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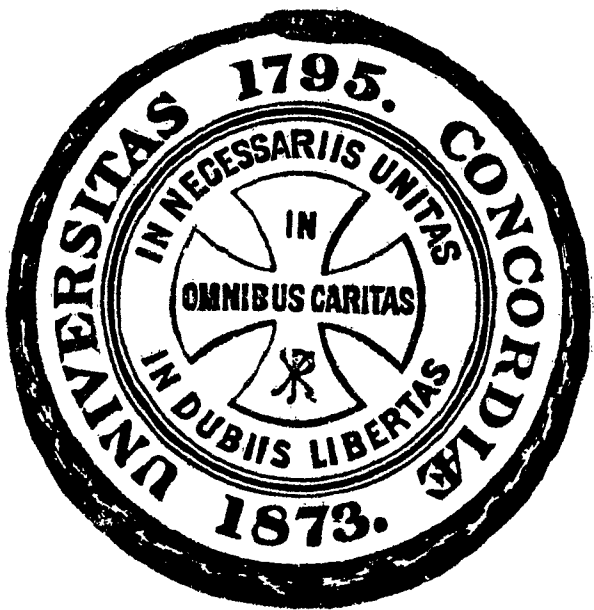
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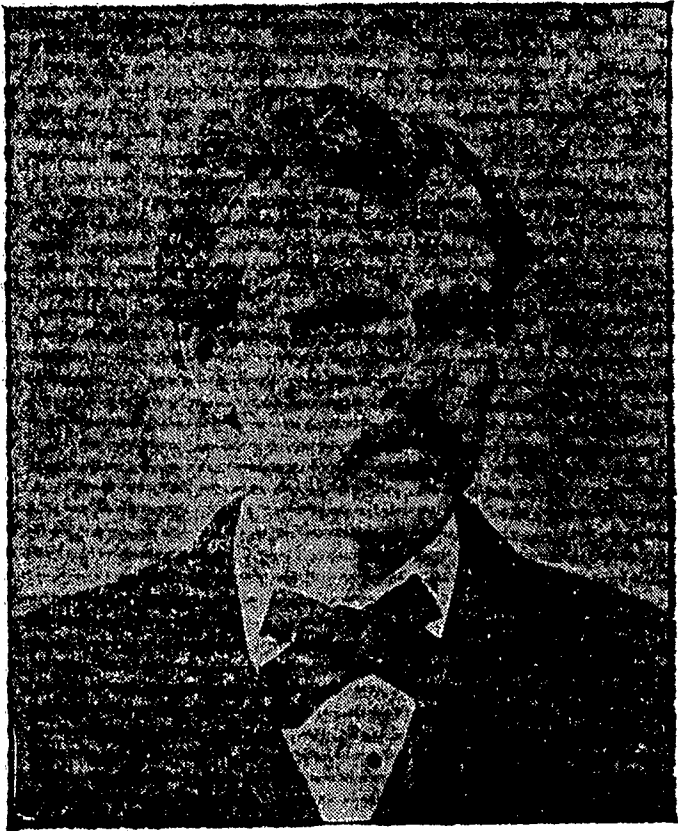


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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25.

Charles Frohman presents "The Little Minister."

THURSDAY, JAN. 26.

"The Passion Play."

FRIDAY, JAN. 27.

Augustin Daly presents "The Circus Girl." From Daly's Theatre, New York.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28.

Martini's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

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Robert Q. Ogden on "I."

On the evening of Jan. 16, Mr. Robert C. Ogden of New York, delivered the second of the three lectures which have been arranged by Miss Frances C. Paige for the benefit of the students fund. The lecture was given in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church; the subject was "I," which, as the speaker said, is at first thought a very small subject but in reality is one for deep and profitable thought. The college quartette added to the enjoyment of the evening by singing some college songs in the early part of the evening.

After a graceful apology for his appearance on the lecture platform between the lectures of such noted men as Rev. Dr. Van der Water and Bishop Potter, Mr. Ogden entered upon his subject.

He said, in opening his address, that, contrary to what might be expected from the subject announced, he had no intention of speaking about himself. He defined his subject as, I, the personal pronoun, first person singular, meaning "one's self. One of the most familiar developments from ego, the Latin equivalent for I is egotist—"One who speaks, writes and thinks much about himself." "Self-importance," said Mr. Ogden, "is an inherent element in our natures, and under the influence of compliment and flattery it has unlimited capacity for abnormal growth." Hence it is not strange that many, unable to withstand its power, become the egotists with whom we are all familiar. They are the little men and women who "await you with their small omnipotence on every social occasion, annoying you by their self-complacency, or provoking you by their self-conceit; people who are so impressed with their own importance that they think themselves as interesting to other people as they are to themselves. He gave some striking illustrations

of the little man, the egotist in the various callings of life.

Mr. Ogden said that in speaking of the egotist his aim was to "show that the bores of society are self-centered" and to furnish a perspective for the further treatment of his subject. He then passed to the consideration of his subject from a different and more serious point of view.

He took his definition of the topical word from a sermon by Canon Kingsley, the great English preacher. This gives a hint of the general sublimity of human life and suggests the importance of "understanding the divine estimate of man." What higher testimony could there be to the dignity of humanity than is found in the Bible, especially in the sayings of Christ, the Son of Man. Looking at it from this standpoint we see that man occupies a position at once unique and superior and he should regard himself "with awe and fear lest by acts of his own he degrade and belittle the nature that has almost divine possibilities and for whom God himself has done so much."

The speaker then considered the development of man and his great achievements. But while he is making such progress in the physical world, man's sense of his duty to mankind is becoming more keen. "Splendid witness to this is found in beneficent organizations, hospitals, asylums, almshouses, schools, colleges, universities. But more emphatic still is the loving devotion that is paid to the work and memory of such noble men and women as have devoted life, service or fortune or both, to the welfare of humanity." Mr. Ogden gave a glowing tribute to the grandeur and dignity of the individual, I, "a child of God, a citizen of the universe, the heir of all the ages."

He then dwelt upon the danger to individuality that lies in the present tendency to form great organizations whose machinery is humanity and in which the individual is lost sight of.

The lecture closed with a quotation from a prayer at the conclusion of Kingsley's sermon on the same topic.

The Freshman Banquet.

The freshmen had everything their own way at the Edison Hotel Friday evening, January 13, at which time they held their banquet. The sophomores caught a few frosh who were roaming about the hotel corridor during the afternoon, and locked them up in a room at another hotel. But just before the freshmen went into the banquet hall, a number of the big freshmen, whom the sophs did not dare tackle, secured a sophomore and dragged him into the dining room. The sophomores who crowded about the dining room doors, spoiled a bowl of punch as it was being brought in, but another bowl was prepared, in time to quench the freshmen's thirst. When the banquet had been in progress about half an hour and everyone was thinking of what was coming next on the menu, the sophomore made a bold dash for the door, passing within a foot of the two strongest and largest men in the class, who were taken too much by surprise to intercept him. This created quite a bubble and it was some time before tranquility was restored.

About forty members of the class were present, besides a number of invited guests and the managers of the various college organizations, among whom were the following: Instructor J. W. H. Pollard, Instructor Opdyke, Leroy T. Bradford, James N. Vander Veer, Geo. C. Rowell, William J. Smith, Edward W. Strong, Harold J. Hinman, Wagner Van-Vlack, Robert C. Gambee, George C. Foote, Leroy O. Ripley, W. Dewey Loucks, Morton M. Price, Stephen C. Medberry, John L. Sherwood, Chas. H. McCulloch.

After the inner man had been satisfied, the toastmaster, Chas. S. Yawger of Seneca Falls, announced the following toasts:

A. H. Hinman, Albany... "President's Address."
D. E. Griffith, Watertown... "1901."
F. M. Thebo, Fort Edward... "Our Cane Rush."
J. Q. Gulnac, Binghamton... "Athletics."
J. H. Small, Albany... "The Faculty."
D. C. Hawkes, Elmira... "Other Fellows' Sisters."
D. M. Dunning, Auburn... "Old Union."

The upper classmen were then called upon for impromptu toasts, and after numerous speeches had been made, frequently interspersed with song, the banquet broke up at an early hour.

The Basket Ball Team.

That Union is to have a basket ball team is an established fact. Fifteen basket ball enthusiasts met in the "Gym." last Tuesday night, and took definite steps towards its organization.

From among the candidates, F. M. Thebo, 1902, was elected captain of the 'Varsity, and Hinman, 1902, was selected to captain the second team. It was decided that only the captain of the first team should be a permanent factor on the 'Varsity; the other positions being open to constant competition, and changes to be made as often as the captain and coaches should deem them advisable.

In order to have a working basis, each captain was permitted to select four men, these eight, with the captains, to constitute the two teams for the first night's practice.

Practice began Friday night, and will continue every Monday, Tuesday and Friday night the remainder of the season.

Physical Director Pollard will act as manager. Negotiations are on with Williams, Colgate, R. P. I., LaSalle Institute, Sadilee Hose Basket Ball team of Fort Edward, and the following Y. M. C. A. teams: Herkimer, Little Falls, Amsterdam, Saratoga, Glens Falls, Watervliet and Albany. The schedule of games will soon be decided upon. The first game will probably be played at Fort Edward. All games will be scheduled for either Friday or Saturday nights, so that studies and recitations may not suffer.

The management will endeavor to make this particular branch of sport self-supporting. All games will be played away from home, until circumstances will warrant a contest on home grounds.

The candidates for positions on the team are as follows: Huntley, '99, Lawton, 1900, Anderson, 1900, Paige, 1900, Bahler, 1901, Golden, 1901, Bowden, 1901, Carver, 1901, Mallery, 1901, Slack, 1901, Wight, 1901, Gulnac, 1902, Hays, 1902, Hinman, 1902, Oakley, 1902, Shaw, 1902, Thebo, 1902.

For the first night's practice the first team was composed of the following men: Thebo, 1902, captain; Anderson, 1900, Paige, 1900, Carver, 1901, Mallery, 1901. The second team was made up of Hinman, 1902, captain; Huntley, '99, Gulnac, 1902, Hays, 1902, Shaw, 1902.

A great deal of enthusiasm is manifested in this sport, and some very satisfactory results may be expected.

Magazine Review.

OUTING.

Outing for January is a beautiful number which carries the usual generous supply of interesting text and artistic illustration. It is full of the merry sport and pastime of bracing Winter days. The contents are: "Mid-Winter Madcaps" (poem), by Charles Turner; "A Christmas in Mooseland," by Ed. W. Sandys; "New Year's Day at a Hudson Bay Fur Post," by W. Bleasdel Cameron; "A Hockey Match," by M. Gertrude Cundill; "In Lotus Land Awheel," by T. Philip Terry; "A Day's Sport in the West Indies"; "The Perils of Whaling," by Captain R. F. Coffin; "The Passing of the Ice Carnival," by Edwin Wildman; "A Fox Hunt on the Pedee," by Jane Marlin; "A Snowshoe Caribou Hunt," by Frank H. Risteen; "A Christmas Morning in Carolina," by F. A. Olds; "Bastien," by S. Rhett Roman; "A Leopard Hunt in Bengal," by J. W. Parry; "Figure Skating," by J. E. Mitchie; "Florida Fishing Sketches," by Mary T. Townsend; "The Yarn of the Tampa," by E. L. H. McGinnis; "Jack Rabbit Hunts and Drives," by David W. Fenton; "The Orange Lake Ice Yacht Club and Its Rivals," by H. Percy Ashly, and the usual editorials, poems and records.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

The American Monthly Review of Reviews for January begins its new volume with a strong issue. The two important and timely subjects of American diplomacy and territorial expansion figure prominently in the January number. The editor reviews the historic year 1898 from the international viewpoint and discusses pending national problems.

The much talked-of recent visit of Mr. W. T. Stead to the Czar of Russia is described in full by Mr. Stead himself. The significance of the interview with the young "Emperor of Peace" will be appreciated by all who have followed the disarmament proposition. Mr. Stead's article has also a distinctly personal interest, which is heightened by the new portraits of the Czar, the Czarina, and their children, which compose the illustrations.

An illustrated anecdotal character sketch of the late General Garcia, the Cuban patriot, is contributed by George Reno, who was closely associated with General Garcia for two years. The frontispiece is a portrait of General Garcia taken only a few days before his death.

The question of the bearings of our federal Constitution on the government of newly acquired territories, about which so much haze seems to have gathered in the popular mind, is very clearly and

exhaustively treated by Prof. Harry Pratt Judson, of the University of Chicago.

"Our Diplomacy in the Spanish War" is a most timely topic pending the Senate's ratification of the peace treaty. The important developments in diplomacy which led up to the signing of that treaty are exhaustively reviewed by Mr. Henry Macfarland, the well-known Washington correspondent. Many people fail to realize how important a part diplomacy played in achieving the results of the war. Mr. Macfarland writes from the view-point of intimate "inside" information.

Margherita Arlina Hamm gives a survey of the work of the Red Cross on the field and in the hospital.

"A great American Sculptor" is the title of an article in which Miss Laura Carroll Dennis describes the work and career of that rising young genius, Mr. George Grey Barnard. The article is illustrated with photographs taken especially for the Review.

The Sophomore Soiree.

The Sophomore Soiree committee is now organized and is working actively for the success of the mid-winter social event. The committee has been considerably hampered in its efforts through the inability of securing the Van Curler opera house as the place for holding the dance. The opera house has been the scene of many a pretty dance in years past and much regret has been expressed over the present conditions. The question of a place has not been fully determined upon as yet but it is not unlikely that the new dancing hall on lower State street will be the one chosen. Memorial Hall and the Hotel Edison have also been suggested. The dance will be held on the evening of February 10. The other particulars have not been settled upon as yet but will be ready for announcement in the next issue.

The committee is as follows: George Hackett, Delta Phi, chairman; G. LeRoy Shelley, Phi Delta Theta; John E. Parker, Kappa Alpha; Richard F. Warner, Sigma Phi; LeRoy J. Weed, Psi Upsilon; James N. Miller, Alpha Delta Phi; Horatio J. Brown, Chi Psi; Rodman H. Robinson, Phi Gamma Delta; Charles J. Bennett, Beta Theta Pi; Leopold Minken, Delta Upsilon; and Guy B. Collier.

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A HOLLOW sound proceeding from the treasury suggests emptiness. Emptiness suggests that some one ought to pay his subscription. Receipts will gladly be exchanged for two dollars and fifty cents at any time. This is no joke.

SOME time ago The Concordiensis asked for detailed information concerning Union men who enlisted in the late war. As yet the list is very incomplete, and we wish that all those who can give any information, would send it in as soon as possible.

WITHIN a few months the annual oratorical contest between Rochester, Syracuse and Union will be held, and about the middle of February there will be a preliminary contest to select Union's representative. Last year the exhibition was held in Schenectady and the medal was won by the Union speaker. We hope that the college may be as well represented this year, and make the suggestion

that the candidates begin work immediately. We also call attention to the fact that candidates must be members of one of the literary societies. The coming contest will be held under the auspices of Rochester university at Rochester.

IT IS TO BE regretted that so little interest is taken in the college papers by the students. There are a great many who do not think it necessary to support the publications either with news or subscriptions. The publications are not private concerns, managed for the material interests of the editors. The Concordiensis and The Parthenon are just as truly college organizations as the musical association, the literary societies and the athletic teams.

There may be some who cannot afford to subscribe for the college papers, but the majority have no such excuse and have sufficient means to spend in other ways which do not advance the interests of the college as the papers do. Some of these non-subscribers are members of the various college organizations, whose events The Concordiensis chronicles, and these are the very students who complain if the events are not fully reported.

The editors are doing all they can to advance the interests of the college. Is it not then the duty of the students to stand by the college papers and support them, just as much as any other college organization?

ALL THOSE who have not paid their subscriptions to the musical association are urgently requested to do so without delay. The management is greatly hampered from lack of funds, and there are numerous expenses that must be paid. The subscription is not a heavy one and there is not a man in college who cannot afford to pay it. The managers have already drawn on their own resources to meet current expenses, expecting that the students would pay up, and they positively refuse to go further until they have been reimbursed to the full extent of the outlay they have already so generously made. The managers also state that many of the students have not yet settled up for the tickets which they disposed of for the Schenectady concert.

Now, this is a down right shame. The association needs this money badly, and the students have no more right to retain it in their possession than they have to retain the money of an individual. They are appropriating indefinitely for their own use, funds that do not belong to them, while the manager has been compelled to put his hand into his pocket, in order to meet expenses. Is this the return that the students desire to make for generosity? We do not think so. But let every student pay up, and do so now.

A 1901 Man in Trouble.

On December 20, 1898, there happened at Greenville, S. C., an event of much interest to Union undergraduates, and yet one not generally known to them. The Concordiensis learned of the affair shortly after its occurrence and since then has been endeavoring to learn something more than the bare particulars. Thus far, however, little success has been met with, and in this number is published the brief report sent out by the Associated Press on the following day. It was as follows:

GUARD KILLS A SOLDIER.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 21.—Private Murgridge, Second West Virginia regiment, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by Private John Mattice of the Two Hundred and Third New York regiment, who also shot and wounded Private Hart of the Second West Virginia. Murgridge and Hart were at pistol practice in the woods near the regimental camp. Mattice, who was on guard duty, started to arrest the men, when, it is claimed, Murgridge fired twice at him. Mattice returned the fire, the ball passing through Murgridge's body and striking Hart in the side. Hart denies that either he or Murgridge fired at the guard. General Kline has ordered Mattice to be turned over to the civil authorities for trial.

It is of course needless to say that Private John Mattice is a former member of the class of 1901, he having left college at the outbreak of the war last spring.

The December Parthenon.

The Parthenon for December unavoidably comes from the press a little late, but contains two very interesting letters: "Union in the Turkish Empire," by William H. Hall, '96, now at the head of the primary department of the Syrian Protestant college, Beirut, Syria; and "A Letter from Cuba," by Hiram C. Todd, '97, now a 2nd Lieut. in the 202nd Reg't New York Volunteer Infantry, which was the van-guard of the army of occupation. There is also a new Union song, written by Joseph A. O'Neill, '97, entitled Rah! Rah! Rah!

Dr. Raymond on Citizenship.

President Raymond last Saturday was in New York, where he was the principal speaker that evening at the fourth meeting in the interests of students and recent college graduates of New York city. The meeting took place at the Cavalry Episcopal church and was presided over by Bishop Potter. Dr. Raymond's subject was "The Young Man's Duty to the State," and the other speaker, Hamilton W. Mabie, editor of The Outlook, discussed the question, "The Young Man's Duty to Religion."

Personals.

G. H. Dudley, '75, was the guest of the Chi Psi fraternity on Monday.

James C. Cooper, '97, has been elected vice-president of the senior class of the Albany Law school.

Civil service examinations, open to all, will be held in most large towns in March, to get clerks for Uncle Sam. Persons wishing to know the dates and places and how the positions can be obtained can write Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C., and same will be furnished without cost.

New Honors For a Union Man.

The following clipping taken from the New York Tribune of Jan. 8, is self explanatory. Mr. Evans was a member of the class of '83 and has held several important offices in South Carolina, having been governor of that state in 1895.

Havana, Jan. 7.—Major-General Ludlow, Military Governor of the city of Havana, has chosen John Gary Evans to succeed the Marquis de Estoban as Mayor of Havana, and Mr. Evans will assume his new duties tomorrow.

Honorable Mention.

Walter Camp, in Collier's Weekly for January 14, has an extended review of the football season, with individual mention of all the best players. Among his remarks regarding the quarters, we find the following: "Smith of Union was a man who on a larger team would have made his mark."

Chair for Dr. Van Dyke.

To the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke of the Brick Presbyterian Church of New York city, has been offered the chair of literature at Johns Hopkins University. The action was taken and notification sent to Dr. Van Dyke at a recent trustees' meeting, and he has not yet come to a decision as to accepting the offer.

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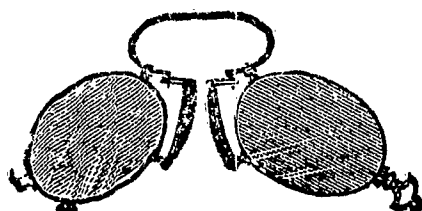
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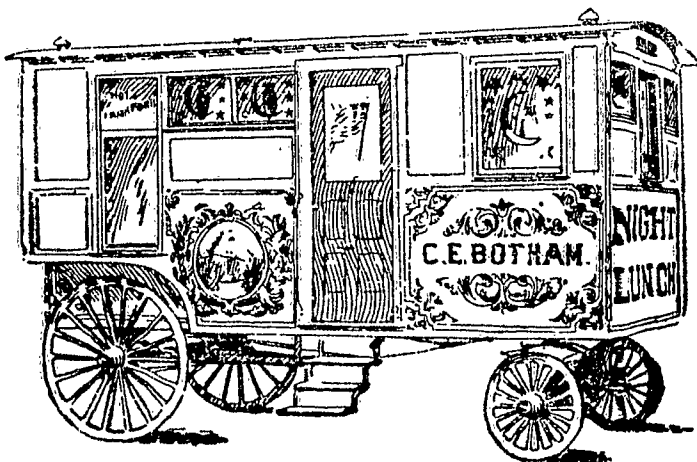
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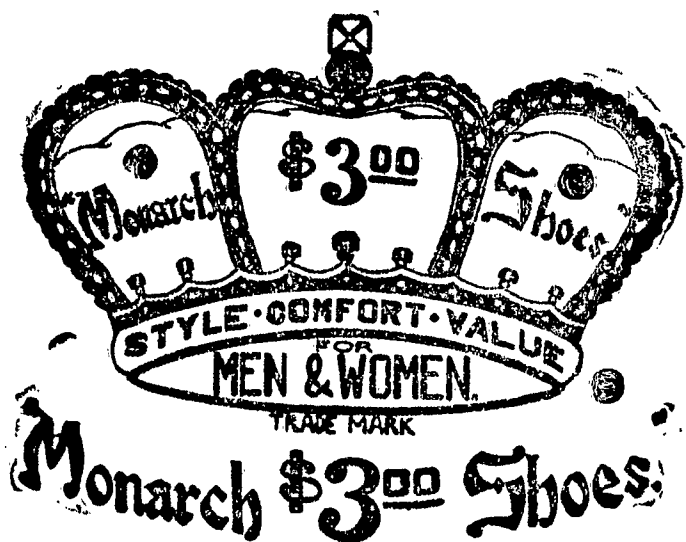
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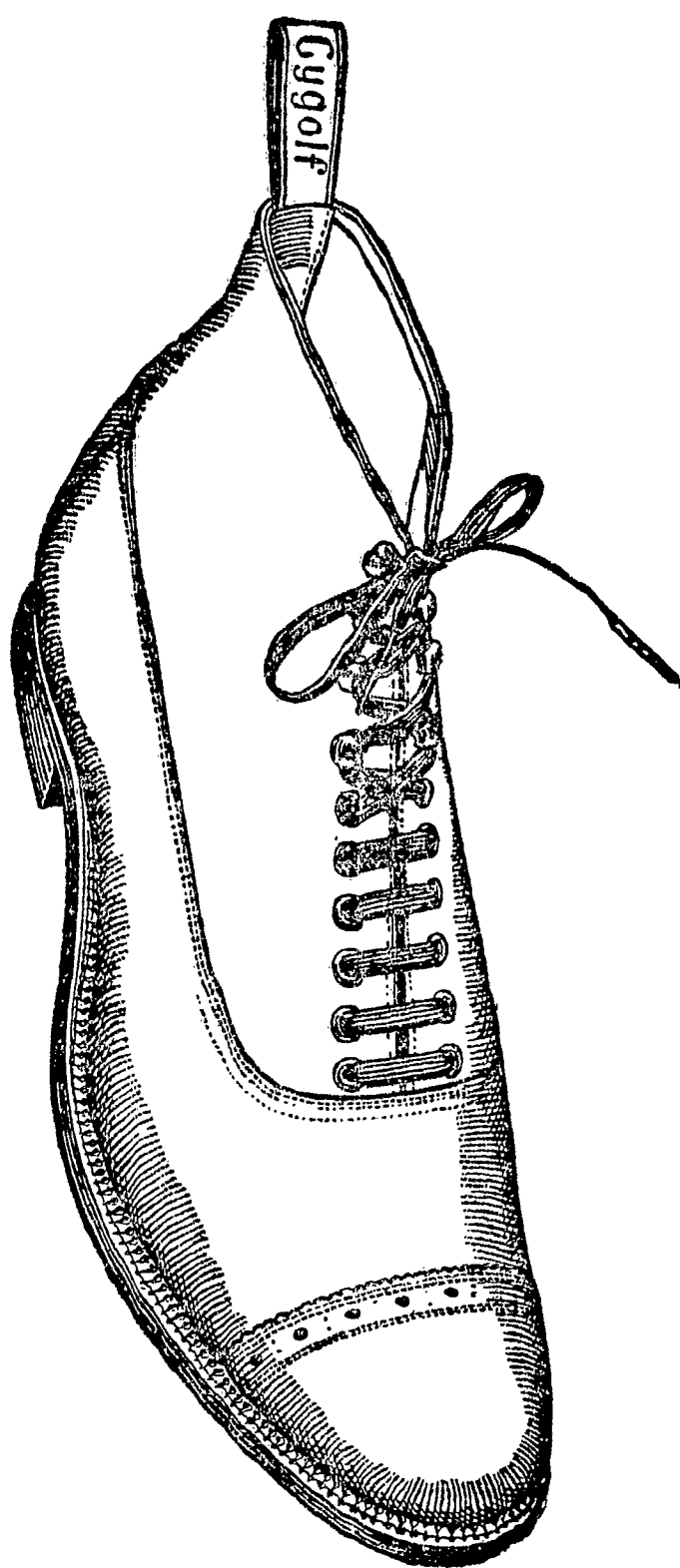
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