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Slander

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I did not like to own that I too had shed a few tears over the above mentioned scenes; so, feeling greatly ashamed in the presence of this superior being, I timidly asked how he estimated the worth of a book.

"Ah," he said, wrinkling his poor little face into what I suppose was a smile, "that is why I asked you up here. I am an inventor. Not well known of course; nevertheless of some favour in my own eye. I have perfected two very complex and unique machines. By very simple processes, one estimates the value of a book, the other weighs the character of a person. If you will step this way I will show you them."

Rising and opening a door, he ushered me into another room of his suite. It was not so large as the one we had left, and was lighted from a large red electric dome that hung from the centre ceiling. A heavy table stood underneath, upon which lay several piles of books—in fact, save for two very odd contrivances placed on opposite corners, there was nothing else in that room but books. They lay scattered here and there, in twos and threes all over. And there was one thing very peculiar about them—their backs had been ripped off.

"That is my book critic," said he, pointing to one of the cauldron-shaped affairs in the corner. "It took me some time to perfect it, but now it works like a charm. You would be surprised how that tangle of metal can voice its opinion on art and manners. Of course it does it in a sort of a chemical way—but to me it seems as eloquent as an orator.

When I was experimenting with it I used a whole book at every trial. The dissolving fluid, at that stage, was a strong solution of gold. But the gold so combined with the writings in the book, that I could not tell what was language and what was metal. In order to get an exact idea from Infalible (that's what I call it) I now use only the backs of my books, together with a solution of lead—this seems to contrast splendidly with the thought and has given wonderful results. Why, in the hands of an artist, this machine can discover a multitude of blemishes unsuspected in the pages of our greatest poets."

"Here's a copy of Plato," cried he, ripping the cover off a brand new volume, "In five minutes I can give you a profounder insight into the miry secrets of that much talked of mortal, than you could gain in a life's study of letters."

While he spoke I was edging towards the door; and just as poor Plato plunged into the leaden recesses of Infalible, I flung wide the door, dashed through the next room, down the stairs, into the stormy night. How he judges a human being I do not exactly know; but from what he said the descendant of monkeys would stand a poor chance.

As yet I have not discovered the name of this miserable creature, but I conjecture it must have been—Slander.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MEN'S UNDERGRADUATE

Second Round—G. E. Storey defeated W. F. Hiscocks 6-3, 6-3.

MEN'S NOVICE

Third Round—F. R. McCannell defeated F. M. Pratt 6-3, 6-1; A. C. Bastedo defeated F. C. Morrow 6-1, 6-2.

MEN'S OPEN

First Round—A. F. Telfer won from T. C. Urquhart by default; F. M. Pratt defeated W. Wrong 6-3, 6-0; J. Vickers won by default from D. E. S. Wishart; S. B. Sissons defeated W. H. Hicks 7-5, 6-2; J. A. Scott defeated W. F. Hiscocks 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; J. L. Burns defeated M. H. Staples 6-2, 6-0; L. G. Mills won from R. H. Williams by default.

LADIES' HANDICAP

First Round—Miss R. Fairbairn (-40) defeated Miss H. Blatcher (-0) 6-0, 6-0; Miss Burnett (-15) defeated Miss Cameron (-1/15) 6-2, 6-3; Miss Lang (-15) won from Miss I. Knox (-1/15) by default; Miss M. Elmsley (-15) defeated Miss M. Barry (-15) 6-1, 6-3; Miss E. McDonald (-15) vs. Miss F. Best (-1/40), game not played; Miss H. Boulthbee (-1/40) lost to Miss N. MacPherson (-0) by default; Miss C. Murphy (-15) defeated Miss B. Wallace (-15) 6-4, 6-3.

LADIES UNDERGRADUATE

First Round—Miss I. Knox lost to Miss B. Wallace by default; Miss C. Murphy defeated Miss M. MacPherson 6-0, 6-1; Miss H. Urquhart defeated Miss Burriss 6-3, 6-2; Miss Sparks won from Miss Robb by default; Miss M. Cameron defeated Miss H. Blatcher 6-3, 6-0; Miss Burnett won from Miss B. Davis by default.

DRAWS FOR TO-DAY

MEN'S HANDICAP

First Round

10-11—Knox Courts.

A. C. Bastedo—1/30 vs. F. C. Morrow

—1/30.

G. E. Wells+15 vs. R. W. Gouinlock

—1/30.

11-12—Knox Courts.

L. S. Hope+15 vs. T. C. Urquhart—1/2

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—1/15.

A. J. Cowan—15 vs. D. N. Trimble+15.

12-1—Knox Courts.

F. R. McConnell—15 vs. W. H. Hicks

—1/30.

N. J. McLean—1/30 vs. C. R. Duggan

—1/15.

2-3—Knox Courts.

J. A. Scott—1/15 vs. D. B. Coleman

+1/15.

F. M. Pratt 0 vs. J. H. Cotton+1/15.

3-4—Knox Courts.

J. S. Reid—1/30 vs. M. H. Staples—15.

W. Wrong+15 vs. R. J. Vickers 0.

4-5—Knox Courts

H. L. Bryce—1/30 vs. L. G. Mills—1/15.

J. G. Bole+15 vs. W. F. Hiscocks—1/15.

10-11—Varsity Courts.

V. B. Dowler—1/30 vs. T. S. Chamberlain—15.

J. L. Burns—1/30 vs. G. M. Chidley

—15.

P. C. Mulholland—15 vs. D. E. Wishart 0.

11-12—Varsity Courts.

G. E. Blake—15 vs. C. H. Carruthers 0.

A. F. Telfer—15 vs. G. Kirwan+1/15.

P. F. Chidley+15 vs. J. E. Mothersill

—1/15.

No Games will be played at all on Saturday on account of the rugby match with McGill.

ASSOCIATION

Varsity I association team leaves for McGill Friday evening at 10.30. The team has as yet not been definitely selected. The game will likely be a close one, as Varsity team have had little opportunity to practice together. Besides, many new men could be found on the line-up. However, the team hopes to keep up unbroken record of victories.

The intermediate game for Saturday against Grand Trunk has been postponed because of the Grand Trunk games on Saturday. This will give the men a better opportunity to be in shape for the game a week from Saturday. Jas. King 4th year S.P.S. has been selected Manager of the team.

Senior Arts held an enthusiastic practice on Thursday. Speak to Gordon Bole if you want a place.

Eddie Cuzner has been elected captain of Varsity II.

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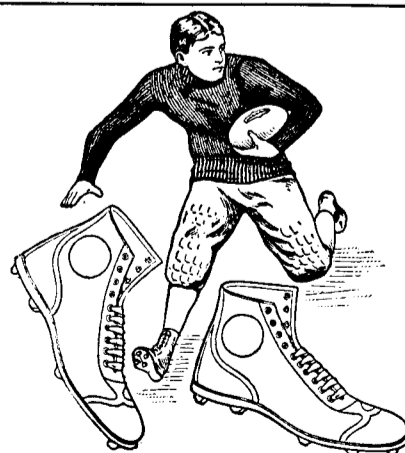
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