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**THE VIDETTE-REPORTER,**  
 Iowa City, Iowa.

THE students of the University will  
 take a vacation Thanksgiving, and, of  
 course, the VIDETTE-REPORTER will take a  
 vacation. Our next number will appear  
 December 3d.

OUR thanks are extended to Dr. Pick-  
 ard for several successive numbers of the  
*Bowdoin Orient*, a college journal of the  
 highest rank published at Bowdoin Col-  
 lege.

THE *Press* did a thing this week which  
 ought to cause surprise to those who  
 have not an intimate knowledge of  
 things in Iowa City and about the Uni-  
 versity. It copied in full our article pub-  
 lished last week with reference to the  
 proposed Christian Association building.  
 The *Press* would not have copied such an  
 article last year. We shall look for it  
 next in the *Davenport Democrat-Gazette*.

We understand that some in high  
 places in the University have taken ex-  
 ceptions to the article published two  
 weeks ago with regard to the use of to-  
 bacco about the University. If the truth  
 was not told our columns are open to its  
 exposition. If misrepresentations were  
 made our columns are wide open for cor-  
 rections to any one who wishes to make  
 any.

THE American Protective Tariff  
 League offers to the Students of Senior  
 classes of colleges and universities in  
 the United States, a series of prizes for  
 approved essays on "Home production,  
 indispensable to a supply, at low prices,  
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 1888, accompanied by the name and ad-  
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 standing, signed by some officer of the  
 college to which he belongs, in a sepa-  
 rate sealed envelope (not to be opened  
 until the successful essays have been de-  
 termined), marked by a word or symbol  
 corresponding with the signature to the  
 essay.

Awards will be made June 1, 1888, as  
 follows: For the best essay, \$250; for the  
 second best, \$100; for the third best, \$50.  
 And for other essays, deemed especially  
 meritorious, *silver medals*, of original and  
 approved design, will be awarded, with  
 honorable mention of the authors in a  
 public notice of the awards. The League  
 reserves the right to publish, at its own  
 expense, any of the essays for which  
 prizes are awarded, and will print the  
 essay receiving the first prize among its  
 annual publications. The names of the  
 judges will be hereafter announced.

The above is a copy of the circular sent  
 to the college presidents of the country  
 by the American Protective Tariff  
 League. Accompanying this circular is  
 the following letter from Edward H.  
 Ammidon, President of the League:

We have the honor to hand you an-  
 nouncement of the League's second an-  
 nual offer of prizes for approved essays,  
 and to request that you have the same  
 bulletined, or otherwise brought to the  
 attention of your Senior students. Last  
 year, following notices to presidents, cir-  
 culars were directed to students, so far  
 as addresses could be obtained; but it is  
 believed that the course now suggested  
 will be equally effective, while avoiding  
 the risk of overlooking any one who may  
 feel disposed to compete. We will be  
 glad to know to what extent our sug-  
 gestion has your approval, and if any of  
 your Seniors are likely to compete for  
 our prizes. Stamped and addressed en-  
 velope is enclosed for reply, at your con-  
 venience. The result of last year's off-  
 ering was: Number of competitors, 48;  
 number of colleges represented, 35; num-  
 ber of states represented, 18.

Awards: First prize, \$250, Crawford  
 D. Hening, University of Pennsylvania.  
 Second prize, \$100, James H. McBride,  
 University of Michigan.

Third prize, \$50, R. M. McKenzie, Uni-  
 versity of Minnesota.

Fourteen silver medals were awarded,  
 viz.: J. W. A. Young, Bucknell Univer-  
 sity, Pennsylvania; Royal Robbins, Har-  
 vard University, Massachusetts; Geo. L.  
 Robinson, Princeton College, New Jer-  
 sey; Calvin F. Heckler, University of  
 Pennsylvania; Coles Van V. Veeder,  
 University of Virginia; Miles Tucker,  
 University of Pennsylvania; R. J. Fin-  
 ley, Knox Collene, Illinois; Bourland,  
 D. Smith, Cornell College, Iowa; Herbert  
 E. Cushman, Bates College, Maine; Ed-  
 ward C. Applegarth, Johns Hopkins

University, Maryland; Frank L. Bald-  
 win, Adelbert College, Ohio; George A.  
 Jepherson, Brown University, Rhode  
 Island; George Otis Draper, Massachu-  
 setts Institute of Technology; Theodore  
 Baumeister, College of the City of New  
 York.

For the information we have thus  
 given we are indebted directly to Dr.  
 Pickard and indirectly to Pres. Schaeffer.  
 It might be well for some of our Senior  
 Political Economy students to compete.

PERHAPS no where, will a person find  
 true manliness more generally appreciat-  
 ed than in college. There is always a  
 certain small per cent, it is true, who  
 seem not to know its worth; but the  
 average student is fully awake upon the  
 subject and probably realizes as nearly  
 as anyone what the term really signifies.  
 If we think of the word in its broadest  
 sense, very few of us can stand up before  
 it; but all can, and many do, make a  
 more or less feeble effort to meet the re-  
 quirements which it imposes. What we  
 wish to speak of here however is not the  
 whole subject, but one very important  
 branch of it—candor. Methinks I hear  
 some one ask if candor is an attribute of  
 manliness. Whether it is or not, candor  
 is what we wish to talk about. When  
 we look back to such a man as Galileo  
 we greatly admire him for his noted can-  
 dor, but when we bring it down nearer  
 home we are some what prone to regard  
 it as of less importance. Consider for a  
 moment which students are the most re-  
 spected in school. Now we do not mean  
 who are the most prominent! There  
 may be, and often is, a very marked dis-  
 tinction between prominence and true re-  
 gard. But pick out a few who are looked  
 upon by their fellow-students with the  
 most confidence; a few who have the  
 most friends and the fewest enemies.  
 You will probably find that your little  
 select company is mostly composed of  
 those who are able to see two sides to al-  
 most every question, and who can see  
 that an opponent is usually actuated by  
 good rather than evil motives.

Men seldom gain anything by abusing  
 those who happen not to see a question  
 as they see it. To be always looking for  
 evil motives in others is a narrow and  
 disagreeable way to go through the  
 world. It should always be a much  
 pleasanter thought to think a man is  
 honest than to believe that he is a rascal.  
 If a man is living for the good he can do,  
 he can not best accomplish it in this  
 way. A man of known candor speaks  
 with a power that another can never  
 possess. His words go for their face  
 value. They are not subject to the  
 dock that the words from a less candid  
 man are sure to receive. Strong words  
 often go for much less than those which  
 are, in themselves, less forcible. Few  
 words are often more effective than  
 many.

Candor can never take the place of  
 brains, but unite the two and they may  
 become a mighty power in the world, a  
 power that will elevate and lead men to  
 higher thoughts and better things; a  
 power that will tend to bring about a  
 brotherhood which is far from yet at-  
 tained.

J. G. WIRTH, Secretary and Treasurer,  
 of the Iowa Oratorical Association,  
 through the columns of the *Central Ray*  
 of the Central University, at Pella, has  
 this announcement and report to the col-  
 leges of the state:

The Secretary would call the attention  
 of the local associations to the fact that  
 only four months remain before the  
 State Contest.

It will be well to have the local con-  
 tests early, so that the difficulty of get-  
 ting the orations to the judges in the  
 time required by the constitution shall  
 be dispensed with. The executive com-  
 mittee is engaged in the work of select-  
 ing judges, and the secretary will report  
 to the local associations as soon as they  
 are chosen: The next contest will be  
 held at Iowa City, February 28th, 1888.  
 The secretary will be glad to furnish any  
 information in his power.

The names of the local secretaries are  
 as follows:

- Agricultural College—Ethel Bartholo-  
 mew.
- Central University—C. Kittle.
- Coe College—Myron Phelps.
- Cornell College—Florence Fulton.
- Drake University—H. G. Everett.
- Iowa College—Cassie Burroughs.
- Lenox College—F. J. Chamberlain.
- Simpson College—Eva Patterson.
- Parsons College—Frank M. Fuller.
- State University—Wm. Drew.
- Tabor College—
- Wesleyan University—Will H. Spur-  
 geon.

The treasurer reports as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
From former treasurer	\$120 40
EXPENDITURES.	
Inter-State Association	\$25 00
Delegates and orator to J. S. A.	76 37
Secretary's expenses	2 95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$104 32</b>
Balance on hand at date	\$16 08

Last Saturday evening Prof. Eggert  
 lectured at Vinton under the auspices of  
 a literary club, upon The French Revo-  
 lution, speaking particularly of the  
 courses which led to this great national  
 crisis and catastrophe. He had a good  
 audience, was royally entertained, and  
 has a high opinion of Vinton and its peo-  
 ple.

The President and Mrs. Schaeffer will  
 be obliged to omit their reception next  
 Wednesday evening as they will be out  
 of town.

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT

The following excellent translation of a passage from the fourth book of Virgil's Aeneid was recently published in the Webster City *Tribune*. The translator is Daniel Cady Chase, who graduated from the collegiate department of the University, six or seven years ago, and is now engaged in the practice of law at Webster City, Iowa. This passage—the struggle of a human soul—is the most pathetic and perhaps the finest to be found in Virgil.

## INFELIX DIDO.

"And whispering she never would consent consented."

Anna, sister mine, draw closer,  
Let me feel thy presence near,  
Tell me why these waking fancies  
Fill my doubting soul with fear.  
Who can be this handsome stranger  
Cast away upon our shore!  
What a noble face, what carriage,  
What a wealth of warlike lore,  
Surely 'tis not vain believing  
He is from a race divine;  
Face and form, his smallest action,  
Cling unbidden in my mind.  
Anna dear I blush to say it,  
Had I not forsworn for aye  
Thoughts of Hymen: tender yearning  
Might have taught me how to sigh,  
Yes, to you I will confess it  
Since my first lord Sychas died  
And our Lares all, were scattered  
By a wicked fratricide.  
Not the first, the faintest stirring  
Dido's heart has known till now;  
Now I think the flame is kindling:  
Why, I know not, guess not how.  
Yet, immortal Jove above us  
May thy lightning strike me dead  
Than that I should, weakly yielding,  
Wear this sin upon my head.  
Rather might a yawning chasm  
Spread its darksome depths for me  
Than I should my vow abjuring,  
Break thy law; oh Modesty!  
No: for me the thought is treason—  
Treason to the truth I gave;  
He for whom my heart first opened,  
Let him keep it in the grave!

Yet, dear Anna, tell me truly  
Is mine not a mournful fate,  
Spending all my youth in grieving,  
Lone, unloved, disconsolate?  
Dido ne'er can know the pledges  
All rewarding Venus gives;  
Never know the earthly heaven  
Where the wife and mother lives.  
Don't you really think, dear sister,  
Such a lot is hard to bear?  
Would my first lord's dust desire it:  
Would the buried manes care?  
Many here have come to woo me,  
Many where I was before;  
Now I find me not unwilling,  
Does my duty ask still more?  
Think, my sister, of the perils  
Threatening all the country 'round;  
Gaetul, and fierce Numidians  
Marshalling at the bugle's sound;  
Here defenseless coast arises,  
There the desert's trackless sand,  
Ancient enemies are rising,  
Warlike hordes throng 'round the land.  
Mayhap Juno, our protectress,  
Viewing our disasters near,  
Prompt to save her faithful people,  
Brought this Trojan hero here.  
What a city! What high honors  
We could win with such a king!  
Glories greater, triumphs grander  
Than our storied muses sing!  
Shall I, may I, ought I sister,  
Pausing, let this chance slip by,  
For an idea, for a scruple,  
Miss the proffer from on high?  
Dare I, then, neglect this succor?  
Dido must be all a queen,  
Mother of her loving people—

Self should never intervene.  
Self; I will forget; I'll woo him,  
Make new causes of delay,  
Keep him here with entertainment,  
Anna, kneel with me and pray:  
Father Jove and Gentle Venus  
Help me charm him if I may;  
Carthage, for thy dear salvation  
Dido throws her soul away.

## Of The Language of Milton.

BY GUIDO H. STEMPEL.

It was not the learning of Luther and his associates, but their homely good-sense, that gave Germany a language, literary and national. And if, to-day, one should seek the means of reaching many hearts, he would fashion his discourse (if, indeed, he was conscious of fashioning it at all), not after Milton, but after Bunyan; not after the magister, but after the tinker-preacher. The "two creative minds of the seventeenth century thus widely differ: Bunyan is Anglo-Saxon to the core, and uses the vernacular of the times and the estate, the fair and the may-pole; Milton has drunk deep at the Pierian Springs; his men are but a remove from gods, heroes and nymphs. We do not place one above the other; both have their places, like two statues, side by side, but in different niches.

When compared with others—writers with whom, on account of education and affiliation, he can better be compared—Milton, in respect to his foreign vocabulary, shows to much better advantage. He does not deliberately translate his thoughts into an idiom, as does Johnson. His foreign words, as we write English now, are, in a majority of cases, the fittest words he could have chosen. And, after all, when sinning, he sinned with his age. The path pedantry had trodden he could not wholly shun because of his dwelling more with the dead than the living.

And from this latter, Milton did indeed suffer. He is involved, obscure from too great a familiarity with the ancients. His sentences come to us like so much Latin. The words, phrases and clauses are perfectly plain, but it is only after close analysis that the sense of the whole sentence becomes clear. Logic is preserved, the grammar is faultless; nay, more, there is a beauty thus attained. But on the whole, it is a questionable practice to tax the conscious effort of reason. The sentence which does not unfold itself, so that the unconscious action of the conversant mind makes it clear to the reader, is, to say the least, a dangerous attempt in literature.

"A new language," says Johnson! Is it? In some points, some, such as here touched on, yes! So, too, did Carlyle invent a speech of his own. Why? The reason is the same in both instances. Milton wandered too far into the Romaic, Carlyle into the Teutonic, and each brought back exotics, flowers as well as weeds. Does anybody but a most rabid Blainite find fault with Milton's "me miserable" or "edge of battle"? With Carlyle's "sky-woven", "deep-hidden", "thou art, wilt, shalt"? Yet with Milton, as with Carlyle, later, mannerism became style, and the style a most worthy vessel of great thought.

That is the best style which is fitted to the matter. Milton "utters obscurely the obscurely thought" or seen. When he really feels and clearly sees no diction could be more forcible to convince, more musical to please, more afflated to stir. We find added to the sturdy strength of the Edda, the grace and majesty of the Aeneid.

Such is the rich stream of Milton's language, a language indeed suited for heroic measure. Milton was a consummate literary artist, and knew how to appeal to the ear and the heart as well as the imagination and reason.

If Milton was indeed the chief and first sinner, he has a numerous following. More people to-day write like Milton than like Bunyan. Bunyan gets all the praise, but Milton all the disciples. Excepting Spenser, no poet has left such an impression upon the language of poetry as Milton. Dryden is well nigh forgotten, and Pope has left but the advice of a practical artisan, while Milton is mighty among the poets of the century just closing. The English language was touched by him to be adorned. And next to the Swan of Avon, no poet is more often in the mouth of the people, even of the people who know him not except through others.

## The Importance of Revision.

BY M. B. ANDERSON.

The most perfect writers are those who revise the most. George Elliot induced Geo. Henry Lewes to rewrite everything he prepared for publication, and from that time a marked improvement was noted in the quality of his essays and books. Macaulay wrote the whole of his history of England twice over. Many similar instances might be given.

At Harvard College essays are submitted to the professor and then, after having been criticised, are uniformly rewritten. My own experience has been that I have never re-written, or even copied a composition supposed to be completed, without benefit. Over confident and hasty assertions are modified, a more careful choice of words is made, redundancies are pruned away, and the solid timbers of the thought is relieved of the underbrush of verbiage. Frequently a sentence can be shortened by half without materially affecting the thought. I am confident that nothing would contribute more to improve the quality of our periodical literature, and with it the tone of much of our thinking, than the habit of conscientious revision. Expression reacts upon thought; slapdash writing fosters helter-skelter thinking. On the other hand the accurate choice of words and the clear-cut precision of phrase and sentence that come only from careful attention to style, not only brace and quicken the mind of the reader, but they cultivate logical habits in the mind of the author himself.

The application of these principles to the practice of composition in college is obvious. Students frequently enquire with dismay: must I rewrite all this?

The answer is ready that surely, if Macaulay could profitably rewrite his history, you and I can profitably rewrite our little essays.

We cull the following passage from Prof. Anderson's review of "Morley's English Writers," published in the November number of the *Dial*: Very strange is the epic verse of our Anglo-Saxon forefathers. The poem of Beowulf is a psychological revelation of a stage in mental development when the poet felt too keenly to think consecutively, and dwelt too moodily upon impressive or tragic details to be an artistic narrator. The verification is abrupt, discontinuous, jagged; the verses seem to be forged upon the anvil. The gloomy narrative of battle and blood, brand and bale, hitches fitfully forward from one weird episode to another; verse succeeds verse like sword stroke in battle, and there in ever a dismal uncertainty where the next stroke may fall. The mind of the narrator becomes as it were infatuated with a personage or an event, which is dwelt upon in a series of powerful lines; finally it becomes necessary to proceed to something else, but the reader has hardly settled his attention on the new object of thought when all becomes confused, and he finds, upon analysis, that the narrative has doubled back upon itself and is again occupied with the subject which he had dismissed from his mind. This want of flexibility of intelligence makes the composers of Beowulf seem but as children in comparison with the authors (or author) of the Iliad and the Odyssey. The Greek epics are, indeed, in most respects incomparably superior in sure rapidity of movement, in balance of parts, in range of thought and versatility of power. In all that goes under the name of beauty, too, they are as superior as a day of sunshine to a day of fog. But fog and mist, gloom and despair have also their impressiveness, and for the supreme literary expression of this we must look not to Homer but to the rude Old English war epic.

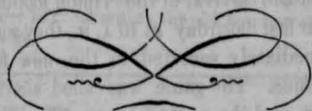
The *American Magazine* for December will be a Christmas number. Its leading article, by Wm. H. Ingersoll, will discuss the peculiarities of the accepted likeness of Christ, and recount the legend of its origin. This likeness is traceable in the sacred of all Christian nations from the beginning of our era. Mr. Ingersoll will more especially describe the endeavors of distinguished American painters and sculptors to represent the ideal. The article will be abundantly illustrated.

PROFESSOR PAYNE, of Ann Arbor, who is well known as an educator of scholarly and marked ability, leaves the college where he has made his reputation and accepts the presidency of the Tennessee Normal College at Nashville.

HARVARD COLLEGE began its two hundred and fifty-first year with about 1,700 students in the various departments. Cornell, like other institutions, is full to overflowing, more than a thousand students being registered, 350 of whom are Freshmen.

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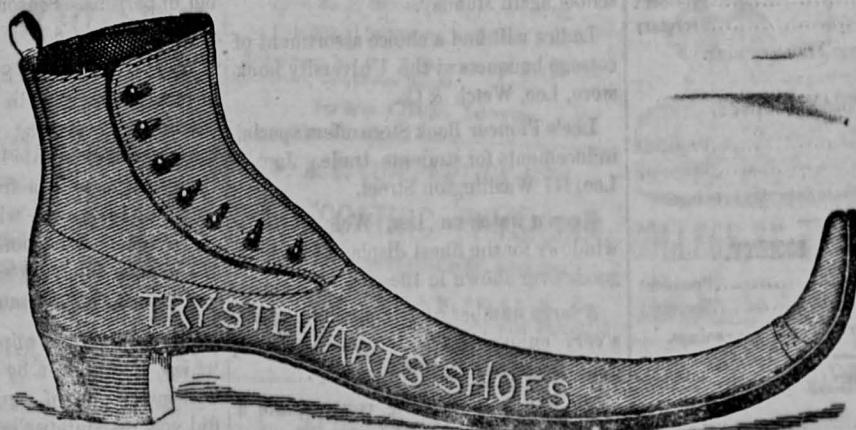
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David Evans was in town last night on his way to Springdale where he begins school again Monday.

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D. Cady Chase, M. B. Anderson and Guido H. Stempel contribute interesting articles to the literary page this week.

Some foolish lads amused themselves last night by carrying portions of the campus fence into the inside and leaving them against trees.

The freshmen have at last got possession of a foot-ball. It didn't seem to take some of the class long to get their money's worth out of it.

For those who intend to remain here over Thanksgiving, a very pleasant time is anticipated in the nature of a dance at Ham's Hall. All students of the University are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. J. A. Printy, Homeopathic Medical Department '82, of Imogene, Ia., was a guest of F. B. Tracy, Friday and Saturday of last week. Dr. Printy was on his way to Chicago to locate there permanently.

Prof. Parker met with very cordial reception at Sheffield and Neponset, where he lectured on Thursday and Friday evenings of last week. The schools under the charge of Geo. L. Leslie and F. S. Aby are prospering finely.

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Prof. and Mrs. Tripp, formerly connected with Central, have gone to Iowa City. They are much missed by the students, who will never forget the instruction received from them in the classroom, nor the many happy evenings spent at their home. We wish them the greatest success in the future.—*Central Ray*.

The following course of lectures will appear at the Opera House during the present season. Hon. B. K. Bruce,

Thursday, Dec. 1, Frank Beard, Feb. 27, and Col. J. P. Sanford, March 17. The course has been changed from the one proposed at the request of a large number of persons. Season tickets, \$1.50, for sale at Wieneke's.

W. J. Brady, D. D. S., (S. U. I. '86,) is at present engaged in the Dental Department in making a series of large drawings to illustrate lecture work. Dr. Brady was called in from his practice at Newton, Iowa, and will remain in the service of the department about a month. He is an artist of considerable ability, and is doing some beautiful work.

The following is clipped from a letter which was written by a girl in Vassar College to one of our students: What did you do Hallow'e'en? On that day our class sent each member of the Freshman class a little bag of salt, tied with green ribbons, and 91 painted on them. Of course you understand the significance of it. They were so fresh that they needed to "be salted down." Of course it created a good deal of merriment, as they did not know at once who sent them. They pinned them on their dresses and wore them into chapel as badges. What can you imagine! That Dr. Taylor, (the President) ignorant of the whole affair, read from the Bible that passage in the New Testament about, "If the salt hath lost its savor." When the word salt was read, a giggle began to go round the chapel which increased until it became a titter. Dr. Taylor not understanding the cause of the commotion was, of course, furious. He stopped his reading and stood and looked at us in such a way that giggling was the last thing we thought of doing. In a few minutes after chapel, the following poem was penned up on the student's board:

"Dear girls we are happy that you should see fit,  
To send us a share of your own salted wit,  
Such care for our welfare, so generous and kind,  
Outside of dear Vassar we never could find.  
And then it was clever; we are sure the bags will  
Materially assist us up learning's steep hill.  
But take to heart this, when you can not find rest,  
When your salt's lost its savor and life's lost its zest,  
Oh sit not repining, but to 91 send,  
And some of her freshmen she'll cheerfully lend." —91.

Prof. Eggert lectured to a large and appreciative audience on the French revolution last Saturday night. The professor received many flattering compliments. The question arises, are our prophets compelled to go to foreign fields in order to be appreciated? Why can not we have lectures of this kind? Echo answers:

Wait, be still!  
We will, we will!

### BILL NYE.

Students and everybody will be glad to learn that arrangements have been made to have a lecture in this city by the famous and funny Bill Nye in February. He expects to spend that month on a lecture tour, and this will be one of the western cities which he will visit. He says his "trainer," Major Pond, will get everything ready for him. Bill Nye's lecture will probably be the chief attraction this year. Endeavors will be made to get excursion rates to and from all towns near here.

### Foot Ball With Tipton.

On the arrival of the Tipton foot-ball team last Saturday at 10 A. M., they were immediately escorted to the new fair grounds. The game was called shortly after, and the contest began. The wind was rather strong and the Tipton boys had the advantage of it. After a hard contest of 55 minutes, a lucky kick gave the goal to the S. U. I. After a rest of five minutes the second goal was quickly won by the S. U. I. with advantage of the wind. The next goal was more lengthy, but by a couple of lucky, but exceedingly good plays on the part of Tipton, they won the third goal. It was then after 1 P. M., so the game was called in favor of the S. U. I. Most of the Tipton boys were compelled to leave at 3:20 P. M., giving them a short visit in the City. Some of them, however, stayed over until Monday. We hope the visit may be repeated.

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**With Tipton.**

The Tipton football team at 10 A. M., they were taken to the new fair ground. The game was called shortly after the first began. The wind was from the west and the Tipton boys won it. After a hard game, a lucky kick gave U. I. After a rest of a few days, a goal was quickly made with advantage of the next goal was more than enough for the Tipton boys. It was the third goal. It was the game was called U. I. Most of the team were compelled to leave at a short visit in the afternoon, however, stayed. We hope the visit

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**The Century Magazine.**

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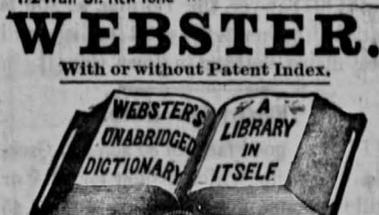
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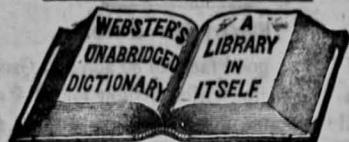
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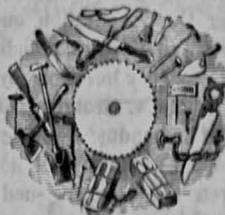
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Kind friends we're going to sing a song,  
Of the "Medics" in this town,  
They can't be beat in any state,  
So great is their renown.  
And if we strike to the right and left,  
And you sometimes get a blow.  
Don't paw the air and make a fuss  
But "Gallagher," let her go.

Chorus:—

Ah, the "Medics," yes you're right,  
They're the pride of the world you know;  
They're the nearest thing to nothing  
at all  
This side of Ohio.

The Medics are a civil set;

They neither smoke nor swear;  
They loaf about our city streets  
As if they didn't care.

But when the shades of evening fall,  
To "Sagwa" speeds the bum  
To give the "Kickapoo Medic" a lift,  
And listen to the drum.

Chorus:—

And next we'll touch upon the debate,  
About which they like to crow,  
They tap upon their dome of thought,  
And say "we got there you know."  
But friends this doesn't amount to much,  
Which you may all discover;  
If you'll only go behind the returns,  
And softly lift the cover.

Chorus:—

And when it comes to the gentler sex,  
The "Medics" are in a flutter.  
They stammer and sprawl, and mind  
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Of a fly that's in the butter.  
Up comes on deck a nimble "Law,"  
With brains, and smiles, and tin;  
He pities the "Medics" floundering  
So he takes the fair one in.

Chorus:—

Of collegiates too, we have our share;  
Their worth we all concede.  
But of all the collegiates we know,  
Little Peck he takes the lead.  
And when the Freshmen and the Sophs,  
On the campus go to scrap;  
The Laws stand by and take the blame  
Just to please "our Pap."

Chorus:—

Kind friends we've come to the end of  
our song;  
Excuse us if its slightly rough,  
And for this fault we this will plead—  
The subject is slightly tough.  
Now when it comes right down to the  
scratch  
For logic, art, and fame—  
The "Laws" must always take the lead,  
They get there just the same.

Chorus:—

In the last issue of the VIDETTE-REPORTER an article appeared in which it is stated that a number of the "Laws," in a very ungentlemanly manner, interrupted a class in elocution being held in the

Senior Hall. But such was not the case. The persons concerned in that disturbance were members of another department. Not one member of the Law department participated. Such errors of mistaken identity should not be made in the future.

STATE SOVEREIGNTY SUPERIOR TO THE COURTS:—In 1839, Daniel Webster answered by letter an inquiry of Baring Brothers, & Co., of London, as to whether state debts could be collected by law. Among other things he said: Any failure to fulfill its (states) undertaking would be an open violation of public faith, to be followed by a penalty of dishonor and disgrace, a penalty, it may be presumed, which no state would be likely to incur. This great statesman could not have written that clause a few years later, because several of the states partially repudiated their debts and "the plighted faith of the state" proved to be of no consideration;

While the letter did not say in so many words that a state could not be compelled to pay its debts, yet such was its implication. The United States have adopted the doctrine of England, U. S. v. Lee, 106 U. S. 207, that when a duty has to be performed the courts have no power to compel the crown, that over the sovereign the courts have no power. This doctrine is not in accord with the opinion of some of our jurists, who believe that a contrary doctrine should prevail, and cite decisions of the United States Supreme Court which seems to uphold a contrary view. In Harvey v. Virginia 20 Fed. Rep. 411, it was decided that a citizen may sue his own state.

Under the civil law a sovereign was subject to actions either in tort or on contract as a citizen. Before Edward I the English law contemplated the suing of the sovereign the same as any other person. At Rome, during the middle ages, the Rota was established, and had jurisdiction of international controversies among European governments.

Edward I asserted that he, being the sovereign, was above the laws of the kingdom. Since his time, the doctrine of the common law has been that a state cannot be sued on its own contracts except by its own consent. In 1793 the United States Supreme court decided that under the constitution one who was not a citizen of Georgia might compel that state to pay her debts by action at law; Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dal. 419. The eleventh amendment to the constitution adopted in 1798 does not, however, prevent a state being sued in admiralty.

The "plighted faith" of a sovereign state of this Union is all the security one has in making a contract with it. Those who deal in the bonds and obligations of a sovereign state are aware that they must rely altogether on the sense of justice and good faith of the state, but in order to provide for the enforcement of state contracts some of the states have organized courts similar to the United States court of claims, but beyond this a citizen has no redress except by sovereign consent and permission.

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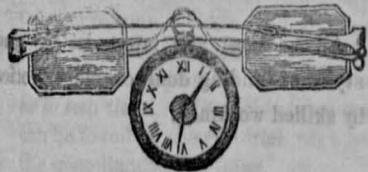
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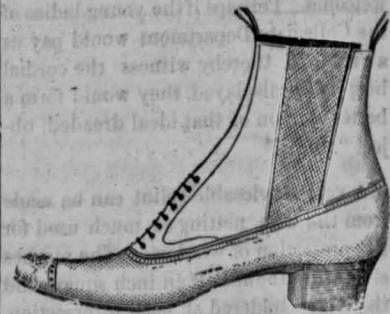
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Dr. Tullis, where were you Sunday?

Hurd suddenly called home this week.

The ladies of our department wish that "Curly" would be more careful with his arms.

Some of the boys can think of much better uses for alcohol than burning it on their fingers.

Two Rodgers in the second year grade class. One is L. A., so well known—the other is simply L.

We had a pretty little girl visitor in Prof. Farnsworth's lecture Wednesday. May she come again and often.

Prof. Shrader left Friday for Des Moines, to attend the meeting of the State Board of Health of which he is a member.

B. C. Dunkleberg, the modest first year "Medic" that sports such a dainty crop of whiskers, is a brother of E. E. Dunkleberg, of the class of '86.

"If it weren't for the origin and insertion and nerve supply, I'd have no trouble with the muscles," one of our fellow students remarks with a deeply drawn sigh.

Why is it that so few of our department are married men this year? It looks as if in their thirst for anatomy, etc., they have neglected to cultivate matrimonial fields. There are only about one quarter as many of them as there have been heretofore.

Fully 75 per cent of the Medical students are vainly endeavoring to be freed from the epithet of "beardless." But judging from the questionable results thus far exhibited, with few exceptions, wishes figure more conspicuously than results. Can't some one discover a successful beard invigorator?

Our recitation room is at length getting some attention and being fitted up nicely. The Medical library has been removed from it and will, we trust, soon be open to the students generally. Although we have very little time for outside reading, a little information from other sources than our text books and professors would lend variety to our work.

The disease of the German crown Prince seems to be taking a serious nature. All the statements of Dr. Mackenzie to the contrary notwithstanding, the royal surgeons are ready for tracheotomy at any moment, and the fact that such severe measures are even suggested for prolonging his life makes the prognosis decidedly uncertain. It is stated that the left vocal chord and the thyroid cartilage are now affected, and the nature of the symptoms has lead most of the eminent surgeons to call it cancer. The Prince is now in Italy, and all means for prolonging life are brought into action.

There were several fair visitors of the gentler sex in attendance at lectures

during the week, and judging from the effect upon the boys, as exhibited by their changing their seats from the parquette to the dress circle, throwing kisses, writing notes, and numerous other modes of appreciation, they were most welcome. Perhaps if the young ladies of the Collegiate Department would pay us a visit, and thereby witness the cordial hospitality displayed, they would form a better opinion of that ideal dreaded object "Medic."

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When I tossed me in pain, all fevered and sore;

The burning, the nausea, the singing and weakness,

And even the old spoon that my medicine bore.

The old silver spoon, the family spoon,

The sick-chamber spoon that my medicine bore.

How loth were my fever-parched lips to receive it,

How nauseous the stuff that it bore to my tongue,

And the pain at my inwards, oh, naught could relieve it,

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