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With the coming of Christmas most of us will be spending something on presents. Is there any reason that we should not now make especial effort to give our custom to those who give theirs to us? But surely it is no great sacrifice or labour to look through our pages, to see who do help up and who do not, and to act upon that knowledge. There are many who do not advertise in our columns who should. Boycott is an ugly word, and we would not like to use it; but to help those who help you is sound business policy, and if we are to do what we can for these, it must be at the expense of those who do not help us. In brief, befriend those who befriend us—and make it known.

CORRESPONDENCE

McGill Choral Society.

MONTREAL, Dec. 3, 1908.

To the Editor of The Martlet:

Dear Sir.—I observe with pleasure that in the fifth number of The Martlet you are good enough to stamp with your editorial approval my attempt to form a choral society for mixed voices in connection with the University, which shall meet weekly in the Conservatorium Hall for the practice of unaccompanied vocal, part-music of the madrigal type. Although many of both sexes have sent in their names, the practices have not actually started, because it is felt that many more will, when the matter is fairly represented to them, join in the movement and enable us to make a start which will win success. Our secretary will be glad to enroll members, whether from the University or outside, and as it now seems impossible to start before Christmas, we propose to do so in January. As the session will be a short one, the subscription will be only one dollar (to cover cost of music) to members of the professional staff and students in the various branches of McGill University; to all others the subscription will be two dollars.

As regards Mr. Hindley's letter appearing in one of your last issues, dealing with the aims and objects of the Glee and Mandolin Club, I assure you, sir, that the club has my warmest sympathy in endeavouring to carry out the objects

for which it was instituted, and which were quoted by your correspondent, viz., the furtherance of the interests of McGill, the mutual and personal improvement in musical attainments, and the furtherance of social intercourse.

I will conclude by quoting verbatim from my Founder's day lecture: "I hope that by the joint efforts of all, it (the Glee and Mandolin Club) can be made still more efficient and more universal so that music of a higher educational type may be attempted and conquered. Whether in this manner or by the establishment on a firm basis, with adequate financial support of a University choral society admitting as active members both sexes, and appealing alike to University and city, is a matter worthy of consideration. Perhaps there is room for both. Surely Montreal does not want to be left far behind Toronto in helping and fostering the musical art."

If the members of the Glee and Mandolin Club cannot see their way to widen the bounds of their own organization, I trust that they will not look with disfavour upon my other alternative, and will, so far as is possible, help forward my project of gathering together a mixed choral body representative of University and city, upon which we can all look with as much pride, as Toronto feels with regard to its Mendelssohn Choir.

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A Reply to "Union Member."

MONTREAL, Dec. 4, 1908.

To the Editor of The Martlet:

Dear Sir.—The letter of "Union Member" in your last issue is extremely interesting. It is, indeed, gratifying to know that there is one "knocker" who really desires to improve matters, and I can assure him that he will incur no animosity on the part of the Reading-room sub-committee while attempting to aid us. His suggestion as regards a book in which members may set down their ideas is very good, and a motion will probably be introduced in the House Committee that such a book be kept in the hall porter's office.

Mr. Editor, "Union Member" asserts that the periodicals are "excessively unpunctual in arrival." Can he prove any part of that statement. He attempts to do so in two instances. He says, referring to the "Nineteenth Century," that "a whole week before one could read a review in 'Public Opinion' of an article in that same 'Nineteenth Century.'" Is he quite positive that he has not badly mixed the October and November numbers. Possibly he has not, but what we know is — and this is really the point at issue — that the regular dates for the "Nineteenth Century" to arrive in Montreal are the 18th, 19 and 20th of the month. The November "Nineteenth Century" was received by the Foster-Brown Co. on Nov. 19th, and was signed for and in the Union covers on the 20th.

Another example of his is the "University Magazine," which (the October number), as he says, "was on sale downstairs two weeks before it appeared in the red

covers of the Union." The magazine appeared on the 2nd or 3rd of October. Does he remember that the voting on the names of the candidates for House Committee was not held till the 6th or 7th, and that the meeting at which the chairmen of the sub-committees were appointed was not held till a week later? Does he consider it denotes particularly slack management when a sub-committee was formed, magazines chosen, an order placed and filled in his own margin of three days?

That "Punch," "Sketch" and the "Illustrated News" are often late is entirely incorrect. One "Sketch" did not arrive. It did not reach the news company, having gone astray in the mail, but we have been promised that we shall yet receive the missing copy. With that exception these periodicals have been signed for and placed in their covers as soon as possible after the arrival of the packet. The mere fact that "Union Members" says that he sees these periodicals late would be poor evidence in court against the double check system which has been and is yet in vogue.

"Union Member" found the "Fortnightly" for May, 1908, still in the covers, and he considered it very good. The "Fortnightly" is not on our list, having been exchanged for — among others — the "Blue Book" and "Popular," which he particularly specifies and condemns. Is he not in this very thing guilty of that very bias of opinion of which he suspects us? We have no more affection for the two above-mentioned magazines than he has, but popular demand — and we sounded it very carefully on this point —

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was for the elimination of the "Fortnightly" and the addition of the "Blue Book" and "Popular," or similar magazines. That we most correctly judged the trend of popular opinion is evident from the fact that although the "Fortnightly" arrived in May, 1908, and "was good," yet when it was removed from the reading-room at the time the notice was posted in November, it was found to be still splendidly fresh and not even thumb-marked. On the other hand, two days after the arrival of the "Blue Book" it was quite worn in appearance and minus its cover. Four days after placing the "Popular" in its covers some enthusiasts seem to have swallowed it whole, for it was never seen more.

We expect that when the suggestion book comes into effect that the serious magazines will by popular vote be entirely displaced. We regret that such should seem to be the case, but believe it to be true. Seven men out of ten who are spoken to now want to know if we consider the reading room an auxiliary part of the English Composition or Literature course, while a large percentage of the others think that "we could get along with fewer reviews."

He next submits that we are not "taking advantage of the reduced rates on magazines which have been obtained between Canada and Great Britain." From the financial standpoint he is again decidedly wrong. If he speaks regarding the proportion of magazines we receive from Europe, I must again disagree with him. He believes in not getting more we fail "to satisfy a large percentage of our members and foolishly neglect an opportunity to keep in touch with European views and happenings." Mr. Editor, just 9 per cent. of our members come from Europe. This 9 per cent. should surely be satisfied with a representation of 48.4 per cent. of the periodicals. We others are, of course, desirous of keeping posted in European views and events, but does

"Union Members" intend to have us believe that the interests of the remainder, or 91 per cent., of our members, who have been born and brought up on this continent, lie in the old country to a greater extent than 48.4 per cent.

Then, Mr. Editor, referring to the removal and mutilation notice, he says, "it (the House Committee) is responsible for those very mutilations that the House Committee complains of." The members of the House Committee have first ridiculed that statement, and then given it direct denial. He is invited to come out with a charge to that effect against some member of the Union House Committee, and prove his statement. He is assured that if he does do so some one of us will have a long leave of absence from the Union; but should he fail something might be found in the house rules to cover libel.

The absurdity of the charge makes it appear barely possible that the man has not said what he means. It seems most incongruous, however, that a man who apparently spends (in what are presumably his lighter moments) such an enormous amount of time in perusing the more serious magazines, should betray such a lamentable ignorance of English forms and methods of precise expression. Should "Union Member's" mentality be of such a type that he says one thing and means another, just what does he mean? His meaning, it has been suggested, is that owing to lateness and unpunctuality members abuse the periodicals. This, however, is impossible, because we know that the periodicals do arrive on time; that they are put in their covers on arrival, and that they are cut and stolen in spite of it. The old numbers of the magazines have been removed from the reading room and locked up, so that stealing will be more difficult through being more immediately noticeable, but the thefts go merrily on.

It would take a permanent detective

force, eating and sleeping in the Union, to prevent these thefts and mutilations. Does "Union Member" still think that the committee is to be reprimanded, or does he consider it our duty to have the above-mentioned force installed?

Lastly, why has this been ventilated in *The Martlet*, without an attempt having first been made to have the House Committee rectify any supposed mistakes or mismanagement? The House Committee, not *The Martlet*' is the place for such a complaint if the man is serious about it. But just here, is it not possible that his whole letter is a poor specimen of a joke, which you, Mr. Editor, inserted in the sober and serious "Correspondence" when it was in reality intended for "Pin-feathers?"

Yours truly,

HOWARD R. CLOUSTON.

Chairman of Reading-room Sub-Committee.

Mr. Derrom Upheld.

To the Editor of *The Martlet*:

Dear Sir.—In your last issue there appeared, over the signature of Mr. F. S. Fowler, a rather unfavourable criticism of Mr. Derrom's recent letter anent the hockey situation.

Mr. Fowler's remarks may be briefly summed up under the following general assertions:

1. That Mr. Derrom's letter was uncalled for and a waste of valuable space.
2. That Mr. Derrom has misrepresented the situation.
3. That the effect of such letters upon outsiders should be well considered before they are published.

To these assertions, jointly and severally, and to the whole spirit of Mr. Fowler's letter, I desire to take exception.

In the first place, it is pretty well recognized, both in college and out of college, that our college athletics have been

going to the bad for some years past.

There may be several minor considerations which affect our success in athletics, but the great thing is the interest shown by the student body as a whole, and with this our success is commensurate. Now, when from a membership of 1300 students who have each contributed three good dollars towards athletics, we cannot get together more than 25 who have enough interest in knowing how their money is being spent, and how the Hockey Club is being conducted, to attend the annual meeting, I think that we are justified in assuming that the enthusiasm and interest of the student body is at a very low ebb. And when a prophet arises among us and points out our weakness to us and cries to us to repent, should we say that his cries are uncalled for and straightway proceed to stone him? Be it far from us.

Secondly, Mr. Derrom has in nowise misrepresented the situation, nor has he said what he did not mean to say. The proceedings at the recent meeting of the Hockey Club were even more farcical than he has described them.

How Mr. Fowler, who was not present at the meeting (he was, no doubt, "boosting" by absent treatment can consistently throw discredit upon the reports of Mr.

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Derrom, who was present at the meeting, is one of those good things which pass man's understanding. Nor do I consider that Mr. Derrom has in any part of his letter insinuated that the bulk of the students are "quitters."

To a hockey player or a football player or to anybody who knows anything about sports, the word "quitter" has a nasty significance, which can find no application in this connection. Surely Mr. Fowler had some other word in mind.

Thirdly—The very highest function that The Martlet can perform is to foster a clean, progressive administration in all our organizations. Matters affecting the well-being of any department of student activity should be openly and freely discussed, and facts and conditions, whether to our credit or our discredit, should be published without let or hindrance. Were we to stifle facts because we fear the ridicule and criticism of outsiders, we should indeed be quitters.

The way to obtain the best results in creating interest in any needed reform is to keep consistently "kicking" and "knocking" until the desired changes have been accomplished. "Boosting" is a good thing, as Mr. Fowler suggests, but let us make sure that we boost at the right time and in the right direction, and let our "boosting" be of the variety which is shewn forth not only with our lips but in our lives.

Yours truly,

F. T. KER.

Architectural.

To the Editor of The Martlet:

Dear Sir.—As a student in Architectural Engineering I wish to express through your columns my utter disapproval of the action of the Faculty in the step recently taken by them, namely, to abolish the course leading to the degree of B.Sc. in Architectural Engineering.

In the third and fourth years combined there are at present an equal number of Architects and Engineers, and by abolishing the latter would mean reducing this number to one-half, and the large space allotted to this department would not warrant its occupancy by so few in number.

Whereas if this course be continued there are many in the Sophomore and Freshman years who have already expressed their desire to take it in preference to any other offered in the curriculum, but who are forced to the civil course or even to go to a different University to get what they want.

The abolition of this course does not affect the students who are so fortunate as to be taking it at present, but the writer feels that it would not be right to let this resolution pass without a strong protest.

V. L. GLADMAN.



Reply to Freshette.

A reply to "Freshette" will be found in the Royal Victoria College column.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE. "Resolved, That the House of Lords should be abolished," was the resolution on which McGill and Toronto debated in the Union Hall, on Friday night, Dec. 4th, at 8:15. Mr. D. L. Derrom, acting as chairman of the evening, and Mr. Alexander as literary reporter.

Messrs. N. A. McLarty and I. M. Wyatt, of Toronto, argued for the affirmative, while Messrs. I. T. McNeill and A. S. Christie, of McGill, supported the negative.

Long before the hour fixed for the debate, the great hall was filled with an enthusiastic audience, such as has rarely excited the fears or the emulation of an orator.

There were gathered together from all parts of McGill, grace and female loveliness, wit and learning, the representatives of every faculty. There were the members of that brilliant R. V. C., which quoted, criticized and exchanged repartee, and it was in this hall, in which the eloquence of the gentlemen of the negative had for a moment awed and melted, even the losing party, inflamed with just resentment; and when Mr. Henri Bourassa, who, with Mr. R. W. Reford and Prof. S. Leacock, acted as judges, announced that McGill had won, a perfect storm of cheering arose. The decision was awarded them, stated Mr. Bourassa, in a short but eloquent speech, not only for the matter which they presented, but also for delivery.

The first speaker for the affirmative gave a brief history of the House of Lords. He referred to the Reform Bills

and various Irish land and religious bills, which, though passed by the Commons, had been blocked by the Lords. Never, said he, had they done what the people wished, until forced to it by violent and public demonstrations. It was the action of the Lords which had rendered Ireland so suspicious of Great Britain. They had rejected bills for restricting the employment of child and women labor, for educating the poor; nor were they free from political bias; neither did they act as a moderating power, but always backed down when firmness was needed to save the nation. They were a party swayed chamber, with a party-swayed majority, which ought not to exist. He concluded with the statement that the twentieth century demanded a democracy, and that the history of the House of Lords showed the impossibility of applying the methods of an old régime to the ideas of a new.

"Certain possible changes—a slight change in personnel—in the House of Lords we would agree to. It is its abolition against which we argue to-night," said Mr. McNeill, leader of the negative. His opponents, he said, had resorted to unsupportable charges. The house, which had won his opponents' scorn, contained 600 peers; 172 of these had held important government offices; 17 were ex-governors of great colonies, 7 ex-viceroy of India, 62 ex-ministers. Of the 600 peers, an average of 380 attended the meetings of the house. Heredity was a great truth, and the Lords were especially qualified by high education, experience and high talents, to carry on government. They were clear-sighted,

far-seeing statesmen, comparing favourably with any body of men in the world. "What could replace the Lords?" he asked. History had shown a second house to be essential. The Lords were not responsible to party, nor to corporations, but to the people. He concluded by saying that Britain, under the Lords, had outstripped all nations in commerce, and in power.

Mr. Wyatt, of Toronto, attacked heredity in his speech as a buttress of privilege, a barrier to uphold an artificial class. Blind resistance to change had marked the career of the House of Lords. The call of justice from without was not so loud as that of self from within. A representative body in sympathy with the people was what Britain needed as a second chamber. Heredity was against the spirit of the day. The greatest men were those who had to climb. The abolition of the Lords would advance the universal brotherhood of men, was his concluding sentence.

Contenting himself with discussing what could replace the Lords, Mr. Chris-

tie made a strong argument for the negative. A single house system had failed in Switzerland and in Greece. The senate of France was representative, yet it did not contain the truly great men. The British upper chamber was easily the strongest and most successful in the world. Would they like a senate like that of the United States? Mr. Bryce had stated that 30 per cent. of them were bribed. Roosevelt had striven in vain to free the United States from the grip of organized wealth. "The senate," said he "was the citadel of vested wealth, the instrument of trusts."

During the judges' retirement to discuss the merits of the speakers, Miss Fessenden sang two charming solos, and was tendered an ovation, while the admiring students presented her with a large bouquet of roses.

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guests of Mrs. R. W. Reford, who tendered a dinner in their honor.

Bien que les lecteurs du "Martlet" n'en aient pas en de nouvelles depuis quelque temps, le Cercle Français est vivant, et bien vivant. Il a trouvé en son nouveau président honoraire, M. le professeur LeBeau, un ami dévoué, et les réunions de cet automne ont été tout aussi intéressantes que celles des années précédentes. Nous avons eu plusieurs débats, entre autres un, très animé et très amusant, sur le suffrage féminin. Pour des raisons qu'on s'expliquera facilement, nous ne révélerons pas l'identité des orateurs; il suffit de dire que les antiféministes l'ont emporté. Heureusement, il n'y avait pas de dames présentes.

Parmi les conférenciers que nous avons eus le plaisir d'entendre, citons MM. le Beau, Biélers et Surveyer. Ce dernier avait choisi comme sujet le grand poète français Sully Prudhomme, qui vient de mourir, et a illustré sa conférence en lisant et récitant plusieurs œuvres de cet écrivain si délicat. M. Biélers, professeur de littérature française au Collège Presbytérien, a fait une charmante causerie sur Jean-Jacques Rousseau, s'appesantissant surtout sur quelques incidents touchants et peu connus de la vie du "philosophe de Genève."

Une innovation dans le programme des réunions est l'introduction de chants en français par quelques-uns des meilleurs solistes de l'université. Ceci est une diversion très agréable dans une soirée de concentration d'esprit peut-être un peu fatigante pour quelques-uns.

Malheureusement, le temps nous a été défavorable, et les nombres présents n'étaient pas tout ce qu'on aurait pu désirer. Il semble que beaucoup des membres des classes de français ne se rendent pas compte de l'excellente occasion qu'ils per-

dent de se perfectionner dans cette langue. Une soirée tous les quinze jours n'est pourtant pas beaucoup, et tous ceux qui prennent l'étude du français au sérieux feraient bien de ne pas manquer une seule réunion après les vacances. Qu'ils ne l'oublient pas, et se présentent à Strathcona Hall le soir du onze janvier.

Comme les années précédentes, le Cercle donnera cet hiver une soirée dramatique. La pièce à l'étude est "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon," comédie en quatre actes de Labiche et Martin, qui occupe dans le théâtre moderne un rang aussi haut que "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" dans le théâtre classique. Les répétitions commenceront immédiatement après la rentrée.

THE JUNIOR DANCE.

The final meeting of the Junior Dance committee was held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, Mr. H. B. Logie, B.A., presiding. The treasurer's statement was read by A. J. Elder, showing a balance in the bank of \$152.69. This announcement was most gratifying to the members of the committee, for such a balance is unparalleled in the annals of such functions at McGill. The year '10 are to be congratulated upon the complete success of their dance, both socially and financially.

Upon motion, the profit arising from the dance was handed over to aid in defraying the cost of the 1910 Annual, which is to appear in March next, and is a publication belonging particularly to the Junior year.

Upon the close of the meeting the chairman took the opportunity of thanking the members of the committee for their faithful and energetic manner in which they had assisted in all arrangements in connection with the event.

The financial statement is as follows:

McGill Junior Dance.

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| Received on sale of tickets | \$558.50 |
| Expenses— | |
| To McGill Union for hall and catering | 250.00 |
| Ratto Bros., orchestra | 42.00 |
| Hall and Robinson (florists, for decorations) | 25.00 |
| J. G. Broadhurst, bugler | 5.00 |
| F. Morgan, oilcloth sign | 1.00 |
| Police officers | 2.00 |
| H. Gilbert (Union) | 5.00 |
| T. N. Rowland (Union) | 4.00 |
| 2 maids from R. V. C. (per Miss McEwen) | 4.00 |
| Union Engineer (Healy) | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Healy | 2.00 |
| H. & J. Grimdale (per Mr. Meek) | 4.00 |
| Tom Graydon | 2.00 |
| Herald Pub. Co., posters | 3.00 |
| 1 doz. plain cards | .15 |
| 100 stamps | 1.00 |
| Mr. H. B. Logie, cab fare | 2.00 |
| Mr. F. G. C. Wood, stamps | 1.10 |
| Mr. W. cab fare | 1.26 |
| Mr. driver, | 3.80 |

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| Mr. B. Champion, cab fare | .75 |
| Benallaack Lithographing Co., printing programmes, invitations, tickets, etc. | 42.00 |
| Herald Publishing Co., tickets | 2.75 |

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| Total receipts | \$405.81 |
| Total expenses | 558.50 |
| | 405.81 |

Balance in bank \$152.69

A. H. ELDER, Treas.

A meeting of this society was held in room 35 of the Engineering Building on Monday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. Mr. A. M. Lindsay occupied the chair. Mr. R. Howard, constructing engineer for the Canadian Westinghouse Co. at Montreal, was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Experiences and Troubles of a Constructing Engineer." Mr. Howard sketched the most general troubles which are likely to be encountered by an engineer in such a position. He gave many instances from his



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own experiences, with the causes of the trouble and how they were best overcome. Notable among these were the installation of the machines at the power house of the Shawinigan Power Co., and also the equipment of the new Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co.'s Soulanges power house. In both these places the main trouble arose from damp transformers, and the drying out of these was the awkward work.

A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Howard for his address. There were about forty men present, including Prof. Herdt and Messrs. Christie and Trimmingham from the staff.

Mr. T. A. D. Jones, Yale Y. M. C. A. '08, addressed the religious meeting in Strathcona Hall Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6th. Mr. Jones is a man of football fame, being the best American quarter-back, and also an athlete of noted achievements on the track. His name is known far and

wide throughout the American continent as one of the greatest all-round athletes in college circles. In a simple yet forceful address to the students he placed emphasis on the fact that work and prayer go hand in hand, and are bound to meet with success at last in the sight of God. A success which means the ardent desire to do good, and the doing of it whenever an opportunity presents itself. The Christian life is the life for the strong man, not for the weakling. We each have influence more or less, and we must walk carefully lest we by example cause our brother to stumble. To do it we must pray, must have the Spirit of the Master, which prompts every good deed; the spirit that keeps a man from avenging a foul on the football field. It is the hardest thing in the world to live the Christian life; but we ought to live it because we know we ought, because we owe it to our friends, our country, ourselves, and above all, we owe it to our God.



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A smelting plant of modern type, complete in all details, but on a reduced scale, has been erected in the metallurgical department of Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal., for the benefit of the students. An electric smelter of the type in use at the Pitt mines has also been put in place, so that experiments may be made with it.

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Dr. W. E. Wadsworth, dean of the Western University of Pennsylvania School of Mines, at Pittsburg, has adopted a system, original with himself, of granting provisional credits for work at actual mining done during the summer vacations. These credits are to be made absolute upon presentation of a thesis or report of all work done. This will enable a student to graduate in three years instead of four.

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A syndicate composed of Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal interests, has been granted the privilege of developing the large water power at Raven Lake, which is some three miles south of Larder Lake. Surveys and plans are being prepared, and J. Hanson Hadley, of New Liskeard, has been retained as consulting engineer for the scheme. It is thought that several thousand horse-power can be gen-

erated from these falls, and the general outline of the scheme is to convert power into electric energy with a view of transmitting it to the various mines at Larder Lake on a high-tension pole line.

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The coldest temperature yet reached was discovered early in July last, when Prof. H. Kamerling Omnes, of Leyden, succeeded in liquefying about 3.7 cubic inches of helium. He was able to keep this under observation for some two hours, and found its boiling point to be -268.5° C., or within 4° of absolute zero. It was finally evaporated at a pressure of about one centimetre of mercury, when its temperature was not far from 3° absolute. The density of liquid helium is 0.15, and the proportion between the density of the vapor and the liquid is 1 to 11. The critical point is -268° C., and the critical pressure 2.3 atmospheres.

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To meet the contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission the Ontario Power Co. has decided to add two units to its present plant of six units at Niagara Falls. The addition will add 25,000 horsepower to the capacity, and will make a total of 95,000.—"Machinery."



ATHLETICS

At the Union last Saturday night an informal smoker was held for an hour, at which Mr. T. A. D. Jones gave a talk on athletics — principally Yale athletics. Mr. Jones is a person competent to discuss these matters, having played quarter on the football team and captained the baseball team. He graduated last year, and was back this year coaching the team.

The coaching system at Yale is considered to be the best in any American college and it is only kept so by the college spirit of her graduates. The captain of the team and another player return each year, at no salary except expenses, to spend three months coaching the team. Other graduates take a keen interest in the team, and if it shows signs of weakness in any game they "flock" back to give their time and assistance in coaching. Mr. Jones said he believed the most important factor in Yale's football victories was the lack of dissension and the spirit of sacrifice for the college. Some men go out for years, with never a show for the 'Varsity team, but give their assistance in practice to help the team.

There are no set rules for training, but every man in the squad, some fifty or sixty, keeps in strict training, and at once loses his place if he breaks it. The giving of the Y's was also spoken of, and many incidents and customs of Yale athletics were very clearly explained. The men showed their keen interest by the numerous questions and comments, and it was with regret that we saw Mr. Jones leave at 8 o'clock.

There are four men of last year's team left — **HOCKEY PROSPECTS.** Baillie, Ramsay, McMurry and Ker. Ruttan is the only forward who has left college, but the three defense positions will have to be filled.

There are a number of last year's intermediates left, and are a number of new men in college this year. Among the forwards who have come in this year are Beaton of last year's Queen's team; Blair, Masson and Hughes. Johnson is perhaps a better man in the nets than McGill has had for some time. There is also an O. H. A. man from Brockville, and Read, of last year's intermediates, is still here, so there should be a good fight for that position.

The defense is the weak spot, and Moseley and Spafford seem to be the only men in sight. However, should Howard Raphael turn out this year, perhaps Baillie could play defense, and thus help out this end of the team.

With Raphael, Blair, Ramsay, McMurry, Kerr, Masson and Hughes to pick from, Capt. Baillie should have no difficulty in getting one of the best forward lines McGill has had for some time.

The senior team will probably play a game with Dartmouth in Hanover on Jan. 9, and should be in good shape for the opening of the senior schedule.

The rink will be ready by Christmas time. It is expected that a new method of selling tickets, whereby the holder is admitted to all matches, will soon be announced. The annual skating party and dance will probably be held in January, and with the support of the students the Hockey Club look for a successful season.

MEDS.'13
vs.
ARTS '11.

Last Wednesday afternoon saw the second interclass game of the season. Meds. '13 met and defeated Arts '11, winners of the previous game with Arts '12. The score at the end of the first half was 12—10 in favour of the Meds., showing how evenly contested the game had been up to that point.

The second half, however, opened with a rush by the Meds., who scored basket after basket, the Arts defence being completely demoralized, and their home men making little use of the few opportunities they had to score. The Meds., however, by good combination and brilliant

shooting on the part of Douglas and Kennedy, managed to pile up the huge score of 56 points to their opponents' 16. The poor showing made by the Arts men in the second period of the game was largely due to the condition of most of the players, who had not trained at all throughout the season, the fast pace set in the first half having exhausted them. The teams lined up as follows:

Meds. '13.—Home, Kennedy and Atkinson: centre, Douglas; defense, Ramsay and McDermott.

Arts '11.—Home, F. Morris and G. Hannah: centre, Cherry; defense, T. Currie and Dewey.

Referee—J. Menzies.

Umpire—Shepherd.

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ALUMNI

C. R. Westland, Science '07, has been working on the boundary survey along the Maine boundary. He was in town a few days ago on his way through to Ottawa, where he will spend the winter.

Dr. J. H. MacDermot, '05, is in charge of the Columbia Coast Mission Hospital at Van Anda, B. C. Dr. MacDermot has been in the west since graduation, and plans to remain there. He will be married in the spring.

The marriage of Miss May Graham to Mr. Thompson T. Black, of Nova Scotia, took place in Toronto, the home of the bride, on Nov. 26. Mr. Black, who graduated from McGill in civil engineering with the class of '06, is now with the Canada Foundry Co., in Toronto.

Howells Frechette, Science '01, was in town early in the week. Mr. Frechette

was one of the first demonstrators in metallurgy, and after leaving the University went west, where he held a position as assistant engineer of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., at Fernie, B. C., two years ago, when he went to the Department of Mines in Ottawa. He is still in the department, and has been working on the iron deposits of Canada.

Fraser S. Keith, Science '03, has been devoting his attention since graduation to the literature of engineering, and is now managing editor of Canadian Machinery, a publication which is familiar to many of the Applied Science students.

Claude A. Adams, Arts '05, who has been for the last three years principal of the Model School, Hull, Que., has this year accepted the position of principal of the Granby Academy.



EXCHANGES

ARE WE WRONG. This is the month when '09 graduates, the country over, are about to spend several hundreds on class pins. Now we know we are leaving an opening for being termed cheap, but we are going to be perfectly frank.

Class pins, we think, are positively useless—that is, to the fellows who buy them. Step forward, ye doubters, and we'll fight you (verbally) to an inglorious finish. We fellows shouldn't buy class pins, because we don't get any use

out of them: young ladies shouldn't buy them, because they don't have to. For a young lady to buy a class pin seems to us an admission that there's something the matter with her complexion, or possibly the manner in which she puts up her hair.

We are told that a class pin is procured at college, but does not possess any real utility until ten or fifteen years after graduation. Then some fine day while walking down Broadway—New York or Oakland—you see an individual

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wearing a pin like yours, and right away you know he is an old classmate. Wouldn't you remember him without the pin? Oh, shucks, no! Would neither of you have lost the class pin during the years supposed to elapse before you meet? Certainly not. Both of you will be wearing the emblem conspicuously on your coat lapel. Yes, it does seem strange that of the innumerable "old boys" who have visited us recently only five or six, but — well, don't you see, if they were wearing pins we would be more certain they were 'old boys."

Seriously, though, we are utterly at sea as to the utility of class pins. They can't be for the purpose of letting another graduate know that you are an alumnus of the same college as he is, because the other grad, isn't familiar with the design of your pin. Besides, class

pins are likely to breed class feeling. The "old boy" who sports such a pin isn't merely an old boy of St. Mary's — he's an "old boy" of such an such a class of St. Mary's. Every "old boy" should wear a pin of St. Mary's College — not a pin of a certain class of St. Mary's. We would like to see our present Seniors thresh out this pin question thoroughly. If they find, as one old boy puts it, that the Seniors should have something whereby to remember one another after graduation, let them invest in a set of Shakespeare and divide the volumes among themselves. Thus would the perpetuation of memory be made more lasting. A volume of Shakespeare isn't the easiest thing in the world to lose. And it would look perfectly ridiculous attached to a young lady's shirt waist. — "Collegian."

PINFEATHERS

Passing Exams.

Midnight and burning gas,
 With coffee strong or tea,
 That I may have the goods en masse
 When they examine me.
 If such as I when plugging fall asleep
 Too worn to even wink;
 When profs. with wicked eye upon me
 creep,
 What will they think?
 Three a.m. and burning light;
 Pure caffen for me.
 And may vindictive profs. have no delight
 When my exams they see.
 For though from books and notes—my place
 The loafers bore me far,
 I hope to look my pater in the face,
 My name without a "star."

G-ffr-y B-rss (to Sem. at Recep.).—"I presume I may call next Saturday."

Sem.—"Yes, you do."

B-rss.—"I do what?"

Sem.—"You do presume."

Same Here!

Pat M-II-r. '09 (at Y. M. C. A., explaining group Bible study to new students).—"There's nothing more important in college life than Bible study. The group study is a very informal affair. A few of the boys gather in one of the fellow's rooms, some sitting on chairs, some lying on the bed, while others sprawl on the floor; everybody sticks in his gab any old time and says any old thing that comes into his head. That's the best way to study the Bible."—"Acta Victoriana."

"Will you promise to love me as long as you live?"

"Well, hardly! But I'll promise to love you as long as you live."—Harvard Lampoon.

Only on Trial.

Editor.—"Sir, are you aware that this articles contains the words 'united for life?'"

Heeler.—"Yes, sir; aren't they all right?"

Editor.—"Certainly not, sir. This is a high society wedding."—Princeton Tiger.

Now Would You?

If you heard Harry Lauder sing
Those Highland songs that capture all,
And if he went way up to C,
Would you call that a Scotch high-ball?
—Harvard Lampoon.

Evening Shadows.

A quick clip, clip, in the darkness,
Somebody laughed and fled,
And the Freshman awoke with a naked lip,

Imagine the things he said.

A quick tip, tip in the darkness,
Sophomores laughed and fled,
And smothered words we cannot print
Emerged from beneath the bed.

A quick wish, wash, in the darkness,
Somebody laughed and fled,
And a wet bedraggled Freshman
Selected the words he said.

A quick dab, dab, in the darkness,
Somebody laughed and fled,
And a Freshman changed to a blackman,
Can't mention the things he said.

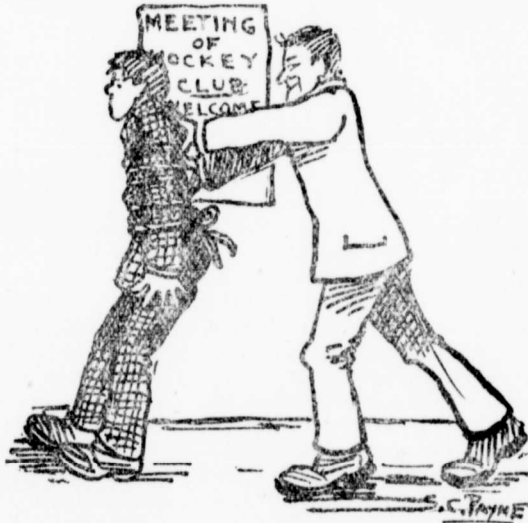
A quick skidoo in the darkness,
Every Sophomore fled,
As the dean of the residence appeared,
They didn't hear what he said.

—O. A. C. Review.

Little drops of whiskey,
Little drops of beer,
Make a mighty college
Do things awful queer.

—Silver and Gold.

*Getting
a
Quorum*



Answers to Correspondents.

Arts '12.—"No! we would not advise you to take Medicine as an easy course just because you saw Dr. — in the dissecting room put up a notice for a grind (oral exam.), and add, 'Bring cards.'"

Quiz.—"We hardly agree with you that the editor has a cinch and all that he has to do is to stir up the muse and the

muse-il-age."

Sport.—"We wish all you other high-flyers were in as little danger of being plucked at Christmas as The Martlet is."

Arts '09.—"You stop! It is not nice of you to state that L—m in English Comp., while attempting to develop your æsthetic taste, in reality produces an anæsthetic effect."

ROYAL VICTORIA COLLEGE

Dear Freshette.—
A REPLY TO thank you so much for
FRESHETTE. your delightful letter,
 which has just appeared
 in The Martlet.

I knew before that the year of 1912 was extraordinary, both in quantity and quality, but your kind letter has just brought to my notice the fact that we have in the R. V. C. some Freshettes who are so perfect that they even dare to criticize the Seniors.

It is easily seen you did not realize how ridiculous you would appear by daring to accuse the Fourth Year girls of being jealous of you. Of what, may I ask, are they jealous? You are girls in the first year, who have yet to prove your worth, while they are a year whose scholarship has never been surpassed, and whose conduct has always been a model.

I most emphatically deny that there is any lack of sympathy on the part of the fourth year towards you. Did they not, individually and as heads of the various societies, welcome you at the beginning of the year. It is hard for a girl coming to college for the first time to find her way about, but I hardly think you would call it "lack of sympathy or even apathy" when a Senior refuses to escort a Fresh-

ette up to the Arts building, and "lead her gently but firmly by the hand" into her classroom, just because she is too indolent to find it herself.

The Seniors did all in their power at the beginning of the year to save you from the embarrassing mistakes which one always makes at the beginning of a college course, and which they had made before you. They tried to instruct you, in a friendly way, in the etiquette of the college, but instead of receiving their aid and advice in the way it was meant, you scorned them.

The Seniors can still remember the days when "Senior prerogative" was in force (and it was not so very long ago). In those days it was quite usual for a Senior to go through the door first; but those good old days have gone. Now a Senior not only opens the door for herself, but if she has not the swiftness of Mercury, the strength of Hercules, and the ability to slide out of the door like a streak of lightning, a horde of Freshettes rush through before her, leaving her breathless and full of wonderment, but still inside of the door. I almost think the Senior would have been justified in feeling hurt.

The Seniors, however, were not hurt.

They recognized the fact that you were Freshettes and very full of life. They perceived that their repeated advice was boring you, and so they left you alone, hoping that time would bring about a change in you. I was flattering myself that the change had been achieved and that you were a model year, yet you undo all the good work by openly criticizing the Seniors.

I am not a Senior, so I do not know how your criticism was received. If it was meant seriously an apology is due them; but if, as I suppose the case is, it was meant as a joke, then some explanation is due them.

Personally I am very sorry that you miss the social life and gaiety to which you have been accustomed, and that you deplore the lack of social intercourse between the R. V. C. and the "rest of the University." The "rest of the University" is rather a vague term. I suppose, however, you mean the Faculty, because from all I hear of the R. V. C. the student element in the University seems quite attentive. You really must excuse the janitor of the Arts building, Charlie of the library, the Principal and the Dean. They are very busy men. If they haven't been around to call on you yet, they will soon. Perhaps they may request you to call on them; so don't despair.

NOT A SENIOR.

The first group of the interyear basketball matches was played on Wednesday, Dec. 2, between the Seniors and Juniors, and the Sophomores and Freshmen. The Juniors won from the Seniors with a score of 16 to 9. The most brilliant play on the Senior team was made by R. Morris, A. Mitchell and E. Eliot, who had a very fine combination. E. Cruickshank and H. Rosenberg were the stars of the Junior team.

In the second match the Freshmen won

from the Sophomores, the score being 12 to 10. The stars of the Sophomore team were M. Ellison, G. Brown and G. Slack, and those of the Freshmen were B. Ross and L. Manny.

The Geologists (on the R. V. C. '10. analogy of Theologists), in view of their one impending examination, are developing frisky inclinations. One was heard to announce that he had such a "apatite" that he ate a "pyrite" down. We wonder whether he found it "gneiss."

'10 has again, after her usual manner, been distinguishing herself. At basketball on Tuesday the Freshettes played a very good-looking game, winning against the Sophomores by 12-10; '10 came off with 16 against the '09's 9. The Freshies and Seniors certainly seem to have an affinity for their year numbers. But to return to business: Miss Cruickshank ('10) did some splendid work in filling the basket, while Miss Rosenberg succeeded several times in putting the ball into Miss Cruickshank's hands.

But the roll of glory is not yet ended. Friday '10 dashed to the ground the hopes and the balls of the poor Sophomores by a score of 10-9. The last mentioned put up a very good game, and they make enjoyable losers. The '10 stars were Miss McWhinney and Miss Taylor, not to mention the rest. Keep it up, girls!

The honour Greek and Latin students wish to return their heartfelt thanks to Dr. MacNaughten and Dr. Eaton for their invitations to the lecture of the Montreal branch of the Archaeological Society of America on Friday last. The lecture was a fascinating one, on the Ruins of a Roman farmhouse, depicted by marvellous slides. We are very thankful, indeed, for having had the opportunity of attending.

CLASS REPORTS

Strange things do happen! Listen while we relate briefly this sad tale.

It was at the R. V. H. The private room was dim as the celebrated medical luminary, C-x, entered to inquire after the mental and physical welfare of his typhoid patient, who had a perforation that morning. Being a man of action rather than words, out came his stethoscope; he readily adjusted it to his aural passages, and in the twinkling of an eye he applied it to the pulmonic area, "the field of auscultatory romance," but here his trained ear discovered nothing abnormal. He next travelled down to the apex, and here there was a halt. The two sounds were perfectly clear, but what was worrying him most was the systolic murmur which was rather indistinct. So, in order to confirm his diagnosis he called into consultation D-v-s, a man who needs no introduction to the medical world, though by no means a heart specialist, ranking in the same class with Mike Carney. Mr. D-v-s, too, seemed puzzled. It was not like any murmur that he had ever heard, and, to do him justice, he had heard many abnormal hearts. Here, evidently, was an extraordinary condition, which had baffled human intellect!

As the two gentlemen were deeply absorbed in meditation, suddenly there entered through the door, one of those guarding angels, dressed in white, who continually hover about the wards, and unmasked, announced to the two mystified gentlemen that the poor soul had departed one-half hour ago to the land "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest!"

As the agitation about college spirit and kindred subjects seems to be at

its height, perhaps a few statistics from the different classes would aid in solving the problem. With this end in view we here submit our part, not in the spirit of a "knocker," but in that of a reformer. At present there are—or at least there should be—26 men in Medicine '11. This number is cut down to about half, for only half have paid the Medical Undergraduate Society fee, and only these can vote, or indeed, belong to the class. This number is further diminished, for several of the men have not paid their class and year fees. Of this remnant four have ordered year pins, and only three or four seem likely to do so later. Only three have subscribed to *The Martlet*, and yet the class elected a reporter. Seven men men turned out to hear Dean Shepherd last Friday week, and only one went to the intercollegiate debate.

This is a bad record, but not exaggerated in the least. Such an exposé of class affairs is drastic, but drastic measures seem necessary.

As the Shepherd was going to the Mills the Stirling Bell in the High Church was ringing on the Hill-top. Suddenly he heard a Blackadder Russel. The Elder Gardner heard a Howell and saw him Girldwood about him, for he was Armstrong and accustomed to surprises. The Little Mason, however, ran up with a S Cane of Browne squamous epithelium and Tooke it in his Dun-can. On the Morrow the Gray Cook was asked to Fry it with Lafleur, Orr A-dam-i for seasoning. The Byers and the Martin then sat

down before the Abbott and ate it up, for that it was Good-all agreed. Then they were seen to Lock-hart to heart and O Shaw, keep her low!

McK-y.—“Well, sir, in that case the second contraction would come before the first.” (Is that Dutch?)

H. R. Cl-t.—“This week we must ‘name’ you. To disappear two Saturdays running is unpardonable—especially when it’s not the same ‘goil.’”

At a class meeting held
ARTS '10. last week S. Graham
Ross was elected representative to the Hockey Club.

The subject of the police investigation into the unprovoked assaults of Theatre night was discussed, and the class was unanimously in favor of assisting financially, it being deemed a matter not affecting one or two classes only, but of general importance, and one that should receive the support of every loyal McGill man.

“Tip,” on behalf of the Annual Board, reported satisfactory progress, but asked that more material in the nature of topical poems and original skits be handed in. The success of the Annual is not dependent upon the boards alone, but upon each member of '10 who is capable of assisting in this way. It is hoped that the Christmas vacation will inspire some to pour forth their souls in poetic outburst as “glowing, flowing prose.”

At an English lecture one of our most esteemed professors was unfolding the mysteries of Pope's logic in his “Essay on Man.” Being disturbed by continual whispering from one seat occupied by two of the belles of '10, there emanated the following remark: “I have always noticed that as soon as I leave simple ideas and begin to discuss questions involving a little thought, which produces that ‘tight feeling’ in the brain, there is always a lamentable exhibition of inattention on behalf of the weaker intel-

lects in the class!” Icy silence from that quarter for the remainder of the lecture.

We regret to inform A. H. El-r that the duties of reporting do not warrant the reporter in opening a matrimonial bureau or in starting a social intercourse column for the exchange of billet doux. However, he is referred to R. S. T-t, who through his extensive acquaintance in the R. V. C. can effect the introductions desired.

Exams are fast approaching,
ARTS '11. Profs, setting papers hard,
These facts awake the poet,
And start at work the bard.

1. Now after the results are out,
We'll wish we had stood higher,
And some of us will raise a shout,
Curse History, and — well,
We must not mention names in this;
’Twould be a shame to tell.
2. At Latin, too, some won't get through,
(By Lury they'll be beaten);
But I am willing to bet you,
We'll blame it all on — no!
We must not mention names in this;
’Twould be rude to do so.
3. Also at French a few will fail,
(For being rude, you know),
And raising noises, which assail
The ears of H— but, my!
We must not mention names in this,
We are afraid, that why.
4. At Chemistry some won't succeed,
(There's one who's such a talker)
(S)he chatters and ne'er listens to
Talk talked by talker — nay!
We must not mention names in this,
’Twould not be right, I say.

5. In English Comp. and English Lit.

Some more will show their folly;
 However it would not be fair
 To lay it up to — no!
 We must not mention names in this;
 I fear it makes it slow.

6. Of other subjects, other profs,

I write not, I've no time;
 ('Tis hard to do so in one case,
 "Peacock's" the only rhyme.)
 So now I'll close this stiff, rough lay,
 'Tis written by — but, no!
 We mustn't mention names in this,
 So I'll not sign below.

The class wishes to offer their congratulations to A. S. Christie for his truly magnificent speech last Friday night. That at least half the credit of defeating such able debaters as the Toronto representatives is due to a member of Arts '11 affords much satisfaction to the rest of the class. The victory over Toronto was rendered, to us, even more satisfactory (if that be possible) by our classmate's triumph.

In these days of stress
SCIENCE '09, when our Alma Mater is passing through the swellings of Jordan — when so much adverse criticism is brought to bear on our Faculty by graduates and undergraduates in nearly all departments; when so many hands are raised against her by those who from most natural reasons should be her friends and allies, we are loath to give expression to anything that will in the slightest increase the existing unkind feeling, particularly as the head of our Faculty is working so earnestly and intelligently to bring about more sympathetic relations between student and instructor; but notwithstanding, we are constrained to protest bitterly against such conditions being possible,

that in our class meeting held last week to consider a course to pursue in order to secure some explanation why we as a class had been subjected to most unjust accusations by a professor, momentarily annoyed by something, real or imaginary, or purposely casting unfair reflections on the graduating year, that, although the meeting was unanimous in denouncing the injustice received at the hands of this professor (and assuredly it would seem as though the class had a real grievance, as men like Kennedy, Smith or MacLean do not leave a lecture room, particularly if there is an examination on, unless sorely provoked). However, the great majority counselled extreme condition in asking for an explanation, on the ground that it would be an unsafe and suicidal policy insofar as our degrees are concerned, to ask for any redress, and thus bring down the wrath of the professor upon us. We sadly regret this most unfortunate lack of trust in the honour of the head of a department. When the honest indignation of a class can not be expressed without fear of final results, something is radically wrong, and trying to foster a love for our University among students and graduates becomes a matter of real difficulty.

A good story is being told on B. R., who, after a strenuous day's work in one of the laboratories, yielded to his desires so much as to take a small nip of Napoleon, which tasted so sweet that a bigger portion was quickly transferred to his facial cavity, but not before the eagle eye of the professor in charge had discerned the movement. The professor then walked up to Ben and inquired if he understood clearly the experiment of the afternoon. A nod of the head was an indication that the work had been performed in accordance with the superior knowledge of a senior. But the wily instructor then wanted to know if he understood what every other man in the laboratory was doing. This was too

much, and as a reply was evidently expected, the quid was hurried down the esophagus, and "Yes, sir," was the answer brought forth. Whereupon the professor, having obtained the required result, walked away, remarking, "I am sorry to have caused you to swallow that tobacco."

Probably the most noteworthy feature of any to be seen around the class this week is the anxious and unhappy expression of a great many of the members. At first we were perplexed over this, and wondered what sad calamity had happened to cause such dolefulness. But on investigation it was found out that a list had recently been posted on the notice board, headed "Christmas Exams." So now the class is a solid example of earnest endeavour to devour knowledge wholesale, and many seem to be doing so.

Even with all this seriousness we believe there is some time for a few mirthful points to arise. It has been whispered about this week that "Demonstra-

tor Scotty" has had a hard time to maintain his dignity. He was almost taken for a Freshman the other day by a member of the Faculty. We hope the Faculty will not let such a thing occur again. It is likely bad enough to be a demonstrator, but to be taken for a Freshman! Never!

The electrical section of the class is proud to acknowledge an inventor among its ranks. His name will not be mentioned, because he is extremely modest. Among his many brilliant ideas is one to reduce the air-gap in dynamos and generators. We believe this is to be accomplished either by allowing the armature to rub directly on the pole faces (without lubrication!) or by means of an insulating substance between the two! It might also be said that the said inventor hopes to win the prize offered by "Monty" in "Brewster's Millions," at His Majesty's this week, for a rearrangement of his lights in the yacht scene. It is hoped he may succeed.

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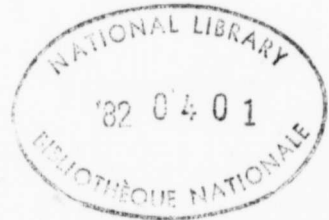
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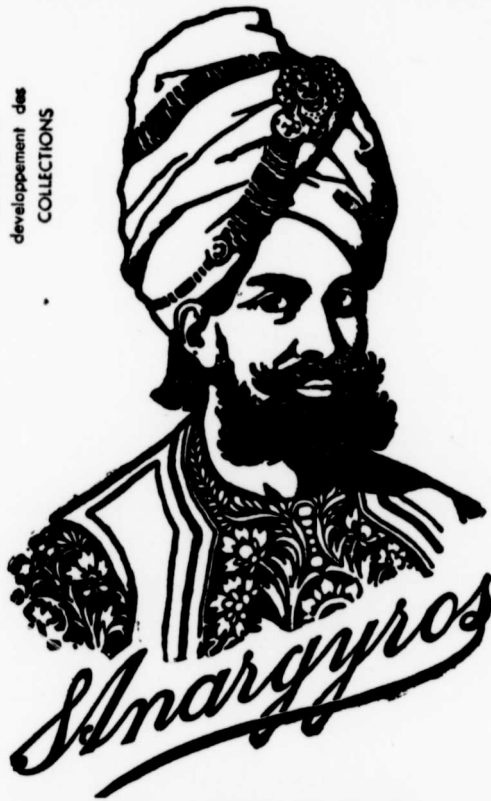
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