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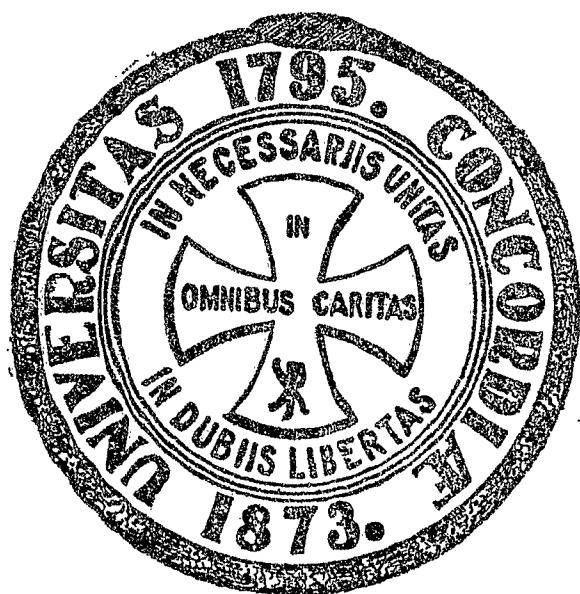
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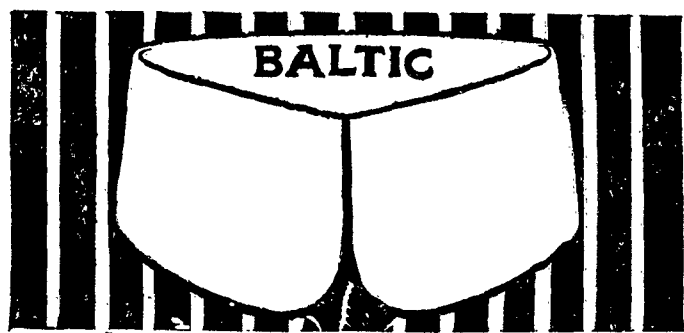
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UNION WILL PROBABLY HAVE WINNING NINE

Although the varsity failed to make an especially good showing last Saturday in the game with the Law Department of the University the contest indicated that there is considerable material in the team which can be quickly developed. It is also a pleasing thought that the best men on the Law School nine will be available for the varsity and will probably be out for the next practice.

F. T. Dawson, the new permanent coach for the Garnet teams will work in harmony with coach Bergen and this will increase the chances for turning out a winning team. Both coaches are pleased with the material at hand and predict a successful season.

Coach Bergen has long cherished the idea of forming a second team and the matter has now been laid before the athletic board for consideration. The advantages of such a team are apparent. This nine will help the varsity get into shape, and at the same time will be developing for future varsity teams, material that will be needed as the senior members drop out.

Practice is being held regularly every afternoon at four o'clock in order to put the men in the best condition possible for Saturday's game with Tufts which will be played on the campus. At present the campus is torn up badly but work is rapidly progressing on the diamond and it will be in splendid form for the first game of the season. Dan O'Keefe and Don Hutchens will probably be the battery for the opening game.



The faculty of Vanderbilt has granted to seniors and juniors the privilege of inflicting corporal punishment or "padding" upon wayward freshmen who stray from the paths of rectitude. The faculty made this concession instead of agreeing to a "personal liberty" provision, which stated that no freshman should be absent from his room after 9 o'clock at night without special permission from the supervising committee.

PAGEANT FOR BENEFIT OF NEW GYMNASIUM

Will Be Held in May and Will Show Development of
City and College

Plans are now well under way for a pageant, organized by Mrs. Richmond, for the benefit of the new gymnasium. It will be given on the afternoons and perhaps also the evenings of May thirtieth and thirty-first and June first and will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the granting of the first charter of land in Schenectady—the real founding of the city.

The services of Miss Constance MacKay of New York City have been secured to direct the pageant. She is especially well fitted for the work, as she has had wide experience in similar affairs, having been connected for some time with Percy MacKay, the well known play-wright.

The pageant will have fifteen scenes and will be participated in by about three hundred people. About forty of those who are to take part are already at work. The scenes will represent the development of Schenectady and the College. In accordance with the legend that Hiawatha lived here, the first scene will represent his birth and another his departure to the West. Another scene will represent the massacre by the French and Indians. Others will show the visits of Lafayette and Washington, the founding of the College, the birth of fraternities, and the departure of the students at the out-break of the Civil War. Dr. Nott will be shown in his three-wheeled chariot. There will also be a symbolic representation of the industrial development of Schenectady, and, the pageant will close with a symbolic group showing Schenectady clasping the hands of industry and learning. There will be other groups also, but so far their character has not been definitely decided upon.



Princeton and Syracuse have added compulsory swimming to their curriculum.

PRINCETON MAN CHOSEN FOR PERMANENT COACH

F. T. Dawson will assist "Tommy" Bergan in coaching the baseball squad this spring. Mr. Dawson will have charge next year of the three sports of football, basketball and baseball. However he will be able to be at Union during the spring and will probably have charge of the second baseball team and of the spring football practice.

Mr. Dawson entered Columbia University, and after a short time, went to Princeton and was graduated with the class of 1906. He played every position behind the line on the Princeton varsity football team, and was catcher, and in his senior year, captain, of the champion baseball team. While he did not play basketball in college, Mr. Dawson will be able to coach as he was active in this sport on his preparatory school team.



JUNIOR AND SOPHOMORE ORATORICAL CONTESTS

The preliminaries to choose four speakers from each class were held in the college chapel on Tuesday. The contest will be held in June. The men selected were:

Juniors—Hutchens, La Barron, Tremper, Mann and Giddings alternate.

Sophomores—Guthman, Loeb, Passage, Williams and Ennis alternate.



SHEPARD TO BE GENERAL SECRETARY

Raymond D. Shepard, '12, has been chosen by the Advisory Committee of the College Christian Association, to be the General Secretary next year, succeeding Cavert, '10, who goes to New York to study at Union Theological Seminary.



SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE TO BEGIN SOON

Spring football practice will start as soon as the weather permits. The men will get out in togs and start getting into shape. Coach Dawson will have charge of spring practice, which will consist of punting and general light work.

INTERESTING EXPERIENCE ON DEPUTATION TRIP

Students Go on Easter Trip to Work Among Boys

"College Boys Coming—April 3 to 7" was the notice that welcomed seven Union College students, when they stepped off the train at Stamford, a little village in the Catskill, where they went in company with Ralph Colson, the State Student Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and "Dan" Chase, the Boys' Secretary of Delaware County, to work among the boys and young fellows of the town. The men who went from Union on the trip were: Shepard, '12; Trumbull, '12; Hutchens, '13; Dewey, '13; La Barron, '13; Folensbee, '14; and Cavert, '10.

The purpose of the trip was to try to show to the fellows of the town the value of a strong character and of straight, clean Christian lives. The days were spent in "mixing in" with the boys and in getting acquainted with the people of the town. One morning was given over to a climb up Mt. Utsayantha, 3300 ft. high. Saturday afternoon was devoted to a baseball game between "the town boys" and "the college boys." The game resulted in a victory for the latter due to their excellent battery, Dewey and Hutchens. The less said about the rest of the team the better! However, it was a game long to be remembered.

In the evenings meetings were held in one of the village churches, at which "the college boys" gave straight simple talks about the Christian life. A "college quartet", composed of La Barron, Folensbee, Dewey, and "Dan" Chase, captivated (?) the audience. One evening a moving picture show a few doors away competed with "the college boys", yet over 100 people came to the meeting. On the last evening there were over 300 present, among whom were almost all the boys and young fellows of the village.

Altogether it was a great experience. "The college boys" had a fine time, made many friends, and had the joy of feeling that they had helped, in some measure at least, a lot of the boys to live strong Christian lives.



ELIHU ROOT MAY BE HONORARY CHANCELLOR

Although it has been reported that Honorable Elihu Root will be unable to act as chancellor, no definite word to this effect has been received from him. President Richmond in spite of these rumors has again written urging his acceptance but up to the present time has not received any reply.

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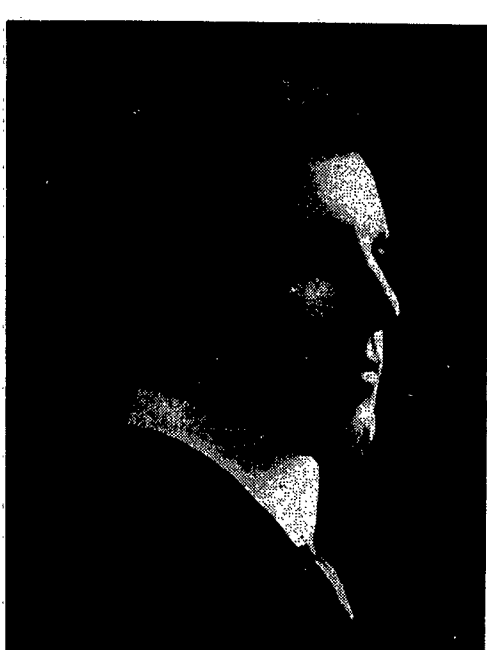
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The Snowball Scrap

The snowball scrap which recently took place on the campus between the two underclasses seems to be a matter for discussion. One of our local newspapers took the stand in an editorial that the scrap should be abolished. The editorial claimed that the juniors and seniors were practically the only men in college who desired the fight and that this was because they took no part in it. Again, it stated that cases of pneumonia had resulted from it and this together with the consideration that the scrap, coming at a time in the year when the usual conflicts between the classes are over makes it lack the interest which attends combats held earlier in the season, were considered sufficient reasons for its abolishment.

We are glad to say that such a view is not held by many of the men on the hill. Let us ask why the juniors and seniors should not desire the annual snowball scrap. They have all taken their turns at it while they were underclassmen and it is a well deserved privilege to be a spectator after the

second year. Moreover it is not true that the underclassmen were greatly opposed to the fight. Of course, there may have been a few "short sports" in each class, and it can be admitted that the thought of such a combat is not a most pleasant one, but yet the under classes as a whole were far from wishing to do away with one of the old college customs.

As for the cases of pneumonia that have been caused by it they are few and far between. If such catastrophies were a usual result the scrap would have been stopped by the faculty long ago. Many precautions are taken by the combatants against evil effects. After the contest a number of the men go to the "gymn" where they take a warm bath and have a good rub down and where there are dry clothes awaiting them. Those who do not go to the gymnasium retire to their fraternity houses where equal precautions are taken.

It appears ludicrous to claim that interest in the combat was lacking. One need only to have witnessed the fight to come to such a conclusion. The warriors on both sides set up their warhoops with vim and entered the strife with vigor. Equal interest was manifested by the faculty, students, and spectators in general. Our friend who says that interest in the under-class contests is lacking after the first part of the college year should witness the scraps that take place at the idol and last the whole night before moving up day which comes in the latter part of May.

If these are the reasons, should the scrap be abolished? Why not abolish the cane rush and idol worship also? Let's abolish everything that is distinctive of Union! If we give up one custom others will suffer the same fate and it will only be a matter of time before we have a real lady like institution.

Surely it is strongly opposed to true Union spirit to do away with the snowball scrap. The majority of students desire its continuance and the men who want it abolished are, as a rule, those who lack backbone.



An Old Union Custom

A number of years ago it was a favorite custom and pastime of the Union students to come together on pleasant spring evenings and sing the old Union songs while sitting on the terrace wall. An effort is now being made to start this custom anew as the weather is becoming more pleasant. This effort certainly deserves the hearty support of the entire student body. The men in charge will endeavor to select a night most convenient for the majority of the students and it is hoped that a large delegation will be on hand. Surely this is an admirable custom and true Union men should need little urging to get right into the spirit of these meetings.

PROF. CALLAN LECTURES ON ARCHITECTURE

Professor John A. C. Callan of the engineering department commenced his series of lectures on architecture, Monday evening, April the first. The subject of the first discourse was Egyptian architecture. Mr. Callan showed the vast scope of the work of the ancient Egyptians and explained its true significance. His remarks were rendered more forcible by the use of stereoptican slides. The lecture was held in the college chapel.

This lecture was followed by a second in the same place on the evening of April second. The subject for Tuesday night was of special interest to the students in the classical department as well as to the engineers; Greek and Roman architecture was discussed. Views of many famous works of architecture were thrown on the screen. Notable among them were the Acropolis as a whole, the Parthenon, the Appian Way, and the triumphal arch of Constantine.

Professor Callan laid special stress on the last mentioned structure. In discussing the work of the Romans, he explained what influence Grecian architecture had upon it. He also explained that there were three different types of architecture prevalent at Rome. The lecturer's discussion of the natural resources of the Greeks and Romans for sculpture proved that the advantage lay with the latter.

These lectures are to be continued in the future.



CORNELL ADOPTS NO-TREAT SYSTEM

On March 22 the "no-treat" system was re-instituted at Cornell by a senior meeting in the Dutch Kitchen, at which each man bought his own drinks. The plan, by which all treating is abolished, seems to have found favor both with the alumni and under-graduates. It is claimed that it promotes rather than diminishes sociability and good-fellowship and that it will enable students of moderate means as well as those who wish to take only a few drinks, to join in the down-town gatherings.



Agitation for a crew of their own has been started by Syracuse women. They say that if Smith women can play football they ought to be able to row. University officials have been asked to allow them to use the rowing machines nights after the men have finished. Possibly a shell will be bought also.

BLACK CAT SOCIETY WILL HOLD DINNER

A fine address was heard by the members of the Black Cat Club last Friday night, which was given by Charles N. Waldron, secretary of the Graduate Council. Mr. Waldron spoke on "Some Interesting Union Alumni, Living and Dead". The talk was of great interest and instruction to the members of the club in that it gave them a starting acquaintance with many of Union's famous men. The club entertained Samuel M. Cavert, Gen. Sec. of Silliman Hall; Thomas A. Fairbairn, Pres. of the Terrace Council; Roy W. Peters, Sec. of the Athletic Board and Bayard B. Webb, Pres. of the Senior Class. The meeting was the first to be addressed by an outside speaker.

At the next meeting which will be held on Friday, all the men on the hill who are interested in Socialism are invited to attend. Walter Lippman, secretary to Mayor Lunn, will speak on the "College Man and Socialism." Mr. Lippman is a Harvard graduate and founder of the "Intercollegiate Socialistic Society" for the study of socialism. He is ably fitted to speak on the subject and will try to explain the essential principles of socialism to the college men.

The dinner will begin at 6 o'clock sharp. Those who do not care to come to the dinner, which will cost 25 cents, may come later to hear the speaker at 6:30. The dinner will be held at Goodman's restaurant under the auspices of the club but will in no way be considered a meeting under the lead of freshmen. The club is merely trying to give those an opportunity to hear Mr. Lippman who care to. Those intending to attend the dinner should drop a postal to R. S. Blodgett, Pyramid Club, to be in his hands not later than 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. Places will be reserved accordingly.



MR. HOLT WILL SPEAK

Mr. Hamilton Holt will speak in the chapel on April twentieth. He comes under the auspices of the World's Peace Society and will speak on the Federation of the World. The subject of universal peace is an important and widely discussed question and we are very fortunate to have such a speaker as Mr. Holt. His speech is sure to be interesting and well worth hearing.



Traveller (Passing through Hudson): "For Evans' sake, what ails this town?"

NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

1871.—Col. John Van Rensselaer Hoff, a member of the class of 1871, was retired April 11th after forty years of active service in the United States Army Medical Corps. Col. Hoff was born at Mount Morris, N. Y., on April 11, 1848. After graduating from Union in 1871, he took a course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. When he had received his medical degree, he began his military and professional life in Nebraska as a Lieutenant of the Medical Corps of the United States Army. A few years later he was transferred to the East and then spent a year at the University of Vienna. Here he came in touch with European medical practice and studied the sanitation of the European armies.

In 1887, Congress passed a law organizing a hospital corps, and this bill was successful largely because of the efforts of Captain Hoff, who is acknowledged to be the creator of the Army Field Hospital as it exists today. He has travelled widely, having been sent by the government to Porto Rico during the Spanish War, to Peking during the Boxer uprising and to Russia in the Russo-Japanese war.

His study of military sanitary conditions in all parts of the world made Major Hoff an expert in hygiene and he now began to lecture to the younger officers in the Corps. After his trip to Russia, he spent one year in the University of Nebraska and two years at Manila as Chief Surgeon. Col. Hoff's work has done much to bring about the remarkable health of our army. As a tribute to his work he received the honorary degree of LL. D.



TRACK NEWS

The track squad is working hard in preparation for the dual meet with Hamilton May 11. The men have been working indoors but now that the weather is better they are running out of doors. The outlook for the team is very bright; as they have some excellent material. Streever, '12, and Vedder, '13, are out for the two mile; Streever, '12, Rogers, '13, Tremper, '13, and Elmore, '14, for the mile; La Barron, '13, for the half; Dent, '15, for the quarter; and Hughes, '15, for the dashes. Folensbee, '14, Titus, '15, and Butler, '15, are training for the shot put, and Huthsteiner, '15, Butler, '15, and Mac Taggart, '15, for the jumping and pole vault.

THE 1913 GARNET

After several months of labor on the part of the Garnet board the management is ready to announce that the first issues of the 1913 Garnet will appear about the second week in May. It was the aim of the manager to have the annual appear at an earlier day but many details, which had to be included in the year book, delayed the expected date of completion.

The judgment of the readers will decide the worth of the effort of the class of '13. The board feels justified in saying that from present indications the book will be as good as any published heretofore. The board modestly allows the reader to say better.

The 1913 Garnet will contain about 275 pages bound in a semi-flexible suede leather cover of a rich garnet color. The issue contains many novel features and every student should surely possess one if only for the sake of having the late Prof. Ashmore's memorium. Through the kindness of Mrs. Ashmore the Garnet will contain a recent photograph of the late Professor taken a short time before his illness. A cut of the New Gym with several pages of description is also a matter of prime interest to the student. Aside from all these features, you will have to see the Garnet for the others not mentioned here, the art and literary work is fully worth the price of the issue.

The manager has contracted for only a limited number of copies so that no extra copies will remain unsold. In order that all students may receive the opportunity of purchasing a copy of the 1913 Garnet they should place their order with the business manager, C. R. Fischle, Beta Theta Pi House. Orders shall be filled in regard to the time of their placement with the manager.

Further information on this subject will be given at a later date. The price of this year's Garnet will be \$2.50 or \$2.75 sent by mail prepaid. Don't fail to get in your order early.



DR. AND MRS. RICHMOND

GIVE RECEPTION

Dr. and Mrs. Richmond received the Senior class Tuesday afternoon, April ninth. Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Ellery assisted. Dr. Richmond sang to the accompaniment of his harp. He also played the piano while the Seniors sang college songs. Before the reception broke up there were several cheers given for Dr. and Mrs. Richmond and the Misses Richmond.

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HUDSON RIVER TRIP

- April 17. Lv. Schenectady via N. Y. C. 1:57 p. m. Ar. Poughkeepsie 3:57 p. m. Concert, First Presbyterian Church, 7:45 p. m.
- April 18. Lv. Poughkeepsie via Central Hudson Steamboat Co., 8:50 a. m. Ar. Rondout (Kingston) 10:30 a. m. Concert, Y. M. C. A. Hall, 8:15 p. m.
- April 19. Lv. Rondout to Rhinecliff by ferry. Lv. Rhinecliff via N. Y. C. 10:52 a. m. Ar. New York (G. C. Term.) 1:48 p. m. Lv. N. Y. (G. C. Term.) via Subway 1:50 p. m. Lv. Flatbush Ave. Sta., Brooklyn via Long Island R. R. 1:57 p. m. Ar. Freeport, L. I. 2:46 p. m. Concert, Sigmond Opera House, 8:15 p. m. (Entertainment at Freeport Club.)
- April 20. Lv. Freeport via L. I. R. R., 10:16 a. m. Ar. Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, 11:08 a. m. Subway to Broadway & 50th St., New York. Cumberland Hotel, cor. B'way & 54th St. Concert, Washington Ave. Baptist Church, 8:15 p. m., cor. Washington & Gates Aves. Subway to Nevins St. Sta. Gates Ave. surface car to Washington Ave.
- April 21. New York to Schenectady.

FORT PLAIN TRIP

April 27, 1912

- Lv. Schenectady via N. Y. C. 1:35 p. m. Ar. Canajoharie 2:48 p. m. Concert, Mohawk Hall, 3:00 p. m.
- Lv. Canajoharie via West Shore 6:04 p. m. Ar. Fort Plain 6:12 p. m. Dinner at Hotel Greeley 6:30 p. m. Concert, Fort Plain Theatre, 8:00 p. m. Lv. Fort Plain via N. Y. C. 10:23 p. m. Ar. Schenectady 11:37 p. m.

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PRESS CLUB MEETS

The Press Club held its weekly meeting Wednesday evening in Washburn Hall. Election of officers for the coming year will take place two weeks from the last meeting after which the club will hold its annual banquet. The committee on arrangements is now busy with preparations.



J. S. Butler, '15, has been appointed watcher in the College Museum in the Library.

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL GAMES FOR JOSEPH TROPHY

The basketball contests for the Joseph Trophy are now being played. Varsity men who have been awarded a V or A V A in basketball are not eligible to compete. This will tend to make the teams evenly matched and a good set of games is expected. The schedule follows:

Friday, April 12, 1915 vs. 1913, 5 p. m.

Monday, April 15, 1914 vs. 1913, 4 p. m.

Wednesday, April 17, 1915 vs. 1914, 4:30 p. m.

Thursday, April 23, 1915 vs. 1913, 4:30 p. m.



DR. RICHMOND'S ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Richmond spoke at the luncheon of the Schenectady Board of Trade on April 11th and on the twelfth he spoke at the Pyramid Club dinner. He also was present at the Princeton dinner in Albany on the 15th and at the meeting of the New York Educational Committee of the Board of Trustees on the 18th. His future dates are: April 20th he will dine at the Plaza Hotel, New York City, with Mr. Frederick T. Martin and Mr. W. J. Bryan, on the 21st he will preach at Bryn Mawr College, on the 27th he will attend a University dinner in Albany and on the 27th he will lecture to the literary clubs of Oneida on Robert Burns and the next morning he will address the Oneida high school.



Horace Hutchens, '10, has presented the library with ten volumes of Brady's Photographic History of the Civil War.



Taft, Roosevelt, Harmon, Wilson, La Follette, Clark and Bryan, was the order in which the Trinity undergraduates voted in the straw vote held by the "Tripod." Taft led Roosevelt by seven votes, the count being 77 to 70. In all, 208 ballots were cast.



Instead of the usual caps and gowns the graduates of the Agricultural School of the University of Minnesota will wear overalls and slouch hats.

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Two of the Union's track runners passed a learned and preoccupied professor showing a young woman visitor through the "Gardens."

With a dainty shiver, the girl remarked:

"It's dreadfully cold--isn't it--to be without stockings?"

The professor's mind turned for a moment from contemplation of the fourth dimension.

"Then why did you leave them off?" he asked.

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At New York University, students are allowed fifteen chapel cuts. If they exceed this limit, they are required to write a thesis on some religious subject.

HEARD AT THE ORPHEUM

Mike: "I hear they have an automobile hearse here."

Full: "Yes, everybody's dying to ride in it."

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In a speech at the University of Kansas recently, President Taft said that morals among students are higher than when he was in college.

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According to Dr. Kellogg the majority of us pronounce our words badly. We slur many syllables and run our words together. His example clearly illustrates his position--Yugutter kwit kikh madawg aroun.

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BASKETBALL RULES CHANGED

At the annual meeting of the college basketball rules committee, held in New York on Friday and Saturday, several minor changes, designed to make the game faster and less rough, were adopted.

A player is to have but 10 seconds for a free try for the basket, after the referee has placed the ball on the foul-line. The two-minute rest periods in the halves were abolished, and the out of bounds rule was defined as requiring the ball to go to the nearest eligible player. The rules concerning blocking and holding were also made clearer and the officials are to be instructed to be stricter in their decisions upon these points, in order to make the game more of an offensive one.

Stranger in Schenectady: "Do you suppose I could get a little drink in this town on Sunday?"

Stude: "Possibly, old chap, unless the places are all too crowded."

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Statistics of the University of Kansas show that the fraternity men are only a fraction of one per cent. below the neutrals in scholarship, while sorority women excel those who do not belong to a sorority.

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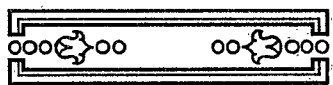
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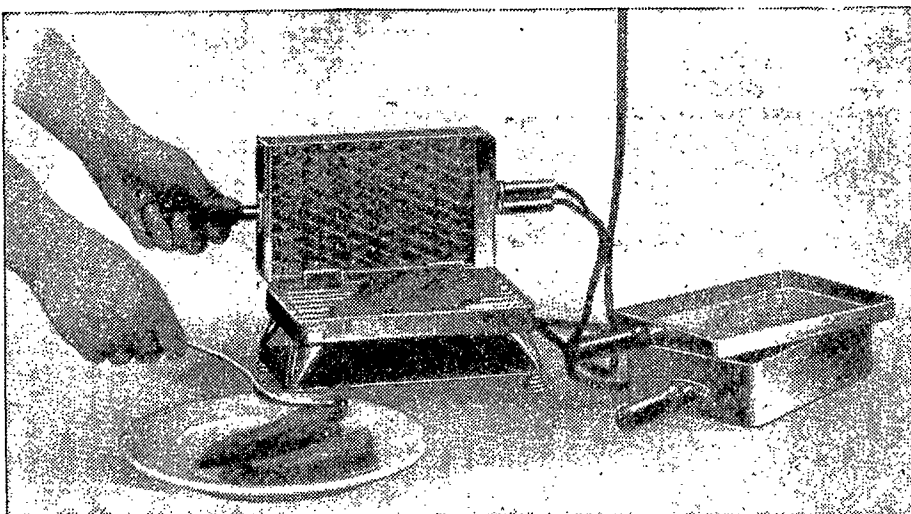
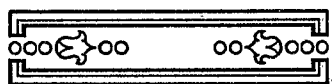
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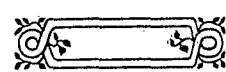
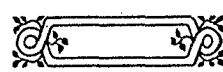
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