John V. H. Van Reypen was born in 1808 and died in 1829. This information comes from his niece Mrs. P. K. Green of Jersey City, N. J.

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Old Bergen Attic Reveals

Unique Geometry Textbook

By W. H. RICHARDSON

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In our story of the Fourth of July celebration in old Bergen a few days ago we mentioned the personal mocelebration in old Bergen a few days ago we mentioned the personal momentoes of John Van Reypen that had been laid away in our Attic treasury for a century, and with which we were trying to call "back to its mansion" something of the "fleeting breath" of the life of that time. Among the relies that have lasted all these years are a number of papers and documents that tell of his years at Union College, Schenectady, which, we are informed by Mr. Charles N. Waldron, secretary of the graduate council there, he must have entered in 1824, since the entrance requirement was 16 years. As he was born in 1808, and he graduated in 1826, it would seem that this particular Bergen boy must have been one to be emulated today. We have before us as we write, the college list of the courses of studies recommended for preparation for admission: Riggs' Latin Grammar and Ffrar's Latin courses, Caesar's Commentaries, Virgil, Cicero: Mook's Greek Grammar, Greek Testament, arithmetic. English Grammar, geography—and a lot of other things with foreign names. The ancient prospectus advised the applicant that less attention would be paid to the particular books read, than to the

foreign names. The ancient prospectus advised the applicant that less attention would be paid to the particular hooks read, than to the amount of knowledge acquired. That always has been the hard part, to acquire the knowledge! Then follows the course of studies pursued after admission. My collegiate mentor says it was not an easy course. In the senior year ther were four subjects in each term, stressing Chemistry, Natural Philosophy. Elements of Criticism. "Laws of Nations" or Greek Testament; Hebrew, Greek, French, etc., etc., were in the long list of things left to the choice of the student. Whatever he choice of the student of this prize ovation" for that Independence Day celebration. celebration.

One of his professors was Rev. Alonzo Potter. A.M., who came to Union in 1822 and whose subjects were mathematics and Natural Philosophy. Why John Van Reypen brought home his 56-page textbook—and apparently none other—we have not yet discovered, so we dare assume that the product of the control of the con

not yet discovered, so we dare as-sume that Dr. Potter was an enjoy-able pastime for him at Union. The thumbed and battered olive-gray paper-covered "Descriptive Gegray paper-covered "Descriptive Geometry" bears the quilled flourish of "Jno. Van Reypen" at the top of page one, and the amplified informa-

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tion faintly inked in by some owner of the book as to its authorship. On different pages, John has made corrections to the text where manifest printing errors had been made. The cover is scribbled with letters, Rip, G. H., J. V. R.; also the names in full of G. H. (Van?) Hutin, and the title repeated in almost faded-out lettering, "Potters Geometry." out lettering, "Potters Geometry."
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out lettering, "Potters Geometry."
The pen-scroll work and cross-marking much reminds us of what a modern schoolboy might be doing when he should be doing something studious. They make a very human document of it!
Curiously, there is no date anywhere, nor any printed ascription of its authorship anywhere in the book; its title page is missing; but its bibliographical pedigree is established beyond cavil solely because these Union College boys were just as careful as boys were in my own day to assert their claims to their books in these fantastic styles. In doing what they did then they certified to the authenticity of what is probably the only known copy of Dr. Potter's Geometry in the world. And now in 1925 we hear from Union College that Rev. Alonzo Potter's pamphiet would be esteemed a very valuable addition to their collection of the writings of the members of their faculty, as they have no copy of this book, the first page of which be is John Van Reypen's embellishment Mrs. P. K. Green has been fine enough to agree that this unique imprint should be sent in an honored place with the library treasures of the college after its century's sojourn in our Bergen attic. e after our

CIVIC BODIES TO HELP KEEP BEACHES CLEAN

Trenton, July 22.-Initial plans for doing away with shore front pollution in New Jersey were put in operation by the Sanitary and Economic Water Commission today, when it voted to ask members of trade bodies and civic organizations, as well as the Women's Committee of the National Anti-Pollution League, to become in-formal inspectors for the Board and report sources of water impurities throughout the State

Possibilities that the 800 miles of New York's water front may be freed of floating refuse were also discussed. Although much litter coming to New Jersey beaches from New York sources is garbage, it was said that lumber and other floating objects were also in evidence. A hoat equipped with mechanical means of gathering this floatsam, it was said, could periodically clear the waters surrounding this

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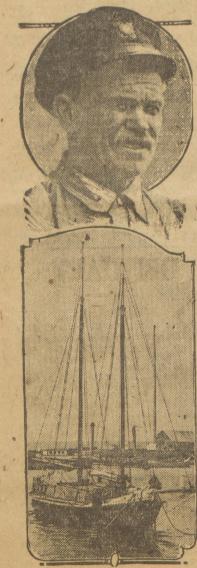
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Dayton, Tenn.—The most Famous Man in Dayton, the world-noted scene of the future great evolution trial. Nanny about this here money business."

And the day or so before the world's great minds come to Dayton, he's goin' to whistle to his coon dog and hike off to the mountains till nearce again descends upon his village.

SHIP RIDES WHALE



Capt. Tom Drake, who has been sail- 14, picked around the seas ever since he was has arrived in San Francisco in his and care

and hike off to the mountains till peace again descends upon his village. The Most Famous Man is named Roy Skelton. Everybody calls him inventor, too.

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In the Cumberland mountain streams.

And the prosecution told about Roy's chickenhawk. It seems the chickens were eating up Roy's corn and beans, so he made a big cloth chicken-hawk and put an alarm clock in its inmards, and when the chickens Mountain in Chatanooga and see Roy before you go back.

That's the way Dayton welcomes the stranger within her gates.

And Dayton can't see why it took a leart trouble," said when the chickens got to digging. Roy pressed a button and his hawk flapped down upon em. "A rooster and two hens died of heart trouble," said the defense; glaring at the prosecution with

ing at the prosecution with a beat-that" expression!

We found Roy in his sarage making monkey watch fobs.
Roy had just returned from a trip to Washington where he went to patent his watch fob.

"First one of my inventions I ever did it to," he said. id it to," he said.
"But I rather make fish flies Fish but know won't bite on anything but

Didn't amount to nothing. Folks just

alked too much.
Well, there was the firelighter. Well, there was the fire ghter. Nothin' to it. Just rigged up an alarm clock with a battery and stuck it in the grate at night, and when the alarm went off at 4 in the morning it

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UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

1.	Name in full John Van Reypen		Class 1826
2.	Born on May 4,1808 at (Give date and place in full)	Bergen, New Jersey	
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4.	Prepared for college at(If entering from another college, so st.		n, New Jersey.
5.	Entered	(Give year, month and class	if not freshman) Course
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6.	Parents' names in full (with country of anc	estry, college, occupation, residence, da	te of birth and death, and other important facts.)
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