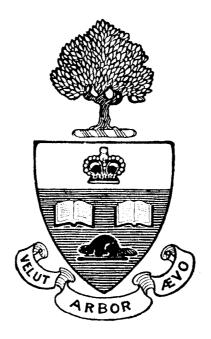


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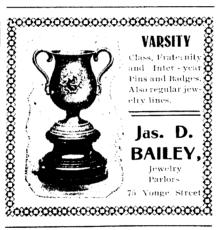
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Flotsam

"You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear!" said a philosopher, one time; yet I have seen a Classical Graduate develop into a financier, and I once met a Mathematical gold-medallist who was a clerk in a dry goods store on Lower Broadway at \$12 per week. These things prove the contention of the bookish, that a University education fits a man for anything. Was it Plato, Shakespeare, Aristotle or Bill Nye who first raised the contention that the University man, ceteris paribus, would make a better cook in a lumber camp than the man who had not gone through the University?

To what ignoble uses are we put! A week ago I wanted a trunk moved from one house to another. The company sent to me a man of great breadth of shoulder, kindly of countenance, pa-tient, but very full of beer or something. He carried the trunk up stairs with difficulty. offered him a drink and then gently expostulated with him on the evils of intemperance.

"Correct, sir," he answered, "but a man must live and must have pleasure in one form or in another. I take it where I find it. Dum vivimus, vivamus!"

"Et bibamus!" I replied, wondering where

he got his phrase. "Have another!"

And he did. So, since wine brings truth, it developed that once he graduated from Cambridge. He was a younger son, as usual, and had a roving commission from his earliest youth. He had exercised it under most skies and in most capacities; had served his country in India, kept bar in Cape Town, been right-handman to a Yankee missionary on the Gold Coast, played fan-tan in Chinatown, San Francisco, roulette in Denver, Col., and now was a handy man in the employ of American Express. didn't seem to mind the change of scene. described Japan as "too sedate," the American West as "too strenuous," India as "too slow." "New York," he said, "suits me, because nobody gives a hang for you. In England I'd be a horrible example. Here I'm just alive, able to get enough to eat, and it's nobody's business. This country is free. Good day!'

So he passed out and was gone. It cost that man's people several thousand dollars to teach him to say "Dum Vivimus," instead of "While we're still kicking!" The lesson may have been expensive, but the student contents himself with the reflection that it did not cost him anything. The people who paid for it did it out of a sense of duty, or affection. They paid for a conscious-

ness of duty well done, for smug content. English papa sits back and says: "Well-it's true he has not turned out well-but I gave him a good education!" So perhaps the expense was all right after all. Its products are nil, so far as they may be weighed in the commercial scales.

And the man is one of many. Every day I dictate endless "copy" to an English University graduate, and when I am old and ready to die he will still be taking copy on the typewriter, unless a happy fate lets' him die first. When he first came into my hands I found reason to question the dictum quoted in the first paragraph about a University education as the universal outfitter. He was the worst typewriter and the worst stenographer that ever happened. He didn't seem to mind. I asked him if it hurt him any to spell "superficial" with a "ph," and he freely admitted that it didn't. By the time I had eighty or ninety times consigned him to glory and other places he learned that sentences and paragraphs began with capital letters and ended with full stops, but to this day, after many months of service, he is still tangled on commas, colons and the other condiments of literature as she is, or ought to be, writ.

"They are misfits," says the President of the University, "and would be more misfits if they had not had the training." Perhaps, but how do you know? Is an educated fool any better than an uneducated fool? For my part, if I had to associate with a pig, I should prefer the pig as God made him rather than the gentlemanly pig that performs at Keith's. I should feel more at home with him. If a man is merely a dolt, an idiot, or a boor, I know how to meet him, and feel at home with the gentleman. But if he happens to be an educated dolt, idiot or boor, I don't want to be near him. I want to pay deference to his degree, but I can't. So I am pulled two waysand a change of scene is desirable.

No-I am not trying to poke fun at University training. It is a very excellent thing. But there are some "sow's ears" that one cannot make anything out of at all—let alone the silk purse of the proverb. Also it is the rankest kind of folly to generalize. Whoever designed the University -almost anyone about Knox or Wycliffe can tell you who it was—recognized this fact. Therefore all men look different. The man who undertakes to say that University men are better than other men is taking up a task that is impossible. I know some that are not. I also know some that are. The one thing that I do seem to know is that the University man, per se, so to speak, just out, with his pin-feathers still prominent,

and sections of the shell still sticking to his scanty mental plumage, is the worst thing that ever happened to a business institution—except in very rare cases where business ran through his University course. I am thinking of Tommy Russell, and his kind, the greater part of whose education was not taken from books or lectures.

All this is by the way. Now I come to the gist of my story. Your editor—may the shades of Greeley and Dana guard him while he sleeps—asks me to write, "Oh—anything!" This is a state secret, so I am telling it. Being a newspaper man, of course I have lots of things to write for the edification of an intelligent reading public such as was wont to batten on the feast of reason spread weekly in these pages when we were there. So I am writing them. That is all of the story. Now, having told my tale in terse and direct language as is becoming in a newsman, let me go wandering again after the manner of the Sunday Special, who writes on space, at \$5 per column.

Did you ever read Ella Wheeler Wilcox's "Don'ts for unmarried girls who would like to be!"? From the fund of some years' experience as an alleged writer of literature, and some other things, I should like to write for you fellows a book on "Don'ts for inexperienced writers who would like to be!" But I won't. Instead, get the book above mentioned if you can find it, read it, apply it to your own case, and go and do likewise. If you have aspirations to become a great writer, go and apprentice yourself to some good trade or business. Get into it, get interested in it, spend your life at it, get married to some girl with a large appetite, who worships lofty literary ideals like Mary Maclean, Agnes Laut,-or perhaps the Duchess-and forget it. That is the most adequate recipe I know for the case of the man who wants to be a great writer. It is about the one way he will fail to be disappointed.

You will say, gentle reader, or other reader, that this last paragraph has nothing to do with my story. But it has. It is merely an illustration of the kind of logic that leads the University graduate into trouble. It leads to carrying trunks upstairs for me, or taking copy on my typewriter. The gentleman who performs this last service started out to be a literary man, and came to New York because the London papers were too slow to buy his stuff. The New York papers were too fast. So he typewrites. The New York papers are generally too fast, and the magazines—well—how would you, Mr. Editor, stack up against Tom Lawson, who is writing interesting fiction in the form of fact for Everybody's Magazine?

Life becomes a dismal failure to the average man if he bumps very hard shortly after graduation. It is so different from the thing he had imagined it. He thinks his wings are in good working order, but the thing goes wrong and he hits a hard unfeeling world with a dull sickening thud. If he is any good he recognizes that he is not the first to do it, and his pride will impel him to do something else not quite so commonplace. I remember a young chap who came down here with tall ideas about the way things happen in Wall Street. He had looked on the Jordan Street tickers when they were going around, and thought all other tickers went around at the

same time and in the same way, taking time from Jordan Street. But they didn't. After the bump he gathered himself together and got to work. You have to work sooner or later, so one might just as well go at it first as last. The last I heard of him he was keeping time for a construction gang on the C.P.R.

I remember one night on St. Joseph Street, in the winter of '96, when, under various and sundry influences, three fellows talked about the world and all that therein is—except women, of course! One was a brilliant student, leading his course, full of ambitions, ideas, plans. He had gotten beyond the hope stage in his junior year, and took success for granted. Another was merely a plodder, who did things by hard work. The third was one of the prize loafers of his year, who never captured a scholarship in his life and has been accused of never trying to do anything except keep alive and have a little fun on the side.

It is more interesting in retrospect. Looking back at the conversation, it had elements of wisdom. The Medallist, we shall call him, talked of "Life," talked in a half-sensible vein, about responsibility, talents given to us to be improved, ability to succeed, imparted by a kindly providence—in fact he echoed the Professorial Staff. Life to him meant academics applied to the procuring of daily bread. He never, so far as I can remember, mentioned wine, women, or The world was Toronto and the suburbs. He did not believe that circumstances had anything to do with fate. He claimed that he could mould circumstances to suit himself. Temptations were nil; instincts, things to be led at heel. He was a very proper man. The college at large thought him a great success-and so he was. He has since proved it. He is in a collegiate institute, teaching a specialty, and successful. I saw him last summer. His ideas are changed. The world is now narrowed down to a much smaller girth than Toronto and the suburbs. It is all embraced in six rooms and a bath, with a little garden thrown in, a wife and two babies. Such is Life.

The second was a dreamer, in his way, who analyzed Life as he analyzed his books, labelled things and stored them away. Life with him was altruistic, in a wide sense, and the rules of philosophy were all-powerful. He, too, believed that circumstances were incidental, or could be created to suit. His view was very wide and very deep. To him the world was as big as the earth, and he owned it all. There was nothing quite impossible, if one only worked. He did not recognize love, frailty, passion, weakness as part of the machinery of life. The universe was a thing quite understandable, measured by rule and law. He was going to be a literary man, a writer of great books. I don't know where he is.

The third member of the party had no philosophy, no code, and mighty little ethics. He was a rank outsider in nearly everything that made up life in those days. He didn't believe, and does not now believe that he, or anyone else, knows what life is. To some it is the price of beer: to others it may be measured in codes and rules: to yet others it is the love of women: and to yet others it is the peace of deep thought and great reflection. And so the problem ends where it began—and who cares?

You remember Omar:

Myself when young did eagerly frequent, Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument About it and about: but evermore Came out by the same door where in I went.

O threats of Hell and hopes of Paradise! One thing at least is certain—this I ife flies; One thing is certain and the rest is—Lies; The Flower that once has blown forever dies!

So, after all these wanderings, we have come back to the drunken porter on my stairs. You hear him: "Dum vivimus, vivanuus!"—or, as we were wont to put it in more homely phrase: "Go it while you're young—wooden legs are cheap!" After all, what's a man good for if he can't enjoy the day that flies? Therefore, prepare to live. Join hands about your Christmas board: divorce Philosophy, like Omar of the Persians: in the words of the Great American People, "Get next."

C. M. Keys.

The Hand of Winter

When Winter's frosty steps are seen Through meadow, hill and forest, When Winter's breath is sharp and keen, And when his frost is hoarest;

I love to breathe the bracy airs, And list the sleigh-bells sounding, When earth her snowy mantle wears And th' blood in its veins is bounding.

But when his hand has feeble grown,
And streams their bonds are fretting,
When th' March winds from the south are
blown,

And the sun delays his setting,—

I long to hear the song-birds sing
And see the rivers flowing;
I long to breathe the airs of spring
And pluck the flowers blowing;

To wander in the meadows green, To hear the young lambs bleating, To see the morning's silvery beam On th' dew so fresh and fleeting;

The blossoms on the apple-boughs, Their fragrant odors breathing, Forget-me-nots for lovers' vows Their floral-garlands weaving;

The sounds, and sights, and sunny sky, And Nature full of gladness, That lure away the troubled sigh, And strain of care or sadness.

Then shall the days be full of light,
And full of peace the even,
And Nature 'rayed in garments bright
Shall draw me nearer heaven.
Norman A. McEachern, '07.

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(By a printer's error only half of the above poem was printed last issue.)

Exchanges

Preparations are already affoat, announces the "Cornell Alumni News," for the fitting commemoration on January 11, 1907, of the tennial of the birth of Exra Cornell, founder of the University of that name. President Schurman, in referring to this matter recently, before the Cornell Club, of New York City, said :-"When vast fortunes in the hands of a few families are the real menace to America to-day there should be great rejoicing over the fact that a man lived like Ezra Cornell, who until he passed middle life worked for day's wages and then looked about to see how he could spend the great wealth which he had accumulated by fortunate investments." He added, "What we need at Cornell is more dormitories, residence halls I would call them. The fraternity idea is all right in its way, but the bulk of undergraduates must depend upon dormitory life.''

President Schurman also announced a gift of \$20,000 from Mrs. Goldwin Smith, to be used toward the equipment of the Goldwin Smith Hall of Humanities. This gift was inspired, the President said, by Mrs. Smith's gratitude at learning of the unusually enthusiastic reception tendered her husband at the time of the laying of the corner-stone.

Queen's University Journal, in an issue just to hand, urges on the attention of the authorities the need of an up-to-date gymnasium.

Fault is also found with Toronto University for tardiness in handing over the Championship Cup of the Intercollegiate Rugby League. The article says in part:—"Whatever the cause, in spite of various requests from Queen's Rugby Club and the Secretary of the Intercollegiate Union, the Cup has not yet been sent to the rightful holders, and no answer can be obtained to the communications. There can be little excuse for such remissness on the part of any club of the League, and we trust to soon see the trophy once more in the centre of our own collection."

Two weeks ago attention was directed in this column to a discussion opened in "The McGill Outlook" by an anonymous writer as to the students' fitness for passing judgment on members of the faculty. In this week's issue of the "Outlook," considerable criticism is meted out to the writer of the article in two replies, each condemning the "thoughts of one conceited idiot."

An interesting addition—to our exchange—list this week is the "Acadia Athenaeum," the organ of Acadia College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

The students of Lehigh University have adopted a code of honor. Their pledge is:—"We, the students of Lehigh University, do hereby pledge ourselves, on our honor, to abstain from all fraud in university written recitations, quizzes and examinations, and to take proper measures to prevent any infringement of this resolution."

Negotiations are being carried on with a view to arranging a baseball match between teams representing Waseda University, Japan, and Leland Stanford University, the game to be played in San Francisco.

A review of an article on "University Registration Statistics," published in the December issue of Science, shows that a majority of the

institutions of the United States show a material gain in numbers. Harvard, with 5,392; Columbia, with 4,833, and Chicago, with 4,035, have the largest total enrolments of the universities of the country. It is interesting to note that attendance in the medical schools of the country shows a decrease in the last few years, due to the general raising of the standards. Harvard has also the largest collegiate enrolment. Columbia has the largest graduate school enrolment. Over sixty thousand names are enrolled with twenty largest universities in the country.

A new fire-house has been built on the campus at Stanford University, and will be manned by a corps of students who will be trained in practical

fire-fighting.

In this week's issue of "The Student," of the University of Edinburgh, appears an interesting sketch of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one of Edinburgh's most distinguished graduates. Speaking of the popularity of his famous detective stories, "The Student" says :- "It is now a commonplace among us that the subject of our sketch got the idea of "Sherlock Holmes" while studying in the consulting room of Dr. Joseph Bell. the Doctor would say to a patient who presented himself, "you are a soldier, a non-commissioned officer, and you have served in Bermuda. how did I know that, gentlemen? He came into the room without taking his hat off, as he would go into an orderly room. He was a soldier. A slight, authoritative air, combined with his age, shows he was a non-commissioned officer. A slight rash on the forehead tells me he was in Bermuda, and subject to a certain rash known only there." The clever and intensely interesting experiences of "Sherlock Holmes" had their original source in our own University."

Trinity University Year Book for 1904-'05 has

just been published.

Dr. Bell on Baffinland

Last Thursday evening the Natural Science Association held a very successful open meeting in the Biological Museum. Dr. Bell, director of geological surveys, gave an interesting and instructive address, illustrated with 50 views, on the third largest island in the world, Baffinland. It has an area of 100,000 square miles, contains two lakes about the size of Lake Ontario, and three mountain ranges traverse it diagonally, varying from 5,000 to 8,000 feet in height. 100,000 years ago it was covered with an ice cap two miles thick, and with the melting of the ice tension has been removed, and the land has risen at the rate of two or three feet per century. Fish nets that were at high water mark at the time of Christ are now 100 feet above the sea.

Chess Club

A friendly game between the University and Central Y.M.C.A. Chess Clubs was played in the Undergraduates' Union on Tuesday evening last. The contest resulted in a victory for the Y.M.C. A.; score 6-2. The winners upon the University team were Professor Mayor and Robert Hunter, Esq. Chas. E. H. Freeman,

Sec. pro tem.

The Lit.

The final inter-year debate on Saturday night was attended by a very large number of principally fourth and second year men. For the second time in its history the year of naughty-five won the right to engrave its name upon the shield awarded for prowess in debate. The representatives of the second year acquitted themselves very creditably and all the speeches were above the average.

The debate was on the following question: "Resolved, that the constitution of the Australian Commonwealth in respect to a Senate is an

improvement on the Canadian system."

Messrs. N. A. McEachren and O. Bowles, '07, supported the affirmative, while the negative view was upheld by Messrs. M. H. Jackson and S. H. Moyer, '05. Mr. McEachren urged that in the Canadian constitution nothing definite was enacted in regard to the Senate's duties, and therefore it is irresponsible as it is also practically independent of the people and of the crown.

Mr. Jackson urged that our Senate is required to represent the sober second judgment of the people. The senators must be men of mature age and experience and men fairly independent in order to check hasty legislation and work without

fear or favor.

Mr. Bowles held that our system of election to the Senate lends itself to a charge of basis for corruption. Furthermore the power of absolute veto in the hands of an irresponsible body means

the power of the minority to rule.

Mr. Moyer pointed out as conclusive evidence of the superiority of our system the fact that in thirty-eight years we have had practically no hitch, while Australia has had endless trouble in her four years' trial of a Senate elected by popular vote. In the Australian system, whereby the Upper and Lower Houses have co-ordinate powers, the principle of responsible government by Cabinet is endangered.

The judges, Messrs. E. Wilcox, B.A., W. Mc-Guire, B.A., and J. Sharrard, B.A., after some deliberation decided that while the sides were equal in point of style the negative had excelled

in matter.

The musical programme consisted of a vocal solo by Mr. MacDonald, '08, and three rousing choruses by the members of the Society.

The Reception of the Women's Literary Society

The annual reception of the Women's Literary Society is, for this year, a thing of the past, and like previous functions of this kind, it was most

certainly a great success.

The programme, which occupied the earlier part of the evening, was furnished almost entirely by the various clubs and organizations which represent different phases of the college girls' activities and interests.

The first number was the singing of "Toronto" by the Women's Glee Club. Then came a fencing drill by some of the enthusiastic pupils of Ser-

geant Williams.

The Dramatic Club furnished the distinctively literary part of the programme, in the form of two scenes from Shakespeare's King Henry VIII. The interpretation was very beautiful and impressive. The pathos of the trial scene was brought

out strongly by the simple, life-like presentation, and the angel scene was indeed "a thing of beauty." Praise of the gracefulness of movement, the naturalness of expression, and the general excellence of the acting was heard on all sides.

There was also a piano solo by Miss Berney; and in conclusion, another chorus by the Glee Club. The sweet and plaintive melody of this last selection, "Kathleen Mavourneen," might, it seemed to me, linger in the memory in such a way as to remind one of Wordsworth's description of the song of the Solitary Reaper.

After the programme, came promenading and dancing. Refreshments were served in the Ladies'

Study.

At a late hour, the gathering dispersed with many pleasant memories of what had been a most enjoyable and successful entertainment.

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At the meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society on Friday evening last two very interesting papers were given; one by W. E. Harper on "Airships," the other by R. M. Motherwell on "Edison and the Phonograph." Harper divided airships into two classes, those in which the balloon was a necessary adjunct and those which dispensed with the gas inflated balloon. After describing some of the former and showing their weaknesses, he passed on to those of the aeroplane type, whose principles underlie the flights of birds. He predicted that the latter would ultimately be a success when motive power was a little more highly developed. Mr. Motherwell sketched the life of Edison from a boy, whose educational advantages were very limited, to his final triumph. He traced the growth of the phonograph, describing each one of the parts, and at the close gave several selections on the instrument, which were much enjoyed.

University College Dance

The committee in charge are working energetically to have all arrangements for the annual At Home of University College Literary Society on Feb. 16th completed this week. Several difficulties have had to be faced by the committee which have not had to be met before, thus making the work doubly hard. One change from previous years has been in making the price of the tickets one dollar and a half for everybody. As the number of tickets to be sold is strictly limited to three hundred it has been found almost impossible to meet expenses at the prices of last year. Then, again, a large number of city people have been in the habit of obtaining students' tickets rather than paying the regular fee for non-students. The committee has no intention of trying to have anything but a nominal surplus to cover any unexpected expenditures; a probable balance of any account will be expended on behalf of the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

The idea of this dance is a students' function rather than for those beyond the pale of the University, but in previous years it has been found absolutely necessary to place the tickets before the city public in order to make it a financial success. If the matter were taken up by the undergraduates in the same enthusiastic manner as the dinner there is no doubt but that the dance of

1905 would be the banner social function of the period. The committee is working hard to make the dance a success; it now remains for the undergraduates to make it perfect.

The patronesses who have kindly consented to act are: Mrs. W. Mortimer Clark, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Fletcher, Lady Meredith, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Sweny, Mrs. Fasken, and Miss Salter.

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The annual concert of the Woman's Glee Club will be given in West Hall on Thursday evening, February 23rd. Tickets (50c and 25c each) may be obtained at the janitor's office, at Nordheimers', or from any member of the committee.

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The Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire into statements recently made in the public press reflecting upon the conduct of certain members of the University staff will meet to take evidence at an early date.

Anyone having any information pertinent to the subject matter of the enquiry and wishing to be heard before the committee is requested to send his name and address to the Registrar of the University at once in order that he may be notified of the meeting of the committee.

(Signed) W. R. Meredith, Chairman.

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Life's Counsel

What hast thou in store, oh Life,
What hast thou in store for me?
—Earth's stringent toil, and care, and strife,
And its pain are in store for thee.

Thou shalt smell the rose in the morn, But its fragrance shall all be vain; Ere eve for its beauty thou wilt mourn, For the thorn will alone remain.

Is there not, oh Life, some goal?
Some labor that I may do?
Are there no heights that the human soul
Mayst reach if it be but true?

What of labor couldst thou perform,
 Who thyself from earth was made?
 What meagre truth could thy weak mind form?
 Like grass it shall droop and fade.

Is there not, oh Life, some height
My soul in time can attain?
Can it not in Thy Truth and boundless Might
Reach some higher and purer plain?

-Do not seek the strength of thy hands, But trust in My Arm alone, And follow the precepts that Love demands And my might shall become thine own.

Do not seek the roses of time
That fade with the fleeting day;
Let Virtue and Truth alone be thine
Which never fade or decay.

And the toil and care and strife
And pain, and the fruits of sin
Shall disappear in the Higher Life
And Peace shall reign within.

-Norman A. McEachern, '07.

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Representatives to be appointed from the other colleges

Toronto, February 10, 1905

Just why "The Varsity" for so long has neglected the Exchange Column, that department of a college publication which fills so important a place in the make-up of the great majority of other university magazines, it would be difficult to say. No impartial critic can deny from even a hasty perusal of these journals that there is much in them that would bear repetition. Every student is more or less interested in what his fellow students in Great Britain or in the United States are doing, and it is with a view to culling interesting bits of current news from the publications of many of the best universities on the two continents that an "Exchange Column" has now been assigned a definite place in the pages of "The Varsity."

At the present time there are some 30 magazines on the list, including those of Glasgow and Edinburgh, of Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, and all the Canadian universities. Besides these there are received also a great many publications of the lesser universities of the United States. These latter contain matter of largely local interest, and are practically valueless from an Exchange editor's point of view. There are, however, no two with the same policy. Some run largely to fiction, containing scarcely anything of the nature of news. Others tend to the opposite extreme and are composed of a miscellaneous hash of locals and squibs. Some use a great deal of verse; others, scarcely any.

On account of these marked differences of policy, it is a difficult matter indeed to make a classification in order of merit, more especially as a monthly publication should far excell in both quantity and quality of material a weekly issue. For all-round excellence, perhaps "The Student," published by the University of Edinburgh, takes the lead among the publications so far received. It is invariably composed of the strong, pointed articles, almost exclusively to be met with in old country publications. If there is

any verse at all, it is good. A strong, short story or two is also generally to be found.

In strong contrast to "The Student" is "The Red and Blue" of the University of Pennsylvania, which, this month at least, is a solid volume of fiction. Perhaps the most artistic of all magazines so far received is "The Polytechnian," of the Polytechnic College, Fort Worth, Texas. A dainty red ribbon binds cover to pages and gives the whole a manuscript effect. None of the monthly journals, however, surpasses "Acta Victoriana" of Victoria University. Its January number is artistic in appearance and copiously illustrated and its whole make-up shows excellent editorial taste. Less pretentious, perhaps, are the publications of Queen's, McGill, McMaster and Manitoba; but, on the whole, Canadian Universities make a most creditable appearance amongst the best of Great Britain or of the United States.

The Exchange idea, so far as "The Varsity" is concerned, is still in its infancy, and publications of several of the foremost universities—notably, Oxford and Cambridge—are still to be received. No effort, however, will be spared to bring before Varsity readers all that is worth knowing in the university life of both continents.



We are in receipt of the inaugural address—of Lord Kelvin, who was made Chancellor of Glasgow University recently in room of the late Earl of Stair. This is of especial interest to Varsity readers, inasmuch as our professor of Chemistry, W. R. Lang, D. Sc., is a graduate of Glasgow University.

University Women's Club

The reception to graduates of all colleges was held by the University Women's Club last Thursday evening in Annesley Hall. President Dr. Helen MacMurchy was in the chair, and Miss Jones acted as secretary, in the absence of Miss Edgar. Addresses on the subject of Women's Residences were given by Miss Oakley, warden of Donalda College, McGill University, who was the guest of honour, and Miss Addison and Miss Cartwright, of Annesley Hall and St. Hilda's. This club has now a membership of more than 70.

Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m., Chem. Bldg.—Illustrated Lecture, Life and Habits in the Far North, Right Rev. P. T. Rowe, (Bishop of Alaska.)

Tuesday, February 14th.—Open meeting of Philosophical Society. Address by Rev. W. E. Taylor, Ph. D., on "Indian Philosophy."

Thursday, Feb. 16th.—Arts At Home. Friday, Feb. 24th.—Literary Society Oratorical Contest.

The COLLEGE GIRL

MISS P. A. MAGEE, Superintending Editor

Thoughts from a Graduate

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In attempting to grant the request that I should say something to the University students from a graduate's point of view, I am aware that I have indeed a large undertaking.

The message of a graduate is often rather discouraging. It seems to be the fashion to be cynical as to youthful hopes and ideals, and to be ashamed of any weakness in this direction, though I must admit that I myself am unable to see just why it is a particularly promising sign for either a college student or a college graduate to say limply that they have no special interests, and no plans for the future.

But it is to another class of students that I wish to speak, to those who have, it seems to me, to stand more than a fair share of unfavorable and often unkindly criticism.

I mean those students who leave college with high conceptions and lofty ideals, and who are filled with the enthusiastic and earnest desire to give these conceptions and ideals actual form. They are undoubtedly those for whom college life has done most, and yet they are often looked upon as visionaries for whom the practical world has no place.

And the experience of many graduates would seem to justify this. So many have to tell of disappointed hopes and unattained ideals, and of the disillusioning brought about by contact with actual life. And many do not hesitate to declare that this disappointment is due to the fact that the ideals inculcated by college life are such as are inevitably doomed to failure.

I often wondered if this were true. Surely the ideals with which we start life should serve to strengthen and encourage, not to sap and undermine will and resolution. If this is the case, there must be something radically wrong with our ideals.

When I had reached this stage I chanced upon a few remarks in a modern novel which set me thinking, and furnished something like a clue to the labyrinth. The idea was that there are two kinds of ideals: those that come to us first as vague longings for the unattainable, absolutely unrealizable visions—these the writer compared to stars. Then with experience of life, come ideals which represent the degree of perfection we may attain, the highest good which lies within our reach—these are the candles which serve to light us on our way.

And this conception seems to me to explain some of the difficulties in the matter under con-

sideration. College-trained young people start out in life, sometimes with ideals that, like the stars, are high and lofty, but like them also, are absolutely unattainable and often vague. They are unprovided with experience and knowledge of actual conditions, and in the first shock, when the utter remoteness, the impossibility of these early ideals is realized, there is the recoil, the disappointment, the loss of hope.

But as time passes, and we come to see how all life is relative, how all is done little by little, even the small measure of good, of progress, of success, attainable in the limits of our narrow life, comes to seem worth while. This degree of good is our candle—to follow the fanciful language of the metaphor.

And so as years pass, and we see a certain amount of our life-work attempted and done, though far short of what we could wish, yet with the wisdom gained by life and experience, we can look back to our youthful hopes and ideals, and say without bitterness:

"What I aspired to be And was not, comforts me."

N. E., '95.

The regular meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held on Tuesday, Jan. 24th, with the president in the chair. After the business had been disposed of the lesson for the day was presented by Miss Ross.

Miss Ross' thoughts were based on the words, "Wherefore let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," I Cor. x. 12. She spoke of the care which was necessary in our spiritual life even when we attain great spiritual strength, because very often it is then temptation comes. Temptation, however, is not to be deprecated, because through it we are made conscious of our own need and that of others, and so seek God's guidance. It also strengthens our moral nature. As safeguards against temptation, she suggested prayer, scriptural reading and work, and especially "the helmet of salvation and the sword of the spirit."

Our president then spoke to us on "Fragments," basing her remarks on the text, "When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto Him, twelve." From this she brought out the thought that the disciples were rather prodigal with small things, but Christ never was. He was careful of everything, and as a result was able to help many who otherwise might have lacked. Imitating Christ in this respect we should care for our spiritual and physical life, our opportunities and our time. There is not one of us who does not possess a small or great talent and were they all consecrated to God they would accomplish much for Him.



The adjourned meeting of the University of Toronto Association Football Club was held in the Gymnasium on Thursday last. Mr. P. I. Fraser was elected manager of the team for next year. A motion was passed unanimously requiring the new executive to take immediate steps to form an Inter-University League. There will be a meeting in the Gym. on Thursday of this week, at 5 p.m., to elect a captain. All who played on the team are urgently requested to attend.

Hockey

Varsity II. 13, R.M.C. 5

The Varsity Intermediates easi:y defeated the Cadets in the intermediate Intercollegiate game on Friday night. The Cadets came down expecting an easy victory, and the result was a great surprise to them. The intermediate team is the best that has represented Varsity in several years, and from their showing against R. M. C., should have little difficulty in winning the championship.

Varsity outplayed the Cadets from start to finish. The half-time score was 6 to 2 in favor of Varsity. The whole Varsity team played well, but particular mention should be made of the work of Laidlaw, Kennedy, R. Montague and

Keith.

Varsity goals were scored by Kennedy 5, Laidlaw 2, P. Montague 2, Thoms 3, R. Montague 1. The players disciplined were Constantine, R. Montague, Thoms 3, Harrington.

The teams were:

Varsity II.—Goal, Keith; point, Crawford; cov-Δ₹ er, R. Montague; centre, Laidlaw; rover, Thoms;

right, Kennedy; left, P. Montague.

Royal Military College—Goal, Goldie; point, Harrington; cover, Constantine; centre, Gill, rover, Powell; right, Hale; left, Macklem.

Referee, Chaucer Elliott.

Jennings Cup Series-Junior S.P.S. 6, Junior Meds. 3

The Junior School team defeated the Junior Meds. on Tuesday by a score of 6 to 3. The halftime score was 3 to 2 in favor of Junior School. The teams were:

Jun. S. P. S.-Goal, Hall; point, Lory; cover, Bryce; centre, Hague; rover, Murray; right, Kennedy; left, Carscallen.

Jun. Meds.—Goal, Phair; point, McLean; cover, Davidson; centre, Hyland; rover, Wallace; right, Stinson; left, Chapman.

Referee, J. C. Sherry.

Junior Arts 7, Pharmacy 3

Junior Arts won from Pharmacy on Wednesday by a score of 7 to 3. The half-time score was 2 to 1 in favor of Pharmacy, but Arts piled up a score in the second half and won out easily. The winners were:

Goal, Mavety; point, Boyd; cover, Lambert; centre, Fraser; rover, Davidson; right, Sherwood;

left, Laidlaw.

Referee, F. C. Broadfoot.

Senior S. P. S. 4, Junior S. P. S. 2

Senior School defeated Junior School on Friday by a score of 4 to 2. The first half ended I to o in favor of the Juniors, but in the second half the Seniors pulled together and won out

handily. The teams were:
Sen. S. P. S.—Goal, Jepson; point, Cribbs; cover, McKenzie; centre, Swan; rover, MacInnes;

right, Stewart; left, Cook

Jun. S. P. S.—Goal, Hall; point, Hewson; cover, Nicholls; centre, Hague; rover, Murray; right, Kennedy; left, Cory.

Referee, C. Jamieson.

Queen's 9, Varsity 4

With the exception of Kennedy, who replaced Thoms, the Varsity team was the same as lined up against McGill. Broadfoot scored the first goal for Varsity four minutes after play started and Queen's scored a few minutes later. The third goal was scored for Varsity from a lift by McGowan, and Queen's evened up while Lash was off. Queen's scored two more before the half ended, putting Queen's in the lead with four goals to Varsity's two.

In the second half Queen's scored two shortly after play started, one being shot from an off-Southam scored for Varsity, and Queen's tallied two in quick succession. Varsity's last goal was shot by Patton, and Queen's scored again just before time was called.

Lash played a star game in goal and was responsible for the score being kept down.

teams were:

Varsity-Goal, Lash; point, Broadfoot; cover, McGowan; centre, Southam; rover, Patton; wings, Martin, Kennedy.



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Schedule of Jennings Cup Series-First Round

A-Thursday, Jan. 26th, Sen. U. C. vs. Victoria.

B-Friday, Jan. 27th, Sen. Meds. vs. Sen. S. P. S.

C-Monday, Jan. 30th, Dentals vs. Trinity. D-Tuesday, Jan. 31st, Jun. S.P.S. vs. Jun.

E-Wednesday, Feb. 1st, Jun. U. C. vs. Pharmacy.

and round

F-Thursday, Feb. 2nd, Winner A vs. winner C. G-Friday, Feb. 3rd, winner B vs. winner D. Winner E bye.

Semi-final

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H-Monday, Feb. 6th, winner E vs. winner F. Final

K-Wednesday, Feb. 8th, winner G vs. winner H.

Track Club Meeting

The annual meeting of the University Track Club was held in the Gymnasium on Friday. The secretary's report showed a very successful sea-The officers son, and a balance of about \$300. elected for the ensuing year were: Hon. Pres., Dr. W. E. Willmott; Hon. Vice-Pres., H. J. Crawford, M.A.; President, Dr. E. R. Hooper; First Vice-President, I. S. Fairty, B.A.; Second Vice-President, W. R. Worthington; Secretary-Treasurer, J. J. Field; Manager, D. E. Robertson; Rep. Arts, '06, S. C. Snively; Rep. Arts, '07, H. M. Vermilyea; Rep. Arts, '08, N. Bilton; Rep. Sen. S. P. S., J. P. Clarlebois; Rep. Jun. S. P. S., F. P. Page; Rep. Sen. Meds., H. Lackner; Rep. Jun. Moore, Rep. Dents. H. Brisker. Jun. Meds., H. Moore; Rep. Dents., H. Bricker and F. Warriner; Rep. Knox, P. McLeod and A. C. Cameron; Rep. Wycliffe, F. Ellis and H. A. Benoliel; Rep. Victoria, J. Archibald and J. H. Adams; Rep. St. Michael's, H. Buckle.

Fencing Club

The fencing room of the Gymnasium is the scene of many combats these days. The junior class having undergone the necessary preliminary training in attacks and parries, is now trying out its skill in loose play. Sergt. Williams says it is a fine class, and he will make fencers out of them yet. The seniors are now being instructed regularly by a professor, who is getting them in shape for the Senior Tournament. This will come off during the last week in February, and a large entry list is expected. The Junior Tournament will be held in March after the Assault-at-arms.

Election of Officers 1905-06 Political Science Club

Hon. Pres.-Dr. Wickett. Pres.—H. D. Scully. Vice-Pres.—G. B. Coutts. Secretary—C. Freeman. Treasurer—L. R. Jackson. Fourth year representative—J. J. Gray. Third year representative—H. H. Davis.

Around the Halls

University College

The two great events of the past week, one of intellectual, one of social import, were the visit of a Vedic philosopher, and the visitation of the "Ladies' Lit." Dullness of comprehension, engendered by too great familiarity with material commonplaces, prevents us from depicting the immaterial abstractions of the philosopher; lack of descriptive powers, due to unfamiliarity with the society reporter's vocabulary, renders it impossible to describe the gaieties of the social scene. We are not sure that most people will not praise us for the former; blame us for the latter defect. It is a criminal fault deserving more than censure to balk public curiosity about so interesting a function as the open meeting of the W.I_c.S., but it would be a distinct breach of every principle of equity and fair-dealing for us to yield to the importunities of individuals, and to give special mention to a favored few. One gentleman desired us to insert concerning his Terpsichorean skill that "he glided through the mazes of the dance with immobile grace as if his feet were glued to the floor." But we indignantly refused, even for the purpose of flattering his vanity, to become privy to such a flat contradiction of truth and physical possibility. There is, however, no need to describe the "Ladies' Lit." for on Saturday morning in every lecture room were given vivid and minute verbal descriptions that dulled the edge of the most insatiate curiosity. Moreover, the relation of personal experiences still continues unabated, and the Freshman makes use of his immemorial prerogative of drawing on his imagination when facts are exhausted. It is even whispered that a certain senior, never before suspected of erotomania, is going to use the affair of Friday night as the locale for an impassioned concoction which he is going to warm up for the Torontonensis. The censor of the Year Book should be on his guard lest this spurious production be snuggled in.

Mr. W. S. Verral is back with us once more, much to the satisfaction of his class-mates. A Lit, election is now assured.

Medicine

In connection with the Medical Society election, reference was made in "College News" of a recent "Globe" issue animadverting severely upon the management of the Society, stating that it failed to obtain the proper respect of the average student, and that conditions had become so bad that the best men were no longer offering their candidature for the executive. In justice to the undergraduate bodies thus characterized we are called upon to contradict this latter statement. candidates nominated were this year as representative as any of former occasions. While certain offices were not as vigorously contested as we would have liked to see, the members of the elected Executive are as capable as any we could expect to obtain, and the newly constituted body will be expected to render abortive the reasons

for present adverse criticisms. A fair statement of the trouble is, as we understand it, as follows:

Until the opening of the new building for Medical tuition the junior and senior sections of the Society were not in a position to meet together as a body, without great inconvenience to both. Thus the aims that most directly concerned the literary and scientific could not be effectively carried out. Now that all sections of the student body are brought into closer association a much better opportunity is supposed to exist for the Society to exercise its parliamentary functions. That this, as complained of, has not materialized is not the fault of the retiring Executive for even now the Society has hardly begun to accommodate itself to the newer conditions. Still further the greatly increased onus of class-room work has drawn severely upon the students' time for attending Society meetings, were these of fre-Nevertheless the great adquent occurrence. vantage of giving the individual student an active functional membership by participation in frequent general meetings held upon some definite parliamentary basis, cannot be too soon or too ardently impressed upon the newly elected Executive. It is expected of them to carry out their platforms by taking such definite action as will altogether challenge criticism at the close of their term of office.

According to the Saturday's Globe a change has been made in the heating and ventilation systems of the Medical Building. Since on several occasions lately we have heard complaints of gangrenous atmospheric conditions, to say nothing of themal hyperperaxia, we regard the Globe's information as timely news. On this ground there will likely be no repetition of the odorous inhalation treatment Prof. Ellis unintentionally furnished during the Friday's toxicology lecture, to which untoward circumstance we may have the etëology of the erratically anticipatory report of the Medical Society meeting appearing in the same Globe issue. On Saturday morning we received the first intimation of the new change in the form of a refrigerant temperature and mildly playful breezes that sizzled through various areas of the fourth year theatre during the eight o'clock lecture. In this connection, the man who stokes the furnace had better get up a little earlier, or else "Alec." may find some mighty wide vacancies in his daily record of attendance.

It was St-w-t and R-p-ly, two reminiscent St. Thomasites, who assembled together to discuss the recent "Hill failure" pro and con. The arrival of a friendly and interested listener led very quickly to the agglutination of the curiosity bacteria and a crowd was soon pressing around closely to learn what was doing. St-w-t, competent for the occasion, ventured a story about

Mark Twain.

The latter had asserted while in company with others to prove that one single person could gather a crowd upon the least provocation. Noticing at that very moment a turnip fall from a farmer's wagon to the roadway, he advanced a little, and motioning excitedly with his cane towards the turnip he called to the passers by, "Keep away! Keep away!" In a few minutes he had a tremendous crowd in a ring around that turnip at a tolerably safe distance.

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"Oh!" said S-t-w-t, "I'm the turnip!" Fortunately we can assure our fellow student that St-w-t is no turnip despite his own assertion to the contrary.

The hint we particularly conveyed in last week's issue concerning the letter-rack seems to have brought some results. We would venture further and suggest that certain students should regard the rights of their fellows and desist from the greedy custom of removing papers from the files during the morning hours when others wish to see them in at least a sort of way. It is often hard to find one at allowing to their removal for private use by various fellows whom, over mercifully perhaps, we refrain from naming. We would also remind the students of the first and second years that making "rough house" in the reading room is exclusively the privilege of the higher grades, and we therefore ask them to rearrange order out of chaos when they have properly finished.

The religiousness of Ry-n, 'o6, is commendable, seeing that he availed himself of a very special individual permission to attend the Y.M.C.A. meeting last Thursday morning. Our suspicions are very strong that he either failed to make connections, or received an urgent intervening call elsewhere, as we are told by authority that he failed "to deliver the goods—ie., he wasn't there! Next time Ry—n departs on a similar errand we should send a bodyguard along. In justice to the class, after such delegated powers, he should make good his presence at the proper destination.

Some wag has been reading over much of dark and deadly plots—of hand grenades, and anarchism's weapons—seeing that he proceeded to disturb the Medico-legal quietness of a third-year lecture by the projection of a bomb-like missile into the room to the temporary consternation of all present. Mighty thick vapors arose with explosive force. Finally the offending agent was expelled and surpressed by active and daring hands. Unfortunately the exact nature of the bomb we have not been able to learn. Happily no harm resulted to anyone. The joker is unknown.

The student body of our college appreciates fully the recent compliment paid to the University Medical Faculty by the recent selection of Dr. J. Algernon Temple, Professor of Gynceology, for a special consultation in the Province of New Brunswick.

The victory of the '05 Hockey team over '06, having been successfully protested, the match was replayed for the semi-finals for the Wright-Caven Cup. '06 was this time the winner and will this week contest with '08, the final match, on his new departure.

Applied Science

A most successful meeting of the Engineering Society was held last Wednesday. Mr. C. B. Smith's paper on "Niagara Falls Power Companies" proved very interesting. Mr. Jack MacFarlane, B. A. Sc., was presented with a purse and received the congratulations of the Society on his new departure.

The graduates' dance will take place Friday evening in the New Building. This function, which was so successful last year, will no doubt meet with the same success this year.

The new abode of the 4th year Civils was evidently designed for a summer occupation. They have already become acclimatized to Northwest winter survey work.

Mr. Cecil B. Smith, addressing the Engineering Society: "I had, while there, the honor of entertaining engineers from all civilized parts of the globe; in addition we were favored by the School of Science at different times."

Owing to the late date and unfinished state of the New Building the formal opening will be postponed until next fall.

"Pete" Jermyn has been the means of introducing a very bright, clever and instructive periodical into the School. He will be pleased to receive subscriptions from those interested.

Wyclisse Notes

The Oxford movement was the subject which engrossed the attention of the Lit. last Four short but carefully prepared Mr. A. R. Beverley outpapers were read. lined the history of the preparation for the movement; Mr. W. E. Gilbert, B.A., gave a brief biography of the leading men of Oxford, from whose influence the movement originated; Rev. A. Fraser discussed it from the standpoint of its original good tendencies and how far they have continued or have been displaced by evils, while Mr. E. C. Earp dealt with its influence on the Church. Professor Wrong, in the capacity of critic, pointed out the difficulty of estimating accurately the real character of the Oxford movement, owing to the onesidedness of most of the literature on the subject. He thought that the errors into which the Tractarians and Evangelicals were led were due largely to the peculiar environment in which the leaders of these two parties lived. Thus the Tractarians emphasized theory too strongly, while the Evangelicals went to the opposite extremes in endeavoring to make religion purely practical.

Rumor has it that in the premises lately vacated by one Stanley, a freshman, certain large and ponderous pins were discovered similar to those commonly used in the mysterics of the feminine toilet.

Mr. H. A. Ben-Oliel has been elected as Wycliffe representative of the Track Club.

Two or three cases of tonsilitis have recently demanded the tender mercies of our resident M.D. "Sammy" desires to know what the first victim meant by bringing such an "epidermic" into the college.

Table number two was last week entertained by a series of lectures on Etiquette, delivered by one or two of our greatest authorities upon the subject.

Mr. Gilbert (to his fair partner at the Women's Lit.): "Have you seen Mr. Hull around? I haven't seen him for at least five minutes."

Certain of the would-be lady-killers of the college went out for a skate one night last week. The results were disastrous, not to the ladies, but to the cavaliers themselves. It was a case of "pistols and coffee for two" between Haslam and Sovereign, the latter of whom believes most firmly in monopolies, and carried his beliefs into practice.

The final inter-division debate will be held on Friday between the representatives of the fourth and first divisions on the subject "Resolved that

Government ownership of railways in Canada would be more beneficial than the present system." The affirmative will be argued by division four in the persons of J. D. Hull, B.A., and G. A. Andrew, B.A., while A. H. F. Watkins and S. H. Prince will uphold the negative for division one.

The other day a gentleman described our friend Trumpour as "The man with the medieval name." We have it on no less an authority than that of Raymond that this is a pretty good joke.

Congratulations to Mr. J. E. Gibson, who has been elected to the presidency of the Varsity Y. M.C.A. for next year.

Knox College

It has been felt for some years that the arrangement of the Theological term was ill-suited to the work of our missionary society. The spring term has always ended on March 31st. This left the boys free to take up their work in the West in April. Experience has proven that it is almost impossible to travel on the fields during the month of April, and consequently that month is practically lost. Last Friday, at a mass meeting of the students, a committee was appointed to bring the matter to the attention of the Senate, and to endeavor to have the term begin on November 1st and end April 1st. This arrangement would permit the students to be on the fields the six best months in the year, and would benefit the field and the society.

The following will take part in the oratorical contest on Feb. 17 :- Third Year, T. Y. Reekie, B.A.; Second Year, H. R. McCracken; First Year, W. H. Andrews, B.A.; Arts, J. W. Gordon.

Messrs. D. A. McKay, John McEwen, and John Richardson reported for their respective fields at the meeting of the Missionary Society on Tuesday evening last. These reports from time to time are interesting, and frequently contain anything from a romance to a tragedy. Mr. John Richardson's report on Sunday evening was a story of suffering and love, of hope and fear.

Prof. McFadyen conducted the Saturday mid-

day devotional exercises last week.

Dr. Forrest gave his lecture on Shorthand on

Friday evening.

Mr. J. E. Thompson says that in order to untie various knots, and undo sundry stitchings, he found his oriental vocabulary entirely inadequate.

"It was very doubtful if any person in the world had the purely sceptical attitude. There was, properly speaking, no such thing as an agnostic. The nearest you could get to an agnostic would be a new-born babe, and in the case of that philosopher people did their best, with great rapidity, to remove the pure agnosticism. difficulty with Mr. Blatchford, and that type of man (and he was a very fine type) was not that he was an infidel or had infidelity. The fact was that Mr. Blatchford had too much fidelity towards a very cheap and quite unproved philosophy.''

-Mr. G. K. Chesterton, at the Church Congress

at Liverpool.

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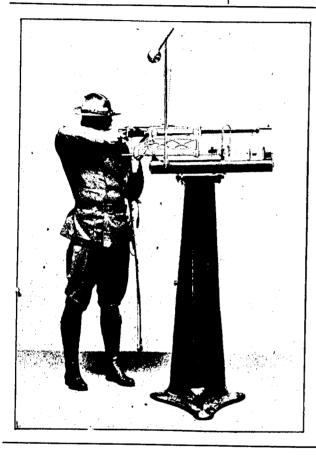
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