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THE FRESHMEN'S FIGHT.

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The old medical building of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of T——, consisted of two classrooms, primary and final, a faculty room, small museum, and a cloak-room in the basement.

The freshmen and sophomores together received lectures in the primary room; the third and fourth years in the final. The primary room was at the side of the short main hall; the final at the end.

At the beginning of term, generally the first Tuesday in October, the day was set apart for the opening lecture, after which the Dean would give the usual announcement: "The regular lectures will commence at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning."

It was always at the close of the first afternoon lecture—4.30 following the opening day—that the sophomores gathered their forces for the freshmen initiation ceremonies in the primary room. This was the first haze.

The janitor had rung the "out" bell, and the professor had immediately gathered up his notes and swung out through the hall into the faculty room.

Instantly there was a buzz and a hum. The fun had started.

The sophomores have doffed their coats, collars, neckties, all, anything, everything which is likely to incommode them. Some have even stripped to their undershirts. These are passed from hand to hand till all have found their way in safety to the quiet domain of the final apartment.

Perched upon the great cross-beams, yelling, cheering, shouting, in windows, everywhere, to be safe from the terrific avalanche, the two final years urge on the battle.