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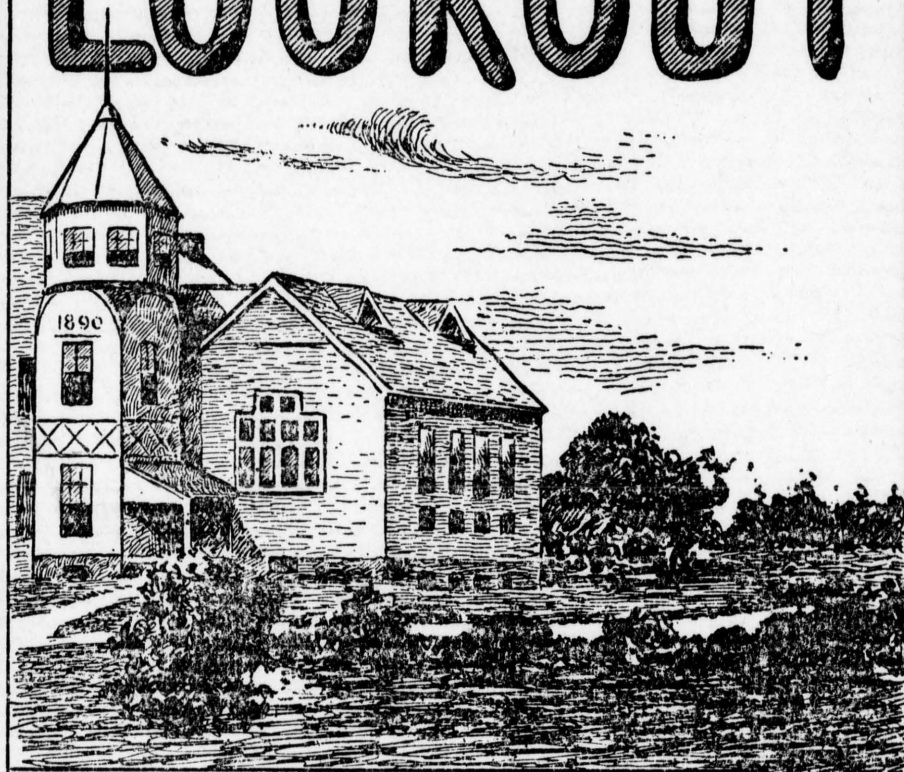
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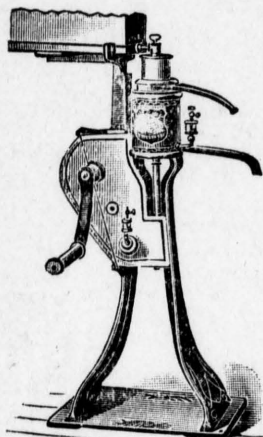
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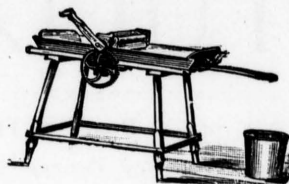
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Discussion of the defects of the boy from the country has been current in some quarters recently. Perhaps that defect, which has been most often remarked, is his failure to take the position in society that might easily belong to him. The explanations of this observed condition are many.

Rural Connecticut has a society, customs and a dialect peculiar to itself. The boy who has been reared in this society and in places where these customs are in vogue may have acquired a certain ease and freedom in his native conditions, but he believes that, in a larger town or among those of greater cultivation, the rules of etiquette, which he has learned from his own experience, will no longer be in force, and he hesitates to venture forth into the new atmosphere.. And even if he does pluck up

courage to make the attempt this belief often produces abnormal self-consciousness and consequent awkwardness, for there is no more embarrassing position in which one can find himself than to feel that the rules of society demand some certain act, and yet be conscious that he knows not what that act may be. It is, of course, needless to say that this fear of his is in large part groundless, for every person of really good breeding will endeavor to make his peculiarities inconspicuous and will, in no case, make them a cause for ridicule.

Again, altogether too prevalent is the idea that the dress-coat marks the fop; that courtesy is effeminate. Far too many of our country boys seem to think that the loud, blunt tongue, and the free, careless manner, stamp the true man. Therefore,

in order to show his manly contempt of such trifles as a pleasant address and a gentlemanly bearing, he adopts a slouching gait and a perpetual scowl.

Sometimes, too, the shyness of isolation, or the lack of any desire for progress, may be responsible. But whatever the reason, the fact cannot be questioned that many a country boy, and there is many a country boy at C. A. C., is unable to appear to the best advantage, because of his lack of ease and refinement of manners. Now, what but mingling with others in society can produce these qualities? Is it not at least worth the trying, if it be possible of attainment.

Have you not heard it said of someone who has just graduated from our college, "You would not know him as the fellow who came here four years ago." And where is the change that is remarked? Is it in clothes? To some extent. Is it in size? In physique? Somewhat. Is it in learning? We hope so. But more than all these that which is immediately observable, that which makes the most direct and forceful impression, is the ease of manner, the air of knowing the right thing to do and of doing it; in short, the training of society expressed in every movement and in every word.

There is little danger of over urging the importance of this subject, for no one, who appreciates the attention bestowed upon civilities by nearly every successful business man, can fail to realize the part that they play in everyday life.

There is no one who has so highly developed the art of speech and appearance as has the confidence man. It is true that men who have been extremely successful in business and who have had many years of experience are readily duped simply by a fair exterior and an easy bearing. If men, who depend solely on these graces for effect, can accomplish so much, what is impossible to the man with a solid foundation, if he be willing to devote the same care to the same development?

Perhaps there is some way in which a student at the Connecticut Agricultural College may more thoroughly lessen his prospects of material success than by failing to participate in our social functions, but there is no method of self-injury more apparent.

To the Alumni and Friends of the C. A. C. "Lookout."

The State of Connecticut abounds with local tales and incidents which have stood the test of time and have been handed down to the latter generations. Some of these have never seen the pages of history, others have been thought too unimportant to print, but all have some point which has caused their survival in the minds of the people. What the LOOKOUT wants is, that those of its readers who recollect any of these tales will put them on paper and send them to the LOOKOUT office.

Those which are found to be of suffi-

cient interest to print will find their way to the columns of the magazine, with the proper recognition. If necessary, a new department will be created to accommodate them.

Direct all communications to
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1903—Winter School—1903.

SHORT COURSES.

The short-course circulars for the Winter School are in the hands of the printer. There will be four courses of twelve weeks; one in Farm-Dairy Practice and Management; one in Creamery Practice and Management; one in Fruit Growing, and one in Forestry. These, except the Fruit Growing course, which is open only to men twenty years old or older, will be open to those who are sixteen years old or older. There will be a six-weeks course in Poultry Culture open to students fifteen years old or older. This course has been shortened from ten weeks to six, in order to enable the students to begin operations at home at the proper season after the completion of the course. The Business course is open to Winter School students.

In addition there will be thirty-three ten-day courses in practical, scientific and general culture subjects, including courses in Dairying, in Fruit and Vegetable Growing, and in Domestic Science or Home Economics.

Copies of these announcements will be

sent to all who apply for them, and will be ready for distribution in a few days.

These courses have been found valuable for busy men in the past, and the College officers are glad to be able to continue those previously started, and to add a few new ones for the coming winter.

All graduates, or former students of the College, should take great pains to make the fact that these courses are to be given known among those who might naturally be expected to be most benefited by them.

College Notes.

A pleasant October outing of the senior class was the visit to Amherst at the invitation of Dr. Lehnert. The main purpose of the visit was the examination of the horses and cattle belonging to the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Every possible courtesy was shown to the visitors who were made thoroughly welcome by those in charge of the departments visited. A pleasant incident of the trip was the opportunity to witness the football game between the rival institutions at Amherst.

We recognize with pleasure the spirit and sense of college loyalty displayed by our fair friends of Grove Cottage. We have noted the existence of this excellent sentiment on many occasions, but when it takes the form of an effort to repair the damaged habiliments of the football eleven, it appears to us worthy of special commendation.

The horse barn has been improved by the arrangement of an indoor washery, to

the comfort and convenience of the men employed there. For the first time they are supplied with abundance of hot as well as cold water. The erection of a new and convenient barn ought not to be long delayed, and plans are, as we learn, prepared for it. Meanwhile, however, we may have to get along with the somewhat primitive conditions of the old barn for some time.

We have recently had special evening drills for practice in readiness of response to bugle calls. The only notice to the student is the unexpected note of the bugler. This has so far proved as amusing as effective. It is a sight worth seeing to behold them as "Out of the buildings the soldiers come tumbling,"—commissioned officers, non-coms., privates, musicians, in dress coats, fatigue coats, caps, slouch hats, and leggings—anyway to get there and answer, "Here!" to the roll-call.

It is surely a good omen for the progress of the College and the increase of its efficiency that close and friendly relations are cultivated among the several departments. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we observe the growing friendliness between the Horticultural Department and the Experiment Station.

The young ladies gave a very pleasant reception at Grove Cottage on the evening of November 23d. Between dancing for the younger and gayer, and whist for those more seriously inclined, a very pleasant evening was spent. We are informed that

there was much disappointment among our fair friends, because the boys refused to abandon their club meeting for this remarkable event.

Our old friend, Bushnell, commonly known as the baggage-smasher, came sailing in on the wind of a recent stormy Saturday night. Wearying of his work among the horses up in Litchfield, he has determined to swing the milk can at Waterbury. He is well-fitted for his chosen task.

Dr. Meserve, not content with the ownership of a promising pup of the collie variety, has lately increased his live stock by the purchase of a horse.

Ladies, ladies, what a blessing!

You don't have to shave;

Think of all the time in dressing

You're enabled thus to save!

A picture of the football team, artistically posed on the steps of the new dormitory, was taken on Saturday last. The manager will be pleased to dispose of copies of this work of art for the small sum of twenty-five cents—the profits to accrue to the Athletic Association.

The freshmen rhetoricals came off in good time and at great length November 14th. The whole affair was so successful that some of the performers were induced to repeat and enlarge their parts one evening later in chapel.

The C. S. C. initiated Messrs. Hollister, Tryon and Minor, Saturday evening, November 23d.

One of the points noted in Ford's course in dairying, that indicates success for that promising young man, is the fact that he cares for his stock well.

"Night School" has reopened with a large attendance of freshmen.

Prof. C. to seniors: "Behold, here is a man husking corn!" The class gaze, with renewed respect, at the imposing form of Blakeslee.

The sophomore rhetorical came off on the 25th. The prospect of a basket ball game to follow the uncorking of their eloquence secured for them an unusually large audience. Perhaps the basket ball team profited in the matter of receipts by the unusual combination of attractions.

The football game with the Westerly High School eleven, recently played on the college grounds, was relieved from any suspicion of dullness by the scientifically organized cheering, personally and enthusiastically and picturesquely conducted by the agile and enthusiastic Pattison. The cheering was a feature of the game—so was Pattison.

Prof. Beach left Storrs on the evening of December 2d to attend the meeting of the New Hampshire State Dairyman's Association held at Littleton. It is a source of satisfaction to us that the excellent work of Prof. Beach meets with recognition outside the limits of our own state. Since Littleton is in the White Mountain region, we could have wished for the professor's

sake that the meeting had been held in the gorgeous month of October. A visit to that district in that season would have given him, not only well deserved recognition, but an exceedingly delightful trip.

Copies of the speech delivered by the president at the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture have just reached us. The speech is interesting as outlining the views carried out during the last year, and is a strong and timely presentation of the claims of the college.

Commissioner Averill made a brief visit to the college just after the Thanksgiving recess. We learn from him that up to the time of his visit, the dreaded foot and mouth disease had made no lodgment in this state. He has taken every precaution to prevent its introduction. Mr. Averill has appointed Dr. Lehnert as his deputy in this district.

Prof. Clinton attended the Dairy Institute at Lyme, Thursday the 4th inst.

Alumni Notes.

'88. Clarence H. Savage has been elected representative from the town of Mansfield. He has the congratulations and hearty support of all his friends at C. A. C.

'93. Edward B. Fitts recently made his brother a visit at the college.

'92-'95. Mr. Seth Buell spent Sunday with A. J. Pierpont, '95, a few weeks ago.

'95. W. A. Stocking is getting out a

bulletin on the "Sanitary Production of Milk."

We wish to correct a mistake in a former issue. Mr. G R Hall is housekeeping at No. 122 Hungerford Street, Hartford, Conn.

'97. R. D. Beardsley is playing half-back on the Co. A football team, Waterbury, Conn.

'98. H. F. Onthrup is in the Williams-town Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain received in the game, Williams vs. Wesleyan.

The class of '98 is to be congratulated on the unprecedented success of its class letter. The letter is now on its eighth trip and is said to be more welcome each time it comes around.

'98. Mr. C. S. Chapman having finished his course at the Yale Forestry School, passed the Civil Service examination and received his appointment as Field Assistant in the Forestry Bureau, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. He has been working for the Great Northern Paper Co., on the Penobscot River, with a gang of twenty-five men.

'98. C. G. Smith spent part of the summer at Carleton, Minn., at work on the Norway pine for the Bureau of Forestry. He is now taking the course at the Yale Forestry School.

'99. Miss Elsie S. Leach is acting as companion to a lady in Plainville, Conn.

'99. Miss Selma Carlson is teaching school at Village Hill, Willington.

'99. Elmer Welden has a slight attack of blood poison in his hand. He still continues his work in New York.

'00. Miss Gertrude Grant is teaching at Rocky Hill, Conn. Her address is Rocky Hill, Conn., care of Mrs. Elmer Lord.

Miss Marie Brown is teaching at Vernon, Conn.

Miss Lena Latimer is teaching in Canton, Conn.

Miss Edith Latimer is superintendent of the Y. W. C. A. at Albany, N. Y. Miss Latimer also has an evening class in sewing. Her address is No. 5 Lodge Street, Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. Hester Luce and son have been visiting her parents at South Wellington, Conn.

'01. T. F. Downing is out again. He has been quarantined at his home in North Windham, his brother being ill with the small-pox.

'02. J. S. Carpenter and G. H. Hollister accompanied the seniors to Amherst to see the game, Amherst vs. M. A. C.

H. L. Bushnell recently made us a visit. He is going to drive a milk wagon for A. J. Pierpont, '95.

Ex. '00. Mrs. Lena Mansfield has recovered from a severe attack of whooping cough.

Ex. '01. G. Dana Warner was recently

left them no one to depend on in case of accidents. Although several of the Westerly boys were laid out, no one had to leave the game. On the Connecticut side not one of the boys received any serious injuries, but in the second half several changes were made in the lineup to give the substitutes a little practice. During the game, more in the first half than in the second, the Westerly team showed itself very deficient in team work. They showed up better on the offensive than on the defensive. As usual, the bucking qualities of Connecticut came in well.

At this game, we are pleased to say, the students and faculty turned out in full force, and under the leadership of "Fox," the boys with their "Boom-jig-booms" and "Rip-rah-rah's" encouraged our own men and probably frightened their opponents.

The Westerly team played the ends back. This formation did not give them very much advantage.

The game began with Westerly kicking off to C. A. C. Ritch fumbled, got the ball and was almost instantly tackled. By short runs and plunges the ball was carried by Connecticut over the center line. Next, Manchester received the ball and made quite a gain and then Averill carried it to touchdown on a 15 yard run. Averill kicked goal. C. A. C., 6; Westerly, 0.

Westerly kicked the pigskin to Averill who caught it and returned it to the center of the field. Here we lost the ball on a fumble. Westerly made short gains. Pierpont got the ball on a fumble and made a

touchdown. Averill successfully kicked goal. C. A. C., 12; Westerly, 0.

Shurtleff failed to get the kickoff. Westerly got the ball but could not move it but gained 5 yards on an off side play. The High School boys were forced to punt. Comstock fell on the ball where it was blown by the wind, outside of the lines. After several short gains Averill tried a punt and Comstock and a Westerly man sprinted after the ball. The Westerly man fumbled but got the ball and back it went to the point of the punt. Westerly punted again and the ball falling almost plumb was received by Comstock who carried it 20 yards. Pierpont made a touchdown which was not counted on account of tripping. The ball again went to Westerly which was able to make only the shortest kind of gains and so punted, or rather tried to punt, for Crowell blocked the ball and fell on it. C. A. C. next advanced the ball by three runs, first by Welton, next Shurtleff and then Averill over the goal line. Averill missed the goal kick. C. A. C., 17; Westerly, 0.

Westerly kicked off to Averill who advanced the ball to the 45 yard line. Next by gains by Averill, Manchester and Pierpont, the ball was carried 20 yards into the enemy's territory. When time was called for the first half the score stood 17 to 0.

Second Half.

In the second half, full back, Crowell, was replaced by right tackle, Pierpont. Patterson took Pierpont's position. Snow and Pattison replaced respectively Ritch and Welton. Averill kicked off to Westerly

but the man who caught it fell and didn't get far. On seven plunges Westerly now advanced the ball to near the center line where it was lost on downs. Patterson and Pierpont took the ball to the twenty-five yard line but the ball was lost there on a fumble. Westerly again advanced the ball well up the field and again lost on downs. With the ball in possession of Connecticut, things began to hustle. From near center in the enemy's territory the ball was hurried down the field by short runs to a touchdown by Manchester who carried two men over the line with him. Averill kicked goal. Most of the runs were by Manchester and Averill. Patterson played a good pushing game. Score: 23 to 0.

Westerly kicked off to Connecticut. Through a misunderstanding the ball was fumbled but Averill got it and carried it 30 yards before being downed. Averill next made a fine punt of about 45 yards. The ball was fumbled by a Westerly player and Edmond, but Snow fell on the ball about a yard from goal line when time was called. Score: Connecticut, 23; Westerly, 0.

WESTERLY

HIGH SCHOOL.

LINE UP.

Davisleft end.....Ritch, Snow
Rogersleft tackleShurtleff
Williamsleft guardRisley
BransfieldcenterDewell
Lamphearright guardEdmond
Anderson.right tackle Pierpont, Patterson
Flynnright endComstock
Ferguson ...left half back..(Capt.) Averill

Potterright half back...Manchester
Higgins ...quarter back..Welton, Pattison
Prestonfull back..Crowell, Pierpont

Referees: Smith and Lynch.

Timekeepers: Miller and Garlick.

Linesmen: Blakeslee and Ford.

Time: 20 minute halves.

Touchdowns: Averill 2, Pierpont 1,
Manchester 1.

Goals: Averill 3.

The football team has elected C. H. Welton, captain for the season of 1903.

M. E. Pierpont is our new basket ball captain.

The basket ball season is on and everyone should be supplied with a season ticket.

The first basket ball game was played in College Hall on the night of November 25th, with the Thread City Cyclers of Willimantic. The game took place directly after the Sophomore rhetoricals and therefore many out-of-town people were present. The game was exciting, but resembled football more than basket ball. The score was 12 to 8 in our favor.

T. C. C.

LINE UP

C. A. C.

Strongright forward ...Manchester
Alpaughleft forward.Pierpont (Capt.)
Downing (Capt.).centreAverill
Danielsright guardRosenfield
Rosebrooks ...left guardCrowell

Substitute: C. A. C., Comstock.

Two twenty minute halves.

Timekeepers: Edmond and Ford.

Referee: C. H. Welton.

Umpires: Van Zandt and Blakeslee.

Game called: 8.38 p. m.

Baskets: C. A. C., Averill 3, Pierpont 3.
T. C. C., Strong 2, Daniels 1, Downing 1.

Score: 12 to 8.

It will be seen that a basket by the new rules only counts two now while formerly it counted three.

In an informal game the Agricolaes defeated the Freshmen with a score of 21 to 9.

During the Thanksgiving recess the Old Dorm's defeated the New Dorm's with a score of 16 to 12.

Roster of Military Company.

Commandant, Dr. C. A. Meserve.

Cadet Captain, A. W. Manchester.

Cadet First Lieutenant, A. C. Hauck.

Cadet Second Lieutenant, R. J. Averill.

Cadet First Sergeant, M. E. Pierpont.

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Cadet Sergeant, H. S. Comstock.

Cadet Sergeant, C. H. Welton.

Cadet Sergeant, D. K. Shurtleff.

Cadet Sergeant, R. T. Dewell.

Cadet Sergeant and Musician, C. N. Pattison.

Cadet Corporal, E. W. Baxter.

Cadet Corporal, I. W. Patterson.

Girls' Basket Ball.

It's "lickity-cut" again.

The boys got ahead of us on their season tickets.

Mr. S. M. Crowell, 1902, has kindly con-

sented to coach the team. They have begun practice and are making marked progress. Miss Marjorie Monteith has been re-elected captain, and plays center again.

There was a rousing meeting of all the Grove Cottage girls in Miss Monteith's room on Tuesday evening, December 2d. The "Girls' Athletic Association" was organized and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Monteith; vice-president, Miss Dimock; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Stimson.

The manager of the girls' team, Mrs. R. W. Stimson, is arranging the schedule of games for the season and has several open dates. She would be glad to hear from any neighboring college or high school.

Round About Storrs.

If the reader will go up into the garret and diligently pore over the old leather covered volumes, which he will find there, he will be rewarded by not a few tales and legends of early Connecticut towns and the neighborhood of Storrs is no exception.

To such as have no access to attics filled with the cast-off garments of Father Time, I will relate briefly some of these legends which may possibly be found interesting.

In the old days when Willimantic was Windham and stood on the Winnomantic River, the inhabitants lived in the daily fear of attack by the French and Indians. One night everyone was aroused from the arms of Morpheus with the dreaded yells of the Indians in their ears. In terror the towns-

people tumbled from their beds and without arraying themselves in garments other than those they had on, fled in panic from their houses. Down what is now Main street they rushed in wildest haste, not stopping until fully a mile out of town. Still the terrifying sounds of the supposed Indians and French, reached their ears and grew in intensity every minute until someone said that the French word for "treaty" could be heard. It was some time before a committee to sue for peace could be found (each one of the worthy townspeople wished his neighbor to have that honor), but at last delegates were sent to ask for the lives of their women and children. They called in vain for the French General, but were not answered. In fear they were about to flee when one of their number suggested that the noises sounded much like the croaking of bull-frogs. Such proved to be the case. A pond near, having dried up, the frogs had hopped five miles to the Win-nomantic River, forming a column of march forty yards wide and four miles long. This tale probably accounts for the timidity of the inhabitants of Willimantic.

The Fenton river, which passes through Gurleyville, is culpable in the eyes of the law as it is said to have once been guilty of harboring a criminal. Near Four Corners a counterfeiter by the name of Fenton had a stand. It is not known whether or not he manufactured gold bricks to sell to the farmers thereabouts but anyhow he found one day that Uncle Sam, in the person of the Sheriff, was after him. He fled

probably down the road which leads to the sawmill, with his pursuers after him. They were gaining on him and would soon have come up with him if he had not adopted desperate means. Selecting a long, hollow reed from the banks of the river, he stepped in where it was deepest and with some trouble pulled himself under the bank, out of sight. With the reed in his mouth and projecting above the surface of the water, he breathed without much difficulty. After the sheriff's posse left the vicinity he came from his hiding place and secured a boat by means of which he made his escape. The river afterwards bore the name of Fenton.

There is a story to the effect, that when General George Washington passed through this part of the country he stopped at Four Corners. A captured English officer, who was given a cold bed in the barn, excited the pity of a little girl who lived there, and she brought him blankets and warm food. Years after the girl received from the officer some English violets to repay her and remind her of the officer. These were set out and are still growing about the old farmhouse.

Attached to Squaw's Cave at Bolton Notch is a legend which is slightly dubious. It is related that the cave (which is simply a hole in the cliff where the limestone has been worn away by the waters of a spring) was once the hiding place of an Indian woman who became ostracised from her tribe. One day she disappeared into the deepest part of the cave and later her body

was found in the Willimantic River, ten miles away !

On Hank's Hill was started the first silk mill in the United States. Old mulberry trees are quite frequent in that vicinity. Here there used also to be a cannon factory.

South Coventry, where the Patriot, Nathan Hale, was born, has the distinction of producing the first pipe organ in the United States.

Lastly, the old Dormitory of this College, which at one time was dormitory, school and professor's house, was at an earlier date a Soldiers' Orphan Home.

ERNEST W. BAXTER,
Fourth year B. S.

The Apple.

What is more gratifying or pleasing to the sense of hunger than to be able to reflectively chew a good, juicy apple? When we look over the population of this country, especially in the cities, we find that there are comparatively few who have this privilege.

Much might be said concerning the commercial importance of the apple in Connecticut, or even Storrs, but space is limited "and we are already tired."

The apple exists in various forms, but the one most universally used, and not entirely unknown to some of us, is the juice. Of course by this we mean that truly acidulous fluid—vinegar. This necessarily ex-

ists at first in a mild form which, for some reason, is not in general favor.

The apple frequently enjoys a place in social gatherings, in a small way. Especially at Hallowe'en festivities does this fruit hold an undenied prerogative. Unmercifully suspended from the ceiling to be cruelly bitten into, or allowed to float about in a tub waiting for the next victim, is the fate of this much-abused but not altogether unhappy apple.

Every youth probably remembers the summer apple when he thinks of how he is made to promptly climb and shake the tree for all there is in it at the command of his seemingly helpless companion, the maiden.

H. S. COMSTOCK, '04.

Some Nature Books.

It is only during the last century that the study of "nature for nature's sake" has been in any degree popular; and it is within the memory of most of us that the largest part of the many charming books upon that subject have been written. This is perhaps especially true in America. Out-of-door recreation has become a joy, a fad one might almost say, instead of simply a duty. It can no longer be said of us that we take our pleasures sadly. Our cities are surrounded with beautiful parks, outings and excursions are planned for all sorts and conditions of men, and small and behind the times is the library which has not upon its shelves a goodly number of books

which will, at least, open our eyes and lead us to take an interest in hitherto unappreciated surroundings.

Before speaking of a few of these books which, according to the testimony of many, are best worth reading, several come to my mind which, though not primarily nature books, yet are written by nature lovers and are a good tonic for those who do not feel much inclined to "list to nature's teachings." First among this class stands Blackmore's "Lorna Doone." Most people, probably, read this for the story, some for its beautiful English; but it is worth reading once more, at least, for its exquisite descriptions. To such a reader of this book the wild Exmoor country stands out almost as clearly as his own New England fields and woods. Following Blackmore comes James Lane Allen. Who can read "A Kentucky Cardinal," "Aftermath," "The Choir Invisible" and "The Reign of Law" without longing to see the vivid flash of the cardinal bird and smell the hemp? S. Wier Mitchell is another lover of nature, not to be despised. Especially is this true of those two books of his, whose very titles are bewitching, "When All the Woods are Green" and "Far in the Forest."

Of a different class are Kipling's "Jungle Books" and "Just So Stories." As everyone knows they are animal stories in which the jungle folk are made to talk and in many ways are wiser and more lovable than their human masters. They are, of course, wholly imaginative, although Bagheera, Rikki-tikki-tavi, and wise old Kaa, the big

rock python, give us many a true lesson in jungle life and law.

Speaking of animal stories brings naturally to our mind Ernest Seton-Thompson. It will be sufficient merely to mention his well-known books, "Wild Animals I Have Known," "Lives of the Hunted," "Wahb" and "The Sandhill Stag." I have heard scientific men speak of some of his statements in a rather doubtful manner, but he is certainly delightful and healthful in tone. His chief charm lies in making us feel that "He prayeth best who loveth best, all things both great and small," and that all created things have a right to our consideration even if they do speak a language different from ours. Belonging to this same class, and perhaps too little read by the present generation, are the two pathetic stories of dog devotion, "Rab and his Friends," by Dr. John Brown, and "A Dog of Flanders," by Ouida.

Following closely after these come a series of books, generally with a thread of romance running through them, and with perhaps more of human nature in them than any other kind. At the head of these might be placed Henry Van Dyke who, although his books are primarily for entertainment, takes us for many a stroll along his "Little Rivers," and in pursuit of his "Fisherman's Luck." "Elizabeth and her German Garden," with its sequel, "A Solitary Summer," "The Garden of a Commuter's Wife," and "The Diary of a Goose Girl," are four out-of-door books, which in spite of, or perhaps because of the

fact that there is a certain amount of feminine personality in them which some critics are unkind enough to call posing, are liked by every one with the possible exception of the intemperate novel reader. A little more masculine in tone are Charles Skinner's "With Feet to the Earth," and its companion book, "Flowers in the Pave," which are delightful reading for anyone who likes the feel of the "good, brown earth," and has enough sense of humor to smile at and with the gentle cynic.

To turn now, lest your patience should fail you to those nature books which really aim to teach us something. These are classified in most libraries under the name of out-of-door books, for they deal with a variety of subjects, and the whole nature study interest is so recent that there is no appointed place for them under the Dewey system of cataloguing. John Burroughs is the acknowledged leader of this class. His books are many, his subjects diverse and always interesting. Perhaps his two typical ones are "Winter Sunshine" and "Wake Robin," one a summer book and one a winter book, as their names imply. For, according to the new revelation, summer is not the only time in which to study nature. I will venture to say, however, that anyone who has read one of his books will not stop till he has finished the series. William Hamilton Gibson, who could find material for many interesting articles without going beyond his own door step, gives to his books "Eye Spy," "My Studio

Neighbors" and "Sharp Eyes," a peculiar charm in that he illustrates them himself. Any particular point which he wishes to impress upon the reader is placed in black and white before his eye. He has also a quaint vein of humor which causes many a quiet smile. His writings seem to be mainly of the insect and flower world, but of these his subjects are legion. Olive Thorne Miller is best known by her bird books, but she has lately written a rather unique book which she has named "Four Handed Folk." As one would infer, monkeys of various kinds are the subjects, and their story is told in a bright way, which makes the "wee beasties" more interesting than the uninitiated would think possible.

Without speaking of scientific books which I mean to ignore entirely, I have by no means exhausted the list of nature books even in our small library. But time fails me to tell of Gilbert White's "Selborne," which Burroughs says is one of the few books which he reads over once in every six or seven years; of Hurlburt's "Forest Neighbors," a new book patterned somewhat after Seton-Thompson; of Martha McCulloch-Williams' "Next to the Ground," of "The Brook Book," "The Songs of Nature," "The Lovers of the Wood" and a score of other books on almost as many different subjects. I will not bore you with a detailed list, but will promise a refreshing change to those who are tired of the modern novel and not yet inclined to grapple with more strenuous

works, if they will spend a few of the coming winter evenings with some of our out-of-door books.

E. M. WHITNEY.

The Football Season of 1902 in Retrospect.

Another football season, with its joys and its sorrows, its moments of the keenest exhilaration and its times of the deepest despondency, its bumps and its gain in the ability to be bumped without injury, its healthful training and its lack of pie, has come and gone. Now, looking upon it calmly and dispassionately from a distance, it is possible to better estimate its successes and failures and to draw conclusions therefrom than when mingling in the hurly-burly.

During the season the C. A. C. team has won eighty-four points, while its opponents have won fifty-one. This gives an advantage of thirty-three to the Aggies' team. Of the seven regular games Connecticut has won four and lost three. This must be regarded as a creditable showing, one worthy of the institution.

A consideration of the weights of ten of the regular players presents some interesting features. The following are the weights at the beginning and end of the season:

Players.	Weight at beginning of season. Lbs.	Weight at close of season. Lbs.
Averill.....	146	149
Pierpont.....	158	164
Manchester....	136	138
Dewell.....	196	201
Shurtleff.....	147	156

Players.	Weight at beginning of season. Lbs.	Weight at close of season. Lbs.
Edmond.....	161	164
Ritch.....	134	143
Crowell.....	163	171
Welton.....	168	171
Risley.....	165	168
Average.....	157.4	162.5

Average gain, 5.1 pounds.

This shows that the gain for the three months was 5.1 pounds, which is considerable more gain than is usually made by persons of the age of the players in this length of time. This gain was made upon a training table diet. Here, then, is another argument either for a food ration similar to that furnished at the training table or for football as an aid to the development of a good physique.

The influence of the training table was evident, not alone in the efficiency of the players, but as well in the freedom from injury so marked in the team throughout the year. It is undoubtedly true that in games among the minor teams four-fifths of the men for whom time is taken out are the men who will not train. On the maintenance of a strict course of training, not less than on the efficiency of the coaching and the regularity of practice, depends the success of future teams.

The evil results of the lack of competition for positions on the team have been as marked this year as formerly. Probably the lack of competition is due to the small number of men available as players. There can be no doubt, however, that this very

condition removes a large part of the incentive to hard work by the individuals. The only remedy apparent is for every man, who can possibly get out to practice, to consider himself a candidate for the team and work accordingly. It may ruffle one's pride a little to try for the team and fail to make it, but a slight disturbance of self-conceit is not usually fatal.

Another point which might be commented upon is the standing of the teams with which we have played. We are classed with the teams which we play. It is but empty boasting to say what we could have done with some other team than the one which we met. There is nothing to be gained by beating a team without a reputation and there is much to be lost if the score should chance to be against us. On the other hand, whether we lose or whether we win, there is some satisfaction in having played our equals. A decided step in advance will be taken when the manager confers with the coach in making out the schedule and only well-known and first-class teams are placed upon the slate.

It is to be regretted that the most important and interesting games necessarily are played away from home. This must continue until the support of football by the entire student body becomes much more thorough and enthusiastic than it is at present.

Thanks to the faculty, who have contributed ninety-two dollars, and to the hard work and business sagacity of the manager,

the season closes with a balance of thirty-five dollars to the good.

The opportunity should not be allowed to pass to speak of the value of the work of the coach, Prof. E. O. Smith. Working in the face of great difficulties, he has added to his thorough knowledge of the game a determination to persist among the most discouraging circumstances and to leaven the whole lump with his own spirit. His success is partly shown by the work of the team.

With the majority of points in our favor, with the larger fraction of the games to our credit, with the finances in fine condition, and without a man who is injured at all by the season's business, we may look back with considerable satisfaction upon the season of 1902 and may look forward to greater successes and more glorious triumphs for the teams of the future.

Military Ball.

January 16th has been fixed upon as the date for the annual military ball. The committees in charge of the event have been appointed and will spare no pains to make the evening pass pleasantly. A basket ball game with Middletown High School has been scheduled for the following morning, and an attempt will be made to arrange other events of interest. It has become customary for alumni to come back at this time and enter once more into the gayeties of college life. It is hoped that this custom will grow. May many find the purpose in their minds to turn their steps hither for the military ball.

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