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Iowa City, Iowa.

It is now pretty definitely settled that Mr. Hammond will succeed Mr. Ross as Chancellor of the Law Department.

PRESIDENT JORDAN, of the Indiana State University, was in the city a few days this week, on the invitation of the Board of Regents. There is some talk of him to succeed Dr. Pickard.

PROF. PHILBRICK placed the following communication before the Board of Regents:

IOWA CITY, March 1st, 1887.

To the Honorable Board of Regents:

GENTLEMEN: Desiring to leave the University, I again tender my resignation as Professor of Civil Engineering, to take effect as early as June next.

Yours Respectfully,

P. H. PHILBRICK.

We have received another novel communication from a Freshman. The following explains our trouble:

IOWA CITY, IA., March 1st, 1887.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

In my leisure hours I have composed the following little story, which some of my friends would like to see inserted in the "literary page" of your paper, provided it does not crowd out more valuable matter. The effort has taken a good deal of my time, but the only compensation I ask is to see this child of my thought before the public. Most maiden efforts in a literary way require careful pruning, but the enclosed story has been so thoroughly revised that any change would be detrimental to its thought and style. Print it just as I have written it, unchanged in any way. "I draw the line at that."

A FRESHMAN.

We have received the story and looked it over, and, though no name was given us, we have concluded to publish it, but warn the Freshman who sent it not to afflict us a second time. We trust the public will notice this "child of thought," and make a just inference as to the source

from which it must have sprung. We had not supposed before this that there was any one in the Freshman class quite silly and foolish enough to get up such a thing as this, and have the presumption to think it excellent. We sincerely trust that in some way the public will let the author learn its estimate of this marvellous production. It is with this hope that we print it. We withhold further opinion with regard to it, and content ourselves in earnestly advising the author to spend his "leisure hours" at something else than laboring to put together such wretched stuff as he has sent us. From the handwriting, the inference is strong that this charming tale was written by a lady. We hope not; but if so, we wish to be excused from any further discussion of its merits. But we hasten to lead this dear "child" before the public, hoping that, when seen, an orphan or insane asylum may afford it a refuge.

THE *Portfolio*, of Parsons College, was very much irritated by what we said concerning the State Contest. In its last issue it devotes over two columns to us, accusing us of unmanliness, mendacity, lying, ignorance and egotism. What we said about that contest has not thus far been challenged by any college paper in the State save the *Portfolio*, and we do not deem it worth while to defend ourselves, not feeling, indeed, the *Portfolio* being of such light weight, that we have been attacked. The *Portfolio* enters into an explanation of the notorious sentence, 'a thousand miles at sea, twelve hundred miles from land,' saying: "The *Vidette-Reporter* finds difficulty in locating an island 'a thousand miles at sea, twelve hundred miles from land.' Had it been written: 'A thousand miles at sea, twelve hundred miles at sea,' would the critic of the *Vidette-Reporter* have understood it? Two principles of writing are accepted here, if not in the school at Iowa City: 'A general statement may be modified by a particular statement,' and 'italics should be avoided.'

We thank the *Portfolio* for this explanation, and for the rhetorical information it vouchsafes to give us. But we wish in our turn to inform our wise instructor that the clause "a thousand miles at sea" is not a general but a specific statement, and we leave this to any one of common sense. We adhere to the opinion that the sentence spoken of is an awkward, meaningless, inconsistent, and as it now appears, contradictory one. If the *Portfolio* still contends for the propriety of the sentence, however, we challenge it or anybody to cite one like it in the writings of any author who is generally recognized as knowing how to use well the English language.

THE *News Letter*, of Iowa College, in its last number has this to say concerning Drake's part in the State Contest: "We had been disposed to overlook the short-

comings of Drake, and the shabby manner in which the delegates were received, remembering that our Drakes are still but ducklings in years; but such an overburdening display of egotism as is put forth in their report of the contest, can hardly pass unchallenged. Evidently the editor of the *Adelphic* must have eaten an unusually big election bun to swell him to such enormous proportions. From beginning to end, Drake is praised and patted on the back by her own fair self, and reflections and black-mail are cast upon every other college which took any active part in the convention. She condemns everything and everybody except herself and one or two who are willing to 'toady' to her. Her reception committee is lauded. The delegates from this college never saw the chairman of that illustrious body—at least he never presented himself to the delegation, and we were left to our own ingenuity in finding a place for entertainment and a chance to 'slick up,' as Tabor says. (Shake, Tabor.) Not content with hiding behind their self-spread glory, and casting reflections upon other colleges, they pitch into the judges in a most beautiful style. 'Our orator was ranked third in thought and composition by two of the judges.' Yes, noble judges! wise judges. Two of the judges also ranked Iowa College first in thought and composition. Yes, wise judges, now? Oh, no; these same judges now are 'cranky,' by the testimony of the same mouth that before praised them, while this self-appointed judge and critic—our Drake, still in his swaddling clothes—declares that this oration marked first, had but 'little originality' in it. For shame! Why not be honest, or at least consistent? Oh Drake, that little turned-up feather on thy back has curled so tight in self-contemplation that it has lifted thee even off thy feet—and what a spectacle thou dost present.

The Dental Commencement.

The commencement exercises of this year's Dental class took place at the Opera House last Monday evening. People generally seemed to be interested in the event, for the Opera House was crowded even before eight o'clock. The annual address to the class was delivered by "Hon." W. W. Dodge, of Burlington, a graduate of the Law department with the class of 1876. We are sorry we cannot speak highly of this address. Mr. Dodge is a young man to assume such a duty on such an occasion. A little of his address he delivered off-hand; the most of it he read. He was not long in giving the audience to understand that he was a "Lawyer," (whose name was Marks,) and then went on to say something about "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Just what little he said about this we have forgotten, and guess everyone else has. His discourse was, as he

himself denominated it, "rambling." Somewhat was said about dentistry, enough to convince one that the speaker knew nothing about it, though he professed himself to have become satisfied by researches made within the last few weeks that it was a "science as independent as the throbbing stars." Many very strenuous and laborious efforts were made at pleasantry; and continual, school-boy attempts at rhetorical display, a few French and Latin phrases, some classical allusions and burnt taffy, made up the other courses of this literary treat. We presume Mr. Dodge was too much engrossed with legal burdens to devote much time to the preparation of his address. We had some curiosity to hear Miss Ritchey, the valedictorian of the class. She spoke on "The Successes of Dentistry," and did very well, making by far the better speech of the evening. The class may congratulate itself that she was its representative on this occasion, for she acquitted herself with much credit. We believe she claimed too much for her art, but she claimed it in a dignified and becoming manner, and what she said she said well.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the University band, and was good. The Davenport Male Quartette was to render two pieces, but did not make its appearance, owing to the serious illness of one of its members. Rev. G. W. Brindell prayed for the young dentists before they were sent out into the world to make mouths for people. The diplomas were presented by Pres. Pickard. Below we give the names of the graduates:

- C. W. Aydelotte, Newton, Ind.
- H. N. Edwards, Des Moines.
- L. S. Field, Calmar.
- E. T. Giddings, Logan.
- E. S. Glasbier, Brush Creek.
- T. J. Glenn, Plymouth, Wis.
- C. H. Hare, Knoxville.
- F. A. Hefner, Delaware.
- J. H. Johnson, Waukon.
- J. J. Little, Burlington.
- W. A. Maxwell, Villisca.
- R. McNutt, Muscatine.
- J. A. Neill, Bismark.
- Jessie Ritchey, Onawa.
- F. M. Shriver, Glenwood.
- H. W. Shriver, Red Oak.
- J. W. Soule, Ottumwa.
- Joseph Stott, Burlington.
- W. R. Tipton, Brooklyn.
- H. M. Vawter, Knoxville.
- J. B. Vernon, Marengo.
- D. P. Wood, Grandy Center.
- Alfred Wood, A. M., Iowa City.
- Geo. B. Yergoy, Villisca.

We hope that all students will attend the German play next Friday night. Much time has been spent in preparation, and all may rest assured of finding something of interest, even though not a student of German.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

F. F. SWALE, J. R. HALES.
Editors.

Mr. Dawson has returned, the sick at home out of danger.

Mr. Schultz missed several recitations this week on account of illness.

The Seniors have engaged for a class picture of large size.

Some dusky aborigines disturbed the legal sanctity of Senior Moot Thursday.

Mr. Snider and Mr. Hinkley will argue their case on appeal.

Monday Chancellor Ross took up the subject of Federal Procedure before the Seniors.

Brother Myers is still kept at home and has thought best to resign. We are sorry circumstances are thus. Mr. Hales is his successor.

The question whether circuit judges are entitled to salary for the terms for which they were elected, was argued Thursday by Messrs. Murphoy and Edmunds. It seems an exactly parallel case has never arisen.

We have always held that the mind can think of only one thing at a time, but at the rate Lecturer Duncombe proceeds in his instruction, the student who does not think of at least six legal propositions simultaneously is left behind—railroad time on this subject.

The Digest of International Law, which Francis Wharton has prepared, is being issued from the government publishing house, Washington. Congress has made appropriation that the author might prepare this work. It consists of three volumes. Mr. Atwell has received a set from a friend in Washington.

The fears of the Medical students that Laws were planning to assault them, on the evening of their graduation, were wholly groundless. The apprehension was caused by an anonymous letter, received by a Medical student. It emanated only from the diseased brain of its writer. No resentment is felt by the Law students, and further, any such action as was feared, the Law students consider as far beneath their dignity as gentlemen.

The Seniors have taken action and are in favor of the precedent set last year, that no class orations be delivered in June.

The whole thing is a mistake, in our opinion. We would not sign the petition and so are free to speak. Nothing could speak as well for the department as members of the graduating class. They are an evidence of what the school is doing. The public would prefer to listen to a few productions rather than to a set speech of a dignitary, because then it would be the Law School of Iowa speaking. Enough could be chosen who could write and deliver creditable orations; and if any have not had experience in that line, it is certainly time to begin, for the lawyer's life is such that ability in public speaking is to him valuable, if not essential. It is just as proper that this department

should speak for itself commencement day as that the collegiate should.

Last year, the movement was begun by a few whose abilities gave them no assurance that they would be chosen, and hence, of course, no one else ought to speak, thought they.

In this day, speakers who can move men to thought and action are needed as much as ever. The man who would interest an audience, to-day, has a harder task than in years gone. A higher type of oratory, eloquence of a higher order are demanded. Should the leading educational institution of the State discourage this worthy art? Should it not rather offer every proper inducement to further it? True, the mere delivery of a speech on commencement will not make an orator, but the prospect of having that to do will be an additional inducement for young men to give attention to the study of an art already too much neglected.

The benefits to be derived from membership in a well conducted quiz club is not appreciated by many. We have acquired more knowledge of the law, and have had more and better opportunities to learn to use legal language in our quiz club than from any other one source since we have been here. The tendency is sometimes to read too much and to neglect to review and firmly fix points already read. It is well to pause and state the substance of what we have read in as correct language as we can command. Often the substance of an entire page may be condensed into a sentence. In quiz an apt question enables us to do this. Review can nowhere else be better done. Instead of reading over more ground, in quiz we get clearer ideas on that already perused. The mind, like the stomach, can digest and assimilate only limited amounts. One clear idea is worth any number of confused ones, and nothing will sooner dispel confusion than conference of several eager minds. A single mind seldom sees the full force of a proposition; he a person ever so learned, another has knowledge which he has not, hence the value of exchange of views.

What is better to improve and strengthen the memory than the habit of recalling what we have read and heard. Most students instead of recalling, rush on. These two benefits, valuable facts, and truths recalled, and a better memory, are alone worth the time we should spend in club work.

Another fact already named, is that we acquire a command of legal language which solitary study cannot give. The incorrect, stammered words of the novice give place to the faultless diction and fluent expression of the orator only by practice. In asking and in answering questions, we necessarily use legal terms more than we otherwise would. And further, when we try to ask a definite question and formulate a correct answer, we realize the exact limit of our knowledge of the subject. It may do for the collegiate student to rest content with mere general ideas, but for the law student, never. It is perhaps possible for a person to express correctly what he

knows only in a general way, but it is unpardonable to know, without the faculty to clothe thought in words. In the club, general ideas are concreted or dispelled, and facility in correct expression gained.

We have read, somewhere, that it is not good for man to be alone, and hence, socially, the club is helpful. It furnishes an antidote for melancholy or despondency. The book worm and the recluse will find in a congenial club helpful influences. One desiring to get the most possible good can do nothing better while here, than to become a member of a club whose members meet, not for mere disputation or fun, but to master legal science and to acquire proficiency in the art of accurate expression.

There is no study in the course which is more valuable to the student than equity. The rules and principles therein discussed are of universal application. So very many subjects are under control of a court of equity, and so very important are they, that the study is an interesting one as well as profitable.

The many cases where man's credulity, ignorance, weakness, duplicity or meanness have created circumstances which justify courts in ignoring the strict letter of the law or rather, in adjudicating upon them, regardless of the rules of law, form a chapter which the moralist or philosopher could profitably read.

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"My Partner," by Bartley Campbell. The play that made the fame of its author in a night.

Miss Prof. Smith.

The resignation of Miss Prof. Smith, to take effect in June, was handed to the Board this week, and has been accepted; thus creating another vacancy in our corps of instructors. Prof. Smith has filled the chair of English Literature in our institution for six years, and has had in addition the first years' work in German. She has also had charge of the essay work for the Freshman and Sophomore classes, and we think we but voice the

sentiments of all when we say that in all her work, by her kindly interest in each member of the class, enthusiasm for her work, and generous culture, she has won the respect and confidence of all her pupils. Neither was her interest in her pupils confined to the class-room, but in her home and in society she took the same warm interest in all, and was always glad to extend help and counsel wherever it might be of use. We are sorry to see Miss Smith go from our midst, but she must carry with her the full assurance of our best wishes for her future welfare.

Cast of Characters in the German Play.

Rudolph Wassenberg, a Physician, J. W. Bollinger.
Wolfgang Wossenberg, his brother, a musical composer, J. H. Gates.
Sophie, Wolfgang's wife, jealous and suspicious, Rose B. Ankeny.
Karoline Wildau, her sister, engaged to Rudolph, Ida B. Clarke.
Bernhard Wildau, their brother, in love with Hildegard, Julius Lischer.
Haindorf, "withdrawn from the world," A. B. Noble.
Hildegard, his daughter, May E. Williams.
Meusler, his attendant, F. A. Nye.
Schott, a judge, L. E. McPherson.
Falk, an attorney, J. C. F. Harrington.
At the Opera House next Friday evening.

Prof. Philbrick's Resignation.

It was a matter of general surprise and regret when it became known this week, that Prof. Philbrick had resigned the position which he had so long and ably filled. The Engineering Department, since its establishment in 1873, has been under his continuous charge, and the excellent reputation which it now enjoys may be justly ascribed to him. The graduates of this department have met with most gratifying success, and their work has conferred honor upon the institution and especially upon this department. Prof. Philbrick has a national reputation, and his retirement from the University can not but be a severe loss.

We understand that one reason for his resignation is the salary, which is much too small for the character of the work done. An increase of salary will doubtless be necessary if the chair is to maintain the high standing already reached. The Professor was largely instrumental in bringing about the organization of the School of Science and of Letters, in '78, and strongly opposed their abolition in '85. He claims that by this action the scientific interests of the University were seriously injured, and that under the present system the Engineering department is placed under great disadvantages. His idea is that this department should, under the Regents, be independent in management, the same as the Law Department, and that a man should be appointed to take charge of it, whose salary should not be less than that of the

Chancellor of that department. We are not disposed to criticize either the Professor's reasons for resigning, or the action of the Board in abolishing the School of Science and of Letters. As regards the latter, it is a matter of honest difference of opinion, in which each respects the other. As to salary, the Professor has doubtless sacrificed much already, and can do much better elsewhere. We deeply regret that he is to leave us, but wish him abundant success wherever he may go.

Homeopathic Medical Commencement.

The tenth annual Commencement of the Homeopathic Medical Department of the S. U. I. occurred at the Opera House Tuesday evening before a large and appreciative audience. The program opened with "Pavillion" overture by the University Band, followed by Invocation by Rev. Mr. Watson, after which the Valedictory Oration was pronounced by Fred W. Southworth, of St. Paul, Minn., subject, "Solitude." The beneficent influences of solitude have ever been sung. Motives varying from selfish to philanthropic have prompted men to seek it. It was the latter that guided Hahneman, the founder of Homeopathy, who gave 10 years of scientific investigation before publishing the "Law of Similars." Statistics were then given showing the progress and present condition of homeopathy, after which he recommended his fellow graduates to frequently seek solitude, the surest road to scientific progress. Next followed a vocal solo by Miss Cox, that was appreciated by all. Hon. F. W. Lehman, of Des Moines was then introduced, who gave the address for the faculty, subject, "Elements of a Successful Life." He counselled the graduates to remember that while they were doctors they were none the less men. "Right confers obligations" and nowhere is this more true than in the medical profession. Industry is necessary to success, but is not the only requisite. As you go out to locate you will hear on all sides, "go somewhere else, the profession is overcrowded here." This same cry is to be heard everywhere, concerning every profession. And yet there is room in this world for every man who has something to give as well as to get. The dominant trait of our people is the desire for success, another name for inequality. The motto, "nothing succeeds like success," is a base one and leads to many a crime. Success at the expense of honor is worse than failure. There is a higher ideal than to get what the world can give you. The average character of a nation's people is more important than the qualities of its few great men. The world has yet to learn to appreciate the heroism of common life, to see in self-denial true greatness. Duty is higher than wealth and fame. There should be in the physician something higher than his art, viz., character. It is the boast of our nation that the lowliest of our people may aspire to become

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At the close of Mr. Lehman's address Misses Cox and Ankeny and Messrs. Johnson and King sang a beautiful quartette, "The Night Birds Whisper Soft and Low," after which Prof. Cowperthwaite presented the class of 14 to Pres. Pickard, as candidates for graduation. Dr. Cowperthwaite expressed his regrets at Pres. Pickard's retirement from the position which he has so ably filled, to which the latter briefly replied and then conferred the degrees upon the following graduates:

- Fred W. Southworth, St. Paul, Minn.
- Albra W. Baker, Williamsport, Pa.
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- Peter S. Beck, Metz, Iowa.
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- Jacob Derr, Farmington, Iowa.
- Arthur W. Fees, Mt. Etna, Iowa.
- E. S. Lawrence, Waterloo, Iowa.
- Frank W. Lee, Orchard Iowa.
- Albert L. Martin, Lisbon, Iowa.
- Carlton V. Norcross, Butte City, M. T.
- Clara J. Swan, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
- Wm. C. Wight, Woodbine, Iowa.
- Chas. W. Vroom, Waterloo, Iowa.

Medical Commencement.

After music by the S. U. I. band, Rev. Arthur Beavis pronounced the invocation. The band again favored the audience with some entertaining music. The valedictory, delivered by S. T. Baldrige, A. M., was a strong and masterly address. It was no doubt a difficult task for the faculty to select the valedictorian out of such a fine class as '87, but certainly the class way well represented. To attempt a synopsis of the address would mar its beauty. We hope to be able to give at least a lengthy extract at some other time. The speaker paid a touching tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Robertson, whose portrait, appropriately draped, occupied a place on the stage. The beautiful floral anchor, presented to Mr. Baldrige, was placed beside the portrait of the deceased and beloved Professor.

After music, His Excellency, Gov. Larrabee, with a few appropriate words, conferred the degrees and presented diplomas to the following persons:

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| E. E. Smith, | F. A. Burrows, |
| G. S. Smith, | E. W. Bachman, |
| J. M. Aikin, | E. E. Barr, |
| S. T. Baldrige, | A. J. Byerly, |
| F. P. Butler, | S. Devine, |
| A. H. DeLano, | |

Hon. J. W. Akers delivered the annual address, and fully sustained his

reputation as the foremost educator of the State. We have room for only a brief outline. He said he had a feeling of envy of the students of the University for magnificent opportunities. But he had one advantage of them; he could contrast present surroundings with the past. He had been acting in a school to which theirs is only preparatory. He came as the representative of the school of active life, of experience. He spoke of applied knowledge, and said to be valuable it must not be in the form of mere formula; it must have some application in action. All elementary education proceeded on this theory. It is supreme in all present school methods. Every solid attainment is achieved in the act. All men of mark have this as the secret of their success. No medical student is a through physician until he has wrestled with actual disease. No amount of book learning will take its place. They may be learned quacks, the more dangerous because of the immunity which their profession gives them.

The same is true in all departments of education. Modern methods seek to carry over the practical into the theoretical; and all are interested in its success. Science cannot impart effectually in any other way. The laboratory is the inseparable companion of science. In this way, science has achieved her victories over nature and natural forces. Nature has consented to hand over her keys only to those who have won right to them in this way. Medicine deals with the human body, the highest of the creators works, the epitome of all nature's forces.

But neither schools nor active life can embrace all the wonders of modern science; hence comes the "specialist." This is one of the grandest features of our age. The great communities of scientists first divided into groups, then into smaller circles, then into special-

ists and trained experts. And this process is going on in all branches. But these must be taught by actual and real experience and action.

It is curious to note how all great discoveries have stolen in upon the world; mostly the discoverers were looking for something else, and only stumbled upon one of Nature's secrets by accident. But still, they are the results of long years of development, and are like the slow sweep of the centuries in their achievement.

But the processes of all schools, however imperfect, are of value for thorough drill and preparation for Nature's loftiest revelations, and the introduction of the principle that knowledge is more thoroughly inculcated in the act, has strengthened vastly these methods, and will soon dominate all others. But however thoroughly taught in school methods, it cannot take the place of the discipline of real life.

He dwelt upon the importance of an "inductive" method of thought—of patient waiting and watching at Nature's feet, invoking wisdom by long and importunate knocking at her gates. But there are those favored ones—poets and philosophers—who do not need this patient waiting, working by a kind of divine induction. And there is a moral world lying beyond all this, where literature and the fine arts, religion and government and all the subtle agencies which go to make up the spiritual life of the people are to be exercised.

He closed by expressing his profound interest in the future of the University; great in present realizations, but far greater in its possibilities. Its influence goes out into every avenue of professional life. He spoke as one whose official life required him to look carefully at all sides of it, and he had been more and more impressed with the grandeur of its work, and confidence in its continued prosperity, and he had faith to believe that it will become more and more, the crowning glory of our State.

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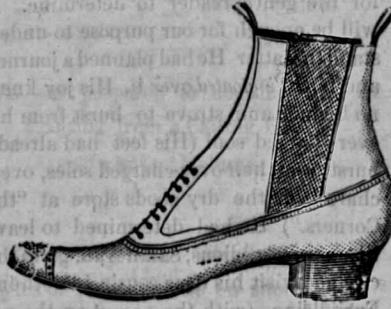
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THENA DIOLO.

BY A FRESHMAN.

CHAP. I.

'Twas in the dewy even-tide, when all the sounds of strife were at an end; when the golden, gory, glittering, gloaming, was in its serene and topmost heights. Nature seemed serenely calm, and "all the air a solemn stillness held," (Gray's Elegy, g. v.) I forgot to mention that all this was present in the sunny month of June. I hasten to make the amendment since, on account of the dew alluded to in my first sentence, it might be natural to infer that the time was December. But I digress. Everyone seemed at peace and resting in quiet. Did I say everyone? Alas, no! not all. In yon red-painted farm house, whose gate is now lingering in the last stages of dissolution, occasioned by the presence of three marriageable girls, and around the corner of which has just fitted the melancholy form—a howling canine, with the usual accompaniment of a tin can attached by a string to his caudal appendage—in this farm house, I say, sat a youth, whose brow bore the leaden cast of sorrow, and whom melancholy had marked for his own. No petty sorrow was his. Sad, indeed, was he, for last night at the singing-school, Sarah Ann Tompkins had shared her book with Dan Jones! and the heart of Jeremiah Absonother was full of sorrow and heavy with grief. His eyes looked fierce, and his swarthy cheek was pale, and looked clean, tho' he hadn't shaved for two weeks.

Suddenly with a frantic bound and a vigorous motion which, knocked down a crock of milk, he arose, struck his head with his hand, and, with a triumphant, all pathetic voice, ejaculated: "I have it."

Whether he meant by this that he had secured a well known animal in his head, or had conceived a pleasant idea, I leave for the gentle reader to determine. It will be enough for our purpose to understand the latter. He had planned a journey and now he gloated over it. His joy knew no bounds and strove to burst from his ever-charged soul (His feet had already burst from their over-charged soles, over-charged at the dry goods store at "the Corners.") He had determined to leave his false, perfidious, Sarah Ann, go to the city and visit his dear cousin Idolothena Eurijdicine, (with the accent on the penult.) (Our fair readers will now please sleep for a few days.)

CHAP. II.

It was in the city. In her boudoir sat Idolothena Eurijdicine. She was *petite*, fair and musical; her eyes were charming, and there was a world of joy in her lower lip. Not of common clay was Idolothena. She was meant for a higher world than this poor, mundane globe; but on account of excursion rates to the moon being so steep, she had consented to remain and make the earth happy with her smiles. She had not had multitudinous advantages. True, she had

obtained a liberal education; she could pound a piano and wail a vocal solo with the best. But she had never roller-rinkled, nor had her father ever been a bank cashier in a short line to Canada.

Now she was thinking of Oscar Wilde and his dear theories, and her soul was enraptured by the sweet idealistic beauty of the unapproachable something of the all-too-too. But suddenly Jeremiah Absonother entered, and she arose and fell into his arms with a cry of delight. After the usual preliminaries they talked of the weather, of the flowers and birds. When they had exhausted these topics, Ido, with her sweetest glance, and with soul-thrilling accents, said:

"But tell me, dear cousin, don't you love dear Walt Whitman and his 'Leaves of Grass?' And don't you think that his subtle analysis of the higher ethereal natures in us, is just too sweet? And then how cute he is in his poems in regard to the annuity of souls indulging in mutual transports? Don't you adore it, Jerry?"

"Wall, I rather think so," said Jeremiah, "but I don't know about Whitman's grass. Dad says ours, this year, is bound to be kinder scarce, coz the yearling colt got in there in May and kicked around considerable like, and these heavy rains is bad on corn, too."

This was a little discouraging to Ido, but, leaning forward, and throwing all the power of her soul in her words, which thrilled Jerry like knocking his head against a post in the dark, she said:

"But, dear Jeremiah, do you think these lovely frosts that we have in August, you know, do you think they will kill the red strawberries, so we won't have any in November, you know?"

Jerry said he didn't know. The strawberries he had was of the kind "common-like," that was ripe in June, and he didn't know how it was with "them others." After a few more moments passed in this joyful conversation, Idolothena played divinely, and sang in a manner that would have made Patti turn green with envy, and which made Jerry her devoted slave.

In the evening, at Ido's hint (girls are pretty apt at such hints,) they took a boat ride in the park. Jerry had had but little practice in "boating," and ineffectually tried several times to stand on his head and see stars between his feet, much to Idolothena's surprise and mirth.

At length the moon came upon the scene, and, with its lovely beams, was bathing the waters of the lake with a wavy, tremulous, light, just as in the time of Sparticus, and it lighted up the whole scene and made the trees fairy specters, and the visible forms all phantoms inhabiting a spiritual world. Both were admiring, and Jerry had just said "Gosh! how purty!" when a sudden scream arose from the other end of the boat, and, turning quickly, he saw to his surprise and horror,—well, we don't know what he saw. The truth is, we are all mixed up, and don't see any way out of it, so we will allow the kind reader to finish it for himself.

THE END.

Longfellow's First Poem.

Cold, cold is the north wind and rude is the blast,

That sweeps like a hurricane loudly and fast,
As it moans through the tall, waving pines, lone
and drear.

'Twas a requiem sad o'er the warrior's bier.

The war-whoop is still, and the savage's yell
Has sunk into silence along the wild dell;
The din of the battle, the tumult is o'er,
And the war-clarion's voice is now heard no
more.

The warriors that fought for their country and
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Have sank to their rest; the damp earth is their
bed;

No stone tells the place where their ashes re-
pose;
Nor points out the spot from the graves of their
foes.

They died in their glory, surrounded by fame,
And victory's loud trumpet their death did pro-
claim;

They are dead; but they live in each patriot's
breast,

And their names are engraved on Honor's bright
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Lippincott's Magazine: President Jackson's table manners were as Democratic as could be desired. He had at each plate two forks, one of which was of silver and the other of steel. The president used a steel fork for himself, and after his dinner he always smoked his tobacco from a long-handled corncob pipe. Andrew Jackson entertained lavishly on the night of his first inauguration. The carpets of the east room were ruined by the orange punch and lemonade, which were served to the crowd which came to his reception. Barrels of this punch were made, and it was brought into the room in buckets. At last the people began to rush for the waiters as soon as they entered the room. Glasses were broken and ladies' dresses ruined. Tubs of punch were finally taken into the garden, and in this way the throng was drawn off and it was possible to serve cake and wine to the ladies. At Jackson's farewell reception a monster cheese, as big as a hog's head in circumference and nearly a yard thick, was cut with saw blades made into knives, and served out to the guests. Each guest received three pounds of cheese. The event was the talk of the nation, and when Van Buren became president, his New York friends, emulative of Jackson, sent him a big cheese. It was cut up in the East room. The greasy crumbs, falling upon the carpet, were trampled into it, and the ruination of the furniture during these two administrations, led the later president to discontinue the practice of serving eatables at general receptions. Now no guest comes to a dinner at the White House unless invited. In Van Buren's days Bacourt, in his "Souvenirs d'un Diplomat," says that the president's cook told his valet that for several months preceding the election of 1840, many persons arrived at the White House for breakfast or dinner, and threatened to vote against Van Buren if they were not entertained. The cook stated that he had all the trouble possible in satisfying them, and they often returned when he sent up, doing so on the pretext that it was uneatable, and ordered something else.

British Birds for the State University.

Capt. W. H. Jordan having interested himself in procuring valuable specimens for the University museum applied to his friend, Mr. John Harrison, a well known and honored ornithologist of Yorkshire, England, for some little contribution of British birds, that might represent his name in the grand collection now being gathered in the scientific building of the University. Mr. Harrison at once responded that it would give him great pleasure to contribute his mite to an enterprise so laudable and that would be of such great interest to our new but wonderfully promising young state. A second letter was received a few days ago indicating that some of the skins were now ready to be sent forward and that the "mite" is likely to be a generous and very valuable one that will include specimens of the principal birds of England, including birds of prey, game birds, song birds, etc. Mr. Harrison's gift will be highly appreciated by the university, the placing of a collection of British birds in the already well filled museum rooms will be of especial interest and value. Mr. Harrison has possession of the farm, for his home, on which was fought the historic battle of Marston Moor, Oct., 1644, which gave the north of England to the Parliamentarians and made Cromwell Dictator, and on which is located the famous Wiltrop woods, in which most of the specimens sent the University will have been captured. We hope to receive a part of the collection—have it mounted, grouped and labeled for examination—before commencement in June.

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SOCIETY BULLETIN.

Athenian Society—Open session every Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Spartan Society—Gentlemen's secret society; session Saturday evening.

F.C.'s.—Ladies' secret society; session Friday afternoon.

Students' Christian Association—Prayer meetings every Tuesday noon in Room 4. All are cordially invited.

On say! Spring—chestnuts.

Seniors are busy over orations and the machine grinds hard.

Miss Dora Massman has returned from a visit to her home in Davenport.

The drawing class, under the supervision of Mr. Lichty, is doing some splendid work.

Miss Mae Robinson, class '83, has proven her ability as teacher, having followed that line continuously since her graduation.

We have no marriage notices this week, but judging from present indications, there will be no dearth of such items hereafter.

Willis Brown, class '85, has been compelled, on account of poor health, to drop his studies at Cornell, and is now traveling in the West.

The County Superintendent's examination of teachers, last week, played sad havoc with the recitations of the students in some of the common branches.

In a letter recently received from Frank Kincaid, he expresses his intention of returning to the Academy next term. Come on, Frank, we'll receive you with open arms.

Chas. Cope, class '85, who has been attending the Dental Department of the S. U. I., has accepted a position in one of the finest dental offices in St. Paul. (Minn.) Chas. graduates next year.

The Natural Philosophy class joined hands the other day to test the power of electrical currents; the machine didn't operate, but the boys who stood next to the girls said they felt the pressure and the sensation was very pleasant.

Our poetic muse has hung his lyre on the hat-rack in the hall, and left. Any of the students who can play the *War* will greatly oblige us by giving us a song on "Spring."

Athenian program for March:

Essay - Oscar Moore.

Declamation - W. Bailey.

Debate—Resolved: That Iowa City should have an elevated railway system.

Aff., A. A. Taylor and B. L. Wick; Neg., Henry Blood and G. A. Preston.

Declamation - Miss Catha Putnam.

Declamation - J. F. Torrance.

Oration - C. E. Riggs.

Motto for the week.—In our spring-time, every day has its hidden growth in the mind, as it has in the earth, where

the little folded blades are getting ready to pierce the ground.—George Eliot.

Something for you to think about.—Life, in every shape, should be precious, for the same reason that the Turks carefully collect every scrap of paper that comes in their way, because the name of God may be written upon it.—Jean Paul Richter.

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Club Swinging, - Ladies' Class
Miscellaneous, -
(a) Boxing, Mr. Warner, Mr. Smith.
(b) High Jumping, - Class of 6.
(c) Fencing, Mr. T. Boal, Mr. Lischer.

PART II.

- Military Drill, S. U. I. Company, Capt. N. Dupuis.
Horizontal Bar, - Class of 8.
Club Swinging Duett, Miss Nell Cox, Mr. Geo. Wright.
Miscellaneous, -
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(b) Tug of War, Sophomores, Freshmen.
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