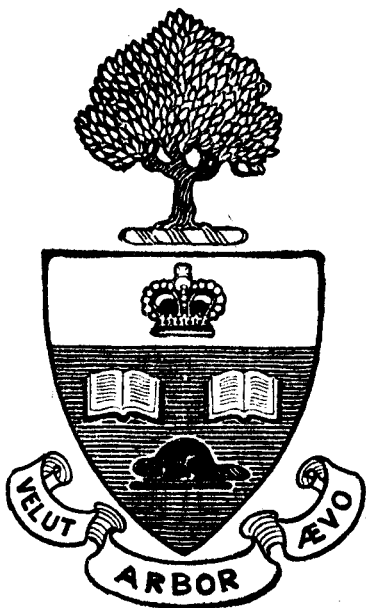


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Working Out a Great Dream

Dr. G. R. Parkin's Address

The Rhodes' scholarship man must be a man of power, a man with force of character, a man with a sound body: he need not be an athlete, a brilliant classical scholar, or a society shunning worker. The Rhodes' idea is to gather together—to co-educate—young men from the different colonies, and by this means to promote a better understanding, to knit a stronger bond, between the colonies and the mother country. In a word, the realization of Cecil Rhodes dream of Imperialism was to be furthered by a carefully thought out plan of scholarships. He also thought of the relations between the United States and the British Empire, and made arrangements for men from the States to have an Oxford education. This would bring the men of the two nations to value peace and understanding.

In his recent address to the students of the University of Toronto, Dr. G. R. Parkin, one of the trustees of Cecil Rhodes' will, took up the Rhodes idea, the Rhodes scholarship, and the Rhodes scholar. First, however, he pointed out that Cecil Rhodes died when only forty-nine years old, so that, as he left Oxford when twenty-three, the work he did in South Africa was all done in twenty six years. In this short time Cecil Rhodes won for the Empire Rhodesia, a territory one-fourth the area of the United States; laid out immense fruit farms in the new country; built great irrigation works; at one time employed fourteen thousand men at Kimberley building avenues; thought out his scholarship idea; and gathered together an immense fortune. But this fortune was to be used in the public service, with it he was to carry out his great ideas, for Cecil Rhodes believed that "Happiness is the conscious pursuit of a great purpose."

Cecil Rhodes was a "dreamer of dreams." His great purpose was to strengthen imperialism, to knit the units of the British Empire into a whole. And to do this, to aid in the realization of his dream, Oxford, whose traditions and men represent the best in English life, was to play a part. For Oxford Cecil Rhodes always had a strong affection. The one touch of romance in the life of this able business man was his love for his old university. And to his old university, to the strong influences of this residential system, Cecil Rhodes desired to subject the forming minds of the coming strong men of the colonies. In the execution of

this scheme there were many difficulties. For instance men had to be chosen from seventy-five different communities in all stages of educational progress. A young man had to be chosen from Bermuda with its small population of five thousand whites, and one young man had to be chosen from New York with its seven million people. But Cecil Rhodes had foreseen the difficulties under which his executors would have to labor. So he left the details entirely in the hands of the trustees. About any details that he did attend to he merely made suggestions and left it to the good sense of the trustees to carry them out or not. Another difficulty was in the choosing of the men. When boards were being formed in the United States to choose the scholarship men, Dr. Parkin suggested to President Roosevelt that the governor of each state should be put on the board. With his characteristic frankness the President replied: "I would not do that. There is not one of them I would trust." Even when in British Columbia, when three men were chosen to look after the scholarships, at a dinner a man arose, who said that if these three men were chosen the applicant with the biggest pull would get the scholarship. To this Dr. Parkin replied that, if such were the case, "the rottenness and corruption in British Columbia was too great for the Rhodes trustees to remedy."

In his will Cecil Rhodes suggested that public school boys be picked out. But this was impossible in the new countries. The Imperialist was thinking of such schools as Eton and Harrow. So the trustees decided to get men from colleges and universities, men who had had experience and could stand on their own feet, the choice to be left as far as possible to authorities. The candidates must, however, pass an examination equivalent to the Oxford matriculation. At Toronto it is provided that the second year must be completed. But the successful candidate need not know a great deal of Greek, in fact he can prepare his Greek subsequently. The arrangements for the scholarship examinations had been criticized in Toronto. It was said that it was made a close scholarship for the classical course. This was not the case and all the Greek necessary could be learned in six months, and the examination once passed the Greek books need never be looked at again, and here Dr. Parkin emphasized the fact that it was men with force of character that the trustees were looking for. He also

pointed out that a man need not be an athlete to obtain the scholarship. In thinking out his idea, Cecil Rhodes had in mind that the scholarship men would return to their own country, at the end of their term at Oxford, and bring their services to bear in behalf of their country. For this purpose he wanted a man sound in mind and body.

When a man received a scholarship he could practically choose his own college at Oxford. But since the idea was to have the scholarship men mixed with the other students, and not form a little colony, this arrangement was followed. The successful candidate sent in a list of the colleges in the order of his preference. He also, if possible, sent in letters from men who had attended the colleges certifying that in their opinion the man was a proper man, and would be benefited by attending a certain college. In this way the men were separated. But if kept wide apart in this way, arrangements were made to bring the men together in other ways. Cecil Rhodes left a sum equal to that which was to be used for scholarships to be spent as the trustees thought best. This money would be used to keep the men posted as to the doings of the other Rhodes scholars; and to bring the men together in various ways. Once in the university the men must submit to the discipline of the colleges. The scholarship money is paid quarterly, and before it is paid a certificate, short but important, must be obtained from the college authorities. This slip of paper, or voucher, certifies that the student's conduct and application has been all that can be desired. Besides, the students are watched by their friends, and their histories are inscribed in a register, a sort of "Domesday Book."

At Oxford, the scholarship men find a difference in the mode of work. There the work is done in the vacation and during the term the men give their time to sports and social intercourse. Here also they meet the leading men of the next generation, and make friends with men who will subsequently rule a great part of this world. Oxford also has produced a great many literary statesmen, and half the members of the British Cabinet are Oxford men. Besides these advantages the Oxford spirit of "playing the game" is of great advantage to the visitors. For instance, in the recent Montreal and Ottawa hockey match, such brutal play was indulged in that any man who took part in it would be debarred in England from playing again.

In conclusion, Dr. Parkin quoted Kipling's tribute to the "dreamer of dreams," and said that his dream was being brought near realization.

THE COLLEGE PARIS

Lovely Venus came to college
Made a bluff at getting knowledge,
Took in a lecture now and then,
Coquetted with a fountain pen.
Modern languages her forte,
Teas and dances were her sport.
The college youth all thronged her court,
And thought the term was far too short.

Stately Juno's high ambition,
And her sense of woman's mission,
Made her seek for a vocation

In the higher education.
She eschewed the social whirl
Wrote essays for the "College Girl,"
And at debates was ever seen
In war of words, undoubted queen.

Wise Minerva's ruling moral
Was the academic laurel;
She loved mental acrobatics,
Studied higher mathematics,
From behind her steel rimmed glasses
Gazed askance at other lasses,
Attended each professor's classes,
And looked with scorn on men as asses.



ENVOY

Now the years have come and vanished
All three from college halls are banished.
Minerva now is teaching school,
While Juno warms an office stool,
But Venus worships her own Lares
For Venus now is Mrs. Paris.

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Act I.

Scene—Background of blackboards, window giving view of Library in middle distance, floor strewn with fragments of conversation.

Enter chorus of Queen's and Annesley Hall co-eds, wearing pretty smiles, gowns, etc. Clapsed firmly between the thumb and index finger of the right hand is a Waterman's Ideal, in the left is a National Loose-leaf.

(Air, "Marching Through Georgia.")

O joyful are our college days,
Pink teas are our delight,
We live and laugh, the men we praise
For us we make them fight.
At football games we weekly shine
And are taken there by those,
Who to get tickets for the match,
Take hours from their repose.

(Chorus).

Hurrah! Hurrah for Queen's and Annesley Halls.

Hurrah! we're It at all the college balls,
Our sweetness pours out from us
Just like Niagara Falls,
Then give three cheers for the co-eds.

(Three cheers given, in which audience joins led by McAlpine).

Chorus retires to background, thus producing the effect of a decorative burlap.

Enter McEachren, in plaintive meditation, softly sighs:

She was a phantom of delight.

Enter Lazenby, soliloquizing:

McEachren: Well met, poet, going to the match next Saturday?

Lazenby (recovering from soliloquy):

But the fool, he called her his lady fair,
Even as you and I.

(The I is emphatically enunciated).

McEachren (sympathizingly):

'Tis better to be loved and bossed
Than never to be loved at all.

Lazenby (fuming):

I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me. (Exeunt).

Enter Sandy MacKenzie, disguised as an elf,
sings:

O! would I were a mermaid
That in my watery home
I would just bum and wander round
Blow bubbles in the foam.

Enter Oscar Irwin, disguised as a fire-ranger,
holding in his hand a souvenir of the summer.

(Pityingly): Alas! poor Yorick.

(Sees MacKenzie): Upon what meat doth this
our Caesar feed that he is grown so great?

MacKenzie sees skull and faints, is carried
away on a truck, attended by Dr. Irwin.

Enter O. Bowles, disguised as Prof. of Chemis-
try, holds in his hand a blow-pipe and test tube,
preceded by yellow fumes and a smell. A gust of
wind blows the test tube from his hand, it
breaks:

All, all is lost.

Me seems the elements hurl themselves against
me.

(Is hit by several of the elements, viz., iron,
lead (pipe), etc., thrown from the audience).

(Falls).

Curtain.

Act II.

Scene (1) Biological Museum.

Enter A. J. McIntosh, looking for his hat, and
R. O. Miller, both disguised as swordfishes, be-
gin a fencing bout. Both stop to re-oxygenate
the capillary contests in the gill filaments. Fight
resumed in 4th year Lab. McIntosh still looking
for his hat.

(Enter chorus of Meds. armed with amputating
knives and bone forceps):

"Dissecting is our only aim, at work we are not
much
We're glad we're not in B. & P., where they've
scientific Dutch,
We hate to hear of English, o'er bacteria we
gloat,
We love to learn of strychnine and of its anti-
dote,
And every year we try to put the School men
out of biz
Who every year have colored inks to paint us
on the phiz."

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Scene (2). Lawn behind Biological Building.
Meds. lined up on the roadside facing the School.

Enter chorus of School men carrying surveying
instruments, and dragging a hydraulic machine.
The atmosphere is permeated with a stench of
chemicals:

"We're intellectual scholars in calculus sublime
To hotter places than this world our work we
do consign.

In chemical assaying tricks you know we're far
ahead

And but for this your money up in Cobalt
would be dead.

Our eye for color never fails as you have often
seen

When we have fought the uppish Meds. on the
intervening green."

(Gory fight between Meds. and School ensues.)

Curtain.

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TOBLER'S COMMON-PLACE BOOK

2.

It will be seen that my father was a man of
somewhat hasty temper. But if quick to kindle,
he was quick to admit himself wrong, for he
was a just man and a philosopher, and carried
his theories into practice as far as it was possi-
ble in the married state. His quick temper was
a source of constant regret to my mother, as it
was to my father himself. Now, one evening
some time before I was born, mother sat sewing
by the sitting-room fire, my father occupied him-
self with his pipe and bowl, and Dr. Brandon was
pacing the hearth-rug in large strides. The doc-
tor was large in every way. He was a man of
large build, had a large, ruddy, rugged face, a
large voice, large hands, and a large heart; which
heart, while bringing a large practice, brought
him no large fortune. The doctor was booming
along in his great voice:

"Once I believed in the Theory of Preforma-
tion, which led logically to my acceptance of the
Theory of Encasement. I disagreed with the Ovu-
lists, and when the Animalculists put forward
their theory, I accepted it eagerly. The writings
of Wolff followed by the recent publication of the
Origin of Species, have made me a disciple of
Epigenesis."

"And how much truth," asked my father, who
I suspect could not follow this discourse, "is
there in this claim that traits of character are
transmitted by heredity?"

"'Tis a mooted point," answered the doctor.
"But I believe that character is handed down
from father to son."

"That a hot, quick temper may be transmitted
from father to son?" asked my father. And mo-
ther leaned forward to catch the answer.

"Yes," said the doctor.

My mother rose and left the room.

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"A hot, quick temper may be transmitted from
father to son?" asked my father.

"Yes," answered the doctor.

"It would be well if a child could choose its
parents and grandparents," quoth Mr. Tobler.

"How many men would be fathers?" asked the
doctor. Then he continued, "Of the three great
incidents in the life of a human being—birth,
marriage, death—his birth is the most import-
ant. But, strangely enough, it is something in
which he cannot give his voice or opinion. A man
may prevent himself from being married by des-
perate measures: which is proved by the many old
bachelors who have to put up with loneliness,
housekeepers, atrophication of the heart, and
other ills. A man, although he cannot hasten or

retard the time of his death, can fix that time by recourse to one of the three classic methods of 'shuffling off this mortal coil'—the cord, the hemp or the bodkin. But a man has no say as to the time and circumstances attending his birth."

"Would we wish to be anyone but ourselves?" here interjected my father, waking from his reverie. For when the big practitioner made his last remark concerning fathers my parent slapped his leg, wound the cords of his dressing-gown tightly around his waist, straightened the Turkish fez on his head, leaned back in his chair, and straightway fell to thinking the matter over. Indeed, he had not heard the doctor's opinions on life, marriage and death.

"Would we wish to be anyone but ourselves?" he asked the doctor, and then proceeded without waiting for an answer. "Would we change our individuality, if we could, after we are born? One man has an accomplishment for which I envy him. But he lacks sensibility. Another plays a remarkable game of chess. In all else he remains a fool. A third has brains, but women will not look upon him with favor. I covet a man's riches: I would not be responsible for his debts. I desire his dinner: would keep my own appetite. Envy his genius: would keep my own individuality. It is not that impalpable something, that disputed soul, ego, will—call it what you like—that I would change. I want only possessions, talents, bodily and mental graces. With all my faults, foibles, drawbacks—for there are spots on the sun—what man would I change souls with? Not one!"

Here my parent slapped his leg again, unwound the cords of his dressing-gown, shoved the fez to the back of his head and continued:

"It seems to me as if I had elected in some way to become myself. I am content with my own character. The good that is in me I can see quicker and clearer than anyone else. My own faults I can condone, for I alone know all the temptations, opportunities, extenuations, provocations. Ego applauds all my witty sayings; reads what I write with un-censorious approval; is not bored with my strictly personal business; nor shocked at my apparent wickedness. To me my opinions, manners, and beliefs appear to be correct, good, and true. It is indeed well that I am myself.

"Yet how different things would be if I had the opportunities of others. In the forefront of battle, in the desperate charge, in the ranks of the forlorn hope, how heroically would I have acted. Had Providence called me to be a great statesman how quickly would I have forgotten self-interest, reformed the laws, given bread to the hungry, work to the workers. As a man of business how honest I would have been. There would have been no sand in my sugar, no adulterants in my beer, no orphans robbed for my charity, nor workmen starved so that I could have been a philanthropist. What a holy divine I would have made!"

And here my father fell back into a brown study as was his custom after such a rhapsody. The doctor put on his hat and went about his business. He knew that he could not get a word of sense from my father for another two hours.

(To be continued.)



Obiter Dicta

Those who read this column will remember that two weeks ago I promised to express my views on that kind of chivalry which certain men gave as a reason we should not stamp in the library. They said that because women were present we should show more respect to them than to act in a boisterous manner.

Candidly, although I have an infinite conceit on some subjects, and will oppose my views to those of any other living man, feeling assured that I am right; on this subject of the relation of the sexes in our undergraduate body and implicitly of their relations in all highly civilized communities, I am not sure that my eye is clear and that I have grasped the essentials of this the greatest and most important of all social problems. Still, I hold a few tentative ideas and give them for what they are worth, and not by any means as authoritative.

In the first place I believe in the absolute equality of the sexes. I hold that any other view leads one into a distorted and disproportioned outlook on life. I see in man the harmonious complement to woman, as I see in woman the harmonious complement to man. Each sex has its own function, its own place and its own responsibility in the evolution of humanity. Each sex should pay tribute to the qualities of the other. There should be no jealousy of function nor imitation of qualities. Each man should express manhood, according to his understanding of the term, and each woman should express womanhood as her intuition reveals to her the truly feminine characteristics.

"Away up in the air," I think I hear someone say, but I think not. Rather I am standing on a solid foundation. And now this matter of paying tribute to the qualities of the opposite sex. Every true man must be attracted and charmed by woman as every true woman must find joy in the qualities and being of man, but this does not imply that there should be discord in the minds of either, or a sinking of the true characteristics of either when they are brought into the relationship we find in our co-educational undergraduate life.

There are many characteristics in humanity which are common to both sexes and with which sex has really nothing to do, and we should not confound these qualities with those of the sexual nature.

I feel that it is because this confounding takes place in a great deal of our ordinary life we come to hold the false and miserable conception of

manhood and womanhood which dominates our thinking.

In the period we are pleased to call the age of chivalry a different state of society ruled the outlook of men, and in order to protect the interests and welfare of the race, a certain attitude of mind was necessary. Hence the men who stood for the "best," took a protecting and artificial view of their relation to women and tilted the natural and equal idea of sex into a dangerous angle. On one hand they professed to worship woman as a deity, which she was not, and on the other hand they looked upon her as a mere plaything and decidedly inferior, which again she was not.

This attitude of mind forced woman into the position so well described by Mary Walstoncraft in her "Vindication of the Rights of Woman," and gave a coloring to the whole social fabric from which we are only now beginning to free ourselves.

Should man hold any chivalry to woman which is built up on a theory that they are sensitive hot-house plants above the sphere of human activity. I say decidedly not. Should they hold any chivalry which implies a feeling of superiority and gives them an inner contempt. Again I say no. This is why that form of hypocrisy which goes under the name of modern chivalry is wrong and pernicious. The type to which I refer is well exemplified by the attitude of mind shown by not stamping because women were present. The stamping may be an annoyance to students, but I maintain that the difference of sex should never in a matter of this kind be brought into the discussion. The average woman (any more than the average man) does not think out these questions. Certain attitudes of mind are classed as gentlemanly and others not and since many of these attitudes which go by the name gentlemanly are slightly veiled insults to the common-sense of man and the dignity of woman women should unite to express true womanliness and to discourage those conventional lies which place her many times in a false and contemptible relation to her brothers in the common human development.

I close with a few lines from Walt Whitman, the purest, sanest and most wholesome man whom I have ever met in literature:

"Her shape arises,

She, less guarded than ever, yet more guarded than ever;

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She knows the thoughts as she passes—nothing is concealed from her;

She is not the less considerate or friendly therefore,

She is the best beloved—it is without exception—she has no reason to fear and she does not fear;

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She too is a law of nature—there is no law stronger than she is."



About the only man we ever heard of that wasn't spoiled by being lionized, was a Jew named Daniel.—Ex.

THE LIT

The other day Professor Wrong referred to a story told of the efforts of the pro and anti-slavery parties to secure control of the new settlements in the Western United States during the fifties. At one immigration post the Southerners were in control, and they tied up a cow in a prominent position. If a newcomer made any remarks about the "kyow" he was at once kicked across the border as a hated abolitionist from New England. In retaliation, the Northerners, where they were supreme, put a bear on exhibition, and who ever referred to the animal as a "bar" was lucky if he escaped tar and feathers. Now, apropos of certain things that are happening in regard to Literary Society affairs, we would suggest that, during the next few weeks, the fact that a man says "kyow" or "bar" be not the sole criterion of his worth, and the worth of his ideas.

In plain words, we advise every man in University College to be a strong party man, but also to be an intelligent one. Remember that one side is not always necessarily right and the other wrong. Always have an opinion of your own on subjects of importance, and be prepared to express it, either in your party meetings or in the meetings of the Lit. And do not hesitate to speak because you are afraid that your idea will be thought foolish: as Carlyle would say, it probably is, but then the same authority tells us that we are all "mostly fools."

In this intelligent and independent discussion the meeting of the Society on Friday night took high rank. The attendance left much to be desired, but the debates, especially that on the question of Student Control of Discipline, were admirable.

The scheme proposed was amended in some details. Clause Five now places under the jurisdiction of the Board "offences against the good order or fair name of the University College, and interference with the personal liberty of any student." It was resolved to submit the proposal to a vote of the men of the College. The members present declared themselves in favor of the principle of student control by a vote of 40 to 21.

The recommendations of the Executive nominating a Constitution Committee, and appointing February 8th as a Star night, under the Cambridge system, and February 9th as a Hockey night were adopted.

W. A. Cameron, representative to the I.C.D.U., reported that Mr. Hugh Kerr had donated a magnificent trophy for competition in the Union. It was resolved to send him a letter of thanks.

Mr. Dunham was appointed our representative to the McMaster banquet.

The resignation of Mr. J. C. Fisher, Secretary of Committee, was announced.

Mr. Saywell, '10, gave a vocal solo that was much appreciated.

The Vice-President announced that Mr. Eric Armour, President of the Society, was in the General Hospital recovering from a dangerous illness. The Society expressed its best wishes for his speedy return to health, and resolved to send a bouquet of flowers as an expression of its sympathy.

Xavier.

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EDITORIALS

The Matriculation Again

Last week we mentioned some of the advantages which would result from a higher matriculation standard; and promised to speak of the question again. It would be difficult to exaggerate the practical importance to the University of a change in the examination required for entrance. The whole character of the work done here would be altered; the amount would be lessened for the work that is now covered by pass lectures would be done largely if not entirely in the high schools. That this change will eventually be made we are quite convinced. The benefits to be derived are so great and so obvious, educationalists are so unanimous in their advocacy of the change, that it is safe to assume that the new scheme will be given a trial. The trial can not come too soon.

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Influence on the High Schools

Nothing has been said as to how the high schools would be affected by the proposed change. The interests of the high schools and of the University are so closely connected that they can not be considered separately. Both institutions are but parts in one educational system and a change which would benefit the University might be nevertheless ill-advised if it would work a corresponding injury to the High School. But a higher matriculation standard would be in the interests of the high schools as well as of the University. As we said last week the high school teachers are as enthusiastic if not more enthusiastic in their support of the change than are the University professors.

Under the present system a student can take parts of the matriculation at one time and parts at another. He may in one year get his examination with the exception of one or two subjects. If he wishes to complete the examination he has to prepare only those subjects in which he was

deficient before. So in nearly every high school there are students whose year's work is about one-fourth or one-sixth of that which their classmates are required to cover. This produces in the preparatory schools the same lack of uniformity in work which was complained of in the University. Only when all the members of a class are doing the same work can the teacher give them his best attention and supervision. Moreover, it is not well for any class to have in it a student who has much less to do than the others. There is considerably less of the incentive to work which is given by competition. And it is a bad thing for the students to feel that the work for the examination may be divided up to suit their own convenience. They will naturally be more prone to "scrappiness" in studying—and "scrappiness" is a bad thing, except in a University paper.

There is another way in which the change would influence the work of the high schools. The influence is hard to estimate, but we believe it would be distinctly noticeable and wholly beneficial. The work in the lower forms of a high school as in a public school can be taught by a person of very moderate mental attainments. The nature of the work is always the same. In the case of the Honor Matriculation it is different. The prescribed course is never the same for two successive years, and the character of the work is such that the teacher may himself reap some benefit from application to it. It is only in the Honor Matriculation classes that the teacher really has a chance to develop his mental individuality. The work of the teachers in the lower forms is comparatively good or bad according to their disciplinary powers and their possession of those indefinite qualities which constitute personality. But with matriculation students another factor comes into play. The teacher's knowledge of and appreciation for his work must be reckoned with. The matriculation courses give the teachers an opportunity to "keep out of ruts." So an increase in the importance of the work for matriculation would increase the teacher's interest in his work, would quicken his sense of responsibility, and so would react favorably on the character of his teaching throughout the school.



The first issue of the "University Magazine" as a Canadian university publication appeared a few days ago. This journal has been printed at McGill, filling the position that the "Monthly" does in Toronto. The change in aim may mark an epoch in Canadian journalism. The thinking part of the Canadian population will now have a medium for expressing their opinions that this country has never afforded before. The new venture will be watched with interest.



THE COLLEGE GIRL

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THE WOMEN'S "LIT" RECEPTION

The reception of the Women's Literary Society to the faculty and friends has always been a source of interest to undergraduates, because of its proverbial uncertainty. The senior after three years of "College Life" thinks she knows just what to expect in her fourth year. Even before an affair she can give the College Girl a convincing report of it, with detailed information on the music, the toilettes, the conversation, and even (this is "sub rosa") the partners. Only the Women's Literary Society shows a love of change, and in its receptions exhibits that variety which is the very spice of life.

To tell the truth, the Women's Lit. is not to blame for ignoring precedent. There are many crags and quicksands to be passed before the spring reception becomes established on the firm basis of fact. In the first place, the girls have great difficulty in deciding among themselves what form of entertainment would please the greatest number. Shall it be an open meeting, or a dramatic exhibition or a promenade, or a dance, or any presentation and combination of these taken two or three at a time? Next, the choice of the majority must be ratified by the University Council. Unfortunately, the professors and women students do not always see eye to eye on the subject of entertainments, and a disagreement is disastrous for the reception.

For the past three years, however, the successive Executives have managed to steer safely between Scylla and Charybdis, and their entertainments have been a pleasure to themselves and to their guests.

In our first year, there was a Saturday evening promenade. First came a reception of the progressive conversation type in East Hall, during which we filled our programmes for the promenade in West Hall. The only hitch in the proceedings arose from the religious zeal of the orchestra. Alarmed lest circumstances should make them break the Fourth Commandment, they started to work early and were well on with their performance in West Hall before anyone realized their presence. Thus at the end of what we thought was the seventh promenade, we were amazed and dismayed to hear the strains of "God Save the King." For the rest of the evening there was a general mix-up, and it was only a few fortunate ones who managed to find their partners for the last number and escort them safely home.

The next year, the Committee was evidently anxious to please everybody, for the reception combined a concert, in which both the Glee Club and the Dramatic Club took part, a dance and a promenade. Those of us in the Glee Club will remember the unselfish pleasure we felt when we saw our friends filling their programmes at the lower end of the Hall, while we sang soulfully, "Drink to me only with thine eyes." The dance which followed, is still remembered as the "best ever."

Last year, the Literary Society tried a new plan. As there were rumors that the Council disapproved of late hours for boys and girls, the Committee announced an afternoon dance. The idea proved so popular that the halls were quite inadequate for the throng of dancers. It is reported that for once the men were as much perplexed as their sisters to decide the old question, "What shall I wear?" We know of one man who changed his attire three times. When he at last arrived it was after six o'clock, so that the dress suit (which was his final decision) was quite *comme il faut*.

What will the Woman's Literary Society do this spring? As we said before, this is the one affair about which no senior will prophesy. We can only repeat the quotation of one of our professors, "Tempus fugit--Time will tell."



THE NOUGHTY EIGHTS DISPORT THEMSELVES ON ICE

The evening of January 29th saw assembled at "big" Victoria Rink that portion of the '08 girls and men who are efficient on skates. The evening was a perfect one, you may remember—clear and frosty in the brilliance of the full moon, with a galaxy of stars.

A rendezvous was chosen, where, between bands, the skaters rested a few moments. But when ice and music are both at their best, who would waste either? Certainly not the enthusiastic skaters of '08. With apologies to Wordsworth, I might quote:

" . . . All shod with steel
We hissed along the polished ice. . . ."

And not a voice was idle."

The open part of the rink was most popular with our skaters, the inside being too crowded to admit of the highest proficiency in skating. Outside, the band music was not so clearly discernible, but with such a sky above, and such command of imagination as the class of '08 possesses, who shall aver we could not hear the music of the spheres?

It had been determined that we should leave the rink at a quarter of ten. But when the time came, came with it in pleading unison, the cry: "Just one more band!" After the next band, therefore, we reluctantly pulled off our skates, and, with that "flat-footed feeling" that possesses one's feet for the few minutes succeeding a two hours' skate, we trudged merrily over to Queen's Hall.

Here we were met by our gracious hostess, the Dean, and the other girls of '08 who had not

been skating. They served us with most delectable refreshments—doubly welcome after our evening's sport. After a pleasant social hour, we sang "Toronto" with all the zest of an evening's skate, capped with delicious coffee. "Auld Lang Syne" followed, bringing to an end the first skating party in the annals of '08, it being, in the general verdict, such a success that a new adjective, denoting the highest excellence, must necessarily be coined, to be used in the superlative degree, in order adequately to describe it.

If the most creditable deeds of a class is to make good precedents, '08 may well smile the broad smile of self complacency.



QUEEN'S HALL NOTES

A system of post boxes has been installed in Queen's Hall for the use of the students. They are ample for the most robust letter, and with oaken strength to resist the weightiest literary matter. At present they have not been assigned, and one resident undergraduate is still, they say, trying to make arrangements to rent a second box as an over-flow annex.

The members of a certain table in the dining hall, the other day toasted the senior at the head with the following ditty:

There was a young lady named Kate,
At the head of the table she sate,
And when she came late,
Some one else had to do the carving.

Of course just now, the dance is the vital question at the Residence, and the daily increasing pile of regrets and acceptances a live issue. In our case it would not take a prophet's eye to describe the costumes of many of the ladies who will be present.



EXCHANGES

In Glasgow University the students are beginning to work, in fact have been working for some time. Scotland is unfortunate in not having a study body consisting principally of geniuses in disguise. No respectable attendant at Toronto University can ever be surprised into admitting that he has, has had, or will have any intention of plugging. Our method is simple. We "are out every night," "seldom read a thing," or "have not started yet." Before the exams. the muses reveal their knowledge to us by inspiration. Coffee time has not yet begun. Then the weary student may be seen posing before a still more weary audience (who understand him perfectly), narrating various stunts in the plugging and drinking hot coffee line. This period usually begins two or three weeks before exams., continues through them, when the coffee is changed for another beverage still more stimulating. In the library, he assumes a jaunty, indifferent air, talks considerably to his friends, and if he has occasion to need a book from the desk, he sneaks out with it, as though he had done something to be ashamed of.

"Plugging" is the most heinous offence in the student code. Here is a field of legislation for

the new Board of Control. The most severe penalties that could be inflicted on delinquents would meet with universal approval. Yet strange to say, in spite of this obvious neglect, most of us get through exams. Some even take first class. Perhaps our bracing climate makes our mental faculties nimble, or perhaps it has the same effect on our inventive powers. In plainer words either we are "deucedly clevah" or the unfortunate Ananias of Biblical fame has many imitators in the student body.

The "Manitoba College Journal" comes to hand well written, and interesting. To Eastern minds it is surprising that on the spot, where thirty years ago stood a few log huts, may now be seen a city with the nucleus of a great university. Manitoba College, like the whole Western country, has developed with remarkable rapidity. Already the most important faculties have a reputation, and the number of students in attendance shows that the Westerner is alive to the value of a good education.



VARSIITY, 9; MCGILL, 3

This score tells how Toronto brought the championship home with their third straight win. This is the first time since the formation of the League that the cup has left the East, McGill and Queen's holding it in turn. If our team wins on Saturday night here against Queen's, as they probably will, they will go through the season without a defeat.

McGill's team was weakened by Waugh's absence, who is sick, but was strengthened by Gilmour's presence on the forward line. Varsity played its regular team.

In the first half, the teams seemed about even. Neither was very strong on combination, trusting largely to individual rushes, which were not effective. It was in the second half that the Varsity team found itself, and put up a splendid exhibition, that simply paralyzed their opponents. Herb. Clarke and Davidson were particularly strong on their combined rushes. The play was hard and fast and not very rough, though at one time Hal Clarke, Martin and Southam were all off together. The team presented a funny appearance with Toms at point, Davidson at cover, and Herb. Clarke the whole forward line. Yet the McGill men could not score for they trusted to individual work.

The following account is from the "Montreal Star:"

Herb. Clarke is a wonderful forward, a fast skater, and a good stick handler, he also showed a wonderful aptitude for catching the puck at the right time. Five times he drove the disc into McGill's nets. His brother, Hal, was scarcely less useful on the defence, checking hard and clearing the puck neatly. He happened to be in his place, too, every time the puck came near Toronto's nets. Davidson, Southam and Toms all played a hard, steady game, speedier than their opponents and displaying great tenacity in chasing the puck.

Play was very clean; only one of the eight or nine penalties was inflicted for anything like foul play, this being a trip by Martin, which caused Harrington to turn a somersault before he struck the ice.

The first half started out very evenly. The visitors had a slight advantage in forward work, but McGill kept them so busy that it took Herb. Clarke eight minutes of very fast play to negotiate the first goal. Patrick took the next ten minutes later, on a pass from H. Raphael, and Gilmour followed it up soon after with another, going up the ice and scoring unaided, when Toronto had two men on the penitent bench. Herb. Clarke evened the score a minute later, and then for the remaining ten minutes a fast and furious struggle waged without result.

The second half proved McGill's Waterloo. Toronto came out strong and seemed to get faster and fresher as the game went on. McGill, on the contrary, seemed tired. Billy Gilmour was all in, and Patrick, too, showed the effect of the terrible pace of the first half. Twice in quick succession the puck landed in McGill's net and then Rowell managed to get one back, a long shot from away out at the side.

The next goal was disputed. To players and spectators alike the puck seemed to have passed quite clear of the goal. But the goal umpire thought otherwise. The McGill captain deferred to his judgment, but insisted on his removal. Toronto now had it all their own way, and though McGill took a brace at the end it was of no effect.

Varsity (9)—Goal, Keith; point, Hal Clarke; cover, Martin; rover, Southam; centre, H. Clarke; right wing, Toms; left wing, Davidson.

McGill (3)—Goal, Mather; point, Harrington; cover, Patrick; rover, Gilmour; centre, H. Raphael; right wing, Rowell; left wing, G. Raphael.

Referee—G. Richardson, Queen's; goal umpires, A. L. Stafford and Newton (replaced by Morden). Timekeepers, H. C. Walkem and Morrow.

The summary of the game is as follows:

1—Toronto, Herb. Clarke	7.43
2—McGill, Patrick	9.50
3—McGill, Gilmour.....	2.10
4—Toronto, Herb. Clarke	1.00

Second Half.

5—Toronto, Southam	1.00
6—Toronto, Toms	2.30
7—McGill, Rowell	4.00
8—Toronto, Herb. Clarke	4.30
9—Toronto, Davidson	6.00
10—Toronto, Herb. Clarke	1.30
11—Toronto, Herb. Clarke	3.30
12—Toronto, Herb. Clarke	2.30



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NOTES ON THE GAME

Herb. Clarke undoubtedly played the star game. He handled the team well, and his individual rushes were the feature of the game. He has proved himself this winter one of the fastest forwards in the country.

Davidson, as usual, deserves special mention for his back checking, as well as his aggressive work.

Toms put up a better game than he has yet this year. His shooting was strong, and he got in some back checking that was very effective.

Southam was always in the game, and put up a consistent exhibition of fast hockey. He was rather roughly handled by the McGill men.

Martin was another star. His defence is absolutely rock-like.

Hal Clarke showed up in his usual form, with steady defence work and numerous relieving rushes.

Keith's work in goal was as steady as ever. He had little to do in the second half.

The team will probably go to New York for the 1st and 2nd of March.

A match has been arranged for February 22nd with Cornell. It is hoped that a large crowd will turn out to see the crack American college team.

Every man in the University ought to make an effort to be down to the game with Queen's on Saturday night. Although the game is not a deciding one, the Queen's team is very strong now and will give the champions a hard run of it. A fast game is assured.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the U. of T. Rugby Club was postponed till to-morrow at 4.30

VARSITY II., 2 ; McMASTER, 5

In their first match of the season the Intermediate team was beaten through lack of combination on the forwards part, and insufficient defence of the goal. In fact, the whole team, with the possible exception of McSloy. Evans and Mike Kennedy seemed not to have found themselves. McMaster, on the contrary, had an evenly balanced team, their defence being particularly strong. In the first half they soon chalked up two goals, and then Murray Kennedy poked one

in for Varsity. A third for McMaster finished the scoring in this half. After a few minutes, at the resumption of play, McMaster had scored a fourth, and shortly afterwards Culver dropped one into the nets on a long shot. A little later McMaster finished the scoring with a fifth to their credit.

Roy Thomas made a strict and highly impartial referee.

Varsity's line-up was: Frost, Gallie, Culver, Mike Kennedy, Murray Kennedy, Evans, McSloy.

VARSITY II., 14 ; McMASTER, 2

On Saturday, Feb. 2nd, the Second Team again met the McMaster seven in the final Intermediate championship game of this district.

The line-up was the same as the day before, with the exception of Sutherland, who replaced Frost in goal.

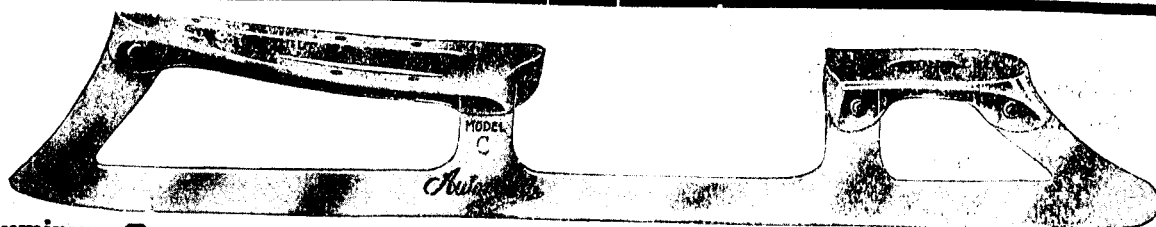
The ice was heavy, and this prevented a great deal of fast skating. Varsity scored their first goal shortly after the commencement of the game. This was followed by several rushes by McMaster, but they were always unable to find the nets. For the greater part of the game, the puck was in McMaster territory, and several times only Malone's fine playing saved their score. However, the play was more even in the latter part of the half, and shortly before half-time they evened the score.

In the second half, they started off with a second goal, and for a short time it looked like McMaster for R.M.C. next Friday. Unfortunately for them, at this part of the game, Benson, their heavy point, was disabled, and had to leave the ice. He was replaced by Moyle, who played a very good game, but being a lighter man, was unable to check so heavily.

This accident seemed to demoralize the McMaster team, and the last twenty minutes of the game was little more than a series of rushes by the Varsity men, each of which resulted in another point for the Blue and White. Malone made several fine stops, but allowed the easiest to go past him. The McMaster forwards made several efforts to get the rubber past our defence, but did not get it near the goal.

When time was called, the score was 14 to 2 in Varsity's favor, and the series was won by an easy margin of 9 goals.

Rowley Young was a very impartial referee, but missed a number of off-side plays.



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NOTES ON THE TWO MATCHES

Murray Kennedy plays a hard, strong game, though not very brilliant; his skating is rather slow.

Mike Kennedy and Tony Evans were the stars, both checked back well, in addition to making effective rushes.

McSloy is a hard worker and a good back checker, and is not afraid to rough it.

Culver played a fine game, particularly in the second game, where he broke nearly every rush.

In the first game he was rather easily drawn out.

Gallie played a steady game, and relieved well with his rushes.

Sutherland blocked nicely in the first half, but only had two shots to stop in the second.

A match has been arranged for the Intermediates to be played with O.A.C. team on Wednesday, the 6th. The schedule calls for the Varsity team to play the winners at Kingston—the R.M.C.—on Friday, the 8th.

AROUND THE HALLS
Edited by H. L. Griffin

University College

Preparations for the dinner are about complete. All that remains is for the men to buy the tickets, which are now to be had from the members of the committee. The price is \$1.50 to all, and the complimentary are limited. The list of speakers is posted on the bulletin board and looks well. A jolly good time is assured, but everybody must go to make it a complete success.

In the course of his sermon on Sunday morning in Wycliffe convocation hall, Rev. Dr. Symonds offered up a prayer for Trinity College. Wycliffe men were observed to nod emphatic approval. "They need it," they seemed to be saying.

Something must be done to check the ever-increasing scepticism at Knox College. On the bulletin board there is an announcement of an essay to be written on "The Historicity of the Book of Genesis." Someone, for whom the authorities are no doubt searching, has written on the notice, "Abandon hope all ye who enter here."

It is proposed to give the surplus from the Arts' dance to the building fund at Queen's Hall. That imposing architectural site is evidently to be extended so no one may have an excuse for not seeing it from the street.

The value of the lessons it should inculcate concerning economy is difficult to estimate.

It is said that the girls of Queen's Hall have decided, in case the Arts' dance surplus is given to their building fund, to add fifty cents to the amount. The total will then be used to buy silk to work a sofa cushion cover, the cushion to be used exclusively by members of the dance committee.

Vice-President Ritchie of the Literary Society is in receipt of an urgent telegram from the Governor of Newfoundland. He wants to know if the Lit have not yet expressed their opinion on the fisheries question.

Some members of the dance committee protested strenuously against the group photograph which was taken last week. It was bad enough they declared to have to buy tickets for the dance, but when they were forced to hire dress suits in the afternoon it amounted to imposition.

The ladies who have been experimenting with a camera in the library have caused a lot of trouble. The frequenters of the dress circle have almost come to blows in trying to decide who was the object of that attention. To settle the dispute, an

endeavor will be made to have the picture published in Varsity next week.

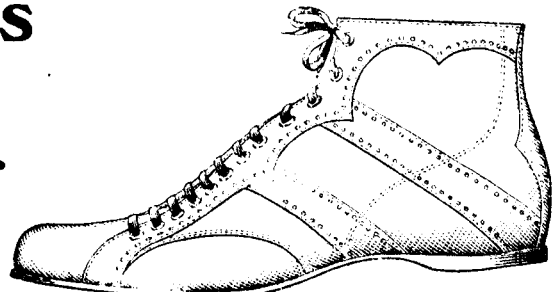
It is up to the President of the V.M.C.A. to explain. On the seminary-book of the library, it is set down that the key of the Philosophical seminary was taken out by C. M. Wright on the morning and afternoon of Feb. 3. It is said that the Lord's Day Alliance is going to look into the matter.

Faculty of Applied Science

There was a rumpus in the Hall the other day, and ten minutes after it was over, K. A. came bounding up the stairs, apologizing as he came that although he had heard the noise he had found it impossible to come at once. We wonder what would have happened if he had arrived in time. Would his magnificent presence have quelled immediately the tumult? By the way, we are pleased to note that the aforesaid K. A. has taken the hint and got a haircut.

Cooper (alias Coop) was listening very attentively the other day to a conversation between two Third year men. They were discussing the relative merits of the various members of the staff, and among other things were calling attention to the fact that

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certain of the lecturers had too much brains, that, in fact, their active headpieces were eating up their bodies.

"Ah!" said Cooper, and a sympathetic tear glistened in his eye, "One should be careful in that respect. We intellectual giants are too apt to fall into that error."

Somebody has been stuffing Coop. He'll never get through his exams. if his head doesn't go down.

Rannie has announced that he is going in for education higher and higher. With finger on thumbs and blue eyes wide, he exclaims: "Now see here, fellows! This year I get my Y.M.C.A., next I get my B.A.Sc., and the following year I get my W.C.T.U. and live happily ever after."

Fred Paulin (pointing to a small boy)—"What are we coming to, see how small he is?"

Potter—"Your crazy, man, that's not a Freshman that followed us up to the School."

Klingner is very anxious that special mention be made in these columns of the fact that Bob Potter shrank before the glittering razor last Wednesday. How funny for Klingner. I wonder if he remembers where his went some two years ago? A safety razor and a mug of soap did the work.

John Lang—"Don't bother me, I am busy. I am contemplating this drawing."

Tenders will be received at the 4th year lab. up to 12 o'clock midnight Sunday, February 31st, 1907, for a 6-in. pipe line to be laid from the Caer-Howell to the Engineering building, the contract to include distributing mains throughout the school, including nipples for the 1st year; also a cow attachment to the Y.M.C.A.

Specifications:—(1) pipe line to have no jag; (2) a "large cable" to be installed for telegraphing orders.

Mr. G. R. Jones' application for bartender has been duly received and filed.

Debate:—"Resolved, That the Engineering profession is not worth while.

Affirmative—Fourth Year.

Negative—Faculty.

Debate to take place July 10, 1907, at Employment Bureau.

Prof. C—t to 2nd Year Astronomy:—"———— as the moon rises higher up or higher down."

Poor old Hiram Walker now claims his face broke one of the lamp shades. Ask Ritchie about it, Hiram?

Did you hear about "Hap Ward" asking the "Avenue Girls" to go in a "Bishop's Carriage?" They wanted to go to "Shea's" and he said "Not yet but soon," so he left them at the "World's Mercy."

A suggestion was made by O'Grady that the 2nd year give a sleighing party on the condition that he be given a horn and a flag and be allowed to sit with the driver.

Faculty of Medicine

Dr. An—s—n—(to "Happy Br—n," entering the ward a few minutes late)—"Pardon me, doctor. Is this your patient?"

Cheer up, "Happy," it's the "side-boards."

Dr. Po—ll—(speaking of the intensity of certain burns and scalds)—"Indeed, your patient may be so badly burned that he suffers no pain till life is extinct." (?)

The annual dinner of the Third Year medical students was held by the class of '08 at McConkey's on Wednesday evening, January 30th. After the old-time delicacies, parading under their latest French pseudonyms, had been disposed of, an appropriate toast list was gone through. The toasts were proposed by students, and responded to by several good stories and valuable pieces of advice from members of the faculty who were guests of the evening.

Messrs. Tindale and Shepherd provided a splendid musical programme, the former with his violin and the latter singing several rousing songs. Many thanks are due to the chairman, Mr. H. E. Hamill, and his committee for conducting the most enjoyable evening the class has had since the commencement of their course.

Knox Notes

A deep shadow has been cast over the College this week by the death of D. Alex. Mackay, '05. After a short illness, one of our most popular and best-beloved fellow-students was called away Sunday morning. His gentleness, his unselfishness, his love of everything that was pure and manly and noble, his bright optimistic humor had given a charm to his personality and made him a friend to every man in College. On Sunday evening a memorial service was held in Convocation Hall, conducted by Principal McLaren. His funeral takes place at his home at Embro, Ontario, on Thursday, which will be attended by the Graduating Class, of which he was a member, and by his more intimate college friends.

Much sorrow and sympathy is also felt for A. C. Cameron, '05, who is this week called to the funeral of his sister at Collingwood. These two afflictions have cast an inexpressible gloom over the college life.

The Missionary Society held a Foreign Mission night on Monday evening, Feb. 4th, at which J. Lovell Murray addressed the students. At the regular meeting of the Society (Tuesday evening), P. Spence, Geo. Mackay and L. A. Arthurs reported their summer's work.

Rev. G. A. Hackney, B.A., '00, has been paying a visit to his many friends in the College last week.

The Literary Society will hold its annual oratory contest Feb. 21. Messrs. Findlay, Melvin and Little will represent their respective years in the contest, and N. A. McEachern has been chosen by the Arts men to uphold their interests.

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The popularity of Sunday meetings is evident from the increasing number of the men of all the faculties who are taking advantage of them. Last Sunday's meeting, addressed by J. Lovell Murray and H. F. Laflamme and presided over by Rev. A. S. Armstrong, now Foreign Mission Secretary for the Presbyterian Church, was one of the most enjoyable on record.

Mr. Murray's visit was much appreciated and his work exceedingly aggressive. Plans are under way whereby in the very near future the University of Toronto will have its own representative in the foreign field. It has long been felt that this is necessary, and when it is remembered that McGill and other universities far smaller than ours have been successful in such a project, there should be no doubt as to our ability to support a representative in the foreign field.

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Another university man is to address Sunday's meeting at 2.45. The announcement that Mr. Frank W. Slack of the University of Pennsylvania and now of New York, will be the speaker will be welcomed by the men of Toronto and especially by those who have heard him at Nashville or at Lakeside. There should be an enthusiastic audience.

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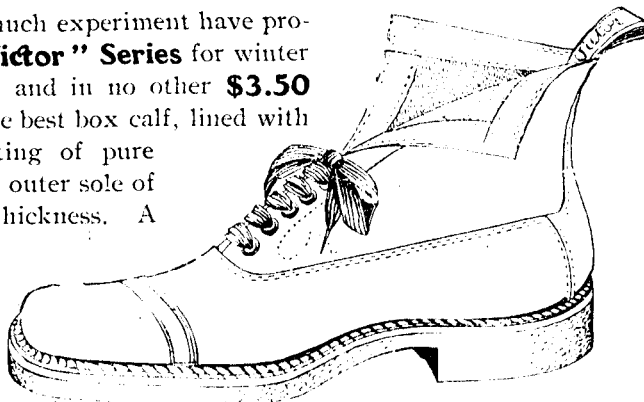
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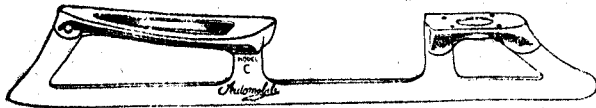
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