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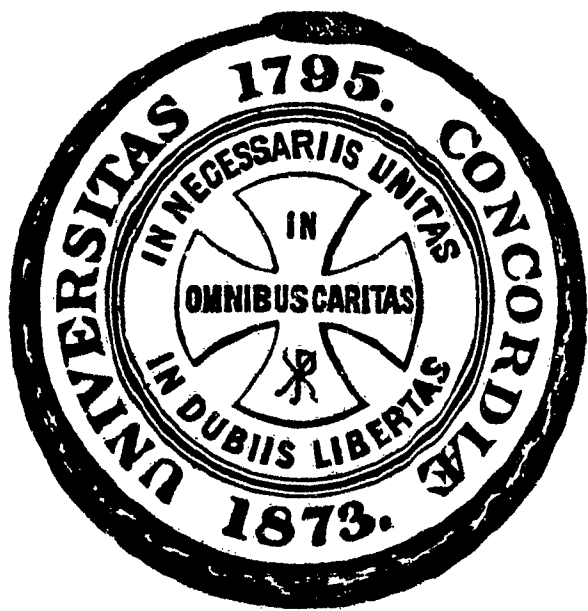
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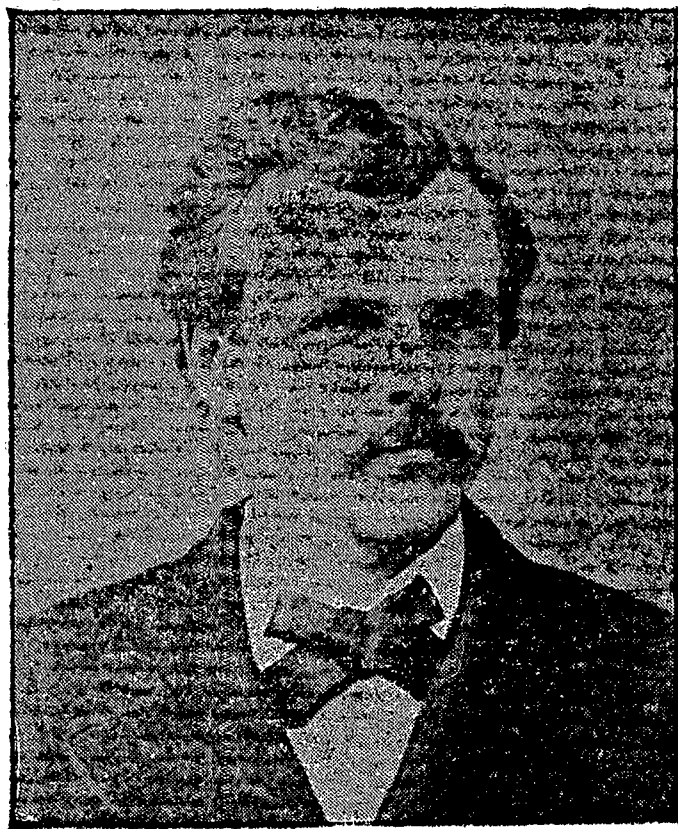


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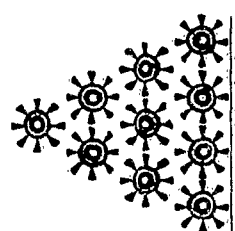


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## Dr. McKelway on "The Makers of Modern America."

One of the most instructive and intelligent lectures of the year was that delivered last Friday afternoon by Dr. St. Clair McKelway in the college chapel. Dr. McKelway is editor of the Brooklyn Eagle as well as a prominent member of the State Board of Regents, and in anticipation of his reputation as a lecturer and educator the chapel was well filled with members of the faculty, students and a goodly number of townspeople.

In the absence of Dr. Raymond, Prof. Hale introduced the speaker with a few well chosen remarks.

Dr. McKelway began by saying: "Some men were born great, some men achieve greatness, and other men have greatness thrust upon them. Just as truly, some men are born leaders, some have achieved leadership, while others have had leadership thrust upon them." The born leader is superior to, and dominates all other leaders. No better example of the born leader can be found than Washington, who, from his youth showed great capacity for leading his fellows, and who, when the proper time came, proved himself perfectly capable of bearing the responsibility placed upon his shoulders.

Any number of men can be classed in the second division. For a great many men have achieved leadership by their talent and virtue, but the number of men who have had leadership thrust upon them is more limited. Some of our own statesmen and generals have been accused of having their leadership thrust upon them. Jefferson is charged with having thrust leadership upon Madison, Hamilton and other of his contemporaries. Nearly every profession furnishes examples of these three phases of leadership, and it is these leaders who have been the "Makers of Modern America."

"The American leader is a representative man. Rarely, however, is the representative American an American representative." The names of our great leaders have become immortal. Buchanan has often been ridiculed as a "senile mass of trembling jelly," but he was the leading statesman of his party at the time of his election to the presidency and did all he was allowed to do. Lincoln endeared himself to the people when, at Philadelphia in front of old Independence Hall, raising an American flag he said: "Rather than have one of those stripes erased or one of those stars removed, I would be assassinated on this spot."

"There was a Providence in Lincoln's lowly birth. It taught him to have pity on the poor and to love the helpless. A long chain of events gave him a fine conviction of his duty to his country. From his Heavenly home he would advise brotherhood rather than contention."

Lincoln was a providential man, while Garfield was prepared for his political career by study and experience in statesmanship. With the exception of Grant the leaders of the war time shine with reflected radiance.

The lecturer paid a glowing tribute to William H. Seward, Union '55, saying that in moral character Seward was the equal of any statesman this country ever had. "He played politics as an art, as well as regarded it to be a body of principles. He had no animosities, little or large."

"Grant was an evolution of Providence to hammer down rebellion. His life is an inspiration and his death a benediction."

"Among our great men we have many who have achieved greatness in literature and the professions. George William Curtis had the courage of a lion and the gentleness of a woman in defence of his principles. His character is without a flaw, and association with him was education in itself. The words of Wendell



Phillips fell clear and cold like ice or pearls, but where they struck they burnt like fire. Among the other literary and professional men, the speaker named William Lloyd Garrison, the great anti-slavery crusader; Henry Ward Beecher, the 'poet let loose into the pulpit;' Longfellow, the poet of the people; Bryant, the noble worshipper of nature; Lowell, the champion of political purity, and Holmes, the poet of patriotism."

Among the nation's makers are some later statesmen and politicians; Stephen A. Douglas, Thomas A. Scott, William L. Dayton, Horace Greely, Hancock, McClellan, Sheridan, Horatio J. Seymour, Samuel J. Tilden, James G. Blaine and Roscoe Conkling.

"The last four decades which I have reviewed comprise the grandest number of years ever lived in America. They have been lived here more nobly than any other land ever lived an equal duration of time. All previous decades were preparations for them. The wisdom of these preparative decades was not more of a help than their follies. Failures and mistakes count for much in the economy of life. The finished product of national character is made up from the raw material of many errors."

"Greater men have flourished in the past than in the last forty years, but those forty years have this supreme distinction. They have been years in which the people have become greater than their greatest men."

"Believe with me that our nation so wonderfully founded, so grandly developed, and so manifestly meant to work out great results for God, has had in forty years past, and can be trusted to have in all its coming crisis, a notable and magnificent number of representative Americans—with a people greater than any or than all of their greatest men."

Manager Gambee, of the baseball association, has secured the service of a coach for the team for the ensuing three weeks.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity entertained a number of their alumni at an informal spread on Wednesday evening.

## Commencement of the Albany College of Pharmacy.

The Albany College of Pharmacy held its eighteenth annual commencement exercises in Jermain hall Tuesday evening. The graduating class was composed of twenty-three young men, which is a comparatively large number. Dr. Raymond presided and the college quartet rendered music.

The diploma given by the college confers the degree of graduate of Pharmacy (Ph. G.), and the college course extends over a period of two years. Last year a woman graduated, making the third person of the opposite sex to take the the degree Ph. G. in Union university.

The following are the members of the graduating class:

John H. Allen, Jr., Milbrook, N. Y.; C. Herbert Button, Schaghticoke; Harrie Cole, Pine Plains, N. Y.; R. LeRoy Davis, Hoosick Falls; Merritt B. Eldredge, Hoosick Falls; Earl W. Fellows, Chatham; Gustave A. Fink, Schenectady; Dennis Foley, Bakers Mills; John L. Grattan, Cohoes; Earl Hanes, Derby, Conn.; Isaac Levi, Albany; Albert Lynd, Nassau, N. Y.; Carl F. Miller, Albany; George H. Mowers, Jr., Cohoes; Franklin W. Scott, Jr., Albany; Harold Seymour, Chatham; Armsby D. W. Smith, Albany; Bayard D. Tuttle, Rockland, N. Y.; Henry M. Wells, Saratoga; William H. Spargenburg, New York; Walton L. Sanderson, Troy; Harry F. Honikel, Albany.

## Personals.

Bradford, '99, has recovered from his recent illness and is again on the hill.

The members of the senior class have been at Talbot's during the week having their pictures taken for the '99 class book.

Everett T. Grout, 1901, has been appointed Union's representative at the inter-collegiate gymnastic contest to be held in the gymnasium of the University of the City of New York, on Friday evening, March 24.

### New Honors For a Union Man.

Acting as the representative of the administration, Charles Emory Smith, '61, Postmaster-General, will make a trip to Cuba to investigate the conditions there, and on his return stop at Thomasville, Ga., where the President will be, to report the result of his observations.

Mr. Smith will start next Wednesday and will land at Havana. While in the island he will visit Mantanzas to confer with Gen. Wilson, who is in command of that military department. Mr. Smith, most of all, wants information respecting the present condition of the people of Cuba, the manner in which they adopt themselves to military government, etc. It is presumed that his conclusions will be used for the future guidance of the President.

The journalistic instincts and training of Mr. Smith are expected to be of great value to him in this hasty investigation, and his selection is considered fortunate.

### The 1900 Garnet.

Nearly a year ago the 1900 Garnet Board was organized and since that time it has been steadily at work on the annual, until now, its labors almost completed, the board announces that in all probability the book will be on sale next Friday. This news will be greeted with delight by all.

Of course the book is "away ahead" of any previous issue of Union's annual. That goes without saying. The editor-in-chief is Seward H. French, and upon him, more than anyone else, rests the credit for the Garnet's success. The business part of the venture has been looked after by E. M. Sanders, and his assistant is Howard P. Dunham. The secretary of the board is Philip L. Thomson, and the two associate editors, Frederick M. Davis and Leland W. Boorn. Wagner Van Vlack is athletic editor; Melvin T. Bender, literary editor; G. W. Featherstonhaugh, assistant literary editor, and George E. Raitt, art editor.

The Garnet this year has many features. It is first of all distinctively a university book. The

literary department is full of good things, among the contributors being: "Father" Brown—Football; "Cal." Enders—Baseball; "Maj." Twiford—Track Athletics; G. A. John ———,—"The Last Plug Hat Parade;" and "Joe" O'Neil—"The Beginning of the Banjo Club."

Special attention has been paid to athletics, this department covering ten pages more than last year. The typographical effect will be a pleasing change, and the art department stands out prominently in the book's merits. There are a number of new clubs enrolled, and readers of last year's Garnet will be glad to see number two in the series of "unknowns." The grinds are sharper than ever, and the book closes with an accurate calendar of last year's events.

The first edition, which is to appear on Friday, is of a limited number and will be distributed only to those whose orders are in the hands of any member of the board before Thursday night. The price of the book is the same as last year, \$1.25.

### Necrology.

DAVID MURDOCH, '45.

Rev. David Murdoch, '45, died at his home at Peekskill from heart disease on March 13. He was born in 1823 in Glasgow, Scotland, and was the son of a clergyman. His parents moved to Canada in 1832 and five years later to Ballston, N. Y. He was graduated from Union college and the Union Theological seminary.

He preached in the Congregational church at New Milford, Conn., for twenty years, and from New Milford went to New Haven, where he preached for five years, afterward becoming pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Peekskill. He then spent several years filling different pulpits. A few years ago he retired from the ministry.

The pay-roll of the University of Michigan during the year 1897-98 amounted to \$330,100. The net income from students' fees for the same period was \$177,373.



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THE FEBRUARY number of "New York Education" has come to our table. The magazine is edited and managed by C. E. Franklin, '83, of Albany. As the name implies it is devoted to the educational work and interests of New York state. This number contains a very interesting article on "The Pronunciation of Latin," by Prof. Ashmore, which should be read by every Latin student in college. A copy has been placed on file in the Library reading room, where it can be found at any time. The magazine is replete with other good things and is well worth reading.

THERE is probably no greater nuisance about the college than the poor condition of the walks during wet weather, especially the path between South college and Washburn hall. This path is more frequently used than any other yet it is in the worst condition. Any quantity of cinders has been spread over it, but constant use has ground the

cinders to powder, and just as soon as the path becomes wet, the walking is very disagreeable. The ground is so low in parts that the water lies in pools along side the path, and keeps it continually water soaked. The grade of this path could be raised about a foot at a small expense, and the amount of travel that goes on at that point daily, warrant its speedy repair.

AT PRESENT the outlook for the college seems to be very bright. The Schenectady alumni are considering a scheme which includes the lease of the pasture for a city park. If this offer should be accepted by the trustees, the money, together with that about to be realized from the contemplated sale of other college property, ought to go far towards putting the college finances on a sound basis. Moreover, the college will soon have the use of the Armstrong bequest, which will bring about \$250,000 into the treasury.

While the Concordiensis does not wish to thrust any of its immature ideas into a question of such importance, yet, as the organ of undergraduate sentiment, which will soon ripen into alumni thought, some expression of that sentiment will no doubt be pardoned.

The plan of the city alumni to lease the pasture for a city park seems commendable. A park neatly laid out would greatly enhance the view from the higher level of the terrace. It would add directly to the beauty of the college grounds, and the students would have a quiet place for rest and study during the spring and autumn months. The landscape would be far more pleasing to the eye, if it were made into a park than it is in its present condition, or would be if the land were cut up into building lots, for, in the latter case, the view that would be presented would consist of nothing less than the back yards of the residences that would ultimately be erected, with their ash barrels, weekly washings, wood piles and other regalia,—a prospect not very attractive, and still less inspiring to the student mind.

The Schenectady alumni would do well to enter into their project with heart and soul, for if the plan should prove successful they will have done an excellent thing for the college.

## The Sociological Department and Its Development.

It was only a few years ago that the study of Social Science was first taken up at Union, but ever since the subject was adopted as part of the regular curriculum, more attention has been given to the work each year, and at the present time, the college has excellent facilities in this department.

The department of Sociology was established in 1895, and was under the direction of Dean Ripton. The work was carried on mainly by text-book and lectures. As an incentive for study, an annual commencement prize in Sociology was offered by Gilbert K. Harroun.

In 1897 Mr. G. Briggs Lynes assumed the duties of the department. Later, Mr. Lynes was appointed acting librarian, and after the library had been carefully recatalogued under his direction, it was possible to do research work among the most valuable sources and authorities in History, Political Science and Sociology. However, there was found to be a great deficiency in Sociological literature, the works on the shelves being for the most part out of date. Meanwhile, Mr. Frederick R. Jones a graduate of Johns Hopkins, had taken up the work in Sociology; and since he began his labors here, he has been doing everything in his power to build up this department of the library.

Acting on his suggestion the class of '98 purchased and donated to the library about forty reference and text-books by the most prominent writers on the subject of Normal Sociology. Following the example of '98, the class of '99 has just given to the library a set of thirty valuable books mostly devoted to Abnormal Sociology. They include the following: Wright, "Man and the Glacial Period;" Henderson, "Dependents, Defectives and Delinquents;" Ellis, "Man and Woman;" Hobson, "Unemployed;" Leffingwell, "—;" Loch, "Charity Organization;" Morrison, "Crime and Causes;" Geddes, "Evolution of Sex;" Ellis, "Criminal;" Lombroso, "Man of Genius;" Rawlinson, "Origin of Nations;" Keary, "Dawn of History;" Mason, "Origin of Inven-

tion;" Nitti, "Population;" Talbot, "Degeneracy;" Henderson, "Social Elements;" Loch, "Booth's Social Scheme;" Winer, "Punishment and Reformation;" Marselli, "Suicide;" Mason, "Woman's Share in Primitive Culture;" Clodd, "Story of Primitive Man;" Starke, "Primitive Family in its Original Development;" De Quatrefager, "Human Species;" Huxley, "Man's Place in Nature;" Ferri, "Criminal Sociology;" Stuckenberg, "Introduction to Study of Sociology;" Giddings, "Elements of Sociology;" Hutchinson, "Marriage Customs in Many Lands;" Lombroso, "The Female Offender;" Hirsch, "Genius and Degeneration." This device gives the class access to a large number of books, and enables the instructor to carry on the work in a systematic manner. Assigned readings in the various books along special lines, give the student a broad knowledge of the subject matter, acquaint him with authors of world-wide reputation, and point out to him the weak and strong points in the arguments of each.

H. B. Adams, professor of American and Institutional History at Johns Hopkins, says of this method: "There is nothing like close intellectual contact between authors and students. It sometimes seems to me that a library of books is simply an association of scholars in which the present generation of students have the rights of admission and membership."

Instructor Jones deserves a great deal of credit for the success he has had since the adoption of this method. It seems to be a sure means of getting the most out of a subject, and that ought to be the student's greatest desire.

One hundred thousand dollars of the Armstrong bequest, the use of which will be secured some time during the year, will go to establish a permanent chair in Sociology.

### Alumni Notes.

J. Sullivan, ex '97, of Amsterdam, was in attendance at the surrogates court on Monday, March 13.

D. M. Westfall, '95, has been elected justice of the peace in Cambridge, Washington Co.

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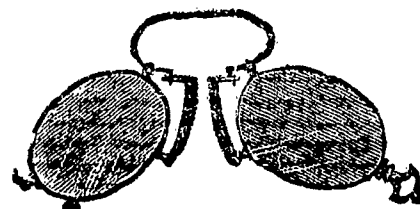
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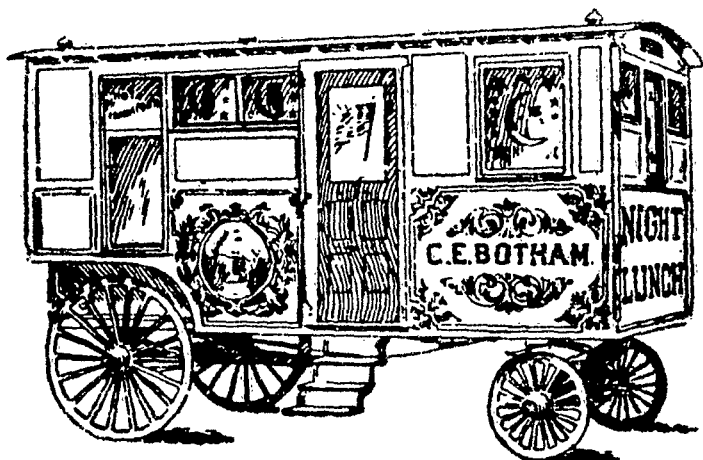
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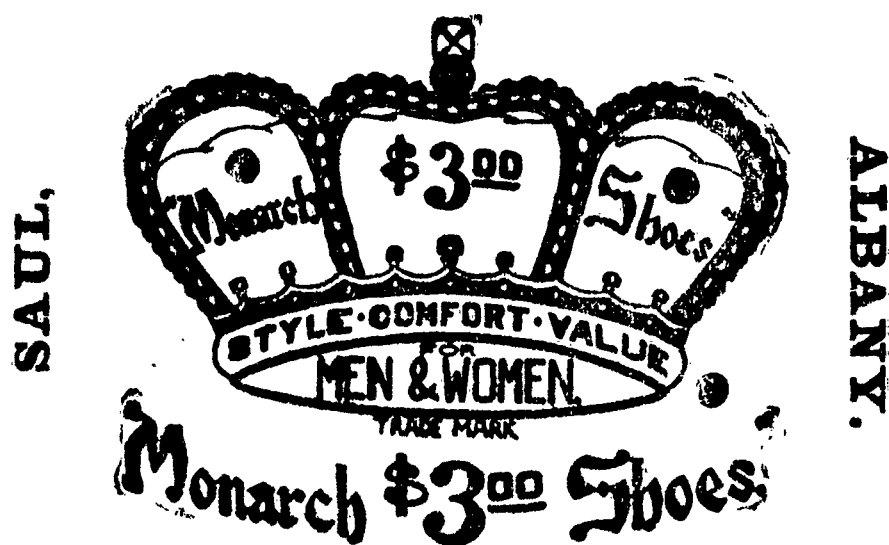
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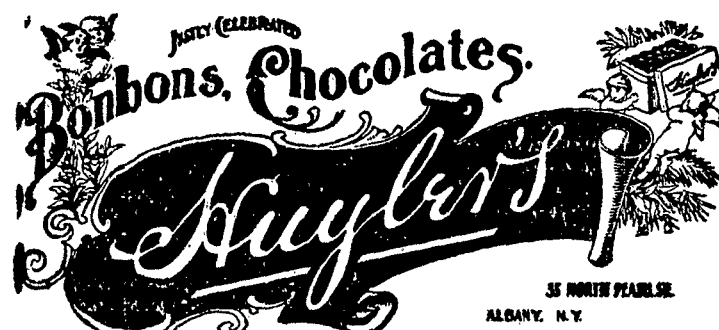
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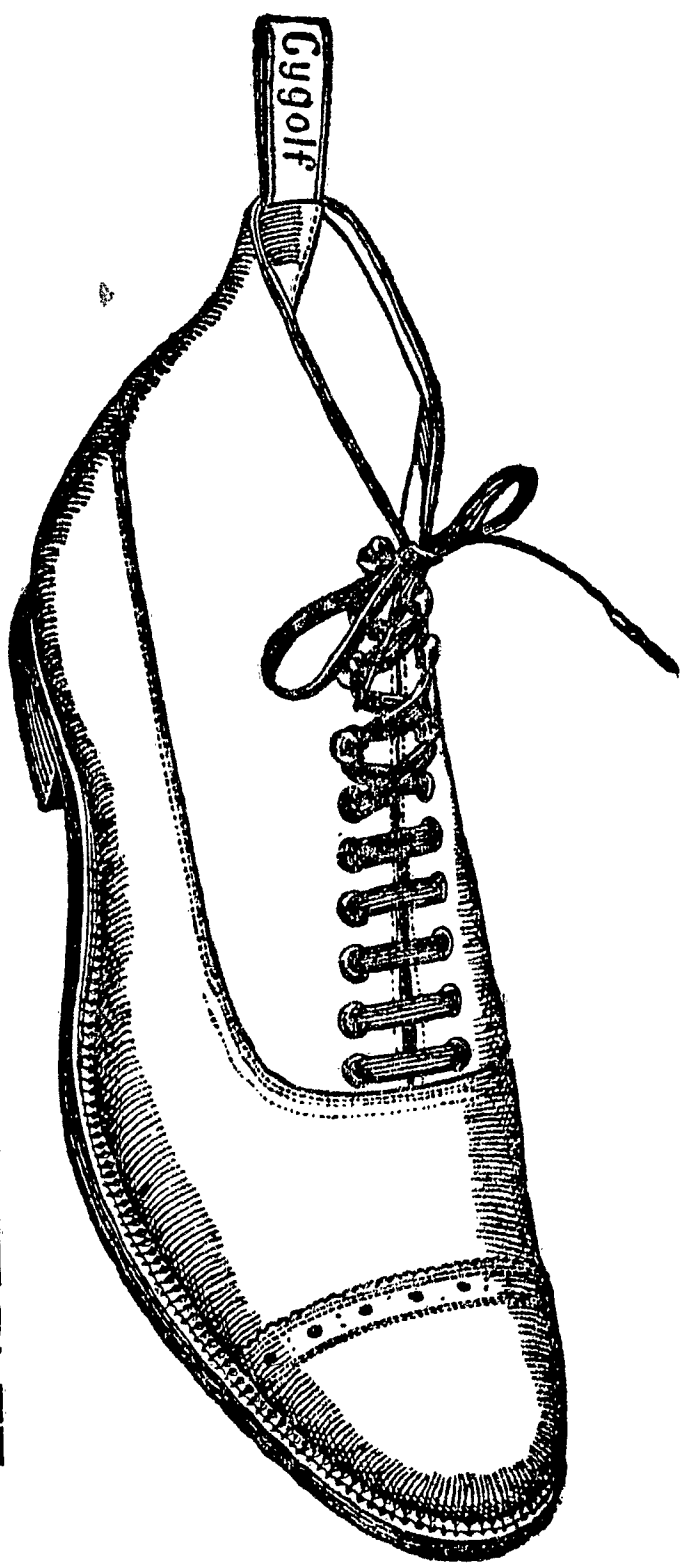
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