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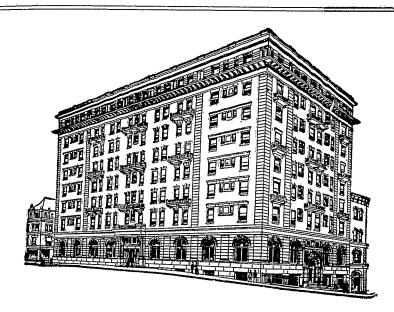
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Opportunities.

Civil engineers are an important factor at Union, so this article from the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, under the title of "Too Few Engineers" will surely find some interested readers.

"Exceptional demands are being made upon civil engineers throughout the country by great building enterprises. In the case of New York State, the State Engineer and Surveyor has found it difficult to get the proper amount of technical help to meet the heavy demands made by canal and good roads work. For this reason the state's civil service examinations have been extended to other states to secure the required assistance.

The same scarcity of civil engineers is complained of by New York City in its big waterworks undertaking.

The barge canal plans are in the hands of State Engineer Van Alstyne. While the state has authorized the expenditure of \$101,000,000 for this enterprise, the money needed must be appropriated from year to year by the legislature. The contracts for barge canal work are awarded by Superintendent of Public Works, an appointee of the Governor. The State Engineer has the power to award contracts for improved highways, for which the state has an expenditure of \$50,000,000. This money must be used only as it is appropriated from time to time by the Legislature, and no other work can be ordered that is not petitioned for by the various county governments."

Union Alumnus Honored.

Attention was called recently in one of the New York papers to the prominence and admiration one of our graduates has obtained in Japan.

Dr. Franklin H. Giddings is professor of sociology and the history of civilization at Columbia University, and while his books have been translated into French, Japanese, Spanish, Bohemian, Hebrew and Russian, the book sales of which in the last named language have exceeded those in the United States, it is the Japanese who appreciate him most.

In Japan Prof. Giddings is ranked with President Roosevelt, Admiral Dewey, Carnegie, Harriman and J. Pierpont Morgan.

A Japanese student, S. Moye, when asked which of these men he considered the greatest, answered, "Prof. Giddings. He is a philosopher, you know."

When Dr. Giddings left Union in '77 he taught and did newspaper work for several years, all the time keeping up a thorough and systematic course of readings in economics, on social and historical lines. In 1886 he began to write articles for the "Political Science Quarterly" and for the publications of the American Economic Association. Since then Dr. Giddings has been associate and full professor of political science at Bryn Mawr, professor of sociology at Columbia, and last year the new chain of history of civilization was assigned to him, besides that on sociology, which he already held.

"Principles in Sociology," 1896, was his first book.

"Democracy and Empire" and "Inductive Sociology" followed, and his latest book just out is "Readings in Descriptive and Historical Sociology."

Great interest is shown in this country as well as abroad in this latest work by the well-known philosopher.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Vesper Service Sunday night was led by the Rev. R. J. Hogan of the Bellevue Reformed Church. The topic, "A Choice Young Man," was illustrated by reference to the lives of Saul and David.

The usual Thursday evening meeting was led by Harvey, '07. The topic, "Prayer," was discussed with references to Mrs. Eddy's "Science and Health,"

Prospects of the Musical Clubs.

The very successful season of the Musical Clubs has lead Manager Parsons to make extensive preparations for this year's work. The start has been somewhat delayed on account of trouble with the music dealers but this trouble has been obviated and real work has begun. The Clubs have more than met the expectations of the Leaders and have become very proficient in their several lines.

Concert Number One is scheduled for December 12, at Castleton, N. Y., and will be in the nature of a try-out for the men. The dates now under consideration are Oneonta and Binghamton as well as Franklin, Pa., and Dunkirk, N. Y. If possible a four days' trip will be taken during the winter term. It is the intention of the clubs to hold a joint concert at Schenectady with the Musical Clubs of Hamilton College and everything is being done to make this one of the most attractive musical events of the season here.

The tax of \$1.00 per man will be collected at once in order to insure a successful season's work and it is confidently expected that the management will have no difficulty in getting the money all in at once.

All things point to the best year the clubs have ever had and it is up to you to make it a sure thing.

MEDIC NOTES. Nu Sigma Nu Entertains.

On Friday night, Nov. 16, '06, the Omicron Chapter of Nu Sigma Nu, Albany Medical College, held an informal reception at the Chapter House. The evening was passed in card playing and dancing, music being furnished by Zita's orchestra. Those present were:

Dr. and Mrs. Traver, Dr. and Mrs. Lomax of Albany, Dr. and Mrs. Huggins of Schenectady, Drs. Ehle, Hane and Hawn of Schenectady, Drs. Bedell, Kreiger, Wilson of Albany, Mr. Bryan of Albany, Mr. McKenna of Troy, Miss Becker of Watervliet, Miss Knight of Delanson, Misses Collins and Zeiser of Troy, Miss Ostrander of Schenectady, Misses Heidel, Brown, Flynn, Sample, Hill,

Kelley, Stafford, E. Brownlow, L. Brownlow, White, Glann, Burt, Midlam, Corbin, Van Zandt of Albany, and the active chapter, Messrs. Beebe, Grover, Jennings, Diver, Whingate, Harris, Hagadorn, Fuller, Witter, Conger, McSorley, Mason, Tredway, Kennedy, Parsons and Anderson.

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On Saturday, Nov. 17, Dr. Albert Van der Veer, Sr., gave a reception to the first and second year classes of the Medical College and the first and second year nurses of Albany Hospital.

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On Wednesday night, November 14, the class of 1909, Albany Medic, by prearranged plan, assembled at Lovelock's in Troy to hold their Sophomore Banquet. No ostentatious display had been made. The Sophs gathered from highway, byway and alley, by divers and secret routes. Soon the class was gathered, and congratulations upon the outwitting of 1910 were flying thick and fast.

Thoughts of care were consigned to the background, and merry making had begun fairly, when without warning a door flung open and a fighting delegation of freshmen piled into the banquet hall.

An impromptu battle ensued. From behind barricades of overturned tables and chairs a miscellaneous fusilade of glasses crockery and edibles was fired to repel the invaders who retaliated in like spirit. Outside "aid", disapproving of the matter, took the affair in hand and turned victors and vanquished into the cold, cold night.

Freshman banquet next!

Law School Notes.

The Parker Debating Society duly organized and held its first meeting on the evening of November 16th. It promises to be a great success. Mr. F. B. Cantwell is president, Mr. Frank Stevens is vice-president and Mr. Bennett is secretary. When we heard of Mr. Bennett's election we hastened to congratulate him and diffidently asked if perchance he was any relation of the celebrated J. Ira Bennett of Union College. The accused denied the charge with great vigor and even went so far as to state that he had never heard of the gentleman. Tempora, mores!

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There is a movement on foot to organize a student Y. M. C. A. among those attending the Law, Medical and Pharmacy Schools as a branch of the Central Y. M. C. A. here in Albany. After some preliminary work, the matter was discussed at a banquet on November 8th, at which were present representatives of the different departments, Mr. Frank Gilbert and Mr. George Lawyer being there on behalf of the Law School. After the support of several prominent business men had been assured, the next step was taken on November 12th, when Mr. Safford, Traveling State Secretary for Student Associations, addressed those in attendance at the three schools and outlined the plans of the organization. Men were then appointed to secure as many members as possible and a report was made on November 15th. In the Junior Class of the Law School, thirty-six men have pledged themselves to join while in the Senior Class thirty-five have put down their names. Eighty-one are pledged from the Pharmacy and Medical Colleges and more are expected. Two hundred members are needed. The question is now merely a financial one. If \$500 can be raised from the business men, the affair is a success. The quarters will probably be located on Jay Street and provision has been made for Bible classes, etc. Dr. Zweimer will speak on the twenty-second to those interested. Leon Lewis, Union '06, has taken a prominent part in organizing the association.

Debating Societies.

Regular debating work has been enthusiastically entered upon by the two societies. This enthusiasm is indicative of the resolution to enter with viminto the contest against Rutgers and to vindicate our former losses by a rousing victory.

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More men are present at the meetings than have been noted at those of any other year for a long time. It is hoped that the interest will keep up, as there is no apparent reason to the outside world why Union should so often meet defeat at the hands of her New Jersey competitor.

The Adelphic debate on Monday night was:—
"Resolved, That President Roosevelt was justified in using his official power to influence the recent election in New York State." The affirmative was awarded the decision on the grounds that this was a particular crisis in political affairs of the empire state. The speakers were: Affirmative, Weyrauch, '08; Preston, '08; Walton, '09 and Mould, '10. Negative, La Crosse, '08; Shelley, '08; Davies, '08, and McGill, '10.

At the Philomathean meeting Tuesday evening, the subject of debate was:—"Resolved, That the City of Schenectady should own and operate the Schenectady Railroad scystem." Hannigan, '08; W. Cavert, '10, and A. Ury, '09, upheld the affirmative and won the debate. Hoffman, '08, R. Ury, '09, and Keith, '08, were the speakers on the negative. An essay on "The Military Awakening of China," was read by Chaffee, '10. Prof. McKean was present at

The programs for next week, as announced, assure prospects of two interesting meetings.

both meetings and acted as critic.

College Briefs.

The frosh led the sophs a merry chase last Wednesday. No freshman banquet yet though—but soon???

H. C. Rice, ex-'09, has been in the city for a few days on business. He is now in the employ of the General Electric's plant at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

F. R. Andrews, ex-'05, is visiting at the Chi Psi Lodge for a few days.

Owing to unfavorable weather conditions, outdoor athletics have been at a standstill during the week. Hence the scarcity of athletic notes.

Parsons, '07, has accepted the position of assistant manager at the Crown Hotel, and hereafter will help conduct the business part of this hostelry.

Mr. Pond expects to have his house ready for occupancy by February 1st. Mr Pond says that he will make direct connection with the steampipes, if he can find a suitable place to tap them.

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Debates now form the principal amusement of Argumentation class—that is to the participants.

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On Monday night the Quartette is going to venture to the wilds of Rexfords Flats to "try out" on the natives. Solos by Fuller, Richardson and Corbin will help along the program.

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Owing to Thanksgiving vacation, the Concordy will not appear next week.

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A meeting of the Junior class was called on Wednesday to arrange for the inserts in the Garnet. A tax of \$1.50 per man was passed to defray the expenses.

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Bacon, '08, and Goff, '08, have left college. Goff is still in town, working for the New York Central Railroad.

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In the absence of Editor White, this edition of the Concordy was edited by Weyrauch, '08.

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All out for the first Junior Hop, Monday night.

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Chess Club as yet has failed to materialize. Hamilton is liable to claim a victory by default.

Junior Hop.

Monday night, the twenty-sixth inst., is the date set for the first Junior Hop of the present social season at Union. Chairman Collins has been actively engaged in making preparations, and promises an event that will be enjoyed by all. It was originally intended to give the initial dance two days earlier, but owing to the fact that Yates' Boathouse was unprocurable for that evening, the postponement was made. Rubens' orchestra will furnish the music.

The scheme of the committee is to hold two hops

each term with the Junior Week Hop taking the lead in importance. Backed by an active committee, the chairman hopes to make the hops the most successful ever given by Union's Junior class.

The committee consists of the following men:
Collins, Psi Upsilon, chairman; Bryant, Delta
Upsilon; McNab, Bata Theta Pi; Jewell, Phi Delta
Theta; King, Sigma Phi; Minahan, Kappa Alpha;
Hildreth, Alpha Delta Phi; Halla Phi Gamma
Delta; Helm, Delta Phi, and Kline.

The Garnet Histories.

The dress-making time has come—the saddest of the year. Also is the time to write our personal histories upon us. And as a woman ponders in her mind the new styles, the various cloths, the fine adjustment of a ruffle here, a plait there, so must we think long and deeply upon the names of some clubs that will look well in print. When we have found them we must send them with all haste to the editor of the Garnet, to be written after our name in that publication.

Or (let us continue the comparison), as the woman with no shape at all can, by the help of her dress-maker, defraud the unsophisticated eye, so the man with scant history can, by skillful padding here and there, produce a biography that would make Macauley green with envy. To the lay reader, not knowing the autobiographist, he would seem to "bestride the college world like a Collossus."

As I write, I can hear the groans of the editors as a new batch of histories swoops down upon them. "Histories"—each ten pages long! Ten pages to describe the honors received in two years of college life!!

Magazine writers of the "muck-rake" variety have set a precedent of embodying in their articles statistics and proofs. This is done to prevent any carping critic from detracting from the value of a masterpiece on the grounds of unsufficient proof.

Now, herewith is appended the history of Mr. Harry Horser, sent by him to the Garnet, duly sworn at by the board of editors:

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Thus each year the graves are opened, and the skeleton of some long forgotten organization is dragged forth with ghoulish gibberings of delight from its discoverer. It is cast into our faces (through the Garnet); then poor old Skeleton is slammed back into its grave. Next year another ardent seeker finds it, and the same formula is repeated—World without end.

"Vanity of vanities. All is vanity," saith the poet.

The Campus.

The Campus is a great and wonderful institution. It surrounds our college buildings. But is it for such as we? No, it is not!

The Laboring Man, on a short cut from home to shop, owns it in the morning. Between the hours of eight and nine it is the property of the children who are hastening to the schools. Next come the women on their way to the shopping districts. Rainy weather makes no differenceshopping must continue. Should one of the student body happen to be upon the tight rope that serves as a sidewalk, while one of the grand dames is approaching, trouble may be expected at once. The average college man is a gentleman, however, and politely steps to one side with the nimbleness born of experience. For, should his movements not be rapid enough, he is assisted by a scornful frown, a prod from an umbrella or a jab from a sharp elbow. So he takes to the mud and salaams in abject obeisance until the "lady" has passed.

Then there is the night, with its parade of church-goers. Woe betide the student who is caught in that maelstrom. He is picked up and dashed against some tree or building—and there he is found in the cold, gray dawn. And the next day we have an "Afternoon Function."

Flowers at the front door and folding chairs in the parlor.

Last year we built a baseball diamond in the fond hope that we could perhaps bat out a few flies when the "owners" weren't looking, but 'twas just another fond hope blasted—and there you are again.

How the Lemon Slang Started.

Who started the lemon rolling as an emblem of derision? Who was the person that first "handed the lemon" to the public? Accounts differ, but one of the best authenticated lays the tribute of fame at the feet of Harry Bulger. The comedian, as all his friends know, is a devoted follower of the ponies. Among the bookmakers whom he patronized at the race tracks near New York was one who was troubled with hoarseness and who, to relieve his distress while at work, had frequent recourse to the juice of a lemon which he carried in the sidepocket of his coat.

On a certain day Bulger had been losing steadily, and as a "last best bet" he took a plunge with this particular "bookie," putting all his available money on a horse at 10 to 1. The horse won, and with visions of high prosperity Bulger started to collect his winnings. But the bookmaker had disappeared. High and low Bulger searched for him, but for a long time in vain. At last he found him at the railroad station waiting for a train to town.

"Better settle up," said Harry, with the "repressed feeling" which he employs so frequently on the stage.

The "bookie" took the situation with an equal outward coolness. He reached in his pocket. For an instant Bulger had dreams of getting his just dues.

Then the bookmaker thrust toward the comedian a large, beautiful, juicy, uncut lemon. "Take it, old man," he said: "It's the only thing I've got left."

It is said by Bulger's friends that if anybody doubts the veracity of this story he can show him the lemon.—New York World.

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We are glad to note that at last faculty and students have met on common ground for the settlement of that question. examination mooted Senior Misunderstandings, due to opposite views of a situation, are too often productive of Disruption and ill-feeling, endissention. tirely out of keeping with the size of the matter, invariably result, and as long as either dissatisfied party will insist upon considering it in a biased manner, harmony cannot prevail.

We think that there is no question among right-minded people concerning the perniciousness of yellow journalism. When, however, a publication flagrantly leaves the field of legitimate news and attempts to stir out evidences of discord where no reason for so doing exists, the matter has passed even below the pale of contempt, and no criticism could be harsh enough to express the indignation of the public. The stand taken by a local paper concerning the misunderstanding of the early part of the week deserves the severe censure of the general Schenectady citizen; not only because of the misrepresentation of the facts of the case, but also because of the evident desire to arouse a feeling of antagonism between the faculty and students of a home institution.

Before the publication of the second vituperative article, a meeting of the faculty and the students had settled the matter in a most amicable manner, and the prevailing opinion of the student body is that their stand on the question be officially expressed through the medium of the college organ. The generous stand of the president in overlooking the occurrence, the settling of the Senior examination matter, and the general opinion that a wrong had been done that should not occur again, indicate the trend of thought; and the col-

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lege men deeply resent the way in which the matter was taken up by the yellow element of the local press.

Is the millenium at hand? Are we about to evolve into a Utopia? Look at the gym next time you're in the neighborhood and see what you think about it.

Under the supervision of Dr. MacComber, the old place has taken on a remarkably rejuvenated appearance one would almost have considered impossible.

The floor has been cleaned. Spotless Town is put to shame. Paint has cleared off the rough edges of the "ornaments." Valuable floor space has been gained by cutting off one staircase. And they say that the freshmen will really go to gym. next term. It actually looks quite respectable.

But there is one suggestion that seems to have been overlooked, and only one—Let us have a new gym.

Denaturizing Alcohol, or Who Was It.

It was a rainy, disagreeable night. Mud was under foot and the electric lights on Union Street glimmered through the enveloping fog.

The literary editor of the Concordiensis was abroad looking for inspirations. Late as it was, the poor fellow was hoping to find one more subject—only one, and the literary edition of the Concordy would be an assured success. It would have between one literary article. But enough of that!

As the literary editor was thoughtfully wending his aimless steps cityward, suddenly there appeared before him a shapeless mass. Upon approaching, he was surprised to see a human man seated upon the curbstone with his feet in the gutter. Over his head he held an umbrella. Investigation proved that he was a man. A college man. A friend of the literary editor. Odors suggesting the Dutch Inn made mellow the surrounding air. "Why, Jack," said the ed., "what are you doing here?"

"Sh-Sh-Keep it quiet-I'm a toad-stool."

Moonlight on the Campus.

"Sh! Sh!—Don't make a sound. There may be vile things abroad and methinks confusion is about to work his masterpiece. 'Tis moonlight and one needs to be wary. Good Lord! what is that? Don't make so much noise, can't you keep your mouth shut for one minute at a stretch you blithering idiot? Come on, this way, this way and for mercy's sake keep quiet! You two fellows watch the Crown will you? Well, there ain't anythings to be scair't of. I'd go myself if I didn't have to stay here and keep this bunch together. 'Tis moonlight on the campus. Blame it all, why don't you fellows shut up? We'll never get him if you keep your trap open that way." "Anyone would think you were the whole Sophomore class the way you give orders here!" "Well, I know I ain't President, but somebody has got to give orders and there don't seem to be any applicant for the position. Now, make a bold dash and all is ours. Beat it there, you dubs, can't you see that Spike is coming and we certainly don't want him to get wise at this stage of the game, do we? Now, ready! One, two, three, bang! The door flew open and----. It seems that the Freshmen Banquet had taken place the night before.

Basketball.

Basketball is as yet a problematical quantity. Manager Noble is rather reticent about giving out information, and unauthenticated rumors are the only source of information.

The latest report is that we are going to have the Armory in which to play our games and to practice. This does not mean that the players will have to join the army of anything like that, but that the powers in charge have granted the privilege out of good grace, and to help along the college.

It is said that the first home game scheduled is to be played with Williams. Union's team, as a college organization, should receive the active support of every under-graduate.

The University of Pennsylvania has a new engineering building which cost one million dollars.

Intercollegiate.

An attempt is being made at Colgate to extend the use of the honor system, already practiced in examinations, to the course of regular recitations.

The equipment of the University of California is soon to be increased by a new \$100,000 building to be used for the Department of Juris-The structure will include a library prudence. capable of holding 50,000 volumes.

Professor Andrew Fleming Nest, dean of the Graduate School of Princeton University, has received an invitation to the presidency of the Mass. Institute of Technology.

Following the example of the Nebraska students, the Sophomores at the University of Illinois have agreed to do away with the hazing of Freshmen.

The University of Wisconsin has five new buildings this year, of which three are ready for occupancy, and it is expected the other two will be by the end of this semester.

Princeton's new dormitory, Patton Hall, which was presented jointly by the classes of 1892 to 1901, is now fully completed and occupied by students. McCosh Hall, the large recitation hall, is now up two stories and a part will be used by the end of the present term.

The enrollment last year of the twenty leading colleges of the United States is as follows:

Harvard 5300, Columbia 4964, Michigan 4571, Illinois 4074, Minnesota 3950, Pennsylvania 3600, Wisconsin 3571, Cornell 3461, Yale 3208, Chicago 3204, California 3045, Northwestern 2918, Nebraska 2914, Iowa 1815, Leland Stanford, Jr., 1786, Kansas 1708, Indiana 1684, Missouri 1518, M. I. T. 1460, Princeton 1384.

Wisconsin will meet Illinois in debate either next year or the succeeding year. braska, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin formed an intercollegiate debating league last year.

This year Wisconsin, debates Iowa and Minnesota and Nebraska.—Daily Cardinal.

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The faculty at Wisconsin has compelled the Juniors to reduce the price of their "prom" to three dollars. The former price was six dollars.

It is said that the University of Indiana is considering the establishment of a school of journalism. At the head of this will be placed an experienced newspaper man.

Preparations have begun for the celebration next year of the centennial of Andover Theological Seminary: There are only eleven students all told there now, but it has an endowment of \$1,000,000, and its professors outnumber the students. During the last six years sixteen students were the highest enrollment for any one year. The present enrollment is termed the "sacred eleven" by the town boys.—New York Tribune.

The students of Columbia University petitioned President Butler to allow one game of football between the Sophomores and Freshmen. The petition was not granted and no hope was given for the introduction of the game next year.

Mining machinery will be installed in the new Hammond Labaratory at Yale. It will cost about \$15,000.

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Constant Reader:—Yes it was a bluff, but then the Freshmen has to pay for the upper classmen's speil. No, a Freshman president was never treated quite like that before. But you never can tell.

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Freshmore:—According to Dr. Stol-er, cheese forms on certain black boards owing to the musty character of the inscriptions. Yes, it is either Roquefort or Limburger.

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Q. E. D.—If you intend to take up any science, the expression, "a high degree of differentiation," will win instant favor. Ask Winsome about the existence of the duckbill. No, never say "I object, professor!" You should be more careful how you couch your language.

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Harmonious Hiram:—No, the Glee Club tax is no idle jest. Salem is not a dry town. The orchestra music will arrive some day. Yes, the manager will see that all eggs are gathered at the door.

Tuft's new library, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, structed at a cost of \$100,000, is rapidly nearing completion.

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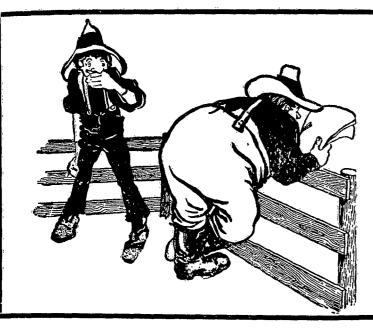
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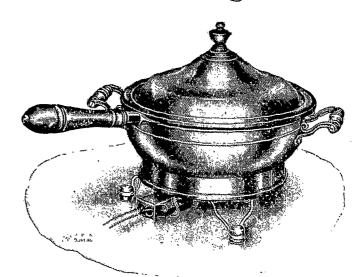
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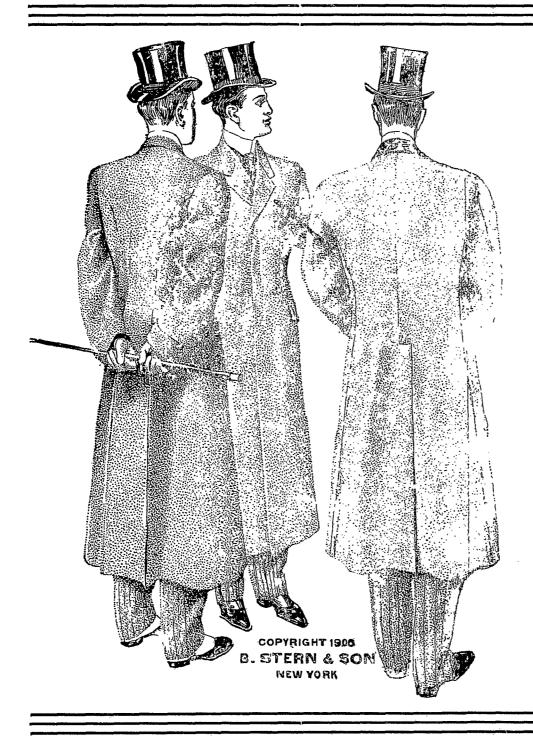
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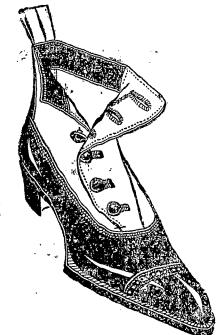


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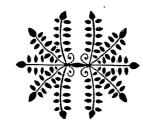
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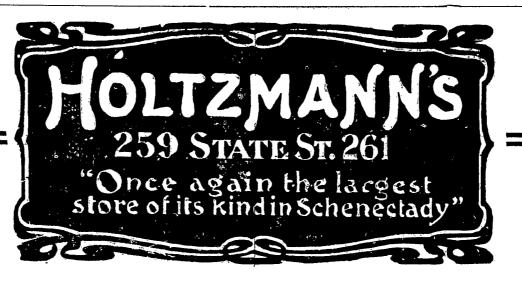
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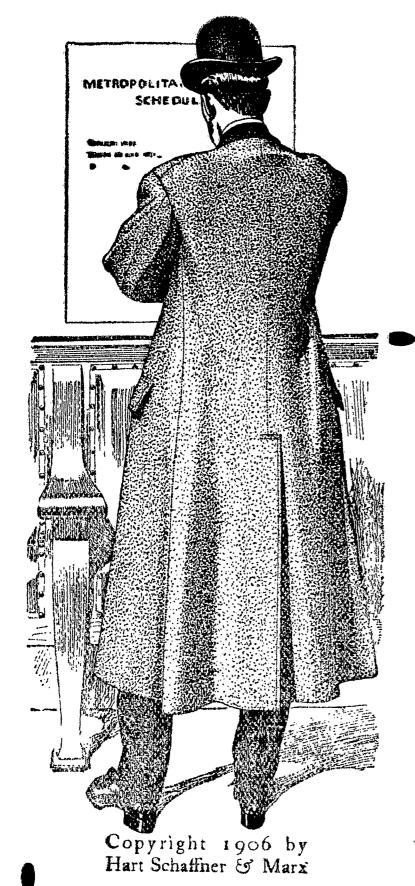
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