

tinge of seriousness, each one, while he was waiting for something, thought it his duty to make a pleasant remark about his neighbors and the joke was invariably enjoyed by all others who happened to be in wait too. And, as many were in wait most of the time the mirth was quite uninterrupted until everything was eaten.

The exact moment of that providential calamity will probably never be known, despite the fact that certain so-called witnesses aver that it occurred quite early in the evening. However, as these same witnesses were observed eating by a number of those who support the theory that the critical moment was later; and as the confusion of voices was such for the last half hour, that even an impartial observer, if present, would be occupied in wondering if he himself looked like a turkey; the matter of precision of time might better be waived, and all are to be congratulated that the inevitable occurred as soon as it did.

Cigars were passed around when the relaxation commenced. When the free intermingling of different smokes had promoted a better feeling among the late rival corps, the chairman rose

and expressed his satisfaction at the way each one had conducted himself. "In fact," he said, "nothing had been left undone"—(the remainder of his sentence was lost in a chorus of "hear! hear!") He then called upon each one present for an address, and each one immediately after rising, expressed his pleasure at being present and, after making sufficient observations to assert his particular individuality, expressed likewise the hope that he should assist at many festivities of the same nature in the future. When all had spoken, the banquet hall was deserted for the more spacious recreation hall.

Here the real enjoyment began. Mac constituted himself master of ceremonies, and insisted on the dances being carried on "right." "Ric" led cake-walkers all over the hall, and even over the tables. Everyone persisted in attempting feats he was not physically constituted to perform. But what matters it what anyone did, when philosophers and professors, away from books and classes, reading only each others hearts, let loose the pent-up floods of their good natures to mock the gravity of seeming wise!