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OVEMBER is here. But a glance will tel

you that. The woods have turned from

every shade of red, yellow and green to modest

but equally beautiful shades of gray and brown,

with here and there dark dull green of cedars and

pines. The school boy's life has changed too.

Tennis and foot ball are about over, walking has

lost some of its charms, and it is too early for

skating. The time for studying to the best of our

abilities is here. There is not so much to distract

our attention. It is right to study hard, but even

that doesn’t take up all the time, and when any of

our readers find time hanging heavily on their

hands, let them think of us. Write for Tur Arco.

Every one of you should aid towards making the

school paper interesting. Send us a “ Squeak” or

personal, if nothing more.

HANKSGIVING is almost here. This is

a truism unless the many times we have heard

it stated that it was two months, three weeks, ten

days, seven days, four school days, and so on off, ;

do not tell correctly the fact that every boy in

school knows exactly how long it will be before it

arri.es.

What have we to be thankful for? We have

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the same general mercies with all people, but in

addition have we not the mere fact that Thanks-

giving has come? ‘That means five days at home,

no lessons to learn, no school bell to obey. To

the « Trap” boys it means that toa greater ex-

tent. What music it is to hear “ Rahway, Eliza-

beth, Newark and New York only!” and to feel

that it applies to you. That has been a dirge

every time we heard it till now. ‘This time it is the

Prelude to all sorts of joys. Think of being at

home again—you new fellows especially. Think

of seeing the old place, the old friends, so many

other things you remember! It was summer when

we all left; now it is winter, a new house may

have been Started, an old one painted and other

little changes may have taken place, all of which

we will notice. What a talking there will be!

We, Tue Arco, wish every one of our readers

the jolliest imaginable time: a turkey, lots of fun,

and a realization of all the dreams they have had

for the last month. And when you come back

——; but we will omit the “preach.” Surely

you will be doubly ready for study when you re-

turn, and will give the teachers also Teason to be

thankful for Thanksgiving.

HE foot ball season is ended. This year the

Preparatory School has placed in the field a

team that could hold its own not only with teams

of its own size but also with those far superior in

weight. By hard daily practice under their effici-

ent trainer, Mr. Strang, they have acquired a de-

gree for scientific skill that is seldom surpassed in

Preparatory Schools. The team need have no re-

gret of lost time or opportunities, They have more

than followed the example set before them by the

Varsity and deserve credit for the manner in

which they have added to the honor of the school

and college.

They caused two defeated teams to disband

and have crushed forever the boasted superiority

of the Freshmen.

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Never before, since the illustrious class of ‘91

was in “Trap,” have the Rats beaten the Freshmen.

No doubt, there is material in the team that

will some day be useful to the Varsity

May they continue their victorious career and

help to make for Old Rutgers a name that will be

known and honored throughout the land.

RURAL LIFE IN ENGLAND IN THE 180

CENTURY.

T this period of English history the rural popu-

lation was divided into two great classes;

the aristocracy and the peasantry.

Tre aristocracy constituted the ruling element,

and were superior in every respect. Although

greatly in the minority, they had almost supreme

control of the Government and plunged the coun-

try into war or remained at peace without any re-

gard for the people who constituted the backbone

of the country.

Nearly all the land was divided into large es-

tates, which were owned by the higher class and

descended in the family from generation to gener-

ation.

This class, living on its revenue from the soil,

lived a life of ease and pleasure. They put the

care of their estates in the hands of stewards and

lived the life of country gentlemen. Their children

were generally educated at the highest universities

in the land, and many of the younger sons joined

the army or navy.

Generally these kings of the soil were kind and

generous and treated their dependents humanely

and justly.

They spent their lives in various ways. They

always had some friends visiting them, and many

spent their time in London or Paris. The real

English gentleman always has been, and is yet, a

true sporting man. He hunts through all seasons

of the year and is invariably found at the race

course. England has always been noted for its fox

and steeple chases.

Now let us consider the other class, known as

peasantry. ‘These, a strong and sturdy race, con-

stituting a large and important part of the popula.

tion, lived on the estates of the aristocrats as ten-

ants. There were two plans by which the agri-

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iral pursuits of the country were chiefly car.

On some of the estates, the land was

farmed in private portions by tenants who paiq

a stated rent for the privilege. On others, the

work was done by the tenants in union, and

each one received his living besides a fixed amount

of wages. In either case they did not own their

houses, but lived in the tenement houses of the

estates, from which they were subject to eject.

ment for non-payment of rent.

The mass of peasantry regarded as a whole was

almost totally uneducated. The little which a few

possessed was acquired at the parish schools,

n was restricted to the rector

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or vicar and to the owners of the soil.

The peasant had no need of an education,

The Bible was read to him at church and he sel-

dom had cause to write a letter or to sign business

papers.

They were a plain and simple people and lived

consistent with their nature. They arose with the

lark and retired with the sun. They ate plain,

wholesome food, and seldom needed the care of a

physician.

On Sunday they dressed in bright colored clothes,

of which they were very fond, and attended the

village church. There they dozed through a long

and tedious sermon, and, waking for the benedic-

tion, sauntered home to enjoy the remainder of

the day in rest and conversation.

They were very attentive to all religious feasts,

and rigidly kept the holidays of their forefathers.

These holidays were a particular source of en-

joyment to these easily entertained people. They

dressed in their best clothes and assembled at

some fair or circus and spent the day in various

trials of strength and skill. | They indulged freely

in dancing, and it was considered a great honor to

be the best dancer of the day. Also gossip and

refreshments constituted no mean part of the day’s

enjoyment.

\_ In character, they were noted for their simplic-

ity, generosity, hospitality, kindness and temper-

ance. They have always been good soldiers and

seamen and ever faithful and loyal to their country

and king.

Thus I have tried to depict the rural life in Eng-

land from 1728 to 1774, and I draw the conclu-

sion that one might go further and find a worse

country, a worse people and a worse life.

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THE WAIL OF THE OLD MAID.

N the October number of 7%e Qui//, our con-

temporary of the Staten Island Academy and

Latin School, I noticed and read with much in-

terest an article on “The Hardships of a Girl,”

by J. M. K. I sympathized with the writer from

the bottom of my heart—though I don’t quite

agree with her in thinking her lot so unenviable ;

and as one of our editors no doubt did not soothe

her by his comment upon her article, [ thought I

would assure her that there is at least one boy

who appreciates the superiority of girls over boys

in some respects.

I have the honor of being called an old maid.

I am not ashamed of the /i//e ; it it only the i”-

sult in the way in which it is often afféied to which

I object. Despite my title I still am a boy, and

no doubt J. M. K. will, with the acuteness she

displayed in her article, detect that Iam not en-

tirely lacking in boyish traits in the manner in

which I make a concession in acknowledging the

superiority of girls in some, instead of in a7, re-

spects, and in a possibly somewhat lofty strain

throughout.

As I stated, I. am called an old maid. People

have a way of making that remark in a contempt-

uous fashion when they see me put cotton in my

shoes to make the points stay plump; fix my bed

clothes to suit me, tucking them in, or pulling

them so the flannel won't rub against my face;

work five minutes to get my collar and tie to suit

my fancy; or fold my clothes up carefully so that

they will not be creased. What is most cruel

however is when the name is applied by one whom

you should think would appreciate and sympathize

with you. For instance when your sister answers

you when you ask her, as you are starting for

church, whether your coat sets straight and your

collar shows, with: Oh bother !"—a\_ brief sur-

es! What an old maid you are.”; or as

you are going out and discover that a button is off

of your overcoat and ask your sister to sew it on

she says: “You old maid! Can't you go to the

post office with a button off !”

Now why should not a fellow like to have his

things neat and tidy? Why should he not enjoy

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having his room cosy and neat? I know I do

and I take secret pride in being called an old

maid even if it is not said in a complimentary

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Now a girl can hav

as she pleases and nothing is

least. In fact a girl is expected to be all that as J.

AL K, stated. If she does not care to do any thing

because she will soil her clothes, it 1s considered

correct. But let a boy be particular, let him say

he doesn’t want to cut across lots because he will

spoil his shine, or dosn't care about playing tennis

just before going down street so heating him-

self, soiling his collar and feeling generally disar-

and what is said to him? He is not com

e things as pretty and neat

said—derogatorily at

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plimented to say the least.

Then J. M. K. expatiates on the free life of a

boy and the numerous duties of a girl. That is

true, I suppose, but what about the things a boy

must do? One never expects to see a girl weed-

ing a garden. But a boy has to do it very often

and can you think of any occupation which makes

one’s hands more grimy and the finger nails more

black and hard to get presentable again than a

morning's work weeding a garden? Why, I have

suffered from the effects of weeding a flower bed

for fully a week. Ifa girl 7s expected to practice

so many hours a week or spend time in cultivat-

ing other talents, and if it may be tedious some-

times, yet think of the poor boy who longs to take

music or drawing lessons. Because he is a boy

every one laughs at him for having a taste for the

beautiful and he is forced to console himself as

best he may— with a mouth organ perhaps and

in exercising his artistic talents in adorning a

fence, barn or some other place. And if he should

—in a moment most evil for him—express a desire

to learn to sew or darn, the fun and jests leveled

at him are enough to cause him to renounce all

desire for doing any thing useful or ornamental

and become an utter savage. ‘The way in which

he is shoved aside when company is present while

his sisters are brought to the front only strengthens

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some one tears his coat :—\* Who's got a pin i

“ Auntie.” Or ifitis a serious rent :—" It oug!

to be sewed up, but no one has a needle e

thread of course.” But if“ Auntie” is around, ou!

comes his little case again and this time he fishes

out a needle, threads it and sews up the tear. Is

that not proof that his qualities are occasionally

appreciated ?

Taking the slight encouragement the “old

maid” get from others and the great comfort he

gets from himself, I would not be anything else

and I would advise every girl to be contented—

No! happy—in her lot. She may think she suffers,

Dut what she bears is nothing to what she’ would

be obliged to endure if she were a boy.

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“OUR TABLE.”

JUTERE are a number of droll fellows at the

“Trap” this year; and they are well repre-

sented at “Our Table,” which is presided over by

a new member of the faculty who makes his

weighty arguments felt on every side ; butheis only

with us about one-half of the time, for there are al-

lurements in Gotham. His place however is proud\_

ly filled by “ Pop” who is not as great a debater

but a more skillful carver and more equitable dis-

tributer of viands. Next to“ Pop” is \*\* Ma” for the

old folks are inseparable. “Ma” can be seen

scribbling on a piece of paper, if a pun should ac-

cidentally fall from the lips of one of the family

circle, Then there is “ Uncle Pete,” whose mathe-

matical head is very apparent, for he is ever soly-

ing Geometry problems at the table. Ifhe does not

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Our Table

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base ball.

still we were outdone by table No. 2 whose

Prof. treated us to ice cream in honor of the

« Rats” victory over the Freshmen.

OUR ATHLETICS.

HE football season is now almost over, and

our team need not feel ashamed of the

record which it has left. The fellows have done

remarkably well, winning all the games with out-

side teams. Several games were arranged to be

played on our grounds, but had to be put off be-

cause we were not able to secure the grounds on

the appointed days. For this reason the games

with Peddie Institute and Packard College did

not take place. We tried to arrange a game

with the Bordentown Military Academy, but they

could not play.

ae best game blige with the-Freshmen was

& surprise, as nearly everybody thought

that they would win. In the early ql

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game, Wills, our best half back i i

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looked for a whi 8 Made two touchdowns. It

Ne as ifthe Freshmen would win

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the day, but near the end

kicked a goal from the field

The boys played a fine game at Plainfield, and

aithough the Leal team was

yet the splendid

game.

At Elizabeth the two teams were just about the

same weight, but here again the training of our

team under Mr. Strang told.

The boys put up a very good game with the

Sophomores, and the only thing that told against

us was\_ the superior weight; they having three of

the Varsity and two ex-Varsity men,

On the 2oth inst. the Classicals played the

Scientifics. The score resulting in a tie, 10 to 10.

The games played by the Preparatory School

and the scores are as follows :

Rutgers Preparatory School vs. Freshmen,

4-16; Pingry, 19-4; Sophomores, 0-26; Leals,

24-8; Freshmen, 19-16,

The team was as follows: Rushers—George

Ludlow, VanSlyke, Siver, Gabe Ludlow, Collier,

Blackwell, McDowell. Quarter — VanDyck.

Halves—Wills and Sagara. Fullback—Enyard,

Capt.

The football will now be laid away till another

year, and in its stead will come those sports which

make the winter pass so swiftly.

Rah, rah, rah; rah, rah, rah ;

wow, wow!!!

of the game Enyard

by far the heavier,

team work of our boys won the

R. C. PB. S., bow,

OUR GLEE CLUB.

gc GLEE CLUB has noticeably improved

in the last two or three weeks and we hope

soon to see it appear in public. Among the se-

lections which the Club is practising are some very

difficult pieces. “ Comrades in Arms” is a piece

well adapted to show what the Club can do and

a'though the fellows have practised but little on it

yet they do very creditable work. Among the live-

lier pieces are “ Dame Durden” and “ The Jolly

Old Farmer.” Several of the Club seem to think

that the pieces are not varied enough, but we

think that it is better to be perfect in one kind of

music than to be poor in several styles.

Every morning before the opening of school, the

Club practises either Hymns for the devotional

exercises or Glees from the Glee Club book.

Rhetorical exercises take place every Friday

morning in which the Glee Club will shortly take

part.

The members of the Club are as follows :

First ‘Tenor, R. Totten, W. Van Dyck, Runyon

and Jones.

Second Tenor, Stout, Tilton and Enyard.

First Bass, Prof. Newton, Stilson and Schneider.

Second Bass, W. Totten, Thompson and

Green.

Musical Director, Prof. Newton.

LITERARY NOTES.

IF. MARION CRAWFORD'S new novel “ A Cigarette-

Maker's Romance” ought to possess great interest

for many of us from its associations.

ANy one interested in the drama of the past

few years will find much that is entertaining and

instructive in the Autobiography of Joseph Jeffer-

son.

A srory that is attracting much attention of

late is Mrs. Burton Harrison’s \*\* Anglomaniacs.”

It isa picture of New York social life drawn

with excellent power and vividness.

No. XXXL. in “ The Story of the Nations” series

is the Story of Switzerland, by R. Stead and Mrs.

Amold Hug. This whole series is very interest-

ing and profitable ; and if one wants to find the lead-

ing features of a nation’s record told graphically,

we advise him to search among the Stories of the

Nations.

Lovers of the great masters in music must be

especially delighted by the appearance of the

Autobiography of Anton Rubinstein, translated

from the Russian by Annie Delano; and also by

“ Beethoven,” by H. A. Ruddall. The former is

published by Little, Brown & Co., Boston; the

latter by Scribner & Welford of New York.

AN interesting book published this month by

Fords, Howard and Hulbert, New York, is a

novel entitled “ Murvale Eastman, Christian Social-

ist” by Allion W, Tourgee. Those of us who

have read “ A Fool’s Errand” by the same author

will look forward to a perusal of this new effort

with delightful anticipation, It will be a dramatic

Presentation of the great questions of the day,

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capital and labor, wealth and poverty, journalism,

spectulations, etc. We urge our readers to peruse

this volume. If we are going to be men among

men, we must get in touch with the great questions

which are arousing the interest of the thinking

men and women of the country; and we can

begin this in no more interesting way than by read-

ing two or three of the excellent works of fiction

bearing on these topics.

ONE morning last week, at about nine o'clock,

a short thick-set man, with white hair and mus-

tache, and piercing eyes, walked into the publish-

ing-house of Charles Scribner's Sons, andasked the

way to the subscription department. Having

learned it, he ran nimbly up stairs and entered the

main office, where he inquired for Mr. Thomas,

the manager of the department. Mr. ‘Thomas

had not come down town yet, but was expected at

any moment, said the clerk in charge; and the

caller was invited to take a seat. He accepted

the invitation. After a few moments an idea

seemed to strike the clerk; and he said that, if the

gentleman wished to become an agent for Stanley's

“In Darkest Africa,” he could give him all the

necessary information. The stranger thanked him

and replied that modesty forbade his becoming an

agent for the sale of the book, as he had written it

himself. Critic.

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VERY educational institution should have

some Christian association connected with

it. This will tend to draw the students more

closely together, in their work, in their sports, and

in everything with which they are connected.

We observe from schools which have no unity

in this particular, that they are not to be com-

pared with those which have. They are inferior

in every respect, even to the quality and quantity

of students, for Christian parents will not send

their sons to any institution where religious ten-

dencies are absent, and where all morals are cor-

Tupt.

It is true that there are but few of such schools

in our land, but what an influence they have over

those whom they send out. The world would be

better had they never lived in it.

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In our school at Rutgers we feel the great

privilege of Christianity, and know that by its z

fluence we are better prepared for our work, and

are pleased to see the results.

Supyects FOR DECEMBER. ;

Dec. 5—\* Christ's Armor,” Leader, R. K.

ae ca The Christ Like Mind.” Leader,

r summings. ;

Prof pre Thoughts for Christmas Week.

Leader, J. S. Seeberger.

PERSONALS.

Now for Thanksgiving.

Ou mamma, I want to go back!

| Witttams ’90 is a Freshman in Rutgers.

| Wuar’s the matter with the “ Fresh ?”

Boy's, keep away from the corner bakery.

We have a new instructor, Prof. Sagara, J. A. P-

“Sotomon,” how does milk and sugar go in ice

cream ?

| Tue favorite song of “ Strawberry” is, “ I Dinki

so Myzelf.”

Wuat's the matter with our football team ?

They're all right.

H. D. Harper ‘92 of Castleton, N. Y., returned

to school on the 18th.

| “ Uncte” Joun THompson and “ Brick” Totten

are both back in the Glee Club.

| NEITHER the Classicals nor the Scientifics are

crowing over that game of football.

Ove of the new boys told an old one that he un-

derstood the grammar “ as good as you.”

“Wooty” made up his dumb bell exercise to

the physical instructor on the 12th and received

| 100.

Pror. CumMINGs treated the boys at the

“ House” to ice-cream after the victory over the

Freshmen. .

| Tue Football team can now lay aside football

costumes till another year, and doctor their bruises

and broken bones.

| \_ Ovr old adviser “ Pop” still tells us every once

in a while not to “ monkey with the buzz-saw” nor

“fool around the band wagon.”

THERE Was a movement on foot to start a “ Black

Haired” club but we think that it must have fallen

| through as we have heard nothing of it lately.

| On Nov. tst, “Uncle Josh,” “Snid” and

“Fred” went gunning with one Flobert rifle be-

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tween them. It is not necessary

had rabbit for dinner on the 4," 0 "ie

Wits ‘91 who sprained his 3

with the Freshmen is isha ae m ba game

that he will be able to make his way to thes aa

as rapidly as any of us when the time { fe Satin

on Thanksgiving comes, ar Acaving

Weare glad to see Prof. Newton back, after bei

compelled, for the first time in several eee

give up his class for a short time on sean of

sickness, Mrs. Newton filling hi )

, is place A

absence. § his place during his

SQUEAKS.

Horw-1sty is the fish dealer's best policy.

Uncie Pere has no ap-pete-titi for stale jokes.

A remark about teeth may be said to be inci-

dental.

Frep and Have like to dance bee

ecause, they

Walsers. e, they are

A foot ball player ought to shave because he

“touches down.”

Ir is enough to razor smile if such alittle fellow

as W— uses a safety razor.

WueN a senior blushes it is quite appropriate,

that he should be well read.

One of the boys said he was going to make a

« diagnis” of the case of the funny editor.

Lookinc at a foot ball game through a knot

hole could be called a naughty (knotty) trick.

One of the Virgil class announced the other day

that “ Helen eloped with the Count of Paris.”

‘A member of the Cicero class says that the Pal

atine was where “the best society of Rome lived.”

Wuen a fellow gets ten for his recitation he can

be said to be persuing the even ten-or of his way.

Ir would be a barber-ous thing to have ones

hair cut on a stormy night. It would be shear

nonsense. .

A good motto for the scholar may be found in

Aeneid II line 48. Zguo ne credite. It may be

translated : “ Trust not the pony.”

Vere avium carmina audimus was translated by

a brilliant scholar in beginning Latin as: “ In the

spring we hear the songs of the grandfather.”

Examptes of admissable slang as they were Te-

ported as having been used by a Prof. \_ Don't

get gay.” “ Paste that in your hat.."; Don't be too

previous.” :

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y—. “What are you doing H—?”

H—\*“ I am trying to elucidate—.”

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