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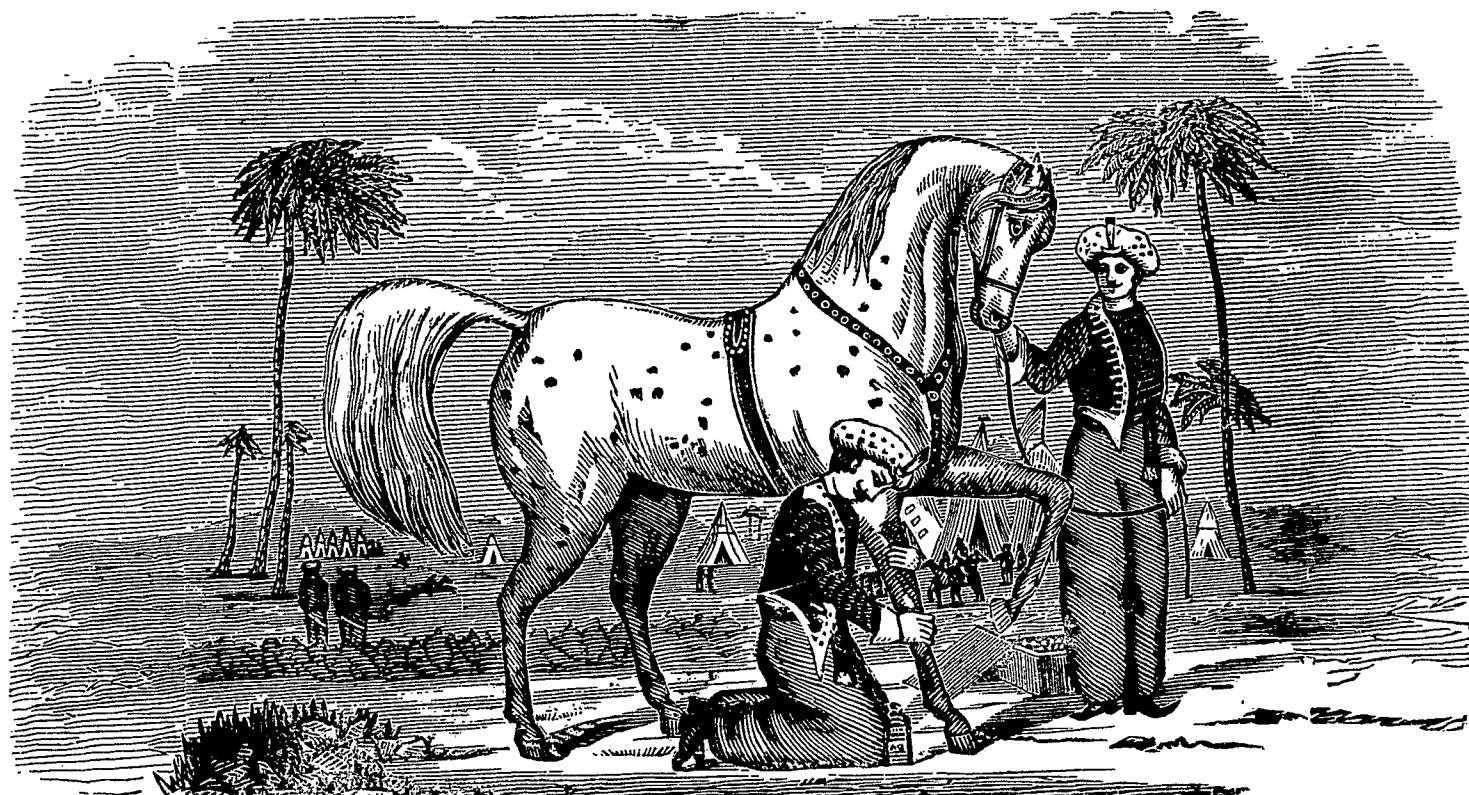
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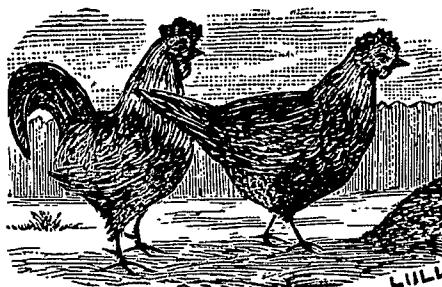
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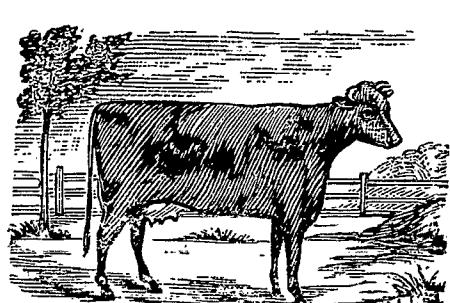
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"The Blue Gate."

METHINKS I see through that old gate
A long procession slowly pour;
Within its ranks are students young,
Professors bowed with age and hoar.

From hence to battle with the world,
In linked armor study-wrought,
They go to champion the truth,
To be the pioneers of thought.

Well nigh a century has passed
Since from these halls the march began;
The gates of immortality
Are closing fast upon the van.

And let us hope as in the past
So onward through all future days,
Youths treadin'g wisdom's pleasant paths
May throng this gate with grateful praise.

Our gracious Alma Mater seems
To stretch her hands at this old gate
In welcome to the entering youth,
In blessing o'er the graduate.

Chester Alan Arthur.

CHESTER ALAN ARTHUR, twenty-first president of the United States, was born in Franklin County, Vermont, on October 5th, 1830. His father, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage, came to this country, when eighteen years of age. He was a Baptist minister.

Chester was one of a family of eight children, all but one of whom survive him. He began his studies in preparation for College at Greenwich, N. Y., and completed them at the grammar school on Yates street, in this city. Entering Union College at fifteen years of age, he at once took high rank in his class. But his family was poor, as his father although a man of ability received but a meagre salary, and so in his Sophomore year Arthur was forced to leave College to teach school in order to earn money that he might

continue his education. He taught the village school at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, for \$15 per month and "boarded around." Again in his Senior year he taught school in the same place. He was graduated in 1848, and despite the fact that he had been out of College so much during his course, he still took high standing in his class. He was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society, an honor which was conferred upon six of those who stood highest in his class which at graduation numbered one hundred. (While at College, he occupied number six, North Section, South College, where his name may now be found carved in several places. The present Union School building on College street, was then occupied by the Freshmen and Sophomores and was known as West College. Arthur's name deeply cut in one of the old stone window sills, still bears testimony to his industry and enterprise.)

He was a member of the Psi Upsilon Society and was elected President of that Fraternity at its annual convention held in New York city in 1885.

After graduation he began the study of law at the Ballston Law School. While continuing his law studies he obtained the Principalship of an Academy at North Pownal, Vt., the same school which was taught the very next winter by James A. Garfield. Thus were brought together in their youth, while struggling for an education, two men who were destined to be associated in the highest honors which this Nation can confer.

In 1851, Arthur went to New York city,

and entered the law office of E. D. Culver, in 1853 he was admitted to the bar.

He at once rose to eminence as attorney for the state in a celebrated case growing out of Judge Paine's decision that slave's became freemen when they touched the soil of New York state. In association with William M. Evarts he fought the case up to the Court of Appeals, receiving in each court a favorable decision, although Charles O'Conor was the opposing counsel.

Arthur always took an active interest in politics. He and William M. Evarts were instrumental in forming the first Republican Club in New York city, and Arthur was sent as a delegate to the first Republican Convention.

In 1861, Governor Morgan chose him Engineer-in-Chief on his staff. Afterward he became Inspector-General and later Quarter-Master General. The machinery by which New York state furnished one-fifth of the men in the entire Union army was created by General Arthur. He often expressed a desire to enter the army and see actual service, but Governor Morgan and others dissuaded him from such a course as they were convinced that he was doing his country more efficient service by raising troops at home than he could possibly do at the front.

A friend in speaking of his dealings with the State Government, said: "He was so jealous of his integrity that I have known instances where he could have made thousands of dollars legitimately, and yet refused to do it, on the ground that he was a public servant and meant to be "above suspicion."

In 1871, President Grant appointed him Collector of the Port of New York, this office he held until 1878.

With his course as Vice-President and President of the United States we are all

more or less familiar. No administration has been more marked by a strong, manly conservation, none has given less occasion for the carping of political emnity. No occupant of the White House has been more characterized by dignified grace and affability. During his Presidency the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater. Had he been nominated for the Presidency in 1884, it is quite probable that he would have been elected, but it is most fortunate that such was not the case as his ill-health during the last two years would have incapacitated him for that most responsible position, and it is altogether probable that the cares attendant thereon, would hasten his death.

It should be added in regard to the success of Arthur's administration that he was the first Vice-President in the history of this Republic, who, having succeeded to the Presidency, did not most sadly disappoint those by whom he was elected. It may be true that all those who attain the Presidency by inheritance encounter disadvantages and difficulties which do not meet those who are regularly elected thereto; this certainly was the case with Arthur. He fell heir to the office in the midst of a bitter fight of factions, Garfield's policy had not yet become clearly defined. Apart from his war services he had not as yet held any very important office, under these circumstances we could scarcely expect him to succeed. But in this trying position he displayed in a marked degree that crowning American characteristic, the power to meet unforeseen exigencies, and the non-partisan fidelity with which he discharged this high trust challenged the hearty approval of all parties. At the close of his term of office he returned to his profession, but ill-health soon prevented him from further practice.

With calm courage he had for months been awaiting the death which he had learned to regard as inevitable. The lack of ostentation which characterized his funeral, was in harmony with the character of the man, and the widespread expressions of sorrow at his death bore testimony to the public esteem which he had justly won.)

Should the Scientifics Receive B. S.?

THE Faculty have had under consideration the question whether it would not be better for the graduates from the Scientific Course to receive the degree of B. S. instead of that of A. B. which is now given.

It is greatly to be hoped that the change will be made and that a classification which is at once more general, more truthful and more exact will be employed. A degree to be valuable should have some significance, it should indicate what course of work has been required for its attainment. And how is a degree to acquire this significance unless it be given for like courses by the different Colleges throughout the country? An institution which refuses to follow the general practice acts the part of a confusing element. This is precisely what Union is now doing.

An examination of twenty-six College Catalogues reveals the following facts: Eighteen have Scientific Courses almost identical with ours and confer B. S.; one has a Latin Scientific Course with the degree B. L.; two have Scientific Courses with the degree Ph. D.; three have only a Classical Course and hence give only A. B.; and three (Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and University of Alabama) confer A. B. for a course which does not contain Greek. Thus twenty-three out of the twenty-six make Greek the essential study leading to A. B. Among these Colleges may be mentioned Yale, Princeton, Hobart, Williams,

Amherst, Hamilton, Cornell, Trinity, Wesleyan, Lehigh, Brown, Rochester, Syracuse, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Columbia and University of Michigan.

Of the three Universities which omit Greek from the Arts Course, two are important; Harvard and Johns Hopkins. But in the former Greek has been only recently dropped as an experiment, and the action has received much adverse criticism from scholars all over the country; and in the case of the latter we find an institution which was, like Union, a pioneer, in adopting a full Scientific Course and was compelled to confer the degree A. B. for lack of another.

Whatever question may be raised about our Scientific Course being different from that Course in other institutions is at once set at rest by a comparison of the studies, and methods. They are in many cases identical, and throughout the resemblance is strong enough to clearly place them under the same head.

The above shows clearly that it is the general practice among American Colleges to confer A. B. for a course containing Greek, and to confer B. S. for a Scientific Course. Shall we conform to it? That is the question.

SCIENTIFIC.

Oh !

WITH knitted brow and clenched hand he read the fatal scroll,
He clutched his hair, and from its sheath he drew his trusty tool,
He drew his ready blade so keen from out its leathern sheath,
While fast between his clinched teeth he forced his labored breath,
With saddened, sickened heart, in fear, my eyes I turned away,
I could not bear to see his face, distorted, ashen-gray.
I looked again the fleecy foam-flecked cheek and lip and chin,
His mouth it was distorted with a fearful ghastly grin,
He muttered some words to himself. It seemed as he did rave,
And ere I could arrest his hand he had begun - to shave

LIBRARY NOTES.

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Look also in the general or special cyclopedias under the given subject and articles will be found which, at their end refer, to more complete works on the subject.

When you have found the book you are seeking in the catalogue, its shelf location will be found penciled in the upper left hand corner of the card or the librarian will direct to, or procure it.

NOTES—1. Initials have been alphabetized under the last one, e. g., the initials A. G. H. would be found under H., A. G. 2. Compound names, if English, are under the last part; if foreign under the first. 3. Surnames preceded by prefixes are entered as follows: in all foreign languages under the word following the prefix, e. g., von Holst under Holst; in English under the prefix, e. g., DeQuincy. 4. Proper names beginning M', Mc, St., are arranged as if spelled Mac, Saint. 5. In the case of a biography an entry will be found under the subject of the biography as well as its author.

THE LIBRARY AND THE LITERARY SOCIETIES.

BY the plan proposed below, it is believed that the literary societies can make their meetings more interesting, useful, and more likely to be attractive to outsiders or members, who are not in the habit of attending. At present but few men prepare themselves properly for their debates and consequently do not do justice to the subject, themselves or the society.

The societies give evidence of attempting to revive and to return to the active and prosperous state that once characterized them and the only sure method of doing this is to make their meetings active and interesting.

By assigning live topics of the day as subjects and by insisting upon proper preparation for debates this object can be accomplished and the literary societies made a valuable part of the college course. Now the plan proposed is this. Let the officer, whose duty it is to assign the subjects for debates *et cetera*, consult the current numbers of the reviews at the library and from them select, with the aid of the librarian such subjects as are of present importance and which can be covered by lists of references, bearing directly on the subject, contained in the library. It is difficult to obtain any valuable references on some subjects as vague and indefinite as have recently been assigned but by this plan any trouble of this nature may be avoided. The reference lists, of articles treating directly on the subject in question, will be furnished at the library and can be bulletined at the same time the subject is posted. It will then be an easy matter to prepare a pointed, substantial debate which shall contain points interesting and instructive to the society.

HEATING OF THE MAIN ROOM.

SINCE the last issue, the temperature of the main room has remained steadily at a point which would freeze water and has

been totally unfit for use by students. The capacity of the places prepared for their use in reading is not nearly sufficient and is a cause of discomfort to persons consulting the library. As was said in the last number, the only permanent remedy is the heating of the main room. This alone will provide for the growing demand upon, and use of, the library and will at the same time remove a large reservoir of cold from the centre of the building. A practical plumber states that the boiler capacity and ground pipes already in place, are amply sufficient and that the probable cost of fitting with radiators and pipes ready for heating will be only between \$300 and \$400.

Surely this amount of money could hardly be better invested than in making useful and accessible one of the principle resources of the college and one that is rapidly coming into greater demand.

MISSING BOOKS.

THERE is scarcely a room in college that does not contain some books belonging to the libraries of the literary societies. Such books are not charged and were taken out before the libraries came into the charge of the College. Postals have been sent notifying all who have books charged to them but these uncharged books can be returned only by the courtesy of the students. Those who have any books in their rooms belonging to either of the literary societies will, therefore, return them at once to the College library.

COMMUNICATIONS.

M. R. EDITOR: In the last number of the *Concordiensis* the present arrangement of the Library was, alluded to, but left an open question.

The question before us is, whether it is desirable that the students should be allowed to take the books to their rooms, or whether

they should be allowed to consult the books from the shelves. Both are desirable, and, it seems to me, that that system is defective which does not allow both.

Encyclopedias and other books of reference could not be conveniently taken from the Library; More than that, as the books are consulted for "bits of information," these "bits" could be looked up in five or ten minutes and so there is no necessity for taking these books away.

Bacon has told us "some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." The books just mentioned could be "tasted" in the Library; but the Library is not a very comfortable place for digestion, because the atmosphere around the shelves is continually suggesting a cozy room in the dormitory.

The Library hours are not a convenient time for reading. The afternoon many give to recreation, and those who give it to reading or study, in the line of reading, look over the magazines and newspapers; and in the line of study, do the necessary College work. The necessary College work requires most of the time from Monday morning till Friday noon; and, if they read at all during this time, it must be in spare minutes. These spare minutes do not necessarily come during the Library hours, and if they do come then the student does not always feel like walking from his room to the Library—in that time the spare minutes would pass.

The best time for reading is Saturday afternoon and evening, Sunday and vacations, during all this time the Library is closed.

Again, a person is more likely to read if a book is in his room where he can see it than if there were nothing before him to suggest the book or excite a desire for reading.

The objection to taking the books from the Library seems to be that then the students

do swallow them, or so chew them that the books are returned in pieces and without covers.

Such book worms would damage the books just as much in "tasting" them from the shelves, as is shown by the example of the person mentioned in the last number of the *Concordiensis*.

STUDENT.

EDITOR LIBRARY NOTES: A desire to consult certain books led me to visit the library one Saturday afternoon a few weeks past. Much to my surprise the entrance was found to be closed. On account of the important nature of my visit as well as its immediate necessity, I was compelled to purchase books on the subject. It is a matter to be regretted that the student is not allowed the privileges of the library at least at that time when they could be most enjoyed. The afternoons during the earlier part of the week are hardly long enough to allow me to do all the work which my regular studies demand. Like many other students, I spend Saturday mornings at the meetings of one of the Literary Societies. Saturday afternoon, thus, is for me practically the only time when the library can be of use. I believe that to many students, who aim at high rank in their classes, the library is at present almost useless. Since we are no longer allowed to draw books for perusal at our individual convenience, may we not ask your influence with the proper authorities to secure the opening of the library in the future on Saturday afternoons?

SENIOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF LIBRARY NOTES: In your last issue in an article headed, "An Indignity" I find an indirect accusation against the class of '87.

Allow me to state that the burden does not belong on that class. The pages were purloined by some person, or persons, previous to the year 1885.

JUSTICE.

Foot-ball.

R. P. I. VS. UNION.

ON Saturday afternoon, Nov. 19, the 'Varsity eleven played a game of foot-ball with the R. P. I. eleven at West Troy.

The teams were as follows:

R. P. I.—Rushers, Arosemena, Keenan, Hebere, Crosby, Rosentreter, Aquilera and Rockwood; Quarter back, Earle; Half backs, Gardner and Ginebra; Full back, Blandy.

UNION.—Rushers, Duncan, Lewis, Hawkes, DePuy, Borden, Turnbull and Lewis; Quarter back, Carmichael; Half backs, Culver and Voorhees; Full back, Towne. These were the positions of the men at the kick-off, several changes were made before the game ended.

R. P. I. had the kick-off and during the first half the ball stayed on Union's side of the field. After several minutes skirmishing the ball was kicked across Union's goal line but was kicked out by Towne. The first half closed with a score for R. P. I., according to their referee. R. P. I. had the down in front of and near Union's goal, the ball was snapped back to Earle who, before it had been touched by a third man to put it in play, kicked a goal from the field. This point the referee allowed and the first half closed with a score of 5 to 0 in favor of R. P. I. During the second half the ball was kept away from R. P. I.'s goal by mysterious fouls, which the referee alone could see. In the first part of this half, one of the R. P. I.'s was injured by coming into forcible contact with one of the 'Varsity men. He was carried from the field by two Union men. The game then proceeded and the ball was again kicked across Union's goal line but was captured by Towne and downed, this would have entitled Union to a drop kick from the twenty-five yard line but an R. P. I.

player knocked the ball from Towne's hand, and claimed a touch-down. This the referee, who had played four years at Princeton (?), allowed. A goal was kicked from this touch-down (?) The ball then began to travel slowly over into R. P. I. territory and was at last secured by Culver who after making a brilliant run touched it down behind R. P. I.'s goal line. He then prepared to punt it out to be carried in again for another touch-down when the referee passed him and said that there were but three minutes left to play, Culver immediately punted it out to Voorhees and the referee called time, and gave the game to R. P. I., score 11 to 4, less than thirty seconds from the time when he announced that there were three minutes left.

The following players especially distinguished themselves. R. P. I.: Arosemena, Aquilera, Rockwood and Earle. Union: Duncan, Culver, Voorhees, Hawkes,

Many exceptions were taken to the rulings of the Referee, but without effect. His knowledge of the rules governing the game was evidently limited and the acknowledgment from him that he had "money up" on the game was a startling statement from one in his position.

According to the rules of the American College Association, for 1886, the game with right decisions would have resulted in a score of 4 to 0 in favor of Union. It is hoped that these two elevens may meet again and with a disinterested Referee play a game which will be a fair test of the relative strength of the elevens.

PRINCETON'S REVENGE.

"Where mighty Edwards stamped his iron heel,"
The great McCosh is bound to have his deal,
And on the hill where old beliefs are taught,"
The latest score is fourteen points to naught.

—Life.

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EDITORIAL.

WE were unable to give an extended notice of the death of General Chester A. Arthur, '48, in our last issue, on account of the lateness of the receipt of the news. But we present in this number quite an extended account of his life, which will, no doubt, be of interest to all.

IN view of the fact that there are so many institutions of learning as loggerheads on account of the foot-ball referee; the Concordiensis is led, out of a spirit of humanity and charity to all, to make a standing offer of \$1,000 to any student who will invent, design or construct a machine which will perform the function of a base-ball umpire in the summer and a foot-ball referee

in the winter. The only restrictions are that the machine must be self-acting, non-corruptible, infallible and forcible in its resentment of any adverse criticism of its decisions.

WE publish in this issue an article on the subject of the conferring of the degree of B. S. on students pursuing the Scientific course. We believe that the sentiment of that article is the sense of the majority, at least, of the student body. Some of the Professors have argued against it but wished to hear the views of the students. We have endeavored to get an article written by a student on the opposite side of the question, but have up to this time been unable to. We would be glad to have the matter discussed in these columns. The subject was debated in one of the Literary Societies and decided in favor of the conferring of this degree.

THE foot-ball season has gone to the great majority, but the teachings thereof may prove of value, and we hope they will. In the first place we have demonstrated the fact that we have some excellent players in College, and with practice we may have more; secondly, we have learnt a lesson as to the best terms of accepting a challenge, i. e., not to give grounds and referee to the challenger, especially if there is any ground for suspicion; thirdly, we will probably have less betting and more cheering remarks to the players even when defeated. In our short season we have learned all this, we have seen our players make goals and touch-downs in excellent form, we have staked our money on the best team; but because they were unable to play the opposing eleven and the Referee in a lump, we have looked in vain for points and ducats. Experience has been discovered

frequently to be a remarkably excellent source of knowledge, and we've had the one and hope we've gained the other. To the lower classes we would say profit by what you've seen and make a stand hereafter.

MANY of the students have been brought up short with the announcement, in the various classes, of the number of Chapel absences recorded against them. This radical change in the method of the Faculty of warning the students of their accumulation of absences is what startles them. On page 42 of that excellent work the "Annual Catalogue of Union University. 1885-86", we find; "A student absent from chapel exercises five times in any term without excuse is reprimanded; five additional unexcused absences within the same term causes him to be put on probation, and his parent or guardian is informed; five additional unexcused absences may cause a separation from College."

This we take to be a law of Union College, and understanding it so we act accordingly, but when we are informed that we have all the way from five to twenty absences, and have not been "reprimanded", nor our "parent or guardian informed" of our being "put on probation", we wonder if the Faculty are aware of the fact, that we have a right to be informed of such a radical change of laws, that we may conduct ourselves accordingly. These absences accumulate almost imperceptably and unless a student is from time to time warned of the fact, he oversteps the limit. And we do not think that the strain of writing the notices can be so great as to warrant the abandonment of a practice which was of great help to the student. This action seems to us hardly in keeping with the majority of

the actions taken by the Faculty during this term. We submit the facts to their better judgment and hope at least that we may obtain notice of such changes in the unwritten or written laws of the College.

TWO years ago the Faculty passed a law that "any student who was convicted and fined" for any offence against the law would be suspended. In itself this law is not only just but necessary, in order that the fair name of the College and the reputation of the students themselves may not suffer. But does it not seem that there might be circumstances under which a student might be convicted and fined and yet, not be worthy of such harsh measures? The first suspension under this law has just been ordered, and enquiry into the case, gives one the idea that it was perhaps overhard on the offender. Now what we would propose would be, that the Faculty give a student, so "convicted and fined", a chance to show cause why he should not be suspended in accordance with this law, and then, after a fair hearing, judge as to the merits of the case. We believe that the Faculty are trying to act in a perfectly fair manner towards the students, and we offer this suggestion in good faith. Ever since the Cremation of the class of '88, there has been some hard feeling on the part of a certain member of the local police against the students, on account of a reprimand received for an arrest of one of them. For this reason, he has himself stated, that students will be liable to arrest for the most trivial breach of the strict letter of the law, and probably fined. This being the case, it will be seen, that the conviction and fining of a student will, in all probability, be hardly a good reason for his suspension from College duties.

IT seems peculiar that the students do not take more advantage of the opportunities offered them for training and exercise in the gymnasium. With an instructor who is not only proficient in his line, but also more than willing to instruct; there is no excuse for men neglecting an opportunity for beneficial exercise. Our gymnasium contains good material for practice, and the trustees seem to be willing to better it if necessary, but the students do not make enough use of what is there, to call for any addition. Twice a year the athletic propensities of the students crop out, before the Spring and Fall meets; in the interim there is no athletic spirit and no endeavor to keep in training or improve in the various sports. This term the candidates for the 'Varsity nine have not appeared, in the gymnasium and everything looks as though the Athletic part of Union College had passed away. This should not be the case, we wish to hold a place in the inter-collegiate athletic sports; let us prepare ourselves to contest for it, we wish to take a standing in the inter-collegiate base ball league; why not get in training? Some time ago it was proposed to have a "Ladies' Day", on which occasion the athletes could entertain their fair friends with exhibitions of skill in the gymnasium. This is a good custom to inaugurate and would help to "boom" the athletic spirit. The students of other colleges take a great interest in athletics, and we hear of the good records made and of the records broken, but none are heard of from Union. We are talking of an entertainment for the Athletic and Base Ball interest, why not have some Athletic and Base Ball interest to have an entertainment for, and interests worthy of the College? There is no reason in sending men to represent us to inter-collegiate contest, merely for the sake of representation. Let us have athletes who can represent us by taking the lead in such contests, and let us regain our former place in both athletics and base ball, by taking advantage of our opportunities in Winter and being prepared to make a showing in the Spring.

The Story of an Apple Pye.

A TRUE STORY IN SPENCERIAN VERSE.
 Once on a time when all the world was young,
 There was a peasant pye, whose apple height:—
 Right cheerful to the eye (as to the tongue)
 A dainty morsel and a jolly sight.
 For this Jackobus longed—a worthy wight—
 Than whom some better do (no doubt) exist,
 Tho' few surpass him when it comes to height,
 And he the pye desired to take in's fist
 To make it for his maw a good and gallant grist.
 Now unbeknownst to him his cousins came
 And in a basket placed the gallant pye,
 And bade, as partner in their little game
 One Gulielmus, (who was ever nigh);
 Then they Jackobus called and asked him why,
 He would not forth with them upon the deep,
 (Where Mohawk's waters rage with quivering cry,)
 To span its shallows, o'er its depths to creep,
 And with them all that day high holiday to keep.
 Now see them in their little frigates safe,
 Spurn all the dangers of the roaring sea,
 Which 'neath their bows doth whirling rub and chafe,
 And toss its foam as high as well may be
 Now must Jackobus sore against his gre,
 And Gulielmus, hurl them from their craft
 Into the wave which rises above the knee,
 And haul by hand the slowly following raft
 While all the rapids foam and hurtle rocks abast.
 Meanwhile the ladies sit them in the ships,
 Like Cleopatra fanned by flying loves,
 The while their knights within the rushing rifs
 Drag on their chariots like to Venus' doves:
 Each pulls his boat along (or sometimes shoves)
 And wades triumphant in the wa'lowing wave,
 Yet soon they reach the shore and bank above,
 And from the deep their gentle ladies save,
 Then loudly they the rest and soft refreshment crave.
 Now Gulielmus turns his mind to milk,
 And cups to drink from; so away he goes,
 The others spread their couches soft as silk
 And rest them, weary with their watery woes.
 Thus for a while, till as one might suppose
 For food they 'gin at once to fiercely burn,
 And their desire with no small quickness grows.
 Till shortly Gulielmus doth return,
 Bearing three cups, a pail and eke a milk-fil'd urn.
 So on the grass plot now the feast is spread,
 And ranged, full fair before their longing eyes:
 Eggs were there there, and butter too and bread
 And peaches also of almighty size,
 But in the midst Jackobus now descries
 The much desired and darling apple pye,
 Of all his labors great the well-earned prize,
 He views it for a time with glittering eye,
 Then ful's upon it with a loud and cheerful cry.
 Each had a quarter. To the pye they gave,
 No quarter. Each his parted portion had
 And being four, they found they could not save
 A single morsel from their mouthings mad,
 So when with food they'd made their senses glad
 To travel home they shortly did agree,
 And to return the cup Jackobus bade.
 Then return down to where their vessels be
 And launched their frigates on the loudly bellowing
 sea.

So down the stream they take their willing way
 And softly steer the roaring rapid down
 And pass betwixt Scylla and Charybdis grey
 Where waters foam and craggy cliffs frown
 Then float they onward gently to the town,
 Until to the Yates's boat house they have come
 Where him with due reward they justly crown,
 And turn their steps to wandering slowly home
 Picking from off the ground and eating many a plum.
 J.

LOCAL.

N. S. ? !

Merry Christmas ! !

Here endeth the first term ! ! !

Some of the students propose organizing a banjo club.

Simpson, '89, is at home suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Prof. Perkins was appointed a Commissioner of the State Board of Health, by Gov. Hill, on December 7.

A number of the students were present at the foot-ball game between Yale and Princeton, on Thanksgiving Day.

Turnbull, '89, spent the Thanksgiving vacation wrestling with a fever. The bout resulted in favor of Turnbull.

The emblem of mourning was displayed on the door of the armory for a few days, but Lieut. Benham is again materialized.

J. L. R. Pratt, '86, spent a few days on the hill. He made one of the party which went to the Yale-Princeton foot-ball game.

The Rev. J. Philip B. Pendleton, S. T. B., has accepted the invitation to preach in the chapel on the prayer-day for colleges.

The professor of Geology, made his recitation interesting one morning, by a tabulated statement of the latest foot-ball scores.

It is said that the Professor of Civil Engineering will organize a society of Civil Engineers next term. The society will be something similar to the Gillespie society which at one time, flourished at Union.

Rev. Mr. Sewall, who has accepted the pastorate of the First Reformed church, of this city, is an alumnus of Williams College.

E. V. Pierson, '89, was compelled to leave College for a few days on account of a visitation of the "affliction of Job." He has rejoined his classes again.

Heard at the Troy-Varsity game—"Matter with the Referee? Nothing's the matter with him, those d—d Onions would kick at anything except a foot-ball."

Edward E. Hale, Jr., an instructor in the English department of Cornell University, spent part of the Thanksgiving recess on the hill, the guest of Prof. Perkins.

W. W. Wemple, '86, is considering the advisability of publishing a volume of original poems. Many of the students have passed favorably upon the merits of the productions.

The class of '90 on November 21, painted the patron deity of the University, who "sits in solemn silence" behind Washburne Hall. The figures "90" also appeared in numerous places.

There is a rumor of a smoking club having been started among certain members of the Faculty. The evidence was a collection of necessary implements marked with certain names.

The Junior assemblies have been very successful this year. The last one for the term was held on Friday evening, December 10. The only fault was the minority of the young ladies. But then coasting was excellent that evening.

Prof. Wells is to take a Southern trip next term. The Professor has had some trouble with his eyes, and is to take the trip hoping to benefit them. A. S. Wright, '82, will instruct the classes in Modern Languages during his absence.

The Faculty received an invitation to attend the funeral of General Chester A. Arthur, but, on account of the lateness of the receipt of the telegram, were unable to be represented.

Crane, '85, who has been tutoring in Algebra, this term will not be on the hill next term. The studies, which are in Professor Stoller's department, will be taken by some of the other Professors.

Professor in Mechanics "The squeezing effect is proportional, directly as the mass, and inversely as the square of the distance. Does that seem plausible?"

Juniors (*en masse*) "Yes sir ! ! !"

A member of the Senior class, while engaged in his domestic duties, made a geological discovery; a fossil in a piece of coal the markings of which is different from all descriptions given in Geology.

The Senior class in Psychology, while engaged in the profound study of mind, matter and their relationships, were startled by the professor suddenly jumping to his feet with the remark "Rats—I guess."

C. B. MacMurray, president of the Senior class, has announced the following Commencement committees: Class Day, Miller, Jaycox and Radliff; Music, Van Voast, Dewey and Kurth; Ball, Cameron, Very and Bridge; Cards, Vroman, Ransdell and Pepper; Reception, Swanker, Ashton and Gulick; Pictures, Buel, Bennett and McMillan.

Union College the "cradle of Greek Letter Fraternities" has for the latest occupant of the infantile couch, the fraternity of Nu Sigma Gamma. The fraternity was founded in North College and is, from all accounts, in a very flourishing condition. The report that this society was a branch of the "White Cross League" has been denied by a member of the society.

The New York *Tribune* of December 4, had the following:

An enthusiastic meeting of the Alumni of Union College who live in New York, was held last night at the house of Judge Van Vorst, No. 30 East Sixty-eighth street. The meeting was called at the instance of Mr. Landon, a son of Judge Landon, acting president of the College, who was graduated last year and is devoting much time and energy to the stimulating of public interest in Union college, with a view to adding to its endowment and usefulness. Among those present were Senator Miller, the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, W. H. McElroy, Dr. Daniel Stimson, Mr. Scribner, John L. Hill, John V. L. Pruyn, of Albany, and Silas Brownell, who is also a trustee of the College.

Senator Miller called the meeting to order and invited Mr. Landon to unfold his plan, which consisted, briefly, of proposals to establish by subscriptions from Alumni and friends, a fund, the interest of which should be devoted to such uses as the majority of the subscribers should decide, while the capital should be regarded as an actual gift to the College. He stated that while Union College was no longer abreast with the great Colleges of the land, and while her course of studies was less wide and allowed less election on the part of the students, her friends thought that her discipline and methods of instruction were second to none. For years the College has suffered from lack of funds. Union has about 35,000 Alumni, and perhaps 2,500 of them are fairly well-to-do; many of them have obtained wealth and distinction. She possesses real estate at Hunter's Point which in the course of time will make her wealthy, but in the meantime it is felt that something must be done.

Mr. Landon has met with encouragement wherever he has explained his idea, and in Albany, Troy and Schenectady \$7,000 have been subscribed. The meeting last night cordially approved the young man's plans. It was thought that \$100,000 were not too much to expect and that the best use to which the fund could be devoted would be to pay the salary of a president for the College, after obtaining a distinguished man who would devote his life and energy to the work.

Landon, '86, is doing a good work and every student must wish him success. The views of the Alumni on the use to which the fund should be devoted, will also be seconded by all, and we would add, get more professors, fill vacant chairs and let the present professors have less work, and be more confined to their specialties.

The New York Beta Chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, celebrated the third anniversary of its establishment at Union, on Friday evening, December 3. After the exercises at the rooms of the society; an adjournment was taken to Schumacher's restaurant, where a banquet was served. J. E. Swanker, '87, acted as toastmaster, and after the eatables had been disposed of, proposed the following toasts, which were responded to as follows: "Phi Delta Theta", A. E. Phillips; "The Alumni", A. R. Conover; "The Initiates", F. W. Browne; "William Goat", G. C. Stewart; "The Graduates", M. C. Nolan; "The Fair Maids", J. E. Winne; "The Faculty", Harlow W. McMillen; "New York Beta", C. A. Marvin; "Our Fraternity", Prof. C. C. Brown.

At a term of the Moot Court of Oyer and Terminer of the County of Schenectady, and the State of New York, held in the Adelphic rooms in the city of Schenectady in said county and state, Justice W. W. Wemple presiding; the case of the People against I. P. Johnson, in an action for assault and battery was heard. The state was represented by District Attorney F. X. Ransdell and Assistant District Attorney E. M. Cameron; the counsel for the defense were W. A. Jaycox and N. M. Redfield. A panel of twelve jurymen was drawn but three were challenged and excused. The witnesses for the prosecution merely testified to the occurrence of the assault, with the exception of M. D. Stevenson, M. D., a medical expert, who testified to the condition of the complainant. The defense attempted to prove that the wounds were not inflicted by the accused; that the accused never had malicious feeling toward the complainant; and finally that college custom justified all the acts of the night, on which the assault occurred. The testimony of the witnesses for the defense

was in corroboration of the above line of defense. The case was summed up by N. M. Redfield for the defense and District Attorney Ransdell for the State. Justice Wemple gave a short charge to the jury in which many like cases were cited. The jury retired but for a short time when they returned a verdict of "guilty." The court then sentenced the accused to three years in State's prison. The counsel for defense have given notice of an application for a new trial.

[The Faculty will probably take no action in this case until after the new trial.—Ed.]

Personal.

- ✓54—Hon. John I. Bennett, is the author of a law book entitled, "Law of Lis Pendens". The book will be issued in January.
✓64—E. Winslow Paige, was one of the counsel for "Jake Sharp" in the Broadway Surface Railroad case which was heard before the Governor, not long ago.
✓81—William P. Williams, is the Chicago agent for the National Car-Spring company.
✓83—G. V. P. Lansing, is reporting for the City Press Association of Chicago.
✓—Rev. W. W. Bellinger, is the rector of Trinity Church, Weathersfield, Conn.
✓86—J. L. R. Pratt, is in business for himself in Kansas City. He has an Iron and Steel supply office.
✓—J. Montgomery Mosher, has resigned his position at the Insane Asylum, at Utica, and entered the Albany Medical College.
✓88—Antronique Iskanian is studying medicine in New York city.

Necrology.

- ✓'59—Richard C. Steel, lawyer, died at Auburn, N. Y., November 28, 1886.

Exchanges.

WE hold it a pleasant privilege to exchange with other colleges, and we believe in that method of communication; but it does not seem to us exactly right that we should keep up our part of the contract and not receive the papers from the party of the second part. The cause of these remarks is the fact, that although we send our papers to about every college in the country we receive only about fifty in exchange. Some come to us once in a while, and some others not at all. Now, we propose to exchange with those who are willing, otherwise we will drop them from our list. Therefore brother editors please send your paper if you wish ours, if not we take the hint.

Outing for December is on our table, and has been perused with the usual interest. Stevens, the "circumbicycler of the globe," is traversing Persia in this number; Lieut. Bigelow still follows after Geronimo; and in fact the number is full of interesting, instructive and good reading generally. The frontispiece is a scene from the "Mayflower-Galatea Contest, 1886," and is a very pretty picture of an interesting event.

The "Chironian" is a medical college paper, which seems to be a means of inter-communication between alumni as well as undergraduates. That is as it should be and we congratulate the editors on the present condition of the paper.

We were startled to see in the *Lehigh Burr* that charges of plagiarism had been "preferred by the *Concordiensis*." We are sorry that we have been misunderstood. The story referred to, is an old one on Dr. Nott, a former president of Union, and we surmised that a certain alumnus of Union, whose son is at Lehigh, had written the story. We hope this will be sufficient as an explanation.

Williams as usual sends us a good representative journal of the College. The *Fortnightly* is spicy and a welcome visitor. The *Amherst Student* would do well to shun comparison we think; the advertising column not being a criterion of the worth of a College paper.

We have reseved from Mr. Charles A. Story of Chicago, a surkular in relashun to Fonetik spelng. The surkular sets forth the advantages of the sistem and kals on skolers to ade in the wurk of konvershun to this method. Mr. Story not onle advocates the fonetik spelng but also the adishun of sum mor letters to the alfabet. Nevertheless he sets forth the butes of his sistem in the old method of spelng.

The *Concordiensis* acknowledges the receipt of The Columbia Bicycle Calendar for '87, just issued by the Pope Manufacturing Co., of Boston. It is an artistic and elegant work in chromo-lithography and the letter-press. It is in miniature a virtual encyclopaedia upon this universally utilized modern steed. The calendar proper is mounted upon a back of heavy board, upon which is exquisitely executed in oil color effect, by G. H. Buek, of New York, an allegorical scene, representing the earth resting among the clouds, with Thomas Stevens, in heroic size, mounted upon his Columbia bicycle, circumbicycling the globe. The atmospheric lights and shades of sunlight and moonshine are charmingly vivid, yet artistically toned and softened. A smaller portion of the board is devoted to a picture of a mounted lady tricycler, speeding over a pleasant country road. As a work of convenient art, the Columbia Calendar is worthy of a place in office, library or parlor.

—An honorary society, to be to scientific students what Phi Beta Kappa is to classical students, has been founded at Lehigh. It is called the Tau Beta Pi.

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The College World.

THE oldest living graduate of Princeton College, is Rev. John Rodney, of Philadelphia; a graduate of the class of 1816.—President Bartlett, of Dartmouth College, met with an accident on December 9. He fractured his right arm between the elbow and shoulder and will probably be confined to the house for some time.—There are now 2,500 women holding first-class diplomas from duly incorporated medical colleges.—Dr. George Bonn, an assistant professor at the Peabody Museum of Yale College, was knocked senseless by the explosion of an ostrich egg on November 20.—Dartmouth has a Dramatic Association which is a stock company, having a capital of \$600, divided into 120 shares of \$5 each.—Madison has adopted maroon and orange for their college colors.—The initiation of the new Tuft's Chapter of Delta Upsilon, took place on December 4.—Hamilton College proposes building a gymnasium to cost \$10,000. The money is to be raised by subscription.—Rutherford B. Hayes, ex-president of the United States, is spoken of as a president of Adelbert College, Cleveland, O.—Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, of Philadelphia, vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has been elected Professor of American Linguistics and Archeology in the University of Pennsylvania.—Breed '90 and Hard '90, of Yale, won the doubles in the Yale Tennis Tournament.

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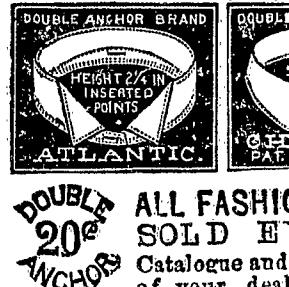
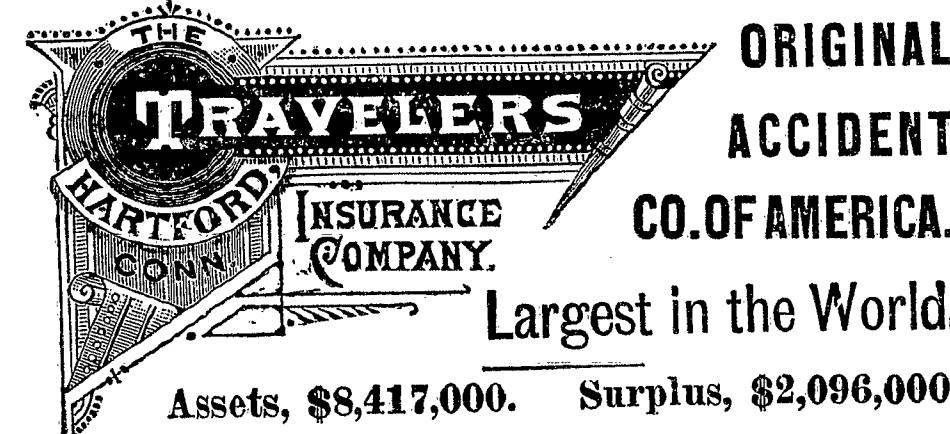
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