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A Junior Prom.

There has been quite an agitation about college concerning a junior prom. The idea was to have the junior in the same week with the sophomore hop. The proposition was pretty well discussed, and a plan was formed by which both dances could be easily given for \$300. This \$300 could be raised by 60 men in college pledging \$5 a piece for a double ticket—one for each dance. The basis of pledging was to be the fraternities. It was thought that this was the best way to work the dance up. In the meeting of a committee of the junior class with the sophomore hop committee, the following pledges were made: Sigma Phi, 10; Alpha Delta Phi, 1; Psi Upsilon, 12; Chi Psi, 14; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 5; Delta Upsilon, 3; Theta Delta Chi, 1. This makes a total of 46 men. "Life" regrets very much that the college did not see the chance offered it to pull out of a rut, such as the social rut, into which we have fallen. We feel that it would have been an invocation which might wake us up socially. In a college of 165 men, but 46 can be found to attend a double college function like this. Perhaps some will reconsider their decision and make the sacrifice, necessary, to their alma mater, even if they will not make it to their own pride. College dances and social functions advertise the college in a less degree to be sure, than athletics, but we believe that our social affairs, by influencing our sisters and girl cousins, bring as many men on to college as do any other single branch of our life. This scheme of having two college dances in one week would, of a certainty, surpass any other social function which has taken place here. We ask you, fellows of Hamilton College, can you afford to let this opportunity go by without seizing it? Can you afford not to support this college dance? "Life" will always be glad to publish any additions to the list of subscribers.

Literary Honors.

It may be said, perhaps that Harvard makes more of literary honors and more of those distinguished in literary and scholarly pursuits than any other college in the country. Hereafter she will publicly announce the names and rewards of those students who have attained to distinction in literature or scholarship, also her representatives in intercollegiate debates will be permitted to wear black hat bands with crimson borders, and black caps with a red "H" over crossed gavels. And here is a point we wish to drive home. Almost all colleges, large or small, are engaging in annual intercollegiate debates. The benefits to the college and the students from the advertisement, and the discipline derived, are appreciated everywhere. Some colleges even hold several contests each year. Why will not Hamilton see her advantage in such a course? Our pretensions are great; why not show to others as we ourselves believe that they are also justified? "Life" will be to the college a gadfly in this matter until we awake to the advisability, nay even the necessity of arranging such a contest with a college of equal standing, with whom to win will be a victory, and to lose no humiliation.

And it may be well, also, to consider in this connection whether the rewarding of men with marks of honor such as distinctive caps or sweaters for attainments in literature, oratory or scholarship may not be advisable and just. We venture to suggest with all deference to our splendid athletes, who certainly do much in the way of advertising and strengthening their alma mater, that the influence, example and renown of those students who have been distinguished in college in literary and scholarly pursuits will accrue no less to the advantage of Hamilton. At any rate, let us have an intercollegiate debate. No greater stimulant could be

invented for encouraging and improving debating at home. It would be a check to its neglect, and a relief to its monotony.

Dramatic Club.

The dramatic club held a preliminary meeting Monday night at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall. It was decided to put on the comedy, "London Assurance," a "roaring farce," to use the words of Deke. This play requires a cast of thirteen persons, and the following men have been selected: Baker, Taylor, Miller, Sheppard and Clark from 1900; Stowell, Stryker and Drummond from 1901; Gilbert, Harwood and Reed from 1902; Lake, Harper and McLaughlin from 1903. Those who took the matter in charge this year have certainly done well in everything, although we wish that they had taken regular steps before a college meeting. But it is evident that the promoters have secured the best men in college for any dramatic presentation, and we have only words of enthusiasm and encouragement for the club. Hull, 1900, has been chosen as manager of the organization, and his interest in it is well known. The college is assured of a good presentation. Taylor has in mind a schedule including Iliad, Herkimer, Oneida, Johnstown and Camden. The play will be given first, if everything goes well, during sophomore hop week in Clinton.

The success of last year's club gives promise of greater this winter, the more so in that the play decided upon will be wholly farcial, without the heavy work that made last year's play so difficult, but which Baker and Miller mastered so well. Lee, '99, will be missed sorely; but besides Lee, Hawley and Pratt, who was excellent in female parts, the club of 1899 remains to do stunts this year. The college should give its utmost support and good-will to the Dramatic Club, as it is no less a college organization than the foot-ball team

Athletic Department.

R. S. C. DRUMMOND, - - - - - Editor
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Basket Ball.

About twenty-five men reported for basket ball practice last Monday night. They were all given a chance to show what was in them. Several games were played, Millham and the two McLaughlins participating continuously, and the other men exchanging positions at various intervals. In the three men above named, the team has certainly some stars. Their playing was a revelation. With such a nucleus, if a fast team cannot be developed, it will be a disappointment. Dunn, Augsbury, Lake, Busch and Mangan appeared the most promising neophytes. Of course, the game is new to these men, but they seem, to an untutored observer, to be doing remarkably well. About sixty spectators were out to encourage the aspirants by word and presence. Manager Davenport and Dr. Andrews have attended to their part in a manner that leaves nothing to be desired; and if the college would only come down with a little more cash, their work would be greatly facilitated.

The game with the Waterville Y. M. C. A. has been changed from Friday night to Thursday night. We are glad to hear that a large number of the students are going with the team to help them along. The team, we feel confident, is entirely able to put up a good article of basket ball on this occasion, and will surprise, doubtless, the Christian warriors. Everything seems to augur now a safe and successful season. "Life" is glad to see and commend the interest taken in this sport by all classes.

One especially good feature of Monday night's practice was the singing of the dramatic club, who had come over from the Alpha Delt Hall to watch the players. The occasion of these practice games can be utilized to good advantage in getting the college together often for the purpose of song and enthusiasm. This basket ball is a great blessing in more ways than one.

Yale was defeated by Cornell in the recent dual cross country run.

The Foot-Ball Captaincy.

The foot ball team met January 17 and elected Esty Stowell captain to succeed himself. "Life" voices the sentiment of the college in saying that Stowell deserved his retention. Throughout the past season of 1899, he was undefatigable in his efforts to improve the team. He, also, has the characteristic most needed for this office, that of impartiality. No one who was a candidate in foot ball last fall, can or will say that he received anything but the square treatment, nor will he claim that his qualifications did not receive a just and fair attention. On the qualification as foot ball players, all judgments were passed, and all men selected. Stowell will use the same tact next year, so every man can feel sure of square treatment. This is a great aid in getting men out to play. Another point is that while determined in his efforts, Stowell never abused his position to make himself personally obnoxious to any man. Had he done so, the team would not have played with the spirit which they did. Now then, the captain for 1899 and 1900 has indefatigability, impartiality and tact in the management of men. These are essential and rarely is a man found, who can combine them all. Let us give a good Hamilton yell with three "Stowells" at the end.

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Press Association.

In the last few years we have taken great strides towards renown in the athletic sport of the college world. We have forced ourselves unto recognition, yet there are many things that can be done in this line, and done with great profit to ourselves. Among the things yet to be done is the organization of some sort of a press association to send reports of all games, fall, winter and spring regularly to the principal New York papers. Nothing in the line of advertising the college could be more effective. The sporting news, the items concerning all college athletics are eagerly read by the boys in school. In all the boys' boarding schools of to-day athletics are a great part of the life. When Sunday comes all buy the New York paper that has the best accounts of the different games that were played the day before. They read nothing else, and

talk of nothing else all day. Now if whenever they opened a New York paper, the "Sun" for instance, they saw that Hamilton had beaten N. Y. University 35-0, or held Cornell down to 12-0, they would at once become more or less interested in the athletic meets of our college. Who knows that a seed dropped in some boy's undecided mind might not grow and end up by bringing him to our hillside to aid us in more athletic victories.

The press association idea can't be urged too strongly, for it is from the schools that we draw. On the boys now plugging away at elementary Latin and algebra depends the future of this college. Once a college gets a foot hold in a school or town, then, there is a good chance that that school or town will have a leaning towards that college. Amherst, Williams, and others of our eastern colleges realize that their perpetuity depends on the school boys of to-day, and so keep their names constantly before their young minds. Nowadays it is not the schedule of studies that draws men, but it is the schedule of foot ball and base ball games that do the business. This fact can't be appreciated any too soon. In any college here in the East a man can get a good education, but that is not all that a man is after. He is after a good athletic education as well. Nothing can keep our college better before the minds of the future college men than our games in the leading New York papers, and the only way to obtain this is to form a press association. "Life" would suggest to the college that it be done immediately, and that no necessary or unnecessary delays be incurred.

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"Life" institutes a new custom in this issue. It is found in our review of the "Lit." Our intentions are the kindest, and our motives good. We wish to help the "Lit." in any way we can, and in return solicit the same kind of help from that paper. We think that a friendly review like ours will help the students to appreciate the merits of the monthly. We are glad to praise heartily the present board of editors of the "Literary Monthly," as they have shown ability to keep the standard of their paper up to its former mark, if not above it.

Among the Colleges.

Yale has called to its chair of Political Economy made vacant by the election of Prof. Hadley to the Presidency, Prof. Emery of Bowdoin, one of the youngest men in the country to occupy so responsible a position in so large a college. Prof. Emery is said to be only 28 years old.

The Harvard Graduates' Magazine gives the following list of the ten numerically greatest universities of America: Harvard, 5,250; Michigan, 3,346; Pennsylvania, 3,346; Columbia, 3,083; Yale, 2,688; Cornell, 2,645; Wisconsin, 2,025; Chicago, 1,680; Princeton, 1,194; John's Hopkins, 632.

The members of the Lafayette foot ball team have been presented with gold foot balls, and the "subs" with silver ones. The same plan is proposed at Cornell as a reward for the victory over Princeton.

The defeat of Princeton by Harvard in their recent debate has led the former to urge the establishment at Princeton of a general course in debate, and the principles of disputation. Such a course is and has long been in vogue at Harvard.

The new athletic field of Williams', which is almost finished, will be, it is said, when completed, one of the finest in the country. The cost will be about \$10,000.

The college authorities of Bryn Mawr in order to make the college a home as well as an institution of learning, have decided to allow no students to room without college walls, save such as have homes in the immediate neighborhood.

The Board of Regents of the State University of Iowa has adopted resolutions whereby free tuition is offered students who have served as soldiers or sailors in the late Spanish-American war.—The Lafayette.

Many of the colleges are actively engaged in choosing their representative in the various intercollegiate debates. Columbia debates with Cornell and with Chicago; Rutgers with N. Y. U; Brown with Dartmouth.

Wesleyan reports of the success of her common this fall term, that with board at \$2.25 per week, there was a surplus of \$1.40 or \$1.50 for each member. The quality of food and service, the report states, "has been all that could be desired."

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"Life" opens to all freshmen by free competition a place on its staff. Here is our proposition. All freshmen who wish may write articles on any subject they may choose, and forward them to the "Life" through the editor-in-chief. These articles will be read and judged by the staff of "Life." Any meritorious articles will be published, and if, in themselves they are sufficient, the writer will be given a place on our staff. We do not commit ourselves to publish any articles forwarded, but just those we select. Any freshman who wishes to keep his name secret can do so by bringing the article to the editor-in-chief, unsigned. No one on the board will know who the anonymous writer is until he be given a place on the staff, if that happens. "Life" has decided to give the same opportunity to any sophomore who may wish a position on our staff. The conditions are the same for 1902 as for 1903, with the addition that articles written by sophomores will be more

severely adjudged and criticised. We hope to have some contributions under this proposition, soon.

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Fellows, we must have some regular college "sings." This is a proposition that "Life" advances very heartily. Nothing would tend to cement the college together, and to help the spirit along more than, or as much as a good college "song" in the chapel or "gym" once a week or ten days. The "gym" is preferable, because we can smoke there; the chapel is preferable because "Hummy" might be willing to help us by playing the organ. Now, this can be done, if there are enough enthusiasts in college. We do not think that to hold a college meeting would be any use. Let us set a date for a meeting and announce it to the college. Then we can see how many turn out to help the thing along. If the first meeting is well attended, so proving that the idea is well received, a committee can be appointed for the next time to select songs and make such preparations. "Life" would suggest for the first date Wednesday, January 31. 7:30 would be about the right hour to begin. Come everyone who has any pretence of a voice to sing; come the rest of you and listen.

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Lights, Lights! Who said Lights? Well if you want to know the inhabitants of North College say Lights, and let them be in the halls. Who can suggest a better scheme of helping the college than this of lighting the dark, dreary, cold halls of North. If the inmates of the rooms on each floor were to club together and buy say 4 lamps—2 for the North entry, and two for the South entry—light could be furnished at a very moderate expense. After the lamps are once lighted, the expense of maintaining them will be comparatively small. Think of the great advantage and convenience it would be. Oh ye bohnors think of the time saved by a straight and quick trip through the lighted hall, where once ye wandered in the dark, for minutes that seemed hours. Again think of the mental strain that is avoided by lights; then there is no danger of falling down stairs, or of running into a wall, and pushing it over on the unfortunates on its other side. The dark halls of North are the cause of more bruises and black eyes than foot-ball. They also cause a man to lose his temper so that it takes considerable time and words to find it again. Taking it in this light it is the duty of every zealous worker to do a little missionary work right here on College Hill. Come, dont be afraid, put

your hand into your pocket and add your name to those who are a going to furnish light to the darkest depths of North.

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Our Picture Trip.

On Saturday, January 19, "Life" board, nine strong, journeyed to Utica to have their faces registered. Every man was dressed, spick and span, in his Sunday best. A brief wait in the dressing room gave each an opportunity to admire his classic beauty in the mirror, and to adjust his features and raiment to the best possible advantage. Drummond brushed his locks, Shorty combed his eyelashes, Fat curled his mustache, and incidentally abstracted a comb as a souvenir, everybody posed and threw bouquets at his face. A handsomer group never tested a camera's strength. The photographer had some difficulty in arranging the men, each imagining himself the handsomest, and contending for the front seat. The palm was at last awarded to Shep—by himself. Then there was trouble with Shep's red tie. The camera man protested that it made it impossible to hear himself think, and complained that its brilliancy shut out the light of the sun, and Shep had to lower his chin to conceal it. Shorty was told that his feet could never get into a foot-square picture. Van Allen helped him out by using them as a stool. There was some difficulty, too, in getting Fat's broad smile into the picture. Fat compromised by assuming a serious air. Drummond looked at once benevolent and intellectual, and was the most composed, many will say, the handsomest man in the group, which, by the way, is saying a good deal. The photographer was testy and fastidious, which led Shep to remark that we weren't sitting for the Rogues gallery, and anyhow a natural pose would show our beauty to the best advantage. There was some difficulty too, in taking on an air serious and wise, such as befitted the faces of the staff of "Life." Two arch fiends, Dunn and Baker, tried to break up the performance, but were promptly railroaded to the ante-room. "Now," said the demon in front, who held the destiny of our faces in his hands, in the shape of a rubber ball, "look bright, smile, be careful, all ready"—click, the agony was over, and nine more faces were preserved for the ages.

Local Department.

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LOCALS.

January 18. Rick Hatch comes back to college for a short stay. It is a good thing he has no cuts. The college is cheered and revived by the open countenance of "Fritzy" Dunn, who perambulates about the campus with no diminution of his characteristic energy. The coasting is very fast, and is consequently much enjoyed. Bullard attempts to say something for the third time this year. He is a peculiarly reticent (?) fellow. Many fellows go to Utica to see Jeff D'Angelis in the "Jolly Musketeers."

January 19. Another mucky, wet, slippery day. Everybody feels bummy. Catlin goes to sleep in psychology. Baker, Taylor, Sheppard, Hull and Spencer take dinner at the Psi U house and discuss the feasibility of having a junior prom. in sophomore hop week. Dunn, Andrews, Lake, Millham, Sheppard and MacLachlan call at Houghton. Hughes, '81, visits the hill and attends recitation in economics. As a consequence, the period is less tumultuous. Ben Moore, Lee, Stowell and Holbrook go to Utica. Hatch, Hicok, Sippell, Mason, E. K. Van Allen, Gilbert, Skinner and Landers go to Waterville to an amateur dramatic performance and dance. They report a very pleasant time.

January 20. Bill Nye hears the seniors recite on the American Constitution. Big crowd goes in to Utica. The "Staff of Life" have their picture taken in Utica, and give great amusement to Dunn and Baker. Photographer claims he never saw such a lot of handsome fellows gathered before one camera. What truth there is in the old saying: "Ou'ad some power the giftie gie us." "To see ourselves as others see us." Esty and G. T. take a Turkish bath in Utica. Evidently getting high-toned. Gilbert goes into Utica to call on some of his lady (?) friends. Baker gets a hair cut. Davenport and John Van Allen conduct a very desperate flirtation with a young lady on the 5 o'clock train from Utica. Shep flirts and sings on the train and drives six women out of their heads or at least out of the car. Dunn meets a friend in Glenn's store. Deke Taylor

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becomes serious for once, and gives an oration.

January 21. The powers that be conceded to the wish of the college, and Dr. Oren Root preached a sermon which all the students enjoyed. Bacon and Baker sit on the left side of chapel. They say they wanted to see how their side looked. They were startled. Bill Nye delivers the second of his discourses on Christian Sociology. Rickie makes his usual semi-weekly trip to Waterville. One item of these trips costs fifty cents, and is convenient for the pocket.

January 22. Juniors hold a recitation in Bible. The room was far from comfortable, but unlike last week, it was not an ice-house. Give us more heat so that we can take things cooler. "Dick" tries to worm out of Psychy a confession of his religious views. But Psychy is too coony. The reason he assigns, however, are as entirely just as his policy is wise. Seniors recite in Ethics at 9. "Mr. Higgins, take down your foot." Pills lets his class out in half an hour. He must have been sick. Vanammee tells Pretty to shut up, and Pretty thanks him. Formation of Dramatic Club at Alpha Delt House. Deke is funny as usual. Basket ball practice in the evening at the gym. Ziegler referees. A good college sing after practice. Everybody enjoyed it very much. A good custom to follow. Henry Hull gives up trying to keep his cherished pipe clean and sweet. Seiter reads a romance, and dreams. He does not get over it for four days. Busch's mustache is sprouting in great style. Harwood goes up on the hill to room, changing places with Minor. Ward postpones his recitation in junior Latin. Henry Hull says he has "the worst position on the wrong side of a rotten question" of a debate. Davenport goes to bed early.

January 23. Psychy—"What idea did primitive man have of mind and matter. For instance, what would you say were Peter Kelley's views." Seniors were reviews in Ethics. Philosopher Catlin likes the weather! Meeting of junior committee with sophomore hop committee to decide whether or not to hold a junior prom. Fritz makes his first appearance in philosophy. Vanammee is dubbed the class biologist. Hamiltonian artists begin to send in their contributions. Sykes hustles the editor-in-

chief of the 1901 publication. Hull scoffs at philosophy, and buys a package of Virgin. Fritz, with rubber boots and minus a shave, goes out walking with ——. Rick Hatch sets up the gang. English poetry class are slightly bored with Herrick. They want love poetry, pure and simple. Pastorals are not in their line. Jim Catlin makes a recitation in T. of K. Spencer goes to Utica. Hull wears his blue mascot.

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"Lit." Review.

The January "Lit." came out last Saturday, and in most respects it is the best number yet issued by the present board. We are glad to see that at last the "Lit." has decided to make a show of college spirit, following the example of "Life," which since its inception has consistently upheld the idea that old Hamilton is the best place on earth. There is a very good editorial in this number of the "Lit.," the first really patriotic article we have seen in its columns this year. There is also another excellent editorial, calling attention, as "Life" has done all the past autumn, to the severity of the fall term's work upon the foot ball men, especially the sophomores.

There are two beautiful little poems, translations from the German, the work of A. W. Boesche, '97, together with some other verse of considerable merit, both original and from exchanges. Dr. Elkin has an article on the question, "Is Psychology a Science?" which shows that the doctor wields a very facile pen. We wish that he had gone a little farther; but his argument as it was covered the ground very well, was finely worded, and logically arranged. Dr. Elkin's abilities are not limited to the class room, by any means. An article entitled "The Boer, by Wilkins Jenks O'Brien," was a satire on the extravagant utterances of the leader of Free Silver Democracy. There were some good things in it, but there was not much consistency or point to the supposed "address," and, doubtless, not much was intended. Its merit was its novelty and originality.

The "Lit.'s" complaint regarding the dearth of contributions and available talent evidently met with a response, for the issue contains two stories, en-

titled respectively "A Stratagem" and "Handicapped by Fate." They are manifestly the work of some young author not lacking in ability, but without experience or practice. We don't know who the writer is, but we should like to encourage him to persevere. It is always easy to criticize, and we want to say that this unknown writer shows promise of literary ability. Without making general characterizations of the stories, we venture to give a few well-meant suggestions. In the story "A Stratagem," it seems to us that it must have been a very difficult task for the hero to discover that the object of his love was "unsophisticated in such matters," but "well-educated, polished, and above all, sensible, having had only good literature to read." Such information could have been obtained only from some of the young lady's most intimate friends; and if the hero was acquainted with any of these, why was it such "a difficult matter" for him to meet her, especially when he was "of good family, well-off, and perfectly capable of carrying himself in any company?" It was certainly an audacious expedient to adopt, in making the hero prosecute his aim in the at least unconventional manner of intruding himself on the old gentleman in his privacy. There is certainly naturalness in the perspicacity of the young man regarding the outcome of his little visit, but where he could see that this outcome "would be only a means to an end," we fail to discover, unless we place upon the words a different interpretation than that intended, doubtless, by the author. The hero left the house rather precipitately, we infer, and "somewhat downcast," but where he got the "gleam of hope" is not very clearly brought out, unless it came from the scintillations of the stars that greeted his vision when he landed on the pavement in front of the steps. The other story, "Handicapped by Fate," is perhaps by a different author, but illustrates practically the same good qualities and deficiencies. The plot is the same simple, old, old story, a plot that will never lose its attractions, especially for young writers. The closing paragraph of the story might be summed up in the words "Quick curtain!" It is rather disappointing in its meagre generalities. All of which goes to show that writing is an art difficult to learn,

and easy to criticize. We have put forward the above suggestions not in the spirit of fault-finding, but in the honest desire to benefit this young devotee of the muses. We are glad to see talent of whatever description, obtain recognition and encouragement in this college. On the whole, the number was very good, and we congratulate the editors on their success.

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A new dormitory is erected at Hobart to accommodate 60 students.

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SQUIBS.

North college receives into its inmost depths a brand new slimer. Sophomores treat him well lest he break into in the middle.

To those who say winter term is a trifle slow, and there is too much time to kill, "Life" would suggest that these unfortunates scare the professors to death by having their recitations down cold—they would gain, and so would we, for we might perhaps get a cut or two. T'is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

Do you want to make your fortune? Ah, yes, I thought so. Well just get a cat or two for Bugs. Some of the fellows say, judging from appearances, new ones are needed.

"Life" understands a new class in astronomy has been formed—extra you know. Meets at high noon on such days that Crab, Spah and Dunny and others can get around. Well, you ought to have been around the other day and seen the first class. It was a great sight.

The latest—Pills and Miss Mc—

"Life" has not fingers enough to tickle itself over the great time it had at the junior prom this year. Holy Gee what a time.

T'is rumored that 1904 is going to be a larger class than 1903.

"Life" is sorry to print the fact, yet feels compelled to, that there are some freshmen who really think it below their dignity to speak to a senior on the campus.

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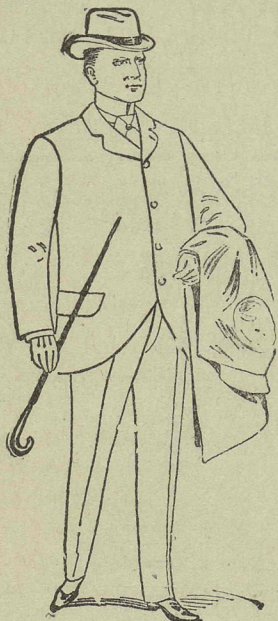
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