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## LITERARY.

CHARLES W. BUSH, Editor.

### A COLLEGE EDUCATION

It is often asked what a college education does for a man, how does it help him unless he contemplates entering some technical business; in other words, does it pay? We may answer these questions in the affirmative and for the following reasons.

A college education disciplines the mind. It may seem at first sight that there is no call for such mental training for when the Lord gave man his intellect thus making him different from other animals, He gave him control of it. Why should there be any need of discipline? True, God did give man control of it as He gave him dominion over all creatures. Yet do we not have to train a colt, a so-called domestic animal before we have complete mastery of it? How many men can think along one line, carry out one line of thought without letting their thoughts wander hither and thither? How many can logically argue a question out in their minds, setting down arguments in their proper order and sequence? We are obliged to train and discipline the mind before we have control and complete mastery of it.

Through collegiate training we learn what our mental powers are and how to use them. We appreciate more fully their vast scope and can select from the widely extended field that for which we are best suited.

Further, a college education removes the undesirable characteristics of a man. It rules him up and polishes him off, taking away the sharp corners of conceitedness and priggishness and sissiness. It shows him that he must stand on his own merits, that he is valued for himself alone and not for anything inherited. And it matures him, gives him that quality so essential to success, self-reliance. It makes him a man, to begin life not as a school boy but as a man with all his powers fully developed. With such a preparatory training, he is better able to overcome obstacles, to accept victory and defeat in the spirit of the true philosopher, not to gloat if he be victorious nor to bewail his lot if a temporary reverse should befall him. To sum up these ideas it develops his character during the most formative period of his life.

But a college education does much for a man in his relation to other men. It gives him a clearer insight into human nature. All the varied sides of humanity are presented to his view thus broadening

his vision. Indeed one of the greatest benefits of higher education is that it gives a man a broader outlook, a larger standard, a wider mental horizon.

It also enables him to enjoy a keener appreciation of the beautiful. It may be of varied kinds of beauty from that of a picture or poem to the exactness of a mathematical problem. But it is the love of beauty in whatever way directed that is strengthened and perfected. And while a man is in business or after he is through, he has a resource to fall back on in the appreciation of the beautiful, for pleasure and relief.

Lastly it shows a man how he may be of use to the world; how he may apply his intellect so that it will benefit mankind and not merely raise him in the ranks of money getters.

The man who possesses a college education has the advantage over his fellows since he has trained his mind to exactness, since his mind is broadened. The college man ought to be the most progressive and valued citizen, the leader of all worthy enterprises for the betterment of mankind. Does a college education pay? It would be difficult indeed to exaggerate the paying value of collegiate training.

C. W. B., '03.



## Delaware Stories.

### IV.

#### A NIGHT OF IT.

"Going down for the mail?"

"Yep; hold on for a minute."

Buck Hartley hurriedly bolted the rest of his dessert, and followed his cronies out into the cool of the evening. It was May, and the campus was still light. All three tried to light their pipes with one

match, until little Barrington, who was holding it, burnt his fingers and swore. "Fellows," said Buck, "how do you spell choir—a church choir?"

"Choir."

"Is that right?"

"Sure, you blithering idiot. How did you think you spelt it, quire?"

"Yes."

"Well, you are a bird." And they laughed.

"Well, now I'll bet you can spell it that way."

"I'll bet you can't."

"I'll bet the crowd even money that you can, and we'll look it up before we go down for the mail."

The money was deposited with Horner, who declined to bet. They went over to the library, and, there in the Century dictionary, "choir, or quire, a body of singers, a chorus."

"Well, I'll be hanged if I don't think the dic's wrong," said Barrington; "who ever heard of spelling it that way?"

"I did, my child," remarked Buck, and therefore I pulled your leg."

"That's a fool way to spell it."

"I'll tell you how you can get your money back. We'll go down the street until we meet some fellow. I'll bring the question up. If he is willing to bet we'll skin him. If he is doubtful you back him up and say you're sure it can't be spelled that way, and bet half on even odds against me. Then we'll prove it to him and divy the spoils."

Away they went, and the first fellow they met was a senior. In exactly the same way that he had roped in his classmate Buck did the senior, and Barrington, betting with the senior, they went to the

Century, and then divided a dollar.

"Great game," remarked Horner dryly.

As they reached the street again they saw a wagon standing by the fountain. The owner was over in L——'s store. The temptation was too much. "Jump in, fellows," cried Horner, and in they went, whipped up the horse and tore down the street pellmell, lickety, split, trying to race Dr. S——, who was out with his thoroughbred. The Doctor wisely declined to race, and drew to one side to let them pass.

As they passed the postoffice they yelled at the crowd standing there, who yelled in return. At the Centre Station they turned around on two wheels and dashed madly up the street again, singing at the top of their voices, "Won't you come home, Bill Bailey?"

About half way back they met the owner, who rushed distractedly out into the street at them. But they sailed by with "I knows I'se to blame, well ain't that a shame," floating behind them. At the fountain they decided that they had had enough horse racing for one night, and climbed out, leaving the poor old horse almost in the condition of David Harum's. "He had to lean up against the shed to whicker." As the owner dashed up, sputtering profanity and dire threats at every jump, sundry remarks were addressed to him from the safety of the campus, such as "hot air," "warm gush," "do you give trading stamps?" and Barrington calmly assured him that a good run is always beneficial to a horse, as it got all the bad air out of his lungs. "Likewise, judging from your remarks, it has a like effect upon the owner."

As the latter drove off they looked

around for something new to divert the mind, "worn out with study," as they expressed it. They had noticed some boxes in front of B——'s store. "Let's go down and appropriate those," suggested Buck. Horner agreed immediately. Barrington declined, declaring he was going back to the dormitory. He wasn't going to get his head into trouble for three measly boxes.

"All right, go back to the dormitory or to thunder or anywhere else you choose," and the couple of mischief makers sauntered slowly down the street. Barrington ran around to the back campus, through a back yard and over a couple of fences, and came out on Main street by the store. It was quite dark by this time, but he could see Buck and Horner coming stealthily down the street. The boxes were on a board stretched from the store porch to a step ladder against the next house. Barrington hastily stooped under the board and crouched waiting. The pair came opposite to him, and, after a whispered consultation, Horner stood and watched for any one coming, while Buck approached and lifted the box off the pile. Just as he did so Barrington reached out from underneath and grabbed his leg.

"Oh, Lordy, I'm caught."

Horner turned and ran like a deer up the street. Buck wrenched away from the restraining hands and turned to run, but stumbled and fell flat, the boxes clattering on top of him. He was convinced that his capturer had fallen on him, while in reality Barrington was so full of laugh that he could hardly get out from under the board. When he did it was to find Buck kicking madly at one box and

apparently trying to get the strangle hold on another. Barrington pounced on him, shouting, "I've got you, thief," and jerked him to his feet, but the lights falling on his face, gave him away, and Buck saw who it was. The surprise was so sudden and his disgust so heartfelt that he wanted to thrash Barrington right there, but the storekeeper coming out just then, they deemed it advisable to hunt other quarters. Returning to college they found Horner in bed, with clothes and all on, where he had jumped on hearing them approach his door.

Having had a little rough house at Barrington's expense, which ended in upsetting the bookcase, they went out on the front porch, where they found a poor forlorn old dog, who looked as though he hadn't had a bath for years, not to mention a square meal.

"Fellows, the chance of a lifetime; let's put the cur in Adair's room."

They led the dog down to Adair's room and knocked. No answer. "Oh, Adair, here's a friend who wants to see you." Still no answer. They tried the door, and to their joy found it unlocked. In they walked. No one at home. The dog immediately sprang up on Adair's bed and curled up perfectly at home. This put an idea in Horner's head. He grabbed Adair's pajamas and pulled them on the dog and fastened them, the dog submitting to it very peacefully, as if it were a matter of course. Then pulling back the covers, they shoved the dog in, put his head on the pillow, tucked him in and there he lay "too cute for anything."

"Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease," quoted Barrington, and then the ludicrous aspect of the dog

struck them, and they laughed and laughed, rolling about on the chairs and table, while the dog looked on with such a glance of mild inquiry that it set them off still more, until they were too lame to think. Finally, gasping and panting, they went away, leaving the dog in perfect enjoyment of Adair's bed and pajamas. Adair subsequently came back, and to his horror discovered the dog, and drove it out with the pajamas still on.

"All out for the rummage sale," called the three cronies, and heads came popping out to see what was doing. "Everybody come on down to the rummage sale and put it on the bum," they shouted, and in a little while about fifty started out singing, "Show me the way to go home." They filed into the little unused carriage house, where the rummage sale was held, and about filled the room. The managers held up their hands in holy horror, but were powerless. Each fellow bought some cake or candy, so that having donated something to the cause, they felt free to do as they pleased. This consisted principally in firing the cake and candy at each other and helping themselves to whatever tickled their fancy. The old clothes and old hat counters attracted them especially. The different styles were tried on and commented upon. Horner picked out a big picture hat and a pink feather boa, which he declared were especially suitable to his style of beauty. Little Barrington, 5 feet, 4 inches in height, picked out a cutaway coat that apparently was built for a flagpole and put it on. The tails just escaped the floor. A child's little red felt hat with an elastic under the chin was his next choice. Buck took a woman's shirt waist and put

it on. It split straight up the back. "However," he remarked, "that is a matter of small account." A pink parasol completed his toilet. Thus arrayed and having upset the old shoe table and blamed it on another fellow, they departed, leaving the rest to follow at leisure. Worn out they reached their rooms, and went peacefully to bed, as if they had not just had a night of it.



### A TRAGEDY.

A young man of about twenty-four years of age sat on the front steps of a handsome home near Philadelphia, blowing immense clouds of smoke from a short stubby briar pipe, and watching the scarlet leaves fall from the large maple trees just in front and to the left of the house.

Bingham Stoy, for such was this young man's name, had graduated the June before from Princeton, and had spent the intervening summer at the seashore. He was apparently in deep thought.

"Good morning, Mr. Stoy," came from over the hedge fence which separated the Stoy home from that of the Nice's. As he looked up he saw for the first time for over a year the beautiful form of his old sweetheart, Edna Nice. He returned the salutation, and running, more than walking to the hedge, he gave a leap, and, although it stood more than five feet above the ground, he cleared it with inches to spare. The effort placed him by the side of the girl he loved.

Edna Nice and Bingham Stoy had been children together, their parents had lived in neighboring houses since either of them could remember, they had grown up side by side, and were only separated

from each other when Bingham went away to college.

When he said good-bye four years before they had had an understanding in regards to their future happiness. They declared the love they had had for each for years, and which then culminated in their engagement.

During the first three years of his college course letters had flown from Philadelphia to Newark and from Newark to Philadelphia in rapid succession. In the vacation times when Bingham would return to his home they were constantly together, and each time on parting they had sealed the old pledge with a kiss.

In the first three or four weeks of his senior year the letters had been as numerous as usual, when suddenly Edna ceased to write to Bingham. He sent her letter after letter, but no reply came, so after many vain attempts to find out the cause he gave up in despair with a broken heart.

He had graduated in June, and had gone home eager to see Edna, but on his arrival he found that she had gone to Europe to be away indefinitely. He therefore made his plans for a protracted stay at the seashore. Accordingly, he went to Atlantic City, and had only returned the day before we see him on the front step.

Edna and Bingham strolled leisurely to a rustic bench and sat down. They had barely gotten seated before their attention was attracted to a carriage coming along the pike. The carriage stopped in front of the house, and a young man alighted. As he did so Edna uttered a low cry of surprise. He paid the hackman his fare, and taking his two suit cases, one in

either hand, he came into the yard and walked over to the place where Edna and Bingham had arisen to receive him. Edna shook hands with him coldly, introduced him to Bingham and led the way into the house.

Mr. Brown, for such was the man's name, grasped Edna's father's hand very cordially when he was presented, but Mr. Nice, already a man of sixty, at first sight of Brown paled slightly; in a moment his whole frame began to shake. He turned to find a chair to rest on, but fell in a faint before he reached it. The expression of his face was one of hate and entreaty. A physician was summoned, but came too late. At the autopsy it was found that Mr. Nice had died from a sudden attack of heart failure brought on by excitement.

Mr. Nice had had a series of financial misfortunes in dealing in stocks, and Brown had lent him money, taking as a security a mortgage on—I blush for both the father and Brown when I mention it—on Edna Nice. Mr. Nice had borrowed a little at a time until the aggregate amounted to \$50,000. All he owned in the world was the home he lived in and his handsome daughter. When Brown arrived Mr. Nice thought it was to press the payment or to foreclose the mortgage. The father was unable to pay the money he owed, and the thought of foreclosure, informing the public as it would of his villany, together with the heart-breaking effect it would have on his daughter, produced the strain which caused his untimely end.

The funeral was over, and Bingham was doing all he could to console the heart-broken girl, who knew nothing of

the other impending stroke. Brown remained an unwelcome guest at the house.

About a week after the funeral Brown went to Bingham and related to him the story of the transaction he had had with "Old Nice," stating also that he meant to foreclose as soon as he could arrange with his lawyers. He told Bingham that he had had but one dream in life, and that was to secure for his wife Edna Nice, and to this end his every effort had and would be directed.

Bingham, as soon as he recovered from the shock, raged and swore. Calming himself, he told Brown that if he was given time he himself would pay the money, with interest in full. Brown cared not for the money, and refused Bingham's offer, as the latter expected he would.

Now, Bingham saw why he had not had his letters to Edna answered. It was because the weak old father had intercepted them in the hope that the engagement could be broken, giving Brown a chance to win Edna's love, thus averting the calamity which must inevitably otherwise come.

Brown was not the man to win a girl's love, and, besides, he knew that Edna hated him. Bingham racked his brain for hours to find some way out of the difficulty. Finally he hit on the idea that if he married Edna immediately the mortgage would be void. Accordingly, he sent her a note, asking her to meet him at the bottom of the hill behind the house at eight o'clock that evening, because he could not otherwise get speech with her, because the villain, Brown, always offended them by his presence.

Edna thought it strange that Bingham

should make such a request, but went. Here was a delicate subject to handle, made more so by the late death of the father of one of the parties concerned, but Bingham went about it with the skill and tact essential in such a position and soon secured her promise to marry him secretly the next night without telling her his reason.

The next night came, the meeting place was the same, the hour eight. The night was dark, a storm was brewing. Bingham at 7.55 p. m., together with a priest and two witnesses, was at the trysting place. When the clock struck eight Edna stole out of the house. The storm was already in progress. In the west the black clouds were piling themselves upon each other like the billows of an angry sea. The lightning flashed, the thunder pealed; already it had begun to rain.

Edna made her way as best as she could in the darkness by the aid of the light of the flashes of lightning, wondering the while why she must be married in this way, when all her dreams had been of a beautiful church wedding, still placing strict confidence in Bingham's "It is necessary to be done this way."

At last, for the distance seemed miles and the time ages to her, she arrived at the appointed place to keep her tryste.

The ceremony was barely finished when a sharp flash of lightning revealed not ten feet away the form of a man with a revolver in each hand. It was Brown, and the pistols were pointing one at Edna and the other at Bingham. By the light of that very flash of lightning Brown aimed and fired. Edna sank to the ground, never to rise. Bingham staggered,

then ran at the place where Brown had stood. He tripped and fell mortally wounded.

Brown ran as fast as he could toward the woods. Just as he reached the edge a loud clap of thunder was followed by a long smoke-like bolt of lightning, which lighted the whole valley for hundred of yards on either side, and it was by the light of the very same bolt that the witnesses to the marriage ceremony saw the murderer burned to a crisp by its fiery tongues.

W. R. M. W., '03.



#### CIGARETTES.

A noted American educator once said that the cigarette was the greatest obstacle to education among the young, and designated it as the "Bane of the Youth." This statement is endorsed by the educated people of the day, and seconded by the cigarette users themselves. It is easily proven. Nicotine, a constituent part of all cigarettes and a slow poison, dulls the brain, stunts the growth, and weakens the mind. It is therefore evident that the mind of the cigarette smoker cannot be capable of receiving a good education.

Literally, a cigarette is a small quantity of tobacco rolled into a cylindrical shape and enclosed in a piece of thin paper. The ends are uncovered, the tobacco being held in place by the pressure of the sides.

The manufacture of cigarettes is extremely interesting. They are made entirely by machinery. One cigarette is made at a time. A paper is laid on the machine, just enough tobacco is dropped upon it by one part of the mechanism, another part picks it up and rolls it out; and then another glues the paper, so that

it finally comes out finished and ready to be packed and sent to the retailer. This process of making one cigarette by itself, like the manufacture of paper currency, occupies too much time and there is therefore a ready market for any invention which would turn out cigarettes more quickly, but so far no such machine has been patented.

The manner of using the cigarette is as follows. One end is lit and the other is placed in the mouth. Smoke is then drawn through the cigarette and blown out of the mouth. So long as the smoke is merely drawn into the mouth and blown out again slight harm is done, although the smoke tends to deaden the nerves of the mouth and throat and affects the lining of the nose if the smoke is ejected through that organ.

The paper with which the cigarette is wrapped is also injurious. It is generally of a very inferior quality and being porous to a slight degree, allows the nicotine to soak through and stain the fingers and lips. But it is in the so-called "inhaling" that the great harm is done to body and mind. This process is nothing less than drawing the smoke down into the lungs in exactly the same manner that the air is drawn in. It can be plainly seen that the evils of this habit are untold. Soon after it has been begun, the lungs become weak and dead and the bad effects soon spread to the other parts of the body. Once formed it is almost impossible to break this habit.

It is a well-established fact that young boys are addicted to the habit of cigarette smoking more than any other class. It is now the exception to find one who does not smoke. The number of

young men who are under the domination of the goddess, Nicotine, is also very great. Tobacco acts towards the body, like crime to the soul, weakening and destroying it, but cigarettes especially are the Nemesis of Youth. FARNAN, 06.



## INTER-COLLEGIATE.

WM. R. M. WHARTON, Editor

Former President Francis L. Patton, of Princeton University, has been elected President of the Princeton Theological Seminary.



The Hon. John D. Long, formerly Secretary of the Navy, has been chosen President of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University.



An English lady, Miss Ethel Bloom, has taken the degree of M. D. at Leipsic. She is the first woman doctor to graduate at Leipsic University.



The donations and bequests to educational institutions in 1902 amounted to \$40,150,803. The following is a list of gifts of \$500,000 or over: P. P. Cresson, Philadelphia, to Academy of Fine Arts, \$500,000; J. D. Rockefeller, to Harvard University, \$1,000,000; Geo. L. Littlefield, to Brown University, \$500,000; W. H. Webb, to Webb Academy, \$1,000,000; J. D. Rockefeller, to Southern Educational Movement, \$1,000,000; F. W. Vanderbilt, to Yale, \$500,000; Mary Winthrop, to Princeton College, \$1,400,000; J. D. Rockefeller, to Teachers' College, \$500,000; A. C. Hutchinson, New Orleans, to Tulane University, \$1,000,000.



ooo; J. D. Rockefeller, to University of Chicago, \$1,226,000; E. W. Southworth, to Yale University, \$5,00,000; J. G. Clark, to Clark University, \$1,077,000.



Dr. Charles Frazier has been appointed dean of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, in succession to Dr. John Marshall, who declined reelection, after eight years service in the office.



Dr. Frank Strong was inaugurated chancellor of the University of Kansas on October 17th, 1902.



### Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

J. H. MITCHELL.

With the beginning of the winter term our Association enters upon its work with greater opportunity, and we hope with increased zeal. The outdoor attractions have ceased to lure us to the athletic field, and our attention is turned to many neglected phases of our college life. The Y. M. C. A. from its infancy has espoused the course of athletics, but, now that the season is ended, solicits the thought and interest of every man in our college.



The Association is enjoying a prosperous year. The Bible Classes report the following average attendance for the fall term: The Senior Class has had an average attendance of ten, the Sophomore Class six, and the Freshman Class six. To some these may seem like small results, but when we remember that this means twenty-two (nearly twenty-five per cent. of student body) have been in regular attendance upon these classes, we

have reason for our feeling of gratification. Furthermore, this is a good showing, because it means that twenty-two students are voluntarily and actively inclined toward Christian work in one of the most difficult fields in all the world—the college. Let us not, however, allow the feeling of self-complacency to deter us from seizing the opportunities of the winter term. Each member of the Association should devote the work his best powers, and each student should co-operate in making the work "go" this term.



We are glad to announce that Mr. Tibbitts is to visit our College some time during the month of January. All who remember his visit and helpful talk of last year will be glad to welcome him again.



The Devotional Committee announces that a weekly service has been arranged and speakers secured to address these meetings. Further notice will be given as to dates and speakers' names.



The committee on the "Hand Book" for this year would be grateful for any suggestions as to designs and material. We want to make our next issue a winner.



John E. Wilson, ex-'92, is postmaster, lawyer and a prominent Republican politician at Centerville, Md. He stands high in the councils of his party throughout the State.



Edward Krause, '98, is working for an electrical company at Chicago.

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**EDITORIAL.**

WILLIAM P. CONSTABLE.

**Notice to Department Editors.**

All copy for the February REVIEW must be handed in by Thursday, January 22d.

THE Department Editors lagged, as is their usual misfortune, far from the date assigned for the delivery of all copy to the Editor, and on their shoulders should fall all the censure for this disgracefully late issue. Apparently, the Board can never acquire the principles of promptness with any degree of success so long as they persevere with their lack of interest and objection to labor. This paper must fail in its mission when every means for heightening its moral and intellectual tone is baffled by an unaccountable indifference.


The old year has scarcely been numbered with the dead, and yet the Editors have never turned a leaf for curing their dreadful malady, or at least the leaf has not been weighted in order to stop its flopping back. The best resolution should materially assist us, and assuredly the one embodying a dread of procrastination is a highly desirable addition to our virtues. Nothing so recommends a business man as a record for readiness

and reliability. When is a better opportunity afforded than at the present time to curb this unlicensed predisposition, when the result obtained cannot but savor of the term success.

Others besides the Board are worthy of reproach, as the students fully understand that apathy is a bad structure builder for a creditable magazine. Its substance must consist of midnight oil and a well-sheared wick, in combination with a motive to enhance our own worth as well as that of the magazine, and not with a passing glance at this work over the cards, as we feel the chains of that seductive fascination preparing our downfall. All the students can work in unison for the welfare of this paper, and united we can clearly pierce the veil of obscurity that surrounds us, and behold the golden letters of success emblazoned on the clouds of the future.

Now, let us all, with a common determination, strive to elevate THE REVIEW'S standard, so that our official organ will no longer be subjected to heart-rending taunts, but will present a solid rampart, composed of the highest intellectual thought and originality that will be the emulation and rivalry of our sister colleges.

Trusting that its ideals will be fulfilled, THE REVIEW extends a greeting to all the students and friends of the College, and wishes them a happy and prosperous New Year.

•  "CARPE DIEM."

THE promised land for the Delta Phi Society is in view, and with fervent hopes we trust that the onward strides will land us where we should have remained had

not folly dislodged us.

One member of the Faculty has so interested himself with the intention of reviving the Society that he has practically assured us that should the members accept one afternoon each week, after the first period, he will co-operate with us in obtaining this concession from the Faculty.

If we really wish to return to our old-time valuable method of training ourselves in declamation and ready-debating and in perpetuating the Society now is a favorable and, perhaps, a final chance. All of us, however, cannot be accommodated, yet the Latin Scientific's and Classical's, who especially require this training, must not overlook it.

If the Society is resuscitated our work should be pursued with ardent zeal to cultivate our undeveloped powers for dissecting and discussing public questions, and not with a view to use it as a time for loafing.

My fellow-students, do not allow this advance to escape unnoticed, but let us pluck the offering when within our reach.



## EXCHANGE.

H. L. WRIGHT, Editor.

The general tendency in our exchanges seems to be toward filling their covers with pictures of their football teams and accounts of the season's games. There is also a noticeable improvement in the standard of the literary matter, and several of our friends have essayed to publish a little poetry, which has been very good. While most of the staffs of the various papers seem well fitted to their work, there are several where changes would be beneficial to both the editors and to the

readers. An example of this is the exchange editor of the *Haverfordian*, one of our esteemed contemporaries. The manipulator of rhetoric prides himself upon the use of his sarcastic tongue, and injures his college paper by using it as an instrument for expressing his sentiments. His delightful criticisms remind one of the weather predictions in the almanacs which are forced on the people once a year, differing only in the fact that this pest comes once a month.



The Christmas issue of the *Punch Bowl* deserves special mention, because of its attractiveness and wit.



We are glad to again greet the *Peninsula Student*. Its long absence from our table has been viewed with alarm, and we are glad to find that all is explained by a change of size and color.



### ANTONY BRENT

To a wedding went,  
Attired in his new frock,  
But on coming home  
He tripped on a stone—  
A case of rye—and rock.—Punch  
Bowl.



### MASK AND WIG NOTES.

The Mask and Wig Club, with eleven good singers, constituting a heavy and effective chorus, began practicing their grand overture on January 13th. The first practice was, as usual, in nowise a success, but the unsuccessful start, however unpleasant or disagreeable, must be made.

The show, with a few improvements,

will be conducted the same as last year. The opening bill will be the grand overture, followed by music of the orchestra and the Banjo and Mandolin Club. Then comes a military farce, which Professor Short, formerly at the head of the dramatic department of the North Carolina Military Academy, has kindly consented to take in charge. The entertainment will be concluded with a funny one-act specialty, written somewhat on the order of last year's, "The Freshman." The probable men for the overture are Kyle, Bowler, Kimble, Jones, Roberts, Bevan, Wyatt, Davis, Groves, Pie, Sawin, Reynolds, Hickman, Lenderman, Huxley and Lawton.

Eleven of these will be selected for the circle, but, contrary to last year's bill, only seven will sing solos. Vannerson, Shaffer and Downes are candidates for pianist.



## LOCALS.

Did you flunk?

Skating is excellent.

Cleo is suffering from a sprained ankle.

The agricultural department of the College was represented at the Farmer's meeting by Mr. Green, '03.

Doctor W:—"Well, well, Hardesty! here you come late again! Spout out your cock and bull story now for an exercise.

The E. M. B. Club is in a prosperous condition. The members are showing more than usual interest, and all the meetings are well attended.

The Den is noted for its numerous and beautiful pets. The latest addition is Tom's lamb.

Doctor W.—"Lyndall, who discovered Flourine?"

Lyndall—"I forget, Doctor."

Doctor W.—"Oh, forget! Mr. Dooley wasn't it?"

Lyndall—"Yes sir, that's the name."

The Peninsula Farmers evidently enjoyed themselves, the week they spent in the Dormitory, judging from the empty cigar boxes and pink flasks which they left behind.

The Dramatic Club has begun its rehearsals. Much interest is being shown by the students, and an excellent program is promised for Easter week.

The Junior Prom. will take place February 13. The Juniors are all determined to make this affair the best one in the history of the College, and with hard work they will succeed.

It is said that I. P. Jones did quite a little detective work during the holidays.

The rooms in the Dormitory will be open all this week for the inspection of Christmas presents.

A Fencing class, which will be under the instructions of Dr. Dawson has been recently organized.

We trust that our fellow student, George Dutton, who has been confined, at home, with sickness, will soon sufficiently recover to resume his college duties.



## DE ALUMNIS.

James Craig, '98, is engaged in business in one of the Southern States.

Albert Cooper, '96, takes orders for the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church this spring.

Harry C. Wilson, ex-'99, is engaged in business at New Orleans, La.

Clinton McCullough, ex-'97, is working for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at Des Moines, Iowa, where he holds an important position, having been recently promoted.

Fred Bartlett, '96, has spent several years in Venezuela for health and business.

George Truitt, '97, is engaged in business at Bath, Me.

Everett Wilson, '94, holds a prominent position in the Engineering Corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with chief office at Jersey City.

Harry C. Evans, '02, is connected with the Engineering Corps of the Southern Railroad at Birmingham, Ala.

Ted Reybold, '96, who has been engaged in business in Denver, recently returned home, to recuperate from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Henry Arlington Warburton, '02, ex-captain of Company B, has registered as a law student in the office of his father at Elkton.



## BASKET-BALL.

About twelve men answered the call for candidates for the Freshman basket-ball team. The team was picked before the Christmas vacation, and during the holidays several games were played with teams greatly their inferior in all branches of the game.

The first was with the Y. M. C. A. team of Wilmington, which was won by them after a hard fight by the score of 18 to 10. The feature of the game was the

good team work of the Freshmen, and, but for the fact that they were a little off in shooting, would, no doubt, have won the game. Line-up:

Y. M. C. A.		D. C. F.	
Rettern } Lummis }	Forward.....	{ Taggart Parvis Wyatt	
Poffenberger } Farnan }	Center.....	{ Cooper	
Hanber } Shaffer }	Defense.....	{ Nuttall Hyland	

Goals from field—Hanber, Lummis, Rettern, 2; Hyland, 2; Shaffer 3. From foul—Lummis, 2; Shaffer—Shaffer, 2.

On Christmas night the Freshmen played the strong West End team. The latter won by the score of 23 to 6. This was the Freshmen's poorest game.

The third game was with the Belmont five on December 30th. The Freshmen played a fast-passing game, but were still off in shooting. The teams' line-up was as follows:

BELMONT.		D. C. F.	
Sheldon } Folime }	Forward.....	{ Taggart Wyatt	
Heal }	Centre.....	{ Poffenberger Carter	
Dunn } Brown }	Defense.....	{ Hanber Schaffer	

The last game of the holidays was the second of the series with the Y. M. C. A., which abounded in unfair treatment on the part of the home team. "Rough-house" tactics were introduced, and the Freshmen showed themselves fully capable of holding their own. The home team won on fouls. Line-up:

Y. M. C. A.		D. C. F.	
Lummis } Hyland }	Forward.....	{ Shaffer Taggart	
Poffenberger } Farnan }	Centre.....	{ Rettern	
Nuttall } McCoy }	Defense.....	{ Wyatt Hanber	

Goals from field—Hanber, 2; Shaffer, Taggart, Hyland, 2; Summers. Fouls—Lummis, 9.

## HOT AIR.

About the beginning of the year nineteen hundred and two the slang phrase, "Hot Air," was let loose upon a suffering humanity. No one knew its exact meaning, but something in the short, smooth, easily-spoken expression caught the popular fancy, and the words crystallized into a slang term meaning empty talk, superfluous or boastful conversation, bravado and the like.

When analyzed the phrase is without meaning, for there is no perceptible similarity between heated air and empty, boastful or profitless talk. However, this can not be considered remarkable, as is the case with the great majority of the slang phrases of the present day. Be that as it may, the term spread with great rapidity, and is now at the very height of its popularity. This extreme popularity, however, will ensure its ultimate extinction, for its excessive use will make it tiresome and it will disappear.

Unlike most other catch-phrases of its kind, it has no answering term. By this I mean that there is no slang word with which it can be met, although several have been invented and tried without success. Among these are "Natural Gas" and "Cold Steam," neither of which have attained as much popularity as the rather vulgar term, "Sewer Gas," which bids fair to become as much used as "Hot Air."

Slang is essentially an American institution, a fact of which we have no reason to be proud. We have been much ridiculed by foreigners, in general, and Englishmen, in particular, for our partiality to slang, and in the main their criticisms are just. Instead of resenting their atti-

tude we would do well to profit by their ridicule and purge from our mother-tongue all these vulgarisms G. F., '06.

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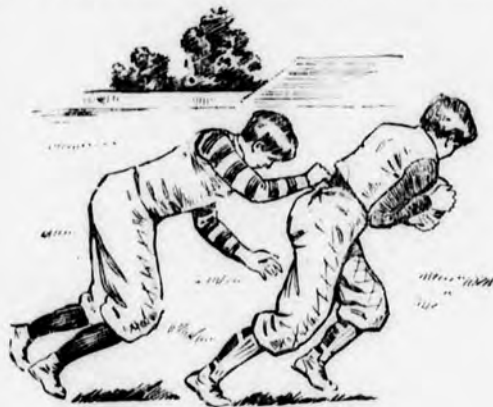
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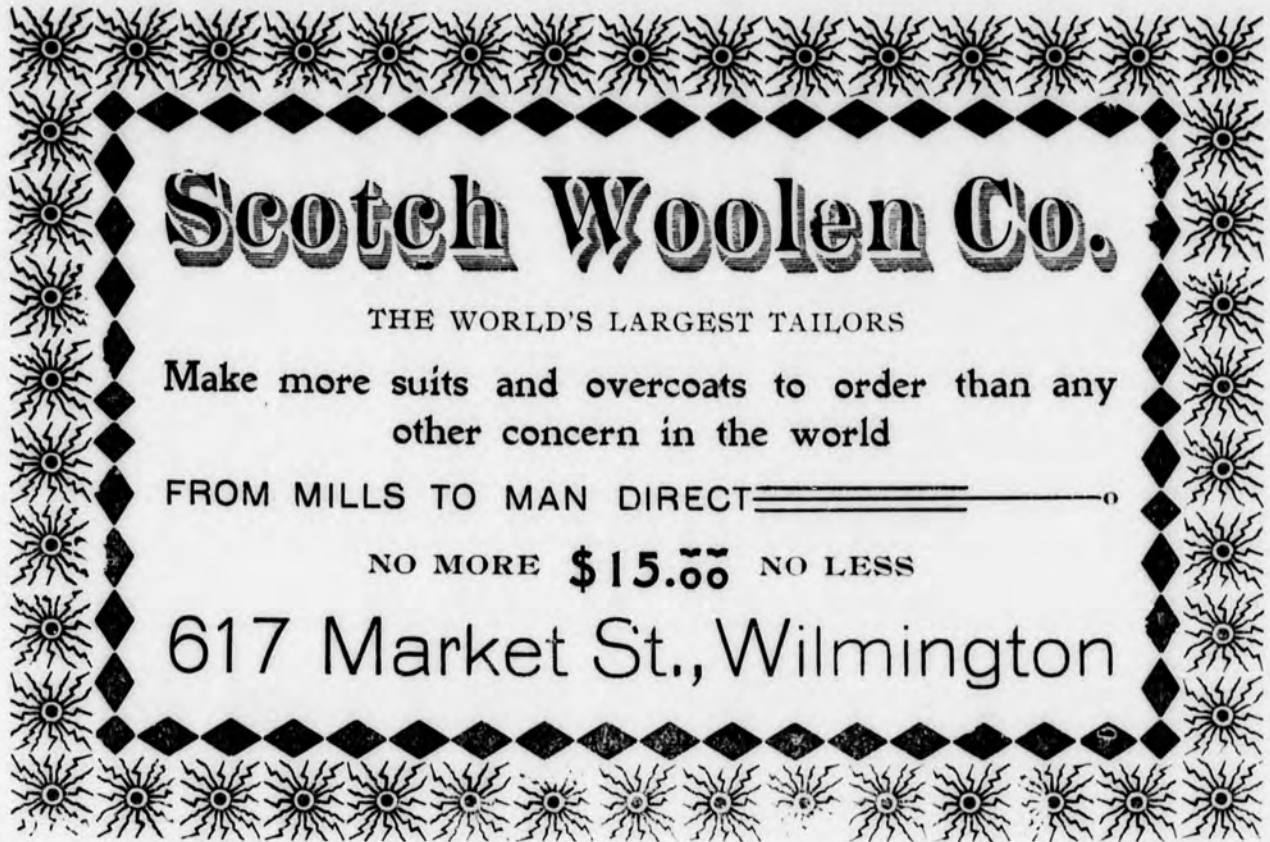
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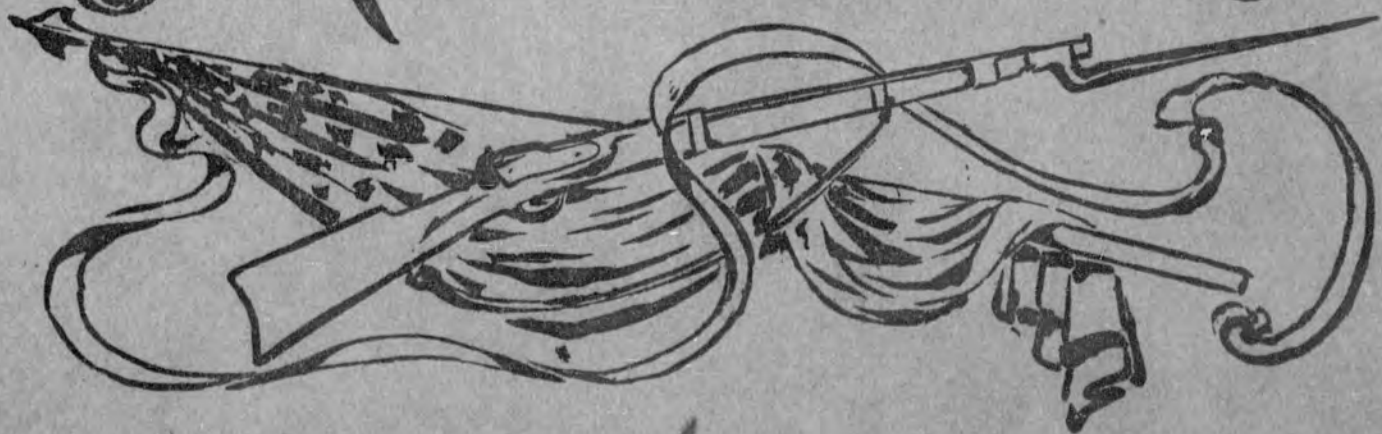


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