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THE Seniors in the School of Mines spent last week in Virginia City, under the supervision of Professor C. P. Brown. The benefits derived from this period of inspection of quartz mills, cyanide and chlorination plants in operation will be of great value to each member of the class. Nowhere in the world can better practical illustrations of the mining industry be obtained than on the famous Comstock lode. Realizing all this, the University authorities gave the graduating class the week. It is possible that this may become a regular custom with future classes.



### A STORY.

IT was a typical logging camp. Every man was hurrying to his place, for the 6 o'clock whistle had just blown and in a minute more the big mill would be running. Just disappearing over the low hill, on whose sunny side was situated the cabins of the loggers and mill-hands, was a group of men known as "choppers," bound for the woods where the day's work was to begin.

You might have seen in this group a man of noticeable appearance, tall and straight as an arrow. His sleeves rolled up to the elbow left bare his strong, sinewy arms, tanned as dark as an Indian's. An abundance of straight black hair hung down over his forehead and rendered unnecessary any other head covering. His dark blue eyes, looking out from a determined countenance, spoke forth frankness and courage.

Al Gray, for such was his name, was known and respected by every man in the camp. There was no task seemed too difficult for him, no trick or sleight known to the men that he did not understand; yet he always overcame in such a quiet and unassuming way that he won and kept the good will of all the men. In the evening, when the cards had been pushed aside and pipes relighted, the men would tilt back their chairs against the wall and wait for the treat of

the evening—a story from Gray. Each night he had a new tale, not such as are told in books, by a story of real life, often an experience in his own eventful career.

On this particular morning Gray did not seem to be in his usual good spirits. While he was not sullen nor cross, yet he was extremely quiet and seemed to be thinking deeply. When the crowd of men arrived at the cleared space in the woods where the logs were strewn thickly about, Gray, going apart from the rest, threw down his axe and sledge hammer and, as though in a dream, went to work with his saw upon the nearest log. Soon he had the big log sawed nearly in two. He had driven in the wedge, but still the saw "stuck." He picked up his sledge hammer and struck the wedge a hard blow. He did not resume sawing, however, but still kept striking until his blows decreased to mere taps. Finally letting the heavy hammer fall upon the log, he dropped his head and mused:

"Yes, its just ten years ago to-day since I left old Australia. Don't seem that long, though,—but it is. Just ten years ago—and all that time I've been knocking around logging camps. I left home to make my fortune, and for two years I did well. I had quite a little sum saved up, but when I got that word—ah, it took all the heart out of me.

"I can see her now as she stood on the shore

and waved good-bye. Yes, 'Good-bye,' she said. 'Good-bye, Al. Come back soon, I'll wait for you.' Poor little girl, she did wait two years; but I suppose she got tired waiting and married that other fellow. I guess she thought I was not coming back. Poor little girl, I wasn't half good enough for her—not half—and I don't blame her. I hope he'll be good to her. I'll spend the rest of my life as I have the last few years. Work is good for a fellow when he has something on his mind, and that old saying,

'Men must work and women must weep,' seems to be true. Yes," he said, rousing himself from his reverie and giving his sleeves a vigorous push, "I'll work, but I hope she'll never have to weep."

It was over. Gray picked up his tools and went to work. He went through the day's work in his accustomed manner, and that night as the men gathered in the cabin for the usual "story" no one could have told from his manner or countenance that his heart had been tortured by a memory of the dead past. X.

## A SHADOWGRAPH.

**E**DWARD L. HUSTON had returned to Burnville after an absence of seven years in Australia. Burnville was his birthplace and he was heartily welcomed to the parental abode by his mother, a younger brother and numerous old friends.

Charles, the brother, had during the interval grown from a mere boy into a strong, handsome man. The mother had changed but little. True, her hair was now silvered with gray and some additional wrinkles were discernible on the good, sweet countenance. Otherwise she was the same dear, quiet mother who had sung him to sleep during his infancy; the same wise counsellor who had smoothed out the trials and troubles of his boyhood.

Edward L. Huston was not the same light-hearted young man who had left his native country for a foreign land after graduating from college seven years before. The face once often admired for its bright, open expression of earnest purpose had assumed the set, shrewd look which characterizes a man devoted to business cares and the world. The thriving business interests he had built up in and about Sydney were monuments to his perseverance and ability, but they had left their marks on him. Not only was he possessor of a moderate fortune, but he had won some fame and fortune in the world of

science as the inventor of an appliance in electrical machinery.

This particular invention was not the result of hard study and tireless devotion to science. When he first landed on the Australian coast, a stranger in a strange land, and was drifting from place to place on his rapidly diminishing supply of money, his scientific training indicated that if some cheap method could be devised to work the abundant low grade sulphur ores of the interior, another great industry would be given to the world. He gave the subject much thought and arrived at a conclusion that if such ores were roasted in electrical furnaces and all by-products carefully saved and utilized for commercial purposes the plan would pay.

One problem alone was in the way, and that was how to either "commutate" or "transform to a low potential" the great currents of electricity to be used in the roasting process. Existing methods were productive of too great a loss of power to be of use.

Huston devised a special commutator which "transformed down" in the act of commutating from powerful high potential machines. After this everything had been easy. Securing a patent on his "commutator," he interested capital in the plan to work the low grade ores and soon was superintending the erection of a large smelting establishment in Sydney, in which company he owned a controlling interest of the stock. Business grew, and seven years rolled by.

long experience. These lectures were interspersed with anecdotes and stories of the good old Comstock days, when the streets were lined with silver and men were brave and merry.

The Savage, Chollar mill, Combination shaft and Foreman mine were visited in regular order. The Chollar mill was an object of more than ordinary interest to those among us who had dabbled in electrical engineering, as its power was supplied by six Brush motors driven by an equal number of Brush generators far underground. These generators have been recently removed, and the mill was not in operation.

It was 1 o'clock before we again swung up before the hotel for lunch. Not even the fabric of dignity which invests the graduating class could keep us from vociferating the old college yell of approval, "What's the matter with Mr McCone? He's all right, every time."

The afternoon was spent underground. Mr. Ross, another mining man of the royal blue blood of Comstock to whom we owe a big debt of gratitude, took charge of us at the Ophir works, supplied us with old clothes, lanterns and other necessary paraphernalia, then led us into the mouth of the main Ophir tunnel. Through winzes, drifts and stopes we wandered, examining veins, foot walls, hanging walls and mineral formations of many kinds. Like ants we crawled about some of the passages in this great subterranean hive, of which 'tis truly said that more forests have been used in timbering than would build the city of San Francisco. By the flickering light of our lanterns we listened to Mr. Ross' explanations and descriptions of formations and mining enterprises, the cost of which is reckoned by the millions, not thousands, of dollars. It was after 5 o'clock P. M. when we emerged from the tunnel, just in time to see the sun silver the side of grim old Mount Davidson while it sank behind the broken line of our horizon.

Refreshed and invigorated by a bath at the mine office, we climbed the precipitous streets leading to the hotel, supped and retired to dream of mines glittering with gold and silver.

Bright and early Wednesday morning we went down to the C. & C. shaft, donned old clothes again and were dropped 1950 feet down a black hole in the ground to see the Evans hydraulic pump in operation. The installation of this great pump was a marvel of mining engineering. After going through various drifts, stopes and winzes we went up to the Sutro Tunnel level, where a mule car was in waiting for us. We were carted merrily along toward the outlet at Sutro, over four miles distant, many stops being made en route to examine the peculiar alum, limonite and zinc sulphate formations on the walls and roof. Arriving at Sutro we were met by Mr. Leonard, who treated us to refreshments and afterwards conducted us about the great "dump," pointing out all objects of interest. The drive through the tunnel to the C. & C. shaft was a round of song and mirth. It was quite late before the party re-ascended the shaft and left the mine.

Thursday morning Mr. McCone again appeared with the four-in-hand and took us to the Fulton Iron Works, Gold Hill. After going through the foundry we visited the Alta mine, Taylor's mill, Pollard and McTigue's mill and then were driven down through Gold Hill, Silver City and across the flat to the Eureka cyanide plant on the Carson river. This was the most enjoyable feature of the trip. We were warmly welcomed by Mr. Woodbury, who knew that we were coming.

A splendid banquet had been prepared for our especial benefit, and coming just when we were thoroughly hungry and tired it was a thing never to be forgotten.

We remained until evening at this plant, which is perhaps the most ideal of its kind in the world. Space forbids my giving a description here.

Friday morning the party went through Fielding's assay office and saw how this branch of mining is conducted on a large scale. Later on we again met Mr. Ross, who led us up Mt. Davidson to see the outcrop of the lode. In response to cordial invitations all attended the

annual St. Patrick's ball given at the opera house that evening.

Saturday morning Professor Brown announced that the next objective point was Carson City, so we were soon humming along the scenic V. & T. toward the pretty valley town. The United States assay office, the State Prison and other points of interest were visited, and night

found us once more in a cozy V. & T. coach spinning merrily along toward Reno.

Words flatly fail to describe the courtesy and kindness we met with everywhere on the Comstock. As one of the boys said: "Even the common, ordinary, yellow street canines are so imbued with a spirit of generosity that they do not bark at strangers." "ONE OF THE GANG."



CRITIC.

MAGAZINES IN THE LIBRARY.

**N**OT long since I paid the library a visit for the purpose of looking up some leading questions of the day. I asked for magazines, and although the North American Review and the Review of Reviews are kept on file, all the late numbers were gone.

I believe there should be more leading magazines kept in the library if possible.

Furthermore, no one should be allowed to take them from the library. As it is now, as soon as a magazine arrives, some one takes it and keeps it for a month or so, or else does not return it at all. With the number of literary

societies in the school at present, and all of them discussing leading questions, if any of the members want to look up a question, they either have to go to the library or buy a magazine, and none of them can afford to pay fifty cents for a book every time they wish to learn something on a question of importance.

Again, most of the societies meet every two weeks, and unless the magazines are in the library all the time they do not get a chance to see them until it is too late.

It would be a great benefit to all the students in their literary work if arrangements were made to have all the leading magazines on file in the library all the time.



JOSHES.

JOSHER'S DIARY.

March 1st.—"Chauncey" has at last succeeded in captivating the affection of another lady. We wonder whose turn it is next?

March 2d.—Miss Keyser has adopted the regulation costume. Captain Brule is now unable to keep his company at attention while the class in physical culture leaves the Gym.

March 3d.—After earnest entreaty Miss Flora

H. has been persuaded not to have any more pictures taken.

March 4th.—Moran attended church three times to-day. Yet he doesn't intend to give his Heart to the Lord.

March 5th.—R. S. 'or attacked with bronchocele toiticollis. Tried to look down on the tall Seniors.

March 7th.—Great excitement in Lincoln Hall. This morning J. B. J. called some one a liar. All fear of murder was dispelled when it was found that he was talking to his own looking glass.

March 8th.—Regular monthly meeting of the Delta Rho. Sixteen new members initiated with all due ceremony. All but seven were able to attend classes next day.

March 9th.—Barney O'Hara under the weather. Troubled with locomotor atacsic and fatty degeneration.

March 10th.—Professor B. discovers that the only bar not in the mill is the bar that is barred by the faculty. Barring the fear of being debarred by the faculty we would be inclined to play a few bars of a song dedicated to the bartender.

March 11th.—For some unaccountable reason Saxton failed to appear at the appointed hour. Great anxiety of among members of the faculty.

March 12th.—Ruffles' conscience is troubling him. To-day he admitted having drank a glass

of mineral water. Murder will out.

March 13th.—RECORD copy all in on time. (Nit.) Editor prostrated. He will probably recover.

Here are some questions to ask those proud students in the School of Mines who spent last week in Virginia City:

"Ask O'Sullivan how many letters he wrote to and received from Reno, and who met him at the train on his return.

Ask Sielaff what happened in Carson City when he sauntered past the Arlington Hotel with a lady on his arm.

Ask Brule what he told the crowd on the drive from the International Hotel to the Eureka cyanide plant.

Ask Stoddard where he spent his evenings in Virginia.

Ask Wedertz how "Guiby" got along during his absence.

Ask Smith what happened to him at St. Patrick's Ball.

Ask Berry why he staid over Saturday night in Carson.

Ask Saxton who was the lady that engrossed his attention for five hours at St. Patrick's Ball.

Ask Gault how it feels to be admired as a tin soldier.

As them all how they were treated during their stay on the Comstock.

## ATHLETICS.

**SOPHOMORES**  
vs.  
**FRESHMEN.**

The field-day which took place on March 18th between the Sophomores and Freshmen was won easily by the former. Although the track was heavy, some good records were made. In the 100, 220 and 440-yard runs, Smith and Case showed up well. In the half-mile and mile, Mack, Anderson and Jameson also made a good showing. All these men are



strong candidates for the "Varsity." Following was the order of events:

100-yard dash—Case first, Smith second, Springmeyer third. Time, 11½.

220-yard dash—Smith first, Anderson second, Leadbetter third. Time, 24½.

Half-mile run—Anderson first, Mack second, Jameson third. Time, 2:26½.

High jump—Graham first, Harrington second, Hayes third. Height, 5 feet.

440-yard dash—Case first, Packard second, Mack third. Time, 51½.

Broad jump—Smith first, Springmeyer second, Harrington third. Distance, 18.9 feet.

220-yard hurdles—Stewart first, Case second. Time, 30¼.

120-yard hurdles—Jameson first, Hayes second. Time, 20½.

Pole vault—Packard first, Barker second, Cameron third. Height, 7.1 feet.

The inter-class field day will come off on Saturday, March 25th.

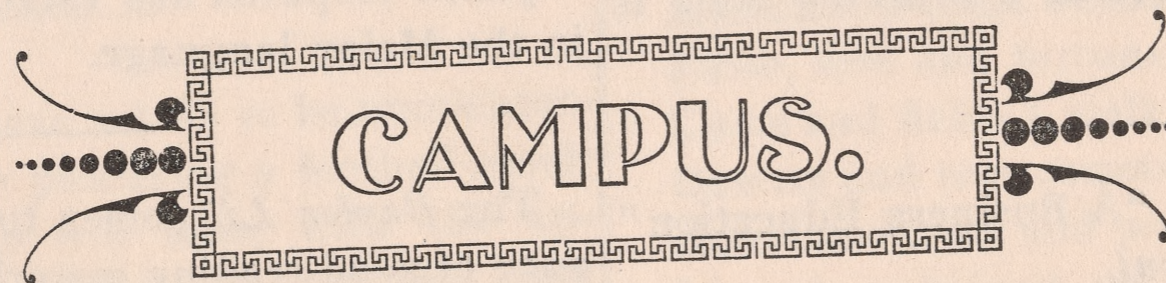
On Saturday, March 11th, the **BASEBALL.** Junior and Freshmen Mines crossed bats for the last game of the series. The Freshmen made a hard

struggle, but the Juniors proved to be too strong for the "baby" class. As a result of this game, the Class of '01 is the possessor of the pennant presented by the Athletic Association.

It is rumored that a **BASKET-BALL.** basket-ball game is to be played in Reno the latter part of April, between the Palo Alto team and a team from our own University. As yet no inter-collegiate basket-ball games have been played on our Campus. We hope to see our girls victors in this as well as other games that they may play.

Our track manager has had the good fortune to procure the services of Brunton, one of Stanford's crack athletes. Mr. Brunton is an able coach, and our track men should do good work under him.

Mr. Brown of Stanford, who has been coaching our track team for a few days, left for California. It is to be regretted that Mr. Brown could not have remained with us a few days longer.



I guess we had a spring vacation.

"Buster" went to San Francisco to get his hair cut Thursday, the 15th.

The Cottage girls held a picnic at the Poor ranch during the "spring vacation." They entertained themselves by athletic events, singing and eating.

Miss Daisy Lothrop, Normal '02, was visited by her parents Friday, the 16th.

The Senior Class in Mining returned from Virginia City Sunday, the 18th. They were royally entertained while away. They are very thankful to Mr. A. J. McCone for his kindness toward them. All are loud in praises of the people of Virginia City.

The track men have begun active training. Every evening about twenty boys go down to the track and do hard work for about an hour. Training tables have been started in the dining room.

Mr. John Brunton, our track coach, arrived from California on the 15th. Mr. Brunton is one of the crack athletes of the Pacific Coast, and he may produce a team in which we may take pride.

The University Dramatic Club will put on a two-act comedy in the Gym. Saturday evening, March 31st. The proceeds will go toward furnishing the Reading Room at Lincoln Hall. It is hoped that the Gym. will be crowded that night. The price of admission will be only 10 cents.

Professor Louderbach has moved his family from California to Reno. He occupies the house formerly occupied by Professor C. P. Brown.

At last a basket-ball game is to take place. Our team intends to meet the Palo Alto team the last of April. The Palo Alto team is really the Stanford team, as it consists of nearly all the 'Varsity players.

John Cameron and G. A. Leavitt arrived from San Francisco last week. They went below to take the examinations for admission to West Point. Both boys were successful in the physical examination. They have not heard from the mental exam, the papers having been forwarded to West Point for correction.



There are 150 candidates for the Harvard track team.

The most difficult part of a drinking song is said to be the refrain.

Read the article on "A Business Education" in the *Wyoming Student*.

Gifts to Harvard University for the past year amounted to \$1,544,829 77.

The Seniors of the University of Illinois have refused by an overwhelming vote to adopt caps and gowns.

The Harvard-Yale boat races will take place on June 28th.

Johns Hopkins has established a new course in the Malay language.

The *Baylor Lit* comes to us with its abundance of good reading material.

The University of Wisconsin is to have a new building of college of mechanics and engineering at a cost of \$96,000.

There are fourteen Harvard graduates in the Fifty-sixth Congress, nine of whom were in the Fifty-fifth.

If 32 above is freezing point, what is squeezing point?

Answer—Two in the shade.

“To our silent heroes,” little Willie read from the memorial bronze. “Popper, what are silent heroes?”

“Married men,” said popper.

Dartmouth College has the distinction of having issued the first college paper in the United States, and the greatest honor in having had Daniel Webster as its editor-in-chief.

Yale has only six more students this year than last, while the University of Wisconsin has a gain of one hundred and fifteen, and Cornell has a gain of nearly eight hundred and fifty.

Here I am, up in “Gym,”  
Dressed exactly like a him—  
With one exception, I forgot it,  
My bloomers haven't any pocket.

—Ex.

Manager Gildersleeve seems to be encountering a little trouble in procuring a football coach for next season who will meet with the approval of the student body. The students seem desirous of engaging Chamberlain.

The first appearance of the *Clemson College Chronicle* was made this month. The paper is bound in a neat cover. Its departments are well arranged; while its literary department contains more literature than is found in the average college paper.

## GOLF.

New game.  
Great snap.  
Hit ball  
Little tap.

Follow up  
As before—  
Fewest strokes,  
Largest score.

Ball smaller  
Than supposed,  
Strike hard,  
Hit toes.

Try again,  
Missed s'more,  
Cursed hard,  
Shins sore.

Sworn off,  
Lost cause,  
No cinch,  
Thought 'twas.

## OPPORTUNITY.

Master of human destiny am I;  
Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait.  
Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate  
Deserts and seas remote, and passing by  
Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late  
I knock, unbidden, once on every gate.  
If sleeping, wake; if feasting, rise before  
I turn away; it is the honor of fate,  
And they who follow me reach every state  
Mortals desire, and conquer every foe  
Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate  
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,  
Seek me in vain and uselessly implore;  
I answer not, and I return no more.

—Ingalls.



## A FOOTBALL TOAST

W. C. B., IN HAMPDEN-SIDNEY MAGAZINE.

**T**o the stroke of the corded muscle  
 And the grip of the clinging hands,  
 To the frenzied roar of the bleachers,  
 Where the crowded rooters stand;  
 To the shock of the closing struggle,  
 To the groans of those that fall,  
 Drink—we who have learned the glory  
 And the splendor of it all.

Backward and forward we struggle  
 Under the reeling sky,  
 Silent amid the thousands  
 That lift their long drawn cry;  
 Backward and forward and backward,  
 Grim as the ancient kings,  
 When they fought for the Pride of Empire,  
 Under the Eagle's wings.

Certain and sure the signals,  
 (Graven in stone each face)  
 Telling off the formation,  
 Every man in his place,—  
 Crashing over the tackles,  
 Into a line that bends,  
 Bide we our time in patience  
 To go where the signal sends.

Low in the line we are waiting  
 In a stillness deep as death,  
 For a silence falls on the watchers,  
 And the backs pray Heaven for breath,—  
 "Three—twelve—sixteen—nineteen—  
 Now, ere the time is done."  
 And the cry, that breaks from the side-lines,  
 Can tell how the game is won.

*To the punt and the ends that race it  
 While the seconds mark the time,  
 To the thrill as the backs, long-leaping,  
 Go plunging into the line,  
 To the shock of the closing struggle,  
 To the groans of those that fall,  
 Drink—ye who have learned the glory  
 And the splendor of it all.*

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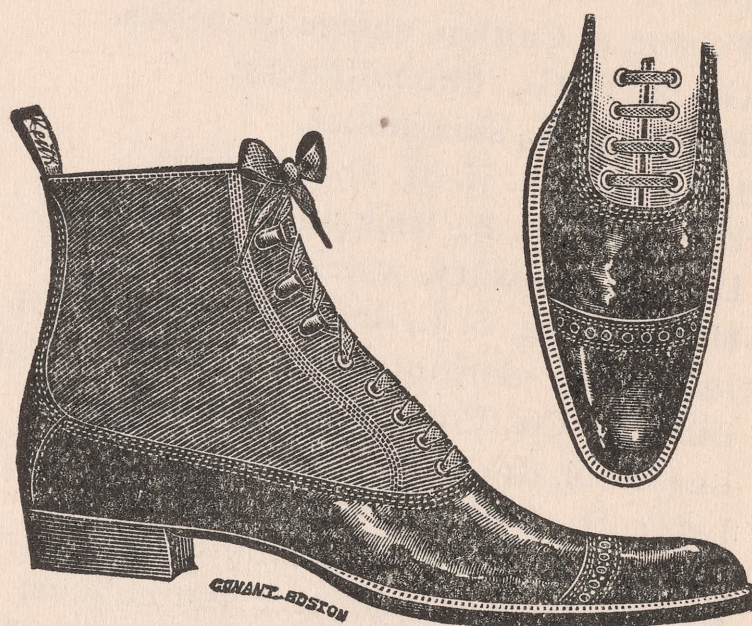


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