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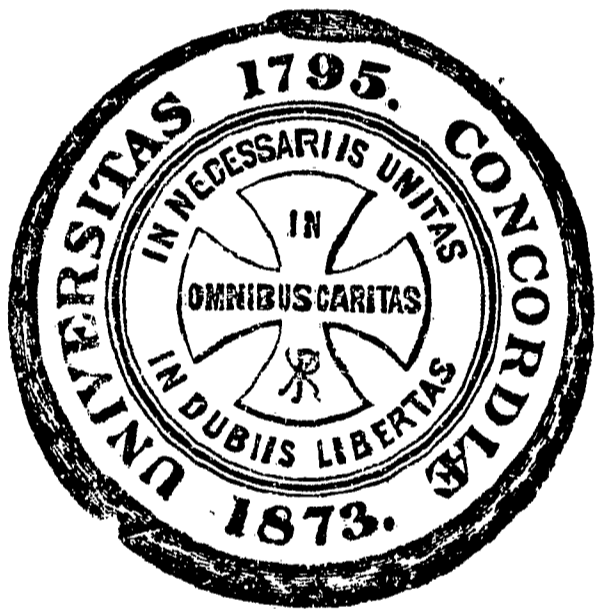
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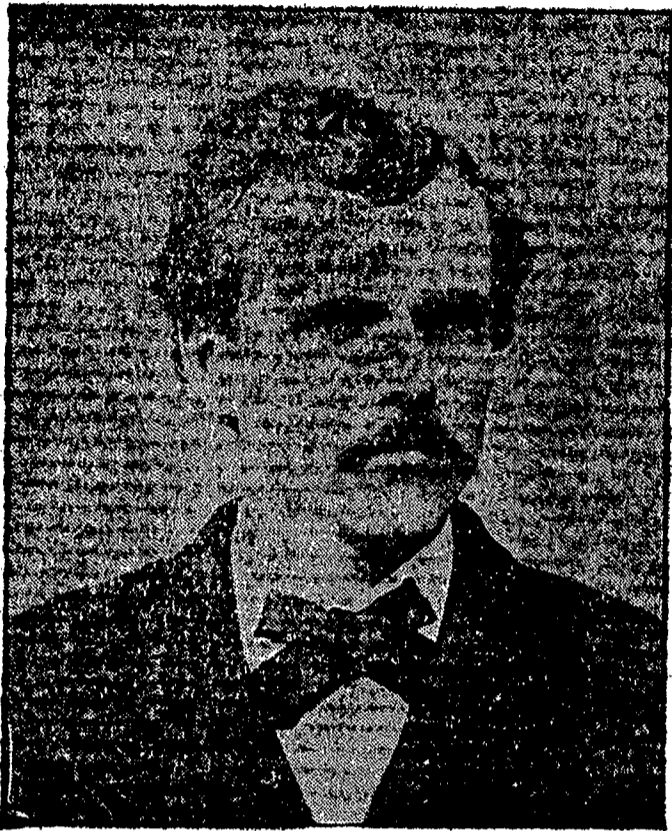
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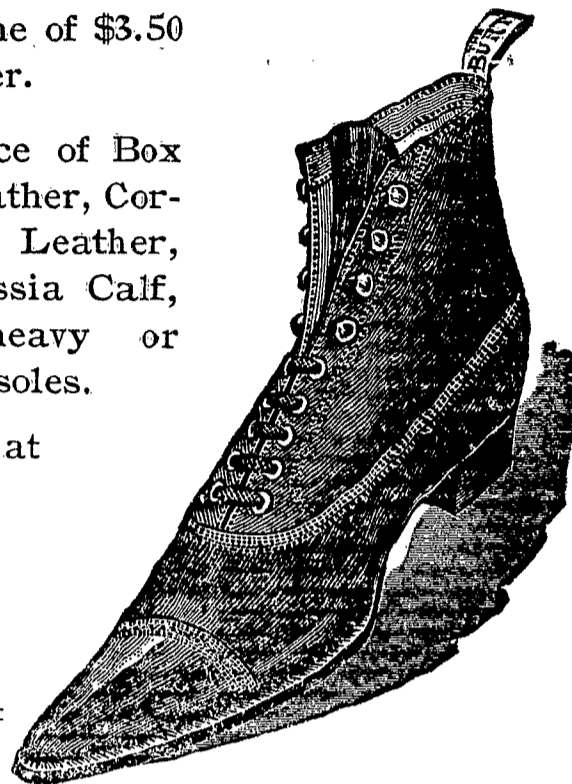
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25.

Charles Frohman presents "The Little Minister."

THURSDAY, JAN. 26.

"The Passion Play."

FRIDAY, JAN. 27.

Augustin Daly presents "The Circus Girl."
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SATURDAY, JAN. 28.

Martini's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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Personal Experiences in the Spanish War.

The Rev. Dr. Van der Water of New York city, delivered an entertaining lecture in the First Reformed church of this city on the evening of January 10. The speaker was chaplain of the Seventy-first New York Volunteers, the regiment which so well represented this state at the front in the late war, and accordingly his selection of the topic "Personal Experiences in the Spanish War," rendered the lecture doubly interesting. A large representation of Companies E and F, Second New York Volunteers, were in attendance as well as a good sized delegation from the college.

President Raymond presented Dr. Van der Water. The speaker is possessed of an unusually agreeable voice. Taking up his discussion in narrative form, he treated at first in a rough manner the general causes of the war and the difficulties in the mobilization of the troops.

The 71st New York, the chaplain said, was the first regiment to say they would go, the first one to be mustered in and the first to be sent to the front. In company with a large force of regulars, the Second Massachusetts and the Rough Riders it composed the Fifth Army Corps, which was the army of invasion. At Tampa great difficulties in getting on the ships were encountered and then many delays were necessary after being once on board. At length on June 15, after everything was ready and the last phantom Spanish fleet had gone up in mist the fleet of 59 vessels set sail arriving five days later off the Cuban coast. Orders for disembarking were soon given together with the order that each man should be provided with three days' rations, two hundred rounds of ammunition and should be equipped in heavy marching order. When once disembarked, by no means an easy accomplishment, the men were all so tired that they lay down in the hot sand to

sleep. The first evening, Dr. Van der Water said, he determined upon an evening service. He had not however taken into consideration the short duration of the southern twilight and in consequence found himself at seven o'clock, the appointed time, in the dark without means of reading the service. "It is astonishing what one can do under some circumstances" said he, "for I found that I could remember the service full well enough for the circumstances. I never knew just when that meeting broke up for after the last regular hymn the men kept singing songs and hymns until much after eleven o'clock."

On Monday morning at half-past three o'clock the first general advance began. In a short time they saw the first signs of the Rough Rider's fight of the day before. Sick and wounded men were staggering along, a few small graves with a little cross over them were noticed here and there, and then there was the terrible flock of vultures which never left the neighborhood. After proceeding along the road four miles, the danger commenced to become more imminent. On either side of the road was dense underbrush, while intertwined in it was an indescribable mass of barb wire. It soon became evident that the only method of approach was up a small gulch wide enough to admit but four men. That the men did it, under a heavy fire and without faltering need not be said. Shells, volley firing and the sharp crack of the sharpshooter's rifle produced frightful results. On they went to the turning place in front of San Juan hill.

Dr. Van der Water related the terrible scenes at the battle's close. "At the hospital there was a scene beggering description. The men were lying in pools of blood awaiting their turn at the operating table." The chaplain performed many a weary soldier's funeral, and did much to alleviate suffering on all sides. He

guided Miss Clara Barton to the tent of General Shafter, and witnessed the exchange of Hobson and his men. An amusing incident of the latter was the great enthusiasm shown upon the band's striking up, "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

The chaplain said that at this time the heat was so great that for a number of days he wore nothing but pajamas. He was rather amused later to see a cut of himself in that attire in an enterprising New York paper.

Dr. Van der Water, in closing, gave in a nutshell his opinion of the war and its results. "Every man went to do his duty. Great things were accomplished. It was a quick, holy war waged for a righteous cause. Let us now make a proper and wise use of its beneficent results."

Meeting of American Scientists.

During the week between Xmas and New Years the American Naturalist Society held its annual meeting at Columbia University in New York. This society is composed of nearly all the important Scientific organizations in the country, and among its divisions are the American Chemical, Anatomist, Physiological, Physiological, Plant, Morphological and Geological societies.

President Seth Low of Columbia, welcomed the scientists in an address in which he argued for a broad feeling among all men who are searching out knowledge along these lines.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Farlow of Harvard; Vice-President, Bumpus of Brown; Secretary, Morgan of Bryn Mawr; Treasurer, Smith of Maine.

Representatives from nearly all the colleges were present at every branch of the convention, but Union was only represented in two divisions, namely, the New York State Science Teachers' Association, at which Prof. Stoller was present, and at the meeting of the American Geological society, by Prof. Prosser, who was made a fellow of the society.

The Western Trip of the Musical Association.

About twenty-five students spent the first part of the holiday vacation taking the usual western trip of the college musical association. They left Schenectady Tuesday morning, Dec. 20, arriving at noon at Syracuse, where they remained several hours for dinner. The first concert of the trip was given in the Sherman opera house at Newark, Tuesday evening. The alumni of Newark were well represented. Ex-State Senator Stephen K. Williams, LL. D., '37, who was for many years a trustee of the college, and Hon. G. A. Holcombe, former United States Minister to China, occupied the boxes. Among the other Union men who were present were: George Edward Williams, '97; Christie Hartnagel, '98; Homer A. Crothers, '98; Wilfred T. Purchase, '99 and A. J. Hornsby, '99. After the concert the musicians and their friends adjourned to Sherman Hall, where a pleasing dance was enjoyed.

A good sized audience greeted the college musicians at Music Hall, Rochester, Wednesday evening. Among the alumni and students to whom the musical association is indebted for their efforts in behalf of the concert are: Alphonso Dix Bissell, '95; William Allen, '95; Raymond D. Fuller, '97; James G. Greene, '84; Howard Mosher, '90; C. Schuyler Davis, '88; Frank Little, '97; Robert Lee Skinner, '98; Beekman C. Little, '91; R. F. Warner, 1901; J. E. Parker, 1901 and A. J. Hornsby, '99.

Thursday afternoon the members of the clubs were the guests of Cap and Bells, the dramatic club of Williams college, which rendered Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," in a delightful manner, in the Burtis opera house at Auburn. In the evening the last concert of the trip was given in the beautiful new Music Hall at Auburn. A large and fashionable audience attended. After the concert the Union men enjoyed a delightful dance to which the members of the Williams club were also invited. For the dance the Union men are indebted to their girl friends at Auburn, prominent among whom must be mentioned Miss Frances Seward, grand-daughter of Wm. H. Seward, '55, one of Union's most distinguished graduates.

Neerology.

LEWIS WILLIAM MANSFIELD, '35.

Announcement has been received of the death of Lewis William Mansfield, '35, at his residence at Northside, Cohoes, from old age. He had been in feeble health for a long time. Mr. Mansfield was born in Kent, Litchfield county, Conn., May 16, 1816, and about sixteen years later removed to Northside. He entered Union College in 1833 as a junior and graduated in 1835 with the honor of Phi Beta Kappa and was the last but one of his class living. He was a member of the Delta Phi fraternity. Later he associated himself with the Hon. Hugh White, a brother-in-law, in the manufacture of hydraulic cement at Whitesport on the Hudson, which was the first cement works in New York state. In 1847 he sold his interest and with his wife went to Europe for his health. He was in Paris during the revolution of 1848 and was forced to depart from that country. Upon his return he entered upon a literary career and from 1850 to 1855 wrote a number of works, which include: "The Morning Watch," "Up-Country Letters," and "Country Margins." He was a friend of Nathaniel Hawthorne, who spoke very highly of his "Up-Country Letters." In later years he devoted himself to religious subjects. In 1855 he started the first knitting mill in Cohoes in the rear of the Miller House, and afterwards the Empire mill. In 1865 he retired from business on account of ill health. He was a member of St. John's church, Cohoes, and was the second oldest communicant, and for many years was a vestryman and warden and on stated occasions conducted the services. He is survived by a widow and one son, William K. Mansfield, who was for many years editor of the Cohoes Daily News.

REV. SAMUEL GOODALE, D. D., '36.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Goodale, one of the founders of the Psi Upsilon fraternity at Union college in 1833, died at his home in Columbus, Neb., on December 8. He was graduated from Union in the class of 1836 with the honor of Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Goodale was eighty-four years old, and was greatly beloved by the members of his fraternity throughout the country. He always took an active interest in its concerns and was a frequent attendant at its conventions.

Prof. Edwards Back From Europe.

Prof. George V. Edwards, formerly instructor in Latin at Union, was on the hill for a few days at the opening of the term. After leaving Union in the summer of '97, Mr. Edwards went to Europe where he spent most of his time in the University of Munich. The last few months of '98 were occupied in travel in southern Europe, and in December Mr. Edwards took steamer for this country. It is his intention to spend the remainder of the present collegiate year at Johns Hopkins University. While abroad Mr. Edwards wrote a book on "The Ablative and Genitive of Quality," which was published in Germany, and which will shortly be published in English by the Johns Hopkins University Press of Baltimore.

Personals.

Gayetty, ex-'98, has entered the '99 Engineering Division.

W. Morse Wilson, ex-'99, has been visiting friends in the city.

A new basketball outfit has been added to the gymnasium apparatus.

The Sophomore Soiree committee held its initial meeting Friday afternoon.

Messrs. Lee and Ryder of Wesleyan were visiting fraternity friends last week.

President Raymond addressed the Ministerial association of Amsterdam, on December 30.

Herman D. Enoch, formerly of Rochester University, has entered the Engineering Course.

Dean Ripton was confined to his house with sickness during nearly the entire Christmas recess.

William H. Sinclair, ex-'97, was a guest of his brother, Rodger D. Sinclair, '98, during the holidays.

The next concert of the musical clubs will be given at Albany in Odd Fellows Hall, Saturday, February 4.

E. F. Schwilk, '90, who is pursuing his medical studies in New York, spent the holidays with relatives in the city.

Dr. Edward Gillespie, '93, spent the holidays in this city. He is a member of the staff of physicians at the state hospital at Binghamton.

Frank VanDeBogert, '95, and Alva L. Peckham, '96, both of whom are engaged in post graduate work in Philadelphia, spent the holiday vacation at their homes in town.

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NOW THAT the weather is not congenial for outdoor athletics, there is a branch of athletics to which we would like to call attention. Within the last few years basket ball has become quite popular in various colleges, and a Basket Ball Team at Union would not be out of place. Such an organization would be the means of preserving college interest at a period when it is very apt to grow dull. There are teams in the city and near by towns with whom games could be arranged, and also class teams could be formed and a series of games played. This branch of athletics would prove of value as the exercise would develop men for outdoor work next spring. Two important meets will be held at that time, and it is necessary that every athlete in college should get himself into good condition. Basket ball is a very good substitute for other sports that cannot be enjoyed during the winter months. It requires the action of the whole body, it develops physical courage and quickness, and it is a game that arouses enthusiasm. Let us have a basket ball team.

THE CONCORDIENSIS formally announces the appointment of W. C. Campbell, 1900; H. P. Dunham, 1900; and L. T. Hubbard, 1900, on the staff of associate editors. If there are any more freshmen who desire an appointment on next year's editorial board, they should hand in their names immediately, either in person or by letter.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD that there is on foot a movement to present at sometime during the term a minstrel performance. The idea is a good one and The Concordiensis desires to see the project carried out. As yet it has been only a matter of discussion among the promoters, but now that the work of the term is fairly under way, let there be a meeting of all those interested so that preparations may be at once begun. The Concordiensis suggests that Mr. Vander Veer, the manager of the Musical association, take charge of the business part of the undertaking; and surely no better one could be chosen for a general director, than Instructor Pollard. Dramatics go to make up an important factor in the undergraduate life of many colleges, but for many years past they have been neglected at Union. It is time that this state of affairs was remedied, so let everyone who has any talent in this direction attend the meeting which will be held next week.

A NUMBER of colleges have been tendering complimentary dinners to the members of the "scrub" football teams, as a mark of appreciation for the faithful services rendered during the football season. This seems to us a good idea. The scrub players undergo a great many hardships, and as very little honor or importance is attached to a position on the "scrub," there is no inducement for men who have little hope of making the 'varsity to come out. These men have sacrificed their time and have endured a good many hard knocks out of loyalty for the college, and this seems to be a fitting manner for the student body to show their gratitude.

Union had a remarkably strong "scrub" last fall, and the 'varsity received some valuable train-

ing from lining up against them. Surely our "scrub" deserves something for their services, just as much as the "scrub" teams of other colleges. Just now no more fitting manner presents itself, than the course that has been followed by others. The team would greatly appreciate a movement of this kind and as the saying is, there is no better way of appealing to a man than through his stomach.

Married.

On the evening of December 5, a very pleasant wedding took place at Haverhill, when Miss Kate Marion Blunt and Prof. John W. H. Pollard were united in marriage.

The church was beautifully decorated with laurel, evergreen and palms, relieved by large knots of white pinks and narcissus, and wreaths of holly marked the pews reserved for the immediate friends of the families. The wedding music was in accord with the rest of the ceremony and was very impressive. The maid of honor was Miss Florence Blunt, the only sister of the bride, and the four bridesmaids were Miss Carolyn Wilson, Miss Grayce Welles of Taunton, Miss Lydia Sanderson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Margaret Eastman of Albany. The best man was Mr. Harry C. Pollard, a cousin of the groom, and the six ushers, Mr. A. C. Griffin, Mr. Fred D. Chase, Dr. Wm. McFee, Mr. Theodore LeBosquet, Prof. John I. Bennett and Mr. John C. Adams.

Immediately after the ceremony a small reception, to which only the relatives and immediate friends of the newly married couple were invited, was held at the residence of the bride's parents.

In welcoming Prof. Pollard and his bride to Schenectady we are sure that we are stating the sentiments of every Union man in wishing them a very happy New Year and good fortune for the future.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Emeline Westinghouse, daughter of Mrs. Jay Westinghouse of this city, to Clarke Winslow Crannell, '95, of New York.

The Fall Term's Scholarship Record.

After chapel last Wednesday morning President Raymond took occasion to congratulate the students on the exceptionally fine record in scholarship for the first term. He said it reflected credit upon the faculty as well, and declared the work of the term to be the best since he has been connected with the college.

Dr. Raymond made a detailed statement concerning the work of the fall term, showing that only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the work of the senior class, 3 1-5 per cent. of the work of the junior class, 2 per cent. of the work of the sophomore class, and 2 1-5 per cent. of the work of the freshman class, had fallen below the sustaining mark. Of the work of the college as a whole $97\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. had been above the required grade.

Of special significance also was the president's announcement of the scholarship records of the football men. Only one of the sixteen men constituting the team had been conditioned, and he only in one subject. One player had received an average of third grade, and the average of all the others had been in either the first or second grade. Of the six freshmen who made the football eleven, three had averages of first grade and the other three of second grade.

Paid Officials for League Games.

The Hamilton Review commenting on the past foot ball season of the college closes the article with the following extract:

"One other point which has caused dissatisfaction is the point of officials for league games. We think that the officials of the Colgate-Hamilton game were the best we have had this season. We also think that some of the decisions in the Union-Hamilton game were anything but just. Now, why can not the league have paid officials for these league games? Have men chosen who are disinterested and let the same officials act at all league games. We believe that this would be a change for the better and hope to see it discussed in other college papers."

Distinguished Guests On The Hill.

Union had quite a distinguished guest on Wednesday in the person of Col. Carlos Garcia, who since the death of his father the great Cuban leader, Gen. Calixto Garcia, has been raised to the rank of general in the Cuban army. He was accompanied by his younger brother Mario Garcia, and by Mr. Gilbert K. Harroun, treasurer of the college.

Mr. Harroun in his position as secretary of the Cuban Educational association invited the two Cubans to visit Schenectady that they might see the college, as well as the great manufacturing plants of the Schenectady Locomotive works and the General Electric company. The party were shown through the college in the afternoon and in the evening were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Raymond. Thursday they were the guests of Gov. Roosevelt at Albany.

During the course of their brief stay at the college, Mr. Harroun was seen by a representative of The Concordiensis who was informed that probably the Garcia's visit would result in Mario Garcia's entering Union.

F. R. Champion, '99, who has been out of college since the outbreak of the war, having

served as a sergeant in F company, second regiment, has returned and taken up his studies with his class.

Walter H. B. Lyon, ex-'99, spent part of last Tuesday on the hill. Mr. Lyon has recently returned from the Klondike where he has had active charge of the Joseph Ladue Mining Company's interests. His headquarters were at Dawson City.

Gardiner Kline, of Amsterdam, a former member of 1900, who was compelled last year to leave college owing to ill health, has returned as a member of the sophomore class. For the past four months he has been in the Black Hills, South Dakota, engaged in work on a United States geological survey.

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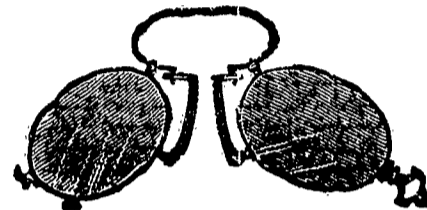
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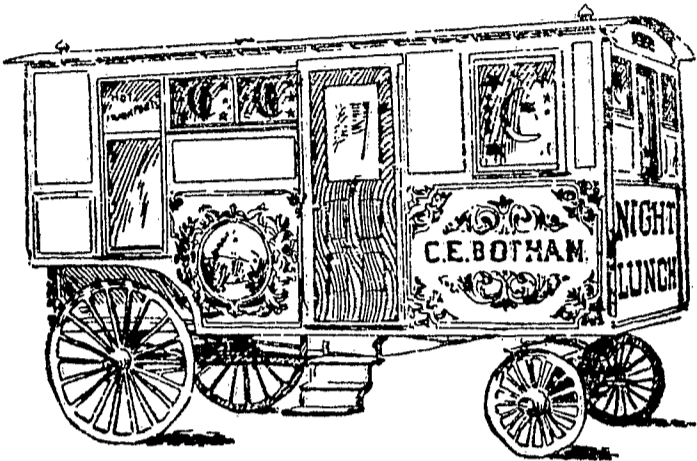
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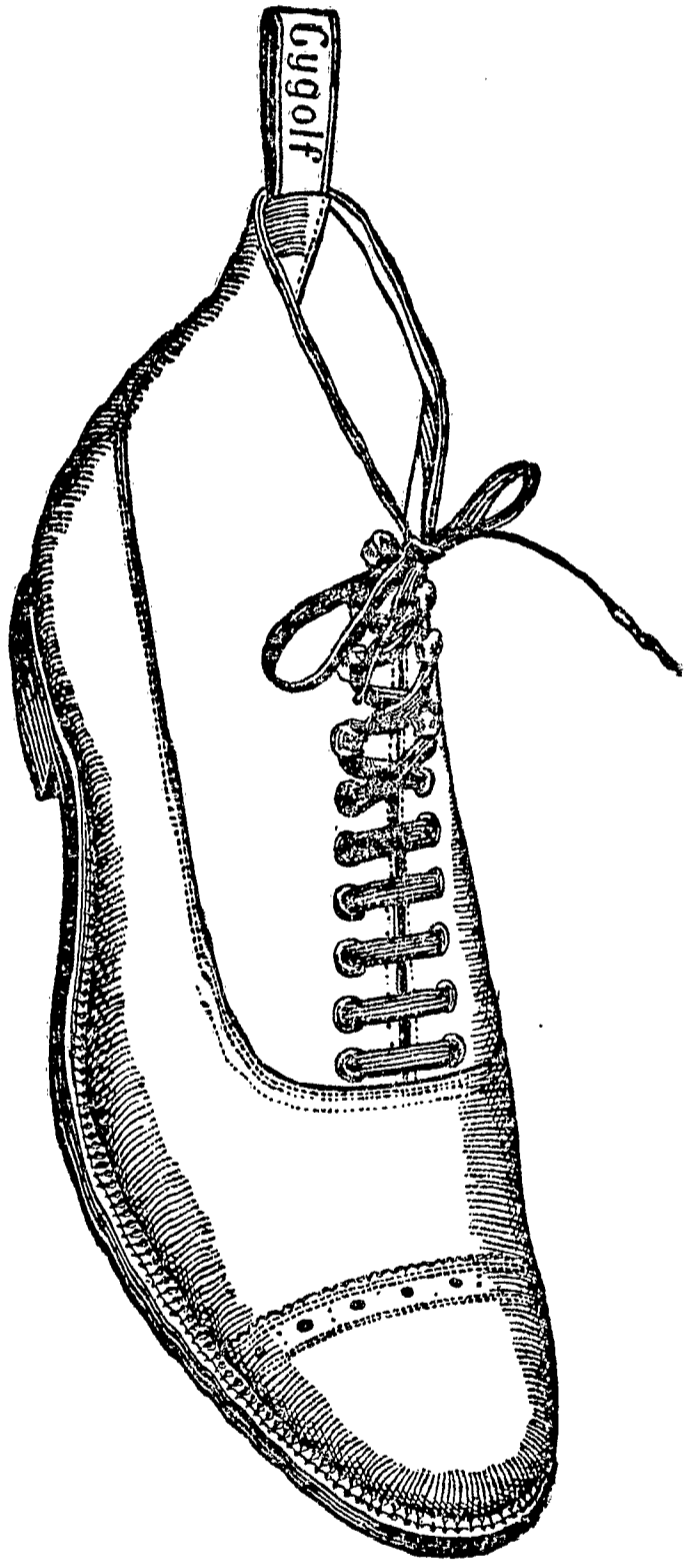
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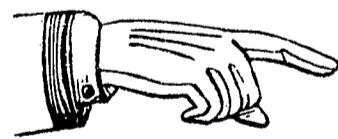
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