

The sun was shining on the scene,
The horse was waiting at the gate,
The snow lay smooth with dazzling sheen,
The road, though long, was plain and straight.

They're off: no danger sure can try
Their steed so true, their course so clear;
The laughing mother waves good-by,
Nor even dreams of cause for fear.

"My father, what are those mountains grey?"
"They are the hills of the Swedes, my son."
"And what that line of icy spray?"
"That is the open sea begun."

"How bright above the sun shines fair;
But yonder, see that low black cloud!"
The father felt a storm was there.
"We need not fear," he said aloud.

Vain words! the low black cloud rose high.
It sent before a withering drift,
The snow-flakes drove in the darkening sky,
Their heads to breathe they scarce can lift.

"My father! oh, father! I scarcely see,
I wish we were again on land."
"My boy, keep heart; where'er we be,
Be sure we are in God's own hand."

"Oh! father, I feel it bitter cold!"
"Come close, my boy, come close to me,
Keep up your courage and be bold,
You need not fear the storm or sea."

The storm grew fiercer—the sky was black,
The wind raged o'er the wide expanse,
The snow-clouds whirled in blinding wrack,
And twined and twisted in eddying dance.

"My father, I'm going to sleep at last,
'Tis time, I scarce can see the light."
The feeble voice sank low, then gasped,
"One kiss to my mother. Good night."

"My boy! my boy! wake up! speak! speak!
This storm will surely soon be o'er."
The father gazed on the pallid cheek,
"Oh, God! he'll speak no more, no more!"

The wretched father strives in vain
To warm the ice cold limbs,
In frenzied haste his coat he's ta'en
And wrapped the boy within.

That night the searchers went to find,
They found them both in snowy bed;
The father lay covering the son from the wind.
The boy was sleeping, the father dead.

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OBSERVATIONS BY THE PATRIARCH STUDENT.

ALONG with more pretentious titles, 'Esquire' is useless and should be tossed overboard with K.C., K.C.M.G., and other trimmings of colonial snobbishness. Still, so long as the handle is used, it ought not to be made more unfitting by indiscriminate employment. Only the professions and the Government Service have, according to English custom, the right to the appendage. 'Hence accordingly,' the next time printed slips and circulars are sent out of the University, even though in connection with a Greek play, the names of undergraduate committeemen might just as well be written, if not in more modest type, at least without this adornment.

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A PAPER reaches the Den once a month, titled *Hamilton College Monthly* (Lexington, Ky.) The sheet, when I first saw it, was draped in fiery pink. The March issue comes out in a Fenian uniform of dazzling green. Nevertheless a portion of the paper is taken up by paragraphs under the heading "Art Column!"

THE *Index and Chronicle* (Howard College, Mo.) is another of those papers over which presides an 'interesting editress,' as the *Dalhousie Gazette* puts it. I append a few extracts.

The exchanges from all the older and more established colleges in the land are so full of literary articles, college news and pen, that it is almost presumptuous (*sic*) for us to attempt any review or criticism of them.

Bangs!

Chewing-gum!

The card read thusly:—"Compliments to the young ladies and would be pleased to call this afternoon." This was the answer: "Certainly, march your pretty selves over, and be sure to part your hair in the middle, and polish your shoes." They marched.

Two new societies have been organized at Howard, under the direction of Prof. Forster, who abominates 'chewing-gum' and 'bangs.' The members of these societies are known by a blue and red ribbon badge; the former denotes that the person is to wear no bangs, and the latter, that she is to chew no gum until the close of the school session. And a combination of the two signifies that both are to be abstained from.

Had we been a graduate of Central instead of Howard we could have offered this director, when we saw him dive into his overalls pockets (on the outside, just above the knee) a nice plug of 'star,' and could have taken a social 'chaw,' with him. But we were not, and as unfortunately we had given all our gum away the day we graduated, His Majesty had to chew alone. . . .

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RECENTLY in Paris a well-known man met his death in a singular manner. Colonel Adam, director of the Institut Cartographique, thought he had a chair behind him and fell with all his weight to the floor. He died within a short time from the effects of the accident. Something similar happened at the Residence not long ago. A distinguished member of the Forty was about to seat himself at the dinner table, and thought he had a chair behind him. He fell with all his weight to the floor. The man who sat next to the distinguished member is not expected to live.

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE NEWS.

AMHERST. The whole interior of Walker Hall, the finest of the Amherst College buildings, was burned on the night of March 29th. Estimated loss, \$250,000; insurance, \$72,000. The Shepard cabinet of minerals, worth \$80,000, a collection of physics apparatus worth \$16,000, besides a fine collection of paintings and valuable archives, were destroyed. The building contained lecture-rooms for physiology, history, and mathematics, the treasurer's office, the president's room, and mineralogical cabinet.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE. Thirteen young men have been suspended from this college for cribbing. It seems that young Garfield did not secure the examinations papers, and so escaped the possibility of cheating.

The following is a list of the journals published by college secret societies, with dates of founding: Beta Theta Pi, 1871; Chi Phi Quarterly, 1873; Phi Kappa Psi Quarterly, 1875 (changed to "Shield," 1876); Phi Delta "Scroll," about 1876; Delta Tau Delta "Crescent," 1877; Phi Gamma Delta, 1879; Alpha Delta Phi "Star and Crescent," 1880; Sigma Alpha Epsilon "Record," 1880; Alpha Tau Omega "Palm," 1880; The Sigma Chi, 1881. The Zeta Psi fraternity are to publish the first number of a new journal in October of the present year.

McGILL. The examinations in Medicine closed on Saturday the 25th. The Convocation for degrees in Law and Medicine took place on Friday, 31st ult.

The lectures in Arts and Applied Science ended on Thursday 30th, and the examinations commenced on the following Tuesday. The second convocation takes place on May 2nd.

The annual Law dinner came off at the Richelieu on Monday 20th, and was a great success. The faculty of Arts was represented by Mr. R. A. E. Greenshields, and that of Applied Science by Mr. A. P. Low. Among those present we noticed many of the prominent lawyers of the city, including Messrs. Taylor, Ritchie, Jackson and others.

Mr. Bangs, of the Faculty of Medicine, died last week in the hospital after a very prolonged illness. His funeral, which took place on Wednesday, 22nd, was largely attended by the students.

The Undergraduates Literary Society had its last meeting for the season on Friday, 17th, when there was a large attendance. The programme consisted of a debate on the Prohibitory Liquor Law, an essay by Mr. Thos. Haythorne, and a reading by Mr. Colquhoun. Messrs. W. H. Hunter, A. Scrimger, and J. R. Murray were appointed a committee to take steps for the delivery of a lecture before the Society early in September by one of the professors. I have been informed that the committee have already received the consent of Prof. Murray to deliver the lecture, and there is no doubt that his kindness in so doing will be thoroughly appreciated by the society and those who may have the privilege of listening to him.

The Annual Report of the Reading Room Committee was presented to a general meeting of students in Arts and Applied Science held on