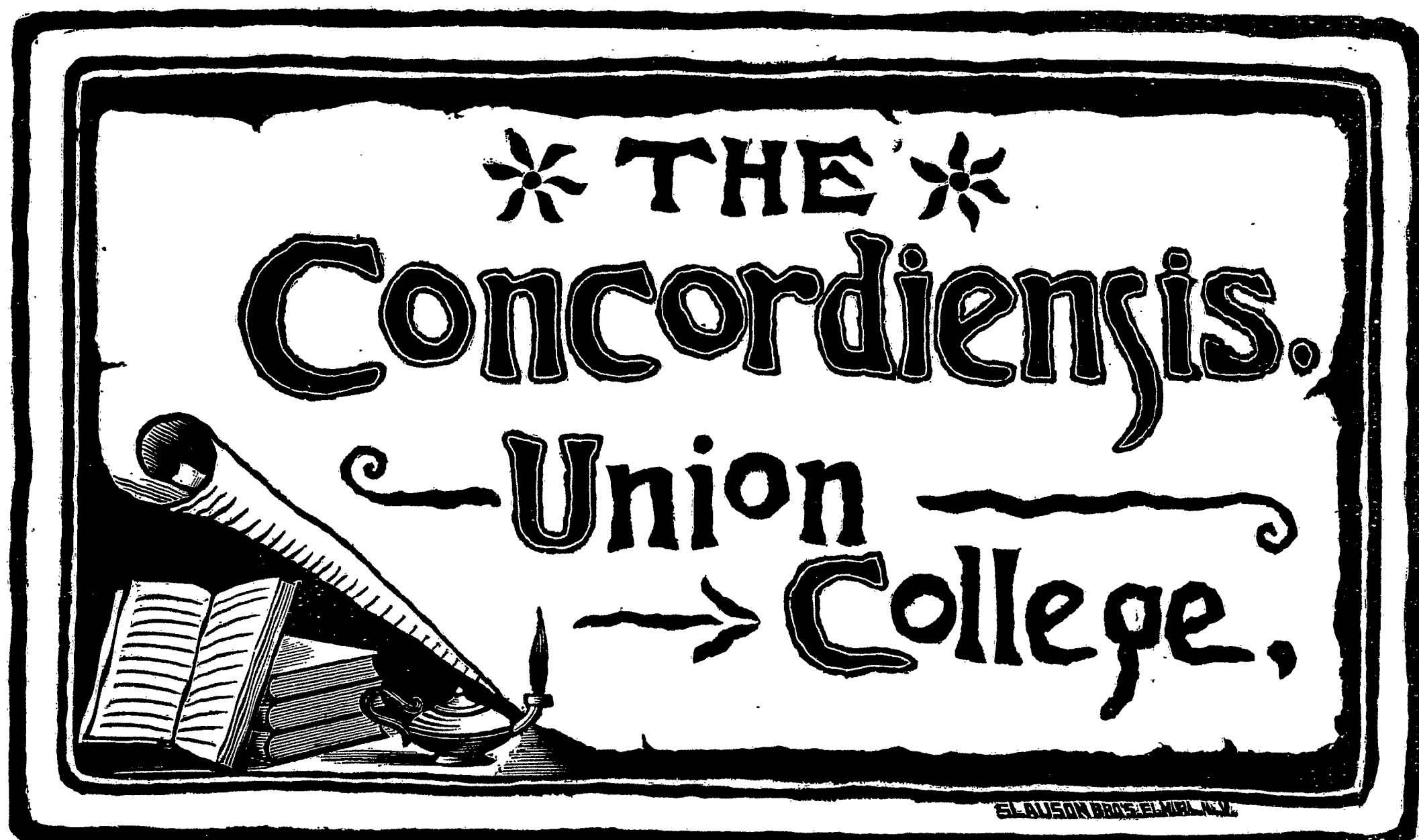


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# Editorial.

THE spring of 1890 is come. The third term of the collegiate year that meant so much to '90 is arrived, and the senior returning from his Easter vacation, now, for the first time, fully realizes the magnitude of the parting that is so soon to come. As the mazy panorama of the past four years passes before his mind's eye and well remembered scenes re-enact themselves; while the pulses beat faster and the changing emotions transform sunlight to shadow; he seems for the first time to realize the value of the equipment furnished by his *alma mater*, and to recognize the truth and falsity of much that was once misunderstood.

He beholds once more the pranks of sophomore and follies of freshman year—the more weighty matters and more seri-

ous thoughts of junior and senior days; and, while finding much for joy and much for sorrow, sees little for true regret—all has had its part in the training gained from Old Union. All must necessarily count in the sterner life outside of our cherished college. Yes, the senior is soon to go. Here will remain the campus, the gray cloisters, and the second or fifth-hand text books of Old Union; here will remain much that has served to shape the future course of ninety; but we will not be here. Yet from the busy world in imagination will we often return—Old Union—to thee. To wander once more in Captain Jack's garden; to listen to the splash of the "bounding brook," and to drink from its spring with the old rusty cup. Again, in fancy, will we lie on thy velvet campus and dreamily watch the clouds that drift over the storied Mohawk, beyond whose edge flash the matchless sunsets that have so often enchanted us; again will we wander joyously, though reverently, through thy halls and conjure again forgotten scenes. Yes—to thee; Old Union—will our fondest memories ever turn! Of thee can we always say:

“ With dreamy eyes  
My spirit lies  
Under the walls of Paradise.”

EVIDENTLY Union College students are not mercenary, or else the ranks of poetry writers will never be filled by Union men; for after a postponement of several weeks still the requisite number of songs is not forthcoming and the \$25 prize for a Union College song cannot be awarded. From the number received, three will be found published in this number. These all dif-



fer entirely in plan and sentiment, and each has points of merit and peculiar interest. Others received will be returned to the writers.

As the \$25 is at the disposal of the CONCORDIENSIS, it has been decided to offer it in the interests of base-ball. The donor has said "from minstrelsy to batting is an easy transition, and there will certainly be an award if offered thus;" so we now place before the college the CONCORDIENSIS *batting prize*; and the sum of \$25 will be given at the end of the season to that member of the regular nine who shall have made the *greatest number of base-hits* in the playing of the league games. In order that there may be no tendency toward individual play resulting in the sacrifice of team work, all *sacrifice hits* shall be counted as base-hits. The record at the end of the season shall be taken from the books of the official scorer.

If this offer shall have the effect of providing an incentive that shall urge to constant practice, a high position in the league will surely be our lot, and the disposition of the prize will be to the satisfaction of both the donor and the CONCORDIENSIS.

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THE *Mail and Express*, in a long and able article concerning civil engineering schools in this country, has the following to say of Union's course in that branch. We reprint a part of it, hoping that it may be of some interest to outsiders who are thinking of taking up the study of this important profession at the beginning of the next year:

"At this time the United States Military and Naval schools, the University of Virginia and the South Carolina Military Academy all furnished, with other scientific instruction, a desultory and unorganized training in engineering pursuits. The first regularly organized and systematic course in civil engineering in this

country was, however, the course established at Union College, in 1846, by Prof. William M. Gillespie, whose engineering works are still popular text-books. He brought this course up to the very highest standard, to which it has since been maintained by his successors—Prof. Cady Staley, now president of the Case School of Applied Science, in Cleveland; Prof. W. S. Chaplin, now occupying a similar chair at Harvard, and Prof. Charles C. Brown, the present able incumbent.

"Until 1864, when the School of Mines was established at Columbia, with civil engineering among its subordinate courses, Rensselaer and Union remained the only well-recognized institutions where the best engineering instruction could be obtained. In 1868, by the munificence of Asa Packer, Lehigh University was founded at Bethlehem, Pa., now probably the best equipped engineering college in the land. The Case School, at Cleveland, with an endowment of \$1,200,000 from the late Leonard Case, established in 1877, also holds a high place among engineering schools."

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THE CONCORDIENSIS takes pardonable pride in presenting its patrons this month with the inclosed elegantly illuminated double page cut. We regard it, certainly, as the finest thing of the kind we have seen. It first appeared in the April number of the *University*, and was furnished to them, as to us, by Robert C. Alexander, '80. A large part of this number was devoted to an article concerning Union College, written by the above-named gentleman. The article was accompanied by illustrations as follows: General view of Union College. Powers' Memorial Building. Memorial Hall. North College. South College. A walk in the Garden. President Webster's House. The Blue Gate. A drive through the Grove. The Idol.

Considering the extensive circulation of the *University*, it is easy to see the value of such an article as an advertising aid.

The constant and untiring efforts of Mr. Alexander in behalf of the college have been of the greatest influence in producing results so happy in their nature and are not lacking of appreciation by others.

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In this number will be found an article by Eli Perkins, written expressly for the CONCORDIENSIS. In this Mr. Landon describes his meetings with other well-known American humorists. In sending his copy Mr. Landon writes: "I sail for Europe—*City of Rome*—May 3d. If she goes down you'll have my last article." That the life of the *City of Rome* may be as "eternal" as her namesake, and that "Eli" may be long spared to live in the pride of his *alma mater* will be the wish of every Union man.

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### Literary.

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#### Eli Perkins with the Humorists.

I do not know of a living wit or humorist whom I have not met, and some of them dozens of times. I used to meet Josh Billings almost daily, for years. I can see the old man now with his long hair and twinkling eyes. Josh was like an old Greek philosopher—like Diogenes, or like those grand old Romans, Epictetus and Seneca. Yes, Uncle Josh with his philosophy was always reminding me of the Roman Stoics. Epictetus says "He who puts honey in his drink is like him who puts vice in his reason." When a man complained that he got no credit for being good, Epictetus said, "Why the sun shines without prayer or praise." These were the kind of wise things that Josh Billings was always saying.

The last time I met Uncle Josh was on the street cars, just before he died. He

didn't say "good morning," but pulled out an old envelope, and, looking over his glasses, exclaimed:

"I've got it!"

"Got what?" I asked.

"Got a new one—let me read it to you," and then he looked at the envelope and read slowly and carefully:

"When—a—man—tries—to—make—himself—look—butiful—he—steals—a—woman's—patent—rite. How's that?"

"Is that one of your best ones, Josh?" I asked.

"That's the best one this year," he said.

Josh Billings often worked on a maxim a week to get it just right. He told me he worked for days, and almost screamed "eureka" when he finally got this maxim to suit him: "*You'd better not no so much, than no so many things that aint so.*" This he called his wisest saying.

One day in a Saratoga letter I made my Uncle Consider say: "*A boor is a man who talks so much about himself that you can't talk about yourself.*" This so pleased Uncle Josh that he came and took breakfast with me, and then together we evolved this saying: "*Never blow a man's brains out to get his money, but sly around and blow his money out and get his brains.*"

One day I was talking with Mrs. Caroline Browne, Artemas Ward's mother, about the boyhood days of the humorist.

"Yes," she said, as she rubbed her spectacles, "my boy Artemas was always full of pranks. Cyrus his brother was 'matter-of-fact' enough, but Artemas, bless his soul, he kept us all busy. One night," continued the old lady, "Cyrus went to bed in the warm room over the kitchen. It was a blustering night, and I remember how I filled the old fireplace with green wood to keep him warm. But about midnight Artemas came home from Waterford, and, standing in front of the

house, commenced screaming 'Cyrus! Cyrus!! come down!'

"'What do you want?' asked Cyrus, shivering from head to foot as he opened the front door.

"'I want you to tell me honestly, Cyrus,' said Artemas in a very solicitous voice—'I want to know if you think it is wrong to hold slaves?'"

Burdette is one of the sweetest characters I ever met. I said this to Nasby once.

"Yes, Burdette may be a nice enough fellow," said Nasby, "but there was a woe pronounced against him in the Bible."

"A woe pronounced against Robert Burdette!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," said Nasby, "the Bible says: 'woe unto him of whom no evil is spoken.'"

When I asked Burdette what was the funniest situation he ever saw, he said:

"It was, when prayers were ended and our dear old college professor was giving us boys some good advice. 'Boys,' he said, as he closed the Bible, 'you must never get excited—never let your angry passions rise. Now, when I was a worldly student, before I experienced religion, I used to often get excited, and, sometimes I fear I used profane words; but now I always keep my temper under absolute control. No, I never get excited any more. Now, young gentlemen, you see that fly on my nose—(pointing gently with his finger). It is a little thing, a fly is, but once it would have excited my temper and I would have snappishly sworn at it and killed it. Now I feel different. I simply say, with a soft motion of my hand, go away little fly—go away—con—DARN—ATION! IT'S A WASP!'"

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These humorists to be successful must all have kind hearts. Pure wit does not

sting. Pure wit never harms the truth but it does hurt error. The satire of Nasby did more to break up human slavery than Wendell Phillips' denunciation.

Then it is the virtuous man who has the brightest intellect and who sees every joke. The wicked man, sordid with vice and with mind blunted by intemperance and crime, cannot appreciate a good joke. Such jokes I keep for the clear eyed, moral man. He appreciates them and this is his reward for being virtuous. Be virtuous and you will be happy—see more joy and jokes in life. I know this from my own experience. (Smile here.)

Humor is the absolute truth while wit is always the blossom of the imagination. All poets, when they deal in the imagination are wits. When Longfellow says:

"The sun kissed the dew drops into pearls," it is refined wit, of course it is untrue. It is all imagination. When the inspired Psalmist says:

"The morning stars sang together for joy," he exaggerates like the wit. Poetry is wit a little obscured.

I once asked the *Danbury News Man* who was the laziest man he ever knew?

"Well," he said, with a little poetical license, "It was old Deacon Monson. Why he was so lazy that he wouldn't shovel a path to the front gate."

"How did he manage it?" I asked.

"Why he used to pinch the baby's ears with the nippers till the neighbors came rushing in to tread down the snow."

So I say the wit and poet deal entirely with the imagination. When President Webster asked me one day at dinner who was the meanest man I ever knew, I knew he expected an exaggeration for an answer. So I told him I knew a man once who kept a college boarding house who was so mean that he used to stop his clock nights.

"What for?" asked the president.



"To keep the gearing from wearing out."

"Why," said I, "this man kept a dairy, and he was so mean that he used to skim his milk on top, and then, when the students were not looking, he used to whirl it over and skim it on the bottom."

"That wasn't meanness," said the president, as his imagination began to glow till he forgot to ask the blessing, "that wasn't meanness, that was simple frugality. It wouldn't be meanness till he skimmed it on the sides and ends."

But the president did agree with me that it went beyond frugality when my boarding-house-man went down to the butcher's shop one morning, and holding out his old hat full of something-or-other, called the butcher over to him and whispered:

"Won't you please refill them sausage skins?"

ELI PERKINS.

NEW YORK, April 17.

#### Retrospect.

Air—"The Old Oaken Bucket."

How dear to my heart are the scenes of Old Union,

When fond recollection presents them to view!

The college, the chapel, the spring in the wild wood,

And ev'ry fond place that my intimacy knew—

The path in the garden, and the brook that flowed by it,

The bridge and the rocks where the clear water fell,

The round house of Potter's, and the bell-room near by it,

And e'en the old clapper that hung in the bell.

*Chorus—*

The old rusty clapper, the ponderous iron clapper,  
The confounded clapper that hung in the bell.

The rust eaten clapper; I curse it with pleasure,

For oft before seven when buried in sleep,

I found it a source of a sound that was measured,

The loudest and meanest that metals could beat.

How frantic it made me, the sound of that clapper,

As clearly I heard it rebound every morn,

And slowly I crawled from the sheets and the covers,

Still cursing the clapper and day I was born.

*Chorus—*

The old rusty clapper, the ponderous iron clapper,  
The confounded clapper, that struck every morn.

And there were the rooms where we met the professors,

Where classics and "matics" were taught us by rule;

And Potter's stone idol to which we were debtors,  
Till every class painted the head and the stool.

How dear are these memories when we come to recall them,

And the sections and rooms where we all used to dwell,

The fun and the chums that we often had in them,  
But how we did hate the old "clap" of the bell.

*Chorus—*

The old rusty clapper, the ponderous iron clapper,  
The confounded clapper that hung in the bell.

HENRY S. RAYMOND, '93.

The following, written to the beautifully sweet air entitled "Sweetest Love," we think might be worked into a popular Union song. It is simple, yet admirably adapted to the music and would doubtless be effective as a serenade:

#### Union Serenade.

Air—"Sweetest Love," by Dave Braham.

Let us sing of the fair ladies,

Who on Union's sons do smile,

We will shout our glorious "hika,"

And now leave our cares awhile.

Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen,

Lend us then your sweetest aid,

For we'll wake old Union's woods

With our midnight serenade.

Wake, wake, ladies wake,

And list'n to Union's song,

Slumber's guard we'll break,

But 'twill not be for long.

Wake, wake, ladies wake,

The moon begins to fade,

Our song sung, our way we'll take

And end our serenade.

ARTHUR M. LEWALD, '93.

## Ode to Old Union.

Air—"Fair Harvard."

Old Union, thou home of our manhood's first years,  
 We hail thee again, as of yore,  
 When with youth's high ambition we entered thy  
 halls,  
 And trusted our fate to thy care.  
 Thou hast taught us the lesson,—for others to live,  
 And our hearts' richest treasures brought forth;  
 The hopes of thy children are centered in thee,  
 Thou pride of the land of our birth.  
 Thou hast nourished our sports as thy campus we  
 thronged,  
 And smiled on our frolic and fun;  
 Thou hast watched o'er the strifes that with rivals  
 we waged,  
 And greeted us with a "well done!"  
 And when victory deigned on our efforts to smile,  
 And our courage had won the good part,—  
 When the "Hikah" rang out to the far away hills,  
 We know thou hast cheered in thy heart.  
 When the moon's gentle light on thy majesty beams,  
 And spirits and elves are abroad,  
 Then the spectres of those who before us have gone,  
 Pass by on the dark, endless, road.  
 And as memories throng of the far long ago,  
 And the halcyon days that are gone,  
 We vow to be loyal, Old Union, to thee,  
 Till time, and thy labors are done.

T. H. ROBERTSON, '91.

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## College News.

## "Don'ts" for the Base-Ball Team.

The following few suggestions, prepared by a base-ball man, are given merely as pertinent reminders to the men who are about to make or mar our base-ball reputation; and in nowise refer to the playing of any possible candidate for the nine.—ED.

*Pitcher.*—Don't throw to bases too often for the purpose of catching a base runner napping. Too often it fails disastrously and too few times is it successful.

Don't attempt to field balls that are difficult for you to get and comparatively easy for the third baseman or short-stop to field.

Don't neglect to cover first-base if the first baseman is fielding a batted ball.

Don't "bang-up" our catcher's hands.

*Catcher.*—Don't throw to a baseman until you are sure that he is aware of your intention.

Don't try to throw down to second base too *swiftly*, but throw *quickly*. There is a difference between throwing swiftly and throwing quickly.

Don't be slow in returning the ball to the pitcher. Often by a quick return you can aid the pitcher in catching the batter off his guard.

Don't get your hands "banged-up."

*First Baseman.*—Don't feel obliged to keep one foot touching the base when a ball is thrown wildly to you. Step off and catch it squarely rather than try to reach it with one hand.

Don't be afraid to leave your base to go after ground balls that are knocked in your direction. The pitcher will or ought to cover first base for you.

Don't watch your base runner, watch the ball.

*Second Baseman.*—Don't, where there are no men on bases, stay too near to your base. Your position in fielding batted balls is a sort of a right short-stop and you should play it as such.

Don't run too far back after a fly ball, the right fielder will be running *forward* and will have therefore an advantage over you, and can probably reach it better.

Don't, when the catcher is trying to catch the man running to second base, stand in front of the base line to receive the ball. Stand just back of the line. In the former case the runner is sure to slide in behind you.

Don't forget to back up the first base-

man when the ball is thrown to him from third base or short-stop.

*Third Base.*—Don't be afraid of fielding certain grounders for fear that they ought to be fielded by the short-stop. It is his business to get those balls that you *can't* get.

Don't, after fielding a ball, throw it to a baseman when it is evidently impossible to get it there in time.

*Short-stop.*—Don't fail to back-up the third baseman on all possible occasions.

Don't throw too high to basemen. "Throw low rather than high" is a good rule to follow.

Don't stand too far in toward home base when a heavy batsman is at bat.

*For the Fielders.*—Don't fail to be on the alert all the time.

Don't hold the ball after catching it; return it *at once* to the infield.

Don't stand too far in toward the diamond. It is easier to run forward after a fly ball than backward.

Don't fail to back up the different basemen whenever the chance offers.

*To the Batsmen and Baserunners.*—

Don't be in a hurry to strike at the first balls pitched.

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Don't neglect a chance to steal a base. Take every chance that offers. Many games are won by daring base running.

Don't get discouraged under any circumstances, and

Do play ball from the word *go*.

#### The Fair Land of France.

This was the subject that Prof. Wells, on April 15th, announced to the audience gathered to listen to the first lecture in these always popular courses. Opening with some stories of Mary, queen of Scots, and of Napoleon, in which these historical characters often talked of, thought of, and yearned for the "Fair land of France;" the genial professor asked "What is the reason that this country is so loved?" He then proceeded to answer by describing the peculiar characteristics of France, particularly its hexagonal shape and commanding position in the centre of Europe, its climate, civilization, traditions and beauties. He told of its connection with various nations by its many ports; how Marseilles has been moved away from the mouth of the Rhone by the accumulation of debris, and noted the novel fact that the Mediterranean is a tideless sea. He mentioned the importance of the streams and canals to the agriculture and prosperity of France. The French nation bears the impress of eight or ten different types of people. A century has wrought a great change in France. Now there are eight million soil owners, nine or ten million artisans, and about two million professionals. The French are alive to France, and seldom leave it, always being poor colonizers, and ever aiming to return to their cherished France, from which to be exiled is the severest punishment. France is regarded by her people as the centre of civilization.

The speaker then dwelt upon the interminable strife with Germany for the river Rhine, and told how the French are educated to believe it the natural boundary line and that Alsace and Lorraine should belong to them. Prof. Wells closed with some remarks upon the political status of France to the pretenders from both the Orleans and Bonaparte houses; and an-



nounced that his next lecture would be upon the "Rise and fall of the Second Napoleonic empire," this to be given from personal reminiscences.

Other lectures will be upon the "Birth and growth of the third republic," "Of parliamentary régime in France," of the "Education, literature, arts, and popular and domestic life in France." All of these lectures will be reported in the May and June numbers of the CONCORDIENSIS. The lectures are intensely interesting and should be attended by all who can.

#### Relative to the Chicago Banquet.

The Alumni Association of the Northwest is not only one of the most enthusiastic and valuable, but one of the oldest Union associations as well. The banquet and meeting held on the evening of April 9th, at Chicago, was the thirteenth consecutive gathering of this body. While other associations have been born and subsequently become defunct, this has lived and steadily done good service for the college.

The banquet this year was held somewhat late on account of the illness of both the secretary and president of the association, the latter of whom, although in attendance, was still ill.

The chairman of the meeting was Wm. H. King, '43, and the secretary, William P. Williams, '81. Representatives from Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, and the Northwest generally, were present. The speeches were numerous, hearty and enthusiastic. Among the speakers were Judge J. S. Stacy, '57, of Illinois; Robert H. McClellan, '47, of Illinois; Fred. F. Bennett, '83, of Chicago; and the Rev. Jas. D. C. Locke, '49. A pleasant feature of the banquet was the distribution of copies of the double page cut found in the CONCORDIENSIS of this month. These elegant sheets were furnished by Robert C.

Alexander, the secretary of the New York association.

The entire heavy expenses of the president in connection with this meeting were paid by the Chicago association. The entire day following the banquet was devoted by President Webster to the reception of callers at the hotel. On his return from Chicago the president stopped over at Newark, N. Y., and spoke at a union meeting in the Presbyterian church, and later met several Union men at the residence of S. K. Williams, LL.D., '48. He also visited the school at this place.

#### At Commencement.

The office of honorary chancellor of the university for this year has been offered to and accepted by William H. McElroy, of the New York *Tribune* staff. Mr. McElroy graduated from Union in 1860, and has always been recognized as an earnest and serviceable, as well as a distinguished alumnus. He is well known as an editorial writer, and also known widely by his literary productions. Undoubtedly all who will hear him can promise themselves a treat not less than that enjoyed last year through Charles Emory Smith, who is also a newspaper man.

The Baccalaureate this year will very likely be delivered by President Webster himself. At least this will be the case if his official duties of the term do not prevent the carrying out of the idea.

At a meeting of the senior class it was recently voted to do away with class day altogether. The evening usually filled with these interesting exercises will be devoted to a Phi Beta Kappa oration, to be delivered by some prominent member of the order. This is only the reestablishment of an old custom and will, undoubtedly, meet with general approval and success.



### The Plug Hat Parade.

About noon on the opening day of the term a large number of freshmen might have been seen emerging from the college chapel. One unused to college customs would have been at a loss to understand the object of this motley crowd as they marched along the streets. They were clothed in long rubber overcoats which were not intended to keep off the rain, for spring had come and the sun was feeding nature with his genial warmth. Their high hats looked as though they had descended from the time when the grandfathers of the participants were students at Union.

The reason of this demonstration was the plug hat and cane parade of '93. The "Townies" were out in full force and aided by '92, gave the paraders their full allowance of eggs, which, from the odor that they exhaled, had evidently been kept over from the Easter of 1889. They were also given an allowance of vegetables. Certainly the donors could not have thought that '93 was fresh any longer, for the vegetables donated to them were not in that state. Geological specimens were not what the class was looking for and with the aid of a policeman these gifts quickly ceased to be received.

Since the parade whenever you see a freshman you always see his class cane. He seems to be very proud of it and displays it to the best advantage.

### The Delegates.

The inter-collegiate base-ball meeting was held a short time since in Syracuse, and we clip the following account of the proceedings from the *University News*.

Last Friday afternoon college men were seen gathering in the corridors of the Globe Hotel manifesting the usual enthusiasm characteristic of themselves. Important business was on hand and at 3 o'clock the convention met in the assembly room. H. W. Preston, Union, president of the Base-Ball Association, called the meeting to order. Delegates from the following colleges were present: Hamilton, Union, Rochester, Syracuse, Colgate and Hobart. The convention divided itself, Mr. Preston presiding over the base-ball delegates, and G. F. Shepherd, Syra-

cuse, was appointed to act as chairman of the Athletic meeting. In the Athletic meeting the following business was transacted: The report of the treasurer, F. M. Macumber, Rochester, for last year was read by the treasurer for the present year, F. L. Carroll, Union. Mr. Carroll's report was read and approved. Each delegate promised for the college he represented that the deficiency from his college would be paid within three weeks. The present treasurer, G. F. Shepherd, was instructed to have 500 copies of the constitution printed.

The following schedule was adopted by the base-ball delegates:

### BASE BALL SCHEDULE.

	At Union	Colgate	Hobart	Roc'ter	Sy'c'se	Hm'ton
Union ...	*	June 10	June 9	June 7	June 6	June 11
Colgate ..	May 24	*	June 6	June 5	June 6	June 14
Hobart...	June 3	June 4	*	May 3	June 2	June 5
Rochester	May 28	May 30	May 9	*	May 10	May 29
Syracuse.	May 16	May 31	June 14	May 24	*	May 30
Hamilton	May 21	May 10	May 17	May 16	May 27	*

The secretary was instructed to have 100 copies of the constitution of the Base-Ball Association printed. The Hobart nine was unanimously reinstated in the Association.

### His Three-Score and Ten.

Prof. William Wells celebrated his seventieth birthday on the 14th of this month by giving a reception to the faculty at his residence. Prof. Wells began teaching when only about twenty years old and for half a century has devoted himself with untiring energy to the study of the literature and grammatical structure of the modern languages.

Few men are more conversant with the topics of current history than Prof. Wells, and his lectures on these subjects are rare literary treats. Prof. Wells has been connected with the college for twenty-five years; during this time he has proved himself an able instructor, and has never failed to win the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

### President Webster at Albany Female Academy.

"There was quite a large gathering last night at the Female Academy, the occasion being the first lecture of the course under the auspices of the Dana Natural

History Society. The audience listened with rapt attention to the admirable discourse of Dr. Harrison E. Webster, president of Union College. Dr. Webster took for his subject, 'Science and Religion.' He handled the theme in a scientific yet fully comprehensible manner, and explained with lucidity that the two great causes were not foreign and not opposed in any way."—*Albany Press and Knickerbocker*.

#### The Commencement Honors.

The following men have been posted as having gained the ten highest ranks in the senior class, and will consequently be the commencement orators: E. B. Baker, J. I. Bennett, H. G. Dean, N. D. Fish, F. E. Hawkes, C. Johnson, S. J. Lochner, E. F. Pickford, G. C. Stewart and A. B. Van Voast. The valedictory honor has been awarded to Van Voast.

The literary work for this term will comprise a senior essay, subject, "Agnosticism vs. Dogmatism;" a junior oration and also an essay upon "Human slavery in the last decade of the nineteenth century;" a sophomore oration and an extemporaneous essay from the freshmen.

#### Locals.

Spruel, '93, has left college.

Loebenstein, '93, has left college.

Culver, '93, is at home ill with typhoid fever.

The freshmen are very proud of their class canes.

Syracuse men claim their team to be heavy hitters.

Wright, '90, is ill at New York with typhoid fever.

Orders for invitations must be given to the committee by April 25th.

The old benches in the chapel are soon to be replaced by opera chairs.

A number of the juniors have elected photography with Prof. Perkins.

L. J. Little, Union '86, is assisting Prof. Brown with his engineering classes this term.

Edwards, '90, has left college. This leaves the office of class prophet vacant.

The ball nine is now practically chosen, and the men are doing splendid work in their daily practice.

The engineers of the freshman, sophomore and senior classes are busy with field work this term.

Prof. Ripton has taken up his classes again, having almost entirely recovered from his long siege of illness.

The manager of the freshman nine has picked out his team which promises to be a very good one, and has arranged for several games this term.

Students in Prof. Hoffman's classes will not have the benefit of the "10 per cent bolt scheme" this term, but will be obliged to obtain excuses for every absence as in most other classes.

Colgate claims to have the strongest team in the league, Hamilton's team is about the same as last year, and therefore it is a good one. Hobart's nine is not a very good one this year, so the Hobart men say.

Sanders, '92 has been cared for, during a recent severe illness, at the residence of Prof. Perkins. Vague rumors of the customary convalescent appetite give evidence of his excellent care and complete recovery.

The "nine" will be picked from the following men: McDonald, '90, Begley, '90, Braht, '93, Mosher, '90, Pickford, '92, Little, '91, Tallman, '93, Thatcher, '93, McQueen, '92, Babcock, '93, Wright, '90, Briggs, '91, and Shanahan, '93.

Manager Comstock's scheme for raising money for base ball expenses has proven to be a very good one. The majority of the men have purchased the season tickets and it seems as if *no one* ought to be without one of those garnet ribbons.

Rochester promises to have a very fair team. They expect good work from their battery. Syracuse University has several new men on the team and hopes to take a good place in the race for the pennant. Time will show what Union's team can do.

Besides the regular league schedule, found in another column, other games have been arranged as follows: With

Ridgefield at Albany, April 20th; with Ridgefield at Union, May 3d; with the "Edisons" at Union, May 30th; with Clinton Institute at Union, April 26th; with Michigan University at Union on May 19th, possibly.

Friday, April 11th, eighteen of the young bachelors in town gave a very elegant ball in Wedge hall, to which a number of the students were invited. It was a very successful and pleasant dance. Parlatti of Albany furnished the music, and Lucas of Troy served the supper.

Thursday, April 10th, a game of ball was played between the upper and lower classmen, which resulted in a decided victory for the upper classmen. The score stood 17 to 5. Braht and McDonald, '90, played battery for the upper classmen while Babcock and Thatcher showed their skill for the others. The other players were, Upper Classmen: Mosher, '90, 3d B., Comstock, '90, R. F., Pickford, '90, L. F., Clute, '90, C. F., Briggs, '91, 2d B., Little, '91, S. S., McDonald, '91, 1st B. Under Classmen: Pickford, '92, 1st B., McQueen, 2d B., Prest, 3d B., Shanahan, L. F., Esselstyne, S. S., McAlpine, R. F., Lamb, C. F. The game showed some good batting and much good fielding, demonstrating clearly that there is plenty of first-class material for the team.

### Personals.

'39. The president has appointed ex-Governor Austin P. Blair of Michigan, as assay commissioner. Gov. Blair is now in his 72d year. His has been a remarkable political history. In 1859 he was prominent enough to be a republican candidate for the Senate. In 1860, he was a delegate to the Chicago convention. His record as war governor of Michigan is still remembered. After leaving the gubernatorial chair he served for eight years as a member of the House, and was once or twice again a candidate for the Senate. In 1872 he was one of the leaders among the liberal republicans, and was a strong opponent of Gen. Grant. In 1876 he headed the Tilden electoral ticket. Four years later he was a Garfield elector. In 1881 he was made a regent of the State

University, and in 1883 was beaten for the Supreme Court. In 1885 he was chosen prosecuting attorney of his county, the same office he had filled nearly forty years before. He was mentioned for a place on the Civil Service Commission when President Harrison came in. His recent appointment as assay commissioner is said to be gratifying to him. Notwithstanding his frequent changes, Gov. Blair has always had the respect and confidence of both parties in Michigan. —*Chicago Tribune*.

'81. William B. Landreth and family have returned to Schenectady after a winter's residence at White Plains, where Mr. Landreth was engaged in engineering.

'82. The popular professor, A. S. Wright, was married during Easter vacation to Miss Julia Barhyte of Schenectady. Mr. and Mrs. Wright have taken up their residence on the hill in the house formerly occupied by Prof. T. W. Wright.

'87. Dow Beekman, who was last fall elected district attorney of Schoharie county, was in town recently calling on his old friends.

'89. Max M. Smith has been chosen valedictorian of the class of '90, of the Homœopathic College of the city of New York.

### Recrology.

'29. Philip Bard Bradley died March 27, at Andrew, Iowa. He was a well-known lawyer, and was prominent in the early history of Iowa.

'38. Robert F. McAuley died at Kingston, March 19. He was born in Delaware county in 1816, and was the son of William McAuley, a Scotch Presbyterian minister. After graduation he studied law with Amasa J. Parker and was admitted to the bar in 1845. He was a member of the well-known law firm of Van Buren & McAuley. He was elected district attorney of Ulster county in 1850, and recorder of the city of Kingston in 1872. He graduated from college in 1838. He was a Φ. B. K.

'64. J. H. Stewart died March 8th at Trenton, N. J.



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### Notes.

We came across the following lately in an old newspaper, and reproduce it in the hope that some of the many admirers of Prof. Jackson may chance to see it. The poem was written by the Rev. Horatio N. Powers, D. D., who graduated in '52.

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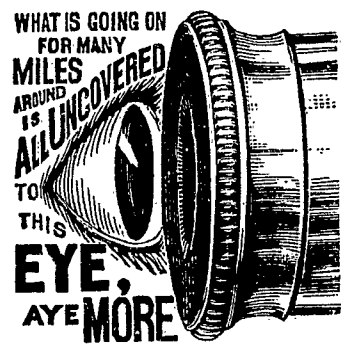
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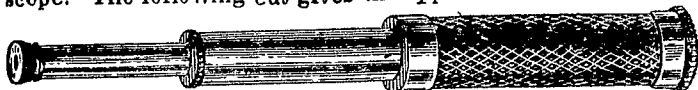
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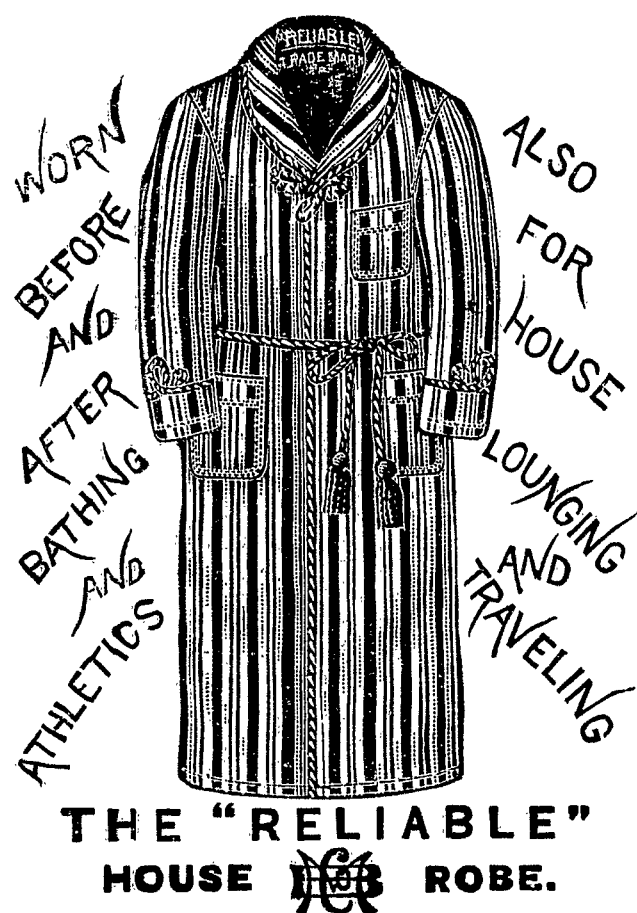
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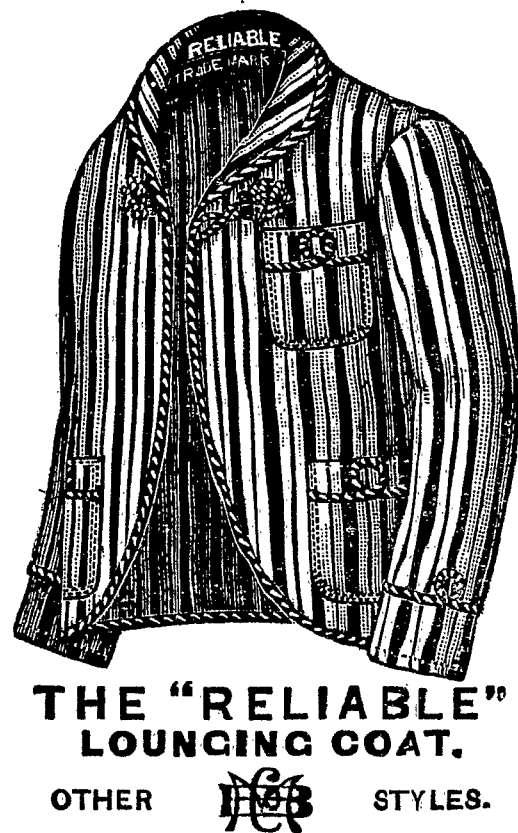
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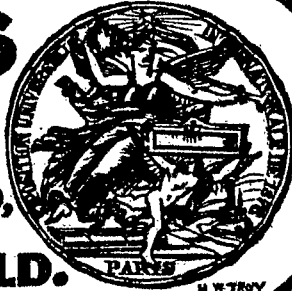

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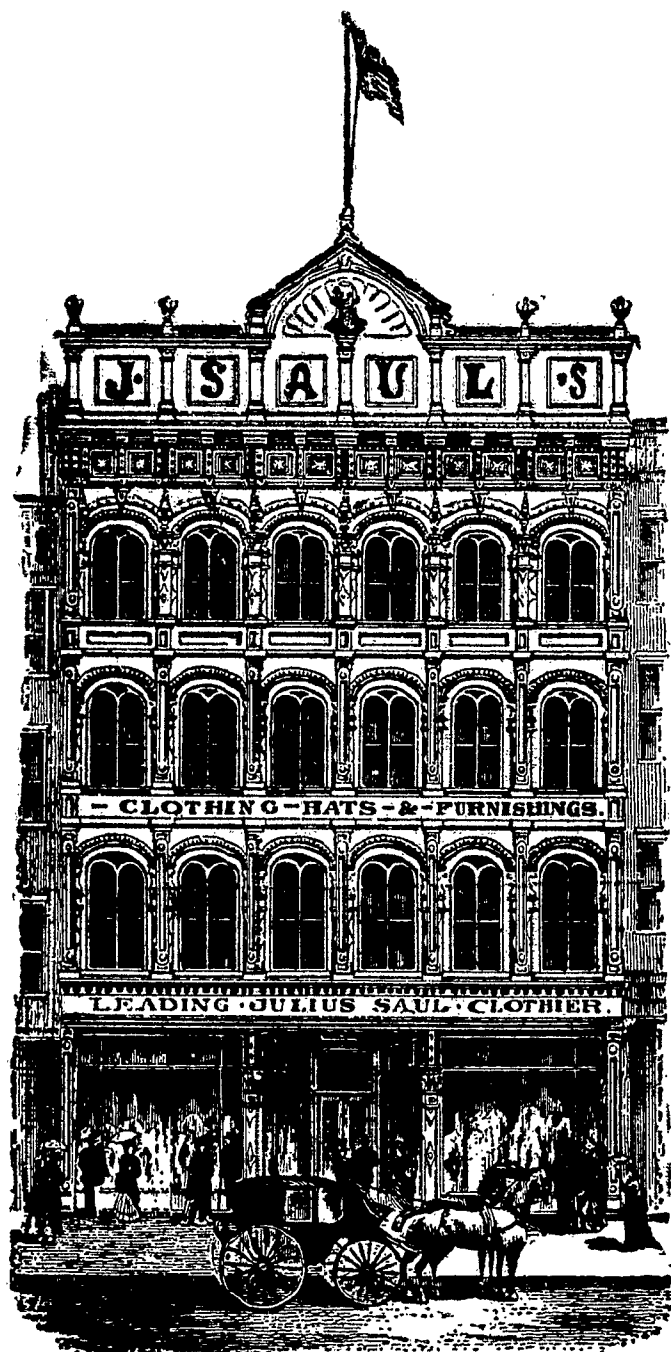
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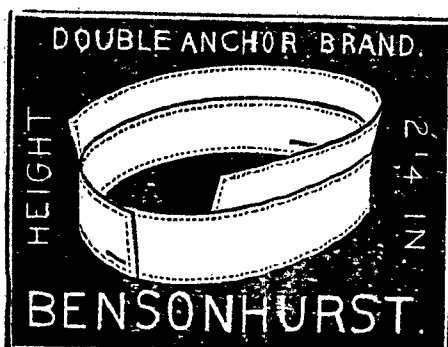
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