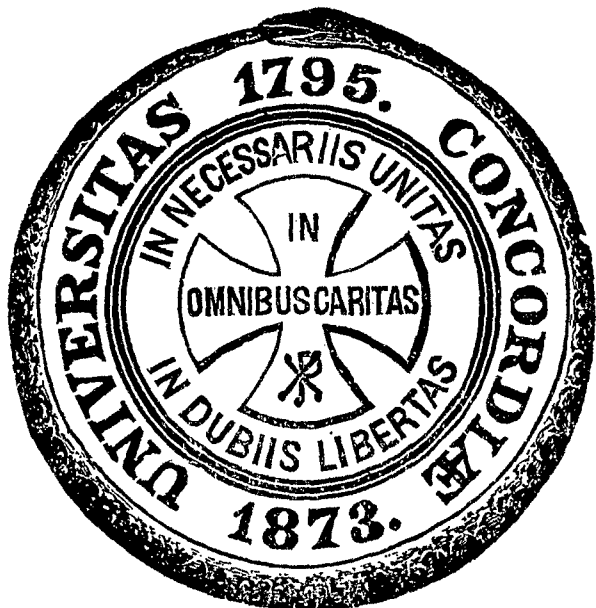


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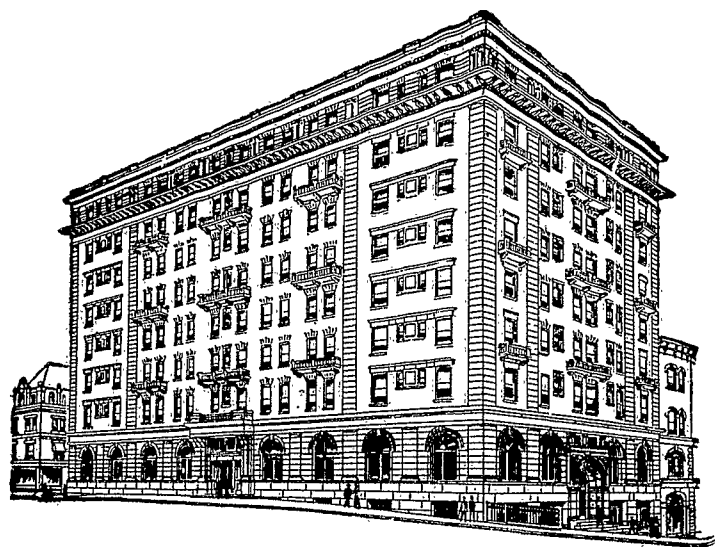
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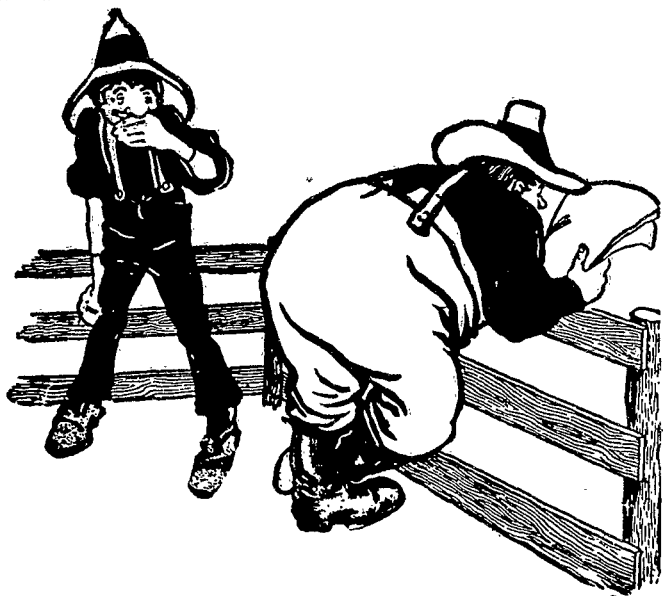
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## UNION COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

Governor Hughes to Deliver the Chancellor's Address—Alumni Dinner in the State Armory—  
Various Other Functions to Be held.

The 113th Commencement of Union College will be celebrated by the opening of the Blue Gates to the Class of Nineteen Hundred Eight, June 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. The graduating class is one of the largest in many years to leave the "Grey Old Walls" of Union, the majority of which take with them the degree of B. E.

Great interest is expressed in this Commencement as to the choice of a permanent head for the institution. Dr. George Alexander has held the position of president ad interim this last college year, but it is quite probable that at the Commencement meeting of the trustees there will be some definite decision in regard to this important matter.

Although the minor details of the Commencement program have not yet been finally decided on the exercises in general will be conducted on the usual plan, as follows:

Sunday, June 7, at 7:30 p. m., the Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered from the pulpit of the First Reformed Church by Dr. George Alexander, president ad interim.

Monday, June 8, 3 p. m., the Grove Exercises under the Nott Elm in Jackson's Garden; 7:30 p. m. Junior and Sophomore prize oratorical contests in the college chapel.

Tuesday, June 9, 9 a. m., meeting and initiation of Phi Beta Kappa; 9:30 a. m., meeting and initiation of Sigma XI; 10 a. m., meeting of the Board of Governors; 10:30 a. m., meeting of the trustees of the college; 1:15 p. m., alumni dinner in the State Armory, given by the ladies of the city; 4 p. m., Senior Class Day exercises on the campus; 8 p. m., College Musical Clubs' concert at the Van Curler.

Wednesday, June 10, 10 a. m., Commencement exercises and chancellor's address by Governor

Hughes at the First Reformed Church; 3:30 p. m., baseball game on the campus, Union vs. Colgate; 8 p. m., President's reception at the home of Mrs. James Alexander, 617 Union Street; 9 p. m., Senior ball in the College Library.

In addition to the regular college functions the various fraternities will entertain at their houses in the form of dances, dinners and teas, which will be scattered throughout the week.

## CHAPEL MEETING.

Vice President Hoffman Presided.

Coach Grout spoke on the baseball situation. He said that the Rochester campus was thick with mud and so advised that two games be played with Rochester Wednesday and Thursday, instead of only one on Wednesday. He also advocated holding campus meetings.

Captain Parsons announced the postponement of the meet to be held Monday afternoon till the same time Tuesday.

Fuller announced that the tennis match with Cornell has been postponed until May 29.

Klein announced rehearsal of Glee Club for Monday night.

Stevens, as secretary of the Athletic Board, brought up for ratification by the student body the following resolution by the board:

"The tennis team suit to be worn during competitions with outside teams only, shall consist of white pants and a white flannel shirt with two crossed racquets, and the letters U. T. T. embroidered upon the pocket."

This was passed by the student body.

There was the election of a secretary of the Athletic Board and also an Alumni member. Chapman, '09, was elected secretary and Dillingham, class of '80, who has held the position for several years, was re-elected as alumni member.

"Chic" came to the front once more and announced campus meeting for Tuesday night, in order to get up some enthusiasm to help the team toward victory.

## THE PRINCETON HONOR SYSTEM.

The committee on the honor system is made up of the president of each Princeton undergraduate class and two additional upperclassmen. Its workings are secret. At a general meeting two weeks before the mid-years, the student committee inculcate the principles of the system to the members of the Freshmen Class. Thus the Freshman is brought into immediate contact with a hard and fast proposition backed by student sentiment. The proposition is "you must not cheat."

At the opening of an examination the papers are distributed, the professor only remaining in the hall long enough to interpret any necessary questions. As the student finishes the paper he signs the pledge, "I pledge my honor as a gentleman that I have neither given or received assistance." During a long examination it is not uncommon to see a group of students in front of an examination hall talking and smoking, but not one word is said about the examination. When they have rested they return to their work. It is considered a breach of the system to see cheating and to fail to report it. School boy scruples of telling on another are done away with before the larger proposition of guaranteeing an examination.

In the case of a man's being detected cheating, the proceedings are as follows: The case is presented to the committee and the findings of the committee are transmitted to the Dean of the College. If the verdict is guilty, the man is allowed twenty-four hours to withdraw voluntarily or to appeal to the faculty. In the absence of either, expulsion follows.

No one but the committee, the witnesses and the accused are present at the hearing, and the strictest measures are observed to keep the charges of cheating from transpiring. In the absence of an appeal the Dean withholds the name of the student from the faculty. In the past four years there has been no appeal. The classmates of the student who leaves are none the wiser, if he leaves quietly. He is thus given another chance to begin live over and he has back of him the wholesome lesson that only strict honesty can succeed.—Bowdoin Orient.

Taylor Hall, the now dormitory of Lehigh University, was formally opened last week by the donor, Andrew Carnegie.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE.

The Syracuse University Glee and Instrumental Clubs gave a concert in the First Methodist Church, Schenectady, Friday evening, April 24.

Two students of Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University have been suspended for the remainder of the year for shooting needles fastened to matches into a horse going along a street where several student boarding houses are located.

President Eliot of Harvard continues the anti-sport war in his annual report by calling football "the least useful of all the games, because a smaller proportional number of students is fit for that sport than for any other." In speaking of basketball, baseball and hockey, as well as football, he says: "The strong tendency of the highly competitive violent games is to reduce the proportion of young men who play them and to impede the universal development of wholesome sports accessible to all. The fierce competition makes these games so intense that they are unsuitable for any but a small proportion of the students. Football toughness is not the kind of toughness which is most profitable in after life." In modern life President Eliot says men do not need the "insensitiveness required on the football line," but man "must make his living by quick, accurate and inventive thinking."

There are fifty-seven men on the baseball squad at Cornell.

The financial secretary of Syracuse is raising \$100,000 for the improvement of the campus.

A course in preparation for journalism has been established at the University of Illinois in order to afford the prospective newspaper man an opportunity to acquire a general education, while permitting him at the same time to specialize along some line helpful in his work.

For the sixth time in as many consecutive years Michigan won the four-mile championship relay race as well as the two-mile championship race, which were held at the University of Pennsylvania's track April 25th. She took the four mile by default and then with her long distance runners came off with her long distance runner came off victorious in the two-mile relay with a lead of 75 yards over U. of P. Her time was 8 min. 42.5 sec., thus establishing a new record. Pennsylvania, Columbia, Princeton and Dartmouth also started.



## UNION'S EARLY ALUMNI.

## The Founder of Jackson's Gardens.

Among old Union's past professors probably none is more gratefully remembered by the students of to-day than Prof. Isaac W. Jackson, for it was his personal efforts, inspired by love for his Alma Mater, that converted an uncultivated part of the college grounds into a vale luxuriant with the beauties of nature.

Even in boyhood Dr. Jackson manifested such an unusually strong desire for knowledge that when seventeen years of age he was sent to Albany Academy. After completing his studies at the Academy with the highest honors in classics and mathematics, he entered Union College in the class of 1826. While in college he made excellent progress and won his way into the hearts of his classmates by his sympathetic nature and gentle manners. He attained high standing in the classics and graduated in his twenty-second year with the first honors in mathematics and chemistry. Immediately after his graduation he was appointed tutor in the college and in 1831 he was promoted to the professorship of mathematics. He wrote several text-books on higher mathematics which were adopted in many American colleges, although they were designed only for the aid of his students.

On taking up his residence on the college campus he found a few beds of poorly cultivated flowers and vegetables and adjoining them a rude, tangled vale. When he died he left this same unpromising spot well ordered, widely extended and filled with select plants and flowers, the long shady rambles and sunny glades of which have become one of the most attractive possessions of the college. As these gardens, which were committed to his care were improved and extended during a long period by his own hand, he learned with deep pleasure in the last year of his life that a fund had been projected for continuing his work. Certainly he could never have received a more appropriate tribute to his memory.

His life was centered in and was mainly bound by his college associations. It was passed in his family circle, his study, his gardens, with the students or with members of the faculty. He was very modest and while he had great literary pow-

ers, he could not be prevailed upon to exercise them for the sake of a reputation.

As an executive officer of the college he was prompt, energetic, watchful and active, selecting his measures carefully and carrying them out with discretion. Although in his earlier days he had rather harsh and severe conceptions of discipline, they were soon softened by the influence of his beloved president, Dr. Nott, whom he loved and assisted most faithfully.

At the close of the Civil War, although the country in the North was prosperous, it was felt that Union College was in a critical condition, as she was steadily declining in prestige, influence, and number of students. Dr. Jackson was among the first to comprehend the situation. He sent forth earnest appeals to the graduates to organize local Alumni Associations, and wrote with his own hand hundreds of letters in order to arouse interest in the college and to increase the number of students.

It was in the bright sunlight of a sunny afternoon in the garden, which by his care had just reached its most perfect condition, and under the great elm which he loved, that his friends gathered round the body of the noble professor for funeral rites befitting the departed one. According to his own desires without ostentatious display, his bier carried by college workmen and surrounded by his lifelong and loved associates, he was laid to rest in a grave covered with flowers of his own raising.

It is nearly two years since "Old North College" at Wesleyan was burned. The old building has been replaced by a structure modern in every way. It presents a very fine appearance and is as proof against fire as it is possible for a building to be. There are accommodations for about one hundred men.

The University of Illinois is to have two new buildings. One is a physics laboratory, to cost \$250,000, the other an extension of the natural history building, to cost \$150,000.

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## Editorial

### The Colgate Game.

The game with Colgate last week was hardly one that could be counted as a true test of baseball skill. Although Colgate was ahead at the end of the fifth inning and the game according to the rule was hers, yet the beginning of the sixth changed the aspect of things so that it seems only fair if Colgate is willing that the game should not count in the League series. Perhaps we may be considered as lacking sporting spirit, but there seems hardly any doubt that the teams are quite evenly matched and only a full game could test the true worth of either team. It seems very probable that Colgate realizes this fact, inasmuch as no mention was made of the game in the college paper last week. Perhaps Colgate intends to take the initiative in arranging a game to take the place of this in the League series. If so, it is greatly to her credit. Meanwhile we can only hope that the teams will be allowed to play another game soon in place of that one.

We extend our hearty congratulations to the Editors of *The Garnet* for the excellent work that they have produced. Seldom it is that we have had so well made a book to preserve our College efforts and so good a showing of love for *Alma Mater* as in the support that has come to the Editors. We wish that this support were only forthcoming to the *Concordy Board* as well.

The work done by the Freshman team deserves notice, for they have not only organized a good team, but they have also a good schedule. It is now up to them to show what sort of stuff they are made of by upholding the record set by the Varsity.

## Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday at Vesper service Mr. Downs, secretary of the city Y. M. C. A., addressed the meeting. He took as his subject, "The Christian Association Work as a Life Work," and gave a very interesting talk, showing what a broad field there is in this line of work for the young men who desire to follow a Christian calling. Although his talk was necessarily short, yet it was very instructive to all present.

At next Sunday's service Mr. Miriam, a prominent business man in the city, will address the meeting. His subject will be "A Business Profession as a Life Work," and will be well worth the three-quarters of an hour which it will take up.

On Friday evening of this week Mr. Billings, who was the delegate from Canada to the International Federation of Christian Associations to Tokio, Japan, and who is traveling secretary for the Dominion of Canada, will be here and speak on Northfield.

On Friday evening, May 22nd, plans are being made to hold a social at Silliman Hall. It will be held directly after the campus meeting, and it is hoped that there will be a good crowd of the fellows out. There will be a speaker who will give a talk interesting to all, and there will be music to help make a general good time. Refreshments will also be served.

Many men do not know what the Northfield Conference is like, but they may be assured that it is worth attending. The association hopes to send this year a delegation of about 15 men. The conference is from June 26 to July 5, at Northfield, Mass., one of the prettiest places in that State. There is always an air of general good fellowship there, which is helped along by all kinds of athletic sports, to which every afternoon is given up. There is always a tennis tournament and a baseball tournament. Last year Union had several good men in the tennis tournament and won several games in the baseball tournament. Keep this in mind and soon there will be a call for those who desire to go. Further particulars may be obtained from Faust, '09, or Cavert, '10.

The Tuesday evening meetings of the associa-

tion were closed for this term with the address by Rev. W. A. Adams, Union, '02. They will start in the fall with the opening of the college term.

### INTERCOLLEGIATE.

The student body at Wesleyan voted 118 to 67 in favor of letting Varsity baseball men play summer ball for remuneration.

N. Y. Freshmen have the election of attending daily prayers or writing a semi-monthly theme on some religious or moral question.

Williams, Brown, Amherst and many other smaller colleges have indorsed summer baseball playing as a means of pecuniary aid.

The plans for the new Chi Psi house at Cornell have been accepted by the University Building Committee. The work will be commenced next month and will be finished in a year. It will be on the same site as the former one.

Mr. Rockefeller has given sums to the University of Chicago which make a total of \$23,000,000.

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### BASEBALL.

It seems as though the elements were displeased with us, for rain has either broken up or interfered with the past three games, and games of importance inasmuch as they are league games. The Varsity is in excellent condition and would no doubt have made an excellent showing in each game.

We have one game on the campus this week, that with Rochester, Wednesday afternoon. Next Friday and Saturday the Varsity will cross bats with Hamilton and Hobart on their home grounds.

With the reverses that the weather conditions have caused might come a loss of interest by the players. Now it is up to every fellow on the Hill to get out at practice each night and not only better his cheering in preparation for the Rochester game, but also to help rouse the team from the rainy-weather lethargy.

The league pennant must be ours if we only can keep the team in the condition they were in at Rutgers.

### FRESHMAN BASEBALL.

The Freshman team defeated the Watervliet High School at Watervliet last Friday by the score of 7-6. Despite the fact that the diamond, at best scarcely more than a rough and hilly field, was in a poor condition, the errors were remarkably few. For 1911, Riggs pitched a very good game, fanning fully a dozen men and allowing but a few scattered hits, while only good fielding by the Watervliet men saved them from a crushing defeat. The features of the game were Weaver's batting and the home run made by Duchscherer. Following is the 1911 line-up: Bray, catcher; Riggs, pitcher; O'Connell, first base; Duchscherer, second base; Mackey, third base; Weaver, short-stop; Clowe, right field; Wallace, center field; Canfield, left field.

Score by innings:	R. H. E.		
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Union '11 .....	0	1	0
	3	0	0
	0	1	0
	0	4	1
	0	0	0
	6	4	3
	7	8	4

### HAMILTON'S VIEWPOINT.

On next Friday occurs the Union game on the Campus. Union is, next to Colgate, our keenest rival and expects to retrieve for her defeats in basketball and football. Colgate defeated Union 3-2, and Hobart 1-0, so that if comparative scores are indicative, we will have our hands full.

The batting orders follow:

Hamilton—Judson, ss.; Clark, 2b. (capt.); Allen, 3b.; Sarles, cf.; Mmith, lf.; Lewis, rf.; Manion, 1b.; Mitchell, c.; Daly, p.

Union—Perry, ss.; Vogt, c.; King, 1b.; Ladue, rf.; Burgan, 3b.; Tobin, cf.; Haywood, 2b.; Hoffman, lf.; Dunn, p.

—Hamilton Life.

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE—SEASON 1908.

	Opp.	U.
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 .....	3	2
May 7, Hobart at Schenectady; rain....	—	—
May 9, Rochester, at Rochester; rain..	—	—
May 13, Rochester at Schenectady.....	—	—
May 15, Hamilton at Clinton.....	—	—
May 16, Hobart at Geneva .....	—	—
May 23, Edison Club at Schenectady...	—	—
May 30, Hamilton at Schenectady.....	—	—
June 6, Rutgers at Schenectady.....	—	—
June 9, Colgate at Schenectady.....	—	—
Totals .....	12	12

### TRACK.

The events in the handicap track meet scheduled for last Wednesday, May 6, were run off, but those scheduled for Friday were postponed until Monday, May 11, on account of rain. Considering the condition of the track there was some pretty good time made. Following is the score:

50 Yards Dash—First, Bentley, '11 1 yard; second, Thorn, '11, two yards; third, Dennis, '10, scratch. Time, 6 sec.

880-Yards Run—First, Raymond, '08, ten yards; second, Parsons, '08, scratch; third, Flowers, '08, fifteen yards. Time, 2 min. 13 3-5 sec.

Two-Mile Run—First, Travis, '11, forty yards; second, Kriegsman, '10, 100 yards; third, Finch, '09, twenty yards. Time, 11 min. 12 2-5 sec.

Running Broad Jump—First, Allen '11 (2 ft), 18



ft, 8 in.; second, Dennis, '10 (6 in.), 18 ft.; third, Thorne, '11 (1 ft.), 16 ft.

16-Pound Hammer—First, Bell '08 (3 ft.), 99 ft. 1 in.; second, Bowman, '11 (20 ft), 96 ft. 5 in.; third, Wright, '08 (15 ft.), 86 ft. 11 in.

On Thursday and Friday of this week will be held a class track meet. Prizes will be given to men for first, second and third places.

There ought to be more men out for track, especially for the pole vault, high hurdles and high jump. There are several who can do good work, and it is up to them to "get out" and help along the track work, so as to be in readiness for the coming meets.

#### A TAG DAY INCIDENT.

Pretty Girl: Won't you give something for Charity.

Stude, sorrowfully: I can't; I haven't any money. I'm the manager of the Concordy, you see.

Pretty Girl, angrily: Haven't those fellows enough pride in their paper to pay up their subscriptions?

#### PYRAMID DANCE.

The final and most successful of the Pyramid series of dances for this season was held in Yates's boathouse last Thursday evening. Among the guests of the club were: Miss Maud Gross of Flushing, L. I., the Misses Edna and Louise English of Greenwich, Miss Lillian Harris of Troy, the Misses Ethel Chadwick, Carolyn Chisholm, Downey, Belle Lambert, Marguerite Bostock, Salena Bostock, Edna Wallace and McDermott of Schenectady.

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Alexander D. Kline, '08.

## I

All hail to thee, dear Alma Mater  
We will cheer for aye,  
Each day will bring us ever nearer,  
To the parting way.  
Still as we linger near thy terrace,  
The scene of many a fray,  
We'll glance once more, then Union cheer,  
Forever and for aye.

## Chorus.

Rah—Rah—Rah—  
Rouse the echoes, let them peal,  
O'er ev'ry land and sea.  
The myriad voices may they answer  
Till eternity.  
Dear Alma Mater, may thy loyal sons,  
E'er raise this song to thee.  
And wake the echoes with the paean  
Union and victory.

## II.

As verdant freshmen when we entered,  
We numbered a hundred men.  
But many a trial and tribulation,  
Have thinned our ranks since then.  
Old Nineteen Eight, always victorious,  
In battle knows no fear.  
So what care we, we've won our "dips,"  
Now raise a rousing cheer.

## III.

Tho years may pass and fortunes alter,  
We'll still be true to thee.  
And as sweet memories grow older  
Still more, we'll honor thee.  
Tho fewer answers to the roll call  
We'll still renew our youth.  
And when we meet on Alumni Day,  
We'll shout, RAH—Nineteen Eight.

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## THE COLLEGE BULLETIN.

No. 3 of the College Bulletin appeared last week. It is quite interesting, in that it contains the names, last addresses and occupations of all the living graduates. There are 2,382 names in the book.

Interesting statistics: Whole number of graduates to June, '07, 5,306; sometime members to June '07, 2,398. Augustus A. Boyce of Santa Barbara, Cal., is the oldest living graduate; his class was that of 1832.

St. Lawrence University has the largest Freshman class in the history of the institution, numbering over 190. By the addition last summer of \$300,000 to the endowment fund, the college is in the millionaire class, its total property and cash holdings amounting to \$1,100,000.

The new geology building at Williams will be ready for occupancy next fall. In addition to the regular equipment, it will contain a museum.

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## College Briefs

### BRIEFS.

The Hobart baseball team arrived Thursday from Hamilton, but owing to a heavy rainstorm the game was postponed.

E. J. Fairbairn has returned to college to complete his thesis work and will graduate this June as of the class of 1907.

The logs laid on the grass for the protection of the campus have been removed and the college grounds are now assuming their usual spring beauties.

Every fellow in college ought to try and take in Northfield this summer. It is just the place for all-around men. Track meets, baseball games, tennis tournaments and conferences make the ten days' camp life only too short.

The Senior exams begin next week. How we envy them.

S. M. Cavert, '10, has been out of college for the past week on account of illness.

There was a scarcity of fellows on the Campus last Saturday, but they could all be found in their rooms. Reason: Tag Day.

Woodward was elected captain of the Freshman baseball team. The team was defeated by the S. H. S. team a week ago Saturday.

The Junior Class banquet which was to have been held last Friday, has been postponed.

Janice—Do you know, Horatio, dat every boy hez a chance to be de President?

Horatio—Well, I'll sell my chance for ten cents.

## AUTOMATIC PITCHING NOVELTY

### Machine Performs Work at Harvard.

Demonstration of the new automatic baseball pitching machine was held in the baseball cage at Harvard according to the Harvard Crimson. This is a new piece of baseball apparatus designed by its inventor, George L. Cahill of Holyoke, to afford practice for the batters and ultimately to take the place of the string of pitchers who have been accustomed to do the work.

The machine is similar to a breech-loading gun. It consists of a solid heavy tube, the size of a baseball about five feet long, mounted on a stand so that the barrel is about five feet above the ground. When complete with its shield, which protects it and its operator from batted balls, the machine greatly resembles a masked battery.

The baseballs are fed into the gun at the breech and are expelled by compressed air, so regulated by a lever that swift or slow balls can be thrown at the pleasure of the operator. The most interesting and at the same time the most striking feature of this baseball "gun" is the device which enables any kind of a curve to be thrown.

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There is, however, one difficulty in batting the balls thrown by this machine, as there is, of course, no winding up motion before throwing the ball on the part of the "gun," as is the case with the human pitcher. The first the batsman sees after the sound of the escaping compressed air is the ball hurling toward him through the air, and until he becomes accustomed to it, this feature makes it puzzling to gauge the flight of the ball.

If this new machine proves to be a success, as the trials held at Harvard indicated that it would, it will undoubtedly be adopted by all the colleges.  
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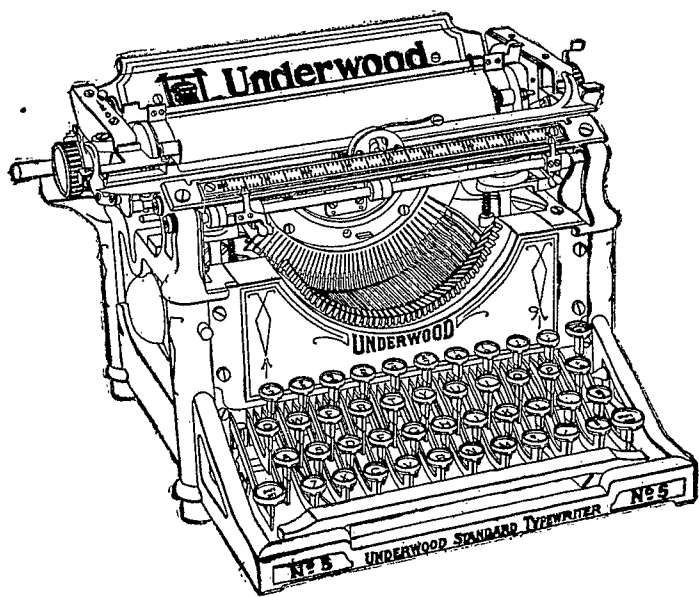
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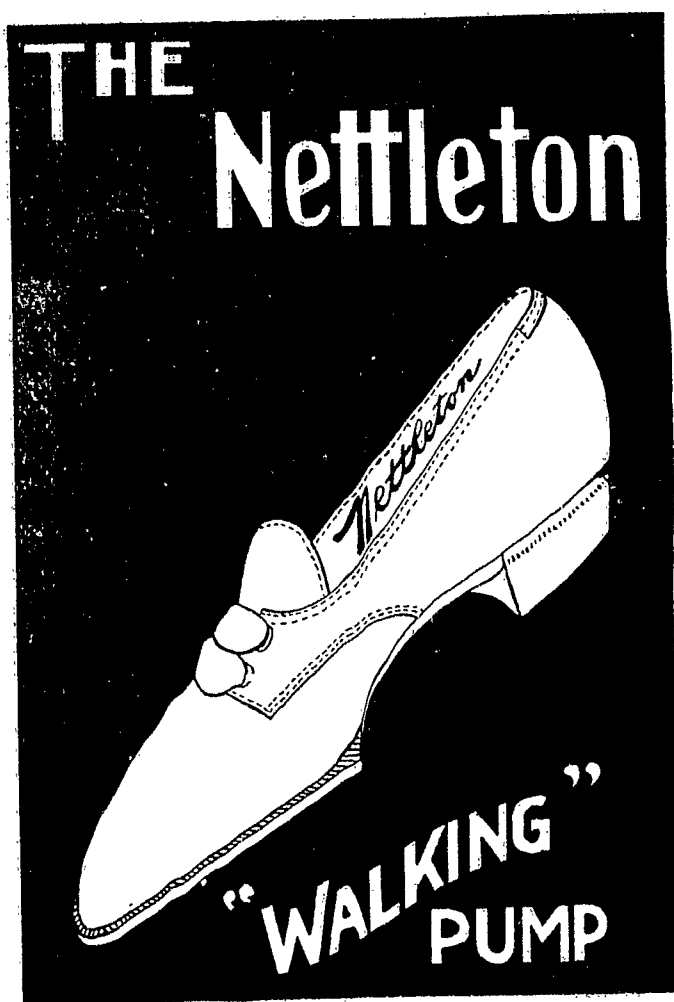
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