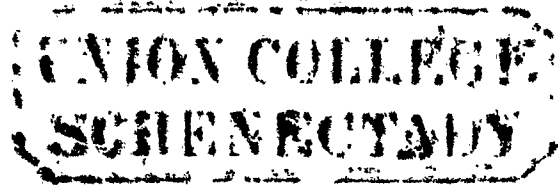


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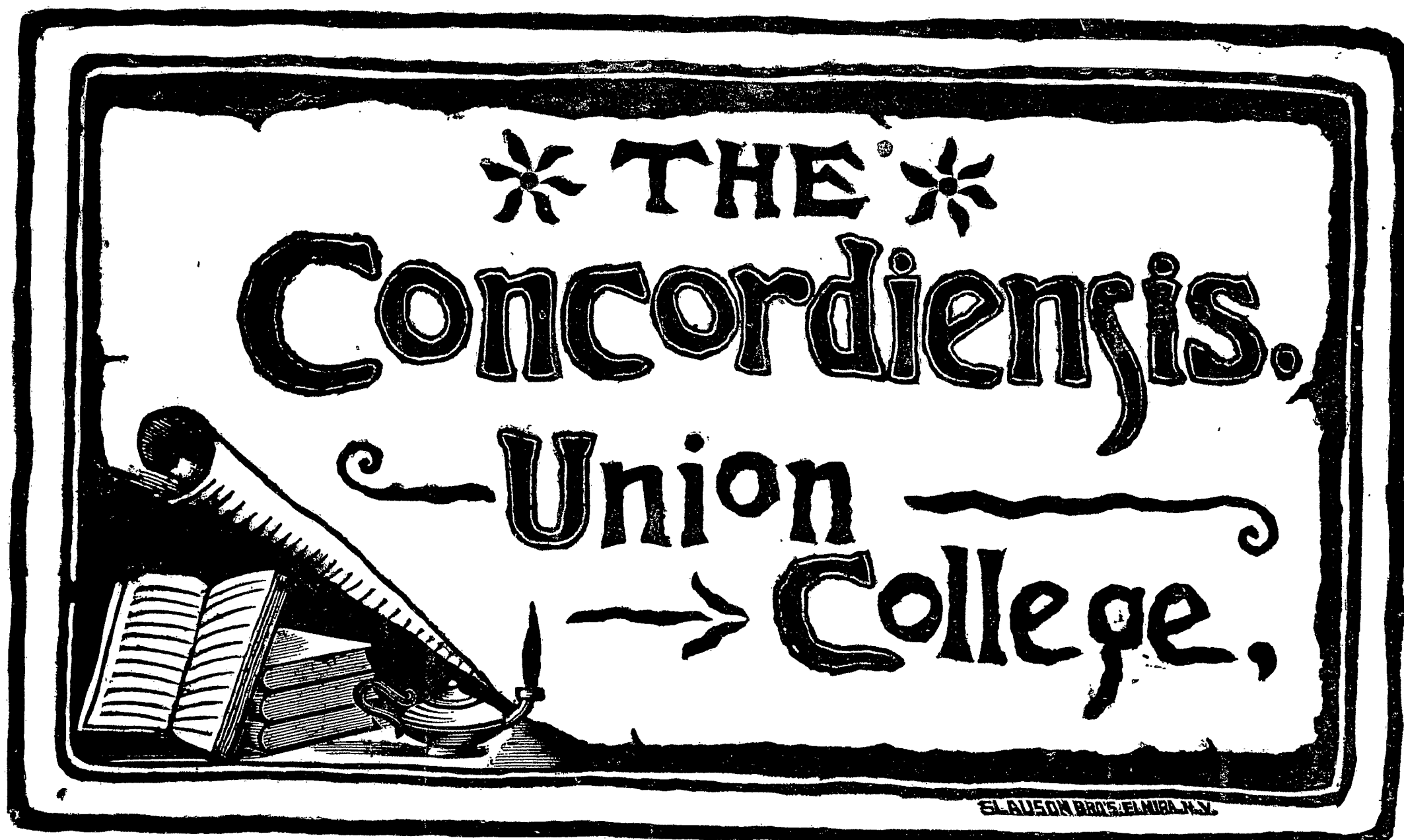


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## Editorial.

WHAT the reason may be we know not, yet the fact remains that the newspapers feel called upon to make a great outcry whenever anything is done by college students. If it is only a little quiet fun, in which no one is injured, no great damage done, they regard it as their especial right to make a mountain out of a mole-hill and turn it into a startling example of ruffianly conduct on the part of the students. In order to do this, they do not hesitate to resort to exaggeration and the most flagrant distortion of facts.

This was exemplified by the account of the plug hat parade given in one of the city papers. The account was headed "Disgraceful Proceedings," and beginning with that ancient and bewhiskered chestnut, an attack on college customs, it proceeded by insulting epithets and innuendos to brand the students who took part in it as rowdies who had so far demeaned themselves as to lose all gentlemanly instincts. Now that this should appear in a paper generally known for its fairness and truthfulness is indeed a surprise. And it must be acknowledged that the man who wrote the article did not show an over-abundance of the *gentlemanliness*, the lack of which he criticises in others. The doings of students may seem to be frivolous to men who are engaged in active life, yet they should remember that the college world is distinct from this and possesses customs and a code of



honor of its own. All students ask is fair treatment and truthful representation at the hands of the newspapers.

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THE reception given to Prof. Wells upon his return was indeed but a fitting tribute to a man who has spent so much of his long and useful life at Union. No college professor ever received such an ovation, and we question whether any other college alumni association could get up one. To be greeted with the booming of cannon, the waving of banners and hearty cheers is truly an honor, but to be a professor in Union College and to have won the hearts of its students so as to have deserved this reception is a far greater one, for the greatest fame a man may attain is to live in the hearts of men.

At the same time, with her faithful professor, Alma Mater herself was honored, and must be proud that she has such men as made up that company among her sons. This is, however, but one of the many proofs of her past usefulness and future glory and renown.

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IN an editorial in the *Mail and Express* of recent date a comparison is made between the requirements for admission and courses, as shown by the catalogues of various institutions. Union, we are glad to say, does not suffer by the comparison, but stands among the highest as to requirements, course and standards. Besides, the catalogue of Union possesses the peculiar excellence of giving the minimum as well as the maximum grade of scholarship required to sustain. In this, Union stands almost, if not quite, alone.

This is a great advantage, as it shows a man what he must do in order to remain in the college.

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THIS number, for unavoidable reasons, has been delayed, and so will be followed closely by the next, which will be issued at the regular time.

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FOR the cut of Prof. Wells, given in this issue, we are indebted to Mr. Alexander, '80. The cut is one that appeared in the *Mail and Express*. We trust that it will be acceptable to the students, and extend our thanks to Mr. Alexander for his kindness.

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### Necrology.

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'28 Dr. Elijah Whitney, died in New York Tuesday, at the age of 93. He was a graduate of Union College, his class being that of 1828. He taught school at Stockbridge, Mass., one of his pupils being Cyrus W. Field. He became a Presbyterian minister and taught at Lane seminary, Cincinnati, for a while. During forty years of the latter portion of his life he practiced medicine, having, when quite young, prepared for the profession by running away from his native town, Westboro, Mass., where he had been apprenticed to a tanner, and entering the Yale medical school. Before completing his course he went to Brown university.

'47 Duncan E. Cameron, Lawyer, Milwaukee, Wis.

'57 E. M. Paine, D. B. K., Troy, N. Y., March 29, '92, 62 years old.



**PROF. WELLS WELCOMED**

More than 200 alumni of Union College, with their wives, daughters and sisters, took part in a somewhat unique demonstration yesterday on the North and East Rivers and the Upper Bay. They were on board the steamer Laura M. Starin of Commodore John H. Starin's fleet, and they were out to welcome Prof. William Wells, LL. D., who has for twenty-seven years been one of Union's best known, best-beloved, and most devoted professors.

"Uncle Billy," as the professor is called by every graduate of the old college, was returning with his wife and daughter from a trip abroad which had lasted nearly a year and extended from the Land of the Midnight Sun to the cataracts of the Nile. He came on the French Line steamer La Touraine. Had he returned on any other steamer, the number of friends on hand to greet him would have been twice as great. Nobody supposed La Touraine was going to break the record of fast voyages from Havre, and most of the alumni made arrangements to

start down the bay at some hour in the afternoon. When, therefore, "hurry" dispatches were sent out saying that La Touraine would reach her pier before noon and the Laura M. Starin would start to meet her at 10:30 o'clock, very many who had hoped to join in the greeting to Prof. Wells were unable to get ready in time.

But there were enough Union men and women on board to make the Starin a very lively excursion boat when she swung out into the stream from Pier 18 and started to meet the fast French liner. The steamer was decked from stem to stern with all the flags and bunting she could carry, big banners of garnet the college color, being conspicuous among the decorations. In the bow was a little brass cannon that proved itself able to make a very big noise, and in the cabin was a full Glen Island band, which demonstrated its ability to make a much more agreeable noise than the cannon. About every other one of the alumni, especially those whose grandsons are now striving to earn "dips" from old Union, was provided with a fish horn warranted to be in first-class working order. Those who heard the noise made by these pleasing musical instruments do not feel equal to the task of properly commenting upon it.

The Captain of La Touraine had had no advance notice of the coming of the Starin, and so he did not wait long enough at Quarantine for the steamer to get there and take off Prof. Wells and his family as had been the purpose of the alumni. The big steamship was well into the upper bay when "Uncle Billy," who was telling a customs officer what he

did and did not have in his baggage, hear the booming of a cannon and caught the refrain of an indistinguishable combination of yell and cheer, which made him rush up to the deck. When he reached the steamer's side and saw the *Starin* covered with garnet, steaming alongside, and recognized among her wildly-shouting passengers the faces of old and honored friends of himself and his college, the meaning of the demonstration dawned upon him. Mrs. and Miss Wells were quickly by his side, and while messages of greeting were being shouted from one vessel to the other the big and little steamers ran beside each other up to the French Line pier. There the professor and his family were transferred to the deck of the *Starin* and received such a welcome as warmed the very cockles of their hearts.

Steaming back to her own pier, the *Starin* took on board a throng of alumni who had failed to get there in time for the early start. Then, with colors flying, band playing, cannon booming and fish horns tooting, the merry party took a sail down the bay, around Governor's Island, up the East River to Blackwell's Island, down again, around the Battery, up the North River nearly to Riverside, and finally back to Pier 18.

During all that trip the only chance "Uncle Billy" had to keep quiet for more than thirty seconds at a time was when, after as many of the alumni as could had crowded into the after cabin, the Rev. Dr. George Alexander called them to order and in their name made a semi-formal speech of welcome to their guest. Dr. Alexander's speech was much shorter than the five-foot horn which he tried to use as a gavel, but it gave

the professor a chance to collect his thoughts, and when he responded to the greeting and told of the striking incidents of his long journey, and pledged again his love for Alma Mater, her sons rightly thought it was the best speech he had ever made.

Most of the Union men who joined in this rousing welcome to "dear old Billy Wells" were accompanied by the ladies of their families. Among them were Profs. B. H. Ripton and A. S. Wright of Union, who brought greetings from President Webster, who was kept away by ill-health; Commodore John H. Starin of the Union Trustees: Samuel Marsh, Robert C. Alexander, George F. Allison, the Rev. Dr. William N. Dunnell, the Rev. Dr. Judson B. Stoddard of New Haven, W. C. Anthony, the Rev. Dr. William Irvin, Dr. William H. Furman, J. Bayard Backus, the Rev. Henry Ward, Dr. William H. Woodruff, Col. Charles E. Sprague, Cyrus A. Peake, Dr. Henry M. Cox, Vedder Van Dyke, the Rev. Charles A. Marks, George E. Marks, Henry L. Smith, Henry Parsons, T. R. Hoyt, James T. Hoyt, Homer Green, Charles B. Ripley, Craig A. Marsh, the Rev. Dr. John P. Beach of Philadelphia, Allan Stirling, Dr. C. D. F. Steinfuhrer, Addison Atwater, Theodore R. Shear, M. J. Couch, Charles F. Bishop, L. F. Olney, E. S. Barney, C. W. Culver, D. B. Kinne, Jr., J. W. Flannigan, Prof. E. B. Fancher, Frank A. De Puy, Herbert C. De Puy, J. C. McAlpine, E. S. Hunsicker, Robert Sanford, Allen Taylor, Robert Sanford of Poughkeepsie, and a score of undergraduates, who came down from Schenectady to help the older men think they were young again.—*N. Y. Times*.



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maries of older researches; clearness, conciseness, and simplicity of form will be essential merits for a high award.

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6. The right of first publication of all these awarded premiums or Honorable Mention is reserved to *Engineering News*, and all these receiving premiums will be so published.

7. No theses which has been previously published in full or in substance will be eligible for the competition.

8. All theses competing for these prizes must be received at the office of *Engineering News* on or before July 20, 1892, and should be sent in as much earlier as possible.

9. The awards will be announced on or before Oct. 1, failing some special cause for further delay. On or before that date all theses receiving neither premium nor mention will be returned by express to their authors. The manuscripts of the selected theses will belong to *Engineering News*, but the drawings will be returned after publication.

All communications relating to this competition should be addressed to

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### Locals.

Several men are training for the coming field day.

Friday, April 15, being Good Friday, there will be no college exercises.

The Psi U. Chapter house is nearly completed, and will be ready for occupancy in May.

The regular weekly religious meetings will be held this term at 5 P. M., in Prof. Hoffman's room.

Several of the Senior Engineers will not return this term, as they have obtained positions.

A meeting of the Tennis Association was held in the chapel on Monday afternoon, April 11.

Prof. Vander Veer and several of the students expect to walk to the Helderbergs on Friday of this week.

Several of the Freshmen are going to take foot-ball practice on the campus, instead of the regular "Gym" work, this term.

Brookins of the Medical and Sullivan of the Law, ex 94, together with Bennett and others of the Law, are practising with the base ball team.

Mr. A. F. Clark, Williams, '89, who was engaged to coach the base ball nine, came to Union at the opening of the term, and under his careful training the team is making considerable progress. The outlook for a winning team is good.

Manager Banker has so far secured the following schedule of games: With Williams, University of Vermont, Hamilton, Colgate, Syracuse, Fordham, Glens Falls, Oneonta Normal, Murray Hill, and possibly the University of Michigan.

The first base ball game of the season was played on the campus

April 8, between the Union Classical Institute team and the class of '93. Six innings were played, when the game was called. The score stood 13 to 8 in favor of the Juniors. The latter had their pictures taken in their uniforms.

At the close of the last term, to show their appreciation of his excellent work as an instructor, Mr. Pepper's class in German, presented him with a fine gold headed silk umbrella, and his class in French presented him with a gold headed cane.

The Freshmen held their cremation very early on Monday morning in examination week. The affair was kept very quiet and few outside of the men who were to take part knew of it. There was no trouble, and the Freshmen were not molested in performing the last rites of their departed friend, Algebra.

The last section of the Chapel orations last term was as follows: Daly, '92, "John Bright." Juniors: Tallman, "College Men and their Habits;" Thatcher, "People and their Rights;" Van Alstyne, "Attention;" Webster, "The Tyranny of Public Opinion." Wright, "The Prejudice against the Negro in the South;" Lamb, "Power of Speech."

The attention of the students is especially called to the library rules. These rules are, that no student shall take any book or paper from the library, excepting those of the Philomath-adelphic collection, which may be taken for two weeks with the consent of the librarian. Any student violating this rule is to be deprived of all library privileges.

Prof. Wells gave an introductory lecture in the chapel on Thursday,

April 7, at 12:15. He spoke of his travels and of the reception he received in New York, and announced the subject of his lecture which will be "The Orient." These lectures have been arranged so that all the students may attend. They will be given in the chapel on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:15. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. The subject of next Tuesday's lecture will be, "Greece the Gate of the Orient."

The "plug hat" parade took place as usual on the first day of the term at 12 o'clock. About 40 men gathered in front of the chapel, the starting point, arrayed in old clothes, plug hats and carrying their canes. In their progress down Union street they were not much molested until after they reached Lafayette street. Then the missiles in the form of decayed vegetables, eggs, etc. began to be showered upon them by the Sophomores and street urchins. They went down Union to Church, then crossed over to State, then up State, across Nott Terrace and back to the college. During this time the shower of missiles had not been abated, and many of the Freshmen presented a woeful appearance, being covered with eggs and decayed vegetables. They felt a little sore from the pelting, but no one was badly injured.

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### Personals.

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Ex-'94 Schoonover is in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

Prof. Truax '76, is expected to return from the Bermudas the first of next week.

Ex-'93 Herrick, B. O. II., is School Commissioner in the Southern District of Dutchess.

Dr. Webster '68, was away on business at the opening of the term but has now returned.

'80 W. E. Anderson, A. T., of Scranton, Pa., was in town recently, calling on his college friends.

'90. George H. Clute, W. T., is instructor in German, French and English in Canaan Academy, Canaan, Ct.

Pro. Ashmore has returned from his trip to Europe. His health is much better and he will take up his work at once.

Prof's Ripton '80 and A. S. Wright '82, accompanied by their wives went to New York, to welcome "Uncle Billy," on his return.

Mr. Pepper, '87, who so acceptably filled the position of instructor in Modern Languages during the absence of Prof. Wells, has sailed for Paris, where he will continue his study of the French language and literature.

'49. Gen. Daniel Butterfield, S. O., recently delivered a lecture before the Gaelic Society of New York, on the subject of "St. Bernadin's Voyage to America." The lecture was the result of a search of the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. He exhibited a photographic copy of the complete set of Bernadin manuscripts. These plates Gen. Butterfield has promised to place in our college library. He is also contemplating the publication of the manuscripts and whatever else of interest he has found in connection with the subject. The proceeds of the publication are to be devoted to the erection of a statue of St. Bernadin in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

**A NEW DEPARTURE AT CORNELL.**

Following the example of some other universities, summer courses will be offered at Cornell this year, its libraries, laboratories and museums being opened during a part of the summer vacation.

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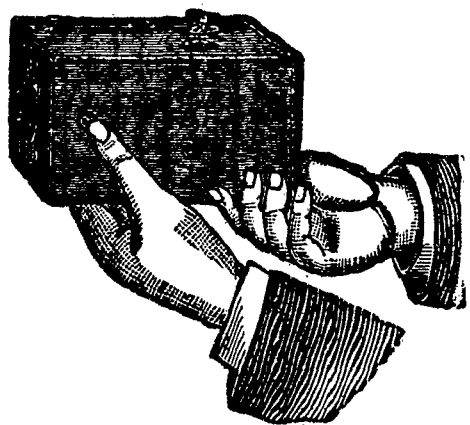
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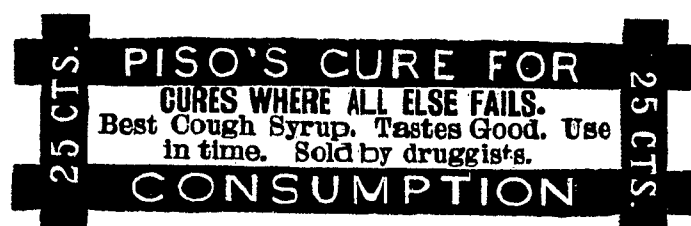
Conant, '92, E. Burke, J. Burke, McAlpine and Wright, '83, Baldwin, Smith, Cooke, Schoonover, '94, Lavery, Rittenburg, Cook, Westcott, Dwight, '95, all took in the celebration at New York, March 26. They all were of one accord in coming to the conclusion that Commodore Starin is a dandy.

Smith, '94, was so overcome with his New York "spiel" that he could not attempt to come all the way home at one time, so took Kingston as the half way or resting place.

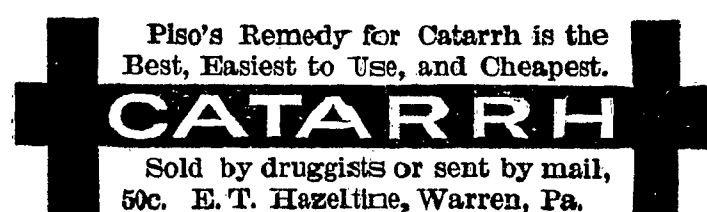
The free lunch and refreshments on board Laura M. Starin made some of the boys feel glorious, as well as some of our alumni. '89 made things lively during the ride on Saturday. They are lively fellows.

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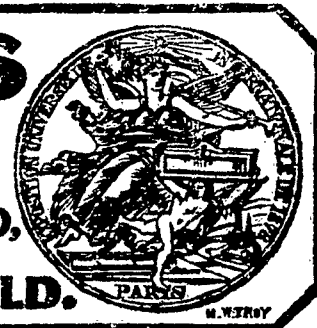
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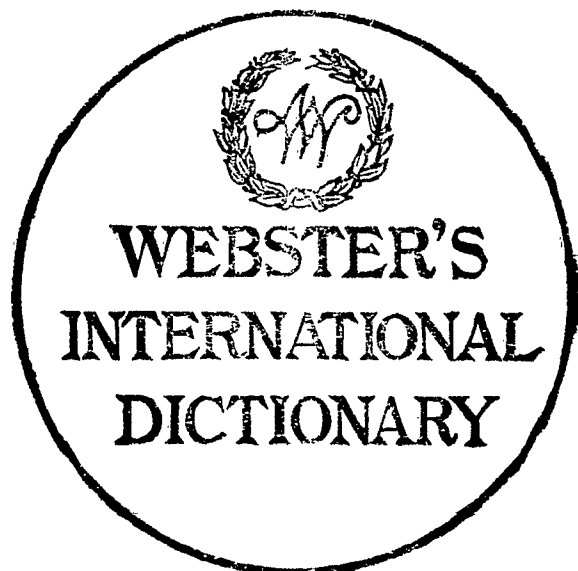
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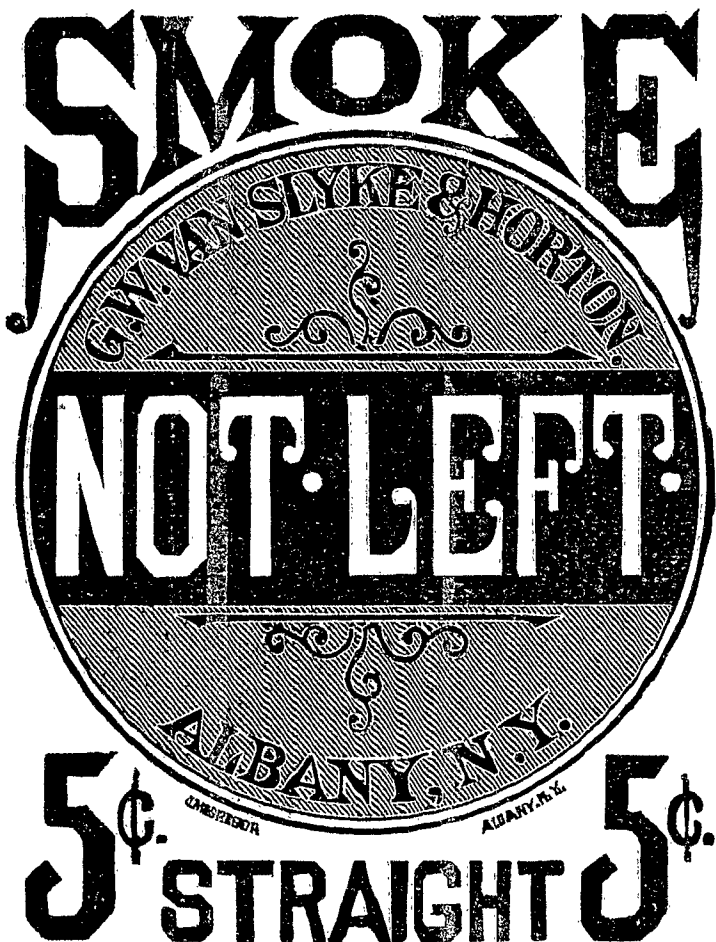
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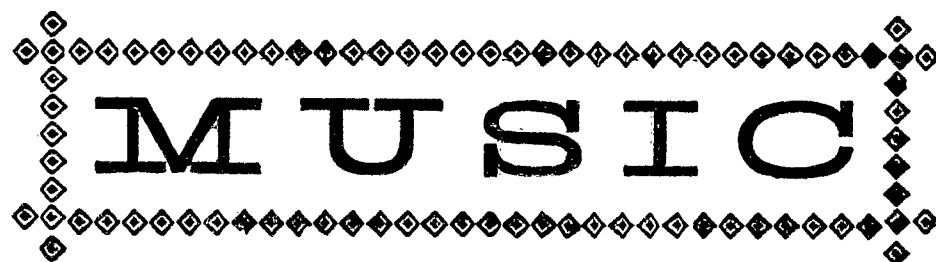
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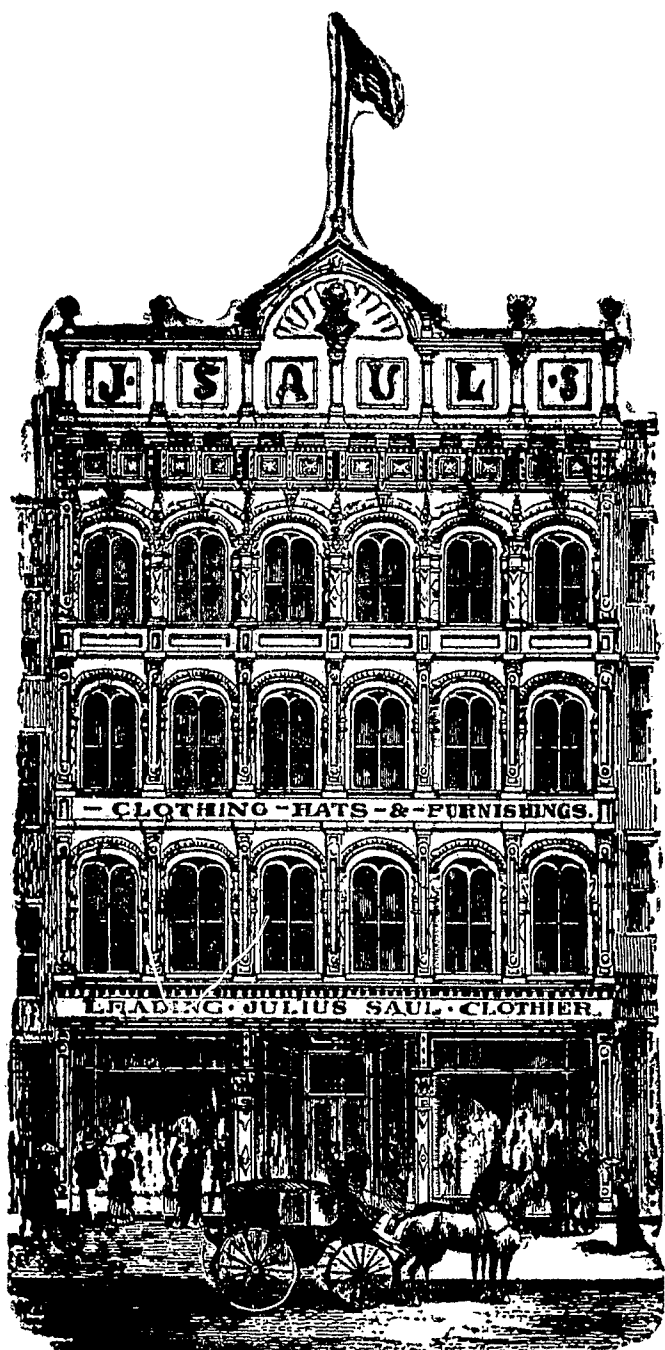
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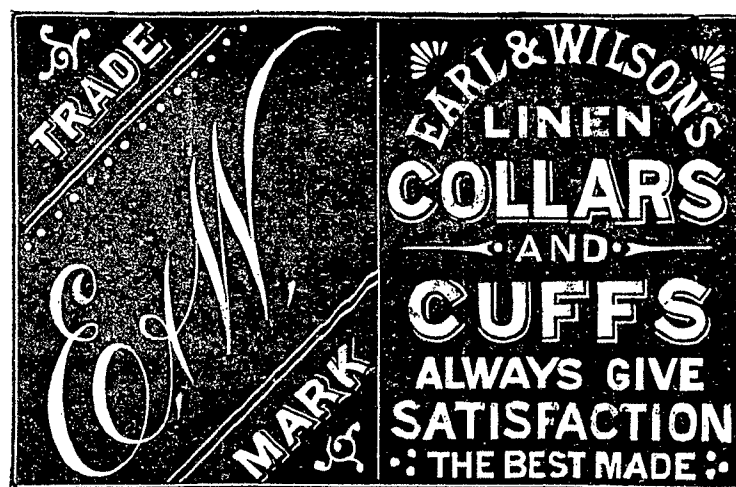
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