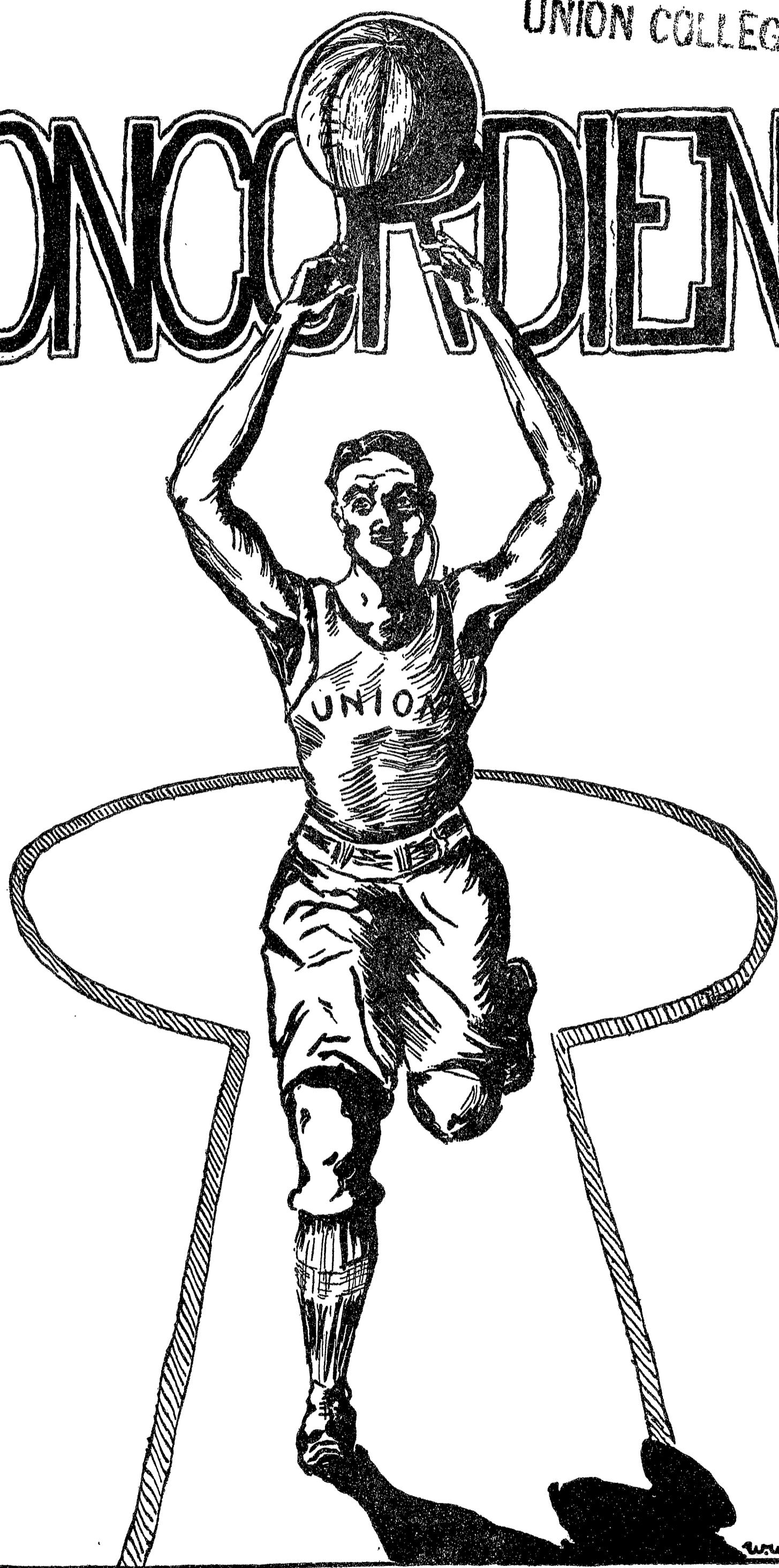


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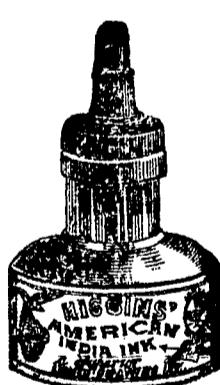
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THE M. I. T. GAME.

Season Begins With Huge Victory.

The 1914-'15 basketball season was opened in a very auspicious manner when we defeated the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, scoring 52 points against our opponents' 14. Our quintet played especially well for their first game, and would undoubtedly have rolled up a larger score, but for the fact that three subs were sent in, when we had already gained a safe margin over our opponents. The New Englanders were heavier, but not skillful enough.

The first basket was made by M. I. T., when Houghton lost the ball. Our captain partially redeemed himself, however, when he scored a point on a foul, and a moment later, netted the ball, after some clever passwork by Haubner, Dave Beaver, and Houghton. Haubner then made two more points, when he failed on a long shot, and scored by a follow-up shot, taking it while in the air. Captain Morse, of M. I. T., later made a point on a free throw.

Houghton netted the ball, after getting a long pass from Beaver. Dave scored, and Woods netted the ball twice in quick succession. Morse then scored for M. I. T. Houghton succeeded in making a foul shot, and Dave Beaver scored from beside the basket. Our tally was now sixteen. Two more points were added to our score by Houghton on free trys. Shortly after Smith tallied two points for M. I. T. Dave Beaver made a pretty field basket, followed by a

similar performance by Woods.

The second half was opened when Houghton made a free throw, and Woods followed up by a field basket. Smith and Houghton were both successful on foul shots, and Woods made a sensational shot over his head, his back to the basket. More applause was won when Dave Beaver caged the ball after a dribble the whole length of the court. Rausch made a pretty shot from the field, and Houghton later scored on a foul try. Jake Beaver made two field baskets. The ball was now in the vicinity of our basket, and Woody scored. Dave and Jake Beaver then added four more points to our total. After Houghton and Jake had each tallied again, Coach Dawson sent in Mudge for Haubner, and Girling for Dave Beaver. Shortly after, Scoby was substituted for Jake Beaver. Smithe scored on a foul try, followed by Miller with a field basket. Scoby made his basket, and Girling and Houghton scored. The game was ended.

Hudson displayed the best form for M. I. T., and Rausch played a good game. Morse, the captain, was called out of the game, after 4 personal fouls had been called on him. Our men were all in fine form, though Woods scored the most field baskets. Jimmy Mudge, '18, played his first 'varsity game and showed good form, despite his lack of experience in collegiate basketball. He bids fair to become a very valuable man.

The line-up and summary:

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	UNION.			
	F.B	F.T.	T.P.	
Haubner, l.f. -----	1	0	2	
Jake Beaver, r.f.-----	4	0	8	
Scoby, l.f. -----	1	0	2	
Mudge, l.f. -----	0	0	0	
Woods, c. -----	6	0	12	
Houghton, l.g. -----	4	8	16	
Girling, r.g. -----	1	0	2	
D. Beaver, r.g. -----	5	0	10	
Total -----	<hr/> 22	<hr/> 8	<hr/> 52	
	M. I. T.			
	F.B	F.T.	T.P.	
Smithe, r.f. -----	1	3	5	
Rausch, l.f. -----	1	1	3	
Miller, c. -----	1	0	2	
Kendall, l.g. -----	1	0	2	
Hudson, r.g. -----	1	0	2	
Total -----	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 14	

Referee—George Tilden. Time of halves—20 minutes. Score at end of first half—Union, 22; M. I. T., 7. Fouls called—Union, 9; M. I. T., 13.

ENGLISH CLUB CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS.

Ceremonies Similar to Those of Ancient Times.

The English Club, according to its time honored custom, gathered its members together in the club's rooms in Washburn Hall for a Christmas celebration on Friday evening, December 18. Before the Christmas exercises took place the club enjoyed the initiatory exercises accompanying the reception of Prescott Cleveland of the 1915 class into the organization. Doctor Hale, the president of the club, being disguised as a stork, ushered the Neophyte in baby clothes into the club room where the members were assembled for the strenuous examination which Mr. Cleveland had to pass before being formally greeted as a fellow-member. The examination disclosed

the facts that "Peck" has much love and reverence for Doctor Nott and John Howard Payne, the founders of the English Club; that he disapproves of examinations, is fond of writing poetry, is proficient in the literary art, has often been swimming in the Erie Canal, likes mathematics and cheese sandwiches and loves the Lord. This examination proving satisfactory, Peck was put through other ordeals and, having come out successfully in these, was admitted to the English Club as a member of good standing.

Following the initiation, the Christmas exercises began in the usual manner with the president's reading of the verses discovered by the club's archivist, Willis J. Hanson, Jr., and supposed (by him) to have been written by John Howard Payne.

The verses are as follows:

'Twas a week before Christmas and all
thro' the college
All the students were eagerly seeking for
knowledge,
From freshman to senior the studies of all
stations
Were deep in preparing for examinations.
They sought after knowledge in all sort of
ways
And devoted thereto both their nights and
their days.
Some sought it in books, and some sought
it of friends,
Some sought it in note books, and old odds
and ends
Of papers, and tried to make sense of some
sort
Of the chaos of marks that had once stood
for thought.
Some sought it at Joe's, and some sought it
in bed
But all sought to stow it away in their head
That being, as now it is well understood,
The only sure place where 'twill do any good.

But I such small matters had wholly forgot
I depend for such things on my chum, Dr.
Nott.

He gives me the tip as to what I should do,
So I leave it to him and I hope I'll get
through.

So I sat by myself and was smoking the
weed

Too peaceful to write and too lazy to read.
And as I was thinking there struck on my
ear

A sound which you've only to listen to hear.
(Sound of Claxon)

So I ran to the window and looked all
around,

But nought be seen on the snow covered
ground,

I looked all around, I looked here and looked
there

And then heard it sounding far up in the air.
(Sound of Claxon again.)

I have it said I, I am sure it's Old Nick
Or Santa Claus coming, and so I stepped
quick

And looked up the chimney—
and under the shelf

I discovered a friend, who will speak for
himself.

At this junction, Saint Nicholas Morton
Stewart came down the chimney and taking
the various trinkets from his pack stood
before the beautifully decorated Christmas
tree and distributed them to the various
good little boys assembled there.

Charlie Waldron received from the good
St. Nick a beautiful little A. B. C. book, ac-
companied by the following verse:

Quoth Charlie while writing:

"Concarn it!"

"This spelling I never can larn it."

"It's kat with a k,"

"And enjine with j."

"I can't get it straight, gol darn it!"

Tommy Dent received o lovely necktie
from the Reverend Saint, with an inscrip-
tion as follows:

They say no maid can bind him
No matter how she try,
But tonight at last we've got him
With an everlasting tie.

Luther Hagar was the next recipient of a
present in the form of a stick, accompanied
by these beautiful lines:

Hagar teaches mathematics
That the young idea may learn
About sine and cosine functions
Cleverly its mind to turn.

Some get first grades, others seconds,
And the thirds wil have their share
A few fourths, some will get passed by
But the "sticks" are everywhere.

Useless gifts should have no entrance
To this modern Christmas tree
Therefore with a Merry Christmas
Please accept this stick from me.

Santa Claus next announced a wireless
message just received from the English
Club's sincere friend, Franklin P. Adams,
who had hastily composed the lines below
for the special occasion:

Nix on John Masefield and Yeats!
Why not read Horace and me?
Aren't you tired of Noyes and his mates?
Nix on John Masefield and Yeats!
I privately think that their fates
Are as empty as three minus three.
Nix on John Masefield and Yeats!
Why not read Horace and me?

F. P. A.

Austin Martin received the next present
in the form of a dear little horse with the
poem that follows:

The Clerk of Skenectade.

A clerk ther is of Skenectade also
And unto Englisc hath he long y-go.
He is not lene as is a rake, I trowe,
For hardily he nis nat undergrouwe.
A lerned man, to ben a tutor able;
No hors he hath, ne nevere hadde, in stable.
Ther is no man no wher so studious;
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By him thei al from studie ben preserved;
"Lat Austin have his swink to him reserved."

For hi mis wont to have at his beddes heed
Twenty boxes clad in blak or reed
Of Chaucer, Langland, and their poesye
(Fy on that cours! it was not worth a flye)
Plesaunt he is, wel taught in gentilesse
This clerk is cleped Tubbe, as I gesse.

After reading this St. Nick announced a cablegram from our esteemed friend, William Watson,

I've slain the Kaiser with a sonnet,
'Twas writ in strict Italian mode,
And now I come to think upon it,
I've sunk his navy in an ode.

The Uhlans in blank verse I slaughter
In numbers that no man can tell,
To curb the caitiff Teutons' hauteur,
I launch my deadly vilanelle.

I've picked off Junkers at my leisure
In couplets of no little worth,
And in a fine Spencerian measure
I've wiped Franz Joseph off the earth.

Friends of poets! for your meeting
Not a stanza dare I write.

I'd send you quite a fervid greeting,
Did not my poems kill at sight.

W. W.

Jeff Delchamps was the happy recipient of a bale of cotton, accompanied by the lines following:

"Concordy Jeff" is from "Alabama,"
The cotton state of Uncle Sam,
So listen now to its Christmas tale—
Of our surplus crop, "Buy a Bale."

Little Warren Vosburg was not forgotten by dear Santa but was presented with a beautiful little stein, accompanied by a verse.

To Warren Chase Vosburg.
Dear Vozzy do not blame me
This verse is sure to shame me
It does not in anyway "became" me
But duty must be "did."

A little stein I give you,
I hope it won't outlive you,
Take care it don't "convive" you
Hail Vozzy! Here's long life.

May something e'er be in it,
No matter how you "drin" it
"Haec omibus rebus finit"
My duty has been "did."

Mickey Ann, in his absence, was crowned with a wreath of glory. Steve Story was given a horn all his own and advised to toot it himself. Chuck Culver received a beautiful little coffee pot, Jeff Atkinson a new pipe, Spike Hale a box of Condax cigarettes, which were long and lean and white as is the ribbed sea sand and Spike and various other members found similar presents too numerous to mention awaiting them.

After enjoying an excellent Christmas feed, the members of the club adjourned and scattered to their various resting places, where they dreamed of Doctor Nott and John Howard Payne and mince pie, and were happy.

The following is quoted from the Vindex, Elmira Free Academy, Elmira, N. Y.: "The Cafeteria is now open to the students again. * * * We will all miss our cashier, Mr. Alpert. You couldn't hurry him up with a stick of dynamite, you couldn't fuss him or tease him, and you could never catch him in a mistake. We are glad to hear that he is making good at Union College. Here's luck to 'Isky.' "

ALLISON-FOOTE DEBATE TOMORROW NIGHT.

The annual Allison-Foote prize debate between teams of the Philobathean and Adelphic societies will take place Friday evening, January 15th, in the college chapel at 8 o'clock. The subject for debate will be of interest at the present time. It is: "Re-

solved, That, in view of the present world situation, the army and navy of the United States should be increased." The Adelphic Society will uphold the affirmative, the Philomatheans, the negative.

The teams representing the societies are: Adelphic: James L. Fitzgerald '15, Spencer B. Eddy '18, and Raymond S. Blodgett '15, with Marvin I. King '18, at alternate. For Philomathean will debate: C. Foster Brown, '18; Milton H. Sternfeld '16, Aaron M. Jacobs '16, and John R. Riley '18, alternate.

The teams are well matched, both having men experienced in 'varsity debating, and a good debate is looked for. The debaters will be very grateful for a good attendance as a sign of appreciation of their efforts. This debate will be the forerunner of the 'varsity debates scheduled for later in the year, and from these two teams will come the nucleus of the 1915 'varsity team.

CORNELL, 24; UNION, 18.

Cornell won a well deserved victory over the Garnet basketball five Wednesday night, January 6, at Ithaca. The score was 24 to 18. Cornell's weight wore down the lighter Union quintet, and the intercollegiate champions showed better team play and faster floor work. The result was no disgrace to Union, though the team, in the opinion of spectators, did not show the kind of basketball it is capable of, or which it displayed last season.

Union threw a scare into the Red camp when the first half ended with the score 10 to 7 in favor of the visitors. In the last half however, the superior condition of the Ithacans began to count. The score mounted to a tie—14 to 14, and then with a final spurt Cornell drew away and three successive baskets toward the end of the game gave the victory to the Red.

Cornell's ability to break up Union's pass work was responsible for a number of points. Brown, the phenomenal forward,

and Lunden, captain of the team, each deposited three shots in the basket, while Haberle and Ashmead scored twice each. Erny Houghton, Jake Beaver, and Teedy Woods each tallied twice and Dave Beaver rang up one basket.

Erny Houghton had slightly the better of the argument in caging goals from fouls, scoring 8 out of 10, to Brown's 4 out of 8.

CORNELL	Position	UNION
Lunden	-----	Haubner

Left Forward.

Brown	-----	J. Beaver
	-----	Right Forward.

Haberle	-----	Woods
	-----	Center.

Jandorf	-----	Houghton
	-----	Left Guard.

Ashmead	-----	D. Beaver
	-----	Right Guard.

Goals from field—Lunden, 3; Brown, 3; Haberle, 2; Ashmead 2; J. Beaver, Woods, Houghton, 2; D. Beaver, 1. Goals from fouls—Brown, 4 out of 8; Houghton, 8 out of 10. Personal fouls—Haberle, 3; Jandorf, 3; Ashmead, D. Beaver, 2; Haubner, 3; J. Beaver, 1. Referee—T. Thorp, New York. Umpire—Dollard, Syracuse. Timers—Lemon, Cornell, and Keating, Union. Time of halves—20 minutes. Attendance—600.

AN ANSWER TO THE INNOCENT BY-STANDER'S FIFTH CHIRP.

Communication.

Editor of the Concordiensis:

I have often read and enjoyed the chirps of the very mysterious "Innocent Bystander" and think some of his criticisms excellent but, concerning his chirp of December 10, about the "Grind," I wish to make a chirp myself. His position in the matter is not very clearly defined and hence attack upon it is rather difficult but, after reading the article carefully, I have decided that The Innocent Bystander wishes to defend the Grind. If this is his true position, I should

suggest that his title be changed and that he be hereafter known as The Ignorant Bystander.

Since the so-called Innocent Bystander offers no definition of the Grind I claim the right to define that species of organism to my own satisfaction. A Grind, to my notion, is one who leaves the responsibility of all college activity to others and devotes all of his time to the pursuit of book-learning and in the enjoying of the privileges and pleasures which the labors of less selfish persons have produced. It must be noticed that according to my definition a man may get first grades and still lie wholly outside of the realm of the Grind, provided he devotes some of his time, no matter how little, to the upbuilding of something in college activity which will make college life as a whole worth living or be of real benefit to the college. As for the adjective "greasy," which is often used in connection with the word Grind, there was never a more fitting word invented to describe the appearance and manners of those oily individuals so few of which exist in our college community here at Union.

The Innocent Bystander says that in some cases the Grind is first in paying his class dues after graduation. What a change a "dip" must bring then, if we accept the statement of the Innocent Bystander as a true one! For, who will question my statement that the "greasy" Grind is always the last to pay his obligations while an undergraduate? In fact I feel safe in saying that most Grinds never pay their class taxes while in college at all. If the Innocent Bystander still wishes to hold to his position of the Grind's peculiar pecuniary loyalty after graduation I wish to call for his authority on the matter.

As for the so-called remuneration of which the Innocent Bystander speaks I wish to say that the Grind does very little of this but rather finds pleasure in the things which others have labored for. Sel-

dom do we see an athletic game without finding a Grind or two among the spectators, but would one of these men go out for the team? If he did, he would cease to be a Grind. You will find a Grind sitting in his room on Thursday evenings chuckling over mistakes in the Concordiensis, but will he go out for the Concordiensis Board and try to make the publication better? No, rather will he borrow a friend's copy in order that he might criticize the labors of less learned but more earnest men. And so it goes throughout every department of college life. In the class-room alone does he shine and then how he does gloat over the failures of his less elfish class-mates! How he grins with satisfaction when those who have labored to make college life more than a mere existence fall below the marks while he stands out in the glory of his grease.

Some say that the Grind is a necessary evil. I agree that he is an evil but hold that he is absolutely an unnecessary one. Who doubts me? Does the Innocent Bystander? If so let him chirp again and let anyone else who admires the Grind speak up and I promise to all a prompt answer.

THE ANTI GRIND.

UNION DEFEATS WEST POINT

21—12.

Union defeated the Army at basketball last Saturday by a score of 21 to 12. The game was fast and interesting though the Schenectady quintet had things their own way throughout the contest.

At the end of the first half Union led by a score of 10 to 2, but as in the Cornell game their opponents spurted in the second half and played equally as well as the Schenectady five. This inability to sustain a fast clip augers badly for Union and the obvious reason is lack of condition. Lack of condition lost the Cornell game, and had the Cadets shown any form at all in the first half, lack of condition might have made the

outcome very different in the Army game. As it was the Cadets came within one point of tying Union in the second half.

This chirp about training may be ill-timed and may be wrong, but evidence points to that flaw in the team: Remembering the importance of training to our recent football team, and taking into consideration the difficulties of the present basketball season a word of this kind may find approval, and the strenuous methods used last fall to keep our athletes in perfect shape, may be re-inaugurated now. It would be unfortunate to allow the present basketball team, which is certainly the best the college has known and may be better than the college will have for a few years to come, to go wrong and make even a slight foofle of this very important season.

Dave Graccus Beaver and Jake Graccus Beaver showed sensational work for Union. Their passing and fast footwork were remarkable. Each brother scored three baskets and held their opponents down to one goal. The five got in good teamwork, and played throughout a fast, clean game.

UNION.

	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
J. Beaver, r.f.	3	0	6
Haubner, l.f.	1	0	2
Scoby, l.f.	0	0	0
Woods, c.	0	0	0
D. Beaver, r.g.	3	0	6
Houghton, l.g.	1	5	7
Totals	—	—	—
	8	5	21

ARMY.

	F.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Waldron, r.f.	1	0	2
McTaggart, r.f.	1	0	2
Oliphant, l.f.	1	2	4
Boye, c	0	0	0
Britton, c.	1	0	2
Howell, r.g.	1	0	2
Hobbs, r.g.	0	0	0
Hibbs, l.g.	0	0	0
Cole, l.g.	0	0	0

Totals ----- 5 2 12
Referee—Tom Thorpe, of Columbia. Umpire—Mr. Deering, of Manhattan. Time of halves—Twenty minutes each.

The University of Rochester has dropped out of the New York State Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

PLANS FOR JUNIOR WEEK.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth of February to Be The Dates.

Chairman C. F. Brown of the Junior Prom. committee, and Chairman A. D. Wilson of the Sophomore Soiree committee, predict one of the best Junior Weeks in the history of the college for this year. The committee of 1916 has gone to great expense in obtaining McKee's orchestra of New York City to furnish the music at the Prom. and the sophomores have contracted with Gioscia of Troy for their dance. Clever programmes are promised for both nights and buffet luncheon will be served during intermission.

Chi Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Phi Delta Theta have decided to hold house parties, and several other houses are undecided as yet.

On the sixth, Saturday night, the 'varsity will meet Springfield Training School, which had one of the best college teams of last year.

To make Junior Week a fine success as all Union College activities have been, it is necessary that all students give their hearty co-operation. This co-operation must be individual and each student must look ahead to do his share. Let's all see to it that this Junior Week surpasses all other festivities.

Brown, Dartmouth and Williams are considering for their annual triangular debate the question of raising the standing army of the United States.

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CONCERNING BASKETBALL.

In truth it was a well deserved victory that Cornell won from us in basketball. Our team received courteous treatment, impartial officials were provided and we were beaten by a better team. From West Point we came away triumphant by a good majority, although in the second half the Army came within one point of tying Union.

Failure to keep up with the fast pace set by opponents was evident in both games. We are proud of our basketball team and

appreciate their work and this is surely no time for criticism. Nevertheless we wish to emphasize the importance of team-work, unity and training. It was the combination of eleven or more men working together as one with the mutual idea of sacrifice of individuality for that mighty attainment, team work, which more than any other factor, made a successful football team this fall.

There is a strenuous basketball season ahead and in order to meet this season successfully the team must be in the pink of condition physically and every man on the team must have an attitude of mind to put everything aside but the success of the team and to work for the one end—another championship.

Undoubtedly we have the best basketball five that we have ever had and we also have ample material in the squad to give the varsity hard gruelling training. We will meet teams of larger calibre than we have heretofore and we have one of the best basketball coaches in the country. There is an abundance of real Union spirit in the student body and a spirit of appreciation for the team. Truly everything is in our favor. If good feeling and unity exist in the squad what do we lack to make the 1915 basketball season the best we have ever had?

THE ALLISON-FOOTE DEBATE.

Not so many years ago, when our fathers were here among these same old walls much prominence was given to debating. Literary societies were organized, those which were pre-eminent and which have survived to the present day being the Philomathean and the Adelphic. These societies are now strictly debating societies.

The Philomatheans and Adelphics in the old days had rooms in South and North College respectively which were furnished with extensive libraries and memorials of famous members. The debates and pursuits of literary advancement served as excellent training for many sons of Union who afterward became famous as statesmen, politicians and college presidents and the memory of these societies has always remained dear to these older Union men.

The subjects for disputation in the respective rooms of the societies were varied, passing from questions concerning the Civil War and the politics of the day to such as "Whether gallanting the ladies be advantageous for students," and "the desirability of ladies making overtures for marriage."

Interest in the debating societies gradually waned, perhaps being supplanted by a deeper interest in Greek letter fraternities, perhaps by interest in athletics until at the present time the student body shows very poor spirit in supporting these old organizations and our collegiate debating teams.

The Philomathean and Adelphic are links which connect the present day Union with the Union of the past and were organizations for which Union was known and noted in those days as we are known for our football and basketball teams today.

If there is one thing above all others that distinguishes a college it is loyalty to all the activities of the institution. Debating needs the support of the student body. Not only is there a need for more men in the debating societies and more men to try out for the collegiate debating teams, but there is a crying need for personal recognition of work rendered by the debaters who defend our

name in the collegiate debating world.

As a last word remember the Allison-Foote debate tomorrow night. It is the joint debate of the Philomatheans and Adelphics and has been an event of the winter term for twenty-five years. Support it as an important undergraduate event.

TAKE IN JUNIOR WEEK.

The faculty has seen fit to set aside two days in February as a social week for the college. The social activities of Union are important or the wise pedagogues who strive to lead us over the intricate paths of higher learning would assuredly not relinquish two whole days to us.

The prime event of Junior Week is of course the Junior Prom, which will be held on the night of February fifth. Chairman Brown has divulged the information that the Prom this year will be a dance rivalling the Senior Ball of last June in magnificence of decoration, music and other arrangements. With a large New York orchestra, novel seating arrangements and dancing until 3:30 the Prom promises to be the very best affair of its kind ever held under the auspices of undergraduates.

Furthermore the committee for the management of the Prom is endeavoring to make the dance this year a college dance rather than a committee dance. We should support it, therefore, as a college function, as an athletic event. For is it not true that the reputation of the college rests on the success of social functions held by it as well as on the success of other activities?

If doubtful whether you can go, on account of financial stringency, it would be far better to economize along some other line

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for the Junior Prom is the one big event of the year. Those who have been to Junior Proms will come for they know that a good time is awaiting them—those who have not been to Junior Proms will be in no way disappointed if they do come. Support the college dance, the Junior Prom. Support the men in charge of Junior Week.

THE ICHABOD SPENCER LECTURES.

The first Ichabod Spencer lecture took place Tuesday evening and was a general view of the subject of poetry, which Prof. Palmer will treat in greater detail in his succeeding lectures by taking up particular English poets.

The speaker referred to himself as a "sturdy and enthusiastic amateur" in literature and urged the audience to add some intellectual endeavor to the enjoyment, which is the primary purpose of his lectures. He explained introductory that the conception that lies behind poetry is that of the beautiful and the ugly, not the true and the false. "Poetry," he said, "has nothing primarily to do with truth."

The speaker next explained that poetry has no special aim to teach. A true poem will, indeed, bring about a higher moral tone but its primary object is beauty.

Dr. Palmer justified the existence of poetry as a means of discipline for the imagination, as a means of enlarging one's ability to understand the feelings of others. In youth the sentimental attitude leads us to poetry to find our moods, whereas it would be unworthy for a mature man to seek enlargement of his moods in poetry. The last reason for reading poetry is that it brings back the freshness of the early world and restores our eagerness and zest for life.

Dr. Palmer concluded his lecture by reading several poetic selections which illus-

trated the effect of rhythm upon the human emotions.

The popularity of this year's Spencer lecture course was amply demonstrated Wednesday evening, January 7, by the large attendance at Dr. Palmer's lecture on Chaucer.

The speaker urged his hearers to take poets just as they found them. He explained his statement by saying that if he found a copy of Chaucer in an ash barrel and took it out to read it without previously knowing what kind of work it was, he would immediately recognize its high poetical worth.

Chaucer was shown to be one of those few great poets, whose special adjustment enabled them to reveal to the world their own temperament. Each has what might be called a gospel and the power to give forth vividly a point of view of his own.

No age of English poetry has such variety as our own. Each poet is a power in human life and his point of view becomes a starting point for those who come after. To one following the thought of these masters, will be seen the unfolding of the English mind and the philosophy of the race.

Geoffrey Chaucer held the simplest of these view points. He held a mirror up to the world, desiring for the multitude of men and women to be seen in it. His delight is in picturing the manners and customs of the multitude.

Dr. Palmer warned his hearers that Chaucer treated all people alike, saying: "If you come to Chaucer, you must come as a thorough democrat."

What is known of Chaucer's life was briefly told and selections read from "The Book of the Duchess," "Troilus," "The Legend of Good Women" and "Canterbury Tales."

Last evening Dr. Palmer spoke to a large and attentive audience on the poet Spencer. This evening the lecture will be based on a study of Herbert.



First Senior: Well Sayrah's out of a chapel job.

Second Senior: Yes. Let's try Jeff Atkinson out and see how good he is at answering civil questions.

Customer: I don't want this suit; it doesn't fit.

Clerk: What do you mean—the suit don't fit or the fit don't suit?—Ex.

Don't forget to read "How to and Why," by Meade Brunet and Garry Wood.

He is a weak junior who doesn't take in junior week.

Bill Darrow was around the other day. Bill says he's put the Ford up for the winter for fear of being run over by a bob-sled. That was thoughtful of Bill.

"I didn't make the trolley cars crowded," exclaimed Mr. Sims of United Traction Company fame, "the passengers crowded them of their own accord."

There was a wise man from Kalizer;
Than he there was not a man wiser
"I'm neutral," said he,
"As all men should be,
For I don't care who licks the Kaiser."

A. B.—Why do you put your watch in soak so often?

B. S.—It's a Waterbury.

Spike Hale and Jeff Atkinson were conversing near the bulletin board.

"Mutt and Jeff," whispered one freshman to a friend, as they passed by.

Did you ever notice the kind of guy that always gets on the car ahead of his friend unless it's a pay-as-you-enter?

"What made that fellow sick after the holidays?"

"His fraternity brothers gave him the grip."

MISSION STUDY.

Classes in mission study will start Monday, January 18, in Silliman Hall, at 7 P. M. The committee has taken particular pains to secure a line of interesting courses of study. Come around and give it a trial. Make your horizon world-wide and get a glimpse of present day history in the making.

HOKERK ELECTED PRESIDENT.

At a meeting of the senior class in the chapel last Tuesday, Lynde Hokerk of Gloversville, was elected president of the class, an office which carries with it membership to the Terrace Council and the presidency of the student body.

"Hoke" has always been a popular leader among his classmates and has won great distinction on the gridiron for his level-headedness and nerve. Not only is "Hoke" to be congratulated for the honor which has been given him, but the class also is to be congratulated upon having a man of his calibre available to assume the executive office at this important time when the class is getting ready to leave the college as a body of organized alumni. Congratulations to "Hoke" and to the class of 1915.

Seventy-three per cent. of the students at Brown are fraternity men according to recently compiled statistics.

COLUMBIA AGAINST MILITARISM.**A Vital Question for College Men.**

A meeting of the students of Columbia University was held December 17, for the purpose of learning the attitude of the under graduates concerning increased armament for America and to express disapproval of the propaganda for militarism which the popular press has been advancing. A resolution, which declares that the students of Columbia University are opposed to militarism in general and an increase in our army and navy in particular, was passed by the student body without a dissenting vote.

Some of the speeches made at this meeting appear below:

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, the noted feminist author, lecturer and editor, in her remarks said: "The theory of peace through armaments has been exploded once for all by the present European situation. The one sure and definite hope of permanent peace is the extension of the federal principle into international relations. A body of federated nations is not a distant Utopia, but the one pressing need today, and the only thing which will maintain the integrity of the smaller nations."

"I have been reading in the newspapers that our army was some thousands short of its war footing," said Professor George W. Kirchwey, former Dean of the Law School. "Why should America be required to go on a war footing? There has never been a time when there has been less need of preparation for war. The United States has not an enemy on the face of the earth.

"Defence, defence they cry! But every army that ever existed has been for defence. Remember that the militarists play with fire. The thing is to be stopped here and now. When they say we must bring our military equipment up to efficiency, it means that we enter on the road that leads to war. We should remain a great power only until the world makes up its mind to put an end to

American militarism."

"The next time anyone tells you that a cannon is made to keep peace, you tell him that a cannon is made to kill men." This was the observation of Mr. Leon Fraser. "The agitator's argument that our security lies in being stronger than any other country, will hold equally true for every country beside us. The creation of "national security leagues" in this country will mean the creation of "national security leagues" in Japan. If today all had four guns and tomorrow eight, we would be relatively in the same position, but the increased burden would lead eventually to bankruptcy or an explosion."

Dr. Carlton Hayes, Professor of Modern History, said: "Western Europe has managed to keep peace for forty-three years, although gradually increasing its armament each year. The burden of militarism became unbearable and the present war followed. After the outbreak of the war I had one comfortable feeling when I read that all nations insisted that this was The Last War. And yet in December, 1914, just three months later, we are told that the great lesson for us is that we in America must embark on a sea of militarism. Let us be rational. Who is going to attack us? There is bound to be peace in the United States unless we deliberately give offence. There is no need for a defensive armament; there is only need for armament if we want to provoke a war.

"One of the great questions for the coming generation is going to be this question of militarism, and it is the duty of every student in our colleges and universities to make his decision and declare where he stands. If you go in for militarism don't be satisfied with mere sops—demand ten thousand dreadnaughts and innumerable submarines; but if you think this country can maintain peace without force of arms, cast your lot with us."

This is a movement that certainly concerns every college student in America and it is necessary for Union to go on record one way or the other. Let every man think it over and decide for himself whether he is for or against militarism and then let us make it known to the public just where we stand. It is impossible for us to be indifferent on the subject. The question is vital and calls for immediate action. Shall we fall in the ranks with Columbia or opposite her?

FRESHMEN WILL DEBATE.

A debate between teams representing the freshmen classes of Union College and Middlebury College has been arranged for the middle of March. The subject will be the same one as was used by the Union 'varsity team last year—"The Minimum Wage for Women and Children." The debate is to be held at Middlebury and try outs for positions will be held in the near future.

A part of the debating tax of 30 cents levied by the student body was collected on registration day, but the greater part remains unpaid. Payments should be made immediately to the various class treasurers.

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Chirp the Sixth.

Ask the boy why he goes to school and his answer will be a simple "to learn." Ask the boy why he goes to high school and his answer will be a trifle more complex. He will say that he goes either to prepare for college or to use up the remainder of his boyhood until a business opportunity is presented. When finally we ask a man why he goes to college we receive a multitude of answers. Men seem to go to college for almost every conceivable end—professional or academic.

The college has by-products, and Union is no exception among them. The main by-product of a college course is the culture which one derives through a four years' as-

sociation with other men. We have come to divide all humanity into two classes—ourselves and "rough-necks."

Has it ever occurred that there might be a valid defence of the "rough-neck?" Doesn't it seem as though the man born amid squalid surroundings didn't have a chance to begin with? The polish of culture may be the most despicable thing in the world or the finest thing in the world, accordingly as the polish is applied. If a man assume the polish of culture in an heroic attempt to blot out whatever of innate roughness there is in him, then he deserves praise. Somehow we like to see the man with the greatest handicap win. A chap that is a roughneck, that knows he is a roughneck, and who tries to outgrow it is the right sort of a chap. Let him who never puts his feet on a chair in class, who never attends class in a sweater, who is always shaved and manicured, etc., etc., step forward and gainsay.

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ONE RECENT ADDITION TO FACULTY.

A change has recently been made in the faculty. Mr. Edmund Tilly has been secured as German instructor. Mr. Tilly is the son of W. Tilly, head of the famous Tilly Institute of Berlin, which is well known throughout Germany, France, England, and the United States as the exponent of the phonetic method of language teaching. For the past several years Mr. Tilly has been his father's first assistant. Mr. Tilly studied at the Classical Gymnasium in Marburg.

HOKERK'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

There promises to be few really and truly single men in the senior class by the time commencement rolls around next June. Lynde DeForest Hokerk, the hero of many a hard fought football battle, is the latest to enroll himself in the class of those will-

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ing to assume the burdens of two throughout life.

The future Mrs. Hokerk is now Miss Hazel Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moyer of Herkimer, N. Y. Hokie is a member of the Delta Upsilon, a senior in the electrical engineering department and one of the most prominent men on the hill. He played center on last year's famous football team. To him and Miss Moyer, the college extends its best wishes.

PRESS CLUB NOTES.

The Press Club has started another plan to increase its efficiency. The plan is to have the officers of the various college organizations and the prominent students attend, at different times, the club meetings. In this way the college men will become better acquainted with the system of the Press Club, while the club will be able to get into closer touch with the activities on the hill.

The five dollar award offered for the best design for the Press Club poster stamp will be made as soon as the winner can be selected. The stamps will then be printed and put on sale at a moderate price. This is not a money making idea, but a plan to advertise Union College. Every student should show enough spirit to buy some of the stamps, and stick them on letters and papers, or wherever they will do the most good.

The Press Club is certainly doing good work in getting Union known to the public, and it is the duty of every loyal Union man to co-operate with the club in every way possible. You can co-operate by buying stamps and using them.

PREXY'S DATES.

Most of Doctor Richmond's engagements for the month of January are as yet unsettled. However on January 15 he will attend the dinner of the National Institute of social sciences at the Hotel Astor in New York

City and on Sunday, January 31, he will preach at the Emma Willard School at Troy.

THREE CONCERTS FOR JANUARY IS MUSICAL CLUB'S PLAN.

Manager MacMillan has mapped out a program for the Musical Clubs for the month of January. The first concert of the new year is to be given in Lansingburg, on the evening of January 15. On January 25, the clubs will make their first public appearance in Schenectady. The combined clubs will perform in the Schenectady High School under the auspices of the class of 1916 of that school. This will be the only concert in Schenectady, previous to the Junior Week appearance of the clubs. It is hoped that many of the fellows will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing the clubs.

The clubs will give their annual concert in Albany, in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church on January 28. Besides these concerts plans are under way for a trip to New York. The favorable criticisms of last year's concerts and the work of this year points to this season as one of the most successful in the history of the clubs.

THE 1916 GARNET.

For some time the Garnet Board has been getting up steam and is now ready to burst forth in a veritable explosion of energy, activity, and all that goes toward the making of the best Garnet "since Methuselah was a pup" and to this end it invites and urges the co-operation of all. The tax due from the juniors will be thankfully (if promptly) received. "A GARNET for the tax" as C. J. Caesar said while watching for a taxi. But money alone will not make a Garnet. Contributions of all sorts are solicited—representative snap-shots from the "hill", fruits of the artists' pen, short stories, poems, and good jokes. There's a chance

for everybody with artistic and literary ability to get busy AT ONCE and help and his reward will be "some Garnet."

Y. M. C. A. PLANS INDUSTRIAL CLASSES.

How good are you at teaching English to foreigners? Haven't ever tried? Why not give it a wallop and do some of the men who are not as fortunate in their knowledge of the King's English as you are a good turn? Maybe you are not good enough at the said English to teach it, well the surest way to find your errors is to try to show somebody else the right way and incidentally you'll know something about it yourself—so you see there is a handle on both ends of this.

On Sunday, Fred H. Rindge, Jr., will start our industrial campaign by an address at the Vesper services in the chapel at 4:30. Rindge came here last year and many of the studies will remember him. He is one of the secretaries of the International Committee and will be here Sunday, Monday and part of Tuesday. Last year we had about fifty men apply for classes of foreigners. Why not as many this year? Don't miss the demonstration class at Silliman Hall on Monday night. Rindge will teach an Italian, who doesn't know a word of English, the first lesson and will not use a word of Italian in the process. Come around and see how it is done even if you haven't any idea of trying it yourself. Also don't miss Rindge's talk in the chapel on Sunday afternoon.

By the way, maybe you don't believe in encouraging immigration—ignorant foreigners coming over here and driving the Americans out of work, etc. Well, all the more reason to improve the intellects of those who are already here and assist the American people in absorbing an "undesirable element."

KEEP THEM ALIENS OUT.

Ezekiel, the Puritan

Thus lifts his protestation

"By ginger, I'm American

And don't like immigration

I just guess I got here fust,

And know what I'm about,

When I declare, we'll all go bust

Or keep them aliens out.

Max Heidelberg, the German says:

"Yah also, right, mein frendt

If ve dot foreign trash admit

Our woes will nefer endt

I am American as you

Und villing to ge—shout

'Hurray mit red und vite and plue

Und keep dose aliens outd."

Ike Dimondstein, the Jew exclaimed:

"Ah Izzy, aint dat grandt!

Ve Yangus haf such nople aims

Und vill togeder standt

Veve got der goods, vere nachrelized

Vat hinters us from shouten

'American vich is civilized

So keep dose aliens outen!"

Petro Bariboldi says,

"Here every man in King

I cacha da fun, I make da mon

I lika da everything

American he gentleman—

Watcha da dago shout

'Sela da fruit, shina da boot,

Keepa da alien out."

The Irishman vorcifirates,

"Sure, Mike its sahft as Jelly

I'll take the shtick and crack the pathes

Of Ivery foreign Kelly

If its the call o' polyticks

Then I'm the la'ad to shout

Down wid the Dagos an' the Mick

An' keep th' aliens out."

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But covered with ancestral tan
 Beside his wigwam door
 The only real American
 Counts idle talk a bore
 "Ugh! Paleface man he mighty thief
 Much medicine talk about
 It heaps too late for Injun chief
 "To keepum alien out."

CONCERT COURSE.

The second concert of the Union College concert course will take place in the gymnasium on Tuesday, January 19. Mme. Julia Culp, a charming Dutch singer of modern lyric songs, and Conrad Bos, an equally prominent pianist who will play solos as well as accompaniments, are the musicians. Undoubtedly the concert will be an exceptionally enjoyable one.

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HOW ABOUT IT?

Dean Ripton, in illustrating one of his characteristic stories last week in history class, made the statement that the students were not singing the words of Alma Mater the day they were written. Inasmuch as the melody was corrected when our error was pointed out, it would be a good idea to investigate this criticism with a view of correcting any error that may exist. The words should be sung as they were written and not according to any modern version of them.

Wellesley students were compelled to flee from the campus to avoid a shower of bricks and stones when a fight broke out between the strikers and strike-breakers who are re-building Chapel Hall.

INNOVATION IN GYMNASIUM WORK

Swimming has now become an established part of the regular gymnasium course of the college. In order to obtain a creditable mark in the year's work it is necessary to qualify in one of the following grades:

Grade D—1. Breast stroke, 25 yards;
 2. Plain front dive; 3. Back stroke, 25 yards.

Grade C—1. Breast stroke, 50 yards; 2. Side stroke, 50 yards; 3. Front jackknife dive.

Grade B—1. Crawl or trudgeon stroke, 50 yards; 2. Back dive; 3. Plunge across tank, 28 feet.

Grade A—1. Swim 200 yards (any stroke); 2. Back jackknife dive or backward spring and forward drive (half twist), or forward spring and backward dive (half twist); 3. Swim 25 yards dressed and remove clothing. (Outfit furnished, oilskin coat, pants and tennis shoes.)

Beginning with D the freshman qualifying in this grade may go on to the next, etc. "Eddie" will have charge of the try-outs, which may be made at any time during the term.

Ability to swim is valuable both as a means of recreation and exercise, and often of rendering first-aid service. The acquisition of the pool has alone made it possible to add this training to the gym. course.

CLASS BASKETBALL.

The second round of class basketball games, six in number, will be played this term. The schedule will be posted this week. A change may be made in the eligibility list. Standing of the classes:

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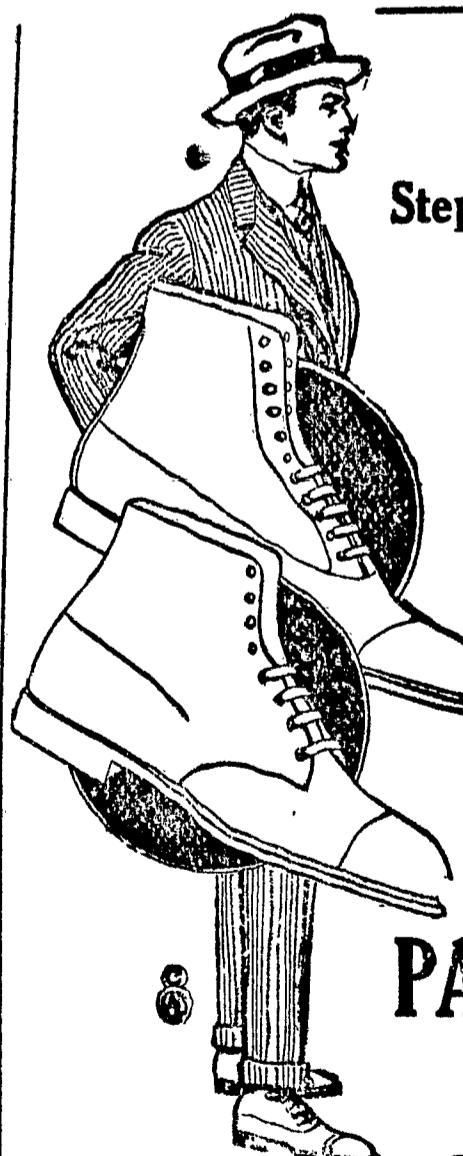
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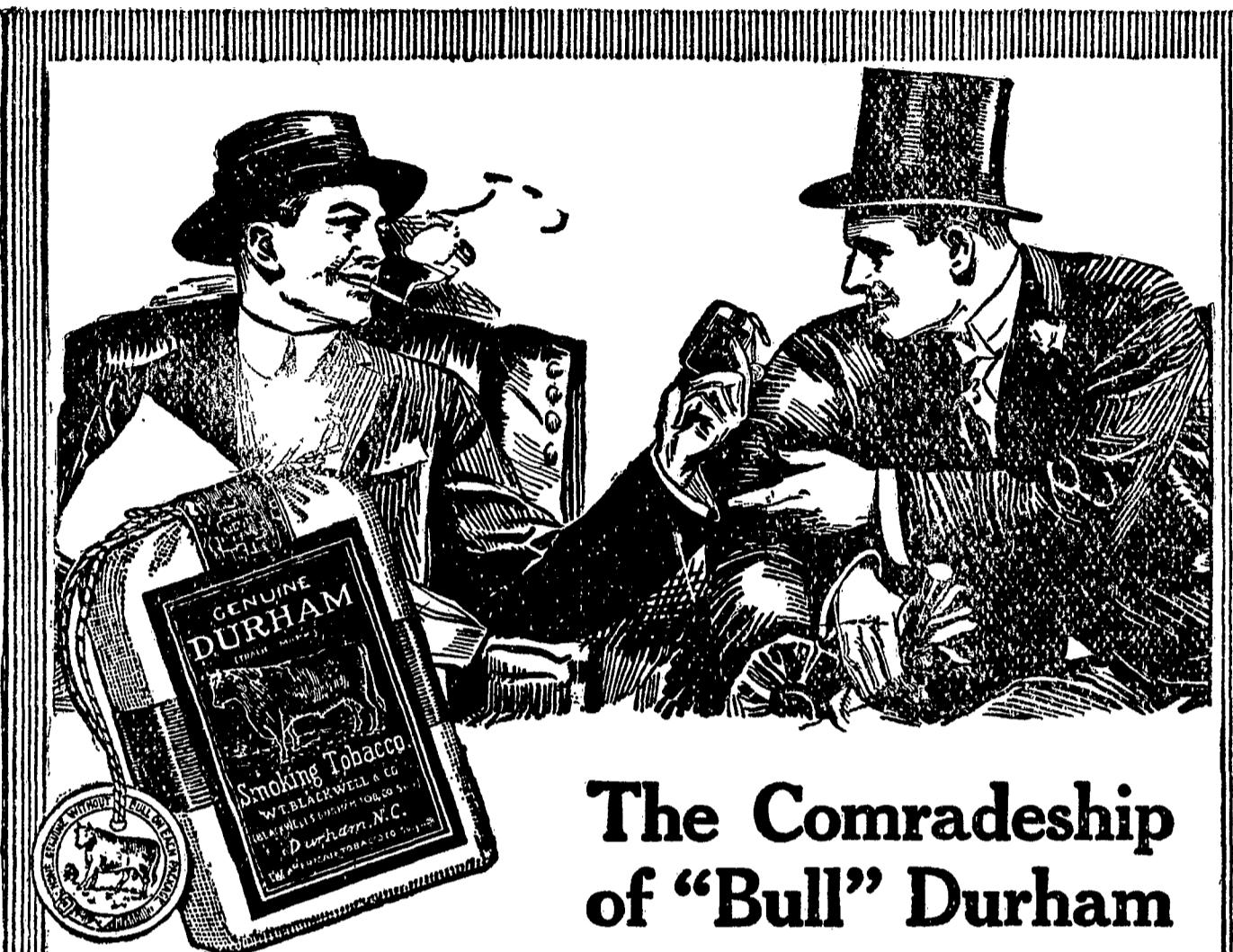
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