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## Our Work.

If any man has the idea that this college presents an easy curriculum, or that its regulations and schedules offer anything in the line of a cinch or a snap, he had best rid himself of the delusion. It may have been easy in times gone by; sometimes we hear a tradition of certain "snap" courses and subjects; but all the researches of the scheming sluggard to-day result in no success; everything is hard. It looks hard on the dry pages of the catalogue; it is hard in reality. Now behold further enactments tending to reduce the premium on slothfulness, and to "raise" the educational standard! Henceforth, but one quarter of the graduating class are to receive membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Think of the surprise parties to be, of the blasted hopes, the bitter disappointments of some hard workers! But worse than all this: the standard of admittance to and passing of examinations has been raised, slightly in appearance, but materially in fact. Already many a poor fellow has had to lay the cause of his downfall at the door of this new regulation. New restrictive rules are being announced after each faculty meeting. There is no more, or supposedly no more, "equitable dealing" with unfortunates, no discretionary power rested in professors; everything is hard, and fast and immutable. Well, let it be so. A man after graduation cannot complain, certainly, that he wasn't schooled in work at Hamilton College. It is a mill that grinds to powder, if you don't keep up with the revolutions of the grindstones. The managers of athletic teams, the officers of college organizations, the editors of college publications, the working students, find scant time in which to perform their duties; and only they themselves realize how arduous these are. Their outside duties they cannot let aside; these must be attended to at all costs. The question presents itself, What is going

to suffer? The members of athletic teams are finding increasing difficulties in the way of training and practice. They receive small courtesy at the hands of the faculty. No allowance is made for their athletics, no favors or remissions of work are granted them. They are compelled in some cases to do more work than their less muscular and skilled classmates, and they are flunked with calm regularity and cold precision.

One result of all these conditions is that men in college now don't have time enough to read. Leaving out of the question standard works of literature, the books and articles of the day, even the newspapers, receive not nearly the attention the students ought and desire to bestow upon them. Anyone who sees the frantic mob in the reading room just before a ten o'clock recitation, struggling for a newspaper or a magazine to peruse hurriedly its contents in five or ten minutes, cannot help feeling a pity for these fellows who are so rushed for time that they can't take leisure to read carefully the articles treating of important questions of the day. It's too bad. But we claim that this is one result of our system. Whether it is desirable or devoid of significance, that we leave to the omniscient and paternal faculty. They assume the reins of our guidance in almost all things, and we are compelled to submit philosophically. How we manage to snatch a few moments for conversation and a smoke is a wonder. We wish we had a little more time to read, to converse, and to be care-free. But, doubtless, the faculty think we have enough already. We are gradually becoming indifferent and calloused regarding faculty rules. We submit and suffer, as we think. But of course it's possible that we're wrong.

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## Vacation.

Of course, every one enjoyed immensely their long spring vacation this year. "Life" understands the hill was quite populous, and many were doing a little work now and then. Thursday when college closed and night drew on it was rather lonely in old north, for all those who could beg, borrow or steal had

taken themselves away into the show. But Friday morning saw a goodly squad walking up cross lots to a hash house, another bunch going off to the Chi Psi House, and still another bunch wending their way to the E. L. S. House. Friday was spent in bothing hard, intermixed with a few (?) cussing streaks. Saturday saw another addition to the tribe on the hill. This addition was of a length lengthy.

Shorty said the air was too much like term time and work, and having found a few lazy friends went unto Utica to the "Wizard of the Nile," matinee 25c. That accounts for it. Dunny as usual woses his heart, and with great difficulty reaches Clinton. Sunday dawns with a chilly wind blowing, and every one regretting that there is no chapel to go to.

Easy Mac, Shorty, Marvin and Augsberry make a good stab at cleaning away the snow in front of the gym. A lesson that the college learned from, for it was not many days after that our eyes were gladden by the sight of one of the De Rift gang picking away though somewhat daintily at the snow drift.

In the midst of this scene of activity, Buck Fisher appeared, and announced that he was going to church down in the village. Such announcements like the Fourth of July come but once a year, so the gang celebrated the occasion and quit work. Sunday dragged by, so Mac said, rather slowly, and Monday found the hill force greatly augmented. Johnson and Skinner and a few others put in their appearance from time to time, until at last things began to look quite natural. Tuesday came the great day for many—the day of Mac triumph and G. T. Waterloo.

On Wednesday at 9 most of the college were again gathered in the chapel listening to the words of the powers that be. If the vote were taken of those that spent their vacation on college hill the majority would say they were very glad when college opened. Vacation is nice, but just spent a few on this lovely hillside.

## Athletic Department.

R. S. C. DRUMMOND, - - - - - Editor  
E. J. WARD, - - - - - Reporter

### Base Ball.

The base ball squad began work on the first day of the term. Rainy weather and the sloppy condition of the diamond has necessitated indoor practice mainly thus far, but the good weather of late has allowed the men to practice on the diamond. Everything points to a successful season. Lee is pitching in his old form, and Dunn has been granted permission to play and to go on trips. Baker, Weston, Reed and Captain Millham will probably fill their old positions. MacLaughlin, Lewis and Lomber are candidates for first bag, and the other vacant places will be filled from the list of the following candidates: Cookinham, MacNaughton, Stowell, Hunter, Peet, Arthur, McLaughlin junior, Morris and Hunter. Peet is reported to be a cocker at either pitcher's or catcher's position, and Hunter and Morris are showing up well at catch. Earle, captain and first base of the Utica State League Team, has been engaged as coach, and he is being assisted by Ellis, third baseman, and Malarky, pitcher. Ellis will be, probably, the permanent coach. All three have been present regularly at the practices, directing the work of the squad.

Manager Augsburg announces the following schedule, as corrected up to date: April 25, University of Vermont, at Clinton; April 28, Oneonta Normal, at Clinton; May 2, C. C. N. Y., at Clinton; May 5, Colgate, at Clinton; May 9, Cornell, at Ithaca; May 11, Hobart, at Geneva; May 15, University of Vermont, at Burlington, Vt.; May 16, Norwich University, at Norwich, Vt.; May 17, Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vt.; May 19, Hobart, at Clinton; May 26, Middlebury, at Clinton; May 30, Colgate, at Hamilton; June 2, Toronto, at Clinton. This schedule reflects great credit on the manager and the captain. It presents no great difficulties, and affords some pleasant trips.

It remains only to urge the college to support the manager, by willing subscription and prompt payment. Make the work of the manager as easy as possible. He has enough to do.

### Track Athletics.

April 21—May 12. Just three weeks from to-day the field meet with N. Y. U. will take place in Utica, and three extra hours would be a just penalty for the Hamilton man who is not helping to strengthen our chance of victory. New York is no "soft thing" in track, and we need every ounce of strength that we can muster for the trial. Besides in a healthy body like our college, to strain is to strengthen, and in this we cannot overstrain. So that even though we defeat New York with some margin, the effect needed to make that margin will not be wasted. It will do us good. Those who train will be physically improved, and those who give or talk or yell to encourage the others will have a chance to feel the satisfaction of doing something for one we love. If that is sentiment, remember Baker's oration, and be ashamed of yourself if you do not show your gratitude to our alma mater.

A man isn't to be blamed because he can not run or jump, but he is to be blamed and ought to be kicked if he can do these things and does not, and the same holds true in giving money to support the team. If a man can give twenty-five dollars, he ought to do it, and if one dollar is his limit, he ought to give that. There are other ways in which to help the team besides giving money. One is to make it easy for them to train, and not to keep them up after bed-time.

Captain Mason says "The track is in the best and fastest shape it ever was. There are five new men trying to fill the place left by Ostrander, '99, and the old runners are showing a marked improvement. The hurdless are much stronger than was expected. Robertson's, '99, place is well filled in the broad jump, and everything looks cheerful except, since Dunn is laid up there is an opening in the high jump. That is a chance for the men who don't want to try because first place is already taken."

The expenses this season will be something over five hundred dollars. Two hundred is a big estimate on the proceeds of the Utica meet, and it is necessary that every man in college should do as much as he can to bear the expense. Then come out on the

field. You will get a handsome tan and a good appetite, even though you don't break any records. And your reward is sure for every service you render.

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### Intercollegiate.

More than 500 students, it is estimated, will attend the summer session of Columbia College.

Yale and Princeton will debate the question, "Resolved, that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty should be ratified as originally submitted to the Senate." Yale has the affirmative, and Princeton the negative.

Arrangements have been made at Harvard for the reception and accommodation of a number of Cuban teachers at its summer school.

Syracuse has 1462 students registered.

The students of the Yale Law School have adopted the honor system.

1901 will be the hundredth anniversary of Daniel Webster's graduation from Dartmouth. The event will be celebrated by an attempt to raise \$1,000,000 for increased endowment. \$300,000 has just been received with which to form a graduate school of administration and finance.—Ex.

Russia has an unique method of punishing unruly students. They are impressed with military service for from one to three years according to the nature of their offense.

Harvard established some time ago a fixed system of pensions, for retired professors of that institution.

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

Michigan debaters have won seven out of ten debates in which they have entered. They have met Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Chicago and Northwestern universities. Michigan has won the last five, and has received the votes of fourteen out of the fifteen judges for those debates.—U. of M. Daily.

Harvard will send no university chorus abroad as was expected.

One of the finest and largest buildings of Lehigh University was burned to the ground recently.

Harvard defeated Yale in their recent joint debate. The question was on Porto Rico.

James M. Munyon of Philadelphia, is to build, equip and endow at a cost of \$2,000,000, an industrial school in that city for native born American girls. It is to be located on high ground overlooking Fairmount Park.—Ex.

We note with the greatest joy that the campus is rapidly reassuming its youthful aspect, and its summer garb. The trees as yet are bald and lifeless; the sward has not yet recovered that brilliant tint which inconsistently enough we love in nature, but despise in man; the atmosphere is less clear and warm and mellow than we shall see it soon, and we have been greeted as yet by no matin chorus of full-throated songsters; though we well remember how they used to wake us up last summer from the sound slumber of innocence (doggone them) long before the grub-bell sounded. Lovers of the picturesque in nature must surely seek long and far, and perhaps in vain, for a livelier, lovelier view than our campus and environs present in their full-blossomed beauty, in the high noon of summer. All of which will soon be our meed for a patient sufferance through the hard trials of a freakish, feverish, heartless winter.

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The 1901 Hamiltonian went to press last Monday. The editors expect to issue the publication about the first of May, and as everything is running smoothly, it is practically certain that this date will see the book ready for delivery. The board has sent out a prospectus to the alumni, and hopes to secure their support. We cannot urge too much upon the student body the necessity of supporting the board. They have had a disagreeable job. The Hamiltonian is no longer a money-making scheme: it is a duty, and is regarded as such. It entails enormous labor and expenses, and both these increase every year. The present board have had to meet a greatly increased printer's bill, and have had poorer success in obtaining advertisements. This problem of advertisements is becoming a more serious matter every year, and of course a failure to obtain a large amount results in great financial loss to the managers. The Hamiltonian is a college enterprise, and should be supported as such, aside from the intrinsic merits of the book. "Life" would like to see the college back up the juniors in good style this year. They deserve it.

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Mail leaves the Hill at the convenience of the carrier and comes up after the carrier gets down.

Prize debators as announced in chapel are Bacon, Baker, Henderson, Lee, Moore and Steiner. The German prizes, \$30 and \$20 respectively, were awarded to H. D. Spencer and John MacHarg.

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"Life" is sure that it voices the sentiment of the student body when it says that two members of the senior class have been used rather hard by the faculty. The rule that covers the afore-said case seem too hard to be enforced. It is one of those rules that better be done away with than strictly enforced. We are sure that the case is by no means settled, and that the unfortunate men may be graduated at the same time as the rest of their illustrious class. It is hard on man when he has by hard work won his way to second term senior, when he has overcome many seemingly unpassable barriers, when he has been hindered in many ways, and at many times to be shut out of graduating with his class by a miserable one hour course in Bible—a course that few see the use if, and one that every one hates with a right royal old fashioned hatred.

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In the promiscuous throwing of bouquets around the college at men that

have passed off various terms of back work, it is farthest from "Life's" thought to leave out our friend Dunny. His history since he entered this illustrious institution has been a rather curious one. Having no cuts, he has out more than any other man, and thereby hangs a tail. But somehow or other he has made up in the last week about 25 hours of work, including two term of German. What struck our energetic friend can't be told just at present, for if the truth be told he hardly knows himself. But the deed is done, and it is just to suppose that from now on to the end of his college course he will rest with ease upon the laurels won this first week of spring term. During this unprecedented spurt many feared that the ranks of the cutters and extra hour men had been thinned, but now it is all over, Dunny is just as energetic as ever.

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"Life" has noticed that lately a few choice spirits have gathered themselves together of an afternoon and an evening, and have sent forth on the listening air melodies, the like of which for many moons have never been heard on the campus. The idea of getting out in front of north each evening for a half an hour or so is a very excellent idea, and one that would be well to push along. These gatherings help all to know the college songs better, but also to know each other just so much better.

In many places this is a custom that the seniors sing for an hour each evening, and the rest of the college listen. Of course, we can't get the seniors out each evening, but the inhabitants of north can get out each evening, and if this is done a few nights running more will be sure to come, and by senior vacation or the last part of the term, there ought to be gathered together some 50 or so fellows all ready to join in some rattling good college song. You say we have none, then if you are not satisfied with the ones we now have, why don't you write one that is popular? We have college songs, and we ought to know them better, sing them better than we do. The only way to do this is to get out and do some singing. Let the good work go on. The ball has been started, let us keep it in motion.

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The progress of the work on the lower floor of the gymnasium suggests one thing to us. One of the great abuses that has existed in the old dressing rooms is the indiscriminate smashing of lockers. No man can be sure of

coming up the hill and finding the contents of his locker intact. It is the general practice to smash open lockers to find something you want. As a result, most of the present lockers, the gift of the class of '92, are in a shameful condition, and are practically valueless for any purpose. Now if, when the new lockers are put in, each man is made responsible for the locker assigned him, even to the extent of payment for all damages upon it, we think there will be small danger of misuse. Such a system would preclude the possibility of anyone tampering with the lockers, for any person found so doing would be condemned and reported. It would create a sentiment against any acts of vandalism, and such a sentiment, too, as would be practical and effectual in its workings. No kind of lock will resist ingenious efforts to overcome its resistance; but college and team sentiment will resist. We venture to suggest this idea confident of its beneficial workings.

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"Life" takes great pleasure in announcing to its many readers the fact that Davy Mac has at last passed his analytical geometry. All who know our illustrious senior that goes by the appellation of Macnaughton or as old Greek would persist in calling him Mr. Van Naughterton, realizes what a signal triumph this is. For a man who before never knew twice about math to pass off analyt, and make a blood in so doing, after going two years, more or less, without deigning to place his hand within 40 rods of a math book, is something of an undertaking and triumph. Ascribe not to him all the glory, for Jenks, '01, comes in for some of it. For it is not every one that can get analyt into our friend's head. If the truth were to be told, Mac never worked so hard in all his life, and "Life" is willing to wage most any small amount that he won't do so again in a hurry. Had this unknown mathematical ability shown itself early in junior year, without doubt the faculty would have obliged Mac to take the math. prize and scholarship. Gee whiz Mac, see what you missed by being lazy. Thank your stars Speus, old horse, that he was lazy. Again, we would like to say to the unsuspecting public that Mac has passed his analyt, and what is more, paid his subscription to "Life." "Go thou and do likewise."

Local Department.

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LOCALS.

April 5. The greater part of the fellows leave for home, but still leave quite a number behind. A theatre party of the stayers go into Utica to see "A Trip to Chinatown." The widow was a peach. "Uncle John" Crosley arrives to take up his work training the track men. "Uncle John" looks natural. Busch goes to a dance and tries to elope with a married woman.

April 6. Dunn and Drummond send Davenport a telegram from Doc Dudley's phone. Dunn, Hull and Drummond done their dress suits, and go up to play whist with MacLaughlin. Mac receives them in sweater, white vest and white tie. Spencer gets homesick and leaves for home. I wonder why?

April 7. Dick Drummond and John Van Allen leave for home. Mac, junior, goes as far as Syracuse. Another theatre party of the stayers-behind go in to see "The Wizard of the Nile." Holbrook, Dunn and MacLaughlin go to Houghton in new-fashioned dress suits to make (eat) a Welsh rarebit.

April 10. MacNaughton passes analytics. Everybody goes in to see Superba. Big gang of returning students on the midnight express and on the 6:25. Holbrook and Esty, when they arrive at Columbia Street, decide to stay and jump the train. Rick Hatch passes Bible.

April 11. Spring term commences. Another big gang comes in on the morning trains from both directions. Junior class in photography. Only freshmen appear in noon chapel, and Prex does not say that it is the best chapel this year. The juniors do not make their last appearance in Wednesday chapel last term, but Prex has to remind Bottle of this fact. Track and base ball teams begin work.

April 12. Nice sloppy day. The new foot ball coach visits us to-day, and finally is engaged by the management. Esty says that he expects to have out part of this term the foot ball men who are not in the track or base ball teams.

April 14. Sheppard leaves for a week's

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trip. Hamiltonian editors send in the last of their material, and have a meeting. Dunn passes German. Freshmen take their seats in Saturday chapel for the first time, but they do not have to appear at all this term. What luck the freshies struck? W. J. Lee, '99, visits the hill.

April 15. Easter Sunday, and a typical one at that. Seniors blossom out in new Easter gowns and bonnets. Hull, Thompson and De Regt sit in the gallery. Hull says that when the dramatic club pays up he can buy a cap and gown. Bob Warner visits the hill for a few days. Rick goes to Waterville. C. T. Hatch visits the hill.

April 16. Another fine day. Rick asks a question in Bible. Sophomores get a cut in Bible, and their yell wakes up Fritz Dunn. Fred Cunningham, '99, appears on the hill. A large number of both base ball and track men turn out for practice, and many fellows come out to cheer them by their presence. The coaches have their hands full about all the afternoon.

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### Debating.

There is nothing more remarkable and significant in present education, than the conspicuous place debating holds in the curriculum and works of the American colleges. In England, the debating societies of Eton and Oxford were long and are yet considered miniature Parliaments, nurseries for the rearing and training of future statesmanship, and from the triumphs of their members are presaged those who shall be the future leaders in English politics. In the United States, however, colleges have heretofore been disposed to ignore debating and to devote such time as they have to the training of speakers, to the mere mechanics of delivery.

Instantaneously, it seems, almost as hymazic, an universal interest in this essential feature of modern equipment has been aroused, and is daily increasing. Oratory while still holding and deservedly holding a reputable place, is made secondary and subsiding to this more useful and necessary accomplishment. To-day, institutions of learning are deriving their greatest reputation for ability, and determining their rela-

tive standing in the circle of American colleges less by the victories of the track, the diamond and the gridiron, and more by the public exhibitions and joint contests of their representatives in debate. To-day, in a large measure, courses are established and directed, and studies pursued with main reference to their bearing on the cultivation of this essentially modern art. Some of our institutions are engaging in as many as three contests annually, and the winning college is an object of admiration and envy more perhaps than the college successful in athletics. Representatives of the large universities in preparing for their intercollegiate contests are subjected to a course of training, both mental and physical, as critical, vigorous and scientific, perhaps, as was ever exacted of any athlete. And it is not by accident that Harvard, for example, is for the most part victorious over Yale, or that the University of Michigan is so often triumphant in her joint contests, over worthy and powerful adversaries. Nowhere among our large institutions is debating made an object of such careful study, such systematic pursuit. It may justly be a matter of pride to her sons that Hamilton recognized the worth of debating, and made its study an organic feature of her curriculum long before its importance was generally appreciated.

That debating is filling so important a place in modern education is indisputable, and the reason is apparent. The conditions of modern life find their reflection in the workings of Congress, where the conversations, the brief debates of the committee room have superseded the eloquence, the lengthy discussions of the assembly, and where there is a greater call for compact, logic and terse common sense than for dazzling rhetoric, or windy talk. In modern activities, the keen insight, quick perception, ready tongue, nervous herity, direct persuasive manner, are mostly in demand, and constitute the main conditions of success. These accomplishments the study and practice of debating, encourage, and for this reason its popularity is waxing daily. In the future, colleges will be, as in some degree they are even now, judged largely by the facilities they offer the student for a thorough training in debate.

### A Suggestion.

The members of the senior class were decidedly startled the other day when Dr. Elkin, or if you will, Pschie, announced that we of the class of 1900 should have known without his announcing it in chapel, as is the custom in this fair hillside, that the first lesson in Democracy and Empire would be on Saturday, and would consist of the first chapter of the book. This is a grave charge to lay at the door of 1900. This college in many respects is but a bundle, and a big bundle it is, of customs and traditions.

It is a good rule, and is generally followed, that when in Rome do as the Romans do. This rule with emphasis we would respectfully suggest to Dr. Elkin. It would save considerable talk and perhaps dissatisfaction, if he had a closer acquaintance with our time-honored customs. The custom of announcing first recitation at the first chapel of the term is a custom that even Dr. Stryker observes with rigid regularity. The independent Dr. Oren Root also observes it. Surely it would not be out of the way for a new prof to follow such examples as the above.

It is an acknowledged fact that the majority of 1900 do their assigned work, but never look up any more. Of course, there are the exceptions that prove the rule, such as Holbrook, G. T., White, Freak and Fay. Of course, these men do nothing but look up trouble in the shape of extra work. Again, we would suggest that this and similar customs and traditions of ours be observed by the new comers to our dear old hillside. "Life" does not mean to criticize too much, but rather to suggest, for such things are often of great help.

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### Concerning Caps and Gowns.

The presence of caps and gowns in the chapel Sunday was one finishing touch, and now 1900 are really seniors. Just think of it, seniors. Many thought it strange and odd, the Freak and a few others were without their black night dresses (as G. T. calls them). It is not right that they should endeavor to draw such attention to themselves—by going around on Easter Sunday, the first Sunday of spring term in their ordinary

Sunday go to meeting costume. Why did they not don the cap and gown, and be sensible, and be with the class—why was it? It is very evident why Freak did not. It was because he had just invested in a new \$1.50 hat, and he wanted everyone to see it. So as an excuse he said the cap and gown did not fit. They were too large. Why, the cap was so large that it came down over and covered his ears. Impossible Freak, you can't chuck that bluff. You had a new hat, and you wanted everyone else to know it. "Life" suggests that Freak "set up" on the strength of his new hat, and his appointment as a prize debator.

The custom of the wearing of the cap and gown is one that should be aided and helped along, so that it would extend over all of senior year, instead of their term, and in fact not all of that. It would be a very good start to begin it with 1901, for then Mason would not be taken, by an outsider, for a freshman or subfreshman. 'Tis always well to have some distinguishing mark about one. If it can't be gotten one way, it should in another.

"Life" wishes to compliment 1900 on their good sense in getting red tassle to their mortar boards. Besides being the class colors, they make a change, a delightful change.

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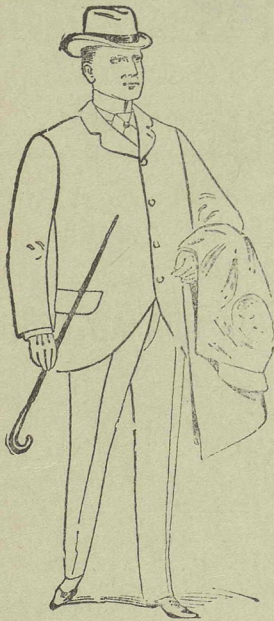
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