

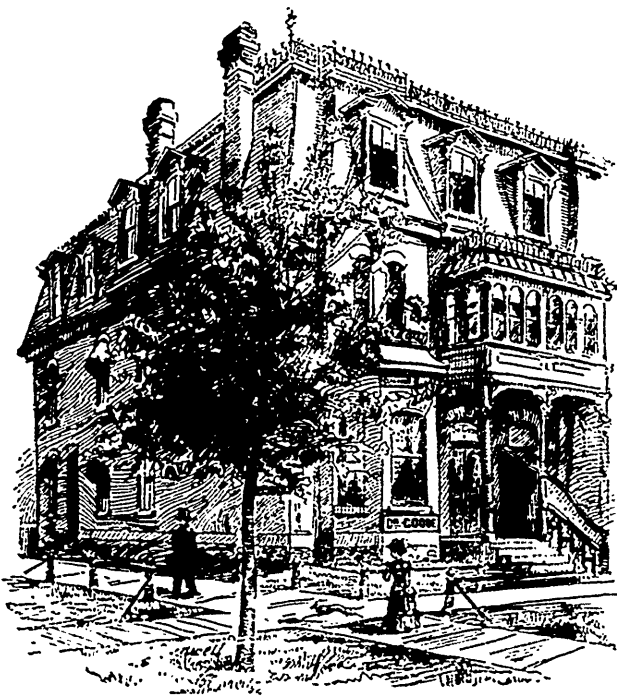
THE EDITOR OF "AN AMERICAN TEXT-BOOK OF PRACTICE." "In announcing the completion of 'An American Text-Book of Practice,' the publisher asserts that in this work *over 500 pages are from the pen of Dr. William Pepper*. This fact, from a purely mechanical standpoint in these days of enormous literary production, would not appear in itself to be matter for special comment, but when there is taken into account the Editor's busy life, it is a notable instance of the wonderful vitality and executive ability of an exceptionally gifted man."

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ducted the affairs of the University with such remarkable tact that the various educational departments now aggregate thirty huge buildings and the institution commands an international reputation. But it is not alone as the chief administrative officer of the University that Dr. Pepper's influence is all-potent; he is connected with, and is especially active in various capacities in, many learned societies."

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