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The close of another year is at hand. The merry holiday season is here and every one is filled with exhilaration. The poor and the rich mingle upon the streets and for once in the year every one should put dull care away and wear a happy and contented face.

Amidst this general feeling of heartiness there come to most of us a few sober thoughts, which ought to have a place in every one's mind at the close of the old year.

The business man balances his books and makes sure of his financial standing. The student should also take note of his standing and ascertain the extent of his gains for the past year. Not many can say that they have gained all that it was possible to gain. Most of us must admit that many opportunities have been left unimproved, and that we ought to have gained more in every line of endeavor.

It is an easy thing in the hurry and bustle of a student's life to let little things

pass, which in after life may come back to us with redoubled force; we shall realize then, and not until then, the advantages that are slipping by us every hour.

In another part of this issue of the LOOKOUT our nation is compared with others, in an article entitled, "The American Nation."

In that article we find it stated that one of the characteristics of our nation is the continual hurry and effort to do good work in as short a time as possible. And yet, how many of us spend all of our available time profitably? It is absolutely astonishing when we come to think of the percentage of our time that we spend in idleness. A minute lost can never be regained, and the minutes lost during a college course are the most valuable of all.

If we could only make up our minds to be always busy we would find just as much pleasure in life, and in the end our lives might be an example for some one else to follow, and to follow profitably.



We can do our best in our everyday life, and although we may not all be poets, we each have our little niche to fill in the great temple of life.

Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sand of time.

—Longfellow.

The matter of library hours has been discussed to a considerable extent by the students. Some dissatisfaction has been expressed because the library is not open from five to six in the afternoon.

Many of the students use this hour as a study hour and wish to consult reference books at that time; others who use this hour for recreation may wish to spend it in the reading room at times when the weather is too inclement for out door exercise.

Many of the students would like to read a few minutes before supper, whereas they now sit about on the radiators in the corridors waiting for the supper bell to ring.

We hope that it may seem good to the "powers that be" to open the library at the hour named.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

The Rev. Mr. Starr has been called by the church to be our pastor.

Nearly everyone has been troubled by the shakes. Never mind, "exams" will soon be over and Christmas is coming.

Miss Bertha Dallas has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., for a short visit. She expects to return and resume her studies next term.

The basket ball game between the two dormitories which was played during the Thanksgiving recess resulted in a tie.

The military company took a little practice in scouting Friday evening December 6th. Lieutenant Twing was repulsed

everywhere he attacked. The strong "Grand Rounds" happened to be at each post when the attack was made. All members enjoyed the evening's work immensely.

All the young ladies spent the Thanksgiving recess at Grove Cottage and report a pleasant time.

The Rhetoricals and Chapel addresses that were to be given this term will go over to the winter term.

The Aggie Division of the Senior class attended the dairy institute held in North Coventry, Dec. 5. They were chaperoned by Professor Phelps.

The mailing of the circulars which are being sent out by the President gives employment to several students.

The red and white chrysanthemums of Thanksgiving day caused considerable comment.

"The night time is made for Coons," says Moriarity.

Mr. Dallas was given a hearty surprise by the male portion of the senior class the night before he left for the wild and woolly west. Toasts were given and reminiscences recalled. All present had an enjoyable time and pronounce Mr. Dallas a capital host.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Smith are rejoicing in the birth of a baby girl, born Dec. 15th.

Santa Claus visited Mr. Brown, our cook, and presented him with a handsome sweater.

The sight of snow makes the heart of the junior rejoice. Sliding down hill pleases him as much as it does David Copeland.

The walks about our grounds must be widened. Twoism cannot exist with narrow walks. One or both parties must necessarily get his or her feet muddy.

The Rev. George H. Lamson thinks he would have better success with a theology examination than with an "Anna Lyt."

Order is preserved in the old dormitory by the sword instead of rules.

Ask "Red Head" how he would recognize tuberculosis in a post-mortem examination.

Miss Goodrich proudly stands up for Ireland. She claims that there is a green star in the firmament.

The ice storm afforded amusement for every one on the campus for a few days.

The skating has been excellent for some time. The young ladies and their attendants have made the most of it and are now sorry that the chaperons are so scarce.

Steve Crowell has a white sweater and gloves just the same as the ones Mrs. Rust wears.

It has been predicted that Mr. Bushnell will get a ring for a Christmas present. Of course Howard will know where to wear it.

Dr. Conn held his lecture in the chemical laboratory, Friday, December 13th, under the soft light of the gas jets. His topic was: "The Part That Bacteria Play in the Preservation of Food."

"Chub" and "The Ape" have removed the screens from their windows that they may have an unimpaired vision from their little balcony.

Sentimental songs are all the rage in the cottage now. We wonder what will be next.

Prof. Raymond is very speedily diminishing the limited amount of stones about our campus in the cause of new roads.

The new Junior "Ripper" has gone into cold storage awaiting the arrival of more snow.

"Aron" has a position in the office now, and we wish him the best of success in his new venture. His only recreation at present is a little skating evenings.

The Mattabesett granger is again attending Agricultural class after a protracted absence.

Jerry Moriarity has changed his domicile from No. 1, Old Dormitory to the upper floor of the New Dormitory. Jerry claims that his social functions in the Old Dormitory kept him from his studies.

The flag pole is not to be taken down this winter. A new storm flag has been procured and Old Glory will float on the breeze throughout these windy days.

Prof. Monteith and wife have set up house-keeping in the Presidential Mansion. They take their meals in the College Dining Hall.

Mrs. Stimson is visiting friends in Boston.

The new method of sending out the bills each month is received with much satisfaction.

"Albertus" is having trouble in getting a pair of dancing slippers. He can't get them small enough.

Old Ned is fast recovering from a bad case of Founder caused by getting up too much speed from Eagleville to the College.

Professor Beach has changed his residence from the middle to the front portion of the Valentine House.

Some of the material has arrived which was bought at the Pan American after the exhibits were closed.

The Vet. class has been putting in an hour of extra study each evening preparing for the examination.



## ALUMNI NOTES.

'86. Mr. W. L. Chamberlain made a short visit at the college Thanksgiving. He has returned to Hartford, where he is employed by the electric lighting company. Address, 172 Franklin Avenue.

'86. We take great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Mr. S. W. Hayes to Miss Clara A. Whiton. They are to be married in Hartford, at Christ Church, December 26. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes will make their home on Bloomington Avenue, where Mr. Hayes is superintendent of the Handicraft School.

'95. Mr. W. A. Stocking gave a lecture in Bridgeport at the Agricultural meeting, Thursday, December 19, on "Dairy Work at Storrs."

'97. Mr. A. C. Gilbert is studying at "Boston Tech."

'97. Mr. R. D. Gilbert is studying at the Yale Graduate School for a Ph. D. in chemistry.

'98. Mr. D. Julian Burgess has been working in the President's office, mailing short course circulars, etc.

'97. Mr. C. S. Chapman is taking his second year course in the Yale Forestry School.

'98. Mr. H. Kirkpatrick has left his position at the college creamery now that Mr. Jones has returned.

'98. The DeLaval Separator Company has been sending out copies of a letter from the Pan-American exhibition, praising their separator, which was signed by E. C. Weldon.

'98. Mr. C. G. Smith, of the Division of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., spent a few days at the college recently. He spent the summer in the mountains of Tennessee, and

will go back to Washington after making visits in Wapping and Litchfield.

'99. A familiar sight at the college is W. E. Mason with his arms full of books coming and going to and from the College Library, showing that Willard is still pursuing an education.

'00. Miss Gertrude E. Grant witnessed our defeat in basket ball at Willimantic, Friday evening, December 13.

'00. Miss Edith Latimer was obliged to close her school for several weeks during November and December on account of diphtheria.

'01. Mr. Elia Toros Kuzirian has leased a 65-acre farm, four miles from Providence for a period of three years. The farm is pleasantly situated on the Pocasset River, and the Providence electric cars come almost to the door. Mr. Kuzirian has been doing some successful teaching since leaving college. And touching this last matter, the superintendent of the public schools of Central Falls, Rhode Island, has this to say in his annual report: "A class for the Armenians of the city who desired to study English was formed by direction of the evening school committee at the Broad Street School, upon Monday evening, October 21. This class is under the charge of an educated Armenian teacher, a graduate of the Storrs Agricultural College of Connecticut, and numbers twenty pupils, with a very regular attendance."

Ex-'01. Mr. J. M. Stocking made a short visit at the college, December 6, having left his position at East Bridge-water. He will take the poultry course at Rhode Island College this winter.

'97. Mr. J. N. Fitts is busy these days building for himself a home on the farm at East Windsor Hill. He is also attending classes in Hartford evenings. John raised

the largest amount of potatoes on record this summer.

Ex-'98. Mr. Louis T. Bancroft is now proprietor of Elm Sun Farm, East Windsor Hill. He is making a specialty of producing the best of buff Leghorn fowls and Berkshire pigs. He also produces and deals in all kinds of farm produce. Indirectly, if you have a house or barn to build, you will do well to consult "Banty."

Ex-'98. Mr. Winferd E. Barnes, of Torrington, Conn., was recently married to Miss Hitchcock, of that place. The wedding passed off very pleasantly. The young couple took a short trip, and will be at home in Torrington from now on.

'98. Mr. Max Shaffrath has left his business in Waterbury and is now to be found in Springfield, Mass., where he is filling the position of bookkeeper.

'99. The many friends of I. E. Gilbert will be glad to hear of his recovery from a siege of tonsilitis, with which he has been suffering for some time.

'99. When last heard of E. C. Welden was in a C. V. passenger coach passing through Eagleville en route for home from the Pan-American. Any information regarding his whereabouts and occupation will be gratefully received by his friends at C. A. C.

'00 Dairy. Mr. H. B. Cooke has been suffering with an acute attack of mumps, which affected both sides of his face and made of him a very comical looking person.

'99. Mr. George Melville Greene. Address, Mass. Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.

## ATHLETIC NOTES.

### THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL.

The College football eleven played the last game of the season in Willimantic on Thanksgiving Day. The ground was frozen hard and the players were careful to keep their feet. The game was not exciting. The C. A. C. had the ball most of the time and the Y. M. C. A. of Willimantic were unable to stop the plunges of our star backs Clark, Carpenter and McLearn.

Not one of the "many" spectators was surprised when the final score was given, C. A. C. 17, Y. M. C. A. 0.

The season's work proves our team to be a good one. Out of a total of ten games, it has won eight. In number of points C. A. C. has 143 against 67 made by opposing teams.

Now some of the players must bid farewell to the gridiron and leave it to their successors to keep up the record of the past three years. With such an experienced man as McLean for captain, we may expect to see an excellent team upon our gridiron next year.

The schedule and scores for the past season are as follows:

Hartford High School,	17,	C. A. C.	0
Willimantic Y. M. C. A.,	0,	C. A. C.	17
Rockville Regulars,	0,	C. A. C.	17
Middletown High School,	0,	C. A. C.	28
R. I. Agricultural College,	0,	C. A. C.	27
Pomfret School,	0,	C. A. C.	6
Wesleyan Academy,	11,	C. A. C.	21
Williston Seminary,	33,	C. A. C.	0
Norwich Free Academy,	6,	C. A. C.	10
Willimantic Y. M. C. A.,	0,	C. A. C.	17

Total number points, 67 143

### BASKET BALL.

Our first game of basket ball was played in Willimantic on Thanksgiving night and resulted in a victory for the T. R. R. team

The *Observer*, Ansonia, Conn., is a neat little paper, but we are sorry to see no exchange column.



of Willimantic. Most of our boys played on the football team in the morning and, under the circumstances, did as well as could be expected.

On Friday evening, December 13th, the basket ball team lost their second game of the season to the Thread City Cyclers of Willimantic. It was hard for the C. A. C. boys to cover their men, and especially to cover their old college mate, Ted Downing, who is the star player on the T. C. C. team. For the T. C. C. team, Alpaugh threw five goals, Downing two and Bugbee two. For C. A. C. Twing threw two goals and Pierpont one. On fouls, Alpaugh threw two out of nine for the T. C. C.'s; for the C. A. C. Twing threw two out of four.

Final score : T. C. C. 31, C. A. C. 11.

Everything must have a beginning, and it is an old saying that "a bad beginning makes a good ending." Let us hope this is true, and if it is, surely the C. A. C. basket ball team will meet with great success before the end of the season.

The line up was as follows. Moriarity, right forward; Pierpont, left forward; Crowell, right guard; Manchester, left guard; Twing, center.

The most exciting game of basket ball so far this season was played Tuesday evening, December 18, in the College Hall, between the Senior and Junior classes.

The contest was a hard battle from the first, but the Seniors were unable to hit the basket, or rather, to get the ball to go in. Especially did the Seniors have bad luck, for time and time again the ball struck the edge of the basket and rolled off. The game was rather rough, but no hard feelings were excited among any members of either class.

McLean did excellent work for the Juniors. One remarkable feature of the game was a goal made by the ball being batted into the basket on the toss.

The final score was 24 to 6 in favor of the Junior class.

## A PROTEST.

It is, perhaps, natural for people at table to talk on subjects that interest them. The writer has no objection to conversation relating to Napoleon, Lincoln, or Grant, and can easily believe that such subjects may be made valuable to those seeking information. But in the presence of waiters to discuss the colored man and his possible mistakes and peculiarities seems neither right, nor in good taste. He has had the full enjoyment of the rights God gives every man only thirty-six years. Perhaps it would be in better taste if those whose needs he serves to the best of his ability were to let him alone, at least during the period of that service.

## FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

What! The Valentine barns on fire? Yes! Then save the horses. Three families resting peacefully, with a barn on fire not ten rods distant. Fire! fire! fire! Ah—they are awakened. Now for the horses. Break off the lock—the door is open but the horse nearest the fire is frightened and will not come out. I will blanket her head. There now, the horse is safe—but no—the blanket slips off—back dashes the horse into the burning building—once more the horse is in the open air, and this time gallops off in a cloud of dust. The other five horses are quickly removed. A hundred or more people rush wildly to and fro; some clothed, others partly so. Some with axes, others with iron bars attack the roof of the shed joining the two magnificent structures, one of which is completely enveloped in a sheet of flame; the other standing stately and defiant, awaiting the outcome of the battle. But it is of no use, the men cannot tear down the shed, and the fire creeps on. Now there seems to be a chance to check the destruction.

Water is passed into the shed where men are working almost suffocated by the heat and smoke. As the fire in the shed is almost extinguished, there seems to be hope of saving the upper barn. But, no—the fire has been creeping on under the floor upon which the men have been standing, and now rushes on like the unrestrained water through a broken dyke. Alas! with little water and no means of fighting, the men are driven back, and now turn their attention to the house, in which the goods of three families are in danger. What little water there is, is brought to a convenient place; then, as the roaring conflagration approaches, the force of men divides, some begin to remove the goods, while others go to the roof of the house. Then, by means of a bucket brigade, water is passed up, and the shingles, already glowing in places, are kept wet. Minutes are long as the men wait for the fire to subside. Swallows, driven from their nests in the barns, or attracted by the bright light, go sailing through the air, and in the red light of the burning buildings, look like glowing embers from the fire itself. Regardless of the loss, the sight of the burning structure is beautiful to behold. The large timbers are columns of glowing coals and look like a framework of gold as they are pictured in the darkness of the night.

At last the victory is won; the house is safe, and the fire is over.

Standing in front of our main building, looking toward the scene of destruction, what a picture was visible to the eye of the observer the following morning. Directly in front of the house were several wagons, a few pieces of furniture, and to the right stood a piano, a bookcase and various other household articles. On the lawn to the left of the house, a large pile of oats had been deposited. A wagon loaded with fertilizer also stood near the road.

All that remained standing, were the

walls and a large brick chimney.

Upon approaching the house, one could see how near the place had come to being totally destroyed. The paint was blistered by the heat, and some parts of the house had been scorched.

A cloud of smoke still rose from the heap of ashes and the smoldering timbers.

But who is this man coming up the hill? His figure is familiar, but his face is black and dirty. It is none other than the President, who has been working with the men trying to extinguish the fire in a large pile of anthracite coal which was stored in one of the sheds consumed in the conflagration.

Below the house was a long line of farm tools of various descriptions which had been rescued from the flames.

When we stop to consider how, in the course of a few hours, two large structures had been reduced to a heap of smoldering embers, we all agree that "fire" is terrible. That little word of only four letters, "F-I-R-E," when heard in the stillness of the night, can strike terror into the heart of anyone, no matter how small the subject of the conflagration. God forbid it should ever be heard on this hill again.

JAMES B. TWING, '02.

#### MAKING A COLLECTION OF GRASSES.

During the summer term of the Senior year the members of the Senior class are required to make a collection of native grasses, consisting of twenty different varieties or species.

The first thing to do in starting a collection, is to go out into the meadows and swamps and collect the different grasses which are wanted. All of the different kinds cannot be secured at one time as some ripen early in the season and some late. This makes it necessary to collect at different times.



Each variety should be in a bunch by itself. These bunches may be from an inch to two inches in diameter, but all should be uniform, as they will look much better if they are of an even size.

The spears of grass in each bunch should be of uniform length and in a healthy condition. The collecting should be done just before the time of blossoming.

After collecting the specimens, spread them out thinly on a smooth surface in a dry room, into which there are no openings for rats or mice, as they are liable to damage the collection. It is well to turn the grasses over once in a while until thoroughly dry. When dry, tie up each separate variety and label with the correct scientific and common names. Some of the names are very easy to find if the collector is familiar with the specimens. If, however, he is new to the work, he will need to dissect the flowers by the aid of a microscope, following the key given in "Gray's Botany."

GEO. H. HOLLISTER.

### FOOTBALL AS PLAYED BY DIFFERENT TEAMS.

During the football season just past I have had the pleasure of seeing games of very different types.

Universities, preparatory schools and town teams have styles of play peculiar to themselves. Of course, there are many points that are similar in all, but there is a marked difference in the general method of play. Universities run formations and interference of a more complicated order, and there is an aggressiveness in the line that is never seen in other teams. There is also a great deal more punting.

Contests between preparatory schools are generally as exciting as those between the universities, but there is a greater degree of individual work; that is, some one

or two men will seem to be playing a more brilliant game than the others, while punting is apparently regarded as a last resort.

Games between town teams are certainly as amusing as those between either of the classes above mentioned. And sometimes, where stone walls mark the side-lines, there are as many injuries. Anything like team work is rarely seen. Every man plays for himself, and if playing in the line, he seldom leaves the fellow opposite him. If he can throw his opponent down the greater number of times during the game, it makes little difference to him whether the ball is advanced the required distance or not. There is generally as much spirit shown in contests between town teams as any others. For instance, in a game that I witnessed a short time ago, the visiting team lacked three players and it was necessary that these should be mustered in from volunteers on the ground. These substitutes played the best they knew how against the fellows from their own town, until the ball was on their own five-yard line; then, suddenly inspired with a patriotic spirit, they shifted to the other side, and helped to push the ball over for a touchdown.

In all the games I have seen this year, slugging was more in evidence in a contest between universities. This is the reverse of what I expected, and certainly should not be the case, for men who have had exceptional advantages along lines of physical and mental training should not stoop to such means in their attempts to win victories.

G. H. LAMSON.

### A DAIRY INSTITUTE.

On December fifth, the Senior class taking the Agricultural course, attended a dairy institute in North Coventry. The pro-

gram was interesting and very instructive throughout.

The first speaker was Mr. Potter, President of the Connecticut Dairymen's Association, at whose expense these institutes are held. Mr. Potter gave a meritorious introductory address which was fully appreciated by all.

The next speaker was Mr. Stanley of New Britain. He spoke at considerable length upon "The Silo and Ensilage." Mr. Stanley is a practical farmer and is well versed in the underlying principles of this subject. His talk was plain and to the point, covering in detail the whole subject in hand and making it an extremely interesting address.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stanley's address, the company repaired to the dining room and were served with a bountiful repast by the ladies of the society.

After lunch the audience returned to the speaking room and listened to a good common sense, straight forward talk, by Mr. H. G. Manchester of Winsted, Secretary of the Dairymen's Association. The topic of his address was "Economical Feeding." Mr. Manchester is a practical and scientific dairyman and he understood his subject to perfection.

Prof. Beach from the college was to have spoken before Mr. Manchester, but owing to railroad connections Mr. Manchester had to go sooner than was expected and changed places on the program with Prof. Beach.

Prof. Beach was the last speaker on the program. He spoke on "The Selection of the Dairy Cow." The address was given in the Professor's usual attractive manner.

Throughout the meeting there was apparent keen interest in the speaking which betokens the amount of pleasure and profit to be derived from these meetings.

The Dairymen's Association goes to considerable trouble and expense to hold

these institutes throughout the state and it is lamentable that so few farmers attend the meetings.

The meeting was concluded by discussions and questions on the points brought forward by the speakers.

All had a very enjoyable time and many thanks are due to the originators of the meeting.

### HAVE PLANTS INSTINCT?

The above title strikes one as peculiar, because it is the general idea, and perhaps rightly, that instinct is an adjunct to animal life. But it has occurred to the writer that there is a something, a subtle influence, in the growth of many common and some uncommon plants, for the better conception of which, and for the want of a better term, he would like to call instinct.

The definition found in the Century Dictionary is as follows: "Instinct, a special innate propensity in any organized being, but more especially in the lower animals, producing effects which appear to be those of reason and knowledge, but which transcend the general intelligence or experience of the creature. Instinct is somewhat deficient in instant adaptability to extraordinary circumstances."

A calf, when born, does not have to be taught to walk, but in a little while, sometimes less than an hour, can use his legs as if life were an old story to him. This is an example of instinct in the animal kingdom.

The habits of some plants have attracted the attention of every student of botany, for they seem, at first sight, to be analogous to, or bear a remarkable resemblance to instinct. If we plant a bean with the germ down, or a piece of potato with the eye down, we shall find when the plant has sprouted, that the stem sent from the germ or eye has passed around the bean or



potato and so reached the surface. How was the sprout able to detect the difference between the soil above and the soil underneath? Does not this resemble instinct? As President Stimson has told us the potato sprout seeks the light. Does it, by means of a power similar to instinct, know the value of light in its growth? Why is not this plausible? There is not such a large gap between these two forms of organic life, animal and vegetable. Each started from a similar cell of protoplasm. Their developments were along different lines.

Man is regarded as the type of excellence in the animal kingdom, but in the vegetable kingdom, environment and manner of growth have prevented the development of one species, to any great extent over another.

Man sets traps in the forest and partakes of the animals caught therein. In the vegetable kingdom there is a plant called the "Venus Fly-trap," which, by the bright color of its leaves, lures insects to the leaf, upon which, this part of the plant folds up, enclosing the unfortunate insect which is dissolved by an acidulous secretion and absorbed into the system of the plant. Is the spasmodic closing of the leaves of this plant guided by any power within the plant?

That the immovability of plants is due to the fact that food comes to them, and the ability to change place is therefore unnecessary, is demonstrated by an exception to this rule. In deserts where there is nothing but sand, a fixed plant would certainly die. There we find a weed which fixes its roots in the sand after a rain and remains until the moisture is gone, when it removes its roots, rolls into a ball and is blown by the wind to another moist place, where it proceeds to get more nourishment. Has not this the semblance of instinct?

I do not wish to affirm that plants have the power of thinking or reasoning, but

that they have a power which is as useful, and which sometimes is superior to instinct, for potato sprout and bean sprout alike *do* adapt themselves instantly to extraordinary circumstances.

ERNEST W. BAXTER.

## THE USES OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

While in the High School three years ago I wrote an essay upon this subject, but as at that time my ideas in regard to the use of the automobile were somewhat vague, I was compelled to stretch my imagination to the utmost in order to get the required number of words. Some of the things I wrote I did not believe myself, and I doubt if any one else did. In looking back, however, to that time, and comparing the views then expressed with the actual achievements of the present day, I was surprised at the realization of some of the predictions then made. Little did I think that an automobile could be made to go a mile in less than a minute; but this, as well as some other prophecies, then made have been fulfilled.

It is not however, in regard to the mere speed, nor yet to the many uses to which the auto is put, that I wish to write. But I would like rather to consider its uses in those aspects which most interest us here at Storrs.

The principal use that presents itself to my mind most vividly at present, is the use of that form of auto which moves very slowly, but at the same time is of weighty import. To see this sort of a machine running up and down our college drives at a snail's pace would probably sicken Fourrier, but at the same time it would please us immensely.

Professor Raymond, with the aid of a stone crusher, has broken up nearly all of the limited supply of stone available about the premises, even encroaching, it

is said, upon Mr. Dallas's well curb. Some apprehension has been felt for the stones that mark the sleeping places of our ancient dead. The material thus accumulated will be used for resurfacing our drives. Of course this will greatly improve our present roads, but if left to be beaten down by travel alone, the process will be slow, incomplete, and will have a tendency to cause the traveler to violate the college rule referring to language. Here is where the "auto" comes in, to play the part that Dewell might, if set on wheels. It would not only add greatly to the looks of our drives, but it would make them more agreeable to the traveler.

Without doubt the members of the football team could use an automobile to good advantage in their trips to and from Eagleville. A three-seated wagon was not made to carry fifteen men and dress suit cases to match, three miles, in comfortable style.

Nearly all Professors that have classes in the main building are continually complaining about students being tardy to classes when coming from Agricultural Hall. This is quite a distance, as some of us realize, especially on a cold icy morning. The only way this can be remedied is to have an automobile of suitable size to carry a class, waiting in front of the buildings at each hour, for the purpose of carrying students back and forth. This would not only give the Professors more time for classes, but would be a great deal easier for our hard worked students.

For the past three or four years we have been promised a trolley line from Willimantic. No doubt in the far distant future trolleys will scale the heights of Spring Hill and come rushing upon our campus, but they are not likely to gladden the eyes of any of us who are here now, and we still have to patronize the Central Vermont, a corporation that evidently does not want patronage, unless we take the Ankle Air line. An automobile line would

be a great accommodation to us now; and if some enterprising person would establish such a line between Storrs and Willimantic, I am sure he would be well patronized.

Let us hope that some of the many uses to which automobiles can be put to accommodate us here, will be seen and realized in the near future.

JOHN S. CARPENTER, '02.

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After an ice-storm, Storrs furnishes facilities to the lover of fun such as very few places can. Whatever way you go is down. Perhaps more or less anxiety as to the "end of it is felt."

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One day, in class, while discussing the heavenly bodies, I asked if a certain planet could be seen in the daytime. I suppose I hadn't quite caught the force of the previous lecture, because I was told that under the right conditions one might see stars any day. A classmate advised me that possibly if I tried running down to the Old Dorm. I would find favorable conditions.

Mr. Blank, a Sophomore, came to breakfast with a face as void of expression as the name I have assigned to him. Two white patches on his back told a different story. A friend inquired if he "found it slipperly on the way over?" Mr. Blank's reply was not heard.

ELIZABETH E. GOODRICH.



### EXCHANGES.

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The *High School Voice*, Sunbury, Pa., is a very good paper, but it is devoted to the affairs of the school rather than to much literary matter.

The *High School Aegis*, Bloomington, Ill., is an interesting publication. We are glad to welcome it to our exchange table.

The *Krishno*, Toledo, Ohio, contains a considerable amount of good reading matter.

We are always glad to welcome the *New Hampshire College Monthly*. It is one of our best exchanges.

The *Panorama*, Binghamton, N. Y., deserves credit for its good reading matter.

The article on athletics, in the *Herald*, Westfield, Mass., is very interesting.

The *Rocky Mountain Collegian*, Fort Collins, Col., is a neat little paper, but of little literary value.

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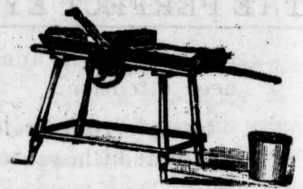




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