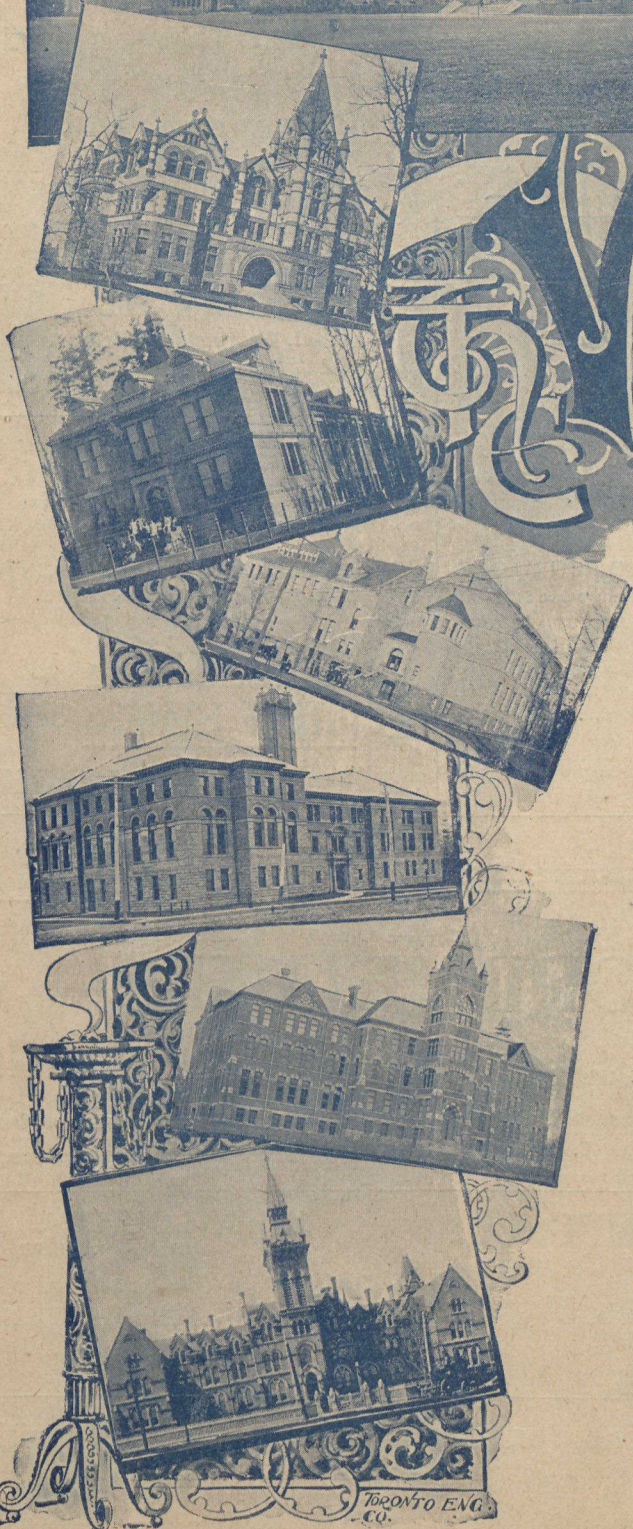


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## A SUMMER MEDLEY.

I had certainly promised an article. There is a delightful vagueness about such a promise, which seems to harmonize with the lazy dreaminess of summer days, and frankly, my mind was not overburdened with the sense of something unaccomplished. Now, I shall make no assumption of special virtue, where virtue there is none, but to be candid, on one particular day my memories did seek to fashion themselves together into some coherence, and with an effort to be resolute, I summoned my scattered ideas, and analyzed them with some care to ascertain if in their substance was anything which might appeal to the undergraduate mind. We are such wretched specialists in this modern world that when my ragged mental paraphernalia arrayed themselves before my inward eye I shuddered at the horror that would seize upon the hapless undergraduate, who might wander into ten lines of an article distilled from that infernal brew. All the sins of my youth seemed to rise up within me—I was filled to the brim with ablauts, jods and umlauts—and other winged and horned creatures of modern culture flew like blind bats about the dusty rafters of my brain. Now, though our mind-chamber is more or less of a littered lumber-room, it still has this magic property, that by a faint letting in of the light, a gentle drawing aside of the curtains, the spectres that haunted us flee like affrighted owls, and the mellow rays of pleasant memories slant in through the latticed windows of the soul. But the reveries which flow in upon us at those rare intervals, which make of the mind a very garden of delight, wherein high thoughts may wander and stray at their own sweet will and wayward inclination—these reveries that steal upon sensation until we know not almost that we live from intensity of life—what are they but that rich substance of which the dreams are woven of immortal singers; and we, of coarser grain, with stumbling pen and faltering tongue can not avail to utter the first weak syllable of that which we would fain express. So knowing that I was powerless to lay bare to another's eye that book of my inner life with the spirit's seven seals upon it, in my human weakness I determined to throw high moods aside, and in reckless mundane humor resolved to go a-fishing.

I still had some guilty thoughts as we bowled along with an eight-knot breeze, that my promise was still unredeemed; for sentimental mystifications, like the above, are really trash, and apt, by reason of mixed metaphors, to prove but sorry models of rhetoric at the best. So for a time, as I sat at the tiller, I meditated a dissertation on fish. Now I am rather deficient in humor, and when I reflected upon the humorous capabilities of the situation (for three days I had been sailing to all the famous shoals on the lake for the particular fish in question,

and he still eluded me), I despaired of giving an appropriate treatment to the subject. So I threw aside the idea, and tried to see if I could be poetical, and satisfy your worthy Editor with something on clouds or waves—but that was almost as hard as the humor, for I had ceased to be a poet towards the close of my first year. And yet there was beauty enough around us, and delight in the keenness of motion as we cut through the blue sparkle of the waves.

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There was a heaviness about the piled horizon clouds, where they hung in massive banks above the western hills, and the loons were clamorous around us. "Seems like they was callin' wind," said Chris, my weather-wise and garrulous fishing-guide, pulling away at the charred remnants of a clay. "I rec'lect me and a party of folks from the city was out fishin' to the islands, mab'be along about August one year." Well, I need not repeat the story in detail—it was one of his interminable yarns that I had heard so often before, pointless, of course, and prosy, and quite innocent of any bearing upon the irrelevant subject of loons. I listened half patiently to the unimpeachable account of the number of fish they caught, and the number of drinks they drank, and thought with perhaps too complacent pity of the petty egotisms that filled the narrow bounds of his contented life—and as I listened I wondered whether modern fiction had not rushed to an absurd and unjustifiable extreme in overloading its pages with skilful studies of types from this little world—"animated animals," they are, I said to myself, impatient at the onslaught of dull, bucolic talk. "If our sympathetic modern novelists were really sincere in their realism, might not a stenographer furnish them with reams of the stuff I am listening to now—dull 'naud from a muddy spring," and so I mused in the harshness of my unhuman mood, with much besides, that need not be repeated.

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The loons had summoned the wind. We could see the great clouds gathering in the west, and straining every inch of canvas we raced in from the open before the storm should fall upon us. A gloom like night had settled on the hills, and low fringes of vapor-like sulphurous smoke swept on beneath the ink-like blackness of the heavier thunder cloud. There was little talking now. "Down with the main and jib," I shouted, and Chris leapt to the task, aided by two youngsters who were with us. The smaller, a child of eleven, crept beside me, shivering with fright. Still we held on under the foresail for the distant eastern shore upon which the sun's rays still fell, so that it seemed like a strand of burning gold over the savage green of the white-lipped water. Then the great roaring of the storm behind us drowned the noise of the ceaseless thunder, and in all

the blindness of its inhuman fury the fierce gust crashed upon us. "Let go the fore sheet," and the ripped sail swung its pounding boom to leeward.

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It was a very death-dance of the elements, and I knew that we might last another minute, if so long. The waves were resistless in their strength and fury, and if they swamped us with all our ballast we would sink like stones. Already we were laboring heavily and taking in the green water to leeward, so to throw out what ballast we could was our only remaining chance of safety. I was hurling it out with desperate haste when I felt the awkward sensation of the last heavy lurch of a capsizing boat, and simultaneously it seemed I was groping about the rigging beneath the yacht. I remember saying to myself—"well—so this is the end of things," and feeling in a vague way sorry that it should be so soon. When I rose from the comparative peace below, a few strokes took me to our storm-tossed craft, where, with a thrilling thankfulness at heart, I saw my three companions in distress, clinging on, in their desperation, but safe—were it only for a few brief minutes, safe—I managed to get beside the terrified youngster where he was grasping the mainstay with the desperation of death in his eyes—his little body tossed like floating sea-weed on the water. For three-quarters of an hour we had to battle against the fury of those resistless waves, shivering with intense cold, and the blackness almost of night surrounding us.

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We were saved, of course, and I have heard and read many different accounts of our adventure. My account may be true or not, but this brings me to my point. I discovered, when we did reach shore at last—no, I realized when we were tossing helplessly in the furious sea—that there was, and ever will be, a strangely sympathetic fibre in my nature for good old Chris, my bragging, garrulous, ignorant companion, of a memorable day's fishing.

ANON.

#### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The first regular meeting of the Modern Language Club for 1898-9, was held Monday afternoon, and was exceptionally well attended, about two hundred being present.

At 4.15 the Honorary-President, Professor Fraser, took the chair, and opened the meeting by thanking the club for the honor they had shown him, in electing him to the position he now occupies. He gave a short and comprehensive speech on the history of the club and its objects, and then introduced the lecturer of the afternoon, Professor Alexander.

The subject of the lecture was "Jane Austen's Novels," and, after a few introductory remarks, the lecturer pointed out the peculiar merits of the novelist, and showed that in her technical perfection, her fidelity to nature, her sense of humor, and the charm of her subject, she is unsurpassed. The lecture was exceedingly interesting, and highly appreciated by the audience.

Next week Professor Squair will lecture before the Club on the subject of the Learned Professions in French Literature.

#### HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATION

In the shadow of the "Old Grey Tower,"  
Last Monday eve at an early hour,  
A goodly crowd of students' came,  
To have again the "same old game."  
On Hallowe'en, each undergrad.,  
From Senior grave to Freshman "bad,"  
Doth try his best to pass the time,  
By jolly fun or heartless crime;  
Young ladies must the gauntlet run,  
While the "double-file" enjoys the fun.  
The Freshman is taught his hat to doff—  
To flirt and smile—look shy and cough.  
The old man is jostled from side to side,  
Gets ruffled his clothes and ruffled his pride,  
(A dude precise with step unsteady,  
Passed through a little decollete),  
The "gods," so hot, at last were reached,  
And then was felt what oft is preached.  
But, strange to say, as strange as true,  
The higher you got the hotter it grew!  
The cry of "hat!" and "where's your hair?"  
Made freshettes blush, and bald heads glare.  
And many a Senior and Sophomore,  
With maidens one, two, three or four,  
Was oft reminded, from above,  
Of "what a funny thing is love!"  
Good fun and song and yells were there—  
Exub'rant spirits everywhere.  
At last there came the final scene,  
And all joined in "God Save the Queen."

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There still is left "last scene of all,"  
In double line again we fall,  
And chaperoned by men in blue,  
We visit ladies' schools, a few,  
Our songs awake them from their sleep,  
And they through casement shyly peep,  
We serenade with voices hoarse,  
With less of music than of force,  
But soon we tire of this, and creep  
To our wee cots—to dreams and sleep.

The custom among Varsity students of celebrating Hallowe'en by going to the theatre in a body is almost as old as the university itself. At one time this year we thought we were going to see an innovation in the shape of a minstrel-show and smoker, but owing to some difficulty about securing the Pavilion, this feature was necessarily "called off." As a result, the programme was the same as in former years, but seldom has there been such a large and enthusiastic turnout of the students.

About 6.45 o'clock, the Arts and School of Science men commenced to gather on the Lawn, and about half an hour later the march to the Princess was begun. They proceeded along College street, where they were reinforced by the Dents, and the whole body, about eight hundred strong, marched by Yonge and King streets to the Princess. The embryonic lawyers were already there, and had taken their places in the left half of the balcony, armed with large black and white megaphones, which were in evidence from start to finish. The Dents had the right half of the balcony, while the "gods" were occupied by the Artsmen and the Scientists. The decorations consisted mainly of bunting, and were not very elaborate. As usual, the audience was as noisy as possible, and there was scarcely a moment between the acts when the air was not rent with some college

yell. The printed programmes, which, by the way, were neatly gotten up, called for songs between the acts, and it is said that there was a piano in the balcony, but beyond a few old favorites, such as "Litoria," "Solomon Levi," and "A Hot Time," the musical part of the proceedings did not take place. The play was "Peaceful Valley," one of Sol. Smith Russell's successes. It is a matter of no consequence whether it was well put on or not, as the play was only a minor part of the evening's amusement, and served but as an excuse for the other festivities at the theatre. One thing, however, must be said. The management of the "Princess" were uncommonly kind and courteous, and that, too, under somewhat trying circumstances. It is needless to say that Miss Marshall, in particular, and indeed all the ladies in the cast, received an enthusiastic reception, while Mr. Stuart and Mr. Cummings got along equally as well with their somewhat noisy audience.

The indoor part of the night's fun was over about half-past ten, and the students proceeded along King to Yonge in a disorderly mob, pulling street-car poles off the wires, and otherwise showing a supreme contempt for law and order. The London street-railway strikers may be adepts at wrecking cars, but for downright disorderliness, they aren't in it for a moment with the students on Hallowe'en. The happy throng then marched, or rather strayed, up Yonge street, and when someone rang the fire-alarm, and the reels appeared on the scene, the confusion increased.

Near College street there occurred a little trouble with the police. One of the "bobbies" arrested a student for assaulting a street-car, and began to hustle him off to a box. Of course the other students began to hustle the "peelers," probably imagining from the innocent look on their faces that they were Freshmen, and in the melee the policemen used their batons to some advantage, one of the "Dents" being knocked senseless. However, at the earnest solicitation of the crowd, the "cops" let their prisoner go, and the students proceeded by College street to Queen's Park. Here a battering-ram was improvised and manned, and a couple of unsightly outhouses were knocked into splinters, and then burned. They made glorious bonfires, and a merry crowd of students danced the May-pole (or "couchie-couchie," perhaps), around them. Meanwhile, someone had turned in an alarm, and the reels came dashing up once more to find only smoking ruins, where once in all their grandeur had stood the two most recent additions to the great public buildings of Toronto.

After this exciting incident, the students separated into different parties, and contrived to keep the guardians of the law guessing all night. But it is impossible to follow the doings of a score of small marauding bands, and this account must come to a close.

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#### LINDSAY OLD STUDENTS.

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The re-union of the old students of the Lindsay Grammar School, High School and Collegiate Institute, will be held in Lindsay on Thursday, December 29th. Old students who notice this item are requested to send their own names and addresses, and also those of as many others as they know of, to Miss Lees Taylor or Mr. I. E. Weldon, of Lindsay. All those who have ever attended these schools are invited to be present at the re-union.

## The College Girl

In ye Olden Time, it was:  
 "Heap on more wood!—the wind is chill;  
 But let it whistle as it will,  
 We'll keep our evening, merrie still."

All that was lacking on Monday evening was the grand old open fire-place. We had plenty of wood, plenty of "whistling wind," plenty of merriment, and, best of all, plenty of good, old-fashioned taffy, which pulled into all fantastic shapes. The only thing that marred the evening was, that the time slipped away too quickly; but as we were rather timid about Hallowe'en ghosts and hobble-goblins, and as we have always heard that after eating too much of anything you are liable to "see things," we dispersed all in good time. Every person who was present wished that there were more such social evenings to follow.

A most interesting programme has been arranged for the meeting of the Woman's Literary Society on Saturday, November 5th. The debate between the Third and Fourth years, "Resolved, that Macaulay's style is superior to Carlyle's," promises to be very interesting and closely contested. Many questions are being asked as to what the coming chorus will consist of. Surely the strains of music to be heard issuing from Room 9—not on afternoons when the Glee Club hold their practice—are persuasive enough to draw every girl out to the meeting on Saturday evening.

The Ladies' Glee Club is now fully organized, and we are pleased to hear, is making rapid progress. Though the club is not quite as numerous as desirable, every member is putting forth her every effort to insure the success of the annual concert, to which we are all eagerly looking forward.

The attention of the girls is called to the Editorial Box of *Sesame*, on the table in the Ladies' Reading Room. Any person desirous of contributing a poem or a story will kindly drop the same in the box, when it will be read by the Editor. If approved of, you do not know what the result might be.

It has been rumored that a Golf Club is to be organized among the women students. We hope that the project will be discussed, and that some time in the near future it will materialize into something definite.

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Y.W.C.A.

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As announced last week, the Y.M.C.A. meeting for October 25th, assumed the form of a reception to the girls of '02. The meeting was well attended; the President, Miss Little, occupied the chair. After a well-appreciated duet, by Misses Wegg, '98, and Robertson, '01, rendered in their usual pleasing manner, Miss Prentiss, the Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, spoke to those assembled. Then Miss Alexander welcomed the class of '02, and announced tea. The fragrant odor of coffee had penetrated to the room long before, so when it was brought in, it was thoroughly enjoyed. After refreshments were served, Miss Evans

was to play a violin solo, but unfortunately it ended before it was begun. Two of the strings broke, so the solo was postponed. During the evening, the remark was overheard that "Y.W.C.A. receptions, like the making of books, had no end." Certainly that reception came to an end by far too soon. Among others, the Committee was pleased to welcome Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Cameron, and Miss Salter.

A very enjoyable reception was held on Friday evening by the Student Volunteer Movement in the Y.W.C.A. parlours.

ZEMA.

### THE MYSTERY OF IT.

Many had been our conjectures as to why he wore his hair so long. He was no Rugby player, for he had never been seen on the field; nor was he a great musician, as could be told from the shape of his fingers, and as for his voice—'twas almost too deep for utterance; nor did he wear his hair long merely for ornament, for it wasn't at all curly, but hung in long, straight strings over forehead, eyes, and ears. Yet we knew there must have been some "method in his madness," or he would never have borne the not very flattering remarks which he did not seem to hear. Suddenly, like a shock, it was revealed to us the other day, and now we are an enlightened people. 'Twas raining and blowing terribly; we went along with umbrellas bent to meet the fierce gusts, which threatened to blow them out of shape. I had been out into the mud three times for my cap, and my comrades had been off on similar expeditions, and yet, there he was, just ahead of us, walking leisurely along with head erect, as if there were no wind or rain. When we were down putting away our dripping umbrellas, I chanced to glance at him, and to my great horror, saw him draw two long spikes out of his hat! Two long spikes with round, shining, black knobs on the end! Then from out a wad of his long hair, wound like a rope round the top of his head, he drew three hair-pins. Hair pins! which I had always left lying on the street, scorning them as things which belonged to girls. Since I revealed my discovery to the other boys, we have formed a Society for Finding Hair-pins, and it is needless to say that we no longer visit the barber shop, although the barber has cut down prices. No! we have another use for our hair now, and as soon as it grows long enough, we shall never again be obliged to run after our caps on a windy day.

CAPELLUS.

### NOTICE FROM THE LIT.

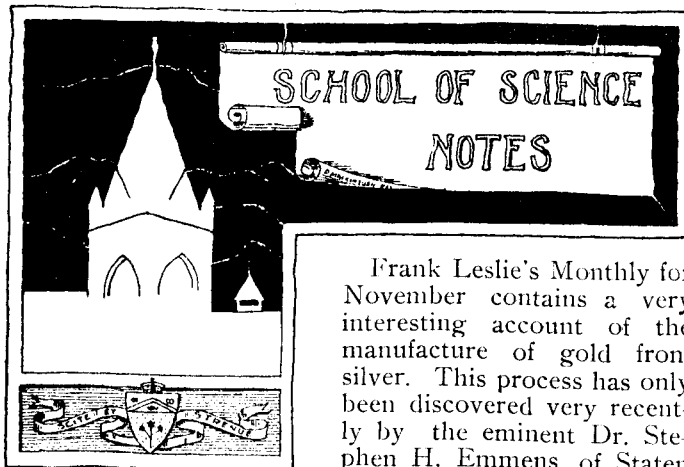
At the last meeting, October 28th, Mr. Armour gave the following notice of motion:

"At the next meeting of the society, I will move that those members of the society who have not paid the annual fee for any preceding year or years, may do so, if paid before Christmas, at the rate of one dollar a year.

ERIC. N. ARMOUR."

At the next meeting, November 4th, two representatives from the first year will be chosen to act on the Executive Committee of the Literary and Scientific Society. They will be elected from the three gentlemen nominated October 28th, namely, Messrs. Patterson, R. J. Hamilton and MacIntosh.

R. V. LE SUEUR,



Frank Leslie's Monthly for November contains a very interesting account of the manufacture of gold from silver. This process has only been discovered very recently by the eminent Dr. Stephen H. Emmens, of Staten Island. The product of this

new process is called argentaurum gold (from Latin argentum, silver, and aurum, gold).

"The manufacture of this gold consists of five stages:

"(a) Mechanical treatment.

"(b) Fluxing and granulation.

"(c) Treatment with oxides of nitrogen, i.e., a modified nitric acid.

"(e) Refining.

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"Argentaurum gold has the appearance and physical properties of natural gold, and has successfully endured the tests applied by the mints of the world. Under the microscope, it is indistinguishable from ordinary gold; and the famous English chemist, Sir William Crooks, to whom Dr. Emmens sent a specimen, has examined it in the spectograph, and has certified that it is really gold.

"The writer of the article in Leslie's was given the opportunity to visit Dr. Emmen's laboratory, and also the privilege of making gold from a Mexican dollar. First the silver dollar was pounded in a ponderous impact engine. Next the silver was submitted to the pressure of the force engine. After the force engine had done its work, it was then treated chemically. And then followed the refining in a furnace, which finished the experiment."

We are glad to see Jack Elliot with us once more. We were afraid he was going to have a severe illness. As it is, he does not look in the best of health yet. But we hope that he will now rapidly gain his usual strength and athletic appearance, and be in shape for the remainder of the Rugby games.

The second meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday, the President in the chair. Mr. Grasett and Mr. Rigsby were elected IV. and I. year Representatives. The President read his address, in which he referred to the progress of the society, and gave a splendid description of the country around James' Bay. Mr. C. H. C. Wright read a very concise paper on Portland cement.

Mr. G. K. Mickle has returned from British Columbia, where he has been during the vacation.

The School of Practical Science was defeated in an Association football match with the Dental College by 3--0. The match was very close during the first half, but in the absence of Morrison (Cap.), who was laid up with a twisted ankle, the forward line showed a lack of combination.

Rumors have come to headquarters of late of a conspiracy among certain young fellows, whom we shall refrain from mentioning; the object is to place beneath the tap all freshy, be they Freshmen, Sophomores, or Seniors. The next will be one of the third year we are told, whose name begins with R. So beware and make yourself generally scarce between lectures. And as a thankoffering to VARSITY for the timely warning, send in a dollar as your subscription to VARSITY.

Sudbury is supposed to be where the great nickel mines are situated, but as a matter of fact, Copper Cliff is the centre. Copper Cliff is a little "shack" town, about three miles from Sudbury, and is about as bleak a place as one could imagine. The bleakness is caused by the clouds of sulphuric smoke, constantly rising from the roast beds. The smoke bleaches everything around, and not a green blade of grass is to be seen. As a minister remarked: If Dante ever came to earth again, he would advise him to go to Copper Cliff to get some pointers on the Inferno?

The Canadian Copper Company at present are working five mines, of which the Copper Cliff and Stobie are the most important. The Copper Cliff is over a thousand feet deep, and has 11 levels. The Stobie mine is about 9 miles from the smelter, which is situated in Copper Cliff. The ore, after being hoisted from the mine, is broken and sized; it is then piled into heaps, about 120 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 20 feet high. A layer of cord wood is first laid, and the ore piled on top of this; the heap being lighted will burn of its own accord, owing to the sulphur in the ore. The roasting process takes about ten months. The roasted ore is then smelted into matte; this matte contains nickel, copper, iron and sulphur, the chief constituents.

The matte is then broken up and shipped to the United States, where it is refined.

The smelter is quite extensive, and what strikes the eye at first sight is the tremendous pile of black slag beside it; the slag from the smelter is allowed to run into water, where it granulates; this granular slag is used for ballast on the railroad.

At one time—after smelting the ore, which is done in a water jacket furnace—the matte was further treated in a Bessemer converter, which extracted the iron and sulphur, thus making a perfect matte, but this has been given up, as it is cheaper to refine the crude matte.

The converters now lie idle, and the huge blast engines are silent, and covered with dope, to protect them from rusting, for all iron is quickly rusted, owing to the sulphuric fumes which are constantly in the air.

This summer about 1,000 men were employed at the smelter and the different mines. These miners are of many nationalities, English, French-Canadians, Poles, and Swedes, and as a rule, are a very quiet, sober people.

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#### THE "LIT."

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When I reached the "Lit." on Friday evening there was already a good crowd on hand. Shortly after eight o'clock the meeting opened with Dr. Wickett in the chair.

After Mr. Le Sueur had read a very complete and detailed account of the proceedings of the first meeting, the crowd got down to business. Mr. Armour caused a smile by suggesting that the society generously allow members to pay up back fees. There seemed to be no rational objection to this, though, perhaps, it is exceeding the ordinary bounds of generosity.

Then followed some routine matters. Suddenly Mr. Patterson began to report on the progress of the Inter-collegiate Debating Union. His voice was very soothing; he spoke steadily, in measured tones, dispassionately. When Mr. Patterson had finished, the committee's report was endorsed.

At this point, the meeting returned to business arising out of the minutes, and Mr. Brown gave it as his opinion that the society should guarantee the success of the proposed University Dinner. On Mr. McKay's motion, the Executive will appoint a Dinner Committee, which should have full power to deal with all questions with respect thereto.

Business moved on slowly again; sometimes it was a little difficult to catch all that was being said, but at last Mr. Armour's weighty words were heard. He moved that the election for the Business Board of VARSITY be held immediately after the nominations, as it was urgent that the successful candidate should get to work at once. The society agreed, and Messrs. McGregor and Cunningham were proposed for this responsible office. The opponents for the position of Freshman representative on the Editorial Board—Messrs. Fudger and Bray—were also started on their race. When the ballots had been gathered and taken to that little room, where so many elections have been fought out, it was found that the society favored the nominees of the Editorial and Business Boards, and consequently Dr. Wickett declared Messrs. Fudger and McGregor elected.

Mr. Paterson and Mr. Hamilton were then nominated as First Year Councillors on the "Lit." Executive. On Mr. McDougall's motion, Dr. Wickett was appointed to represent Toronto on the committee which is to manage the proposed Debating Union. Then Mr. Brown got permission to organize a chorus to assist in the regular meetings. He raised somewhat of a furore by stating that the chorus would have nothing to do with our unfortunate Glee Club.

By this time business was about over, and the programme was opened by Mr. Klotz with a piano solo, which aroused everybody to life; he responded with an encore to the applause which followed. After Mr. Klotz had sat down, Mr. Howe recited in good style Kipling's ballad, "Gunga Din." Mr. Howe, too, was called upon for an encore.

And now it was time for the debate as to whether the United States were justified in intervening in Cuba. Political Science, championed by Mr. McLean, and Mr. Mitchell said "yes"—while Philosophy, represented by Mr. McAlpine, and Mr. Martin, were equally positive in answering "no." The harrowing details of Spanish misrule in the fair Pearl of the Antilles, and the barbaric treatment of her self-sacrificing patriots, as painted by the affirmative, caused many a moist eye in the audience, while the way in which the negative depicted the grasping greed of American monopolists, and the high character of the Spanish administration, left the minds of the listeners in vacillating doubt as to the real merits of the case. The President decided, however, that the United States were justified in interfering, and everybody went home happy.

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## HALLOWE'EN.

Hallowe'en has come and gone, and with it has come and gone that one day in which Toronto may be said to be dominated by the thousands of students, who, during the rest of eight months, live almost unnoticed in the city. And surely it is not too often for us to make ourselves felt in some tangible way? We believe the good people of Toronto would miss our celebration, if it were given up. At least they crowd the theatres which we patronize; they throng the streets when we come out; and last, but not least, they give us a special guard of honor in the shape of the only military men which the city itself controls—we mean the police, who are good fellows at heart, and enjoy the fun perhaps as much as we do. We must not think of doing away with Hallowe'en. The celebration, in some merry way, of All Hallows' Eve, has come to us from our fathers, and we must pass it on.

## THE DEBATING UNION.

Following upon the heels of the successful initiation of the Inter-collegiate Rugby Union, comes the prospect of the Debating Union. Negotiations are at present in active progress between the Literary Society and representatives of the other Toronto colleges looking to the formation of an Inter-collegiate Debating Contest. THE VARSITY can only wish that the new organization may have the same good fortune as its model in the domain of athletics.

It has often been remarked that while painting and sculpture, and music and literature, have, in modern times, flourished as luxuriantly as they did in the ancient world, that among her sister arts eloquence alone seems to have well nigh died away. Among others who have investigated the reasons for this fact is David Hume. He considers that it has merely happened that no orator, the equal of Demosthenes or Cicero has arisen in our later age. Sometimes it is said that we have too much common sense nowadays to allow the rock of our cold reason to be overturned and carried away by a torrent of words—mere words.

Hume believes that Demosthenes had as much common sense to the hundred words as any modern "speaker." But whether or not we accept Hume's opinion as to the gift of eloquence being a matter of chance, still we must admit that there is not much opportunity for the rise of great orators, if the study of public speaking be neglected. It is practice that makes perfect. The sculptor must model long in clay before he turns his hands towards marble; the painter must toil his way through the difficulties of fore-shortening and perspective, ere his picture is hung in the academy; the poet must have made himself master of rime and rhythm and imagery, or he cannot hope for any lasting fame; why, then, should the man who feels the gift of eloquence in his breast feel any diffidence about stumbling or even breaking down? It is only by making mistakes we learn to avoid them. We must crawl and creep before walking.

The Friday evening meeting of the Literary Society may teach a man to clothe his thoughts in sentences that are clear, pointed and concise, but there is no incentive to cultivate "oratory." The atmosphere is entirely uncongenial. Oratory at an ordinary meeting of the "Lit." would be grotesque, laughable, impossible. It needs the public contest to induce our many good "speakers" to study to add to their pith, their clearness, and their directness, the irresistible charm of eloquence.

Many of our students mean to enter the Law or the Church. For such, the power to speak with point and grace and fire is half the battle. There should consequently be no lack of entries. But we want, besides, a large number of contestants of a high quality of speaking. We think that the man whose speech wins the first place ought to have to prepare carefully what he has to say, and then say well what he has prepared. To do this, perhaps, demands a great deal of time. So it should. It is worth while. The training undergone and experience obtained ought to be reward enough for all the contestants, whether winners or losers in the struggle. But to make fight the keener, and add more interest, a prize of twenty-five dollars will be awarded the winner. THE VARSITY is entirely in favor of the proposed contest. It will not only help to revive amongst us one of the finest and most useful of the arts, but will also bring the students of the different colleges of Toronto into closer touch with one another. To see in friendly rivalry men from Knox, Trinity, St. Michael's, or the embryo statesmen of Political Science—to see all these in good-natured competition can we believe be provocative of nothing but good.

## CONVERSATION ROOM.

A week ago, THE VARSITY printed a letter from "Spot," as to the desirability of the establishment of a Conversation Room in the Students' Union Building. This is a question of considerable interest to the under-



graduates. It is understood that when the "gym." was erected, it was proposed to have some such thing as a conversation or smoking-room, but the project at that time fell through. THE VARSITY believes there is a real want felt, and it invites an expression of opinion in its columns from its readers in regard to this matter.

A SUMMER MEDLEY.

THE VARSITY has to exercise great self-restraint in keeping to itself the identity of the writer of "a Summer Medley." The author, however, positively refuses to allow his name to be attached. It is not, however, betraying confidence for THE VARSITY to tell that he is a graduate of Toronto—and not such an old one either—who has made a name for himself, both at home and abroad.

THE Y.M.C.A.

R. S. Laidlaw reported for the Membership Committee. In all the years there is an increase of members, though the committee has still much work to do. Birch reported for Music, J. R. McBean on Rooms, and J. A. Cornie on City Missions.

R. H. Haslam, in making the report for the Devotional Committee, called attention to the need of all the Christian men of the college making an earnest effort to increase attendance at the morning prayer meetings, and at college prayer, at ten o'clock, in Room 3.

N. F. Coleman reported for the Committee on Finance, and showed that while the committee was left with a heavy deficit from last year, the outlook for this year was encouraging, as most of the deficit has already been cleared off.

E. G. Robb gave an account of the work of the Fall Campaign Committee. This committee had charge of the printing of the Hand-book, and of preparing lists of boarding-houses. This last branch of the work was of great help to the students, especially the new students.

J. McKay reported on Inter-college work. This year the Inter-college work is being done by Mr. Barrie, who works under the direction of the Provincial Committee.

Bible study was discussed by R. Davidson. This year one class is held in Wycliffe on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, under the teaching of Dr. Sheraton. It was decided to have a separate organization for the class, in order that better work might be done.

On Thursday next the meeting at 5 o'clock will be addressed by S. H. Blake, who always gives the students a helpful and stimulating address.

A LOVE COMEDY.

Scene I.

Sweet Ruth and Jack  
(Oh, what bliss!)  
Sat in the porch  
Closelikethis.

Scene II.

Then pa came in  
(One quick kiss)—  
Found them sitting  
Like this.

—McGill Outlook.



Very fortunately for me the Association schedule was so arranged that this week, which is largely free from the distractions of Rugby, should see the commencement of the Inter-Collegiate Association matches. This Association is doing much to encourage this, the older football game, and is meeting with the greatest success in its undertaking. This season more interest has been taken in this fine sport than ever before, and every athlete is rejoicing in the successful season now opened. The league has now nine clubs in the Senior series, and eight in the Intermediate. The Senior clubs are divided up into two groups, group A comprising the Dentals, Toronto Meds., S.P.S. and Victoria. Both Victoria and S.P.S. are stronger than they were last year, especially the latter. As far as one can tell, however, the struggle for superiority ought to lie between the Dentals and the Toronto Meds. The clubs of group B are all very evenly matched, with perhaps the exception of Osgoode, upon whose Association ranks Rugby has made great and costly raids. The other four clubs are University College, McMaster, Trinity Meds., and Knox.

Several matches have already been pulled off. The Dentals defeated the S.P.S., after a hard fight, with no scoring in the first half; the School was badly out-played in the second, there being three goals scored against them. The Trinity Meds the same afternoon met Knox, and it was a case of Greek meeting Greek. The first half was exceedingly brilliant, but in spite of repeated attacks on each goal, neither team scored. In the second, Trinity pressed Knox hard and would not be denied. The Presbyterians' defence was strong, but could not prevent Trinity scoring. This is the closest game yet played, the score being 1—0. Varsity played Osgoode later on Tuesday, and the Legalites met overwhelming defeat. A still weaker team represented Osgoode against McMaster, and again the score was exceedingly one-sided. By the way, McMaster, whose strength was not in the least known before this game, appears to be very strong indeed. The forward line is fast and aggressive, and largely made up of seasoned players. McClay, who is beyond a doubt one of the best forwards in the league, is ably supported by Ralph Hooper, a graduate Med., who is now a lecturer in Biology. The back division is also very strong.

On Friday afternoon, the University College team met the Trinity Meds., and a hard contested game resulted, which allows us to get an idea of our representatives. The game began very late, and soon after half-time, darkness came on, and the game was played by moonlight. The game was called on account of darkness, with the score one to nit in favor of Varsity. The goal was scored in the first half.

In goal for Varsity was Armstrong, who has held that place for the last four years. He has also played goal for the Parkdale team, in the city league, and this spring received the high honor of being chosen to fill this difficult position on the representative team chosen by the league for the match against the picked team of the Western Association. Varsity is very weak, owing to the loss of the whole of last year's back division. Telford and Campbell played back in the two games so far played. Telford (not "Bob"), is a Sophomore. The halves are Biggs, Hogg and Dickson. Biggs has played for many years with the Parkdale Collegiate, and has also played

with the Parkdale team in the city league. Hogg is a '99 man, and played during last season with the second team. Dickson is the captain this year, and has moved back from his old place on the forward line to fill one of the gaps in the defence. He is playing his new position with great success. Three of the forwards, Pater-son, Wrenn and Whitely, played with the team last year. They are all fast, and sure, brilliant in combination, but steady. Clare and Bogart complete the line. Clare played last year with the second team, and has earned his place with the seniors by the improvement he has shown. Bogart will also probably make the team, as he is doing good work.

Very little can as yet be told as to the standing of the clubs in the Intermediate series, but two games have been played. The first was won by St. Michael's from the Toronto Junction Collegiate. In the second, last year's Intermediate Champions, the Normal School, defeated Pharmacy, 2-1.

The Week's Rugby: But two practice matches have been played this week. The Juniors against Upper Canada College, and the Intermediates against the Hamilton Seniors. The Intermediates travelled up to Hamilton on Thursday, and played a hard and well-fought game against the Hamiltonians. The score, according to the papers, hardly shows the comparative work of the two teams. Hamilton was off color, and the Seconds worked hard, and at times brilliantly. If 9 points to 8 had been the result, the play would have been more closely indicated. This is a very good showing, indeed, and leaves us very hopeful that they will carry off the honors in the game with R.M.C. on the 1st.

If the Seniors win their next game, they, too, will win the Senior Championship of the Inter-collegiate Union. Both teams will then play under the Canadian Union for the championship of Canada. The Juniors, too, have contributed their share of glory to the University Rugby Club this fall, for they are now in the finals, and have only to win from London. Perhaps their chances are not so bright as those of the other two teams, but if they play with the same heart and strength that they did at Brockville, they ought to come out champions again.

As the championship series draw to a close, the thoughts of the many are turning to the Mulock cup games. The S.P.S. are again strong, and fully expect to win the championship. The Meds and Dents both promise to reach the finals, and '99, the winners last year, are to be expected to put up a hard fight to bring the championship back to the college. For the first time in many years, the 1st and 2nd years in Medicine have a team which is not to be despised, and they hope to carry away a victory from their Seniors.

THE REFEREE.

COLLEGE SENTIMENT, NO. 2.

Oct. 22nd, 1898,

Editor of THE VARSITY:

SIR:—Last night at the "Lit." Mr. G. W. Ross gave an address on "College Sentiment," avowedly chiefly to the Freshmen and Sophomores. With all deference to Mr. Ross, as a Senior, I wish to present to the Freshmen and Sophomores a view of college sentiment somewhat different from his. It is not because I love

Mr. Ross the less, but because I love the university the more, that I wish to point out some fallacies in Mr. Ross' argument. I am well aware that I shall bring down upon my head the epithets of "coward," "traitor," and "iconoclast," from those jingo patriots, who, with blood and thunder in their eyes, go about seeking how much belonging to their own country (or university) they can laud to the skies, and how little belonging to any other country (or university) they can admire. Mr. Editor, there is a vast amount of jingo patriotism yet in existence, and I hope that university students, and especially Freshmen, will keep this in mind when referring to "College Patriotism."

If I remember rightly, Mr. Ross' argument was, in brief, as follows: College sentiment is analogous to National patriotism. The latter is the spirit which upholds national institutions and interests; the former is the spirit which upholds college institutions and interests. The University of Toronto is a great university; we should feel proud of it. The University of Toronto institutions—Mr. Ross says nothing of "interests"—so it is evident that to him the maintenance of institutions is identical with the advancement of interests—these institutions are, first and foremost, the "hustle," then the University Games (annual and otherwise), the Hallowe'en Demonstration, the University Dinner, and the "Lit." It is, therefore, incumbent on all Freshmen—and others—who wish to be regarded as possessing the college spirit, to support the above institutions.

Now, Sir, I have no wish to dispute Mr. Ross' conclusion, in the main at least, though, doubtless, he might have enumerated many other college institutions, which are as well worthy of support as those mentioned above. If I have unwittingly been guilty of an imperfect enumeration of those institutions which Mr. Ross thought worthy of mention, may somebody fill up the list.

But observe Mr. Ross' premises, college sentiment is that which upholds college institutions and interests. Now it is quite possible that the maintenance of certain institutions may be detrimental to the interests of a nation or university. The maintenance of slavery, that old and time-honored (?) custom, was, some few decades ago, thought at variance with the interests of the United States. The custom was abolished, through disloyalty I suppose. The practice of "hazing," which existed in our own university some years ago, has disappeared; through a decrease in college sentiment, Mr. Ross? or through an increase? And most of the students will remember the agitation in connection with the "scrap" last spring. This old and time-honored custom was ruthlessly demolished—for the time being, at least. Many students deplored the waning of "college spirit." Among them was a gentleman, who waxed eloquent over the fact that the "scrap" was a unique Canadian institution, and therefore must be supported by all loyal Canadians. Some cowardly traitors, annexationists, or what not, hold that there may be some Canadian institutions of which Canadians ought to be ashamed, that such a feeling of national humiliation is quite consistent with true patriotism, that sometimes we may find good things in other nations, just as we do in other individuals, that it is occasionally profitable to look outside of one's self and one's country. Now, at the time of the "scrap" agitation, there were some similar traitors who thought that the "scrap" was intrinsically a thing to be ashamed of; and that however Canadian it was, it should be abolished. They thought that the maintenance of the "scrap" was not beneficial to the Literary Society; that it was detrimental to the interests of the university;

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and, doubtless, they succeeded in persuading the majority of the students that such were indeed the facts. They, at least, cannot accept Mr. Ross' assumption that the maintenance of existing institutions is identical with the furtherance of the interests of the university.

Now, Sir, the only apparent reason why Mr. Ross thinks that the "hustle," the games, the Hallowe'en demonstration, etc., ought to be supported, is because they are existing university institutions. We should support the "Lit." because it is an institution of the great University of Toronto. Now, I urge the Freshmen and others to support the "Lit." just as earnestly as Mr. Ross does, not, however, because it is the "Lit.," but because it is an institution worthy of their support, because it can be made beneficial to all its members, and a credit to the student body of the University of Toronto. I urge the Freshmen to support the "Lit." because it is an intrinsically valuable institution, and because it is a privilege to be able to support it, and to attend its meetings. Let it not be thought that this difference of standpoint is merely nominal; it is as wide as the poles. Unless any national institution or university institution has intrinsic value—and this, of course, may lie in its recalling the past to our minds—unless, I say, any institution is really beneficial to our country or to our university, the true national or college loyalty does not bind us to uphold that institution. The test of value is the one which ought to govern our support of any institution; and if any institution have no value, if it be nothing to be proud of, I see not how any reasonable individual can support it, though it be as old as Methuselah. I would urge the students to use the balance of justice to weigh an institution against its serviceableness and not against its age, against its value, and not against its past existence. It might be probable to look upon the custom of "hustling" from a standpoint other than that of Mr. Ross, to take a few glances at other universities, and the way in which they welcome their Freshmen. I have no intention of discussing the "hustle" at present, other than to give vent to my personal opinion that the "hustle" is detrimental to the true interests of the university, especially with respect to public opinion, and therefore that my "college sentiment" will not allow me to support it.

In conclusion, Sir, I think that Mr. Ross' list of university institutions to be supported is rather scanty. With your permission, I will give some examples of other university institutions, which, in my humble opinion, are as well worthy of the support of Freshmen and others, as are those so glowingly advocated by Mr. Ross, though they may not possess that romantic attractiveness appertaining to the Hallowe'en Demonstration, the University Games, the University Dinner, and the "Hustle." Among these examples might be mentioned the various university societies, such as the Natural Science Association, the Modern Language Club, the Philosophical Society, etc.; the papers, THE VARSITY, *Sesame*, and *Acta Victoriana*, and other societies of a less secular nature, which, possibly, are not excluded from the list of university institutions. It is possible that a student shows as much love and veneration for his university by supporting such institutions as by sustaining those mentioned by Mr. Ross. I do not wish to imply that all the institutions mentioned by him are not worthy of support. By no means. I wish merely to supplement his list, and to point out rational motives for agreeing, to a great extent, with Mr. Ross in the conclusion, which he has most curiously reached in spite of a wretchedly false assumption, as to the nature of true patriotism.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

WILLIAM C. GOOD, '00.

We regret that owing to Mr. Good's letter being handed in last week too late for publication, it had to be held over till this issue.—Editor VARSITY.

#### CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Classical Association opened its season by a meeting in Room Two. W. H. Alexander, the President, gave an inaugural address, and was followed by Professor Hutton, who spoke in his own interesting fashion of the "Tyrants of Greece."

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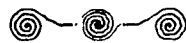
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### DECEMBER—

- Last day for appointment of School Auditors by Public and Separate School Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 21 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 28 (5).] (On or before 1st Dec.) Municipal Clerk to transmit to County Inspector statement showing whether or not any county rate for Public School purposes has been placed upon Collector's roll against any Separate School supporter. [P.S. Act, sec. 68 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 50.] (Not later than 1st Dec.)
- County Model Schools Examinations begin. (During the last week of the session.)
- Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
- Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.) Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2); S.S. Act, sec. 31 (5).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)
- Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees. [S.S. Act, sec. 55.] (Not later than 14th Dec.) Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
- Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township. [P.S. Act, sec. 67 (1).] (On or before 15th Dec.) County Councils to pay Treasurer High Schools. [H.S. Act, sec. 30.] (On or before 15th Dec.) County Model School term ends. Reg. 58. (Close on 15th day of Dec.)

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## The Rotunda.

C. R. Fitzgerald, '00, spent a few days in the city under the mountain last week.

Ross Gillespie, '00, made one of his little trips to Spadina avenue within the last few days.

Messrs. A. N. W. Clare and F. E. Brown spent Sunday at their homes in Galt.

There are only 25 men in residence this year, a decrease of 15 from last year's number.

George Washington Hastings, '99, is now at Trinity. He is "sporting his oak" already and wearing a surplice.

H. D. Graham was at his home in Bradford from Wednesday to Saturday, incidentally taking in a big dance up there.

On Saturday McGill comes here to tackle Varsity's best fifteen in Rugby and to decide the intercollegiate championship. This game will likely draw the record attendance of the year.

There is already a movement on foot among the Century class to publish a year book, and a committee has been appointed by the executive to look into the matter, to decide what form the book had better take, to estimate the cost. Their investigations will be embodied in a report that will be laid before the whole society.

B. E. Sinclair, a relative of the mathematician Ross Gillespie, of the Junior year, is a member of the Freshman class.

"Thrift" Burnside, "Temple" Blackwood and "Freddie" Hogg were among those who journeyed to Hamilton to take in the game last Saturday.

W. J. Donovan, '00, was three weeks late in getting back to work. "Billy" shows signs of recent sickness and it is hoped he has a good boarding house, so that he will brace up.

Messrs. Cleary, Hunter and Fitzgerald were palming themselves off as S. P. S. men in the front row of the "gods" at the Princess on Monday night, but were discovered and ejected by the indignant scientists.

If you want to know anything about the eastern question, Count Muravieff or the Peace Congress, apply to "Billy" Rea, '99. What he does not know about the wiles of Russian diplomacy is not worth knowing.

G. W. Umphrey, '99, may be seen any afternoon scorching around the city on his shining silver steed. Rumor has it that "George" is getting in shape for the world's championships to be held in Montreal next summer. His friends say "George" is a very dark horse.

At the Lit. on Friday night there will be a debate between representatives from Classics and Moderns, on "Resolved, That recent developments have shown the superiority of Russian over English diplomacy." A musical programme will also be given.

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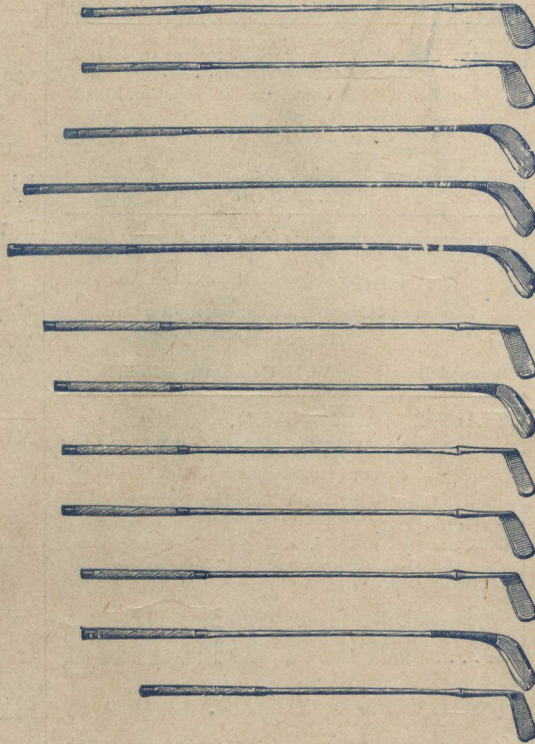
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