

earlier that Sciencemen are forbidden to do what students in Arts and Medicine can accomplish with impunity. This is one of the unrevealed mysteries of Science.

We are aware that a misunderstanding has arisen to mar in any degree the good feeling that has always existed between the professors and students of this faculty. The Freshmen are, without doubt, in fault, and we have only to refer them to articles 2 and 3, page 39 of the Calendar to show them that they may be legally fined.

Much more, however, might be urged against such harsh treatment. This is their first offence—it was carnival week—many did not know that Sciencemen never slope—it was not, they affirm, an organized slope. (G. S.).

In consideration of all these, they are to be commended to the mercy of the Faculty. The imposing of fines is, to say the least, at variance with modern methods of maintaining order in institutions of learning, and more properly belongs to the 17th and 18th centuries in which it flourished as the ally of the birchen rod and cat-o'-nine-tails.

Freshmen, we beg of you to be men—not boys, to act manly and to conduct yourselves in such a manner as to prevent the authorities from dragging this ancient miserable custom from out of the semi-barbarism and despotism of centuries past into the intelligence and freedom of the present age.

At Harvard, nearly two hundred years ago they had a schedule of fifty-five offences punishable by penalties varying from twopence, for absence from prayers, to two pounds ten shillings, for absence from town for a month. If a man was absent from recitation it cost him 1s. 6d.; if he got drunk, the penalty was no greater. When a student went to meeting before the bell rung he was fined 6d.

The fine for graduates for playing cards was 5s., but undergraduates got off by paying 2s. 6d. And so we might continue the list. The following amusing incident appeared some time ago in a Harvard journal in reference to these old times:

"Dr. ——— called upon a Southern student one morning in the recitation room to define logic. The question was in this form. 'Mr. ———, what is logic?' Ans. 'Logic, sir, is the art of reasoning.' 'Ay; but I wish you to give the definition in the exact words of the learned author.' 'O, sir, he gives a long, intricate, confused definition, with which I did not think proper to burden my memory.' 'Are you aware who the learned author is?' 'Oh, yes! Your honor, sir.' 'Well, then, I fine you one dollar for disrespect.' Taking out a two dollar note, the student said, with the utmost *sang froid*, 'If you will change this, I will pay you on the spot.' 'I fine you another dollar,' said the professor, emphatically, 'for repeated disrespect.' 'Then, 'tis just the change, sir,' said the student, coolly."

PROBABLY NO ONE SO fully realizes the hollowness of life and human ambition, as the man who lades a spoonful of horse-radish into his mouth, under the impression that it is ice cream.

HARROWING.

We sat upon yon mossy bank,
The troubled world was all forgot;
The blinking stars peeped out, then sank,
In halo 'round the moon's bright spot.

The gentle breath of nature fanned
The locks from off my brow,
The thrilling touch of her fair hand,
Alas! I feel it now!

"Oh, sweet, my love, be mine," I cried,
"My treasures, love, abuse—"
She screamed and bitted from my side,
"Oh,—oh,—that—horrid—load!"

In Tech. E. PITHEE.

College World.

COLUMBIA has graduated 85,000 men since its foundation.

The University of Cairo is said to be 900 years older than Oxford.

The new elevator at Vassar is not much used, as the girls prefer to slide down the banisters.

It is estimated that nine-tenths of the college men in the United States are Republican.—*Ec.*

The Atheneum disapproves of the projected scheme of University consolidation in Nova Scotia.

UNIVERSITY of Virginia has sixteen fraternity chapters, the largest number of any college in the United States.

"The best school of journalism in the world," said Chas. F. Thwing, "is the editorial board of a college paper."

At Harvard work on the college papers is accepted as a substitute for the regular literary work of the university.

THERE are twenty-one editors connected with the Harvard *Daily Crimson*, either in an editorial or business capacity.

THE total valuation of the property of Harvard College which yields an income is estimated to be about five million dollars.

OVER one thousand students have been expelled from the University of Kiel, in Russia, and drafted into penitentiary regiments.

THE Professor of Anatomy in Edinburgh University is paid \$16,000 a year. The heads of the departments in Latin and Mathematics receive \$17,500 per annum.

THE United States prints more than half of the journals of the world; and, according to Ayer, 168 college publications, a feature of journalism scarcely known outside of the United States.

OF eight of the principle colleges, the only one strongly advocating a protective tariff is the University of Pennsylvania. At Williams, Yale, Harvard, Amherst and others, the free trade theory is taught.

A PIECE of sponge cake made by a Vassar girl has been presented to President-elect Cleveland. It is said that Mr. Cleveland prizes it highly, but will use it as a paper weight when he goes to the White House.