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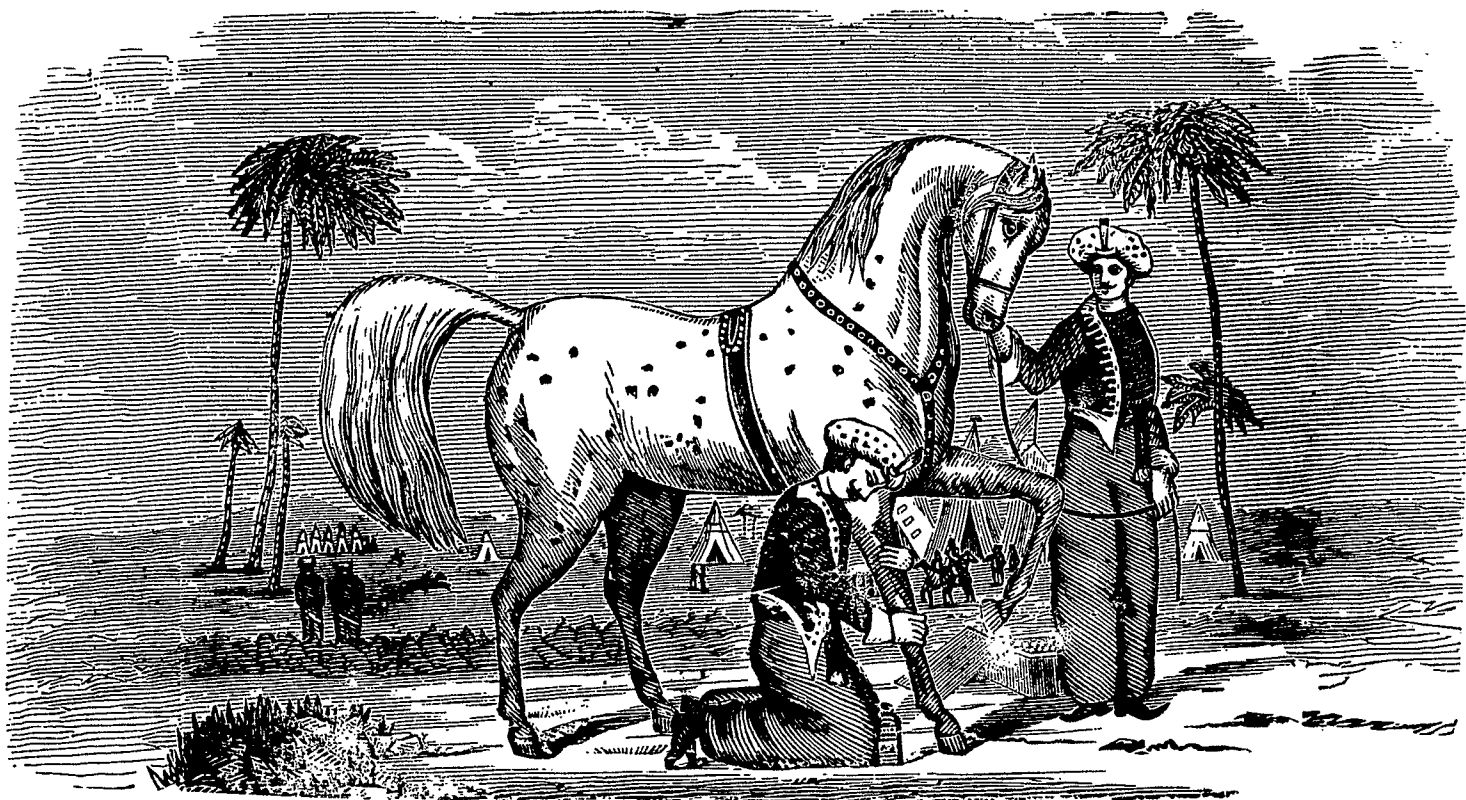


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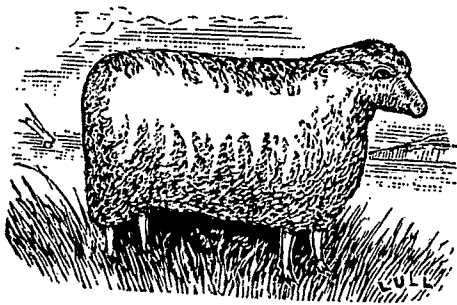
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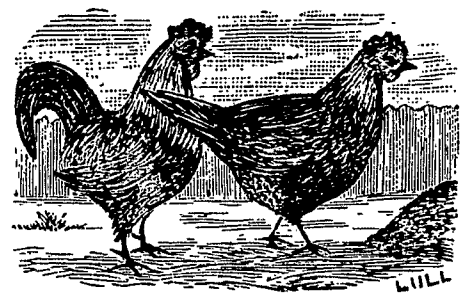
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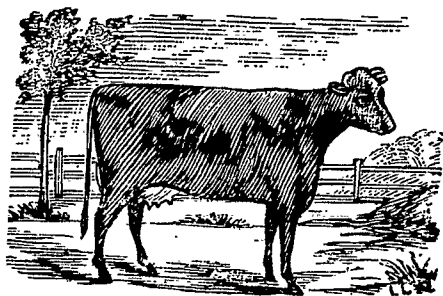


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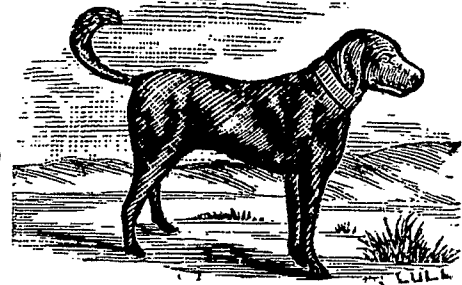
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## To The Purple Aster.

**N**ow that the autumn's shortening days  
Suggest the falling of the leaf,  
And ripened fruit and garnered sheaf  
Speak ardent summer's lavish praise;

Now when each morn our earth doth rise  
With passion pale from night's embrace,  
And deft frost-fingers weave apace  
A fabric bright as evening skies;

When tender flowers have met their doom  
As fell the white, remorseless frost,  
And e'en the golden rod hath lost  
Its golden for a silvery plume;

We greet thee! last of Flora's train,  
Thou wanderer from a foreign shore,  
And blest the chance that ever bore  
So fair a flower across the main.

Broad is thy leaf and dark thy hue  
When some brook's bank thou deign'st to grace,  
But small and wan thy starlike face,  
Where forests take thy sun and dew.

The faintest blush of purple morn,  
The darkest blue of liquid eyes,  
The azure of Italian skies,  
Are by thy various petals worn.

Though summer's flowers wear brighter hues  
And breathe a sweeter perfume round,  
We love thee more, for thou art found  
When other flowers we may not choose.

Long may thy cheerful presence bless  
Each sunny slope and brookside green,  
And thy defiant smile be seen  
Till driving snows about thee press.

## A Night on Mt. Cornell.

**I**t was somewhat after noon on one of the hottest days of last September that my friend and I found ourselves at Shokan, a small village situated on the Ulster and Delaware R. R. We at once betook ourselves to the only hotel in the place and ordered dinner, which the land-lady assured us would be ready in five minutes, if we wished to take a train which was due in a quarter of an hour, or could not be served in less than half an hour if we were not going to take the train. As we had no intention of taking that or any other train we waited the half hour rather impatiently as we had that morning walked about fifteen miles and had generated

appetites which seemed to us eminently calculated to produce a famine in Shokan. After spending the half hour studying our guide books and in drinking an incredible amount of ice water, (it was a temperance hotel) dinner was announced and while we are doing it "ample justice"; I'll attempt to explain who we are, and why we two youths are thus found traveling on foot at such a distance from our anxious mammas. The heroes of this mild adventure are two students from different colleges who have turned amateur tramps and are spending the last week of their vacation in "doing" the Catskills on foot; they have "sworn off on" railroads, and regard horses and wagons with disdain.

The subject of tramping was one of my friend's favorite hobbies, and when he had once gotten fully astride of it, I think that anyone would grant that his equestrian skill was not to be sneered at. He was also possessed of a firm faith in the efficacy of long walks to cure any malady that is curable, and stood ready to back up his convictions with arguments whose length rendered them quite irresistible.

The season before while in the Shawangunk Mts. we had demonstrated our ability as mountain climbers, and without any hesitancy we had now attempted a generally considered impracticable route to Slide Mt. from the east.

Shokan is situated in the southeastern part of the Catskills in the narrow valley of the Esopus Creek. In the southwest at about an equal distance from the village rise

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High Point, Mt. Cornell, and the Wittemberg; these together with some smaller mountains between them form a vast amphitheatre in the center of which stands Shokan. Almost directly west, on a line which would cross the summit of Mt. Cornell, yet two or three miles behind that mountain stand Slide Mt., the highest peak of the Catskills rising to a height of 4,200 feet. This mountain receives its name from an enormous land slide which on its southern side extends from summit to base. According to the guide books it is impossible to reach Slide Mt. from Shokan, except by going up the Esopus Valley to Big Indian and then down another valley to the foot of said mountain. This is the usual route, and would make the distance from Shokan to Slide Mt. about thirty miles while in an air line it is not over ten.

I believe that discretion is one of the things that come to a fellow along with a bald head and a family. Be that as it may, my friend had conceived, and I should add that I lent a willing ear and gave ready assent to the enterprising project of going to Slide Mt. directly over Cornell, although we had never heard of its having been done. According to the guide books—and I would take this opportunity to remark that it is my firm conviction based upon experiences varied rather than pleasant that guide books are not altogether infallible—; but as I said, according to the guide books, we were then within five or six miles of the base of Mt. Cornell and there appeared to be a table land on the other side of the mountain of about one-half its height, reaching across to Slide Mt. It was our intention to climb Mt. Cornell and then pass along this table land to Slide Mt., and spend the night on its western side at a summer boarding-house owned by a guide, named Dutcher.

After dinner we inquired of several men

about the hotel concerning the most direct road to Mt. Cornell, having at last found an old woods-man, we were informed that there was a woodroad which had not been used in about 15 years which ran about half way up Mt. Cornell; and that if we would take the road which led out of the village toward the west, and turn off at a certain saw mill we would have no difficulty in finding this woodroad. As it was already after two o'clock and everything seemed to indicate that we could not reach Dutcher's hotel by supper time, I bought a pound of cakes for a lunch, and strapped them firmly with a rubber coat, which with two umbrellas was the only baggage we carried.

For the first four miles the road which we had taken followed the general direction of a stream, which from the breadth of its bed and the height of the bridges which crossed it, we judged was at times a seething torrent. At that time, however, there was no water to be seen except in occasional pools, the stream having performed the feat—not unusual in mountain streams—of hiding under its bed; that is, of following passages beneath the usual bed of the stream. After having walked about an hour I stopped along the way and inquired the distance to the mill of which I have spoken. My rap was answered by a young woman who did not know the distance, but would ask "Ma." Directly "Ma" herself appeared, and after scanning me curiously from under the hand with which she shaded her eyes, she answered my repeated question with the very satisfactory reply, "Well now it's a good ways." As I was not conversant with the standards to which she had reference, I asked her how far it was in miles, to which she replied rather snappishly "Well it's two or three, mebby more." Grateful for the information we hurried on and after walking half an hour,

thinking that we must be nearly there I again inquired the distance and received the same answer: two or three miles. There has nothing as yet come under my observation more singularly elastic than country miles. We inquired of several other people along the road and still received the same answer, until we began to wonder if that was all the English the natives about there knew, or whether that mill was so constituted that no one could get nearer to it than two or three miles. At last, however, we did succeed in reaching at once the mill and the end of the wagon road. The wood road which we found without difficulty reminded me of a road that Dickens tells, of which began as a broad and level courseway and grew narrower and rougher until it finally ended in a squirrel track and ran up a tree. For the first half mile the road was clear of obstructions and easily followed, further up the mountain it became in many places overgrown with bushes, and in others converted into the bed of a stream whose rapid current had heaped it full of bowlders. By a sort of instinct we followed the main road which took a zig-zag course up the mountainside and avoided the branches which led off laterally. In many places fifteen years of disuse had obliterated all traces of the road, and only by separating and taking each a circular course would we be able to find it again. The trees grow so thickly that we could get only occasional glimpses of the sky but we noticed that the sun's rays began to fall so obliquely that only the tops of the trees were touched by the sunlight. We pushed on as rapidly as the steepness of the ascent would permit and at length found ourselves at the end of the woodroad. Here we stopped and each climbed a tall tree in order to see just where we were, and to ascertain in what direction we should now go. The view from

the tree tops was superb. We could see out across the Hudson River Valley, to the mountains in Massachusetts. At our left towered the Wittemberg, whose smooth, steep sides still bore their primal burden of hemlocks. We could see the bare and perpendicular rocks which form the "crown of Cornell" almost directly above, and apparently still nearly a mile distant.

Having decided upon the general direction that we would take, we left the woodroad and found ourselves, like Dante, "in a gloomy wood astray." It is one thing to walk through a clear level woods, but quite another to work one's passage up an incline of from 20 to 30 degrees over rocks and fallen trees. The sun had now set and the mountains huge shadow lay far out across the valley; the birds had ceased flitting about in the trees above us. We hastened on, tired and thirsty, and just at dusk reached the base of the crown of Cornell, which towered several hundred feet above our heads and stood squarely across our path. There was but one thing to be done; namely scale the cliffs, which being formed of a series of ledges did not form so impassible a barrier as would seem at first glance. By a comparatively easy ascent we reached the top of the first ledge. After passing along a little way, we succeeded by the aid of the roots of trees, in drawing ourselves up to the top of the next ledge. And so by a zig-zag course clinging to the roots of overhanging trees, and taking hold of the firm moss which filled every crevice, passing where a misstep would have cost us our lives, aiding each other as best we could, we at last reached the summit with no worse injuries than torn clothes and bruised hands.

It was now nearly dark, and we were suffering from thirst, as we had had nothing to drink for several hours. We pushed on as fast as we dared down the western slope



of the mountain, which fortunately was not so steep as the side which we had come up. It had become evident that we could not reach Slide Mt. that night and now we only hoped to find some water and a smooth spot where we might spend the night. We followed a slight depression in the mountain-side thinking that it might lead us to a spring or stream. We were not disappointed. It was a perfectly still night, not a leaf stirred, we could hear the faintest sound, and as we cautiously felt our way along in the darkness over the loose, moss-covered stones which formed the mountain side and yielded a most insecure footing, we simultaneously heard a sound which resembled the gurgling of water. The purling of a brook is a pleasant sound under any circumstances but never before did it sound so musical as on the present occasion. We hastened in the direction from which the sound came and were encouraged by hearing it more and more distinctly. At length the sound seemed to come from just in front of us, and now from all about us, and yet the rocks around were perfectly dry. After wandering back and forward for a few moments somewhat bewildered by the situation, a solution of the problem dawned upon me; the water was under us. A series of little streams flowed alongside of each other, and judging from the sound they were from four to eight feet below the surface, having found channels under the rocks, nearly all of which were too heavy to be moved. This new adaptation of "water, water, all around and not a drop to drink" was growing almost as exasperating as the situation detailed by Coleridge.

While stumbling about among the rocks I suddenly came to a spot where the water seemed very near to the surface, and after considerable difficulty succeeded in overturning a large flat stone and laying bare a narrow

crevice, through which I could pass my arm and touch the water with my fingers. Calling to my friend, who was at the time engaged in compiling a "cussword" that should do the situation justice, I told him of what I had found, and we decided to go no farther that night. We fortunately had some clean handkerchiefs with us, and by letting these down into the water through the crevice and then squeezing the water out into our mouths by holding back our heads, as an Italian does in eating macaroni, we succeeded in relieving our thirst.

It was a slow process and I will confess that fully as much water went down the outside as the inside of our necks. Close at hand we found a long flat rock upon which we concluded to build a fire and sleep.

Tearing some leaves from our note books and placing some twigs upon them we soon had a fire crackling on one end of the rock against the trunk of a tree. By the light of the fire we climbed cautiously about over the rocks gathering fallen branches and laying them beside the fire, until we had collected what seemed enough wood to keep the fire going the rest of the night. As we did not know when we might again encounter a hotel, we ate but half of the lunch which we had brought along. We now went to work to make ourselves as comfortable a bed as possible, my friend climbed a hemlock tree close at hand and cut off all the small boughs that he could reach, while I gathered the moss which grew in quantities over the rocks about us. By placing the boughs and moss on the flat rock we made a bed, which if it wasn't luxurious, was still a decided improvement upon the bare rock. As I said it had been an extremely hot day yet as our clothes were damp with perspiration and as we were at an altitude of over 3,500 feet we soon began to shiver, although

we got as close to the fire as the smoke would permit.

As there was only room for one of us on our improvised bed, and as one of us ought to keep the fire going, I insisted upon watching it the first half of the night. My friend wrapped himself in the rubber coat, placing his feet to the fire, and fixing one of the umbrellas so that it would keep the fire light out of his face he, attempted to sleep. After a time his regular breathing indicated that he was oblivious of his discomforts. Here is a proper occasion for an eulogy upon sleep, but I resist the temptation and would refer the reader to the poet Young.

Although very tired I was not sleepy, perhaps it was due to the fact that a few bears and wild cats still lurk in these mountains. As we were at least six miles from the nearest house and had no more effective weapon than a club, I did not care to give either of the said animals the advantage that they would have if they should attack us when we were asleep. Once I heard a crash in the branches of a tree near by, as if made by some heavy object in springing from one branch to another. I grasped my club and waited breathlessly. Once more I heard it, and then all was still again, and I could hear my heart beating like Macbeth's "against the use of nature" Never did time pass more slowly, the hands of my watch seemed to have grown fast to the dial. I amused myself by piling, from time to time, fresh fuel upon the fire, and watching the sparks whirl away in little eddies.

At length my friend awoke and raising his hand sent the umbrella that was over him rolling some rods down the mountain. He insisted upon watching the rest of the night, so I donned the overcoat and lay down. In half an hour I was sound asleep and was conscious of nothing until my friend called

out to me that it was growing light. I rose probably not quite so stiff as Rip Van Winkle after his twenty years sleep, but still stiff enough to render me painfully conscious of every movement that I made. We were lost. In stumbling about in the darkness the night before, we had lost our bearings, and now we could not decide which of the mountains about us was Slide. Hurriedly eating the rest of our lunch we clambered down the mountain side to a narrow clove at its base, and following a stream we came after a three hour's walk to a house, where we learned that we were in the Woodland Valley and had left Slide Mt., about eight miles behind us. As we didn't feel inclined to retrace our steps, we followed this beautiful clove along whose sides rose perpendicular mountains to the height of from 2,000 to 2,500 feet, until its junction with the Esopus Valley at Phœniccia. After dinner at the Tremple House we rested a couple of hours and then, not feeling any the worse for our night's experience, we walked fifteen miles through the Stony Clove to Tannersville.

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The entire library, excepting the books of the literary societies which have just come in, is arranged according to this plan and the different classes follow each other numerically on the shelves.

Explanations of the more special features of the classification, with suggestions for its use will be gladly given at the library and will be more fully treated hereafter.

### The Castaway.

(A literal translation from the German of Heine.)

**N**OPE and love, all in ruins lie ;  
 And I, like a dead one  
 Whom the angry sea casts forth,  
 Lie upon the strand—  
 A barren, desolate strand.  
 Before me rock the watery wastes,  
 Behind lie woe and sorrow only.  
 And over me float the clouds,  
 The gray, shapeless daughters of the air,  
 Who from the sea in mist  
 The waters draw,  
 And wearily draw and draw  
 And again empty them into the sea—  
 A hopeless, toilsome task  
 Unprofitable as my own life.

The waves murmur and the seagulls scream,  
 Old memories float before me,  
 Forgotten dreams and vanished forms,  
 Painful yet sweet appear they.

In the northland lives there a woman,  
 A beautiful, queenly woman,  
 Her graceful, slender form  
 A tempting white robe clothes.  
 The dark abundant locks  
 Like a lovely night flow down  
 From the high tress-crowned head,  
 They curl themselves dreamlike  
 Around that sweet pale face,  
 That sweet pale face from which,  
 Large and piercing, beam eyes  
 Like dark suns.

O! ye dark suns, how oft!  
 How oft, enraptured drank I from you  
 Inspiration's wild ardor!  
 And reeled with mad transport!  
 'Till dovelike swept there a smile  
 Across those haughty lips,  
 And those proud haughty lips  
 Breathed words sweet as the moon-lit eve,  
 And tender as the perfumes of the rose,  
 And my glad soul soared up  
 As flies the eagle toward heaven.

Be silent waves and gulls!  
 All is past, happiness and hope,  
 Hope and love! I lie upon the earth,  
 A wretched, shipwreck man;  
 And press my burning face  
 Into the sea drenched sand.

### The Lawn Tennis Tournament.

For the first time the college has held a Lawn Tennis Tournament, and to all intents it has been a success. The committee undertook their work with a will and in a short time had arranged all for the tournament. Eleven teams entered for the doubles and twelve contestants were registered for the singles. Prof. Hoffman acted as referee, that is, he was supposed to; and

Vroman, Hawkes, Ashton, Furbeck, Johnson, Little, Stewart, Kennedy and Moore were umpires.

The contests in the doubles began on Thursday afternoon, October 21, at 2 o'clock, and although three courts were in constant use, the last set was played in semi-darkness. The following were the scores:

MacMurray and Davis vs. Nolan and Blessing—6-1, 6-0; Van Voast and Bennett vs. Voorhees and Gillespie—6-1, 6-2; Towne and Waite vs. Radliff and Carmichael—6-4, 6-2; Furbeck and Johnson vs. Swanker and Nolan—Default; Van Voast and Bennett vs. Jaycox and Bridge—6-0, 6-2; Bates and Culver vs. DeLong and Phillips—6-3, 6-4; MacMurray and Davis vs. Towne and Waite—6-1, 6-0; Bates and Culver vs. Johnson and Furbeck, 6-2, 6-3; Van Voast and Bennett vs. MacMurray and Davis—6-1, 6-3; Van Voast and Bennett vs. Bates and Culver—6-2, 6-2.

Winners, Van Voast and Bennett. Score, sets played 8, won 8, lost none. Games played 61, won 48, lost 13.

The contests in the singles were begun on Friday afternoon, and with the following results:

Davis vs. Culver—6-5, 6-4; Furbeck vs. Bates—6-5, default; DeLong vs. Phillips—6-4, 6-2; Johnson vs. Towne—6-4, 2-6, 6-5; Van Voast vs. Carmichael—6-2, 6-1; Bennett vs. Conover—6-0, 6-1; Johnson vs. DeLong—6-4, game postponed; Davis vs. Furbeck, 6-4, 3-3, game postponed.

On Saturday afternoon the tournament was concluded, as follows: Davis vs. Furbeck—3-6, 6-3; DeLong vs. Johnson—6-3, 6-4; Bennett vs. Davis—6-1, 5-6, 6-4; Bennett vs. DeLong—6-1, 6-3.

Winner, A. L. Bennett. Score, sets played 7, won 6, lost 1; games played 54, won 41, lost 13.

It is hoped that the interest shown in the tournament will be kept alive, and that the Spring meet of the Association will call out some good players to represent the College in tournaments with other Colleges.



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### EDITORIAL.

WITH this number of the *Concordiensis* we hope to enter on a new era in the existence of the paper. Heretofore the position of editor has been anything but a sinecure, and the paper itself hardly the student's organ. Other colleges have representative sheets which are supported well by the students, why not the same interest at Union? The last board of editors went out from their work on this paper thoroughly disgusted. Why? Because they had been elected to the position and when they endeavored to get subscriptions or help in the literary way, they were met by men who showed no interest and almost ignored the fact of the existence of such a paper. Now we hope the views of the students have been changed by the talk of the Business Editor in Chapel. We propose to represent the College's interest if the

college will only support us. We have obtained permission from the faculty to have a room in the N. S. S. C., which we will fit up as a reading room, and where the students and all interested may find the college papers, which come to us as exchanges, on file. We will be glad at any time to receive notes or articles of interest and any expressions of the views of the students will be given a place. Any student who wishes to express his opinion or argue *pro* or *con* on any subject has the freedom of our columns, subject, of course, to the usual limit in such cases. In short with the college's support we will be a paper, "for the College, of the College and by the College."

THE beginning of the new College year brings with it changes in the Faculty by which we lose a Professor who has been for twenty-five years identified with interests of the College as student, alumnus and professor, and through all a warm friend of Union; and an adjunct Professor who was with us but a short time but who in that short period showed a deep interest in the affairs of the College and students. Case Institute, of Cleveland, is the gainer by the acquisition of a President, both a thoroughly practical, scientific scholar and a man of no mean faculties of financiering, two things necessary in the head of such an institution; besides possessing a warm-hearted friendship toward young men in the pursuit of practical and theoretical knowledge in professional callings. We are sure that we voice the sentiment of all who have been associated with him at Union, when we wish him success in his new field and express regret at our loss. To Prof. DePuy we extend the same expression of regret and wishes for his success in the profession to which he has returned.

THERE seems to be a movement on the part of the Faculty to make the work in the several departments both interesting and of great practical benefit. Especially is this evident in the Engineering department and in the Physical Laboratory work. The engineers have taken up work in the field which will tend to remedy a weakness which has heretofore been a draw back to Engineering graduates, when entering upon the practical duties of their profession, and which has, for unavoidable reasons, been neglected in a department where instruction of the most practical nature is positively necessary to the proper development of men entering on that line of work. The increased facilities for close study in the Electrical Department gives a more extended scope to the instruction in a subject which can be mastered only by practical experiment and personal observation of phenomena resulting from actual work. Although the latter department is only, as yet, a commencement of the wished for plan of study, it is a step toward the foundation of what we believe will be a much sought course of study to fit men for a profession which is yet in its infancy and with which they will be enabled to grow up and become thoroughly expert. The enforcement on the part of the Faculty of laws requiring the Under Classes to take Military Drill or Physical Culture, is also a very beneficial move. The inducements which are held out to men gaining advanced positions in scholarship are apt to cause a too close attention to study at the expense of the necessary exercise which one should have to fit the system for the strain which is called for by hard mental work. Now the lower classes are forced to take a certain amount of exercise which they probably would not have taken under the old system. As the two first years are usually the hardest

of the course as they are the times when men lay the foundation for work in the higher branches, there is more call for physical exercise than that during the succeeding years.

THE so-called "Arbitration Committee," which has been appointed by the students to confer with the Faculty, is by no means a new method of bringing the students' views on matters of general interest and student grievances before that body; having been in operation in one form or another in several other colleges of the country, and in all cases seeming to have a beneficial effect on the method of Government. In many cases of late the Faculty have, in the estimation of the students, acted in various matters without fully understanding both sides of the question, or with wrong impressions as to the sense of the student body by which certain acts were governed. And on the other hand the students have, as often, misunderstood and misconstrued acts or laws proceeding from the Faculty. With this method of communication between the governors and governed there should be no friction on either part of the plan is carried out in good faith by both sides. The danger lies, we think in the number of men on the committee. Should any two classes, at any time care to carry a point in direct opposition to the remaining two the influence of the body would be impaired, for any such combination would give such a small majority of opinion on the subject that the Faculty could not reasonably be expected to accept the result as representing the sense of the general body of students. But in time the benefits or evils of the present system will be proved and balanced and if found defective the plan may be easily remedied. It is at least a step in the right direction, and is the commencement of a period of better feeling between the Professors and students approaching the reciprocal relations described in that excellent work of fiction known as the College Catalogue.

We are glad to notice the endeavors on the part of all interested, in organizing the various clubs and societies which have so long been in existence at the College. Especially are we pleased to notice the endeavors of the members of the two literary societies in reviving the interest which has been and ought to be taken in them. The Adelpic and Philomathean Societies are ancient and honorable institutions and without doubt can be made of great benefit to their members. This method of attaining self-possession, self-command and powers of rapid thought and the expression of thought is both pleasant and exceedingly beneficial; cultivating as it does in addition both a spirit of kindly rivalry and of social good feeling. We hope to see in the near future, one of those tests of ability on either part which have been customary heretofore, a joint debate,

WITH the establishment of a Lawn Tennis Association we hope to see more interest taken in that sport. Although the various societies have had courts on the campus, the interest taken in the sport was only very slight. We have good material in the College to form strong teams to send to neighboring Colleges or to inter-collegiate matches. What will be the result of this Association we are not able to prophesy, but we hope that it will succeed in arousing the interest in the game, and furnishing Union with fit representation at inter-collegiate contests.

To the new members of the Faculty, the *Concordiensis* extends the greetings of the students, and hopes that they may find their duties as interesting and as satisfactory in their results as is possible. That they are endeavoring to attain this end we are aware from the manner in which the several departments are being conducted.

### Regret.

There is an hour when first the westering sun  
Takes on the wondrous tint of future red;  
When from the wings of weariness is shed  
A spell upon us toilers every one.

The day's work lags a little well-nigh done;  
And from the ancient tomes around me spread,  
There comes a drowsy fragrance, 'tis my head  
Nods low, all heavy with the thoughts begun.  
By sage old masters, now in time untouched.

'Tis then my dreams the way to you have found  
Again I tread the woods and fields with you,  
Until, awakening in the air perfumed  
With velum covered books that lie around;  
I raise my head and cry: "Ah now 'tis through!"

H. C. M.

### LOCALS.

'90!

Thirty-four men entered the class of the new decade!!

The Dean is gone, long may the Dean remain!!!

Where is the custom of Freshman furnishing the football?

Class elections and officers "set ups" are a thing of the past.

Donald McMartin of Cohoes succeeds Wm. A. Waddell in the Registrar's chair.

Prof. Hoffman has a very good tennis court in the rear of his new residence.

The Glee Club is practising under the instruction of Prof. Hulslander of Ballston.

The Sophomore-Freshman game resulted in favor of the former by a score of 7 to 4.

Five Seniors are taking the Laboratory course in Electricity. They are to study a German text book.

Dewey, '86, from Rutgers, is taking a post graduate course in studies leading to architecture.

The *Garnet* board are actively engaged on the new number. E. P. Towne, Delta Phi, is Editor in-Chief; F. D. Lewis, Beta Theta Pi, is Business Manager.

College meetings once in every two weeks on Friday mornings; by order of the "Arbitration Committee."

The Ladies' Auxilliary of the city Y. M. C. A. gave a reception to the College Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening, Sept. 29.

It is said that the deliberations in the Psychology recitations are so weighty, that when the conversation is dropped at the close of the hour, it can be heard to strike the floor.

The Junior Assembly held on the Hill October 15, was a very successful affair. The students turned out in very good numbers and were reinforced by a number of town gentlemen. The Assemblies will be held once in every three weeks, and they bid fair to be very enjoyable.

The base ball nine have played two games, won one and covered themselves with glory in the other. The following are the scores:

On the Campus, Oct. 1.

Schenectady Citys...	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	1—8
'Varsity.....	6	3	1	4	1	0	0	0—15

At Ballston, Oct. 12.

Ballston ..	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	1—9
'Varsity ..	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0—2

Senior—(To Professor of Psychology): "Professor is a mummy a fossil?"

Prof. of Psy.—"Mr. B. we will defer the discussion of that subject until we come regularly to it."

Senior—"Well, I asked Professor P. yesterday, if a mummy was a fossil, and he referred me to you."

The class applauds, the Professor is mystified, while the Senior is dimly conscious of a joke.

Prof. of Logic—"Mr. K. in the proposition, 'An infant is not capable of deliberate crime,' is the first term distributed or undistributed?"

Mr. K.—"I don't think that it is distributed; it doesn't seem to me that it means all infants, but rather——"

Prof. of L.—(interrupting) "Well then, Mr. K., you must have some particular infant in mind."

A blush mantles the Junior's cheek and the class "come down."

October 1, was the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the chapter of Beta Theta Pi at Union College. A large number of the Alumni of the chapter and delegates from other chapters were present. A banquet was served at Schumacher's parlors, at which thirty persons were entertained. The following toasts were responded to: Address of Welcome, K. C. Radliff; The Local, W. B. Landreth; The Union Chapter, Dow Vroman; Wooglin and His Dorg, F. W. Doolittle; The True Greek, A. B. Bishop; Our Future, Francis D. Lewis; Beta Girls, N. J. Gulick; The New Members, J. W. Carmichael; The Alumni, F. E. Crane; Beta Theta Pi, P. H. Cole; Our Sister Chapters, James T. Whitmyer; The Tennessee Betas, Chas. A. Caldwell. Delegates were present from the chapters at Madison, Cornell, Vanderbuilt, Bethany, W Va; and Wooster University, Ohio.

The Fall meets of the U. C. A. A. was held on Friday afternoon, Oct. 8.

The entries were very numerous, especially in the 120 yards handicap. The attendance was very good. The handicaps in the 120 yards dash were very large and to many seemed to be almost absurd. The winner of the first heat was Dillingham, '88; of the second heat, Snow, '89; of the third heat, Voorhees, '89; of the final heat, Snow, '89, in 11¼ seconds.

The pole vault was contested between Voorhees, '89, and Hunsicker, '89; won by Voorhees, '89, by a vault of 7 feet and 10 inches.

In the half mile run, Ashton, '87, had no opponent and merely circled the track three times in 2 minutes and 22 seconds.

The running long jump was only tried by Swanker, '87, and Dillingham, '88. The latter outjumped the former, making a distance of 17 feet and five inches.

The relay race of one half mile was run by representatives of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes; and was won by the Sophomores in 1 minute, 52¼ seconds.

The tug of war between the Sophomore and Freshman classes resulted in a victory for the latter.



## Personals.

- ✓ '65—Cady Staley, A. M., C. E., Ph. D., and Geo. S. Pierson, C. E., '75, have just published a book on the "Separate System of Sewerage."
- ✓ '66—Charles Bacon, of Goshen, N. Y., is the Democratic nominee for Congress from that district.
- ✓ '75—Geo. S. Pierson, C. E., is engineer-in charge of the sewer construction at West Troy.
- ✓ —Bold has a parish at Ticonderoga.
- ✓ '80—J. D. Craig, M. D., is Demonstrator of Anatomy at the Albany Medical College.
- ✓ '82—H. F. DePuy, C. E., is on the sewer construction at West Troy.
- ✓ —J. B. W. Lansing, M. D., is on the medical staff of Michigan State Insane Asylum at Detroit.
- ✓ '84—Dow Beekman was admitted to the bar Sept. 4, and is practicing at Middleburgh.
- ✓ —Templeton is practicing law in Albany.
- ✓ —Stoller is traveling in Europe.
- ✓ —Naylon has a law office in Schenectady.
- ✓ —Hill was a member of the Democratic Convention which met in Schenectady last week.
- ✓ '85—Severson entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York city, this fall.
- ✓ —Bradley and Delaney are in the State Survey office at Albany.
- ✓ —W. T. Foote is foreman in the Iron Works at Port Henry.
- ✓ —Terrill is studying law at the Columbia law school.
- ✓ —Ebaugh is on the engineer corps of the Round Lake sewers.
- ✓ '86—Allen is engineering on the Red river.
- ✓ —Angle is studying law in Schenectady.
- ✓ —Cole is in the office of the Albany *Evening Times*
- ✓ —Dorwin is studying law in Ogdensburgh, in the office of Spratt & Magone.
- ✓ —Felthousen will start for Europe on Oct. 29.
- ✓ —Foote is studying electrical engineering at the Edison machine works, in Schenectady.
- ✓ '86—Harris is practicing law at Schuylerville.
- ✓ —Jackson is studying law in Schenectady.
- ✓ —Kinne is studying law in Monticello.
- ✓ —Landon is reading, in preparation for the Theological Seminary.
- ✓ —Lawler is studying medicine at the Bellevue Hospital in New York city.
- ✓ —Little is on the engineer corps of the Round Lake sewers.
- ✓ —Mosher is apothecary at Utica Asylum for the Insane.
- ✓ —Randall is teaching school at Stafford.
- ✓ —Veeder is tutor of mathematics at the Union Classical Institute.
- ✓ —Woodbridge is assistant chemist in the Port Henry Iron Works.
- ✓ —Pratt is studying law in Kansas City.
- ✓ —Gallien is in the office of the State Board of Health.
- ✓ —Edmunds is studying law at Johnstown.
- ✓ '87—Ten Eyck is practicing law in Albany.
- ✓ —Furman entered the Albany Medical College this fall.
- ✓ '89—Sherman is an assistant at the Schenectady Free Dispensary.

## Necrology.

- ✓ '21—John Williamson Nevin, D. D., LL. D., a clergyman of the Reformed church, died at Lancaster, Pa., June 6, 1886.
- ✓ '27—Abraham H. Myers, M. A., a clergyman of the Reformed church, died at Port Ewen, N. Y., March 2, 1886.
- ✓ —James Burt, lawyer, died at Dubuque, Ia., 1886. He was a presiding judge for eight years.
- ✓ '28—Ward Hunt, LL. D., lawyer, died at Washington, D. C., March, 1886. He was a member of the New York State Assembly in '38; Judge of the Court of Appeals in '65; and Judge of the U. S. Supreme Court from '72 to '82.

- ✓'30—Frank H. Hamilton, M. D., LL.D., died at New York city, Aug. 11, 1886. He served through the war as surgeon and medical director, and in '62 was surgeon in Central Park General Hospital in New York city; he was also one of the attending physicians during President Garfield's illness.
- ✓'31—George Gordon Scott, lawyer, died at Ballston Spa, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1886. He was a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas from '38 to '41, and a member of the New York State Legislature from '56 to '59.
- ✓'39—Lawrence Mersereau, A. M., a clergyman of the Presbyterian church, died March 28, 1886.
- ✓'40—Peter H. Burghardt, A. M., a chaplain in the U. S. Army, died at Washington, D. C., July 26, 1886.
- ✓'43—Addison Willett, died at North Granville, N. Y., July 11, 1886.
- ✓'47—John H. Platt, died at South Manchester, Conn., Aug. 21, 1886.
- ✓'49—S. Winchester Britton, Jr., died Feb. 13, 1886.
- ✓'50—Caleb S. Titsworth, died at Newark, N. J., May 28, 1886.
- ✓'51—Samuel Hand, LL. D., died at Albany, N. Y., May 21, 1886.
- ✓'56—Charles Elliot Pearse, Major U. S. A., died at New York city, 1886.
- ✓'61—Timothy H. Brosman, died at Brooklyn, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1886.
- Benjamin A. Willis, lawyer, died at New York city, Friday, Oct. 15, 1886. He served in the army during the war, entering as Captain and being promoted to Major and afterwards Colonel. Mr. Willis was an Assemblyman for eight years.
- ✓'63—Louis H. Bellinger, died at Hartford, Conn., February, 1886.
- Charles E. Pearce, lawyer, died at New York city, 1886.
- ✓'75—F. J. Ballart, C. E., died at New York city, Oct. 8, 1886. He held a fellowship at Union for two years after his graduation; was a Tutor at Union in '78.
- ✓'87—Abraham Van Benthuyzen, died at Schenectady, N. Y.

### Resolutions of Respect.

At a special meeting of the Union chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity held Monday, Oct. 18th, 1886, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Death has removed our beloved and honored brother,

Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. Benjamin A. Willis the community has lost a public-spirited and loyal citizen. That his friends mourn one whose genial and upright bearing had won him highest esteem. But that we, members of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and more especially of the Union chapter, most deeply feel the loss of a brother whom we loved and honored.

That we therefore, in our heartfelt sorrow tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

IRVING P. JOHNSON,  
GEORGE W. FURBECK,  
WILLIAM F. HUYCK,  
Committee.

Delta Upsilon Hall, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

### The College World.

Harvard—Harvard celebrates her 250th anniversary this year, commencing on Nov. 6. The Freshman class numbers 285 men. The new system of optional attendance on Chapel seems to be a success thus far, the average attendance being over five hundred. Two new chairs have lately been added; one of Biblical study of the New Testament, the other of Greek Archæology. A *Journal of Economics* has been started at the University to be published by a fund of \$15,000, given for that purpose by John Eliot Thayer, '85. F. R. Brooks of Chicago has instituted a suit against Harvard College for \$50,000 damages for injuries received when conducting an experiment under a professor's direction.

Yale—Yale opened under the administration of a new President, President Dwight, and seems to have been happy in her choice. The Freshmen won the rush from the Sophomores. The Freshman class numbers 170. Some trouble has been experienced from thieves this year. The Faculty have considered the advisability of stopping inter-collegiate base ball on account of the celebration of the victory last June.

Miscellaneous—Cornell has 310 Freshmen. Princeton has 141. Hon. James Forsyth, LL. D.,

president of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, died suddenly at New York city, August, 10, 1886. Mr. W. Gurley, of Troy is Acting President. R. P. I. entered 50 Freshmen. Columbia has a new Senior society, the "Axe and Coffin." The students of Pennsylvania University will produce the Acharnians, the Greek play, again in November. Williams' Freshman class numbers 95. Rutgers registered 43 Freshmen. Vassar students held a tennis tournament in June. John Hopkins University is to have a physical library and observatory at a cost of \$100,000. Forty-one books, written by members of the Yale Faculty, have been published in the last six years. The pole vault record was broken by S. D. Goodrich, '87, of LaFayette, who vaulted a distance of 10 feet and seven and three-quarters inches. The Phi Beta Kappa Senate, Sept. 2, 1886, granted chapters to Lehigh, Rochester and Dickinson. A chapter of the Sophomore society of Theta Nu Epsilon was established at Lehigh, June 11, 1886.

### Exchanges.

On entering upon the duties of editors, we find one of our pleasantest and most interesting duties is to receive and read the papers from other Colleges. Our list is growing larger and the journals themselves show improvement, and we bid them all welcome to our table.

The first number of the *University* from the New York University, is the latest arrival in the field and we find it a very newsy and spicy little paper, quite a fit younger sister to the *University Quarterly*.

The *Lehigh Burr* contains among its stories the story, which we all have heard recounted, of Dr. Nott and his chickens. We greeted it as an old friend, but would warn the *Burr* that it is unfair to take the productions of Union Alumni away from their organ.

*Outing* as usual brings its budget of sporting stories and sporting news. The paper on "Artistic Hints to Amateur Photographers" is of particular interest to many Union men, especially to our Photographical Society.

We are glad to second the effort of the editor of the *Sunbeam*, in her rebuke to the exchange editor of the *Index*. We had read the article, to which she refers, with wonder as to whether we numbered among our exchanges any journals of the pugilistic art or if chance had thrown in our way an article published by an inmate of an Asylum for the Insane. Seriously, we are sorry to note an article of that nature emanating from any institution of learning in our country, as we believe it tends to lower the tone of college journalism.

We are in receipt of a copy of *Moses King's Student Songs*. We think it unnecessary to go into the details of the book, but would merely call it to the attention of the Glee Club

We are sorry to see such a fair page as that shown by the *Delaware College Review* spoiled by an advertisement. It is enterprising but hardly neat.

"COMPARE cold." "Cold, cough, coffin."

"CHARLEY will soon be home again, fresh from his studies, wont he?" said a fond Cincinnati mother to her spouse. "I don't think, my dear, that Charley's studies can have the effect of making him any fresher than he was when he left," was the old gentleman's unfeeling reply.—*Cincinnati Sun*.

A MAN from Detroit silent sat on third base,  
Singing 'Cago, Chicago, Chicago.  
In vain did he wipe the hot tears from his face,  
Singing 'Cago, Chicago, Chicago.  
"Is it weakness of pitching or muffing," I cried,  
"Or a big lot of base hits all on the wrong side?"  
He sang very faintly as slowly he died:  
Chicago, Chicago, Chicago. —*Life*.

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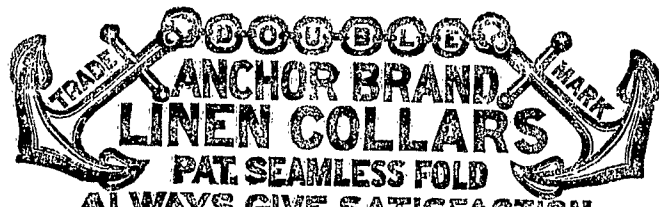
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