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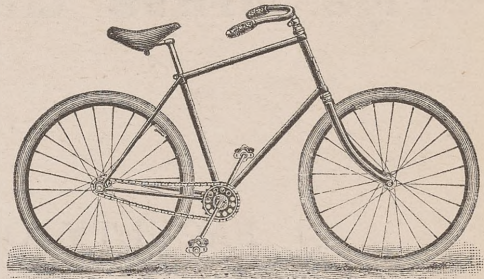
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## LITERARY.

STELLA LINSKOTT, '95.

### THE USE OF SLANG.

To give the origin and history of the use of slang would be almost impossible. Probably it dates back as far as language itself. To trace its development would be much more difficult, owing to the fact that its use prevailed among the lower classes of society, and being considered low and vulgar, it did not find its way into earlier literature.

In "Les Misérables" Victor Hugo speaks of a book written by himself forty years before, in which he introduced a robber speaking slang, and which caused a great "hue and cry" to be raised against him.

In Shakespeare's writings, however, we find a number of slang phrases. The expression, "Buz, buz," as found in Hamlet, seems to correspond with the modern "chestnuts."

Notwithstanding all the protests against it, its use has steadily increased until now it is no longer "the language of misery," as Victor Hugo calls it, but it is the language of many classes of society. It is heard among politicians, sportsmen and bankers, on the stage, on the orator's platform and in newspapers, and last, but by no means least, slang expressions are heard excessively at universities and colleges.

Of all the countries in the world, America seems to be the one in which slang has found a prominent place among all classes of people. Why this is so may be explained by the fact that the division between the classes in society is not so clearly marked in this country as it is in others, and that slang, like many diseases, is contagious. Not only do the people of the United States exceed all others in the use of slang, but particular districts in the United

States have become noted for the abundant use of these expressions.

Mark Twain says that in no State in the Union is heard so much slang as in our own little State of Nevada. Nevada has been a mining country all the days of her short life, and young men came here from the East in early days to seek a fortune in the mines. Many of them were fresh from college, their minds bright and lively from recent use. Released from the restraining laws of polite society and greeted by an entirely new condition of things, the impressions made upon their minds found expression in the very suggestive metaphors of slang. As the female population increased, many of them adopted the language they heard, and thus our State gained an unenviable reputation for the use of slang.

As the University becomes more widely known and more liberally patronized and the standing of the High Schools is brought up to meet the University, let us hope that we will outgrow our bad habits and that our conversation will become as refined and cultivated as that anywhere in the world.

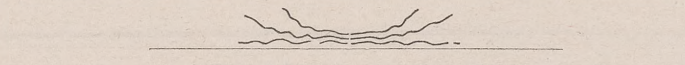
M. E., Normal '95.

"Yes, every poet is a fool;  
By demonstration Ned can show it;  
Happy, could Ned's inverted rule,  
Prove every fool to be a poet."

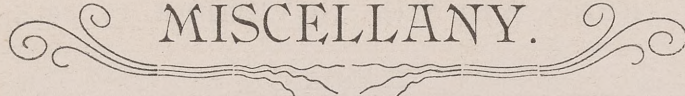
—Prior.

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil,  
Their homely joys and destiny obscure;  
Nor grandeur hear, with a disdainful smile,  
The short but simple annals of the poor."

—Gray.



## MISCELLANY.



MABEL STANAWAY, '95.

### JAPAN-CHINA.

THE most important lesson taught by the struggle in the Orient is that perfect organization has placed the Japan army far ahead of the disorderly mob that begs the title of Chinese army.

That the vaunted strength of the Celestial army, drawn from the countless millions of the Chinese Empire, is not sufficient to repel an invader having a comparatively small army, excites the wonder and calls for the applause of the civilized world. "Nothing succeeds like success" was never truer than in the present instance, but we must remember that Japan was prepared for the war. Her eyes were opened by our gallant Commodore Perry not so very many years ago, and she has not shut them since. She realized then, somewhat unwillingly, the strength of the barbarians from over the sea, and she determined to ferret out the secret of this strength. She succeeded, ceased to be a hermit, adopted progressive ideas and keeps step to the music of civilization. Her army is well organized, her equipments are modern, and her people free from the superstitions of ignorance.

On the other side stands China isolated, self-sufficient, confident in strength of numbers, endeavoring to beat back the steel bullet of civilization with the arrow of the ancients. The Chinese are consistent in their admiration of things that belong to the past ages, for their army of to-day is so ancient in equipment that the very private carries a paper parasol to hide the poor old weapons from the light of day.

Ah Sing's first real experience with the bayonet of to-day engenders in him an eager desire to seek the seclusion of the mountains of the western border to study the writings of Confucius in more peace and quiet and grow vain-glorious in the prowess of the flowery heroes of old.

Her armies are not only ancient, but they are corrupt. Immense sums have been spent, ostensibly for modern equipment, but really to fill the cavern-like pockets of division commanders; and the Quaker cannon of wood that finally passed muster for a Krupp might be an emblem of peace, but in the present crisis it inspires no confidence in the breast of the man behind it.

The Chinese Emperor may deprive Li Hung Chang of every ornamental order, may even deprive him of his head, the greatest ornament China has, but until he reorganizes his army on an honest, efficient basis, furnishes the supplies in actuality and treats his wounded humanely he can never hope to cope successfully with Japan. At the present moment Japan's greatest difficulty is in finding a Chinese army to whip. R. L.

### ODE TO IMMORTALITY.

Starry shines the firmament on high,  
While beneath the brooding sky  
I mourn.

Silence over everything,  
Who dares now of sorrows sing;  
But worship.

Stars shine in everlasting life,  
Who dares now think of death and strife,  
But immortality.

They all in one still voice proclaim  
Every mortal's goal and aim,  
Peace.

Ye who say that death ends life,  
Everything is grief and strife,  
Come beneath the starry sky;  
Say, can such things ever die?

FRANCES NEWLANDS,  
Formerly of the Training School.



## \* CAMPUS. \*



J. M. L. HENRY, '96.

C. C. Larson, ex-'95, was on the campus last week.

The boys have designated the co-eds new study hall "The Infernal Regions."

The Cadet Corps are to give an entertainment in the near future in aid of the gymnasium fund to be raised.

The Faculty meet the the first Tuesday in each month at which the reports of the various committees are received.

Miss Clara Litch, Nor. '93, and Mr. Frank Gibson were married on Nov. 7th. After the ceremonies the bridal couple departed for a brief stay in San Francisco.

The cap emblems recently adopted by the Cadet Corps are very pretty and they "set off" the cap at a great advantage over the brass cross-cannons formerly worn.

F. H. Norcross, '91, was elected District Attorney of Washoe county over T. V. Julien. We justly feel proud of Mr. Norcross' election over such an able opponent.

The Cadet Corps has been drilling in battalion form under the command of Lieut. Hamilton, since Nov. 5th and will continue to do so until the appointment of a Major

Last Saturday night at 12:15 A. M. the T. H. P. O. went into secret session and discussed the applications of several dormitorians. At the next meeting Messrs. Williams, Bulmer and Sawyer will receive the first degree.

For some time the T. H. P. O. has been considering the advisability of forming a glee club. The club possesses some very good male vocalists and since a little practice by some of the members they have completed the organization of the club, and it will make its first appearance at the open session of the Adelphi, Dec. 7th, 1894.

Because of a very serious defect in her hearing, Miss Cora Loring is compelled to give up her studies for a time. We trust that it will not be long and hope to see Miss Loring with us soon.

It is with a feeling of sadness that we receive the news of the death of Mr. Tucke, an old time student of this institution. Mr. Tucke was drowned in the Sacramento River near Collinsville on Nov. 2nd.

Lieut. Hamilton proposes to have the Cadet Battalion attend the inaugural of the Governor in Carson City on Jan. 1st 1895. Nothing definite has yet been done, but it is hoped his plans will be perfected before very long.

The appointment of cadet A. C. Cunningham as bugler, with rank after bugler Thompson, adds another name to our list of officers. The appointment of a Major, two 2nd. Lieutenants, four Sergeants and a Color Guard, which are soon to be made, will make our complement of officers.

The election of H. C. Cutting, '91, for State Superintendent of Public Instruction is almost certain; however, the complete official returns are not in. Professor Ring, his opponent, was conceded to be the strongest man on the Republican ticket, and Cutting's election shows that our Alumni are rapidly coming to the front.

The Cadet Corps met in Room 6, main building, Nov. 9th, and discussed the question of changing the uniform worn by the cadets. There was considerable discussion which showed that there was a wide difference of opinion on the question. Some were in favor of the uniform as it is at present, some in favor of a gray, while others were in favor of a modification of the present uniform. No decisive steps were taken, however, as a change, if any, could not take place, without great inconvenience to the cadets, until next year.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

F. H. SAXTON, '95.

THE Faculty is busily engaged revising the courses for the Fall Register. We hope to note the displacement of the Commercial course by a Preparatory course, before the completion of their work.

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THE publishers of the RECORD at a recent meeting voted to donate the money received for subscriptions to the gymnasium fund. Those receiving the RECORD should, therefore, remit as soon as convenient.

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THE Cadet Corps meet with strong resentment any suggestions tending to a change in the uniform. It is natural that the cadets should regard the old uniform with much reverence, but it seems unwise to allow prejudice to stand in the way of improvement.

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PROF. Miller will take his class in Geology to Virginia during the present term for the purpose of studying the geology of the Comstock. Provisions should be made for a number of geological trips during the year, that the practical and theoretical might be linked more closely in the preparation of so important a study.

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WE have noticed the rapidity with which rumors which are detrimental to the institution travel. We have taken particular pains to locate the transmitting medium, and find that the students of the University can account in a measure for this rapid transit. It seems very impolitic to say the least, for the students to be the originators of these falsifying reports. Rumors once set in motion are apt to acquire colossal proportions before their career is checked, and the worst part of it is that the corrected reports are checked in their infancy.

AT last a gymnasium and drill hall seems within reach. Schemes have been projected for several years, which needed only to be put into practice to realize the desired end. But invariably too many "if's" have been contained in the submitted plans. It is now proposed that the acquisition be the result chiefly of our own exertions. The student body is unanimous on the proposition, and that means that the result is inevitable.

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THE greatest barrier to the success of college graduates when first thrown into the turmoil of a busy world is a lack of confidence in their abilities to put into practice, the theory they have acquired in the class room. They are unable to measure the extent of their knowledge. They are forever haunted with the fact that what is perfect in theory is oftentimes a failure in practice. Engineering courses are especially apt to leave the student much perplexed after an attempt to take his bearings. To alleviate this difficulty the students in many of our universities and colleges have organized societies, the purpose of which are to discuss and contemplate engineering schemes as they occur in every day life. Visits are made to points where engineering projects of note have been executed, and these are studied in detail. Such practical observation and discussion coupled with the work in the class-room, cannot help but give excellent results and overcome to a great degree the lack of confidence experienced by graduates when first blought face to face with the practical problems of their professions.

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—London is soon to have a new university which it is hoped will rival Oxford and Cambridge.—*U. of M. Daily.*

## Reciprocities.

## Bits of Fun

W. J. FLOOD, '95.

LULU BLUM, '95.

—Yale will have two coaches for every man on her team.

—There are 2,660 students registered at the University of Michigan.—*U. of M. Daily.*

—The game between the University of California and Reliance football teams, was won by the latter by a score of 30 to 0.

—The University of the City of New York will erect on its old site in Washington Square, a new ten story building at a cost of about \$100,000.—*Dickinson Seminary Journal.*

—Tom—I shouldn't wonder that Jack had blue blood in his veins. Dick—He'd knock you down if you dared hint at such a thing. Tom—Democratic? Dick—No; Harvard, '90.—*Puck.*

—The trustees of the University of Pennsylvania have appropriated \$210,000 with which to begin work on the new dormitories. They are to be built on the "single house" plan, and will cost about \$1,000,000 and will cover 25 acres.—*Ex.*

—From a bushel of corn a distiller gets 4 gallons of whiskey which retails at \$16. The Government gets \$3 60, the farmer who raised the corn gets 40 cents, the railroad gets \$1, the manufacturer gets \$4, the retailer gets \$7, the consumer gets six months, and the policeman gets paid for running him in.—*ex.*

—The exercises of commencement day at Yale have been thoroughly revised. Hereafter there will be no valedictory or salutatory address, and no speaking whatever except a short address by the President on the condition and progress of the university. All the candidates for a degree are requested to be present. A new officer called the orator will be introduced whose duty it will be to present the various candidates to the President.—*Ex.*

Professor—Why is Hamlet a play that will never die?

Student—Because it will never give up the ghost.

Professor—Force, gentlemen, and power are not always found in large bodies. Sometimes the smallest things will be more powerful than great ones. Can you give me an illustration?

Mr. M.—The ace of trumps sir.—*Ex.*

Mr. Freshman calling on Miss N. has been entertained with music and conversation till he is as dry as grilled bone, when—

Miss N. (at piano)—Would you like a little Beethoven, Mr. F?

Mr. F. (eagerly)—Just a few drops please.

Professor of Geology—Gentlemen, at the close of last month I asked you to report to me, individually, any object of extraordinary interest that you had met with. Mr. F. you may begin.

Mr. F.—Well, mine had yellow hair, blue eyes, and wore a tailor-made suit.—*Ex.*

Some gay students rung a dearly beloved professors bell at midnight. He put his head out of the window and asked "what's up?"

Student—One of your windows is wide open.

Professor (startled)—Which one is it?

Student—The one you are looking out of.

A gushing young poetess says that her first kiss made her feel like a tub of butter swimming in honey, cologne, nutmeg and cranberries, and as though something was running down her nerves on feet of diamonds, escorted by several cupids in chariots drawn by angels, shaded with honeysuckle, and the whole spread with melted rainbow.—*Ex.*



## Athletic and Society Notes.

O. T. WILLIAMS, '96.

A baseball game, Varsity vs. Reno nine, is announced for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Layton rendered choice vocal selections at General Assembly November 14th,

Owing to the prolonged session of the cadets, the U. of N. A. A. did not meet on November 9th.

The literary society composed of Juniors bids fair to become a live and enthusiastic society.

Tennis does not decrease in popularity. The courts are centers of attraction every morning and evening.

Mrs. Bottsford favored us with instrumental music at General Assembly Nov. 7th, which was enjoyed very much by all.

President Stubbs University Extension Class in Carson is becoming quite popular. The membership has now reached the one hundred mark.

The co-eds of the "Infernai Regions" have organized a secret society, and in contradistinction from the T. H. P. O. it is called the O. P. H. T. Perhaps this means Old Petticoated Howling Termagants.

About thirty-four young people indulged in a hay ride one night last week. At any time it is a pleasure to ride behind four or six spirited horses, but now that the nights are so beautiful, and the T. H. P. O. Glee Club accompanies the parties, such rides are more enjoyable than ever.

On Nov. 14th President Stubbs delivered his lecture upon "Duties to Self in Society and in State." He discussed personal rights and obligations in relation to our fellow beings, and dwelt upon the duty which we owe to ourselves and to posterity; that we should have an occupation. He said that one should exert courage for vice; self indulgence and suicide show lack of courage. Above all it is our duty to be true and faithful and to live for worthy ends.

Not as much systematic work in athletics is now being done as recently. However there is ample time before Spring Field Day. Higgins '97, is a strong runner, and by that time he will have lowered his record considerably. There are several other men who will surprise their friends agreeably on that day.

Mrs. B. F. Layton, the experienced music teacher, is instructing the Normal students in the principles of vocal music. This addition to the course supplies a much needed want, and is another reason why the Normal graduates should be employed in preference to those who have not taken such a course.

The Adelphi Society will hold an open meeting in Assembly Hall December 7th, to which all students and friends of the University are invited. Following is the program :

Music.....	Miss Loretta Hickey
Opening Remarks.....	F. H. Saxton
Recitation.....	Miss Winnifred Geer
Oration.....	F. E. Walts
Song.....	
Misses Mayberry and Edmunds, Messrs. Loder and Higgins	
Recitation.....	Miss Sadie Phillips
Essay, "Benefits to be Derived From a Literary Society,"	
O. T. Williams	
Vocal Solo.....	Miss Maud Haines
Declamation.....	J. M. L. Henry
Comic Reading.....	Miss Lulu Blum
Song.....	T. H. P. O. Glee Club

Professor F. H. Hillman lectured at full General Assembly November 7th upon "Agricultural Science in America." Among other things he referred to the good work being accomplished by the Agricultural Colleges throughout the United States. As a result of the learning obtained and information dispensed from these institutions, the modern farmer, without himself spending years in experimenting, knows how to till the soil and what seeds to sow that he may reap the largest harvest. The corps of efficient professors conducting the Agricultural Station in Nevada are doing excellent work by proving the agricultural resources of the State.



From the Heights.



**G**AIN from the heights I look forth upon the world and find that I must resume the critic's chair, and unto you, Our Students, administer the paternal whip. Let not my censure fall on all, but some there are who lack very much in college spirit; and of these this complaint is made. The men who habitually refuse aid to college organizations; those who will not belong to the athletic association, and yet expect to derive pleasure from it; men who will neither aid by an hour of their time or a quarter of a dollar on Field Day and similar occasions; the few who will not pay the subscription to their college journal, are the ones I would like to hear me. Many things that have occurred within the memory of man could be cited to show the selfishness and lack of college spirit of these students, but I shall mention only one or two of recent happening.

Not long since a committee was appointed to get subscriptions to help in organizing the Glee Club, and be it said to the credit of many of the students they subscribed liberally, but some there were who, on being asked to subscribe, made searching inquiry as to what personal gain they might expect from the Glee Club. These, on being informed that the Glee Club was not a financial experiment, and all they would get would be the pleasure such an organization would afford, have absolutely refused all aid. Nor can these be excused because of financial inability, for many times they have been seen to spend much more in the gratification of their selfish whims. How shall I speak of such as these! I will not call them greedy or selfish, nor Shylocks, but will only say they are lacking in college spirit.

But let me say to you who are thus lacking, that as you come to the University and expect to derive the greatest benefit, you are pursuing a very narrow course. Do you not know that much that is to be learned cannot be gotten in the class room, but from association with your

fellow students? Do you not know that by refusing aid to our enterprises you are killing in student life, that which would help you to understand the ways of the world?

Athletic sports, glee clubs, etc., are the spice of college life. They compose the pure and invigorating atmosphere from which the student draws inspiration for harder work; and just in proportion as they prosper all the work of the student will prosper, and just as they lag and languish the work of the student will do likewise. Narrow indeed is the vision of the student who cannot see that every time he turns indifferently on one of these enterprises he strikes a blow at all college life. Short is the sight of the student who refuses to help athletics because he is not an athlete, or a glee club because he is not a musician, or any other enterprise because he does not take an interest in that particular one. Can he not see that the fire awakened on the athletic field will burn in the literary society, or the enthusiasm born of the literary society or of merry making will enthuse new vigor into athletics. All parts of human life are interdependent and the one who does not recognize this is as foolish as the man who tried to understand the locomotive by studiously studying the drive wheels.

I wish to speak of one more thing because it shows a remarkable fact and does, I believe, help one to understand why some students are so indifferent to all college enterprises.

Some time ago a resolution expressing the friendly attitude of students toward competent members of the Alumni seeking public offices, was placed before a body of students. Because of school work detaining the college students the majority of the meeting was composed of students taking minor courses, and in it the resolutions were voted down and with some exceptions the college student voting aye and the others voting nay. This fact has considerable significance, when one has observed that the same attitude is taken

in regard to nearly all University matters. Indeed the writer has yet to learn of any enterprise springing from other than college students, or of any unanimously and enthusiastically supported by other than they. If such be the case the training the others receive cannot be sufficient for a broad and liberal development of their faculties, and the attention of the proper authorities is respectfully called to it.

The advantages of a University education cannot be had by all, and I believe that in justice to those who endeavor to get such every obstacle to the complete and liberal development of their faculties should be removed, and it seems that the best results cannot be had by trying to carry two such widely different systems of education in the same institution. Driving a donkey with a trotting horse can but result in torture for them both.

The right to live I deny no one, but the right to live to the detriment of society I deny every one, and hope that at some future time these differences in our University will be removed so that ample opportunity, both in the class room and without, shall be afforded those seeking a college education.

"Fortune that with malicious joy,  
Does man, her slave, oppress,  
Proud of her office to destroy,  
Is seldom pleased to bless;  
Still various and inconstant still,  
But with an inclination to be ill,  
Promotes, degrades, delights in strife,  
And makes a lottery of life.  
I can enjoy her when she's kind;  
But when she dances like the wind,  
And shakes her wings and will not stay,  
I puff the fickle jade away;  
The little or the much she gives is quietly resigned,  
Content with poverty my soul I arm,  
And virtue though in rags will keep me warm."  
—Dryden.

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## COLLEGE SONG.

The following song was sung by Cornell in the Cornell-Harvard game October 27th:

AIR—SWEET MARIE.

Listen to the tale we tell, Billy Ohl,  
From the halls of Old Cornell, Billy Ohl,  
We have traveled all the way  
To Manhattan Field to-day;  
We have come to watch you play, Billy Ohl.

CHORUS.

Billy Ohl, kick a goal,  
Kick a goal, Billy Ohl,  
While the slogans upward roll, Billy Ohl!  
Upward rings the Cornell yell,  
We are sounding Harvard's knell  
While you score for Old Cornell, Billy Ohl!  
If we once can turn 'em down, Billy Ohl,  
We will paint Manhattan town, Billy Ohl,  
They have said we couldn't score,  
They will say it never more,  
When the game to-day is o'er, Billy Ohl.

—U. of M. Daily.

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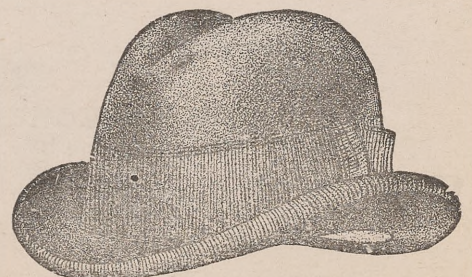
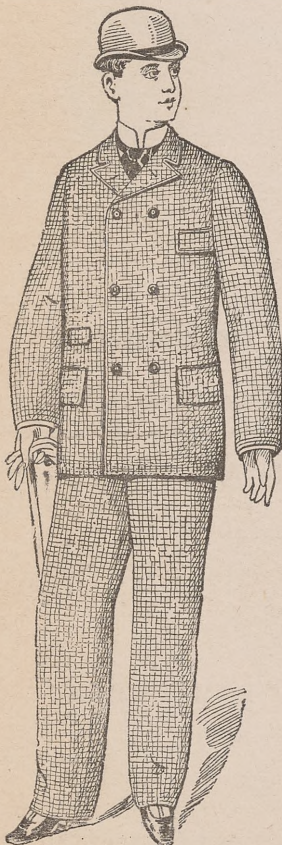
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