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## Indoor Meet.

If any one had ventured to prophesy that two hundred people would brave the storm that raged without and burrow their way up through the snow and wind to the gymnasium on Wednesday night, he would have been credited with a serious attack of insanity. Yet his prophesy would have been a true one; for even though the snow was piled up so that it seemed that both road and walk were impassable and the elements were still furiously agitated nearly two hundred students and friends of the college witnessed the indoor meet, the second annual gymnastic and athletic contest of the association.

The scene would have caused a thrill in the hearts of veterans. Every side of the gymnasium floor was crowded to its full capacity, while a chair in the gallery was at a premium. The spectators were appreciative and patient. Every strenuous and successful effort of the contestant was warmly applauded.

As indicative of the close competition and improved condition of indoor athletics it is only necessary to mention the fact that seven records were broken during the evening, and that those new ones which were established are exceedingly good. All of which goes to show that there has been a steady improvement under "Uncle John's" instruction along these lines of athletics.

At intervals during the performance the musical clubs of the college favored the audience with selections which were so heartily cheered that they were compelled to repeat several times, as well as enlarge their original program. These clubs composed of the glee, mandolin and banjo musicians occupied the gallery from whence they were enabled to roll out their sweet music upon the heads of those below.

To Drummond and his fellow committeemen, much of the good management is due. To them we owe our thanks for the dispatch and regularity

which characterized the entire exhibition. The high class of work done in every contest and the excellent exhibitions of gymnastics which were rendered the evening augur well for the third exhibition, which the referee, Prof. Henry White, announced would be given in Soper Gymnasium within a few weeks.

Records were broken in the low bar jump for distance, by Minor, '04; low bar jump for height, by Edgerton, '05; rope climbing against time, by Farrell, '05; standing high kick, by Remington, '04; running high kick, by Knox, '04; fence vault, by Remington, '04, and running high jump, by Remington, '04. Records were established in the potato race (20 yards), by Carter, '04; pull to the chin, by Farrell, '05; standing broad jump, by Remington, '04; dips, by Strickland, '04; pushing 100-lb. dumbbell (both arms), by Ward, '02; pushing 100-lb. (one arm), by Ward, '02; quarter-mile run, by Mann and Loftis, '05; half-mile run, by Chapman, '05, and one-mile run, by S. Sherman, '04.

Prizes were awarded to first and second in each competitive contest. These were in the form of Hamilton ribbon with the event and place printed in black and gold on each strip. It is something new for the men in the indoor meet to receive prizes, but it is a good innovation and one worthy of imitation. Even though they are but little bits of buff and blue ribbon, they add interest to the contests and are treasured up by those men as valuable mementos of their college days.

Promptly at 7 p. m., the running events of the program were announced and the contestants started on their dizzy journey. At 7:30 the field events were started. Twenty-five numbers were successfully run off in a little less than 180 minutes.

Here is the summary:

1. Low Bar Jump (distance)—Record, Minor, '04, 8 ft. 8 in. First, Minor, '04, 9 ft.; second, Remington, '04, 8 ft. 8 in.

2. Low Bar Jump (height)—Record, Millham, '01, 5 ft. First, Edgerton, '05, 5 ft. 4 in.; second, Bastian and Carter, tie at 5 ft.

3. Potato Race (20 yards)—First, Carter, '04; second, Loftis, '05. Time, 51 sec.

4. Rope Climbing—Record, Millham, '01, 10 1-5 sec. First, Farrell, '05, 9 4-5 sec.

5. High Kicking (standing)—Record, Remington, '04, 7 ft. 6 in. First, Remington, '04, 7 ft. 7 in.; second, Schermerhorn, '04, 7 ft. 5 in.

6. High Kicking (running)—Record, Edgerton, '04, 8 ft. 4 1-2 in. First, Knox, '04, 8 ft. 5 in.; second, White, '04, 8 ft. 4 in.

7. Music—Glee Club.

8. Bag Punching—First, Bosworth, '05; second, Strickland, '04.

9. Indian Club Exercises—Hoffman, '03.

10. Fence Vault—Record, Remington '04, 6 ft. 5 in. First, Remington, '04, 6 ft. 6 in.; second, Landers, '05, 6 ft. 1 1-5 in.

11. Pull to Chin—First, Farrell, '05, 18 times; second, Rockwell, '05, 13 times.

12. Flying Rings—Messrs. Landers, Strickland, Rockwell, Bosworth and Farrell.

Music—Banjo Club.

14. Standing Broad Jump—First, Remington, '04, 9 ft. 7 in.; second, Steel, '04, 9 ft. 3 1-2 in.

15. Acrobatics—Messrs. Bristol, Edgerton and Uncle John.

16. Running High Jump—Record, McLaughlin, '03, 5 ft. 1 in. First, Remington, '04, 5 ft. 2 in.; second, Mann, Knox and McLaughlin, tied at 5 ft.

17. Parallel Bar Stunts—Messrs. Hoffman, Farrell, Weber, Love and Strickland.

18. Dips—First, Strickland, '04, 19 times; second, Farrell, '05, 16 times.

19. Music—Mandolin Club.

20. Pushing 100-lb. Dumbbell (both arms)—First, Ward, 21 times; second, Speh, '05, 12 times.

21. Pushing 100-lb. dumbbell (one arm

—First, Ward, '02, 9 times; second, Rockwell, '05.

22. Boxing—Messrs. Elihu Root, '03, and Arthur E. Bullard, '03.

23. Boxing—Messrs. Strickland and Wicks, '04.

24. Boxing—Messrs. White and Schermerhorn.

25. Springboard Stunts, Leaping and Somersaults—Messrs. Collins, Landers, Wicks, Strickland, Bristol, Kingsley, Loftis, Farrell, Wardwell, Rockwell.

Quarter Mile Run—First, Mann and Loftis, tie at 61 3-5 sec.

Half Mile Run—First, Chapman, 2:38.

One Mile Run—First, S. Sherman; second Chapman. Time, 5:22.

The most pleasing event during the performance was that of the bout between the famous John L. Sullivan and James J. Corbett, alias White and Schermerhorn. These two mighty pugilists fought (?) to the last gasp and at the sound of the gong both were stretched at full length upon the floor, and being unable (?) to rise, were counted out. White's frantic rushes at his tall adversary were amusing. They succeeded admirably in their imitations of the champions.

"Uncle" John labored hard and long to make the exhibition a success. If there was any doubt before that the limit had been reached last year, it was all put to flight as the performance went on. To him we are indebted and to him we offer our congratulations. It was a fine exhibition, "Uncle John," and the college appreciates your efforts. May those that are to come be as successful.

### Hamilton 6; Colgate 29.

Saturday afternoon the basket-ball team was defeated by a score of 29-6. The Colgate team came up on the 11:21, and was escorted to the various "Frat." houses for entertainment. The floor was in excellent condition. The game started at 3:20. Colgate's team was faster and displayed superior team work. Hamilton's lack in this was evident. Tommy threw a pretty basket from the middle of a scrimmage. At the close of the first half and with the foul, Hamilton's score was 4 as against 12 for Colgate.

The second half was much fiercer than the first. Colgate added five baskets and a foul. Tommy threw two fouls in this half, leaving the final score 29-6 in Colgate's favor. The line up:

Colgate.	Hamilton.
	Left Forward.
G. Tamblin.	Peet.
	Right Forward.
Murray.	McLaughlin, (Capt.)
	Center.
Leary.	Sherman.
	Left Guard.
Tamblin.	Busch.
	Right Guard.
Brigham.	Schwab, (Naylor.)
Referee, Drummond, '02, Hamilton.	

### Rochester 17; Hamilton 29.

A very small part of the college saw Hamilton and Rochester contest for honors in the gymnasium Thursday evening. The decreased attendance was due to the large number who witnessed the indoor exhibition the night before and found themselves reduced in finances. They missed a good game. Hamilton displayed the best team work it has shown this year and the score does not accurately tally the improvement made. Tommy shifted to center, and Sherrill was put in at forward. Tommy did some clever work for Hamilton, Sherrill kept his man on the run, and Peet, Mangan and Naylor played a much better game than on the previous Saturday. The result was never doubtful—the team played *ball*. Nelse acted as referee, Hunter as umpire, and Van Allen was the timekeeper.

However, the attendance should have been larger, and for the U. P. game a much larger crowd must attend in order to make the season a financial success. Every game having a small attendance increases the possibility of a subscription at the close of the season. So let's have our fun with our money and every one get out and whoop'er up at the game Monday night.

### A Communication.

*To the Editor of Hamilton Life:*

An article in LIFE of January 25, entitled "Rows," has attracted my attention, and with your permission, I beg leave to reply to same, as I do not see how any thoughtful, common-sense college man could advocate such foolishness.

It would be a sad commentary on college life, if one of the most important things to be impressed upon a student on entering, was the idea, that to promote and maintain class spirit, fights, in

which the possibility of physical injury is likely to occur, must be indulged in.

This sounds too much like the emanation of a representative of a gang of hoodlums, whose ideas (?) of manhood are little higher than those of the brute. Such sentiments should have no place in an institution for the development and cultivation of the mental and moral forces—the highest attributes of true manhood.

How is the "true man" exemplified in any measures calculated to torture or intimidate another; or why should a freshman be subjected to indignities, if he does not wish to enter into these rows or fights? That is not what he goes to college for, and if he has learned to be a man before he becomes a college student—and some have—these boyish encounters, instead of adding to his manly qualities, are only disgusting to his finer sense, and there is neither manliness or manners in compelling him to undergo them.

Why should it be "impressed" upon him that if he does not enter into these rows, etc., he may suffer dire consequences?—for that is how the *impression* is made. Why advocate relics of barbarism, when higher ideals of life and manhood should be the inspiration of this enlightened age? Legitimate rivalry and discipline in college classes and fraternities is all right and commendable, but horseplay is out of order where intelligence should control.

I have in mind now a young man who is physically injured for life by the loss of an eye through the kind of rivalry the writer of the article desires to promote, and this is only one instance of many that might be cited to show the inexcusable character of such practices.

I meet in mercantile life with many college men, and they invariably condemn these features of their college days, showing conclusively that the influences which hold them to their Alma Mater are not these fights or rows, but rather the companionable and refined associations of the college class or fraternity—indissoluble bonds of mutual interest and friendship which hold through life.

Only those possessed with the brute instinct can really enjoy this kind of sport. There are abundant ways that are not fraught with the element of danger or injury, in which students can give vent to their pent-up enthusiasm. Contests of this nature will readily suggest themselves to intelligent managers, and

can be indulged in with as much earnestness as any other; moreover, they would tend to promote class spirit and rivalry more effectually because they could be participated in and enjoyed by every member, even the most timid freshman, and true manhood demands consideration for those who by nature are of a nervous disposition, to whom these rows and other hazing operations are a cause of mental as well as physical torture, and may be productive of life-long injury.

A FRIEND OF HAMILTON COLLEGE.

**The Snow.**

In the language of Prex this college does not "sit down" and sigh when storms rage and the wind blows the carpet from the floor. Oh, no! It is cowardly to "cut" on account of the storm, and not a man does it. And the faculty, well, how they do wade through just as you have made up your mind that they intend to "cut." Bill Nye, Prex and Bill Squires, all come for the example of fortitude it teaches; Pretty comes to bring Little Greek, and "Bib" wallows through for the fun of the thing. Yes, and we imagine White keeps his dates in order to get out of rocking the baby. Windy doesn't seem to mind the (rather than pun we will call it the "gale") at all. It may be that his reasons are similar to White's,—who shall say? Somebody has said that Stink comes up to exercise the dogs, and he generally has his hands full of them. But never mind, the drifts are high and the freshmen needn't worry about the fountain for two months yet. Think of sitting out on the campus, with a calm June breeze tossing your locks! Have you ever tried the pleasant experience of sitting on a February snowbank and looking for your hat? Try it if the chance comes your way, you won't subject yourself to any criticism from Square for tramping down the campus grass. But, nonsense and trash, scum and scum (a la Harwood) enough, and good-bye.

—The University of Chicago and University of Michigan have reached an agreement as to football schedules, whereby Michigan will play Chicago on Marshal Field in 1902, in the middle of November, and in 1903 on Thanksgiving Day. Chicago will play Michigan at Ann Arbor or Detroit in 1904, and Michigan will probably have a game on Marshal Field this year with Wisconsin on a day when Chicago is away from home.

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WE WISH to call the attention of the college to the game with University of Pennsylvania on Monday evening. This game was arranged in order that those who love the game might be able to witness a contest with a college which has won many laurels in the past in athletics. Attend the game, and after you have done this, if you have suggestions of any nature do not fail to tell them to the captain or manager. They do not pretend to be infallible and they have a right to demand your judgment. So tell every man on the team of his weak and his strong points; let him know that the eye of every man is upon him. If he doesn't train enough, tell him so; if he is too slow, remind him; if he gazes when he ought to be throwing the ball, say so to his face. The team are having as hard a time as you are. Encourage them to do better. A word or two will work wonders with a tired man. So let's do our best by the team and by the college on Monday night—remember.

THE last gymnastic exhibition was assuredly a success—thanks to the unremitting efforts of "Uncle John," complemented by the reliable cooperation of all who participated, and also the interest manifested by the college, its affiliates, and the town.

It was announced during the progress of events last Wednesday night that a sequel was in preparation. One certainly is. The committee in charge, together with "Uncle John," consider it incumbent on them to requite the appreciation shown in the first instance, by giving a second entertainment, which in its attractive and essential features will eclipse its precedent. This second

demonstration will combine the developed features of the first with several innovations.

In preparation for this enterprise we must exert our best and staunchest efforts. It is desired by "Uncle John" that all those who constituted blocks in the "pyramids" of last year, present themselves on Wednesday afternoon for a rehearsal. These men will essentially be given precedence, as well as preference. It is desirable that the veterans, as far as possible, may assume their part this time in order to discipline the efforts of the novices. So let every man be on hand to assist in the advance and the perfection of the beginning Wednesday afternoon. Let it not slip the leash of memory.

THE attention of readers is called to the article on another page of this issue on college rows. The writer is not a college man; he observed from the outside during the fall interclass row. The article is interesting in showing how one outside might look upon our methods. In regard to roughness, we quote, that "A man has been known to die while lying quietly in bed." And the *Record* says it.

THE baseball schedule, so far as completed, includes games with Rochester, Hobart, Colgate, West Point, Middlebury and Auburn Theological Seminary, together with two practice games with the Utica league team.

The captain and manager believe it best this year not to play any large colleges, but only teams from colleges of our own size and strength. With this purpose the schedule is being made out.

Baseball in the past few years has been the one weak branch of our athletics. Our annals are shown and every page dwelt upon except the one bearing our baseball record. This page we pass over quickly. We cannot afford, here in Hamilton, to be ashamed of any team. If a branch of athletics becomes a shame to our college that branch should be dropped.

The remedy for our ills lies with ourselves. We make the team, whether it be good or bad. If the college takes no interest in the baseball team it will win no games. But if every man is resolved to make the team or to help others with all his might to make it, the next year's *Hamiltonian* will show a clean record of victories for the Hamilton College baseball team.

IT IS exceedingly unfortunate that some of the specimens in Knox Hall should suffer from lack of proper care. Whether it is due to lack of funds or some other cause we do not know. If the former is the reason we earnestly entreat some enterprising and progressive undergraduate or alumnus to raise the money to put matters in good condition. We suspect that this may be the reason but should the latter be the cause then we say that the authorities are reprehensible.

## Benjamin Franklin Pope.

Benjamin Franklin Pope died February 14th, in the military hospital at Manila, P. I., from a kidney disease contracted while on duty there. His name was seldom seen in the papers, yet he was, perhaps, one of Hamilton's most worthy sons. He entered college in the class of 1864, but left at the close of his sophomore year, and two years later was graduated from Albany Medical College with the degree, M. D. Immediately he was made assistant surgeon in the 10th Heavy Artillery, N. Y. Vols., and won so much of his superiors' confidence, that in 1865 he was in charge of the field hospital of his division. After the war he entered the regular army as assistant surgeon with the grade of first lieutenant. Through the slow method of regular army promotion—waiting for superiors to die—he gradually climbed up and was a lieutenant-colonel when the Spanish war broke out. Out of all the efficient men in his arm of the service, the surgeon-general chose Lieutenant-Colonel Pope to go with Shafter's army corps to Santiago. He had charge of all the hospital arrangements for the army in Cuba. He did his work well. Last December he was sent to Manila to be assistant surgeon-general in charge of the department of the Philippines. His promotion to the grade of colonel came last month. People who understand the organization of the surgical arm of the service, will know how efficient Colonel Pope must have been to be entrusted with the two most important posts in the army.

—Yale cleared \$27,000 last season on football. The total receipts were \$51,688.32; the expenditures reached \$24,756.23, leaving a balance on hand of \$27,032.09.

**The Way of the World.**

There is a certain man residing in the city of — who is a puzzle to all who know him. He is a college graduate, a very successful lawyer, a member of Congress and one of the most prominent men in the section. His manners are very suave and polished, he is through and through a politician, kindly and genial to all with whom he comes in contact; yet there is something about his handsome appearance (for he is a man of much physical beauty) which makes him distrusted and even despised by those who attempt to look beyond the veil of good-will with which he has covered himself. When one scrutinizes his features closely it is as if there were over his face a smiling mask through which, if one could penetrate, he would find some aspect far different from that which he now beholds.

It is tantalizing, it is maddening to look upon that face, feeling that you must see something behind it but cannot.

Some years ago a man died, leaving a brave young wife to care for his infant son. It was his ambition that this son should receive a college education. His wife's heart was also set on this. Therefore on his dying bed he left his small fortune (about fifteen hundred dollars) in the hands of the judge of whom we write to care for until his son should need it, while his brave little wife consecrated herself to a life of toil for the child's sake.

For years she slaved for the education of her boy, until one day she saw him, a handsome, brilliant fellow of eighteen, graduate from the high school at the head of his class.

He was to enter college the next fall. His mother went to the judge in regard to the money. With breaking heart she listened while he told her with a bland smile that the money had melted away in some northern investment and he felt under no obligation to refund it.

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Trains arrive at Clinton from Utica, 8:30 a. m., 12:40 p. m., 5:24 p. m., 11:50 p. m. From Rome, 8:20 a. m., 5:10 p. m. From South, 7:50 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 2:40 p. m., 6:25 p. m.

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### College Notes.

—Cookinham, '00, spent Monday with his Alma Mater.

—The track team will begin active work in a week.

—Did you take the trolley or the O. & W. Monday night?

—The storms of the last few days have made everybody brave.

—The Chi Psi's entertained informally on Wednesday evening.

—"Windy" evidently believes in the honor system of exams.

—The musical clubs were "shot" by Gibbons, Wednesday afternoon.

—The senior-junior debate will be held in the chapel, Saturday, at 10:30 a. m.

—"Fat" Ward astonishes "Bill" Squires with a pun on "horsing a cow."

—Does the writer of the recent poem in LIFE still say, "Confound the snow?"

—Seth Bird, '00, has been elected president of his class in the New York Law School.

—Quinn, '01, is reported by the *Merckerberg Academy News* as confined to the house through illness.

—Campbell, '02, and Dean, '05, are attending the biennial state convention of the Y. M. C. A. held at Elmira, N. Y.

—Lewis, '02, and Harper, '03, are attending the convention of Theta Delta Chi held at the Manhattan Hotel in New York.

—Wood, '04, tells "Prex" that Mary Queen of Scots died from divorcement. What is the nature of this disease, Woody?

—Hamilton sophomores have been forced to pay nearly \$100 in damages for injudicious painting.—*Concordiensis, Union College.*

—The Freshman basket-ball team will play the Clinton High School team this evening and the freshmen of Colgate Wednesday evening. Both games in the Gymnasium.

—The next gymnastic exhibition will probably take place on March 22. Besides the regular competition of the last meet, there will be new stunts added in the line of pyramids, etc.

—NOTICE—A meeting of the Amalgamated Knockers' Association will be held Monday evening on the second floor of the Gym. All those fond of anvil music are requested to be present and pound.

—"Richard J. Drummond, '03, spoke of the lessons to be drawn from McKinley's death, and demonstrated fully to the school that the junior class is not lacking in oratorical material."—The above is clipped from the *Concordiensis* and it is no other than our own "Dick." Congratulations.—Ed.

—Quite a few fellows from the hill attended Florodora and reported a good performance. The best part of the evening's entertainment was enjoyed at New Hartford, where the train made a short stop of five hours, the delay being caused by a car off the track on the West Shore line.

—Keith, '03, is reported to have slept very soundly during a recitation in Astronomy on Tuesday. He was kicked, pounded, and various means of punishment used, but he had become so entangled in the meshes of Morpheus that it was all of no avail. He was only saved from spending the night in Science Hall through the kind intervention of one of his friends.

### Lines Written to Phillip.

Theez 4 lines  
Wot look so kweer  
R jest sot down  
2 fill up heer. —Ex.

"At the opposite ends of the sofa  
They sat with vain regrets—  
She had been eating onions  
And he smoking cigarettes." —Ex.

—A Princeton alumni association has been formed in Germany.

### Intercollegiate Notes.

—Chicago's new gymnasium will cost over \$200,000.

—Yale and California will meet on the track next spring.

—Annapolis wishes to hold an intercollegiate regatta during May.

—Chicago has six new men trying for pitcher's position on her baseball squad.

—Yale's basket ball team has been suspended by the A. A. U. for playing with unregistered teams.

—Twenty members of the Harvard track team of last season have returned to Harvard this year.

—The faculty of Yale has removed the sophomores' part of the immortal Yale fence, outside of Battell chapel.

—President Eliot, of Harvard, has accepted his appointment to serve on the Arbitration committee of the National Civic federation.

—A bronze plate is to be placed in front of Osborne Hall, at Yale, to mark the position of the first college building in America.

—A university for the higher education of women has been proposed by the Presbyterians of Kentucky and \$500,000 has been subscribed.

—It is proposed to name one of the new buildings at Oberlin College after President McKinley, and also one after the late Professor Rice, of Oberlin.

—Co-education in its earlier stages resembles true love in that the course of it seldom, if ever, runs smooth. At Columbia University the swimming pool in the basement of the gymnasium has been put at the disposal of the students of Barnard for one evening of the week.

—Michigan and Cornell have arranged a dual indoor track meet, to be held at Ann Arbor on March 15. The contest will consist of nine events. Cornell will send twelve men. Michigan holds the track championship of the West, and the meet promises to be very close and interesting.

—It is rumored on the Cornell campus that Prof. Jeremiah Whipple Jenks is likely to leave the university to accept the presidency of the University of Wisconsin, a place made vacant through the resignation of Dr. Charles Kendall Adams, because of poor health. It is known that Prof. Jenks' name has been favorably considered by the board of trustees of the western institution, and it is thought that a highly complimentary offer has been made him.



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