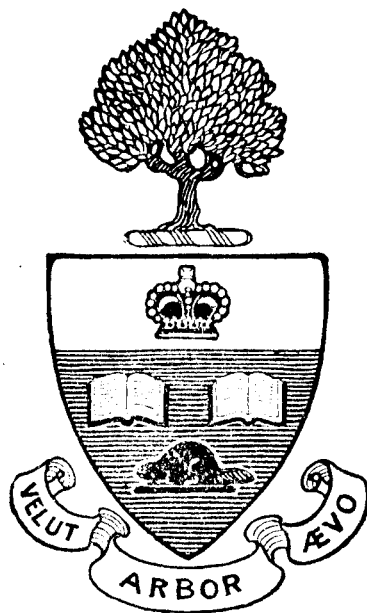


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The Neuphilologische Verein of Leipzig Its Social and Scientific Activity

Mein Leipzig lob'ich mir
Es ist ein klein Paris und bildet seine Leute.
Wenn du als Mann die Wissenschaft vermehrest
So kann dein Sohn zu höhrem Ziel gelangen.
—Goethe. "Faust."

Although both pleased and interested by my first visit to the Verein für neuere Philologie, the thought of becoming a member did not occur to me during my early visits to Leipzig. Had I known how much of German student life and German intellectual vigor is revealed to the members of such a body I should have taken the earliest opportunity of seeking an entrance to it. Such an entrance does not come unasked, for in this respect the Verein resembles rather a Greek-letter fraternity than our University College Modern Language Club. Its members use the second person singular, that delightful old custom which takes us back to the days of clan-life and gives a quality of the intimate to one's intercourse for which the English language has no equivalent. In the early Leipzig days the German students whom I chanced to meet proved uncongenial and my Dutzbrüder among foreigners were French or Italian or Hungarian or Spanish-Americans, whose sympathies were not strongly Teutonic. At that time, too, a number of American and British students of marked ability made the attractions of the English-speaking colony prevail over those of the German student unions. The late President Curtis, of Chicago; Dr. Gregory, now himself a Leipzig professor; Dr. Genung, the rhetorician of Amherst; President Stanley Hall, of Clark University; Prof. Wood, of Johns Hopkins; Prof. Carpenter, of Columbia, and Prof. Pierce, of Harvard, with Henry Norman, Dr. Playfair of Edinburgh, and Galway of Belfast, formed a sufficiently distinguished coterie to break up plans that had been formed in previous years. It was not until other years had passed that on a subsequent visit I followed a friend's example and sought and found admittance to membership in the Leipzig Verein.

At the outset let me say that no initiation is necessary. Blood-curdling adventures in springing from terrific heights or being rolled in barrels down long hills or suspended till the very joints crack over a chasm three inches deep—such terrors, in short, as chill the soul of the would-be aspirant to membership in a secret society are inconsistent with the gravity and dignity of the German student. He has his own feats of endurance and performance, some of

which to an American ear would seem quite as silly as our initiation ceremonies do to his, if to enter upon such mysteries were lawful. But the one condition precedent for entrance to the V. f. N. P. was participation in a previous meeting, at which the members have an opportunity of judging the aspirant's capacity and qualifications, social and intellectual. These did not necessarily include a perfect knowledge of German, as certain American members were afterwards introduced who learned their German in the Verein. Needless to say such German is marked by an up-to-dateness only inferior to that of the green room or the printing office.

After joining the Verein its many-sided activities at once became apparent. To the stranger, who read its notices on the university bulletin board in the old Kreuzgang, the only meeting of the society appeared to be the weekly Kneipe, as the student meeting is called, with its carefully prepared paper on a scientific subject, the reading of which lasted perhaps an hour and the debate on which might continue an hour longer. While this was the main meeting it was by no means the only one, nor to the average member the most important. Interesting and instructive as it always was, especially when three or four Ehrenmitglieder were present and the debate might be participated in by some of the professors, what more directly benefited the ordinary student member was the meeting of the so-called sections. These were inner circles, as it were, made up of students specially interested in a subject which was taught in the most familiar tutorial style by an older member of the Verein. Such subjects were Gothic, Anglo-Saxon, Middle English, Rhaeto-Roumansch, Russian or Conversational French. It may afford a crumb of comfort to Professor Churton Collins (if for him any good thing can come out of Germany) to learn that at the present late day, when Cambridge and Oxford are debating the fate of Greek, there is a section of the Neuphilologen which is engaged in studying that subject. Professor Weigand, who discovered a new dialect in Roumania, was a member of the Verein, and in my first session used to entertain us at the Kneipe with descriptions of his adventures, while pursuing his linguistic studies, among the robber hordes of the Balkans. At another time he would be training some of the members for entrance to his seminar by reading Diez' Romance Grammar with them. To meet an authority in this friendly social way and to listen to his delightful tales of wild life—far wilder than anything in Canada—was a most agreeable introduction to the study of romance philology. One could un-

derstand by this the greater interest the German student takes in pure linguistics.

Another sidelight on German education, obtained in the conversational ease of the Kneipe, illustrated still more clearly the manner in which the members had gained such a knowledge of the archaic forms of Teutonic speech. From more than one I heard that a head master in a German gymnasium would frequently carry his students, corresponding to our High School pupils, into Middle and Old High German, and even into Gothic. They are thus able to take up Old Norse, Anglo-Saxon and Old Saxon as freshmen, and read all of them with considerable readiness before they have been two years in the university. Having no examinations to worry them and having nine or ten years of examinations behind them, they are able to take large views of work and think nothing of reading a mediæval poem of five or ten thousand verses in the five weeks' Easter holiday, after the Winter Semester is over. For, to the German as to the Oxford student, the vacation is the time when he gets in his downright hard work. He is well fitted to undertake such work unaided and longs for the holiday that he may be able to throw himself heart and soul into it. This side of German student character becomes very clear to the member of a Verein. It is combined with an almost utter lack of worldliness, a robust straightforwardness and a spirit of cordial good fellowship that make the writer count the hours spent with the Neuphilologen as among the most pleasant and most profitable of his life. So let his closing words repeat the message cabled to their jubilee, "Prosit Neuphilologen!"

D. R. K.



"Were I Sae Daft"

Were I sae daft's ta fa' in love
Wi' ony lass,
Though weel 'tis kened by Powers Above
I'm nae sic ass—
But gin I were a feckless loon,
I'd ken the lassie mickle soon.

My reason tells me love's a hoax,
Repeats it aft;
An' nane 's sae mad as lover folks,
Nor near sae saft.
An' it maun be the truth I tell,
They maist admit it's sae theirsel'.

Her bonny figure haunts me min',
Her soncy face,
And throws me logic to the win'
Wi' scanty grace,—
The forward hussy, think o' it,
To muddle sic a bonny wit!

She wears a snood each gusty day,
An' draws it tight,
An' gin the win' tweeks out a spray
O' hair, in spite,
She laughs and gies her head a toss,
Wad tak old Plato at a loss.

Me mither bids me marra late,
Or nocht at a',
An' if ta fa' in love's my fate,
Min' whaur I fa':

"She maun ha' love not money till her,
But dinna love wi'out the siller."

I ken she's right, she's aue that's wise,
(Mysel's anither),
But she has brown and winsome eyes
—That's nae me mither—
An' in the depths o' her eyes a'
My arguments seem frightfu' sma'.

Now dinna think I'm serious,
In a' I've sayde,
Nor that I'd talk delerious
For ony jade.
It's just a humor o' me aue,
Whilk I indulge in feckless sa'in'.

—I. Owen



New Books in the University Library

The following list is a selection from the new books in English that have been received by the Library within the last month:

- Saintsbury, History of Criticism, vol. 2.
Frere, The English Church in the Reigns of Elizabeth and James I.
Dill, Roman Society from Nero to Marcus Aurelius.
Holdich, The Countries of the King's Award (Chile and Argentina).
Wundt, Principles of Physiological Psychology, vol. 1.
Edgar (Lady), Brock. (Makers of Canada Series).
Hume, Inquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals, new edition.
Scott, From Franklin to Nansen.
Locker Lampson, London Lyrics.
Wendell, Temper of the 17th Century in English Literature.
Ruskin, Letters to Charles Eliot Norton, 2 vols.
Clark, Study of English Prose Writers.
Mason, Beethoven and His Forerunners.
Robinson, Introduction to the History of Western Europe.
Lucian, Dialogues and Stories, translated by W. D. Sheldon.
Johns, Babylonian and Assyrian Laws, Contracts and Letters.
Woods, Teaching of History in the Schools of Germany and Belgium.
Bradley, Shakespearean Tragedy.
Warren, History of the Novel Previous to the 17th Century.
Lea, Studies in Church History.
Hennequin, Art of Play-Writing.
Rossetti (Christina), Poems, edited by W. M. Rossetti.
Young, The Battle of the Thames.
Quaintance, Influence of Farm Machinery on Production and Labor.



Mrs. Henpeck—I was thinking that perhaps you didn't get enough sympathy from me, Mr. Henpeck—Never mind, my dear, I got that from all my friends.—Smart Set.

Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarships

The following extract from a communication to "The News-Letter," of Johns Hopkins University, by A. O. Ford, jr., gives some interesting information regarding Oxford and the Rhodes Scholarships:

It has taken the young American some little time to get used to Oxford, for everything over there was very different from the American colleges from which they came. The reader must recollect that Oxford consists, not of one college, but of twenty-one different colleges. The appointees had been allowed to decide what college they preferred to enter, and they were provided for as nearly as possible in accordance with their expressed preferences. Every college received two or three of the newcomers, Oriel, Magdalen, Christ Church, and Brasenose seeming to have been among the most popular. The wishes of the new scholars with regard to studies took the authorities rather by surprise. They had expected that all the men would wish to take the regular college course, but instead nearly all of them wished advanced work; naturally having their degrees already, they had not come to Oxford to go over again what they had already learned. But Oxford has different ideas from ours on the utility of the three years spent in college. A much greater emphasis is laid on the development of culture and character than on mere knowledge gained from books. So much is this so that mere residence in the social and intellectual environment of the University is considered a matter of prime importance. With us in America, men are allowed and even sometimes encouraged to graduate as early as possible, and permitted to work overtime if by so doing they can graduate "ahead of their class." At Oxford one must "reside" at the college the full number of terms provided for by statute. A man may pass all the necessary examinations and yet be compelled to reside on, in perfect idleness, so far as doing required work is concerned, in order to absorb the full amount of the Oxford atmosphere. It is for this reason that at Oxford most of the studying is done not in term time, but during the three long holidays—two months at Christmas, two at Easter, and four in summer. During the four months of term time a man is expected to read with his tutor and go to the lectures which his tutor indicates as advisable. The rest of his time he divides between athletics and social duties, leaving the hard work till vacation.

The aforementioned tutor is the foundation of the Oxford educational system, which thereby differs in another point from the American plan. It is by the tutors that the main instruction is carried on. The tutor, in America the resort of the backward and feeble-minded, is at the English university, the principal, in fact, the only teacher. He takes hold of his charge's studies, searching out his weak points and strengthening them, advises him as to hours and methods of study, giving him lists of books to read, and questioning him as to the results of his reading. There are lectures, indeed, plenty of them, but attendance on them is not required by the University, although the student will probably find it advantageous to go to them. Examinations

are the one test, and they are severe ones, and no man who has not worked well during the term can get through them creditably.

No one is in a hurry at Oxford, and the new man may take his time in getting adjusted. The upper classmen are important factors in getting the newcomers introduced into the life of the University in the proper way. In a manner exactly opposite to the method in which such things are arranged in America, the second year men at Oxford, those who correspond to the Sophomores in our colleges, constitute themselves the protectors and friends of the Freshmen. Every second year man is expected to give a series of breakfasts, at which the new men become acquainted with their immediate seniors, and with the men of their own year. And it may be remarked in passing that the wine, whiskey and tobacco for these and other such entertainments are supplied by the college authorities, and the money paid into the treasury. What a sensation such a course would create in this country!

Everyone at Oxford is expected to go in for some form of athletics as soon as he gets there. Running, rowing, cricket and football are the principal forms it takes. The Americans are, for the most part, learning to row; several are playing on the Freshman football team, and in one college there are three Americans on the team. Others are at work on the track, where practice goes on the whole year round. In a recent Freshman track meet, eight of the ten events were carried off by Americans—Schutt, of Cornell; Porter, of Bowdoin, and Young, of South Dakota. Altogether the American scholars seem to be having things very much their own way at Oxford in athletic contests. If they are as good students as athletes, America will have reason to be proud of them.



Oratory Contest

As arranged, the Annual Oratory Contest of the University College Literary and Scientific Society will be held on Friday evening, March 3. Regardless of the fact that the above-mentioned organization has a primary claim on the Students' Union for every Friday evening, the Gynnasium Club had arranged their Assault-at-Arms for that date, but in view of this oversight they have obtained Wycliffe Convocation Hall for the use of the Literary Society, and the oratory contest will be held there on the same evening at 8 o'clock. Watch for the announcement of the programme later. J. S. J.



"I believe in Divine guidance, but I believe in a deity acting by agents, and that when he takes all this trouble through millions of years to evolve a human race with conscience and free will and power of guidance, He will practically leave it to them to decide what their future is to be. They may go up or down, just as an individual. So much depends on us—whether we undertake these reforms and give our minds and lives to them."

—Sir Oliver Lodge, Principal of Birmingham University, at Birkbeck College, London.

The West India Negro

Though using the above title the writer has no intention of boring his readers with a full and detailed description, but rather to give a short account of the most striking features. This account may perhaps prove instructive when contrasted with the condition of the negro of the Southern States.

In the first place, the West Indian negro is a landed proprietor on a varying scale, he may own half an acre or five hundred. On this plot of ground he builds his house. A few poles planted in the ground with a roof of thatch, and perhaps no floor, the sides are generally walled in and in some cases plastered over. The absence of a floor is caused by the existence of a tax on floored houses higher than on one with no floor. This kind of building is almost ideal for coolness, and the negro has no fear of freezing in his bed. His wants are of the simplest, for he grows all his own vegetables and eats the minimum amount of wheat. The land is exceedingly fertile, too fertile to make the negro anything but lazy and indolent, and in the majority of cases, unless under the greatest pressure, he will not work for more than four days in the week; the rest of the time he looks after his own belongings in a lazy sort of way or goes on a spree.

The work he does is chiefly working on banana plantations or in the cane fields; on the whole, agricultural labor, for which the general wage is one shilling (25c.) per day. When one considers the wages paid in this country for work of a similar class, it must seem that the negro is oppressed; such, however, is far from being the case. This amount is amply sufficient for his needs; for clothing he uses the lightest of cottons and, as has been said, he grows practically all his own foodstuffs.

As a citizen the negro may be taken as law-abiding and very seldom given to acts of violence—the causes for lynching so frequent in the Southern States are altogether absent, and under British rule the negro is as good as any white where his life is at stake. The conduct of the American negro is no doubt due to the way in which he is treated, for in the West Indies the proportion of negroes in the population is, if anything, greater than in the States. The chief fault of the negro is his incurable passion for stealing, not chickens, but standing crops, bananas, etc. Things like these he never steals but, as he puts it, he "takes them." "Big Massa" make them grow for general use—a maxim which never applies when anything of his goes astray. It may be well to add that his note is as good as his white neighbor's, but this is given on the basis of an assessment.

The most striking features of his character is his wonderful capacity for telling lies, a failing common to all men. The negro is always most willing to oblige a stranger; ask him how far ahead is such and such a place, he will tell you "not too far," but a definite answer he will never give, whether it be one mile or five. He has a strange sense of humor, and is exceedingly musical and religious. His religion is of the time-honored kind, a big

Bible and a deep sighing in the spirit. The music that draws him may be classed as of the "braying" kind—a military band more than anything else; and his songs are of somewhat the same kind as his American cousin's. The Salvation Army has a wonderful attraction for the West Indian negro, the custom of "testifying" and the instruments of music used suit him exactly. The morals of the negro are of the lowest.

The above remarks apply to the negro on the whole, but it must be understood that there are some negroes, as lawyers, doctors, etc., who can hold their place with any man.



Chess Club

The Central Y.M.C.A. has invited the members of the University Chess Club to be present at a social evening on Saturday, March 4th.

Chas. E. H. Freeman,
Sec'y pro tem.



The Passing Hour

During the past year a very vivid example was given of the inadequacy of the accommodation in the Library for study. In the summer it was announced in the city papers that plans had been prepared with great care and with elaborate detail for the enlargement of the building. So far as we have heard these plans are still wasting their elaborateness on paper and will probably continue to do so for some time, judging by past examples of speed, in the line of improvements. In the meantime the number of students in attendance increases, to meet which no effort has been made. When, at this period of the year, there is often congestion in the Library, what must we look forward to in the spring? The natural conclusion is that we shall then have to crowd into the Library if we can; otherwise we must stay out.

There is, however, one means of lessening the crowded condition of the Library and that is by throwing open the Seminaries to the fourth year students. The conservatism and red tape which locks these rooms is well known to the majority of students. In a few words, there are a number of books in each Seminary which are supposed to be of special value in the prosecution of special work in that course; these Seminaries are locked, the "open Sesame" being two dollars (deposit of course;) at the end of the year if the depositor and his co-depositors have proved themselves sufficiently civilized as to refrain from stealing any of the books, they are paid back. In short, we students may be honest downstairs in the Library and not steal any of the books on the reference shelves, but when we get up in the Seminaries our honesty can only be vouched for by depositing two dollars. Our own opinion is that if we were given a trial we would prove ourselves quite as honest in the Seminaries as elsewhere; it would surely not ruin the University to give us a trial for a period and it would relieve the pressure in the Library for the present year more effectively than any changes possible just now.

We wish here to draw the attention of some members of the Arts Faculty to a matter of great importance to undergraduates. Nothing

could be more satisfactory than attending a lecture where the matter is delivered in a clear voice carefully regulated as to speed of utterance. Similarly nothing could be more unsatisfactory than endeavoring to take notes in a lecture which is delivered indistinctly and rapidly, especially if the matter is particularly good. We feel that this should be brought to the notice of our lecturers as at present many of them are doing themselves and students an injustice. Rapid speaking makes it almost impossible for a student to obtain notes of any value, and very often causes the lecturer to be unpopular when his course of lectures should be most valuable and entertaining. While the undergraduate cannot expect to have all his tastes catered to by the staff, this is surely a point which is deserving of consideration.

Onlooker.



Lakeside Conference

Where is Lakeside? and who attend the Conference? are the two questions that suggest themselves.

Lakeside is a summer resort near Sandusky, Ohio, on the south shore of Lake Erie. It is situated on a small peninsula, which is covered with beautiful maples and a generous mantle of green grass. The eastern side of the peninsula is elevated and rocky, sloping gradually to the western shore. Nestled at the water's edge is the little summer village of Lakeside. Here last June gathered about three hundred professors and students from the universities of Canada and the north middle States to attend the second annual Lakeside Conference. Five of these gatherings are held annually in America, under the direction of the World's Christian Student Federation. Lakeside is an ideal place for such a conference. A commodious hotel is chartered for the accommodation of the students, the rooms are allotted in college groups, and so complete are the arrangements that the ten days are full of comfort, hearty interest and pleasure.

Early to bed, early to rise is one of the mottos of the hour. Breakfast at 6 o'clock, lights out at 9.30. The program for each day divides naturally into three parts. From 7 a.m. to 11.45 a.m., lectures and addresses; 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., athletics, swimming, etc.; 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., lectures and addresses. The program is thus, broadly speaking, athletic and educational. The athletics are an exceedingly popular part of the ten days' proceedings. Baseball and tennis tournaments, water events and field day sports, fill in the afternoons, and wondrous are the exhibitions of skill, and the lack of it. Last summer Toronto had just enough men for a baseball team—nine, and a spare man. It took some time to decide who was to be the spare man, but some one had to look on and the game began. Percy Campbell pitched, he could not make the ball do the wondrous curve act, but he doubled up his arm and made up for it in speed. Angus Cameron tramped around in the neighborhood of second base, and tried to look as if he were used to it. On one occasion Angie had his hands in the air, and a ball from Michigan's mighty bat hit his big left pan so hard that he could not let go. He pulled down his hand to see if the fingers

were off, and found the ball, and he began to realize that he was famous. It was a great stop. Jack McPherson was a good bat, but he was too fat to run. A well-known Toronto sprinter did the act for him. To make a long story short the score was seventeen-six in favor of Michigan, and we ground our teeth, and waited for the day of water events. When it came the Union Jack won out in the two rowing events, the single scull coming to Breckon of the O.A.C. and the double to Breckon and Cameron. The same team beat all comers in the tilting contest, but the sun could not be prevailed upon to wait until the last pair were played off. Toronto claims the wreath. In the morning and evening men like Hotchkiss of Africa, Carter of India, Brockman of China, Dr. Howard Agnew Johnson of New York, Prof. Bosworth of Oberlin, Bishop McDowell, John R. Mott, and Robert Speer addressed the students. Nothing that could be said here, would give any fair conception of the power and influence of these men.

Much emphasis was laid upon the group class, as the unit in the Bible Study movement. Each morning model classes were conducted in all the prescribed courses by experienced leaders. The men thus gained a practical knowledge of the best methods of individual Bible study, and of leading a growing class.

Perhaps the most important meetings of the whole conference was each evening from 6.30 to 7.30. After supper, the men gathered in the open air, among the trees, and listened to lifework addresses by Speer, Bishop McDowell and others. As the sun sank into the western waves, men whose lives were already dedicated to foreign service, stood up and told the simple, earnest story of the development of their purpose, to spend their days in heathen lands.

The Lakeside Conference does three things: First it allows a man to see his utter uselessness and helplessness, second it shows him the possibilities of his life, and third, it lays before him practical plans for the realization of those possibilities.



The sun arises, promising and fair,
From couch of rosy drap'ry, beaming bright
On all the waking world before him there,
Then marches upward toward the airy height.
Clears away; afar the shades of night,
And swift he mounts, while from his eye there
glows
The fire of hope, which e'er-increasing grows,
Until well-nigh insufferable the light.
But lo, the tempest's scowling face appears!
The brilliant orb is shadowed by its form,
The beauty of the morn, which ever cheers,
How quickly changes to a day of storm.
E'en so, how oft our soaring hopes do fall,
While o'er them Disappointment throws a pall.

—R. F.



Marriage is a gamble, but no more so than singleness.—Smart Set.

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Toronto, March 3, 1905

At the last regular meeting of the Lit. a very interesting discussion took place over a proposal in regard to a University Residence. The resolution was worded as follows: "That a formal petition be laid before the Minister of Education by this society, as representing the student body of University College, setting forth the urgent need of a University Residence, and petition that steps be taken by the Government towards the erection of such residence, and, further, that the students of the faculties of Science, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy be officially advised of our intended action and requested to submit similar petitions." An amendment was submitted to the following effect: "That the society put itself on record as approving the action of the Senate in appointing a committee to consider the means of securing a residence and assuring the committee of the hearty co-operation of the undergraduates, but urging that progress be made towards the completion of a Convocation Hall befitting the needs and dignity of the University."

The supporters of the resolution pointed out the readiness with which the Government has always responded to our appeals for assistance. Not only has it met our constantly increasing deficits, but it has on all occasions made every reasonable effort to provide the equipment in Science, Medicine, etc., made necessary by the marvellous advances that have been made in these branches of knowledge. If the Government has shown so generous a spirit in these matters, it will be equally responsive to a demand which is to meet so essential a need in the life of the undergraduates.

"Man is greater than his works," and the growth of the inner and spiritual life of the undergraduate is of much deeper importance than any technical knowledge he may acquire in lecture-room or laboratory. Hence the Government will be the readier to grant a building

which will contribute so vitally to this higher development.

The upholder of the negative, on the other hand, urged that such an action on the part of the undergraduates would be virtually a vote of lack of confidence in the efforts of the committee from the Senate. Furthermore, a petition presented by the students would have little weight unless backed by a deputation of alumni. The Convocation Hall does not appear to be on the eve of completion and until this is effected the Government would scarcely countenance the beginning of another scheme.

After a discussion of about an hour the resolution was defeated by an overwhelming majority. The amendment was carried by a very small margin of votes.



Those in charge of the Women's Residence desire to express their most sincere thanks to the wives of the Faculty, graduates, undergraduates and other kind friends who have made so many suitable and well-chosen donations to the Residence.



This week has seen the greatest activity of the year around the Gymnasium. Team practices tug-of-war trials, and fencing contests have enlivened all parts of the building to an unusual extent. Besides the usual afternoon practices, the Gym. team have had two evening rehearsals, so that they will be in the best possible shape on Friday night.



The fencing tournament has been proceeding all week, with a large number of interested spectators each afternoon.



The Meds. and School will fight it out for the tug-of-war prize, and large numbers of the supporters will cheer them on at the assault-at-arms, Friday, March 3rd.



Calendar

Friday, March 3rd—University College Literary Society Oratorical Contest. 8 p. m. Wycliffe Convocation Hall.

University of Toronto Assault-at-Arms. 8 p. m. Gymnasium Building.

Saturday, March 4th, 3 p. m.—University Lecture (Illustrated). Prehistoric Man. Dr. A. B. McCallum. Chemical Building.

Tuesday, March 7th—16th Annual Dinner of Faculty of Applied Science at King Edward Hotel.

March 31st—Annual Elections of Engineering Society.

The COLLEGE GIRL

MISS P. A. MAGEE, Superintending Editor

The Women's Literary Society

The last regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society was held last Saturday evening. Several items of business were discussed. The first matter considered was the appointment of a critic as a regular officer of the Women's Literary Society. Hitherto it has been the custom to appoint some member of the Society to act as critic for one meeting only, but as this arrangement has often been found very inconvenient, it was decided that in future the fourth year representative should be held responsible for the work of the critic. The question of raising funds to send the delegate to the Silver Bay Conference was also brought forward, and a committee was nominated to collect the contributions from the members of the Society. One of the representatives on the Women's Residence Committee reminded the women students that all who wished to go in residence next year should send in their applications at once. The present residence is filled, and an addition to the building is contemplated, but this can be built only if a sufficient number of applications are received to justify the expenditure.

After the business was over, came the literary programme. Miss Ballard gave a vocal solo, and Miss Adie a recitation. Then the girls had the pleasure of a short address from Miss Brett-Martin. The subject was Success in Life. Miss Brett-Martin declared that success was due wholly to firmness, to resolution, and that genius, so-called, was nothing else but this determination of purpose. Great stress was also laid on the value of time, and the still greater value of the habit of using it well—a piece of advice none are likely to gainsay at this time of year. Miss Brett-Martin spoke also of the short time which had elapsed since women had been admitted to universities, and of all that had been accomplished in that time.

The rest of the programme consisted of impromptu speeches from the girls. The first speaker, Miss Bastedo, dealt with "My First Experience of Public Speaking," and gave a most amusing account of an attempt to take part in an open debate in a fourth book class, when she had found herself in the not uncommon predicament of having absolutely nothing to say. Considering the ease and readiness with which the present speech was delivered, it seemed hard to credit the possibility of the earlier difficulty, and certainly was of good augur for every timid and budding Demosthenes.

Miss McKay followed, more than usually well supplied with subjects, since through the generosity or the lack of moral courage of one of the speakers selected, a second subject had fallen to her lot. The two slips passed to her bore the words, "Co-education" and "Varsity," and despite the terrible disasters due to previous attempts to combine these two apparently warring elements, the combination on this occasion was most happy. From long experience as third year

representative, Miss McKay foretold to her successor in that position, the really delightful readiness with which contributions always came in, and the great eagerness to furnish material everywhere evident on the part of the girls!

The next subject was "Exams." and it was dealt with most ably by Miss McCully, who in conclusion gave a most pathetic account of what happened the poor girl who took all the advice not "to worry, not sit up late to cram"—an account which all the listeners fully appreciated.

Miss Stewart then spoke on the Glee Club Concert, and gave a brief review of the work accomplished.

Miss Carruthers' subject was the "Position of a Fourth Year Girl"; but the retrospective attitude the thought of the last year brings, made her include a general survey of college life and work. Her remarks were very much appreciated, especially by those who were in the same position as the speaker. After her observations on college work, Miss Carruthers spoke of work in general, and of what ideal work should be, and in conclusion recited the beautiful lines of Kipling's "Invoi."

Mrs. Blewett had promised to be present, but was prevented from coming. She sent her most sincere regrets to the girls.

Miss Newman, who acted as critic, then gave her criticism of the meeting, which was very favorable, for what was the use of saying anything disagreeable when it would be forgotten long before it could be put in practice? Miss Newman also tendered to Miss Davis, the President, the hearty thanks of the members of the Women's Literary Society for her earnest efforts to make the Society a success, efforts which have been very much appreciated.

The meeting then adjourned, and the girls had time for a dance before dispersing.



A week ago Monday between the hours of 12 and 3 the girls of '08 held a very enjoyable luncheon in the girls' lunch room. About 40 girls were present and the affair, which promises to be an annual one, was very merry. Frequent strains of "Yokohama! Yokohama," the '08 yell, came floating up to the corridors, but this was the only invitation extended to the rest of the College. The speeches, which were entirely extempore, formed an important part of the programme. 1. "The King," was responded to very briefly by Miss Trowern. 2. "Our Country," by Miss H. Black. 3. "University College," by Miss Annette Harold. 4. "The Faculty," by Miss Parker. 5. "Y.W.C.A.," Miss Bessie Dickson responded to this, showing the good accomplished by the Association. Miss Dickson further explained that the little envelopes containing the programmes were supposed to be filled with the Y. W. collection. 6. "The Press." Miss L. Thompson here eulogized the members of the Varsity staff rather than the press itself. 7. "Athletics," very aptly responded to by Miss McLaughlin, who spoke of the value of fencing, skating, physical culture, etc. 8. "Co-education." This toast was very wittily responded to by Miss "Harry" Porter. Miss Porter was frequently interrupted as she expressed her utter ignorance of the "social" side of the question. Midst loud applause she exhorted the girls to be

good to the freshmen (at least), "that unknown quantity, lest it vanish into infinity." 9. The last but not least—the toast of '08—was answered by Miss Carrie Knight, who spoke earnestly to the girls about the different interests of the year, especially the class meetings and how each might help to make them a success.

The luncheon concluded with the college song and a vote of thanks tendered to Miss "Vic" McWhorter, the toast mistress, and to the others who did so much to make it a success.



Y. W. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held on Tuesday afternoon, the President in the chair. Miss Burt read a long letter received from Miss Wigle, a graduate of the University of Toronto, who is now engaged in mission work in Japan. The account of life and work there was most interesting, especially her account of the educational work among the children by means of which so many homes are reached.

Miss Adie then read a paper on the "Value of Little Things." Its simplicity and directness were certainly calculated to make all who heard think very earnestly of some things that might otherwise have appeared trifling—of some little things, such perhaps as Wordsworth meant when he spoke of the

"Little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love."



Varsity 8—St. George's 12

Varsity lost to St. Georges in the game for the city championship on Saturday night by a score of 12 to 8. The game was very interesting and close throughout, the result being in doubt until the last minute. The half-time score was 4 to 3 in favor of the St. Georges. Players on both teams roughed it considerably, but no one was injured.

St. Georges scored first in three minutes, and Varsity evened up in nine minutes. The Saints got three more and Varsity two, making the half-time score 4 to 3. In the second half Varsity tied the score at seven all, but the Saints scored five of the next six goals, and Varsity was unable to overcome the lead. The teams were:

Varsity—Goal, Lash; point, Evans; cover, Montague; rover, Martin; centre, Southam; right, Thoms; left, Patton.

St. Georges—Goal, H. Ardagh; point, Perram; cover, I. Ardagh; rover, Chadwick; centre, Housser; right, Hynes; left, Webster.

The penalties were: First half—Hynes 2, Montague 5, Southam, Evans, I. Ardagh, Webster 2. Second half—Thoms 2, I. Ardagh 2, Hynes, Montague, Lash, H. Ardagh, Housser, Martin 2, Evans.

Lou Burns refereed in an able and impartial manner.



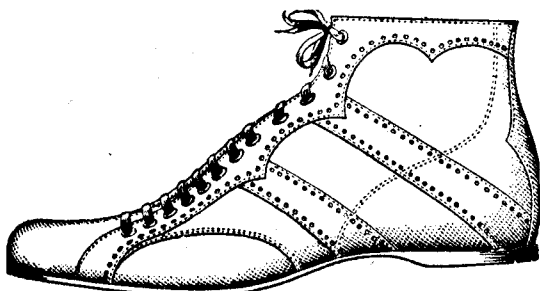
Cricket

Varsity had a very successful cricket season this year, though there was the same old trouble, viz. the inability of keeping the side together until the close of the season. One by one the men left town until we were so weak that we suffered defeat at the hands of St. Andrew's College. We, however, defeated Ridley College and Upper Canada College. In our second game with Upper Canada College we compiled our largest score of the season, Jones contributing 83 not out, Heighington 39 and Southam 35.

In our annual match with Trinity, the last before Federation, we won by only a small majority; it was a close and exciting match, played in very wet weather, but not a true test of the ability of either team as the pitch of Trinity is poor even under favorable circumstances.

A special feature of the last season was the match with McGill. For although the McGill team was greatly strengthened by the addition of several non-University players still there were a majority of College men playing. Varsity lost the match, but made a very good showing indeed.

McGill's tour was a great success; they won most of their games, being defeated only by the Toronto Cricket Club, I think. This tour of McGill's has instilled into the minds of many of Varsity's cricket players the idea of taking a tour similar to that made by the lacrosse, hockey and baseball teams; the object being to meet our sister Universities on both sides of the line in friendly contest. Of course unlike the hockey and



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baseball teams, we could count on practically nothing from gate receipts. But if the Athletic Association would head a subscription list as was done at Trinity last year, I feel sure the trip could be financed. Trinity had a very good trip last summer, though they only played city clubs, while we would aim to make ours a collegiate trip, visiting McGill, Harvard, U.S.P., Haverford, and Cornell in the order named. This would make a splendid trip; of course the distances are great, but special rates could be obtained, and each member of the team would pay part of his own expenses.

I would like to see this matter brought up at the annual meeting which should be held earlier this year in order to get the approval and assistance of the Athletic Association and the Faculty. The Cricket Club is not unmindful of the assistance the Athletic Association has given them lately, especially in regard to their arrangement with the Toronto Cricket Club, and the fact that they have, by their granting of first team colors to several members of last year's team, considerably raised the status of cricket at Varsity. The Athletic Association saw that the representative teams of Canada were securing the service of members of the Varsity eleven.

Next season the team will be stronger by the addition of several good men and this furnishes another good reason why we should undertake our trip this coming season.

A Member of the Team.



Exchanges

The Cornell University Poultry Association held a poultry show from February 14-16. The event was managed entirely by students of the Agricultural College and was the largest and most important ever attempted.

According to the "McGill Outlook" a movement is on foot among the students to compel the wearing of gowns by all Arts men.

The actual establishment of the School of Journalism at Columbia University, which Joseph Pulitzer endowed, will be deferred until the donor's death. The original delay was because President Butler, of Columbia, could not agree to the advisory board.

Pennsylvania has adopted a new method of exploiting its advantages to prospective college men. All of its large schools and sectional clubs were supplied with illustrated lectures on the university, and during the Christmas vacation these were delivered before the senior classes of the high schools and academies of the state.



According to statistics compiled by Director W. G. Anderson, of the Yale Gymnasium, classical students, while they usually are taller and heavier, nevertheless are not so strong physically as their comrades of the sciences. The deduction he draws from this is that the students who are stronger constitutionally prefer the sci-

entific training. But from these figures we would hardly be justified in drawing the conclusion that the classical student is more afraid of and less fitted for hard work than a scientific graduate, and facts prove that he is not.

Three prizes—a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$75, and a third prize of \$50—have been established by the Hon. John Barrett, United States Minister to Panama, to be awarded to the authors of the best papers on "The Relations of the United States with the Latin-American Republics." The competition is open to any undergraduate registered in a regular course in any college or university of recognized standing.

Principal Whitney of Bishop's University, Lennoxville, Quebec, has resigned his position and leaves shortly for England.

"Bothsides" is the name of the new intercollegiate debate magazine published at Harvard. On the advisory staff are members of debating teams from over thirty American colleges. The January number contains briefs of the recent Yale-Princeton and Pennsylvania-Virginia debates, as well as critical articles on debating. It has already been recommended for argumentation classes in many universities.

An unknown rival of John D. Rockefeller has promised the University of Chicago \$1,000,000.

"The Dalhousie Gazette," finding itself unable to obtain sufficient "copy" from the students, recently resorted to the expedient of offering small cash prizes. In its latest number, the Gazette remarks editorially that the venture "has met with a fair amount of success." This issue contains some of the prize articles, including a fifty-two stanza poem by a medical student!

The February number of the "University of Ottawa Review" has just come to hand and contains some unusually interesting matter. A portrait of Premier Whitney forms the frontispiece and among the contributions are: "The World's Greatest Poems," "A Trace of Indian Art," "The Place of Greek in Higher Education" and "Slang."

Berlin University has more students than any other university in the world, 7,774 at present attending lectures. A noticeable feature at the Berlin and other German seats of learning is the decline in the number of theological students.

The following comes all the way from England:
 "Dirty days has September,
 April, June and November;
 From January up to May
 The rain it raineth every day.
 All the rest have thirty-one,
 Without one blessed gleam of sun,
 And if any of them had two and thirty,
 They'd be just as wet and twice as dirty."



"Papa!"

"Well, my son?"

"Papa, does 'Hon.' mean honest?"

"No—politician."—Smart Set.



University College

Complaints have reached us from various sources to the effect that we most partially and unjustly have immortalized a favored few while we have neglected troops of others whose deeds entitle them to the fullest meed of praise. This charge is groundless. Few are the pedestals in our Hall of Fame, and those fitted only for statues of heroic mould, big with great deeds. None of the meaner rabble shall ever replace in our regard those gilded youths who scintillate in collations and are strictly *comme il faut* in all the niceties of ball-room etiquette.

One of the classical professors the other day, in a lecture upon Ancient Philosophy, came to the question of the pursuit of virtue. Virtue, he learnedly explained, must be sought for its own sake, and not for anything outside of itself. To illustrate this abstruse point he took the game of whist. "You play whist," he said, "for the sake of the game itself and not for the sake of the 'ante'." The professor is slightly mixed in his terms. Most people when they ante up want something more exciting than whist for their money.

That celebrated *causa belli*, the article signed Oudeis, turns out to have a very nondescript authorship indeed. It is a veritable chimera, "in front a lion, in the rear a dragon, and in the centre a she-goat," and the *mélange* seems to have been very unpalatable. The number three is a very tragic number. There were three Fates, there were three witches in Macbeth, and now there are three authors in Oudeis. Caligula wished that the Roman people had one neck so that he could strangle them all at once. Probably it would expedite matters if Oudeis also had one neck.

Socrates was lying in prison under sentence of death. As he was busily engaged in cross-examining some unfortunate spiders, his fellow prisoners, in burst at the head of a troupe of revelers his quondam pupil, young Alcibiades. The gay young Athenian had thrown sixes three times running at a banquet that evening and in consequence had made his potations of triple length and depth, so that he was in a fine, rollicking humor and, clapping Socrates on the shoulder, "Cheer up, old cloud-top," he ejaculated breezily, "a month in jail shouldn't spoil you as much as you've spoiled me. What you need is a good stiff drink to stiffen you, you look so down in the mouth." With that he called to his rout, "Ho, there, bring a flask of chian for the philosopher."

"Excuse me," said Socrates, "but I have got a drink coming that is the best stiffener on record."

Just then the executioner entered with a bowl of dining hall soup. Socrates with resignation drank the fatal draught and then passed quietly away.

Mr. Geo. Little has the sympathy of the students in the loss of his father, who died at London.

♦ ♦ ♦ Medicine

Prof. Baines, while discussing ways and means of administering castor oil, gave as an example of his correct technique the following suggestive anecdote:

"I may say, gentlemen, that on one occasion I bet Dr. O'Reilly a dollar I could give him a dose of castor oil without his knowing it. Well, gentlemen, he didn't get the dollar." The air of conviction the above statement conveyed left in our minds no doubt that Dr. O'Reilly was legally minus one hundred cents.

In some subsequent number of "Frenzied Finance" Lawson may find occasion to deal with the effort of one St—pe to engineer a "corner" in pincushions on a recent afternoon in the outdoor department of the General Hospital. The formation of a merger by M—s—n, McM—l—n Sp—ce and the M—n—g produced a decisive "bull" movement in the market. Later dealings have been entirely on the "curb." Another matter for financial criticism is furnished by the dealings of M—th—e in "Copper" which has assumed so great proportions that very frequently of late, he has caught J—st—n and K—l—r M—n—g and others decidedly "short" and obliged them to "cover" by emergency loans.

The aftermath of recent social amenities is plentiful in possibilities for future matrimonial alliances. The exploited pleasantries of Dr. Osler, viz.—"that a man is not of great value after forty, and no good at all after sixty," has hastened the actions of one or two Meds. in making hay while the sun shines. C—r—ns, '05, is reported to have carried a cut finger with caressing care over to the "General" so that a certain member of the nursing staff might dress it for him and distil upon it the healing balm of her sympathy.

During the last week there were several occurrences around the college worthy of special mention.

Dr. Wanless, a medical missionary, lately returned from India on furlough, paid this college a very acceptable visit last week. Monday morning, at the invitation of Dr. Rudolf, he gave us a very interesting lecture upon the character of diseases commonly prevalent in India and the modes of treatment generally employed. Again on Tuesday he addressed the Y.M.C.A. on particular phases of medical mission work. He showed clearly the great acceptability of medical

knowledge and the enormous field open for medical work, owing to the greater prevalence of disease and the extreme poverty of trained medical workers. Dr. Wanless returns in April to take a special course in Pathology, and we will be pleased to have him with us again.

At the conclusion of the Tuesday lecture last week Prof. Adam Wright presented the Wright-Caven cup for inter-year Hockey, to the third year as winners of the trophy. In a felicitous and comrade-like speech he commended all forms of manly sports, and assured us that he himself had always been a "dead game sport." He hoped that the epitaph of every man in the class would be:—"He done 'something'—angels could do no better." We can assure the genial Professor that after such a heartening speech his forthcoming monograph upon his special subject will find ready purchasers at the hands of the third year. And we hope for the sake of our coming exams. the edition will not be much longer "a child of the future."

At the meeting of the Medical Society on Friday evening, Col. Sam. Hughes, M.P., gave us a very profitable and pleasant hour and a half in the course of an illustrated lecture, in which he commended to our attention the claims of the Northwest as a field for future location. By means of photographs taken by himself, while exploring routes for the Canadian Northern, he showed clearly the forward march and trend of colonization methods and, better still, the "argumentum ad pocketum" to those who have the will for a time at least to live a strenuous life.

The genial Colonel made an excellent impression, both by his splendid physical make-up and his easy, fluent, moderate form of speaking—altogether different indeed to what we expected after reading so many newspaper portraits of him. And as expressing the feelings of Grits and Tories we will say readily, "Come again Sam!" The Toronto Meds. may feel sure that in Col. Hughes they have one who has a friendly and wholesome interest in their future career, and who stands ready to offer his experienced advice and help to those who don't want to be "a square peg in a round hole." A "lapsus linguae" made F. W. Rolph, '05, while moving a vote of thanks, state that Col. Hughes had gone to such trouble as to come all the way to Ottawa. Anyway Sam. didn't mind it, for he likes "coming to Ottawa," we're told. During the evening Messrs. Minns, '06, and Powell, '08, rendered excellent vocal selections.

A business session was held before the regular meeting for the hearing of arguments on amendments proposed by Mr. Malcolm Cameron, '05. The available time was too limited for general discussion, but we consider Mr. Cameron's presentation of the issues involved quite pertinent and fitted to the actual needs of the society. The assumptions of the president of the new Executive, in replying to Mr. Cameron, were hardly such as we expected. Recriminations over past events are quite inadvisable. There are others besides Mr. Cameron whose opinions will have to be considered, and it is the right of every member of the Medical Society to have a frank, manly statement of views along the lines of the issues under discussion. The attitude of more than one of the new Executive is not in accordance with their pre-election pledges. It is

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desirable that the Society should be brought into an active legislative career, now that the College conditions have become settled sufficiently towards its accomplishment. The Society must be ready to accept criticism and to profit from it, and we look to the next year's officers, seeing that they have sought office, to be active in getting the Society out of "the same old rut." In the effort to that end we are sure that the hearty support of the whole student body may be counted upon. It will be wise to leave alone newspaper clippings which might be turned into boomerangs and to remove from the official dictum of purpose the word "can't." What we want next year is two verified axioms. 1. Every Toronto Med. is a member of the Medical Society. 2. Every member has full interest in its projects.

At the annual meeting of the Rifle Association the proposition to increase the membership to 200 was ratified. The attention of all true sportsmen among the Meds. is directed to this organization. As there will be inter-college competitions during the coming year, it is desirable that we have a very much larger representation in the Association in order to secure strong teams. Much better facilities will be provided in the coming year for the general practices at Long Branch and elsewhere, and an extremely valuable training in long range shooting will be available to all participants of this manly sport. As it is desirable that the lists should be filled immediately all Meds. who had contemplated joining will do well to consult at once with N. K. Wilson, '07, W. Brydon, '07, or R. M. Johnstone, '06. The representation in the Rifle Association from Medicine should be at least 75. Come along, boys, and help to plug the target and put up a score for a possible trophy.



Applied Science

The S.P.S. graduates at Niagara Falls, who number about 30, are coming to Toronto by special car on March 7th to attend the dinner at the King Edward.

Wilkie Evans proved himself to be an orator at the Intercollegiate Hockey dinner over which he presided.

Shirriff and Sisson of the third year represented the School at the Dinners given by Victoria and Pharmacy, respectively, last week.

The third year Miners play the Mechanicals of the same year a game of hockey sometime this week for a suitable trophy. "Brigham" Young will captain the Miners and "Beakie" Thompson will have charge of the Mechanicals. "Short" Broadfoot will referee if no objections are made.

The Year Book, we understand, has gone into the hands of the publishers. In it will appear the photos of the School's three championship teams. MacInnes, of the second year, is the only one to win a place on all three teams, Hockey, Rugby, and Association. This is certainly a record to be proud of.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. Henry, who so successfully managed the Senior School Hockey team, winners of the Jennings cup for 1905.

Indications are that the School Dinner on March 7th, will be more successful than ever. A great number of out of town graduates have signified their intentions of being present.

Messrs. Wells and Code of last year's graduating class were two of the three successful ones at the O.L.S. exams last week.



Wycliffe Notes

The At Home given by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sheraton last Wednesday evening was a most enjoyable affair. The college was thrown open to the guests. The museum, convocation hall, chapel and library were the chief points of interest. Here and there throughout the halls were scattered seat-tuos, so dear to the student heart. Promenades and music were the order of the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Through an error it was stated in last week's issue that Rev. W. F. Francis had visited the college. Rev. W. F. Carpenter was meant.

Last Friday's meeting of the Lit. was one of the most successful this year. The subject, "Resolved that intemperance is a greater evil than war," was discussed, Messrs. A. C. Collier and J. E. Purdie supporting the resolution, while Messrs. H. E. Elliott and T. H. Perry opposed it. The affirmative won. While the judges were out, Mr. A. H. Sovereign delighted the audience with a perusal of the last number of that popular college paper, News Items. It was sparkling with humor in the form of friendly jibes at the foibles and mishaps of the various students. The editor and contributors are to be congratulated upon the excellence of this final issue.

Mr. Carrie informs us that on special occasions Mr. Ellis' manly brow is "ordained" by a pair of eyeglasses.

Mr. H. A. Ben-Oliel was absent all last week attending the Missionary Loan Exhibit at Montreal.

Rev. T. H. Cotton gave his first lecture on pastoral theology in the college last week.

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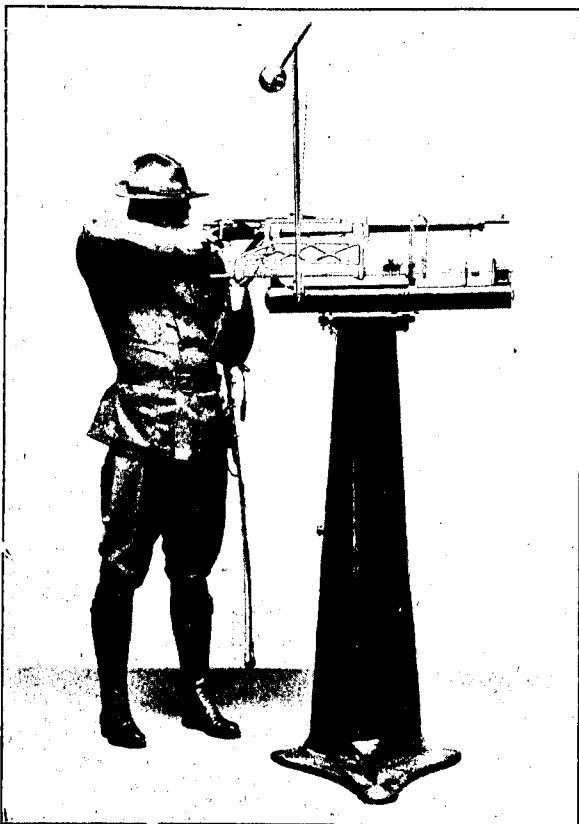
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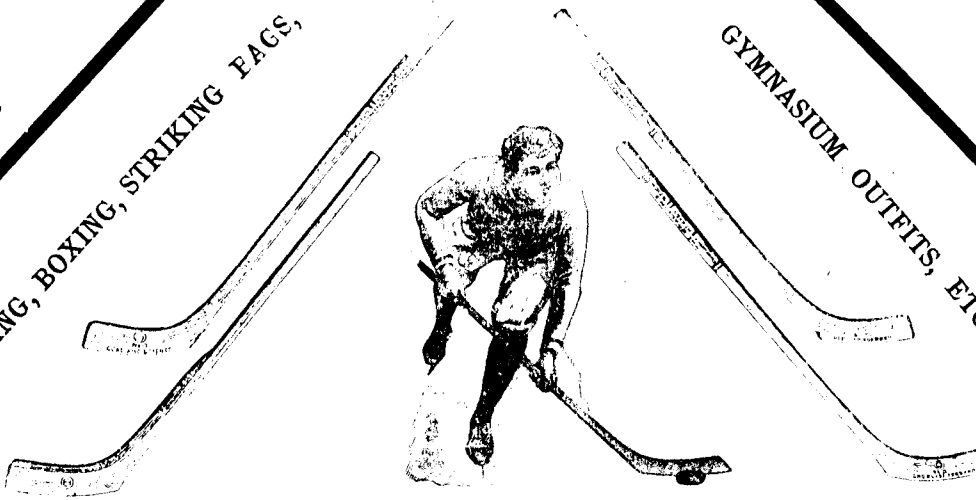
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