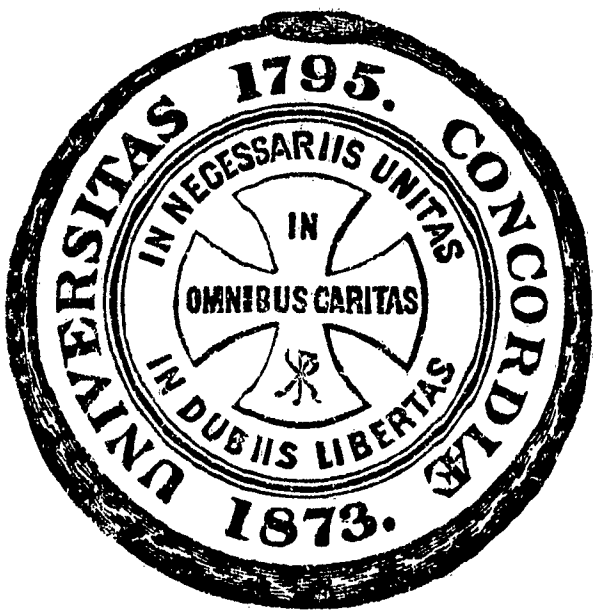


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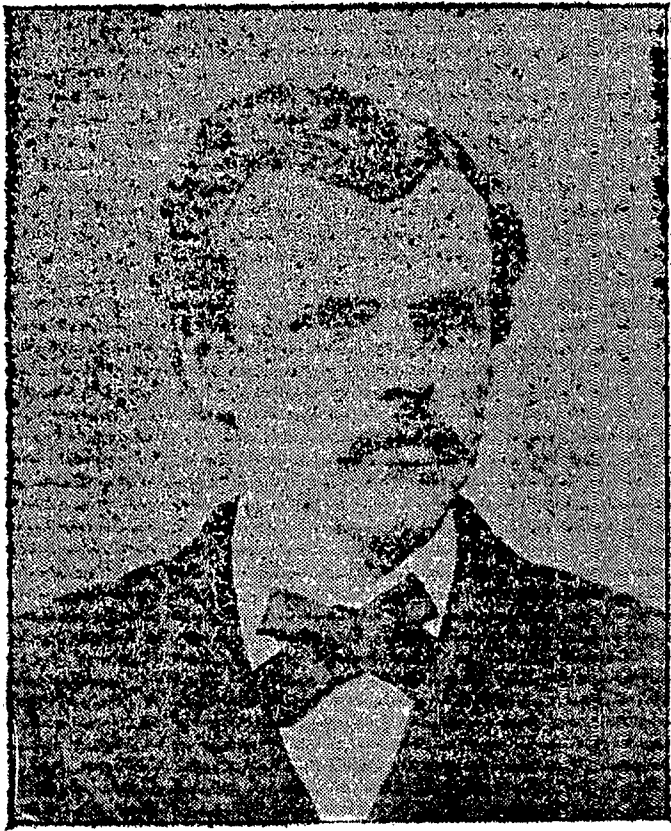


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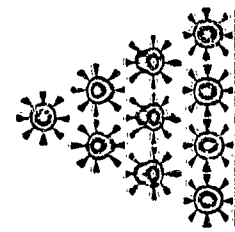


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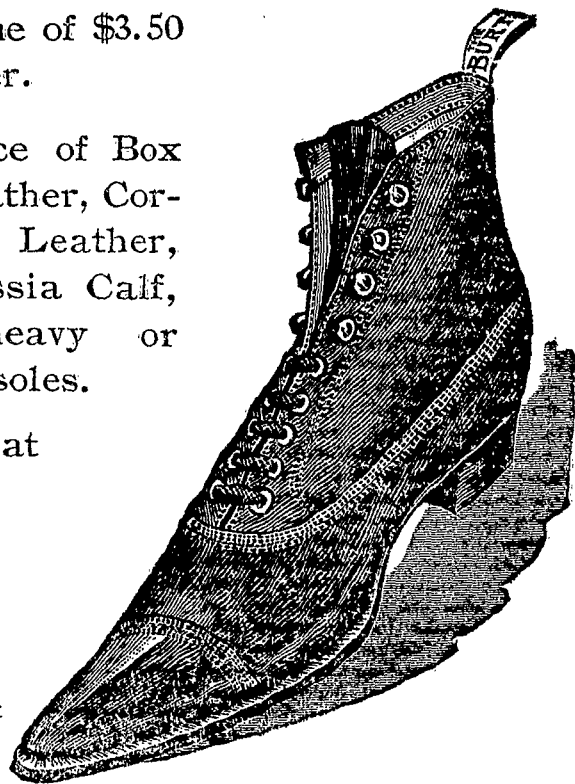
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Gen. Tryon's Lecture.

The progress of civilization is most admirably illustrated by the changes in naval architecture and its constant development from the primitive canoe to the invincible steel fortress of today. This development from a sanitary point of view was the subject of the lecture delivered in the chapel last Friday afternoon by James Rufus Tryon, '58. Prior to the opening of the recent war with Spain, Dr. Tryon was surgeon-general of the United States navy and his many years of experience made his paper particularly interesting.

From the very earliest time in the history of the world the problem of the navigation of the sea has occupied the human mind. When man first departed from his natural surroundings on land and trusted himself on the artificial environments of the sea, he was followed by death and disease. The first essential elements in the problem of ship building were speed and safety of the craft. No regard was paid to the comfort and health of the crew. Men were plenty and cheap, vessels were scarce and expensive, hence more attention was paid to the preservation of the vessels than the crew.

When the navies of the old world began to sweep the seas, they soon found that the most expensive mechanical instruments are men, yet it was not until a recent date that any particular regard was paid to the health of the crew.

The first war vessels were propelled by oars. They had no deck nor protection for the oarsmen. The tactics of the time demanded great speed and we find men crowded very close when all oars were at work. They were, however, in the open air and no serious effects from over crowding were experienced until the next step in the progress of naval architecture when an upper deck was added as a vantage ground for the fighting men.

The vessels at that time were built of green unseasoned timber, because it was more easily bent. The seams were constantly drying open, allowing the water to run in. Yet it was not until the fourteenth century that vessels were veritable holes of disease, for prior to that time they were not used constantly but were drawn up on the shore and allowed to dry. The soldier and sailor of that day were one and the same, sometimes he fought on land and sometimes on the sea.

With the dawn of that era came the compass and the cannon. The former allowed men to strike out boldly into the ocean and made soldiers into sailors and the vessels their constant home; the latter not only changed the tactics of naval warfare but changed the construction of the vessels—vessels with oars now became ships with sails. For a time oars and sails were both used at once but gradually the former were discontinued.

The fifteenth century produced larger vessels with more guns and more sails, and at the same period port holes were introduced. Spain had vessels with three decks and one hundred guns.

The seventeenth century found England's best vessels carrying 120 guns and 700 men. Guns were even placed on the lowest deck, and port holes only 16 inches above the water-line allowed the sea to flow in freely, and mix with the ballast of sand and gravel from which it could not be pumped. Candles were used to illuminate the interior of the vessel and their smoke added much to the unhealthy condition. The water in the hold became filled with disease germs; the air was foul from the ever present candle smoke and the lack of sufficient ventilation. In stormy weather hatches and port holes were closed, thus cutting off all means of ventilations. These causes combined to make the greatest dangers to human life in the vessel itself. The crews were constantly attacked with various diseases, especially scurvy and

fevers. As late as the eighteenth century the English channel fleet was obliged to make port after a ten weeks' cruise owing to scurvy and fever among the men. These diseases were due to impure air, dampness, lack of exercise and amusement.

The dampness and lack of ventilation had their effects not only upon the lives of the men but upon the life of the vessel, and soon devices for artificial ventilation were introduced. Wind sails were first used but were successful only under certain conditions. On a calm sea, in port, or when hatches were closed, this scheme for ventilation was useless.

Air cavities and channels and copper covering for the hull were introduced in 1806 and added materially to the life of the vessel. Glass port holes came in due time and candle smoke decreased. Then came the sick room and improved medical attention. The rank and standard of surgeons were raised at the same time. The first twenty years of the present century mark the first and most important efforts in behalf of the health of sailors and from that time mortality among them has rapidly decreased.

In 1823 the surgeons found that rheumatism and pulmonary diseases were prevalent and were due to the too frequent washing of the decks, which were never dry, and in fact water stood on them five hours out of every twenty-four. Sailors were on the cold, damp decks with bare feet and wet clothing, having no place to warm themselves or dry their clothing. Officers refused to subordinate the appearance of their vessels to the health of their men. The flooding of the decks washed filth into the hold where it accumulated disease germs.

Steam as a propelling force for vessels, was introduced in 1822, and for a time steam and sail were both used on the same vessel. Crowding increased. There were more men and less space for them as the machinery was bulky. The sleeping quarters of the crew were contaminated more than ever before, more filthy, more heat, less space per man and less work on deck. The conditions forced many to sleep on deck when the weather permitted.

It was not until 1840, when metal superseded wood as constructive material that the perfect health of sailors was insured. The interior of an iron or steel vessel must be kept clean and dry to prevent rusting—it is a matter of preservation, but sanitation profits by it in no small degree.

Iron vessels were cold in cold weather and the opposite extreme in hot weather, so naval architects have devised systems of steam heating and forced ventilation by means of which the crews in our modern navies are insured perfect health and comfort.

Drinking water was formerly the source of many diseases but all modern vessels are supplied with distilled water.

In closing Gen. Tryon said that from now on naval architecture and sanitation will go hand in hand; he then paid a high tribute to John Blair Gibbs, a graduate of Rutgers, who enlisted as a surgeon in our navy at the opening of the war and was the first American killed in Cuba.

Football Resume.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, the curtain was rung down on the football season of '98, and a most remarkable season has it been for Union. In fact it may be said without exaggeration that this has been the most successful football year in the history of the college. The teams Union has competed with have been representative teams from the smaller colleges and the record is one which sends a thrill of pride through the heart of every loyal son of Old Union. It is a record of eight games won out of a possible nine—of 155 points to 23.

At the opening of the term the prospects were anything but bright. The graduating class took from the eleven Crichton, Hoxie, Mallery, Bookhout, Thomas and Poole; and Wilson, Messmer, and Robinson were in military camps.

It was soon evident that the freshmen would be well represented on the team, for the candidates were showing up finely in practice, and when the 'varsity lined up for the initial game there were seven freshmen who had places.

Thus it was that the class of 1902 practically made the 'varsity what it was.

It is needless to review the long string of victories on the grid iron. No one can forget how the garnet triumphed over St. Stephens, Laureate, Williams, Stevens institute, R. P. I., Rutgers, Colgate, and Hobart, none but the last even scoring. But then there was that one "off-day" at Clinton which always comes at one time or another to a victorious team. This, however, was too insignificant to counteract all the other successes, and if there is one word that sums up in a nut-shell the season's record, that word is, "victory."

To Prof. Pollard is due the thanks of the entire undergraduate body. The season could never have been what it was if he had not so completely thrown his whole personality into the development of the eleven. In his coaching he was ably assisted by Z. L. Myers, '96, "Father" Brown, '95, and by Bookhout and Thomas, of last year's team.

Captain Smith, too, comes in for a good share of credit. He had the confidence of every man on the eleven, and more than that—he deserved it. His coolness and quiet word of encouragement was a potent factor in winning every game, and he was always to be found "backing up" the weakest spot.

Fenton who next year will captain the team, put up an aggressive game at tackle. His strong point is running with the ball and in this respect he has been the greatest ground gainer on the team. Carver was a sure man at right tackle and was also a good ground gainer. Schmitter played in Fenton's position in the Hobart game and his work then was a surprise to all.

If there was any part of the line that at times lost its steadiness that part was not the centre. With the exception of the first game, Finnigan has throughout the season been the man to snap the ball. The game was practically new to him when he entered college in September but the final game found him playing like a veteran.

Shaw and Willis were always sure men at guards, their experience ever standing them in stead. These two together with Finnigan,

Fenton and Carver, make a strong nucleus on which to build up next year's line.

Thebo, Price and Beste at the ends were usually successful in breaking up the opposing interference and quick at getting after punts. Thebo is pretty sure of his place next year, but for right end there will be a large number of competitors.

Mallery at left half back was without question the "star" on the team. A hard runner, a sure tackler, and pluck personified it was to him more than any other player, that so many victories were due.

Gulnac could always be relied on for a gain of from three to five yards and, too, many of the season's long runs are put down to his credit. He was a hard man to tackle, and his experience made him doubly valuable behind the line.

Keogh, the only law school student on the team has been a prominent figure in football circles in Albany for many years, and from the start he was sure of making the 'varsity. As full back he missed but one tackle the entire season, and was a sure ground gainer in line bucking. He was somewhat weak in goal kicking but was an excellent punter.

There is one more thing that deserves most favorable comment and that is the faithfulness with which the men who made up the scrub came out daily and lined up against the 'varsity. There is little glory for the scrub player, but as every one knows there is hardly any one thing which benefits a team so much as the daily line-up, against a strong scrub. Captain Eames especially is deserving of great praise for his untiring efforts in behalf of the scrub.

It was only fitting that such a victorious team should have been well managed, and so it was. Manager Hinman's executive ability has made the season as much of a success from a business standpoint as it was from the standpoint of games won.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has recently received two gifts, one of \$20,000 from George A. Gardner and one of \$40,000 from the estate of Mrs. Ann White Dickinson.

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EVER since the present senior class has been in college, and years before, there has been a constant cry for a closer relationship between the college and the Albany departments. This cry culminated in a University Banquet last year, but it seems as if the two branches were as widely separated as ever. It is true that each of the college organizations receives the support of one or two men from the Law or Medical departments, excellent material too, but beyond that there seems to be no fraternal bond. The pages of The Concordiensis seldom contain news from either department, and the Albany students give the paper very little support. It is well enough to talk of closer relationship but as long as they will not support a University organ there can be no common bond. The Concordiensis is ever ready to publish news concerning all the departments whenever it is obtainable. We wish to thank those who have made contributions so far this year and hope that others will enable us to give the Law and Medical colleges proper representation.

THE Thanksgiving recess is only a sample of what Union does to make it enjoyable and pleasant for her students. The recess lasted five and one-half days, and it gave every one ample time to spend a few days at home. In some colleges the recess is only for one day, and no student who lives far away can go home to his Thanksgiving dinner, but has to eat what he can get at his boarding house. Union students can not complain of any lack of generosity on the part of the faculty in this respect. The college is ever ready to do the right thing.

THE football season of 1898 is over, and Union can view it with an unalloyed feeling of pride and satisfaction. We had one of the best football teams that ever represented Union, and every member of the 'varsity deserves a great deal of credit. They worked hard and faithfully, and throughout the season showed great interest in the game. To the coach, Physical Director Pollard, the gratitude of the student-body is due, for the zealous attention that he gave the team. The one defeat in the league series, that deprived us of the pennant, does not influence by one jot or tittle, the general result.

AN UNPLEASANT circumstance connected with the Thanksgiving recess, was the absence of heat in the library; and we dare say, that almost as many students were working there during those few days as at any time during the term. It may be argued that the library is kept open during vacations merely for the accommodation of those students who remain on the hill, but when students have assignments that must be reported almost the very next day after the close of the recess, it is very disagreeable to have to sit in the library and shiver while they are at work. The students do not require very much heat, just enough to prevent a small sized fog between the eyes and a book, at every breath, or about the amount that would prevent the formation of icicles on steam pipes.

Hamilton Wins the Pennant

(From the Utica Observer.)

On Thanksgiving day Hamilton in a hard fought football game defeated Colgate university and won the football championship of the inter-collegiate union.

The final score was five points to nothing. The weather was suitable for the participants in the game, but decidedly uncomfortable for spectators. Yet nearly a thousand turned out and gave the rival elevens a good reception.

Hamilton scored her only touchdown in the first half. The ball finally landed on Hamilton's twenty-yard line as time was called. The second half was a series of terrific line smashes, end plays, tandems, mass plays and an occasional double pass. It was all straight football, with neither side taking any risks on untried plays. Only once was there a real opportunity for cheering, and that came when Mason ran forty yards, dodging eight Colgate players. Hamilton's line was strong and held time and again against Colgate's attacks. In the ends Colgate was superior. Hamilton's half backs outplayed Colgate's but Cramp's work was better than that of Robertson. There was an occasional fumble, for the ball was slippery. Hamilton's men indulged in less individual play and their team work was superior to that of Colgate. It was a hard fought contest, with the best eleven winning, and no disgrace to the vanquished. The line up:

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Millham.....	quarter back.....	{ Trame
Stone.....	left half back.....	{ Root
Mason.....	right half back.....	{ Tomlinson
Robertson.....	full back.....	{ Dennison
		{ Waite
		{ Treat
		{ Root
		{ Cramp

Score—Hamilton, 5; Colgate, 0. Touchdown, Robertson. Time, 25-minute halves. Officials—Referee, Mr. Evans of Williams; umpire, Mr. Rulison of Cornell; timers, Mr. Rogers of Hamilton and Mr. Piotrow of Colgate; linesmen, Mr. McLoughlin of Hamilton and Mr. Root of Colgate. Attendance, 800.

Alumni Banquet.

The eleventh annual reunion of the Union college alumni association of New York, will be held at the Hotel Savoy, New York city, on the evening of Dec. 8. The business meeting will be called to order at six o'clock by Silas B. Brownell, '52, president of the association. The banquet begins at seven o'clock.

The list of speakers has not yet been fully determined upon. Dr. Raymond, of course, will be there and will speak in his official capacity as president of the college. Dr. Perkins will represent the faculty and Douglas Campbell, '94, will represent the "younger alumni." A number of prominent speakers have signified their intention to be present and the college quartette has been invited.

The Intercollegiate Press.

The tenth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Press association was held Nov. 18, under the auspices of Colgate. The organization composes fifteen of the New York state college publications.

Papers were read by Miss Catherine M. Buchanan of the Elmira Sibyl, C. T. Murdock of the University Herald, Syracuse, and C. E. Walters of the Madisonensis, Colgate. C. L. Mosher of the Hamilton Literary Magazine, conducted an 'Open Discussion.' The Madisonensis was chosen as the official organ for the coming year. A banquet was held in the evening.

Garnet Prizes.

The board of editors of the Garnet announce that the time limit for literary competition has been extended to Jan. 3. All prize articles must be handed to Bender, 1900, on or before that date. The prizes, as has been before stated, are ten in number, \$5 for the first and a copy of the Garnet for each of the other nine.

Football Scores.

Saturday, Nov. 19.

Harvard, 17; Yale, 0.
 Carlisle Indians, 11; University of Ill., 0.
 Amherst, 16; Williams, 5.
 Syracuse University, 0; Trinity, 0
 Lafayette, 6; Bucknell, 0.
 Naval Cadets, 6; University of Virginia, 0.

Thursday, Nov. 24.

Pennsylvania, 12; Cornell, 6
 Hamilton, 5; Colgate, 0
 Lafayette, 11; Lehigh, 5.
 Chicago A. A., 18; Dartmouth, 5.
 Michigan, 12; Chicago, 11.
 Laureate, 5; Yale Law School, 0.
 California University, 22; Leland Stanford, 0.
 Ogdensburg, A. C., 5; Syracuse University, 5.
 Hobart 11; Rochester, 2

Married.

Pitson J. Cleaver, '97, of Brooklyn, and Miss Mae Fisher were married at the home of the bride's parents in Unadilla, Sunday, Oct. 23d, 1898, by Rev. J. S. Crompton, pastor of the M. E. church. Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver will reside in Brooklyn.

Alumni Notes.

George J. Dann, '96, is principal of the high school at Hobart, N. Y.

George C. Perry, '98, principal of the Lake George union school, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Schenectady.

Mr. David B. Lockner, '93, accompanied by his wife, is in town visiting friends. Mr. Lockner holds an important position in the department of customs at Niagara Falls.

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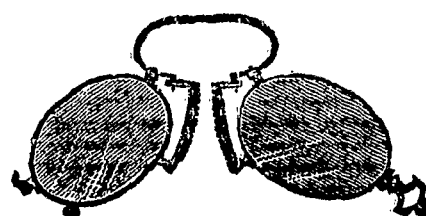
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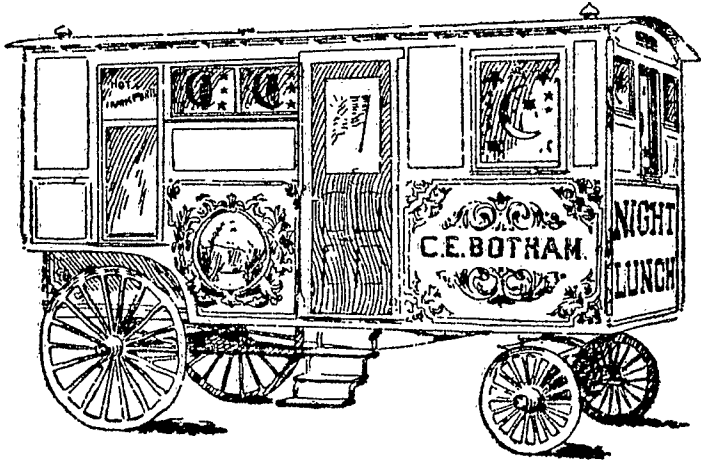
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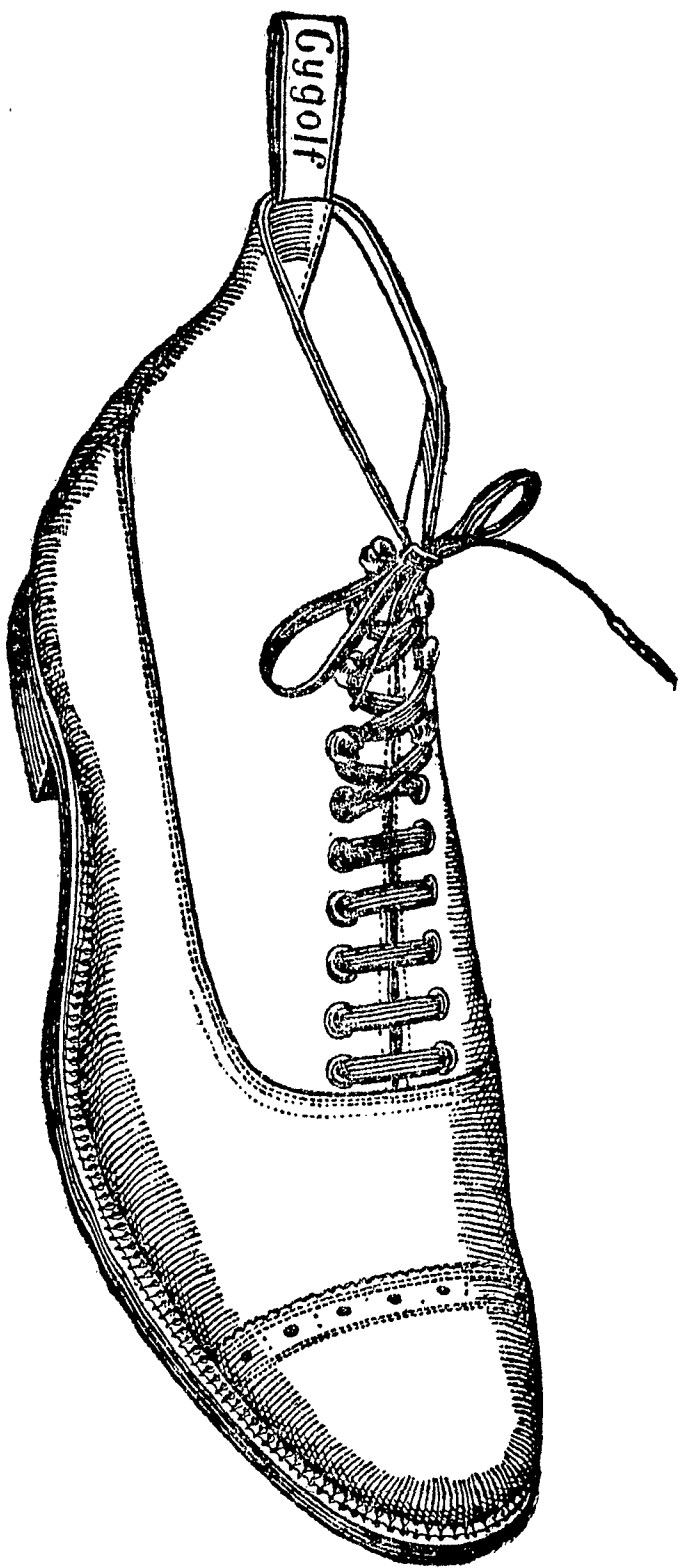
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