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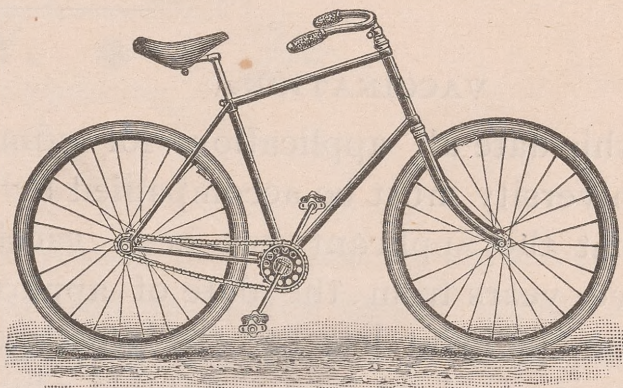
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University Bulletin.

VACCINATION.

From this date all applications for admission to the University must be accompanied by a certificate that the applicant has been vaccinated within five years from the date of application. In case the applicant has had the small-pox, or his system is adjudged by a reputable physician as not in condition for vaccination, a proper certificate in regard to either condition will be accepted.

LIBRARY.

An important change in library regulations will take place the 8th of January, 1896. From that date the library will be a working room for professors and students who have in hand research work in any line of special study. Exchange or drawing of books may take place any time but will be done quietly and without interference with the study privileges. Miss Clapp has resigned her position as Preceptress and has been appointed assistant in English and History. Her work will be in connection with the special study and research work in the Library.

HOSPITAL FUND.

At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the University held September 3, 1895, it was ordered that a hospital fee of \$1 50 a term for each student, or for each family represented in the University be established. When there are two or more students from the same family, but one "hospital fee" per term will be required. Students are requested to notify their parents or guardians that the "hospital fee" for the first term of this Academic Year will be paid to the President of the University at the opening of the term after the holiday vacation, or about January 8th to January 10th. The necessity of such a fund to meet extraordinary demands upon the University by reason of sickness among the students, was recognized by the Honorable Board of Visitors to the University at their annual

meeting last June. It was the recommendation of the Board of Visitors to the Regents to establish a hospital fund by means of a term fee from students. It is hoped that the time is not far distant when a small but complete hospital cottage may be built upon the University campus out of a surplus from the Hospital Fund.

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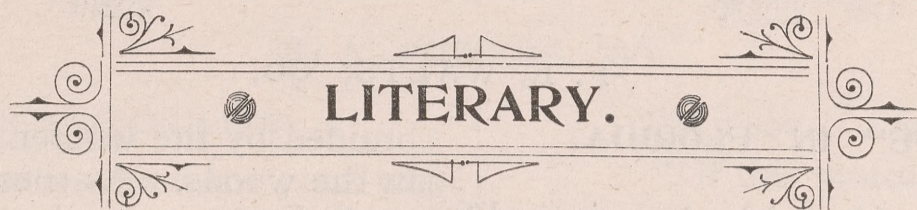
It seems to be difficult to get into the minds of some of our students the value of property. The wanton or careless injury to University property for the month of November amounted to about \$25. There is but one power in the University that can put a stop to this waste of money, and that is an aroused and conscientious public sentiment in the "student body." It is a wrong to a generous State, it is a personal injury to the students to allow such destruction of property. Property, like character, is sacred. In order to stimulate the development of a proper sentiment in regard to the rights of University property, the Regents at the meeting held November 30, 1895, established a deposit term fee of fifty cents from each student to pay for all careless or wilful damage to University property. A careful record will be kept of all such damage to property and the expenses of repair by the University, and the same will be posted on the bulletin board at the end of each month for the inspection of the students. At the end of the term the unused portion of the term fee will be repaid to the students. Should it become necessary to employ some one to take charge of either or both of the study rooms in Morrill Hall by reason of the failure of the student body to preserve order and quiet in one or both of these study rooms, the expense of such care shall be paid out of the fund created by this deposit term fee. This deposit fee for the first term shall be paid to the President of the University between January 8th and January 11th, 1896, and the charges for damages against this fund shall begin with the first day of December, 1895.

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GERTIE HIRONYMOUS, '96.

SELF-CULTURE.

SELF-CULTURE is the education which we give ourselves or the culture of ourselves. Culture implies the drawing out of all the powers of man and putting them into activity and strength.

Culture and instruction differ in that instruction tends to furnish the mind with knowledge, while culture seeks to draw out the mind. Information is gained through some outward source, while culture must be obtained through our own exertions. We may have the brightest and noblest men for teachers and yet if we put forth no effort on our own behalf, all their efforts for us will be unavailing. Or if we go to them with a spirit of criticism, or thinking we know all worth knowing on the subject, or wondering if some one else could not explain it better, we will not gain that for which we should strive, true culture. We should take from each his best and in order to gain this we must be willing to listen and learn. Thus a requisite of culture is teachableness.

But we must also be self-reliant and by self-reliance we do not mean self-sufficiency. We must have judgment, to glean that which is best; and our power of choosing or discriminating is the degree of culture which we have reached.

It may be asked, "What is the end of culture?" Different persons have various reasons for wishing to acquire culture. Almost every one strives to glean from life as much pleasure as possible. We truly become happier by the full use of all our powers, and this, culture gives us. If we strive for culture as a means of increasing the happiness of others, all the better. But the

noblest reason for cultivating ourselves, seems to me that God has given us our faculties to make of them the most possible. If we neglect this we will ever be a blot on the earth.

All have not been endowed with equal talents, but, yet if we bring those meager talents which we possess to their highest and fullest development, we are doing our duty as well as those who are blessed more abundantly. There must be symmetrical development also, for if one power is developed and the rest left untrained we are apt to become narrow, which is inconsistent with culture.

Our companions, the books we read, everything about us may be drawn upon to attain the end for which we are striving, culture.

The study of the classic languages is especially helpful in promoting culture. True culture should raise us above our own narrow lives. If we always see things from our own standpoint we grow narrow. The study of the languages, especially the dead languages takes us out of our own position and helps us to see the world as if we were of a different race and age.

It has been said that there can never be culture of any kind while we are in a hurry. All our moments should be occupied but, yet we should have time to stop and think over everything we see and hear.

"Self-culture is not selfish. It is a duty and it is a well-spring of happiness within the heart. One who has true culture is a radiant point from which beams of light flow out, shedding a blessing on the world."

O, that at the end of our school days we might all say: "I have made of myself all that could be made of the stuff."



F. E. WALTERS, '96.

"CRACKER LIFE" IN FLORIDA.

One acquainted only with American life generally, the native population of northern Florida would be a surprise. The people of this section are not descendants of the Spaniards, who settled the southern part of the State, but are the "poor white trash," as the darkies say.

"Crackers" is the name by which they are commonly known, acquired, it is said, from their snapping with a loud, resounding crack, the long whips with which they drive their oxen. These animals are themselves a curiosity. They are smaller than those in the northern States, and are very insignificant looking. But unprepossessing as they look they have many redeeming qualities. They are intelligent, gentle, and willing: and though small, are tough and strong. They are used for all kinds of work, such as is usually done by horses in other places. Few horses are used except for riding, sometimes one is harnessed to a cart, such as is used on all farms. Among the crackers this cart serves as the family carryall. The women and children ride sitting on the bottom of the cart, while the man rides the horse.

After this last statement it is hardly necessary to say that the dresses of those women are not made of silk, but they are made in the simplest fashion, of calico, or something that can be washed. Sunbonnets are worn and are seldom taken off even in the house. The older women wear them at table, and I have no authority for saying that they sleep without them. Possibly they may change them for something smaller at night. A peep inside the sunbonnet would disclose a sallow complexion and dull eyes, caused very likely, by the common habit of smoking tobacco, and drinking strong coffee. Some of the younger women who have not yet acquired that habit have quite fair complexions and clear eyes. The dress of the men is not as conspicuous as that of the women, being more like that worn in other warm places. The hat is large, frequently

braided by the women, from the palmetto found in the woods. As these people live almost entirely in the open air, except in stormy weather and at night, their houses, built of pine logs, are very rude. The kitchen is entirely separate from the main building, which generally consists of one large room. Stoves are rarely seen even in the kitchens, all the cooking being done in the large fire-place built of mud and stone. They never lock their doors, for like the early settlers of Acadia, their own people are all honest, and they suspect not dishonesty in others. Their food consists almost entirely of what they raise themselves. "Hog and hominy" sweet potatoes, sugar-cane and a few garden vegetables constitute their living. Their only luxury is coffee, which they sweeten with molasses made from sugar-cane. Whether the meal is bountiful or scanty a neighbor or stranger is always cordially welcome to share in it. Books and school-houses are of recent introduction, and are looked upon with suspicion by the older people. They have no particular religion, but whenever a travelling minister announces that services will be held in the school-house, such services are generally attended by all within a reasonable distance. Many come in their carts, while others walk bare-footed carrying their shoes in their hands, to avoid wetting them in the dewy grass and many brooks which have to be crossed. Within a short distance of the school-house they sit upon some fallen tree and transfer their shoes from their hands to their feet.

The sermon they hear is of the old-fashioned type, delivered in a nasal tone. The hymns are first read, and then sung, a couple of lines at a time. After the benediction the men go out to chat and smoke under the trees, while the women refresh themselves in like manner in the house. The men having finished their smoke, the women climb into the carts unaided, the men mount the horses, the travelers on foot again take their shoes in hand and all slowly make their way home again.

Truly a most simple almost uncivilized life. But these people seem as happy and contented as those to whom civilization has given more, but whose wants are increased in the same proportion.

A. G.



E. A. POWERS, '96.

THE FRESHMAN'S COMPLAINT.

Sophomores, juniors, seniors, lend me your ears,
 I come to rail at Caesar, not to praise him.
 The evil that men do lives after them;
 The good is oft interred with their bones,
 And so it was with Caesar. Our noble tutors
 Have told us Caesar was a genius:
 If it were so, it was a greivous fault;
 And grievously have freshmen answered it.
 Here, under leave of tutors, and the rest,
 (For tutors are all sympathetic friends;
 Yes they are all, all sympathetic friends;)
 Come I to beg for Caesar,s banishment.
 He was my fiend, ashes and dust to me:
 Yet tutors say he was a genius;
 And tutors are such sympathetic friends.
 He hath oft had poor flunked ones sent home,
 Whose corpses did the general coffins fill;
 Did this in Caesar seem judicious?
 When that the girl's have cried, Caesar's not
 cared;
 Sure genius should be made of nicer stuff.
 You all did hate him once, not without cause;
 What cause withholds you now to rail at him?
 Oh judgement! Thou art fled to duckling's doors.
 And I have lost my reason! Bear with me;
 My temper's in the trash-box there with Caesar
 And I must pause till it come back to me.

It is possible to complete the college course at Harvard in three years, subject to approval of the faculty in each individual case. In 1894 eighteen out of 348 graduates took advantage of this feature. At Johns Hopins the course has just been lengthened from three to four years.

There is a kingdom of knowledge, but we take possession of it by mental process; there is a kingdom of heaven, but it is within our own hearts, and too often lies dormant.

"My son," a father kindly said,
 "Of this motto note the force;
 Remember that a rolling stone
 Will never gather moss."

The son unto his father said:—
 "Yes, sir, it may be so,
 But drop some hay-seed on the moss
 And it will quickly grow." —*Ex.*

Professor (to Co-ed)—"Your mark is very low and you have just passed."

Young lady—"Oh, I'm so glad."

Professor (surprised)—"Why?"

Young lady—"Oh, I do so love a tight squeeze."—*Ex.*

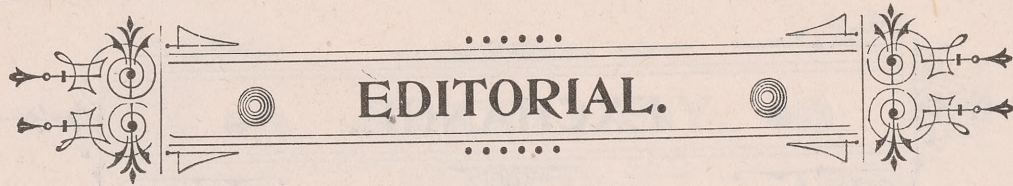
Dr. Wm. R. Harper, president of Chicago University, graduated from Muskingum College, in Ohio, at the age of 14, delivering his commencement oration in Hebrew, and received the degree Ph. D. at Yale when only 19.

More better far than the tears that flow,
 Are those we never shed,
 For though they leave the cheek unstained,
 They blister the heart instead. —*Ex.*

Who could have invented the alphabet?
 Surely not a man for he would have begun it
 with the letter I. Just so surely not a woman,
 for then the first letter would have been U.

It is proposed at Oxford that the course of study for the B. A. degree be reduced to three years by cutting the first year's work.

A rule is now enforced at Brown by which any student registering after the first day is fined \$5.



O. T. WILLIAMS, '96.

WITH this issue the present Business Manager and Editor-in-Chief retire from office, and their places will be filled by the ones selected at the recent election. Before laying down the pencil we cannot forbear stating a few plain facts relative to the management of the RECORD. As is well known, when the RECORD first appeared it was published by twenty male students of the college courses, and for reasons which were then good and sufficient, the identity of the persons was not disclosed. Soon, however, all secrecy was, by vote of the association, cast aside, and later when by graduation the membership decreased, new members, female as well as male, were elected, it being the endeavor of those students comprising the Independent Association to secure the best talent available.

The writer has always regarded the STUDENT RECORD as an organ for voicing the sentiments of the students, of giving readers an idea of what is being accomplished at the U. N. and keeping alumni in touch with their alma mater. To carry out the last object, a page was set aside for contributions from the alumni. Three alumni responded. In our ignorance we supposed that at least one-third of the students would pay for their papers and that occasionally articles on suitable topics would be given us for publication. Such alluring hopes have been dispelled. Had it not been for our advertisers who through the solicitation of the business staff have so generously patronized our columns, and the editors, who gave their time and labor, the paper would necessarily have been compelled to discontinue publication after the first month. This is not mentioned for the purpose of magnifying or attaching undue importance to what has been done. No one recognizes better than the retiring editors that the RECORD falls far short of what a college paper should be, but at the same time, since we pay our subscriptions, serve without recompense and receive no credit for the duties performed, we believe that an unlimited amount of work

should not be expected. With J. M. L. Henry as Editor-in-Chief and A. W. Ward, Business Manager, by their combined energy, enthusiasm and sterling business qualities, the RECORD cannot fail, but unless the Independent Association, the students and the alumni co-operate with them and support them better than they have in the past, the work of these two and their assistants will become merely a hateful drudgery. Let us end '95 by giving the new management hearty co-operation in their proposed New Year's edition.

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HOW many students are striving for the Ward and Patterson scholarships? In many institutions of learning, endowments by private individuals amount to thousands and even millions of dollars annually, as in the case of Chicago University and of our western neighbor, Stanford. The University of Nevada, however, has received only two such gifts. To the munificence of Mr. M. E. Ward and Dr. W. H. Patterson of Reno is due the existence of these scholarships which are now offered as rewards for earnest and meritorious work. Upon the good accomplished in these two cases will depend endowments from other sources. Arouse individual enthusiasm and encourage wholesome rivalry, but do not countenance or permit anything that will tarnish personal integrity.

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BEFORE another issue of the RECORD appears, Christmas will have come and gone. The world will unite in doing homage to the creator, and many hearts will have been gladdened and made joyful in the celebration of the birth of Christ. May the hearts of all our readers be as joyful on that occasion as we would have our own. Readers of the RECORD we wish you a Merry Christmas.


 BITS OF FUN.

ROSALIA MURPHY, '98.

SMALL-POX.

Small-pox, small-pox was the cry,
 Quarentine, quarentine was the reply;
 Nine days of prison life for all,
 Who have their dwelling at Whitaker Hall.
 Hard luck, hard luck, was the bawl
 When vaccination became the call.
 Stiff arms, stiff arms, everywhere;
 Had to be handled with the greatest care.
 Whoop! Whoop! Whoop!
 They're out of that coop;
 For sulphur and steam, sulphur and steam,
 Has ended the quarentine.

"These umbrellas damaged by water will be sold out at half price" was the sign hung out in front of a Reno store.

We now expect to read of some ice dealer who will close out a job lot of ice because it has been damaged by frost.

Mary had a little lamb,
 That went with her to play;
 Until she put her bloomers on
 And then it would not stay.

Teacher—What is an epistle? You may answer James.

James—An epistle, sir, is the feminine of an apostle.

A small boy was asked to spell the word "slippers" and he spelled it s-l-a-p-p-e-r-s." What could he have been thinking of?

THE MOST POPULAR.

"What course is your son taking in college?"
 "Athletics and fraternities."

The Cadets ran after the ball and the Profs. bawled after the run.

"What are you holding your head up about?" said the tire to the frame.

"Oh you come off," quoth the handle bar lightly. "What are you always getting puffed up about? If you don't keep your place better I'm going to *come down* and break somebody's wind pipe. See?"

And the pedals turned round to see what such scorching language meant. But the *man* only shrugged his shoulders and rode on.—*L. A. W. Bulletin.*

"Rising generation," said a worn-looking mother, "I guess they would not be called so if folks only knew how hard it was to get six children out of bed in the morning."—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

Father—You must know sir, that my daughter gets nothing from me till after my death.

Suitor (pleasantly.)—Oh, that's all right, sir; that's all right. I have enough to live on for two or three years.—*Puck.*

"Why does a hen cross the road?"

Ans. She couldn't do it in some places, so that when she *does*, we assume that it is because she *can*.

A bicycle woman in bloomers stole a Thanksgiving turkey from a Rochester (N. Y.) home and outrode all pursuers. O, woman, woman! Why, oh, why?

Teacher—What is the plural of forget-me-not?
 Pupil—Forget-us-not.

Boys will be boys, and some of the girls are doing their best in the same direction.



G. R. BLISS, '97.

The cadets are drilling in battalion formation.

The new buildings will be dedicated some time in January.

The dense pogonip a few days ago was new to some of the students.

A. Smith, '99, who has been ill with the small pox, is attending his classes.

The STUDENT RECORD will appear in new cover on the 1st of January.

Miss Emily Sparks, Normal, departed for her home in Virginia last week.

The cannon for the artillery detachment are expected daily. We live in expectation.

The Seniors expect to have the mill and smelter in running order the first of next term.

Miss Maude Blundell, 2d year Commercial, departed for her home in Wadsworth last week.

Ground was broken on the 7th inst. preparatory to the erection of the new Mechanical Building.

Freshmen still have to be taught proper respect for their upper classmen, as was illustrated a few days ago.

Miss Gould, 1st year Normal last year, has returned to the University and taken 3d year Normal work.

Mr. Schnyder, who had charge of some of Dr. Miller's classes during his absence, departed for San Francisco, on the 1st inst.

The quarantine was raised on the 4th inst. It was a happy crowd of boys that appeared at the supper that night, at which time they sprung the following yell, the production of their leisure moments:

Sulphur and steam,
We're out of quarantine.
Whoop, whoop, whoop,
Small pox in the soup.

A. P. Mack, '96 departed for his home in Dayton, last Friday, to take charge of a surveying party during the Christmas vacation.

The maple flooring which was ordered from the east for the gymnasium was burned in transportation. This will probably delay the finishing of that building for some little time.


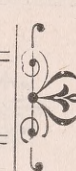
Lincoln Hall will be ready for the cadets when they return from the Christmas vacation. When finished, Lincoln Hall will not be surpassed by any dormitory on the coast, except probably in size.

Dr. W. McN. Miller and wife returned to Reno, December 1st. Dr. Miller returns to his old position in the University, he having been absent for two months studying for the degree of M. D., which he successfully secured.

Don't touch my arm is the common cry. According to a decision of the Regents, all members who have not been vaccinated within three years will have to be vaccinated. And it is made a requirement to be vaccinated to enter the University.

C. Stoddard, of the class of '98 is to leave Reno and our University, on December 15th. We regret the loss of Mr. Stoddard for other reasons than that he is a very promising full-back. Mr. Stoddard is to reside in Texas in future and we wish him God-speed and success on his journey and in his new home.

R. L. Osburn, of the class of '95, has been engaged by the White Cloud Copper Mining Company of Lovelocks, Nevada, as superintendent of their works near that town. The class of '95 has made an enviable reputation for energy; none of the class at the present writing, to our knowledge, not holding positions connected with mining or metallurgical operations in some manner. Mr Osburn's system will gain the approbation of his employers we feel certain.


 Athletic and Society Notes.
 

J. R. MAGILL, '97.

The Athletic Association will hold a regular meeting on Monday, December 16th.

The Executive committee of the A. A. met on the 12th inst. to discuss the advisability of a football game, Christmas day.

Professor Miller recently returned from San Francisco, where he has just finished a course in medicine. He has resumed University work.

The weather at present is most favorable for football practice and the boys should take advantage of it. Snow may come at any time; for this reason all work possible should be done.

J. H. Clemons, '96, has been busily engaged the last week or two, selecting a second football eleven. Success seems to have crowned his efforts, for the men chosen are of good material, and under the captainship of Mr. Clemons we expect in a short time to see them play some close and interesting games with the first eleven.

The gymnasium fund has been increased \$100, through the efforts of Mrs. Professor Emery and the Training School pupils. The manner of raising the money was very unique, consisting of what may be termed a doll party, at which dolls were sold by the children. They receive the most hearty thanks of students and faculty, for their generous and successful work.

Rev. Mr. Unsworth delivered a lecture on the evening of the 7th. This was the first of a series of lectures the proceeds of which are to be turned in to the gymnasium fund. The speaker chose for his subject, "The Evolution of Languages," and handled it in a very able manner. There are three more lectures in the series which will be delivered later. The cause for which these lectures are given is a worthy one, and should be liberally assisted by the public.

In view of the fact that so many of the University students and professors are riders of bicycles, we think that a University Cycle Club might be formed which could be made to result in benefit to wheeling interests in our little town. Our club could maintain a friendly rivalry towards the wheel club of Reno, and stated contests between the two clubs could easily be arranged, which would afford much sport to the lovers of the wheel during the wheeling season.

A challenge has been sent by the second Olympic eleven of California to the University football team, to a contest in San Francisco on Christmas. This was received some time back, and Manager Bliss immediately answered that the terms were acceptable. Since then, however, he had a letter stating that all parks in the city were engaged for both Christmas and New Year's day, thereby debarring the game. A contest with such an eminent team as the Olympics would have been of great benefit to our boys.

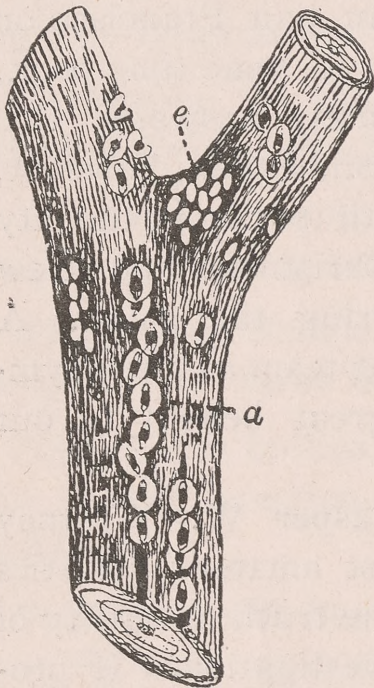
In Harpers' Weekly, Casper W. Whitney brings an indictment against amateur athletics as carried on in America, the truth or falsity of which, demands prompt investigation. If professionalism is corrupting athletics, as charged, those interested should at once purge away the corrupt practices. Mr. Whitney gives the names and prices paid by college elevens which induce professionals to enter school simply for the purpose of playing football. Although no names shall be mentioned here, suffice it to say that some of the most eminent colleges in the country are guilty of this practice. The whole indictment is summed up in the following words: "Men are bought and sold like cattle, to play this Autumn in strictly amateur college elevens." This disgraceful condition of affairs will disappear when a better state of public opinion prevails and that high sense of honor which will despise a victory won by dishonorable means.

 CONTRIBUTIONS.

A NEW ELM INSECT.

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THE few trees used for shade and ornament in Western Nevada have, up to the present time, been very free from destructive insect pests. Several different kinds of insects affect these trees more or less injuriously, but none of them, with a possible single exception, have proved actually destructive. But now an additional species has come to our knowledge as very quietly but very surely killing the beautiful elms about the State Capitol at Carson. The ap-



Section of branch of Elm showing female insects at a and male cocoons at e. The clustering of females along cracks in the bark is very characteristic.

The history of the introduction of the insect into this State is and probably will continue to be unknown. So far as is known, the trees about the Capitol and the adjacent streets are the only ones affected by this insect within the State. As the older trees seem to have been attacked earliest and are first yielding to the countless numbers of insects preying upon them, we may very safely infer that they were the source of first infection.

Whatever may have been the source of introduction, the insect seems to have become firmly

established and now well able to prosper if allowed to continue unchecked. Like many other noxious animals and plants of this country, this insect is a contribution from Europe. It was first discovered in the United States ten or eleven years ago, when it appeared in New York. Since then it has appeared at Boston, New York City, Washington, and even while this article is in preparation the announcement of its appearance in Michigan is received. So far as the writer knows, this is the first recorded appearance of this insect on the Pacific Coast.

The insect is related to the various destructive scale insects which are notably injurious to fruits in California. It is not a true scale insect, however, being more closely allied to the mealy bugs, whose habits are somewhat similar to those of the scale insects, but which differ essentially from the latter in not producing a protecting scale covering. The presence or absence of this scale is all important in the consideration of remedies, which are very effectually resisted by the true scale insects.

The life history of this insect, technically known as *Gossyparia ulmi*, briefly stated, is as follows: The young lice are born in early summer, probably mostly in June. They then scatter to the leaves, where they remain until August, when they return to the limbs and branches, where they seek the protection of cracks in the bark for hibernation during winter. In early spring the male lice produce cocoons, from which they soon emerge as perfect winged insects. After mating in May the males disappear and the females become permanently fixed upon the bark, when the life cycle is completed.

The presence of the insects is indicated by the bodies of the old females, each surrounded by a white waxy ring secreted by the developing insect. These bodies are usually commonest on the lower side of the limbs. They may be in groups or in rows following longitudinal cracks in the bark. The cocoons of the males are

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THE SPECTATOR.



LAMENT OF THE SPIRIT OF DONNER LAKE.

O misery in my cold and weary heart!
 O misery in my 'prisoned, quivering sheen!
 O cruel fate why did you curse me
 With this hideous dream.

Once long ago, how sweet the Spring birds sang!
 And builded nests mid many hidden bowers.
 How all the pine woods with their music rang!
 Before the coming of the fair, white race,
 But now how changed!

From out the dark and gloomy wood,
 The dismal, dreary, evil omened owl
 Answers with frightful screech,
 The wolf's long melancholy howl.
 The ancient pines do ever toss their arms,
 And grieve and groan and shriek
 Their wild and loudly echoing alarms.
 And I, forever here, must lash my sanded shores;
 Forever strive in vain to break my binding chain;
 Or mount the darkening storm when it lowers.

Oft in the long and silent winter nights,
 When in the steel cold heaven rides the moon,
 And the white snow sends back the myriad lights
 Of sparkling, glistening, scintillating, stars,
 From out the gloomy shadows of the pines,
 Dragging itself across the wastes of snow,
 A ghastly, phantom company comes,
 Fathers and brothers, sisters and wives,
 And mothers leading on their little ones.

O wretched sight!
 Those lifeless sunken cheeks and hollow eyes,
 That burn with dreadful, seething hunger fires;
 Those fleshless arms that often fall and rise,
 And clutch with lonely hands, what bits of flesh
 Still cling, unto their ghastly forms.
 Borne by the bitter wind they offer to the sky
 A pitiful and agonizing prayer—
 No answer, save the lonesome nightbird's cry—
 With cruel, hungry eyes, and hideous, bursting
 groans,
 They turn and do each other rend;

Tear off the yellow flesh and crack the withered
 bones.

Thus, shrieking, into night they disappear.

O cruel penance! That I must ever dwell,
 Hopeless, helpless in this hated dell.

Haunted, deserted! Cursed from on high,
 Unlike creatures, denied the right to die.

Burdened with a dark but unearned shame,
 Sweet nature blushes at my very name.

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small, white, oblong bodies, much smaller than
 the females, and are usually found in clusters
 upon the bark, though often occurring singly in
 minute crevices.

The attacks of this insect seem to be confined
 to the elms alone, at least in this country. In
 France it has been found on the alder, however.
 Judging from the known history of this insect,
 one may expect it to continue a pest of the elm
 alone, or at least not prove injurious to the
 other trees now employed for shade and orna-
 ment in this country

Bulletin No. 28, of the Nevada Agricultural
 Experiment Station, about to be issued will treat
 more fully of this insect and its remedies.


F. H. HILLMAN.

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HISTORY IN EIGHT WORDS.

When so moving a tale as the following can be
 told in eight words, there can be no reason for
 being prolix:

Mary Ann,
 Kitchen fire;
 Kerosene can,
 Golden lyre.



 LEISURE MOMENTS.



It was about two o'clock on the afternoon of Memorial Day 1893. The University of Nevada cadets had returned to their armory from the customary "march," as the boys were wont to call the ceremony of escorting the G. A. R. to the several cemeteries of Reno and attending the veterans until their exercises of decorating the soldiers graves was gone through with. After all had put away their arms and the Quartermasters Sergeant had clicked a lock on each of the cases the boys went their way in groups of twos, threes and fours, some to town, some to the "gym" and a few to the hall. Nearly the last party to leave the armory consisted of a party of four who chatted pleasantly as they walked slowly along, none seeming to care whither he went. "Let's go over and sit in the shade of 'Poplar Stubb,'" remarked one. Silence giving consent all turned their steps in that direction. As they approach we see that we have been observing a group of officers in the cadet corps and that the party consists of Jack Bradley and Will Oliver of whom we have heard before, (Vol. III, No. 1,) Charles Lichens and Robert Gilpin, all seniors.

They are a happy set of college boys and they have reason to be. All passed creditably, the winter terms "exams." theses have been handed in, and they have every reason to believe that the long worked-for sheepskin will not be wanting Commencement Day. As might be supposed, their conversation drifted toward their future prospects and the plans each had in view. The arboretum where my companion and I are seated is quite contiguous to Poplar Stubbs, under whose broad spreading branches our quartet are lounging. My companion having gone deeply into a volume of Gibbon, I listen to the conversation, now growing quite animated, going on under the tree. The floor has been given to a single person. I recognize the voice, it is Gilpin's. He is saying: "No, gentlemen, as I said before, for real enjoyment you've got to travel, and

travel in the right way, too. Now, I don't mean to have any Pullman coaches or any railroads even, in mine. Where's the pleasure in seeing the country while being whisked along in a train that travels twenty or thirty miles an hour. I wouldn't put up at hotels either, should chance bring some city in my way."

"Well," interrupted Lichens, "how are you going to provide the necessary collateral to defray the expenses of living this happp-go-lucky life of travel and sightseeing whose virtues you have been expounding with your accustomed eloquence?"

"That's the simplest part of the whole scheme," returned Gilpin. "The expenses will be light, a small traveling tent, a pack horse and a few culinary utensils to start with and a bit of flour and bacon occasionally as I proceed on my tour, constitutes the bulk of my wants. Before leaving I shall make an arrangement with the *Examiner* or *Chronicle* to furnish them with so many columns of descriptive matter for each Sunday's issue. Whether or not the compensation for this literary work makes me a millionaire does not matter, for money is not my object. Pleasure and enjoyment are what I look for, and I believe this is the way they may be had."

"Just about two months of that kind of an existence will knock all the poetry out of you and you will be glad to turn your mule's head in the direction of civilization," said Bradley.

"There's more enjoyment in traveling and seeking out the curiosities of Nature's scenic forms than in the hum-drum city life of all the large cities of the United States—your so-called civilization," Gilpin returned quickly. He was growing rather warm, and all smiled at his last words, when he addressed Oliver with, "Well, what are you going to do, Oliver, become a bank President or a railroad magnate; a second Jay Gould, I suppose, within six months?"

"You've struck the nail precisely on the head the first thing," answered Oliver, "though not

so soon as you were so very kind to predict for me. I am going into the railroad business."

"On an extensive scale?" asked Bradley.

"No, very moderate at first."

"I didn't know but what you might have occasion to write out a pass for Gilpin here when he wanders off to Yellowstone Park, or to Yosemite, and decides that the comforts of home are preferable to camping out where bacon and biscuits constitute the bill of fare three times a day and seven days in the week."

Gilpin only smiled with a self-satisfied air and Oliver continued: "My governor has been a division superintendent on the C. P. railroad for nearly twelve years now and I am going to rely upon him to secure me a position with the company."

"You'll begin as General Manager?" inquired Jack.

"More likely as switchman," responded Gilpin. "Be that as it may, but in a few years you'll likely hear of my marriage to one of the magnates's daughters, and this once accomplished, my partnership and possibly final ownership of the C. P. R. R. will follow almost as a matter of course."

"Not a very noble way of gaining livelihood and distinction," remarked Lichens.

"That may be so, but while Gilpin here is wandering around the world gaping at the country, unmated and living on bacon, I gather to myself a home, family, fame and fortune. Does the means justify the end?"

"I can't agree that it does, but it is simply a matter of opinion. You might find a whole host of people who think as you do, but even then I could not be brought to believe that fame on another's resources was justifiable, especially when the resources were the property of a woman," responded Lichens.

"I'll wager the cigars for the crowd with any one that Oliver dies an old bachelor," said Bradley, at the absurdity of which proposition all laughed.

This was becoming decidedly interesting, so much so that I called my companion's attention to the life plans of this erudite but unscrupulous and scheming senior. I felt inclined to call

out, Bravo! Mr. Lichens, when he had the courage to disagree with that horrible Will Oliver. We waited a few moments for the boys to pass over the joking which followed, and my companion, who happened to be a sister of Jack's, was just settling back into her reading, when we heard Gilpin say: "Well, Jack, we've heard what Oliver and myself intend to do, now outline your plan to us and maybe Lichens will do likewise when you finish."

This had the effect of reclaiming her attention again, and she said, "let's hear whom little brother is going to marry."

"You may have suspected," replied Jack, "from my work during the past three or four years that I intended to follow metallurgy in one form or another. And such was my intention until a short time ago, when on reading of the discovery of the new gold camps in Colorado I was set thinking. The result of my pondering brought me to the conclusion that much of the mineral producing country of the United States had been prospected improperly, in consequence of which, it had been declared unprofitable to work, and after the first great excitement has passed no one has ever gone near it with any idea of finding out the possibilities of its turning out to contain pay minerals. The country around Cripple Creek has been run over and prospected after a fashion, and any old miner or prospector who has been through there would declare the country to be no good. Whether rock assaying as high as \$80,000 to the ton is good or not I will leave you to judge. So I am going to prospect some of the likely spots of our own State of Nevada, locate me a claim that will produce about ten thousand dollars a month for a year or two and at the end of that time retire, invest about three-quarters of my cash capital in government 4 per cents, and enjoy life to its utmost."

"Very nicely said, a pretty theory and arrived at by a very logical series of deductions no doubt, but to put into practice, a very different matter," remarked Gilpin. "I am inclined to believe that Oliver's idea is the more feasible one."

"Well," put in Lichens, "since there are so many different plans to arrive at the same end,

namely, happiness let's agree to meet here five years from this date and compare notes and see which one of us has best succeeded in the aim of life. At that time I will disclose the measures that I shall have taken to reach the common end, and all may be benefitted by the arrangement." "I am willing," said Bradley. "Me too," assented Gilpin and Oliver together. They shook hands with each other, upon which the conversation ceased, the party broke up and each went his way.

When the boys had departed my companion and I came out of our bower, but all that Beatrice would say was, "Wait until I catch Jack." That night at supper when she asked Jack how soon he expected to retire, and when was Mr. Oliver to marry the railroad magnate's daughter I understood what she meant, and it was quite awhile before she ceased teasing Jack about his life plans.

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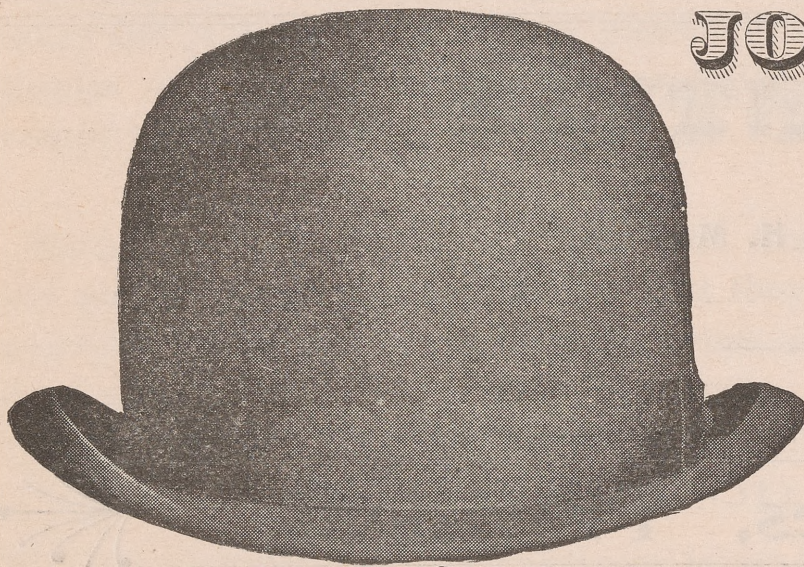
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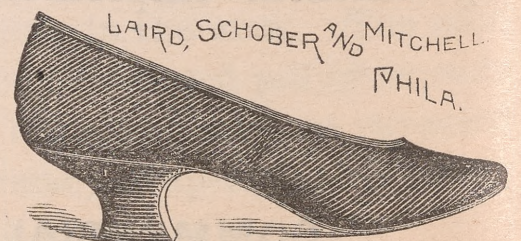
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