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Editorials.

Some of our readers doubtless think it appropriate and possibly beneficial that we put forward in this number a few New Year's resolutions. Of course we wish we might turn over a new leaf—have our numbers ready for distribution by the first of each month, offer to our readers more interesting material, and perhaps relieve the monotony of our letter-press by an occasional half-tone. But the impossibility of putting this wish in the form of a resolution will be seen readily. The editorial board is utterly powerless without the support of the entire institution. We are, as it were, simply a figure-head—the responsibility resting largely upon the shoulders of the student body and of the alumni. Of course we realize the necessity of the assiduous performance of our duties, but without support we can do nothing. At present we are far from satisfied with the backing we receive.

The truth of the matter is we are scarcely able, to fill out each number. Selecting our material is out of question; we must print what we get. We do not believe the condition is worse than it has been for several years previous, but it is certainly far worse than it should be.

An unwritten rule formerly existed to the effect that a student must contribute for every number of the Lookout in order to be eligible for an office on the editorial board. A few years ago this rule was modified, so that a student might aspire to office if he wrote for every number published during his junior year. Evidently, the time has come for a further modification. From the contributions we have received thus far it will be difficult to make a choice of officers for next year. The writing, therefore, from now until Commencement will largely govern the election.
Everyone connected in any way with C. A. C., looks forward with interest to the action of the legislature upon the application of funds for a new dormitory. It is certain that further advancement is impossible without more ample accommodations for students. Our three dormitories are at present filled to their utmost, and there is little chance of finding rooms in the neighborhood. A number of applicants were not admitted the past fall because of lack of space. Beside the necessary rooming space, other advantages are proposed. Among these are club rooms and an athletic room. As yet we have heard no mention of an office for the Lookout, but we trust a joyful surprise is in store for us.

One advantage contingent with the evening inspection of dormitory rooms is the absolute abolition of the once common though dreaded evening study hour in room 3. On the whole the new method is satisfactory now that we have become used to it. To be sure the innocent suffer for the guilty, but ethics teaches us that such is the case all through life.

Some of our alumni deplore the absence of an ice polo team at Storrs. Up to five years ago C. A. C. annually turned out a crack team, but basket ball was given preference on account of the uncertainty of suitable ice for skating. It is a question which of the two sports we are better able to maintain. To be sure good ice is uncertain; but, on the other hand, our accommodations for basket ball are far from the best. It is very certain, however, that with our present number of students, two athletic teams cannot be supported at one time, so the chosen sport should receive our undivided attention.

When the law was passed giving a man the right to arrest anyone trespassing with a gun on his land, whether or not the land was posted, hunters were angry and not a little fearful; and doubtless many a farmer lay in wait hoping to catch an unwary offender. To give a land-owner himself the power to lay hands upon any person carrying a gun on his land and to use any force necessary to take the culprit into custody was a measure sufficiently stern to intimidate the boldest hunter; but the penalties in several instances the past fall were not as severe as might be expected. One case in particular was somewhat surprising and even more ludicrous. A man was caught in the act of hunting on land where he had not been granted permission. He was promptly arrested by the owner. The defendant was fined quite an appreciable sum by the justice court, but appealed to the superior court. The higher court failed to sustain the decision of the lower court, fining the defendant only ten cents for trespass, on the ground that the plaintiff could in no way claim ownership on the game, no capital having been invested in the same. Law has never recognized ownership in wild game.

Will the Girls' basket ball team be able to keep its record unblemished through this season? The question has been asked much of late, but unluckily no one has been found willing to take upon himself the responsibility of answering. The team is weakened by the loss of three of its charter members, but we hope the thought of the price at stake will inspire the players to
achieve results not at all inferior to those of other years.
Later.—The question has been answered. The team has been beaten.

If only one-tenth of the millions of New Year’s resolutions were kept, how vastly better the world would be. Resolutions made at the beginning of this year should be of double value inasmuch as they were made upon so good a day as Sunday.

In the Cold Winter Time.

’Tis four o’clock; all classes o’er;
And students one and all,
Go down the hill and cross the road
Upon the lake so small.

There gathers here a motley throng
Of skaters good and bad.
Professors, students, workmen, kids;
All skate around like mad.

A few skate off in twos or fours,
For them ’tis lots of fun;
But others go around alone,
And look demure and glum.

Isajeff cuts his figure four,
And “Chippie” cuts the “eights,”
While those who fail to do these stunts
Complain of their dull skates.

Now Dunham tries the “outside roll,”
His skate gets in a crack,
Poor Dunham rises in the air,
And lands again ker-whack.

Undoubtedly he saw the stars
For just a second then;
He jumps up quick, but does not try
The “outside roll” again.

Look over there! Its Gracie Sæge;
She’s trying Sperry’s skates.
The girl is short, the skates are long,
They’re far from being mates.
She seems to be unsteady, quite
As if she’d had a drink;
But Sperry says, “Oh, she’s all right,”
Then did you see him wink?

“Ach! There she goes! I told you so!”
Her feet shoot out so quick,
And she sits down right in her tracks,
Just like a ton of brick.

“Now help me up,” she quickly says,
“I think I’ve had enough,
You fools may laugh, but I tell you,
That ice was rather rough.”

“Oh, say! Who’s that with ‘Eben’ Moss?”
“I know, its Laura Hatch,”
Now won’t you all agree with me
That that’s an even match?

There’s “Curley” Miller with his “drag,”
So smoothly do they slide,
They seem like ships upon the sea
Which o’er the waves do glide.

A pleasure ’tis to watch these two
Skate round and round the lake
As gliding swift, they smoothly move,
A lovely sight they make.

And all the skaters stop and gaze,
They say, “That’s pretty neat.”
’Till his skate catches hers and then
They fall down in a heap.

Then peals and peals of laughter rise
And float upon the wind.
He lifts her up and calmly says,
“Oh, darling, never mind.”

’Tis thus we spend the afternoon
In frolic and in fun,
Upon the lake, in winter time,
When classes all are done.

C. W. Dewey, ’05.
College Notes.

Exams are over, and after the short holiday vacation we are all ready for another term of good, hard work. At least that is what our professors hope for.

Mr. Dyson, otherwise known as Heavy, should be severely reprimanded for his laughable entrances into the dining hall. He has been known to appear without collar or necktie at breakfast. His hair appeared as if it had not seen brush or comb for at least twelve hours. Talcum powder on a black suit was startling enough, but when he appeared one morning with his suspenders hanging below his coat we all had our doubts as to whether he had even undressed for bed the night before.

It was after dinner Sunday. The boys had just started for a skate at Eagleville or Coventry, when we observed, closely pursuing, the ministerial robe of our college chaplain. Our hearts went out in sympathy for our student friends as we thought of the lecture they might receive on their wickedness, should Herr Starr overtake them.

The junior class gave their fall rhetoricals on the evening of December 9th. Their addresses were not what we generally expect from a junior class at Storrs. Such ancient selections as Julius Cæsar are all right for the freshmen, but it is to be hoped that juniors are beyond the high school stage.

The weakened condition of some of our dining room chairs is a frequent cause of the use of what one of our former professors called “impolite French.”

Did you know that Nash had relatives at the girls’ table? One day to the amusement of all within hearing distance, one of his sisters piped up, “Brother Nash, Lena wants some beans.”

Basket ball practice began just after Thanksgiving. Candidates for the team have been numerous so that good work has resulted. The time of practice for the boys has been changed to 4 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. The girls now practice from 5 until 5:45 p.m.

On the afternoon of December 6th the girls were entertained at the parsonage by Mrs. Starr.

Football officers for next season have been elected as follows: Captain and manager, H. B. Risley, ’06; assistant manager, A. Miller, ’07.

Papers in this state seem to be very much interested in the action of the board of trustees prohibiting college professors from holding political office. It is held by the board that it is detrimental to the interests of the college for college officers to hold political office. Every citizen should take an active part in the government of his country!

Did you notice the two sample letters posted on the bulletin board by the president. They were certainly healthy specimens for a senior and a junior to write!

“Will somebody name a hymn?” “Number 487.” “Blest Be the Tie that Binds.”

A Sure Cure for a Cold.—Take a good dose of kerosene, then some jelly to remove the taste of the oil. Those in doubt as to the result should consult Mr. Graff.

“Ain’t that terrible.”
Isn't it queer how soundly the juniors sleep every time the senior cannon goes off? They all seem to go to bed early that night, too.

Impartial, independent voting in all college meetings is recommended as an improvement to the present system of club against club!

At a meeting of the Student Organization, December 12th, the following officers were elected: President, P. H. Cornwall; first vice-president, I. W. Patterson; second vice-president, M. P. Laubscher; secretary, H. B. Risley; treasurer, F. Koenig.

At the above meeting it was decided to hold the military ball February 3, 1905. Committees for the ball were appointed by the president. Chairmen of the committees are as follows: Music and programme, G. M. Chapman; decoration, S. P. Hollister; refreshment, W. W. Ohlweiler.

The little hill behind the church and the greenhouse has been the scene of two catastrophes this winter, one of which was very heavy.

“Man’s stupidity sometimes becomes colossal,” quotes Prof. Mutchler.

Why does Mr. Proudman resemble a chicken? Because he has to scratch for a living.

Can you think of any reason for Perry and Shurtleff going to Willimantic just before Xmas?

The initiation of Waters, Grant and Barker by the Shakespearian Club was something out of the ordinary at Storrs.

Not all our students, not even the freshmen, observe our college rules as well as Hollister. He was careful in a recent meeting of the students to advise adjournment because the study hour bell had rung.

The Leap Year sleigh ride gotten up by the young ladies proved an entire success. With such pleasant company the invited gentlemen could not have had anything but a good time. By the way there was no one along to raise a lantern and command, hands up!

Why don’t someone write a Jack and Gill story about Slipper Scott and Sleepy Dunham?

“Hey, Heavy, some one from New Britain wants you at the telephone.” Then from somewhere comes the voice of one of our Profs: “You just go outside and holler, Mr. Dyson, and they can’t help but hear you.”

The man who writes the Foxy Grandpa stories for one of the New York Sunday papers might get a pretty good article by making a call at Storrs.

Time—1905. Scene—A Quaker Meeting: Ladies on one side, men on the other.

Kicking on the board is not uncommon at our dining hall, but the freshmen take a new way of expressing their feelings. Repeated thumping on the table is their way of kicking on the board.

Talk about your alarm clocks. There is nothing more effective than Freddie with the drum and Nash with the bugle. Such a noise would almost wake the dead.

Have you heard the latest? Well, its out! Miss Thomas and the young ladies are organizing a military company. Assembly and roll-call three times a day. 7 a. m., 12 noon, and 6 p. m.
Several of the students who live in secluded parts of the state were snowed in by the recent storm and consequently were not able to return on time at the beginning of the term.

Just ask Put what hellebore is.

The course of lectures being given by Prof. Mutchler on “Animal Life” is very interesting and promise to be largely attended.

The plans for the new dormitory include rooms for both literary societies.

“I’d rather have come back here yesterday than to-day, but my train was two hours’ late, so that I had to stay in Willimantic over night.” Kamio.

F. H. Stoneburn, former professor of poultry instruction at this place, was recently in New York attending the Poultry Show at Madison Square Garden.

The monthly reception given at the Cottage by Miss Thomas and the young ladies on January 6th, did not prove an entire success. Excellent dancing music had been provided, but for once, and only once in the memory of most Storrs people, the young ladies were in majority. The male element was wanting. The shortage in the supply can probably be attributed to the prevailing stormy weather.

On January 7th the first young lady to take up a Poultry Short Course arrived at Storrs. It is hoped that this is the beginning of a class of poultry women.

About the last of January the first of the spring chickens at the poultry plant will begin to break the shells.

You all know that Costello is an historian. You know perhaps that he often argues with our learned professors on some point about which he is not sure. In answer to a recent question of his, one of our professors was heard to reply somewhat as follows: “If Costello had been born in Ireland he would have been an Irishman, if in Scotland, a Scotchman, but what would he have been if he had been born in the horse barn?”

There is a new literary society at Storrs now, and it originated with the young ladies. It is called the Tri Kappa Literary Society, and has six charter-members. We hope that this organization is a permanent institution among the young ladies and that its membership which is now so small will increase rapidly.

At a meeting of the Girls’ Basket Ball Team, Miss Bessie Donovan was elected captain, and Mrs. R. W. Stimson, manager for the ensuing season.

The schedule of games of the Girls’ Basket Ball Team up to date (January 10th) is as follows: January 14th, Danielson High School at Storrs; January 21st, New Haven High School at Storrs; January 28th, Cushing Academy at Storrs; February 11th, Cushing Academy at Ashburnham; February 18th, Woodstock Academy at Storrs; February 25th, return game with Danielson High School at Danielson; March 18th, return game with New Haven High School at New Haven; other games not yet settled.

Department Notes.

A meeting of the State Board of Agriculture was held in Hartford on December 14th, 15th and 16th. The college was represented by Prof. Mutchler, who spoke
on "Agriculture in the Public Schools," also by Pres. Stimson, Prof. Beach, Prof. Gulley, Dr. Lehnert, Prof. Stocking and Prof. Clinton.

At a recent meeting of the Local Grange, No. 164, the following officers were elected for the year 1905: Master, W. A. Stocking; overseer, H. E. Starr; lecturer, R. W. Stimson; steward, H. L. Garrigus; assistant steward, E. R. Bennett; chaplain, C. L. Beach; treasurer, E. A. White; secretary L. A. Clinton; gate keeper, Mr. Kinne; Pomona, Miss Thomas; Ceres, Miss Brown; Flora, Mrs. White; lady assistant steward, Mrs. L. A. Clinton.

C. B. Lane, Acting Chief of Dairy Division, Department of Agriculture, Washington, a graduate of the C. A. C., was here recently inspecting the cheese experiment work at the Storrs Experiment Station.

A hot air engine has been installed in the chemical laboratory to be used in soil analysis tests.

Mr. Garrigus of the farm department is making arrangements to run an engine on the floor of the dairy stables by means of a steam pipe connection with the creamery boiler. The engine will be used in the feeding experiments to be made by the agricultural students this winter.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in Hartford, Wednesday, December 28, 1904. All of the trustees were present. The following were chosen as the legislative committee: Mr. B. C. Patterson, of Torrington, Mr. D. W. Patten, of North Haven, and Mr. C. A. Capen, of Willimantic.

President Stimson attended the trustees' meeting, and on behalf of the building committee submitted a report, including sketches showing an elevation and floor plans of a new dormitory for the accommodation of sixty-six men. The matter was referred back to the building committee with power to proceed with the preparation of the working plans and specifications required by law to be filed with the state treasurer. The General Assembly will be asked to make a special appropriation for the erection of this much needed building. It will be remembered that students have been turned away the past two years for want of rooms.

The trustees have also voted to ask for an addition of five thousand dollars a year for the next two years to the present annual state appropriation, in order to meet certain extraordinary maintenance expenses, including the painting of all of the college buildings except Agricultural Hall, the shingling of several buildings, and the improvement of certain pieces of land.

Davis & Brooks, of Hartford, are the architects who prepared the sketches of the new dormitory approved by the trustees. At an early date we hope to print in the LOOKOUT, half-tone cuts showing the exterior design and interior arrangement of the proposed building. It is said to be extremely modest and sensible in its style and appointments, but to be a model structure for its purpose.

The large ice house by the lake, which required new sills and re-boarding in part, has been thoroughly repaired and is ready for re-filling.

The new elevator at the horse barn, erected by The Eastern Machinery Company, of New Haven, has been completed, and now the wagons and sleighs, which last
winter stood outdoors on account of lack of adequate available floor room, are under cover and convenient of access when needed for use.

The winter term has opened with every room taken. New students have been admitted to fill the few places left vacant by the old students who were unable to continue their courses.

Owing to stringency in the college funds, due in part to the natural expansion of the college work and in part to the extra expense of preparing the detailed building plans and specifications for the proposed dormitory, it will be necessary this winter to omit the usual course of evening lectures by speakers from outside the college. These lectures in former years have been a great source of interest and profit to both students and faculty, and it is hoped that next winter they may be resumed.

Mr. C. K. Graham, of Belleville, Canada, has been appointed instructor in poultry culture. Professor Graham is a reliable poultry authority, having had successful experience in the production and marketing of poultry products, in both the United States and Canada, together with experience in teaching and lecturing before farmers' institutes on poultry subjects. He is an older brother of the professor of poultry culture in the Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario, and himself spent part of last winter conducting classes of short course poultry students at Guelph in his brother's absence.

While attending the sixteenth annual exhibition of the New York Poultry and Pet Stock Association, held January 3-7 inclusive at Madison Square Garden, New York City, Prof. Graham was able to obtain for the poultry department nine new incubators. These new machines represent the leading varieties manufactured in the United States.

W. R. Graham, manager of the poultry department of the Ontario Agricultural College, spent a few days, a short time ago, at Storrs. He spent his time looking over the poultry plant and making arrangements for taking up some joint experiments along poultry lines. A bulletin published by the Ontario College and the C. A. C., may be the result.

On January 28th, Prof. White delivers an illustrated lecture on "Common Mushrooms in Field, Forest and Garden," before the winter meeting of the Connecticut Botanical Society at New Haven. On March 28th he delivers the same lecture before the Litchfield Scientific Society at Litchfield.

Our Mimic War.

On the first week in September there assembled at Manassas, Virginia, the scene of the famous battle of Bull Run, the largest peace camp ever seen in the United States. In all, about twenty-eight or nine thousand men, eight thousand regulars and the remainder militia, came together to participate in the greatest military manoeuvres ever held in this country. They were divided into two divisions, under the command of Generals Grant and Bell. Each division, which numbered about fourteen thousand men, was divided into brigades, and each brigade contained both regulars and militia. The brigades were commanded by regular army officers with one exception. The fourth brigade in
Gen. Grant’s division was commanded by Brig.-Gen. Frost of the Connecticut National Guard. The conditions of actual warfare were duplicated as nearly as possible. Long marches in the night, heavy cannonading, skirmishes with the enemy and lack of food and water all contributed to produce an impression on the mind of the participant that he is not likely to forget. Great preparations were made for this. Over thirty wells were dug and large tanks erected on the battlefield, and yet the supply of water was sometimes painfully inadequate. Every well in the neighborhood, for miles around, was posted as to the condition of the water. A great many of the wells in that vicinity contain impure water. A number of cases are known where those that returned have fallen victims to typhoid fever, supposed to have resulted from drinking water from these wells. Not only did those manoeuvres demonstrate how far our military system has progressed since 1861, but they were also a practical test of the Dick Militia Act. This act, which was an outcome of the Spanish war, was designed to arm, equip and drill the militiamen exactly like the regulars. It gives the United States one hundred thousand more available soldiers in time of war, for which the government is not required to pay one cent except during a period such as their encampment.

During their stay at Manassas, the privates of the National Guard drew forty-three cents a day from the federal government. While there is no doubt that the experience gained was of great value to the troops, it was doubly so to the officers. When we think that Generals Grant and Bell each commanded nearly fifteen thousand men under conditions as nearly resembling those in actual battle as it was possible to attain, we can imagine the inestimable benefits they must have derived. Two great problems were worked out there. In the first Gen. Grant penetrated Bell’s center and apparently had the advantage while in the second Gen. Bell by a wide flanking movement smashed Grant’s left wing and gained a theoretical victory.

The manoeuvres lasted nine days and terminated with a grand review before General Chaffee at Wellington. The only serious criticism that has been made, was of this final review. It is pronounced inhuman in the demand made upon the tired and exhausted soldiers, and furthermore it is criticised as the only feature that belongs to the showy side of military life which has been almost entirely superseded by practical work.

S., ’04.

Alumni Notes.

’88. C. S. Barnes, of Bristol, Conn., recently sold out his livery business, and is now dealing in coal, ice and wood.

’93. We are pleased to announce the marriage of Martin M. Frisbie, first selectman of Meriden, to Miss Carry Root. The couple were married at the home of the bride’s uncle, Mr. Pratt on Pratt Street, Meriden, December 19, ’04.

’95. Mr. Charles Green has recently been confined in the Hartford hospital. When last heard from, he was rapidly improving.

‘00. We are pleased to announce the marriage of Mr. J. B. Lyman to Miss
Clarabelle Pratt, of Gilead, Conn., November 23, '04. The couple will reside in Marlboro, Conn.

'02. Mr. T. W. Lamson, Jr., assisted our former professor, F. W. Stoneburn, at Madison Square Garden during the poultry show. He was recently offered the professorship of biology at the Louisiana State College. The offer was not accepted.

'03. Mr. R. J. Averill was recently elected Master of Grange, No. 115, Washington, Conn.

Ex. '03. F. S. G. McLean was elected captain of the basket ball team of the Baltimore Dental College. We learned recently that his team defeated John Hopkins University.

'03. W. F. Stocking is taking a course in dairying at the Wisconsin State College.

Ex. '03. Mosely Hale, of Glastonbury, spent a few days at the college the first week of this term.

'03. A. W. Manchester is continuing his course at Brown University. His present address is 202 Maxey Hall, Providence, R. I.

'04. Mr. R. T. Dewell spent Sunday, January 1st, at Storrs.

Ex. '04. Miss Von Tobel visited Storrs the last week of the fall term.

'04. Miss Marjory Monteith spent the Christmas vacation at Storrs.

'02. S. M. Crowell has entered Middletown High School. The Penny Press of Middletown recently noted this fact and expressed hopes that his entrance would much strengthen the High School basket ball team.

“Bareheaded in Winter.”

From “Newtown Bee.”

In summer the custom of going without hats attracts little attention and the results are scarcely heeded. The young ladies persist in the fad even though their hair fades, the skin peels from the nose and they get an unpleasant squint. An oculist will supply glasses, lotions soothe sunburned cheeks and even faded hair can be dyed so they tell the elderly people, who mourn over the dictates of dame fashion and whisper among themselves that girls are not as pretty as they used to be. Perchance those who made the fashion suited it to what they had not and not to what their followers wanted. When the fad first came around the country people thought that the city boarders, who were such zealous followers of the new fashion, had only empty bandboxes on their top closet shelves. However country boys and girls are not slow to ape city ways and it is time for country mothers to remonstrate when their daughters (the thermometer at zero) go bare-headed coughing their way to school. The up-to-date girl buries her red nose deep in the collar of her sweater and adopts the Christian Science doctrine that she is very comfortable in adverse circumstances. The hat has been proved a useful and necessary article of clothing for this climate, and when our youth attempt to prove to the contrary they are scorning the hard-earned experience of our ancestors and beginning where the savages left off.

Eminent physicians tell us that there is no more prolific source of catarrh than rushing out of a heated house into the icy chill of a winter without protecting the
head. It was all right for the savages, who lead the simple life, to go hatless. Possibly they were slightly cooler in their wigwams than out of doors. If our young people will study the habits of the Eskimos they will find that their heads are as thoroughly protected as their bodies. Experience has taught them a valuable lesson and this lesson has been passed on from one generation to another. The history of education is an interesting one and has been sadly neglected. If each generation of New Englanders had to begin and prove over again that two and two make four what chance would there be of progress. Surely we cannot afford to scorn the experience of our forefathers, who wore hats, nor the hats themselves. Let us honor the good old custom of preserving eyes, complexion and hair and most of all our good health.

The Decadence of Rural New England.

For the past fifty years, rural New England has experienced a slow and steady retrogression. A drive through almost any of our rural districts presents to view indisputable evidences of a past more prosperous than the present. Land once cultivated and productive is turning into worthless brush wastes, fences are in a sad state of repair, numerous deserted houses are scattered about—the entire district has an appearance of neglect. Of course, there are sections tolerably prosperous, but negligence is so general that a painting depicting a typical New England landscape will seldom fail to have as an important feature an old deserted farm-house surrounded by a tangled growth of briars and weeds. These dilapidated homesteads are very picturesque and romantic; still they prove as strongly as anything could that rural New England has seen better days.

The beginnings of the downward movement was brought about by the development of the arable lands of the West. Many of the most enterprising Yankee farmers left their homes in hope of an easier life and greater prosperity in the new land. They who were left failed to adapt themselves to the necessity of competing with the resourceful West; and, as a result, they became more or less indolent and careless—lacking the snap and optimism of the western farmer. To-day, to be sure, our large business enterprises are a factor in drawing away the farmer from his pursuit. It has often been averred that our manufacturing industries are the primary cause of the decadence of our rural sections. Although a powerful factor, they are not the primary reason. Manufacturing did not have its full effect in its tendency to depopulate the rural sections until the rural populace was in the discontented state of mind mentioned.

At present there seems no bright prospect for the speedy upbuilding of rural New England. On the contrary there are influences at work which tend toward further decadence. One of these forces is the light in which the inhabitant of the city consider the farmer. Here in the East he is more an object of ridicule in the mind of the city man than he is where farmers as a class are more prosperous. This factor may not seem to be of great importance, but after all a man's interest in his pursuit will depend upon the manner in which that pursuit is looked upon. Another factor is the tendency on the part of
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rich city men to buy up large tracts of cheap land and turn them into game preserves. It has often been proved that wild game and civilization cannot exist side by side. Game has always given away before the onsets of civilization, but we have not yet had a chance to witness the result of a contest between wild game backed by wealth on one side and the interests of the country at large on the other.

But it is still uncertain whether this decadence will continue and in the end change old New England into a vast game preserve, or whether the comparatively high prices of farm produce in her markets will bring about a new era of prosperity. The number of cities and towns in a given well-settled section of New England is greater than in the same area of the famous fertile lands of the West. This condition tends to furnish a better home market for farm products. Very recently the force of the high prices has been felt. A number of energetic farmers from some of the most productive portions of the West have come East because, in their judgment, the prices fully make up for the inferior land. Whether this impulse is only temporary or the beginning of an upbuilding of our rural sections is not yet to be ascertained, but it seems not improbable that the decline has run its course.

Athletic Notes.


The basket ball season opened December 3d at Storrs with Stafford High School as the victim. The regular team had not been picked and we made it a practice game for the new men. The score shows that the Stafford team was entirely outclassed.

Line-up:

C. A. C. S. H. S.
Barker, Shurtleff... 1. f. Henley
Grant, Risley, Barker... r. f. Shea
Moss, Chapman... c. Parkhurst
Hornbeck, Watts, Koenig... l. g. Boles
Koenig, Cornwall... r. g. Beckwith

Baskets—Koenig, 6; Barker, 4; Moss, 3; Grant, 1; Henley, 1; Boles, 1.

Fouls—Moss, 1; Shea, 1.

Score—27 to 5.

Second Half: Baskets—Cornwall, 8; Shurtleff, 8; Barker, 2; Chapman, 2; Shea, 1.

Score—C. A. C., 69; S. H. S., 7.


Saturday evening, January 7th, Connecticut played its second game of the season at Willimantic and was defeated by the "Delphi Basket Ball Team." The game was played by professional rules, and our team showed lack of practice in them. It was a good fast game from start to finish. Several fouls were called, but both teams suffered evenly.

Shurtleff... l. f. Utley
Barker, Koenig... r. f. Morisett
Chapman... c. Dondoro
Koenig, Barker... l. g. McGuiness
Welton... r. g. Sullivan

Baskets—Chapman, 5; McGuiness, 3; Sullivan, 2; Dondoro, 3; Utley, 3.

Fouls—Chapman, 3; McGuiness, 1.

Score—C. A. C., 6½; D., 11½.

Second Half, Baskets—Chapman, 5;
Shurtleff, 2; Barker, 1; Koenig, 1; Mc-
Guiness, 5; Sullivan, 2; Utle,

Fouls—Chapman, 1; Sullivan, 2.
Referee—Mr. Sullivan.

Mrs. Stimson, manager of the girls' basketball team, has several games scheduled. They were to have played Danielson, January 7th, but for some reason the game was cancelled. We hope the girls will keep up to their former record, and we see no reason why they should not. Although the team lost three of the players last year there seems to be plenty of material to select from.

The schedule for the college team has not been completed yet, but he hopes to have it full before long.

C. A. C., 77. Hartford High School, 34.

Saturday afternoon, January 14th, spectators had a chance to witness two games for the price of one. The girls defeated Danielson High School by a score of 21 to 1.

The boys did some excellent passing and demonstrated to the Hartford team that basketball can be played on a small floor. It was a fast, snappy game.

Line-up:

C. A. C.          H. H. S.
Shurtleff.........l. f. ........Carpenter
Koenig...........r. f. ........Cleveland
Chapman (Capt.) .c. ......(Capt.) Peard
Cornwall.........r. g. ........McKone
Barker..........l. g. ........Mucklow

Baskets—Shurtleff, 9; Koenig, 6; Chapman, 7; Cornwall, 3; Barker, 12. Carpenter, 5; Cleveland, 3; Peard, 8; Mucklow, 1.
Fouls shot—Chapman, 3.

Time—Two twenty-minute halves.
Referee—C. H. Welton.


The Girls' basketball team won an easy victory from Danielson. The first half was played under ladies' rules, and at the end the score was 3 to 1 in our favor. The second half, which was played under Y. M. C. A. rules, was swifter and it was then the Connecticut girls put in their good work.

Line-up:

C. A. C.          D. H. S.
Miss Sage.........r. f. ........Miss Pellett
Miss Shurtleff....l. f. ........Miss Palmer
Miss Clark.......c. ........Miss Healey
Miss Donovan (Capt.)...r. g. .Miss Dunn
Miss Hurlburt.....l. g. ........Miss Davis

Time—Two twenty-minute halves.
Referee—G. M. Chapman.

After the games the two teams were given a reception at Grove Cottage, where refreshments were served.

Basket Ball at C. A. C.

Ever since this college has been open to young ladies, gymnastics has been one of the requirements of their course. Although gymnastics is still required, basketball is used as a substitute during the winter months. Perhaps it would be interesting both to the new and to the old students to know how a girls' basketball team came to be organized here. Some years ago, when Prof. Knowles was instructor in gymnastics, the young ladies as well as the young men were under his charge. Occasionally he would bring some basketball practice into the regular
hours for gymnastic work, not thinking of ever organizing a team.

At this time basketball was very popular in almost every school in the state. Early in the winter of 1902, before the students here were very familiar with the game, a team in Willimantic in some way heard that there was a team at Storrs. Accordingly its manager wrote, asking for a contest. The challenge was received about the middle of the week. Although in reality there was no organized team, Mrs. Stimson and the senior girls organized one, and accepted the challenge. There were but three days in which to practice for this first game, but when the teams met and time was finally called, the score stood 15 to 6 in favor of C. A. C. Winning in their first attempt aroused a desire among the girls for more contests. The following Friday they went to Willimantic to play the return game. This time they won by a score of 17 to 6. As it was late in the season they succeeded in getting two games with the Danielson girls. The first was played here, and resulted in an easy victory for the home team. It was also successful in the return game played in Danielson. The team was then disbanded for the year, the players all proud of the results which they had achieved.

The prospects for the winter of 1903 were very bright since there were only two vacant places on the team to fill. The enthusiasm and interest of the members added much to the strength of the team. The first game was played here with Putnam High School. The college girls won. At the return game in Putnam, in spite of a large hall and different rules the victory was ours. The Woodstock Academy team was considered strong, but did not show its strength in its game with us. Since we had been victorious in every game we had played some members of the faculty encouraged us to play stronger teams. The Bristol girls boasted of winning nine out of ten games, and naturally expected an easy victory here; but our team won 15 to 8. Confident of winning the return game on their home field, they took their second defeat, 6 to 4, with what little grace they could summon. So the second year ended as it had begun with an undefeated team.

The third year found enthusiasm among the girls still strong. As there was some difficulty in arranging games only four were played. In the first game with Meridens, played here, we were successful. The teams were evenly matched, however, and the return game stood a tie when the whistle blew. Both sides agreed to play it off and our girls gained the basket. The remaining two games with the Danielson team were both victories for our girls. Thus the C. A. C. team remains unbeaten. At the close of last season there was besides the regular team a good second team which did excellent practice work.

What kind of team there will be this year remains to be seen. It is doubtful if the past reputation can be kept up. Three of the strongest players, two of whom were on the team when it was first organized, have left college. The outlook for the future is fairly bright, but we need and must have the hearty support of every girl who is able to play.

A. E. C., '05.
The United States Mint.

The building used as a mint for the manufacture of United States currency was situated on Market Street in Philadelphia until recently. But owing to a lack of room a new building has lately been erected.

The former building has been in use for a large number of years and had come to be an historic landmark. One part of an upper floor was used as a museum in which an extensive collection of coins was kept, including a complete collection of American coins and numerous foreign ones, among them one of the four "Widows' Mites" which are now in existence.

The precious metals which are to be used here in the manufacture of coins are brought in the form of bullion and are stored in immense vaults beneath the building till it is needed. It is in the shape of bricks while stored as the most convenient shape for handling.

The first form into which this is put after it has been prepared ready for being made into coin—that is mixed with the alloys—is the round disk of the size, shape and weight required. This disk is put into a machine which stamps one side, then into another which stamps the other side, and lastly into the milling machine which also counts each coin as it is completed. All coins are inspected, and if found wanting in any respect are rejected and the metal is melted over.

Great care is taken each night as the workingmen leave. None of the clothes which they wear while working are ever taken from the building, and finally when they are too worn to wear they are burned. Out of these old clothes a large quantity of the precious metals are taken in the form of finely powdered particles. After the burning of the cloth the dust and ashes are collected and the fine particles of metal separated from them. When the floor was rebuilt in one room the wood from the old floor was burned and a great many dollars worth of gold and silver dust was found to be in it. All the dust taken from the floors when they are swept is carefully saved.

Exchanges.

We are unable to find your exchange column, Stray Shot, and a few more stories would improve you.

From Tennessee we have The Mountaineer, a very demure little paper bound in gray, but brimming over with good stories, well told.

The Cardinal from the Portland High School complains that the girls do not attend the football games and attribute all their defeats to this. We are glad to state that is not the case at Storrs.

The El Gabilan is a well written paper, it also contains some very good cuts.

The Student from Bridgeport High School is well written. The combination of good stories and local news in the Riverview Student makes it a paper well deserving of a foremost place among its competitors.

Clerk—"Sir, could you give me a little raise in salary? I've just got married."

Employer—"No, young man; I am opposed to unions advancing the price of labor."

Instructor (in English)—"Explain the phrase 'black as a hat.'"

Smart Pupil—"Darkness that may be felt."—Ex.
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