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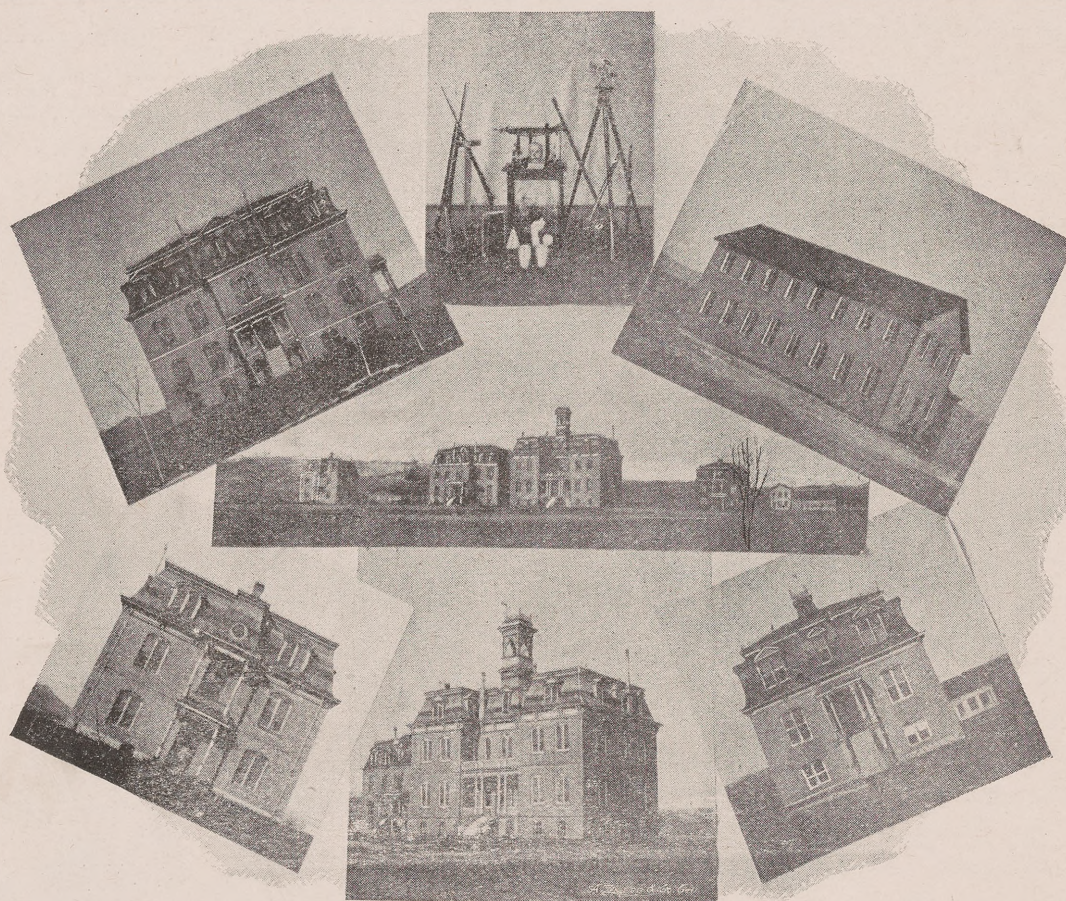
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SHOULD PRIVATE CITIZENS FEED TRAMPS?

It has always, to a greater or less extent, been customary among the people of the United States and other countries to support tramps, either by giving them food, or money with which to buy food. The question whether it is the duty of private citizens to do this involves one of the deepest questions concerning our sense of humanity, of right and justice, and is closely connected with the highest interests of our country at

lihood by labor? What will be the results in either case? The common complaint of the tramp is that he cannot find employment; that he is able and anxious to work, but unable to obtain the work he desires. If this were true, according to our definition, such a man would not be a tramp. However, for the moment, let us extend our definition a little and consider whether there is any reason for a man who is willing to work being without employment. Most tramps are big, strong, healthy men with plenty of ability to work. Could they not find



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the present time. The first thing to be considered is, what do we mean by a tramp? Webster defines a tramp as a wandering vagabond, a vagrant, a man unwilling to work who wanders from place to place and obtains his living by begging of private persons. This definition, therefore, excludes all such honest laborers as through circumstances beyond their control may have been thrown out of employment. The question then may be stated thus: Which is the better policy, to support such men in idleness or to force them to earn their live-

employment if they desired it? The United States is still in her infancy. Her resources have not as yet been fully developed. Yet we hear men complaining of scarcity of employment. There has been no war, no great destructions by fire or flood. Is it possible that a country as large as the United States and with the resources of the United States is unable to support is sixty-five millions of inhabitants? Here we have strong, able men with all the natural powers of men who are yet unable to use those powers to their own advantage and

satisfaction. That big, strong men, not helpless women and children, should ask alms is unnatural. Why is it that labor, the source of all things useful and necessary to man's existence and comfort, cannot be exchanged for its full value in those necessities of life? Nature has not changed. The sun has not refused to give light nor the earth to yield its increase. The materials for labor are as abundant as ever. That there should be scarcity of employment in such a condition of things is as unnatural as life in death, and implies that there is a something wrong somewhere. If there is such a wrong, preventing labor from reaping its benefits from natural and abundant materials, it is the highest duty of our citizens to rectify it. The wrong is not to be righted by charity. It can only be done by justice, by removing those restrictions to labor and giving every man willing to work the opportunity he desires. By charity men willing to work are converted into men unwilling to work, and the wrong is encouraged.

But now, to return to the true tramp, the man who does not want to find work; let us consider the results of supporting him by the charity of private persons.

Of old it was said, "He that will not work shall not eat." Shall it be otherwise now? Work is itself disagreeable and irksome. No man has ever yet worked for the mere pleasure of working. In all things that man undertakes he is led on by some hope, some desire. If that hope be destroyed, if his object in working be removed, he will soon cease to work. In the ruder stage men looked upon work as the curse of an offended creator. But now, considering everything that work has done for man's advancement, we must look upon it rather as a blessing. Yet it is a law of human nature that man gain everything with the least exertion on his own part. If a man finds out that the public will support him he will not try very hard to find work. Most tramps are professional rogues, men brought up to a life of idleness and wickedness. Their sole support is to deceive, and with their pitiful story, their detestable lies and winning tones, they solicit the sympathy of their hearers. They rob the honest laboring man and woman, much less able than themselves to work, of their hard earned wages, and prevent relief from coming to the really deserving poor.

The relation of the tramp to the criminal is of the closest character, as experience shows. If he cannot cheat, he steals; if he cannot steal he resorts to miserable begging. Indeed his idleness, worthlessness and ignorance make him even lower than the criminal class, the lowest of the low. Such men have been cherished and allowed to increase because of a too tender hearted and sympathetic public. That they are increasing is shown by statistics. Honest men willing to work are induced to become dishonest men, beggars and criminals.

By encouraging such a condition of affairs, we are endangering our highest interests, all that makes us a great nation, a free people. The freedom of any government depends upon the intelligence of the people con-

stituting it. In the ancient despotic governments of Asia, the common people were mostly an ignorant mass, with no thoughts of right or justice, ground under foot by the superior intelligence of a few. But as man advanced in civilization and intelligence, so the government became less despotic and oppressive, and now we are living under the freest of governments. But by supporting tramps we are encouraging the most ignorant and degrading class of men to become more numerous. Instead of having all of our citizens educated and intelligent, we are tending to lower the standard of our civilization and government. It is just such a class of men that is the chief cause of all the miseries produced in the revolutions and bloody insurrections that have taken place in the world's history. The horrors of the French revolution were due, mostly, to the ignorance and vice of this worst class of men. By cherishing them we are preparing the way for anarchy, the destroyer of all government and society. In conclusion, since there should be no lack of employment for the tramp, if he were forced to work, and since by supporting and aiding him we injure society so greatly, how can it be the duty of private citizens to support him? Is it not rather our common duty to God and our fellow men to punish him, or to make him a better man by compelling him to earn his living by honest labor?

P. P. F., '95.

University Records.

| EVENT. | WINNER. | RECORD. | YEAR. |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 100 yds. dash..... | Caine..... | 10 1-5 seconds.... | 1893 |
| 100 yds.(handicap)..... | Caine..... | 10 1-5 seconds.... | 1892 |
| 220 yds.(handicap)..... | Caine..... | 24 seconds..... | 1892 |
| 120 yds.(hurdle)..... | C. P. Brown..... | 20 3-5 seconds.... | 1891 |
| Three legged race..... | Brown and Swan..... | 13 9-10 seconds.... | 1891 |
| 50 yds, backwards..... | A. Robinson..... | 9 seconds..... | 1892 |
| Potato race..... | W. E. Barney..... | 30 1/4 seconds..... | 1889 |
| 100 yds., maiden..... | H. E. Stewart..... | 12 seconds..... | 1893 |
| Standing broad jump..... | T. A. Brandon..... | 9 ft. 10 3/8 in..... | 1893 |
| Running broad jump..... | C. R. Lewers..... | 18 ft. 1 1/2 in..... | 1893 |
| Standing high jump..... | C. R. Lewers..... | 4 ft 6 inches..... | 1893 |
| Running high jump..... | S. C. Durkee..... | 5 feet..... | 1893 |
| Standing hop step jump..... | Caine..... | 28 feet 5 1/2 in..... | 1891 |
| Running hop step jump..... | C. R. Lewers..... | 36 feet 11 in..... | 1891 |
| Baseball..... | S. H. Sheriff..... | 320 ft. 7 1 5 in..... | 1891 |
| 16 pound shot..... | A. M. Lewers..... | 32ft. 6 1/2 in..... | 1893 |
| Pole vault..... | R. L. Robinson..... | 7 ft. 10 in..... | 1891 |

—In a recent Latin examination one student commenced his paper with the following:

Come, O Muse, be thou not late,
 Help this Latin to translate;
 Clear my mind, inspire my pen,
 Happy will I be. Amen.—*Wesleyan Echo*.

—The faculty of Boston University has voted to permit work on the college paper to count for one hour's work in the course.—*Ex*.

Campus.

Hurrah for Verdi!

E. E. Caine, '93, visited the University.

Harlan Snare, Commercial, has left school.

The cadet company is drilling by bugle calls.

The third year Normal's new class pin looks neat.

Charles Goe, Commercial '91, was on the campus.

Professor Emery gave the '94 Normals a picnic to-day.

Regents Mack and Fish visited the University last week.

Fred Stadtmuller, assistant chemist, went to San Francisco.

There is some talk of introducing lacrosse at the University.

The Seniors have been working ores by the chlorination process.

H. S. Swan, '93, left Friday for a short visit to the Midwinter Fair.

The cadets have been invited to take part in Memorial Day exercises.

Miss Winifred Geer has gone to San Francisco to see the Midwinter Fair.

Privates Cornelson and Waltz were excused from duty during encampment.

Professor Hillman will entertain the Botany class at his residence this evening.

L. J. Barber, special, left for his home in Cedarville, California, last Wednesday.

Miss Lola Thoms, Normal '94, is drilling a squad of Normals in military movements.

Messrs. Winfrey, Cornelson, Sour and Carpenter read papers before General Assembly.

The graduating classes, at a meeting held on the 17th, decided to give a commencement ball.

Miss Allie Harrison, Commercial '93, passed through Reno, on the 13th, enroute to San Francisco.

The students who went to Verdi to witness the ball game, say they were treated royally by the people.

Extra recitations in tactics have been prescribed for the cadets who did not participate in encampment.

Mr. Albert Henley, mayor of Lawrence, has been visiting his brother-in-law, President Jones, for the past week.

H. E. Stewart is drilling pupils of the Training School to take part in Normal exercises to be held commencement week.

With banners flying and horns blowing the T. H. P. O. went to Verdi to witness the 'Varsity nine contend with the Verdi nine.

Invitations are out for a farewell party to be given the Seniors by the Sophomores on June 1st, at the home of Miss Addie Boyd, '96.

Professor Thurtell and the Surveying class left for Washoe Lake, Thursday. While there, they will be the guests of Mr. Ross Lewers.

Professor Thurtell delivered an interesting and instructive lecture last week on the peculiar properties of some of the mathematic curves.

Inspector General Miles, in his report, recommends that an enlisted man be detailed to each college to instruct the cadets in the care and use of the rifle.

Three rousing cheers were given by the cadets for Mr. R. L. Fulton on the occasion of his kindly presenting them, while in camp, with a large supply of bananas and apples.

Quite a large crowd visited the campus the last evening of encampment. The cadets drilled creditably. Many of the spectators were amused by the setting up exercises.

The Boca boys have signified a desire to play the University a game of football on the 26th, but on account of its disorganized condition the 'Varsity team will be unable to play.

J. S. Egan, catcher for the University nine, who has recently obtained a leave of absence until next September, came down from Virginia to play with the nine in the Verdi contest.

During encampment some of the young ladies treated the T. H. P. O. members of the cadet corps to a sumptuous feast of ice cream and cake, for which they extended their hearty thanks.

A. M. Lewers, '92, who sometime ago passed a successful examination for the civil service, has recently received an appointment as assistant examiner in the Patent Office, with a salary of \$1,200 a year.

On account of military regulations, the cadets, although they appreciated the songs, could not cheer the party of young ladies who entertained them with a number of choice selections one evening after taps.

Professors Jackson and Brown went to Virginia for the purpose of securing a blower for the smelter, and through the influence of Gen. R. P. Keating they were enabled to do so without cost to the University.

At a special meeting of the Adelphi, held last Monday, it was decided that on May 25th the society meet and adjourn, thus canceling the social meeting for that evening, so that the members can attend an entertainment to be given by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Maynard, to help raise funds for a public library to be established in Reno.

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Editorial Comment.

THE members of the Reno High School Athletic Club held their first Field Day on Friday. We are much pleased to note this and think that they should receive all encouragement. The High Schools are closely connected with the University, as many of the graduates of it will pursue a higher education. In a few years more they that enter the University who have had training in athletic sports will effect a marked change for the better in our athletics.

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WHEN should medals be given? A majority of the students say give them only when a record has been broken. But there are a few who believe that every person winning an event on Field Day, whether he break a record or not should be given a medal. To this last course we think there are some objections and believe it would be better to give medals as has been done in the past, only when a record has been broken. In the first case the medals are not given as an inducement for athletes to train, the honors of successful competition being, in most cases, sufficient. They are given so that the person breaking one of the college records will have something to show for it. If everyone winning an event were given this token of honor, the object sought in the bestowment of medals and the pride taken in winning them would be destroyed.

THE Independent Association deems it best for the interests of both the University and the paper to continue the publication of the RECORD in the name of the Association and wholly under its control. Under the present form of management a large number of students share with the editors the responsibility attached to the issuance of such a paper. The Association is desirous of adding to its membership, but at the same time is anxious to secure the best literary talent in the University. For this reason it has been decided to admit only such students to membership as are recommended by the Faculty.

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WHILE the practical instruction given during the last two annual encampments of the cadet corps has added greatly to the information of the cadets, there are still some very serious objections to having it while school is in session, as has been the case heretofore. Of course one of the main objects in holding an encampment is the thorough instruction in guard duty. In order to guard a camp thoroughly a considerable number of men are required, and as the cadets in our college are few, those who are subject to detail frequently find themselves on duty two or three times a week. This work greatly interferes with the preparation of the lessons of those on duty, and therefore the following day finds them absent from classes or failing in recitations. In a large crowd of young men there are always some who will not study till compelled to and who will keep others from work as long as possible. Besides, the younger men form an idea that less mental work is expected from them at this period than any other time and they consequently make the most of this opportunity. There is still another class who work in the laboratories till quite late and who are required to prepare all their lessons after 7 P. M. When these are on duty for at least four hours at night they experience the same difficulties on the following day as their less ambitious comrades.

Our commandant has, however, foreseen these objections, perhaps long before they were ever thought of by the students, and has undoubtedly labored to correct them, for in the next catalogue we find the usual Easter vacation dispensed with and the encampment substituted.

When no lessons are to be prepared, both day and night can be occupied in military instruction. Then instead of the young men being compelled to report to their tents at "study" they can make the campus lively with athletic games and other amusements. Taking it all in all the change is greatly to be commended.

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On the 16th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, Charles P. Brown, '93, Assistant Chemist in the State Mining Laboratory, and Miss May Ede, Normal '92, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Charley had not been noticed around the University for the last week, and it was surmised that he was contemplating some very serious step. The happy couple departed for San Francisco Wednesday night on their honeymoon. The best wishes of a large circle of friends are extended.

Reciprocities.

—Noah was the first pitcher. He pitched the ark within and without. The game was called on account of rain.

—The *Bates Student* gives several causes which lead to the abuse of the "King's English." First, "Slang is an element which tends to diminish one's vocabulary by putting correct expressions to one side, and substituting for them stock phrases, any one of which may apply to a variety of subjects. A person who makes a practice of using slang (which, by the way, grows upon one), sooner or later finds himself in a company where he feels that his pet expressions will not do, and the result is, either from force of habit he does use it, to his own mortification, or he appears ill at ease in trying to think of the proper word to say. A second obstacle to the correct use of English is carelessness. As students of rhetoric and English literature, we ought to make practical applications of these studies. There are some people who are over particular in speech and who give us the uncomfortable impression that each word is well weighed before it is spoken. Between such a mode of speech and the careless, heedless sort there is a point which we all should endeavor to reach," and further urges that as we have at our command a language as euphonious as either the Greek or Latin we should, by self-criticism and mutual help, try to become better versed in the art of speaking our own language.

—The rules committee appointed last November to make rules governing the playing of football met in the University Athletic Clubrooms and adopted a set of rules that will hereafter govern the game. Walter Camp of Yale was chairman of the committee. Among the changes proposed by the committee and adopted by the University club are the following:

In rule one, section E, a punt is made a knock-out, with the drop kick and place kick.

In rule six, the words "without touching the dress or person of player after the kick," are omitted in regard to the obtaining of a goal.

Rule eight makes the use of a signal necessary by the man intending to make a fair catch before that counts as such.

Rule fifteen provides for the duty of the umpire, referee and lineman, making the umpire's decision in foul and fair tactics final, or of referring to both referee and lineman if he so desires. All catching along the line is prohibited. The lineman will keep time, who is under the direction of the referee. Only one official representative for each side shall be permitted on the field in case of accident to a player.

Rule sixteen changes the playing time from forty-five minutes to thirty-five minutes for each half.

—The thanks of the cadets are due Misses Clapp and Babcock for refreshments furnished the boys when on guard during the week of encampment. For the thoughtful kindness of these ladies the cadets will always cherish a grateful remembrance.

Quiet street,
Banana peel,
Big fat man,
Virginia Reel.
—*Princeville Academy Sol.*

The dear old lady was seated by the hearth fire dreaming of the glorious future of her own and only son and joy, who was taking a crosscut course at Harvard. Her husband had just received the weekly letter, which, after wiping his cracked glasses and sitting down deliberately to the delicious task, he read in a martial and triumphant tone:

Dear Father and Mother:—You ask me to give you a programme of my daily routine of college life. I do so with pleasure. Here it is:

Five A. M.—Rise, sponge bath and a rubdown in linseed oil and pumice stone, half hour.

5:30—Light breakfast, consisting of humming bird's egg omelet and a cigarette. Four mile walk on a treadmill, bath and rub down red ink and brass filings.

7—Throw the hammer, smash the bag and wrestle with a kangaroo Sandow.

7:30—Breakfast, Park Row sinkers and tripe. Danse du ventre, one hour to digest them. Bicycle race against time.

9—Hurdle jump and bowling, one hour. Lecture on metaphysics, four minutes.

10:20—Long distance run, bath, rubdown with sorghum and powdered glass.

11—Chapel, 30 seconds.

11:30—Field practice, shin kicking, Zulu howling and hair pulling. Bath and rubdown with chartreuse and carpet tacks.

12—Luncheon, rhinoceros steak and hardtack, with mug of Coney Island froth; wind pudding, tutti frutti gum and cigarettes.

1:30 P. M.—Study twelve minutes thirty seconds central time. Howl for our alma mater one hour. Dry shave and shampoo with cottolene, and the midday poker seance—

But the dear old lady had risen from her seat with a wild, vacant stare.

"John," she interrupted cautiously, "must our poor boy go through all this to make a Statesman?"

"Statesman be hanged, Maria! A Statesman isn't in it in our day. It's an athlete our boy is going to be—an all round record breaker—and don't you forget it!"

Then the dear old lady went out and took four fingers of bay rum by mistake for peppermint cordial.—*Hallo.*

Bits of Fun.

A Freshman sat in the chapel dim,
Stiff and erect and still,
And faithfully sang the opening hymn,
And read the Psalms with a will.

The Sophomore sat with a languid care,
With his arm on the forward seat;
The latest French novel was on his knees
And a newspaper at his feet.

With back to the front the Junior sat;
His seat was the middle aisle,
And cautiously now he'd wave his hat
As he caught the maiden's smile.

Fervently then the preacher spoke,
With his eyes on the Senior's chair;
But in that aisle no disturbance broke
For there was no Senior there.

—Rutger's Targum.

The editor sat in his sanctum,
Letting his lessons rip;
Racking his brain at an item,
And stealing all he could clip.

The editor sat in his class room
As if getting over a drunk,
His phiz was clouded with awful gloom,
For he had made a total flunk.

The editor returned to his sanctum
And hit himself in the eye;
He swore he'd enough of the business—
He would quit his paper or die.—*Ex.*

St. Peter—Halt!
New Spirit—Can I come in?
St. Peter—I'd rather you wouldn't. You are just out
of college, and we don't want any advice about running
the universe.—*Ex.*

"He left the woodpile and purloined the pie,
This tramp, who scorned all decency and law;
He said, and gayly winked the other eye,
"I come, I conquered, but I never saw."—*Ex.*

There are heads and heads and heads and heads.
Long heads, round heads and flat;
Some are made to carry brains.
And some just carry hats.—*Ex.*

A kidnap—a Freshman asleep.—*Ex.*

The Senior's Lament.

Break, break, break,
On, thy cold gray stones, O Sea!
And I would that I were able to "cut"
That oration thrust on me.

Oh, well for the Junior and Soph.,
For they've nothing to do to-day.
Oh, well for the Freshies and soulless Preps
As they kick up their heels at play.

The stately Profs. say I must
With a cold yet determined will;
But why write a piece for commencement day,
When the sound of my voice must be still?

Break, break, break,
At the foot of thy crags, O sea,
But the sleep I'll have lost when this thing's done
Will be the ruin of me.—*Exchange.*

A Boy's Essay on Pants.

Pants are made for men and not men for pants. When
a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man,
they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants
are like molasses—they are thinner in hot weather and
thicker in cold. The man in the moon changes his
pants during the eclipse. Don't go to the pantry for
pants—you might be mistaken. Such mistakes make
breeches of promise. There has been much discussion
as to whether pants is singular or plural. Seems to us
that when men wear pants they are plural, and when
they don't wear any pants it is singular. Men go on a
tear in their pants, and it is all right. But when the
pants go on a tear it is all wrong. S.

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And so he tucked himself in bed,
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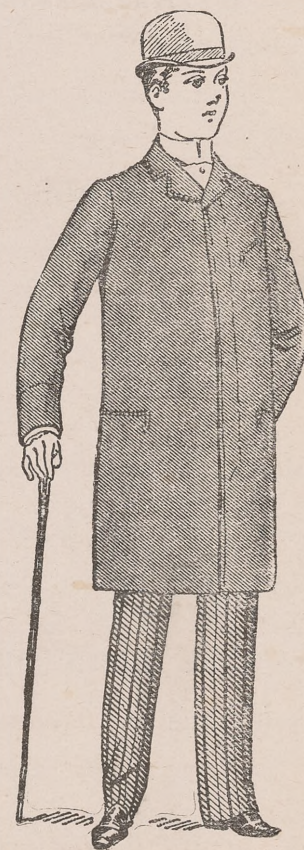
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