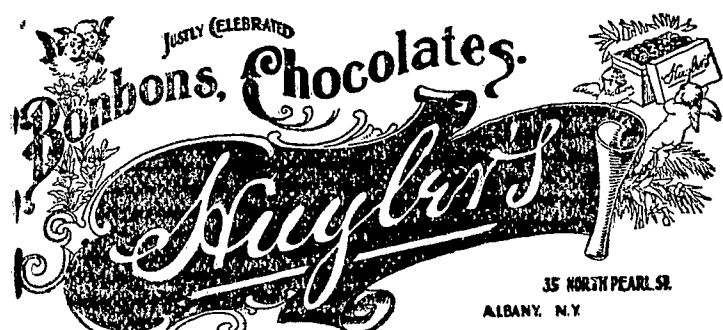
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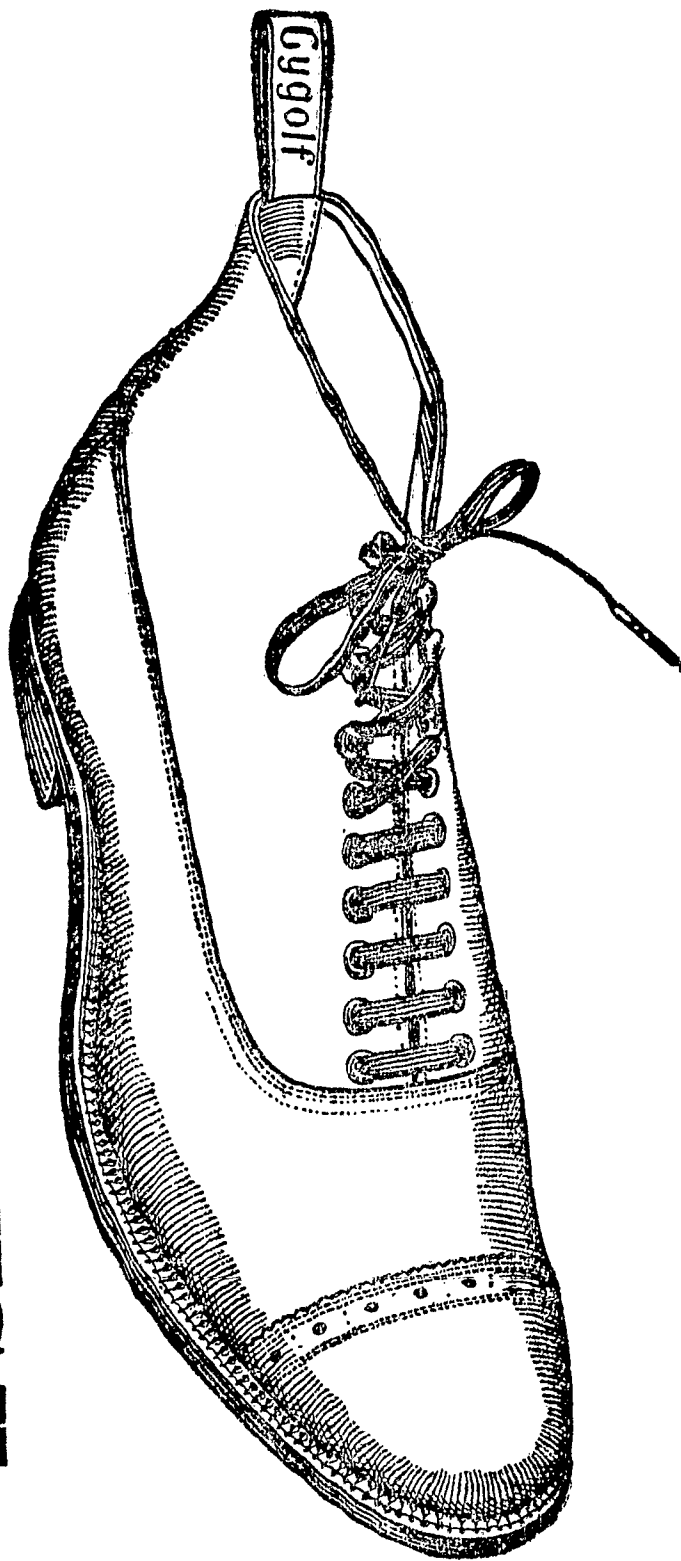
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