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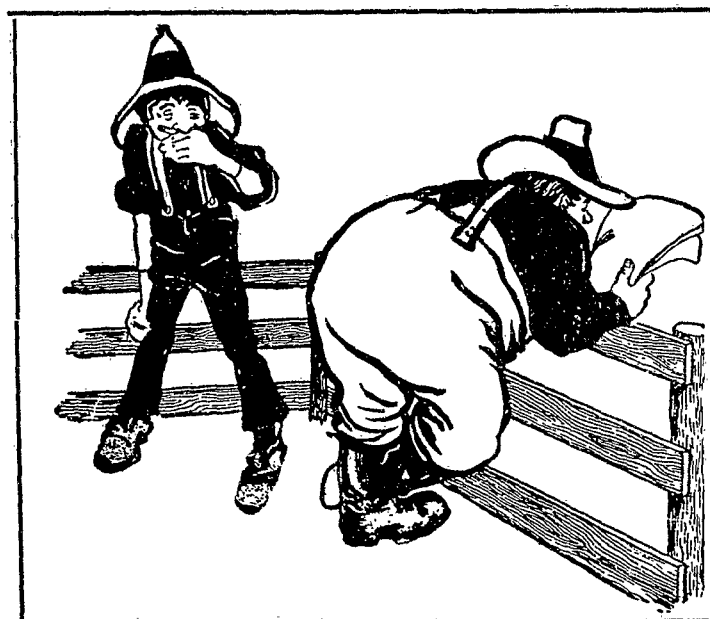
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UNION VICTORIOUS

Defeats Hamilton in Hotly Contested Debate

Last Wednesday evening the college chapel was the scene of a victory for Old Union, when she defeated the Hamilton College debaters in the first annual debate between the two colleges.

The subject, as previously submitted by Hamilton, was: "Resolved, That our general currency and banking systems were the dominant cause of our recent financial panic." The negative side of the contention was defended by Union's team, consisting of La Crosse, '08; King, '08; Weyrauch, '08, and Ury, '09, as alternate. Watson, '08; Anibal, '08; Williams, '08, and Riffenbark, '09, alternate, upheld the affirmative for Hamilton.

Watson led the attack for Hamilton by defining the question from the standpoint of the affirmative. The term panic he defined as a condition of alarm existing in the minds of the people and giving rise to runs on banks and phenomena of like nature. He maintained that the recent panic started with the run on the Knickerbocker Trust Company on the twenty-second of last October and that it lasted only while the depositors' minds were filled with fear. He then proceeded with the line of argument, showing that the lack of discrimination between State and national banking systems is one of the most glaring defects.

The negative, led by La Crosse, met the affirmative on their own ground regarding the definition of terms and the origin and close of the panic. He maintained that, although defects exist in our system, the debate must be decided upon the question whether this, over and above all other causes combined, was the predominating cause of our recent panic. He then outlined the position of the negative as follows: First, the impossibility and improbability that these systems should have been the dominant cause; secondly, that aver specula-

tion and destruction of wealth were the dominant cause. He placed upon the affirmative the burden of proving why there is not a panic to-day, since the same defects are still in existence.

In closing he summarized the standpoint of the negative by a quotation from a recent speech made by Senator Burgess: "The cause of our panic is our prosperity spree and the sobering up process brought on the panic."

Anibal, second speaker for the affirmative, explained at length the defects in our cash reserve methods. He made the statement that a great part of the deposits sent by the country banks to the reserve banks is invested in wildcat speculation in the Stock Exchange.

King retaliated for Union by showing that over speculation had strained the credit of our country to the breaking point, and had thus brought on the panic. He likened the conditions at the time of the panic to a great pyramid of credit standing on its apex and ready to topple over without warning.

Williams closed the direct argument for the affirmative by arguing that our currency is absolutely inelastic, since it is built on a bond secured currency.

Weyrauch, the third speaker for the negative, took up the argument of destruction of capital as another dominant factor, showing how this taxes the capital and credit of a nation and quoting reliable authorities in support of this view.

The rebuttal was marked by zeal and eloquence, and repartee was frequently passed. The affirmative's argument hinged largely on the point that the fact that foreign countries, although in like conditions, did not experience a panic proved our system to be the dominant cause. The negative in their rebuttal attacked the position of the affirmative and strengthened the view that over speculation and destruction of wealth was the predominating cause.

The judges of the contest were Judge Alden Chester of Albany, Henry W. Darling of this city and Dr. Howard J. Rogers of the New York State

Education Department. After being out but a few minutes they returned with a unanimous decision for the negative.

Union excelled in team work, quotation of authority and presentation of argument.

Intercollegiate

Twelve tribes are represented on the Carlisle football team.—Ex.

The faculty of Northwestern University has recently voted that no Freshman may join a fraternity until after he has secured credit for at least ten semester hours of good grade. This means practically that no Freshmen are allowed to join fraternities during the first semester. The regulation goes into effect in September, 1908.

Minnesota is "up against it." The girls of their champion basketball team are demanding "Ms."

Charles Wilbur Snow, instructor in English in the University College, has received the first appointment to the Henry W. Longfellow Fellowship recently founded at Bowdoin College.

At the college meeting held last week at Williams a ballot taken on the question of allowing men in Williams to play so-called summer baseball, it being understood that this excluded playing with teams under national agreement, resulted in a vote of 237 to 37 in favor of allowing summer baseball.

The new chemistry building at Syracuse, which cost two hundred thousand dollars, was opened recently. Among the many features of the building is a theater which will accommodate 400 persons.

In the event that the basketball championship remains unsettled at the end of the regular schedule, it is practically assured that Chicago and Wisconsin will arrange a game to play off the tie. After this, the victorious team will accept the challenge of Pennsylvania to play for the championship of the United States.

Hereafter any Yale athlete who wins the individual championship in tennis, golf or gymnastics will be awarded the "Y."

Seventy-three Princeton students were obliged to leave college on account of the recent examinations.

The new catalogue of Lafayette shows a registration of 442, which includes 12 graduate students.

The British war office has set the seal of its approval on the military course at McGill University, and graduates from this institution are now eligible to commissions in the army.

The Mohamedan University at Cairo, Egypt, is celebrating the thousandth anniversary of its foundation.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller's gifts to Chicago University amount to nearly twenty-four million dollars.

Twenty-eight medical students of the University of Chicago are facing suspension because one of their number threw a piece of a human leg from the dissecting room at a divinity professor. The professor complained to President Judson, who asked for an explanation.

The eightieth annual convention of the Delta Phi fraternity will be held at the recently opened new St. Elmo Club, No. 105 West Forty-third Street, New York city, on April 10 and 11 under the auspices of the Omicron Chapter, located at Yale University.

The business sessions will be held at the club and there will be a theater party and smoker Friday afternoon and evening, concluding with the annual banquet Saturday night. The Alpha Chapter, founded at Union College in 1827, will send three delegates and a large number of Union alumni from this city and vicinity will attend the banquet.—Ex.

Professor Frederick Slocum of Brown University has accepted an invitation to give courses in Mathematics in the Summer School.

CLASS OFFICERS ELECTED

1908's Commencement Orators Are Chosen—Committee's Report

Officers for the commencement functions of the Senior class were elected at a regular meeting of the class, held Saturday morning in the chapel. At the same meeting reports were heard from all the committees having charge of the various affairs of the class.

John F. Nash of Plattsburg was elected grand marshal after a close triangular contest. Robert MacMullen and W. S. McNab were the other two contestants for the position.

The Ivy Day officers as elected are:

Ivy orator, Ross W. Tiffany of Schenectady.

Pipe orator, Arthur B. King of Troy.

Ivy poet, Carl Vogt of Buffalo.

The Ivy Day exercises, including the orations and smoking of the pipe of peace in the grove, under the old Nott elm, and the planting of the ivy vine, will take place Monday afternoon, June 8.

On Tuesday afternoon, June 9, the class day exercises will take place in the First Reformed Church. The speakers on that occasion will be:

Class historian, T. E. Hanigan of Schenectady.

Class orator, H. W. Bell of Albany.

Class prophet, A. E. Davies of Schenectady.

Class poet, A. V. V. Raymond, Jr., of Buffalo.

A. V. V. Raymond, Jr., chairman of the committee appointed to see about procuring a memorial in commemoration of the class of 1908 upon graduation, reported in favor of new pews for the college chapel, a new piano for the chapel, or a stone fence to be built upon the Union Avenue side of the college. The matter will be settled at a later meeting of the class.

Reports were also heard from the chairmen of the cap and gown, the invitation, the senior ball and the song committees. It is intended this year to hold the Senior ball in the Nott Library building, and it is practically certain that the assent of the authorities will be secured to hold the function there.

Soon after the beginning of the term another meeting of the class will be called to decide finally upon the business of the class, as presented by the various committees.

A THEORY OF MIND

Prof. March's Work Accepted by Scribner's—To Appear in The Fall

Prof. March's new book, "A Theory of Mind," has been accepted by Scribner's, who expect to publish it next autumn. The volume, divided into twelve chapters, will contain about 400 pages.

According to Prof. March, the theory proposed and elaborated in the book, makes the instincts (which are carefully described and enumerated), the fundamental mental fact. From these instincts are derived, among other things, all interests, feelings, actions and thoughts, as well as memory and sense perception. A complete systematization is thus attempted.

Since the book covers, in its sphere, principles that have never before been elaborated in the way undertaken by Prof. March, it may turn out to be of vital importance. Critics who have examined the "theory" say that it will revolutionize the world of thought if it is accepted.

It has long been known that Prof. March was at work on the volume, and the appearance of the book is awaited with interest.

A new scheme for the elimination of roughness from the game of basketball has been proposed by Coach Jamison of Purdue. It consists in having a starter who is to do nothing but toss up the ball, and then follow all the plays with the ball, leaving the referee to oversee the game from the side lines, so that he may be in a position to see all of the roughness.

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The more advanced and progressive countries arrive first and go farthest in forestry, as they do in other things. On the one hand, the nations which follow forestry most widely and systematically would be found to be the most enlightened nations. On the other hand countries without forestry, we could say of "Here is a backward nation."

The countries of Europe and Asia, taken together, have passed through all the stages of forest history and applied all the known principles of forestry. They are rich in forest experience. The lessons of forestry were brought home to them by hard knocks. Their forest systems were built up gradually as the result of hardship. Every step of the way toward wise forest use, the world over, has been made at the sharp spur of want, suffering or loss. As a result, the science of forestry is one of the most practical and most directly useful of all the sciences.

The United States then, in attacking the problem of how best to use its great forest resources, is not on the position of a pioneer in the field. It has the experience of all other countries to go upon. There is no need for years of experiment with untried theories. The forest principles which hundreds of years of actual practice have proved right are at its command. The only question is, How should these be modified or extended to best meet American conditions? In the management of the national forests the government is not working in the dark. Nor is it slavishly copying European countries. It is putting into practice, in America, and for Americans, principles tried and found correct, which will insure to all the people alike the fullest and best use of all forest resources.

Take the case of Germany. Starting with forests

which were in as bad shape as many of our own which have been recklessly cut over, it raised the average yield of wood per acre from 20 cubic feet in 1830 to 65 cubic feet in 1904.

In France forestry has decreased the danger from floods, which threaten to destroy vast areas of fertile farms, and in doing so has added many millions of dollars to the national wealth in new forests. It has removed the danger from sand dunes and in their place has created a property worth many millions of dollars.

France and Germany together have a population of 100,000,000, in round numbers, against our probable 85,000,000, and State forests of 14,500,000 acres against our 160,000,000 acres of national forests; but France and Germany spend on their forests \$11,000,000 a year and get from them in net returns \$30,000,000 a year, while the United States spent on the national forests last year \$1,400,000 and secured a net return of less than \$130,000.

A circular entitled "What Forestry Has Done," just published by the Forest Service, and obtainable upon application to the Forester, Washington, D. C., reviews the forest work of the leading foreign countries. The chief lessons which may be learned from them are summarized as follows:

What forestry has done in other countries shows, first of all, that forestry pays, and that it pays best where the most money is expended in applying it. The United States is enormously behind hand in its expenditure for the management of the national forests, but nevertheless returns have already increased with increased expenditure for management.

A second lesson, clearly brought home by foreign forestry, is the need of timely action, since forest waste can be repaired only at great cost.

Third, private initiative does not suffice by itself to prevent wasteful forest use. England, it is true, has so far consistently followed a let-alone policy. However, England has been depending upon foreign supplies of wood. Now that all Europe is running behind every year in the production of wood (2,620,000 tons), and there are unmistakable signs that countries which lead as exporters of wood will have to curtail their wood exports, England is at last feeling her dependence and is speculating uneasily as to where she can certainly secure what wood she needs in the future.

FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Awards Made Annually

Annually fellowships will be awarded in the American School of Classical Studies in Rome, as follows: One in Roman Classical Archaeology, with a stipend of \$600; one in Christian Archaeology, with a stipend of \$600; and two fellowships for Research, maintained by the Carnegie Institution, namely: one in Roman Classical Archaeology and one in Roman Literature or Roman Classical Archaeology, each with a stipend of \$800.

The fellowship in Roman Classical Archaeology and that in Christian Archaeology will be awarded chiefly on the basis of the competitive written examinations, although other evidences of the ability and attainments of the candidates will be considered.

The two fellowships for research at the School in Rome will be awarded to present or former members of the school, and at the discretion of the Committee on Fellowships to other candidates of special qualifications without an examination.

The candidate must announce in writing his intention to offer himself for examination. This announcement must be made to the chairman of the Committee on Fellowships of the School, Prof. James C. Egbert, Columbia University, New York city.

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BASEBALL PROSPECTS

Most of Last Year's Varsity Men Are Still Here

Our prospects this year of putting a winning baseball team in the field are very bright. Seven of last year's 'varsity men will in all probability be able to play. With Capt. Hildreth and Stewart in the box, Vogt as catcher, King second base, Bergen shortstop and Ladue, Hoffman and Stewart in the field, it will be quite easy to fill the other positions from the Freshman candidates and others who have shown up well in the class games.

The regular practice will begin in the gymnasium immediately after examinations, and a little work will put the men into fit trim to meet West Point on April 11th.

The schedule is hard, but from the 'varsity's record of last year, we may infer close scores and a good number of victories, especially in the N. Y. S. I. A. A. series.

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Editorial

Next week the Parthenon, or literary number of *The Concordiensis*, will appear in place of the regular news number.

While several of the alumni have replied to the appeal for literary material, the response from undergraduates has been very disappointing.

The idea of the re-establishment of regular literary numbers, after the lapse of a number of years, is to awaken a spirit of feeling for something aside from the routine of the commonplace news that regularly appears in these pages.

There is yet ample time for the undergraduates to vindicate their position, and to prove to the outside world that utilitarianism has not entirely supplanted the old literary spirit of Union College.

The stand taken for the Parthenon Number by several of the alumni is heartening. The communication which appears in another column attests to this fact. To those who have as yet not answered the earnest appeal for material there is the saving grace of an intervening week to put forth their efforts to keep the literary side of the college to its rightful position.

Make this a real *Parthenon Number*.

Penetrating the mists of *Ship Ahoy!* tradition, there occasionally comes to our ears the fact that Union was once the proud possessor of an eight-oared rowing shell, and the home of the first class crew—a crew that in one race on Saratoga Lake, when college life was in its infancy, rowed for the everlasting fame and glory of the Garnet.

One race, although nearly a victory, seemed to put a damper on all future attempts in the sphere of aquatic sports.

What was the trouble? Lack of funds, for one thing, of course. The original shell was purchased by the members of Union's crew. The crew trained faithfully on their own initiative.

Still, one way to advertise a college, and a good way, too, is for it to support a crew even at a loss. A small college with a crew would be a novelty that would be sure to catch the attention of many prospective collegians.

There is still the burden of inordinate expenditure connected with the venture? True, for Union to own her own shell, and to support a crew entirely on her own initiative, would be a heavy burden.

But recently there has been formed in this city a boat club. An eight-oared shell is going to be a part of the equipment of the association.

Why not have our athletic association look into the matter of reaching some agreement with the boat club for the use of the shell?

If satisfactory arrangements can be made here is an ideal chance for Union College to find room for the expression of that irrepressible growth that has recently marked her progress.

The Electrical Society of Lehigh is engaging in debates on subjects immediately connected with practical electricity.—Ex.

The Cornell Daily Sun urges the establishment of a chapter of Tau Beta Pi at Cornell. Although the institution at Ithaca has come to rank as one of the foremost technical schools in the country, no chapter of the honorary engineering fraternity has found a place there.

A big university is being planned for Louisville, Ky. A prominent Eastern man has offered to give \$500,000, provided an equal amount can be raised. The Commercial Club of Louisville has already raised \$100,000 and the project seems likely of accomplishment.

Communicated

March 12, 1908.

Editor of Concordiensis:

I enclose two efforts of mine, which perhaps you may find room for, and which I should be very glad if your Glee Club would try. Even the old boys, you see, occasionally burst into song, and their outpourings, if not very musical, have this virtue, that they bear the genuine impress of an old-time and not-forgotten enthusiasm.

The "Cheer for Union" is not much in itself, but the splendid air to which it is set may carry it through. The same can be said with even more truth of the "Ten Dominies," the rollicking air here serving to swing along almost any words. The song itself is over-long, but college boys, I know, will, without scruple cut and, for that matter, add as they please. Very truly yours,

Alexander Duane, 1878.

The Sophomores of Colgate University will debate the Syracuse Sophomores some time during the spring term, on the question: Resolved, That aside from amending the constitution, there should be further control over quasi-public corporations doing an interstate business.

Williams recently adopted an amendment to its honor system to the effect that each student must, in order to make not only his examination, but also any other written work done in class valid, sign the following statement: "I have neither given nor received aid in this examination." It was also decided that in the future the honor system should be presented to the incoming Freshman classes for ratification in a form which would bind the individual members as well as the class as a whole.

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No. 2 Ready for Distribution

Volume I, No. 2 of the Union College Bulletin, which was received Friday, will be ready for distribution next week. Through it the Garnet alumni will be informed of the college affairs.

The appearance of this number of the college bulletin has been looked forward to with great interest, as it reveals the actual condition of the college from the reports of the dean, the secretary of the faculty and the treasurer. The greater part of the number is taken up by the reports of the secretary of the faculty. A novel feature of the number is a classification of the college students by geographical sections. This shows students in attendance from California, Connecticut, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, England, Germany and India. In all, 278 students are now in attendance at the college.

The report also gives tables showing the number of students pursuing different subjects of study, the course taken by graduates and the comparative attendance for the past eight years.

The various activities of student life are noted, and their participation by the undergraduates is presented in a classified list. The activities included are the Y. M. C. A., The Concordiensis, The Garnet, the debating societies, the Civic Club, the Musical Association, the athletic teams, the fraternities and the Pyramid Club.

The report of Treasurer Bailey shows the total available assets up to July 31, 1907, the date of his annual report, to be \$653,500.57, and since 1902 the increase of the college assets for the five years totals \$119,544.55. The report also shows that the amount of the Carnegie endowment fund paid in July 31 totaled \$55,658.93. Since the report this amount has been greatly augmented. The report of the treasurer shows the amounts invested in railroad notes and bonds, mortgages, loans, real estate, etc.

The report also shows the receipts, gifts and donations and general college expenses.

Iowa is to have a new \$125,000 law building. Work will be started this spring.

Michigan's new football field is to be one of the finest in the West. The grandstand will seat 18,000 people.

Donald Robertson, the noted English actor, will coach the University Dramatic Club at Chicago for its production of "The Knight of the Burning Pestle."

At Depauw the college library has been so crowded for the last few weeks that there were not enough chairs for students, and many have used piles of books for seats.

The enrollment at Harvard for the year 1907-1908 is 6,138—a loss of 62 from last year. This number includes Summer School and Law School students. During the last year, the number of officers of instruction and administration was increased from 679 to 588.

The faculty of Northwestern University has recently voted that no freshman may join a fraternity until after he has secured credit for at least ten semester hours of good grade. This means practically that no freshmen are allowed to join fraternities during the first semester. The regulation goes into effect September, 1908.

Andrew Carnegie has just given the University of Chicago \$10,000 toward the fund for the Harper Memorial Library which is to cost \$800,000. Mr. Rockefeller has agreed to give three times the sum donated by others for this project. This requires that the university raise \$200,000, and already \$130,000 has been raised.

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There will be no lecture during examination week, but the ninth lecture will be given on March 27th.

Last Tuesday evening the college prayer meeting was conducted by the Dean as a Bible Class and the subject of study was the last days in the life of Christ. After the class a business meeting was called by President Wright, the particular subject under discussion being the election of officers for the ensuing year. After a discussion the following were elected: President, J. W. Faust, '09; vice president, S. M. Covert, '10; treasurer, J. L. Walton, '09; secretary, H. H. Chadwick, '11. These officers will begin their duties this spring term.

There was no vesper service last Sunday, nor will there be any prayer meeting to-morroy night, on account of exams. The first Sunday of spring term, March 29th, Dr. Ellery will conduct the service at 5 p. m. in Silliman Hall.

Yale officials refused the use of the university dining hall for the Lincoln Day banquet, at which Secretary Taft was to speak, on the ground that the university could not do anything that would look like taking sides in a political contest.

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A meeting of the debating council is called for to-day and it is expected that the question will be accepted.

Secretary La Crosse of the debating council has settled most of the details for the contest, and all that now remains to be done is the selection of suitable judges. Rutgers will, it is expected, submit a list from which Union will scratch such as are undesirable.

Candidates for the team will start work immediately.

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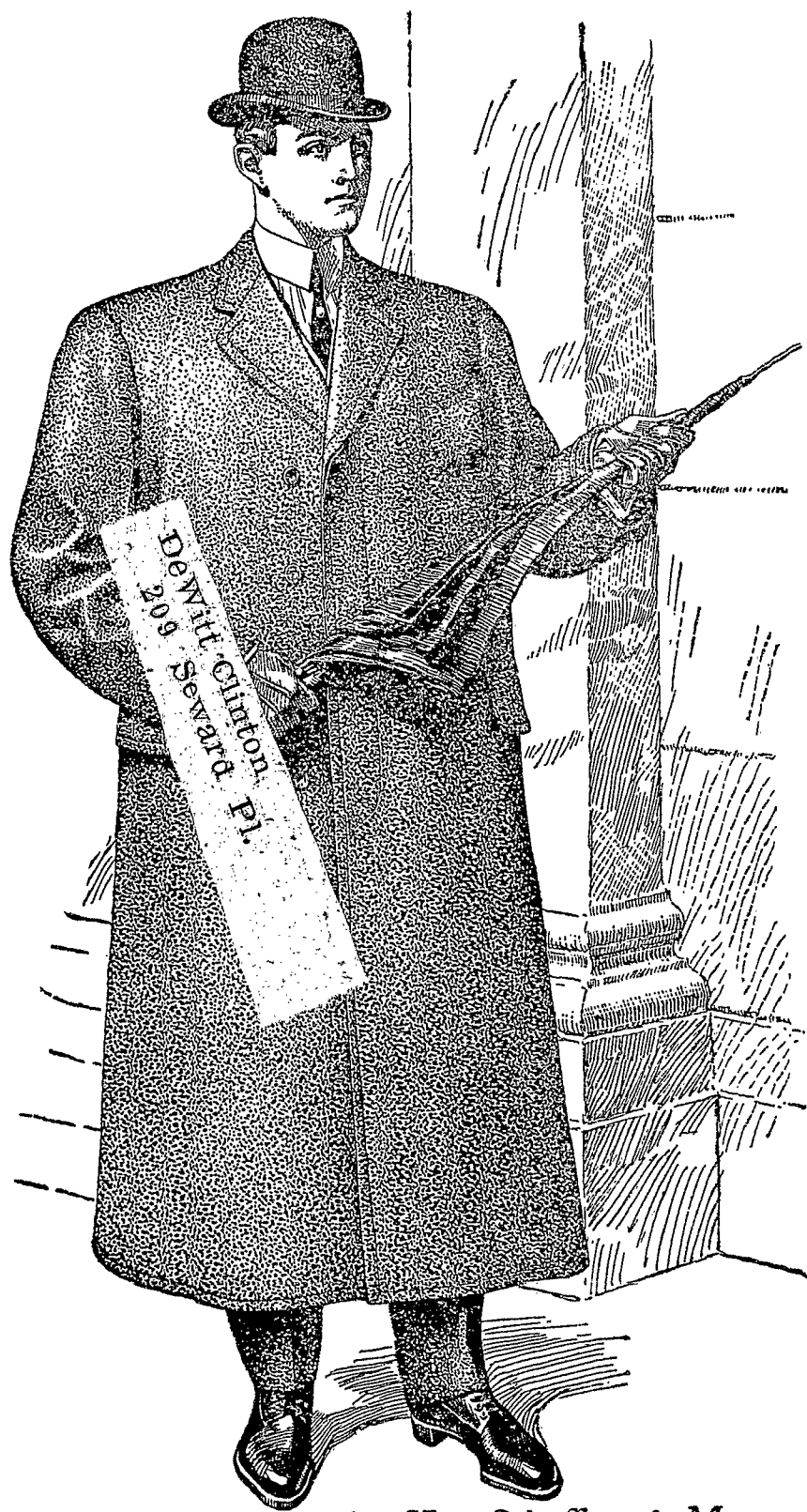
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