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The Seventh Special Course in Poultry Culture will open January 7, 1908, continuing six weeks. Full particulars will be given on application.

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Editorial

STILL the occasional new student drops in. We welcome him and crowd a little closer to give him room. We have always understood that Storrs Hall was designed to hold sixty-six men. It has proved capable of doing all intended by the designers, for it is now sheltering ninety men, and from appearances it is expected to extend its hospitality farther, even perhaps to the ninety and nine.

Just a word as to our football prospects. Why shouldn't we have a team that will be a credit to our College. Realizing fully that Professor Lamson, in the past, has done all in his power, and giving him credit for his excellent work, we welcome the advent of a paid coach with real hopes for the future success of our team. Our captain has certainly worked hard, doing his best to secure new material, so that we now have a squad with the weight and speed necessary for a successful team. It is only a short while before the Rhode Island team will come rolling into Storrs full of confidence in the expectation of giving us a good trimming. Let us give them a surprise. To do this we must have a second team out at practice. We realize that it is rather a thankless task; but keep in mind that the second team in time makes up the 'varsity. So may David Harum's motto be ours, "Do to Rhode Island what Rhode Island would like to do to us, and do it first."

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Lookouts

HALF of the first term of the present year has, as we write, faded into the past. Of the flying days some apparently bring no change, while others are filled with happenings, the pleasant memories of which will remain with us for many years.

Our College life is just what we ourselves make it. We may make it a cause for rejoicing or regret as we see fit. In other words we may profit by our residence here, or we may waste our time, securing none of the results that should be ours.

It seems to us that the old and familiar maxim, All work and no play, etc., is taken much too seriously. We have no desire to become a dull boy, nor do we wish to see our fellow-students falling into that
deplorable condition. But it seems clear to our mind that we are too much afraid of the consequences of too much work.

Quite without reference to that maxim we approve relaxation and the benefits of the pleasure derived from it. But we would like to point out that there is as well, the pleasure of achievement, perhaps the highest form of satisfaction that can come to man; and that achievement means work.

There was no purpose as we set pen to paper, to write with serious intent and we mention the joy of achievement merely to propose to our fellow-students a form of satisfaction wholly unmixed with regret. The valedictory words of St. Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith," have in them an echo that stirs the imagination after all these years. There is a ring in them that speaks the Joy of Achievement.

We hear with some surprise that our Freshman class has chosen green and white for their class colors. We are firm believers in the law that like begets like, and in the practice of having a place for everything and everything in that place; and we are overjoyed to find that this, our new class, has followed our views. But then, green is handy to decorate with, and in the case of ribbon it is very becoming; so let there be bread for the hungry, drink for the thirsty and green for the freshman.

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Alumni Notes

'93. Edward B. Fitts has succeeded Mr. James as assistant to Professor Trueman, the instructor in Dairy Husbandry. Mr. Fitts not only attends to the creamery but also takes charge of several of the dairy classes.

'95. It is with regret that we publish the fact that Charles R. Green, the faithful secretary of the Alumni Association, has left the Nutmeg State. After serving many years as assistant librarian at Hartford he has gone to take charge of the library of the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

'97-'00. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bushnell née Jacobson are the proud parents of a child born during the past summer.

'00. Among members of the illustrious class of 1900 is found the name of Harry D. Emmons. Mr. Emmons has now added another feat to his many accomplishments which makes him worthy of mention
in this sacred column. October 21st, at 4.30 p. m., Happy Harry departed from bachelorhood and joined the ranks of the benedicts. His bride was Miss Lena K. Yates, a member of the 1911 class at Mt. Holyoke. The wedding took place at the bride's home, South Hadley Falls. Mr. Emmons has for some time been the superintendent of the Plume & Atwood Brass Mill in Thomaston. After a short wedding trip the happy couple will make Plymouth their home.

'98. Joseph W. Pincus spent Saturday, October 17th, at the College. Mr. Pincus took several pictures of the colony houses at the poultry plant and expects to publish them in his paper in New York.

'99. One of Yale's summer school surveying teachers was Elmer C. Welden. Mr. Welden taught in New Haven and later at Milford, Pa., in the Yale Forestry School. He is now taking a special course in Yale Scientific School.

G. H. Minor lectures on Demonstrative Anatomy at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and also works for the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture.

'02. Steven M. Crowell has a situation with the Twin Falls Logging Co., Yacolt, Washington.

Ex. '03. Dr. Moriarty, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., who has established quite a reputation as a doctor and surgeon, will soon leave for Germany where he expects to spend a year or more in study.

'04. Robert T. Dewell, who has been an auditor for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, is now attending the Yale Law School.

'06. Clinton J. Grant has advanced another peg. On October 5th Mr. Grant visited the College on business, and on the 21st he came here to succeed Mr. Thompson the cheesemaker.

'07. The friends of Earl Bemis were glad to see him at the College October 20th.

C. S. Watrous has been surveying in Bristol.
H. W. Schneider is working for the Connecticut Beef Co. in Hartford.

Among the alumni attending the Springfield game were Charles Dewey, '05; E. N. Gallup, '08; and M. N. Falk, '07.

R. S. Watrous and H. Wasley, ex. '09, have gone to Valparaiso University.

Mills Griswold and Bobbie Vance, ex. '09, Miller, ex. '11, A. E. Webster and Pauline Hopson, '08, were seen at the Berlin Fair.

'06. M. Esther Toohy, who taught at Talladega College, Talladega, Ala., last year is spending the autumn at her home in Marbledale recuperating from a long and severe attack of malarial fever.

What the alumni editor has been able to determine as to the
whereabouts of the different members of the class of 1908 may be summed up as follows:

Barnard, farming in Bloomfield;
Bonner, orcharding on Professor Gulley’s fruit farm;
Burr, serving an apprenticeship on the Georgetown farm;
Bothfeld, having a good time at C. A. C.;
Case, working at home;
Clark, superintending a maiden lady’s farm at Beacon Falls;
Devine, farming at Varcissa, Pa.;
Gillette, running a hen ranch at Greenwich, Conn.;
Griswold, student at Valparaiso University;
Miss Hopson, at home;
Houston, attending C. A. C.;
Marsh, at Cornell;
Pierpont, testing herds for the Storrs Experiment Station;
Purple, doing business at Easthampton;
Stack, spending money, New Milford;
Wadsworth, attending Cornell;
Woodruff, in the same boat;
Webster, running a farm in Berlin;

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Department Notes

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of grading around the new greenhouses and Horticultural Hall is practically completed. A little more work north of the greenhouses is needed before the work is finished.

About fifteen seniors are taking horticultural work this year, which is a very good showing in that line. Special work is being done in cross-pollinating and will be continued throughout the term.

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

There are ten seniors taking the dairy and poultry course.

The work of scoring dairy cattle is in charge of Mr. E. B. Fitts and the students are busy studying the best dairy types the College farm affords.

Charles Pierpont spent Saturday, October 17th, starting an advanced registry of Holsteins for R. S. Watrous, of Windham.

J. H. Pierpont finished an advanced registry test in October for W. S. Bradley, of Lakeville, Conn.

M. C. Knapp, of Danbury, had an advanced registry test made
during the month of October. The test was supervised for the Dairy Department by E. L. Tucker.

In connection with other work, a wall is building east of the barn to make exercising yards for the bulls.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

A new wood-turning table has recently been set up in the machine shop, together with four new wood-working benches. These are welcome additions to the wood-working facilities, and the latter especially will be appreciated by the large class of juniors, when their work in that line commences.

An eight-horse power McVicker engine will soon be placed in the power house. It will be used for running the pump and electric lights.

The house of Professor E. O. Smith is to be fitted with steam-heating apparatus and the hot-air furnace taken out.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

The October number contained an item relating to a theft committed at the poultry department. To that note should be added a statement that it occurred during the summer and before Professor Stoneburn took charge. We make the addition in justice to the students now at the College, since the statement occurring in the last number of the magazine might lead to the inference that the depredation on the poultry plant might have occurred during the present term.

The poultry department has ample reason for congratulating itself on the turn of events which has made it possible to secure as superintendent of the plant, Mr. Walter Ray. Mr. Ray was formerly a student of Professor Stoneburn. He has had several years of practical experience, including two years on one of the best known poultry farms of New York State. Having a deep interest in the poultry business it is the general belief that Mr. Ray will, with the help of Professor Stoneburn, raise the poultry department several notches higher than it is at present.

Since the arrival of Professor Stoneburn, the plant has received a general house cleaning and over hauling. New roofs have been put on where needed, fences repaired, etc. Ditching has been done around the hill-side house, and in fact there is a general hustle at the plant, putting things in the best possible condition, under the circumstances, for the winter season.

The usual heavy correspondence is in full swing. Nearly every mail brings requests for advice and assistance, for men to fill positions on poultry farms, etc. A large number of Connecticut poultry
men are asking for breeding stock from the pens, but, unfortunately, the 1908 flock is very deficient and these requests have to be refused.

Among the prominent poultrymen who have recently visited the plant are: Mr. G. A. Tillinghast, Vernon, Conn.; Mr. George A. Cosgrove, President State Poultry Association, Willington, Conn.; and Mr. H. S. Hamilton, Secretary of the State Poultry Association, Ellington, Conn.

EXPERIMENT STATION.

Mr. C. D. Jarvis, horticulturist of the Experiment Station, has been given a three months' leave of absence and is spending his time in study at Cornell University.

Mr. A. W. Dox, chemist in connection with the Cheese investigation, has been granted a nine months' leave of absence, and will spend the time in graduate study at Yale. His work at Yale will be directly along the lines in which he is engaged at Storrs.

Mr. F. R. Thompson, cheesemaker, has resigned his position at Storrs to accept the management of a new cheese factory being built in Bethlehem, Litchfield County. Mr. Clinton Grant, a graduate of C. A. C., '06, and Cornell University, '08, has been appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Thompson's resignation.

Miss Christie J. Mason has been granted a year's leave of absence that she may pursue advanced study at Cornell University. Miss Grace Seage, C. A. C., '06, has been appointed Assistant in Bacteriology during Miss Mason's absence.

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Locals

OCTOBER ninth the young ladies gave an informal reception at the Cottage; dancing was the principal feature of the evening. Misses Jackson, Lynch and Merrick were among those to go to Boston on the excursion of October sixteenth. Many places of interest were visited and all reported a very pleasant time.

Miss Florence Jackson spent October seventeenth and eighteenth at the home of Miss Mager.

Professor—"If any student who was not here yesterday is absent to-day, will he please speak up?"

"And we had a steak four inches thick!"
Marie—"Humph! It must have been on edge then."

Mr. E. D. Proudman has accepted a position as accountant to Professor Graham at Hampton Institute, Virginia.
Miss Dawley, Miss Barlow, Mrs. and Miss Beardsley have been recent cottage guests.

Friday evening, October second, the faculty gave a reception to President and Mrs. Beach. The cottage was prettily decorated with autumn leaves, ferns, running pine and bitter-sweet. A large number of the faculty, students and members of the community were present. Teacher—“What do you say when you hear of a new girl?”

Student—“How can I meet her?”

Miss Alice Thomas, of Philadelphia, Penn., is visiting her cousin, Miss Thomas.

Student (coming back from W.)—“See those dear little chickens over there by that house! They’ve all gone to sleep!” Upon closer observation, “the dear little chickens” were found to be Hubbard squashes.

Heard in the dining-room—“We pay for every blessing with a price.”

Professor—“What is a strike?”

Mr. K.—“A modern improvement.”

Professor F.—“Is wood a good conductor of electricity or not?”

Mr. Emmons—“No, sir; it is not a good conductor.”

Professor F.—“Well, why is it not used to insulate telephone wires?”

Mr. Emmons—“The wood-peckers would eat it off.”

If you listen carefully you may hear these choice expressions about the campus: “Saw me leg off;” “Hire a hall;” “Sink it;” “Sneeze, your brains are dirty;” “Pin your ears back;” “Button up your nose;” “Carajo;” “Most splendiferous;” “What do you think this is, a holiday?” “Go catch a fish” etc.

Pachano (quoting)—“May not love have some place on earth?”

Hinges—“I am going to Hanks Hill to-night to find out.”

Mr. Curtis went hunting and by accident or otherwise got hung up by the seat of his unmentionables. He was rescued by Coach Madden.

The new book, “The Art of Cooking,” by Mr. Emmons, is now on sale.

No! No! all the fools are not dead yet. Not so as long as they walk to South Coventry to dance.

The Fussers Club does not seem to prosper as much this year as it did last year. Get busy, boys.

Why does Mr. Kilham discourage the study of geology?

Mr. Neuman is quite an addition to the football team. His fatherly advice to the boys is even of greater benefit to the team than his star playing.
Smart Guy—"Can you play the San Jose scale on the piano?"
Mr. Kilham to Coach Madden—"Down at Rhode Island last year they thought that I was a Blizzard in disguise and that Kilham was a fictitious name."
Coach—"Well, you fooled them all right, old man."

Cries of Help! Help! were heard in Gold Hall the other day. When the would-be rescuers finally traced the source of the noise they found Hinges tied in a knot about the horizontal bar which he has erected in his room, and vainly trying to disentangle himself.

On the evening of October 7th, Mr. James Lewis Cowles, of New York, was heard in College Hall on the subject of a "Parcels Post." He gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, which was listened to with the closest attention.

A stirring temperance lecture was delivered by M. J. Fanning in the chapel on the morning of October 16th. It was a little unfortunate that the necessarily short time that could be given at that hour compelled the speaker to cut short his lecture.

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**Athletic Notes**

**CONNECTICUT v. SPRINGFIELD TRAINING SCHOOL, 21.**

CONNECTICUT played the second football game of the season with the strong Springfield Training School team, October 10th, on the Training School grounds in Springfield. There were about six hundred people in attendance at the game, which was well played and exciting. Both teams worked the forward pass a number of times for good gains, the visitors handling the ball fully as well as the Springfield players; the Springfield team tried the on-side kick a number of times, but each time it was either blocked or recovered by a Connecticut player. The playing of McCulloch of the Springfield team was brilliant, while for Connecticut, Briggs did some good kicking.

Winters kicked off to Briggs who returned the ball 10 yards. Training School held and Connecticut was forced to kick. Salassa ran around right end for 25 yards. Conzelman went for 25 yards around Andrews' end. Curtis plunged through left guard for 15 yards. Connecticut punted and McCulloch fumbled, but recovered the ball and ran 25 yards for a touchdown. The next play of note was a long forward pass by McCulloch to Andrews. Colton soon went over for another touchdown, McCulloch missing the goal. The first half ended with the score, 14 to 0, in the Training School's favor.
the ball being in Connecticut’s possession in the center of the field.

Briggs kicked off to Colton in the second half; Connecticut held, and receiving the ball, got off a long forward pass, Pike to McDonough. The latter ran it forward about 10 yards when he was tackled by two men at once, spraining his ankle so badly he was forced to leave the game. W. L. Storrs took his place at left end.

McCulloch ran 60 yards for a touchdown when Springfield again got the ball. McCulloch made a field goal from the 25 yard line near the close. He tried two more, but one went wide of the mark and one was blocked by Conzelman. Curtiss, fullback for Connecticut, deserves credit for the way he ploughed through center. The line-up:

**TRAINING SCHOOL.**

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Time—Twenty-minute halves.

**CONNECTICUT, 0. WORCESTER ACADEMY, 16.**

Connecticut played the third game of the season with Worcester Academy, October 17th, at Worcester, on the Academy grounds. The day was fine and a large crowd was in attendance. Connecticut played poorly, fumbling often and showing weakness in defensive work.

Dodge of Worcester made the first touchdown after a 20-yard run. The second was made by Warner after a 25-yard run from a forward pass thrown by Dodge. The first half closed with the score, 11 to 0, in favor of Worcester.

In the second half Connecticut played a much better game, holding their opponents until the last minute of play, when Dodge succeeded in making a 40-yard run and another touchdown. The line held well throughout the game but the secondary defence was
very weak. Those who played the best game were Dodge, for Worcester, and Lawlor, for Connecticut. The latter gave a fine exhibition of football, notwithstanding the fact that he had a very bad shoulder as a result of the Springfield game. Briggs and Forbush were substituted by Ivers and Bothfeld in the second half. The line-up:

WORCESTER. CONNECTICUT.
Hutchins, le ................................................... re, Botsford
Howard, lt ................................................... rt, Newman
Dutton, lg ...................................................... rg, Lawlor
Sinclair, c ...................................................... c, Loveland
Messenger, Roos, rg ......................................... lg, R. A. Storrs
Bartlett, rt ...................................................... lt, Forbush, Bothfeld
Kendrick, re ..................................................... le, W. L. Storrs
Milican, qb ..................................................... qb, Pike
Warner, Casenaugh, lhb ....................................... rhb, Briggs, Ivers
Dodge, rhb ...................................................... lhb, Conzelman (Capt.)
Norme, fb ....................................................... fb, Curtiss

Score: Worcester, 16; Connecticut, 0. Touchdowns—Dodge 2, Warner.
Goal from touchdown—Dodge. Umpire—Cahill. Referee—Burke. Time—
Twenty and fifteen-minute halves.

CONNECTICUT, 16. CUSHING ACADEMY, 0.

Connecticut played her fourth game of football with Cushing Academy at Ashburnham, Mass., October 24th, and won by a large score. The teams were very evenly matched in weight. Connecticut received the kick and on the first line-up W. L. Storrs made a touchdown from a forward pass thrown by Briggs. Briggs kicked the goal. This took much of the spirit out of the Cushing team and acted as a stimulus to the Connecticut players. Cushing was game however and the first half closed with the score of 6 to 0 in favor of Connecticut.

In the second half Cushing was determined to score but was held for downs time and again. The game was very rough for a time, Briggs, Conzelman and Curtiss received injuries which caused them to leave the game. Forbush, Bothfeld and Ivers took their places. With a fresh back field, Connecticut began their onward rush again.

By a series of line plunges, end runs and forward passes the ball was steadily advanced. Bothfeld finally got away for a 25-yard run, carrying the ball to within six inches of Cushing's goal line, where Ivers plunged through center for the second touchdown. Pike failed to kick the goal. Shortly after the next kick-off, Cushing...
fumbled and R. A. Storrs secured the ball, making a 50-yard run for the third touchdown. Pike failed to kick the goal. Cushing then kicked off to Connecticut and after an exchange of punts received the ball on Connecticut's 20-yard line, where a field goal was tried and missed, just as the final whistle blew. The line-up:

CONNECTICUT.  CUSHING ACADEMY.
W. L. Storrs, le. ........................................ re, Pierce
Whitehead, lt. ........................................ rt, Harris
R. A. Storrs, lg. ........................................ rg, Conner, Callman
Loveland, c. ........................................ c, Davis
Lawlor, rg. ........................................ lg, Martinek
Newman, rt. ........................................ lt, Edwards
Botsford, re. ........................................ Je, A. Baker, Vallentine
Pike, qb ........................................ qb, R. Baker, Mayo
Briggs, Forbush, rhb. .................................... lhb, Goodwin
Conzelman, Bothfeld, lhb. ................................... rhb, Colby
Curtiss, Ivers, fb. .................................. fb, Waifield


THE LOOKOUT

The Quarter-back

The wind swept down the white marked gridiron with a terrific blast, a third contestant in the mighty conflict; and having raised the fallen leaves high above the spectators, calmed in the woodland. And the slim quarter-back as he faced the blast wondered if the elements, too, were in a conspiracy against him. There was bitterness in his heart when he entered the field because she had quarreled with him and had declared that the game held no attractions for her.

The teams were about even at the beginning. The enemy advanced the ball slightly and lost it on the third down. The quarterback tried the strength of the opposing line and found it solid. The signal was given for a kick and the ball rose high in the air, but only to be advanced again near the former line. And so the game progressed through the first half and the beginning of the second.

During the short intervals between the downs, the quarterback's thoughts reverted to that last scene and slowly a deep feeling of bitterness and despair rose within him and began to govern
his playing. So one part of the human machine having become
faulty, the machine as a whole began to be affected.

But the husky men played on, affected by, but unaware of the
change in themselves and their plucky quarter-back. They played
with desperation; now tearing great gaps in the opposing lines, now
going down like pins before the advancing enemy. The slight gains
made seemed to add strength to the opponents on every down.

Playing far in the rear with the enemy in possession of the ball
the quarter-back had an occasional second to scan the spectators, but
he could not see her. The mass of people were intent on the
skirmishes.

Before the second down with half of the required distance to be
made by the enemy, the cheer leader rose and spoke a few decisive
words; then swaying his body from side to side, he drew forth a
mighty cheer from the long silent crowd. It sounded sweetly in the
ears of those half disheartened warriors. It was a cheer of en­
couragement and it seemed to bring back lost confidence and de­
termination. If they were to win they must win now.

The line-men crouched low. The ball was passed but not ad­
vanced, for the opposing line held. Out from the grand-stand burst
forth a tumult of unorganized yells and there came the warning, quick
and sharp, "Look out for a kick."

The Quarter-back retreated and, glancing to the right saw her
alone, with her eyes on him. His heart leaped within him.

The pigskin rose high in the air and the mighty wind carried it
higher and higher in its flight, then gradually down. He put forth
his left foot and bending slightly, the ball came fairly into his arms.
On and on he sped, circling the enemy. Three men crouched before
him. A quick dash and one remained. The full-back advanced and
like a thunder bolt hurled him to the ground and there he remained
with the ball close to his breast. The grand-stand trembled under
the frenzied crowd, and cheer after cheer arose. But the quarter
heard nothing. They carried him off the field, and the game went on.

The light burned low in the hotel room. The prostrate quarter­
back out of the confusion of passing events saw the huge full-back
approaching and then he woke. He wondered if his eyes deceived
him, for there he saw her before him, watching anxiously. When
she perceived him staring she rose and laid her cool hand upon his
feverish forehead.

"Does it hurt, dear," her voice asked.

And then the pain seemed to cease and the plucky little quarter­
back was filled with an inexpressible joy.  

A Trip to Mexico

It was cold and stormy. The ship, all but the decks, was covered with snow and ice. Immediately on getting aboard we went to our state-room. Soon the great whistle blew, "stand by." A steward came around shouting, "All ashore that is going ashore." In a few minutes the little tugs alongside began to puff and we were off. When we were well clear of the dock the tugs were cast off. We all went aft to see the last of Old New York Town, which was hardly out of sight when we passed Sandy Hook and the ship began to roll in the long Atlantic swell. Soon the Jersey coast was only a line in the horizon: it remained thus until nearly four o'clock, when Barnegat Light was passed, and then it faded in the distance. The next four days were a great deal alike, the steady throbbing of the great engines and the constant motion of the ship with nothing to see but sky and water. Once in a great while we would pass another steamer or a schooner.

About half-past three the second day out we passed Diamond Shoal Lightship which is about fifteen miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, N. C. We saluted her by three long blasts on the whistle. The next day, about noon, we saw a thin line on the horizon which grew steadily. Soon we discovered it to be land, and a lighthouse. We found that it was Jupiter Inlet Light on the east coast of Florida, about three hundred miles north of Key West. Before long we could see Palm Beach ahead: here we came very close to shore, within two miles. By night we were among the Florida Keys and when we awoke in the morning we were in Havana. There, in the middle of the harbor, was the wreck of the Maine—just a mast and a lot of rusty iron above the water. A few of the passengers went ashore in one of the small boats which swarmed around the steamer, but as the captain expected to sail soon we stayed aboard. We could see the buildings very clearly from the steamer. They looked a good deal like the pictures we had seen of the old pueblos, but they had glass windows and were painted; pink or yellow with white trimmings seemed to be a favorite combination.

We watched them unload the cargo and were much surprised to see that there was a good deal of refined sugar in it. One of Havana's chief exports being sugar, we could not see why it should be imported in such large quantities. On inquiring of one of the stewards we found that there were very few, if any, sugar refineries in Cuba or Mexico, so the raw sugar was sent to some American port to be refined.

We left Havana about nine o'clock passing Moro Castle, battle scarred and grim. We followed the coast of Cuba for about an hour
when it began to grow fainter and was soon out of sight. Land was not seen again until about noon the next day when we sighted Progresso. When we were within about seven miles of land the quarter-master began sounding and the ship was slowed down. When he got four and a half fathoms we came to anchor. We were told that there were a great many sand bars, which were constantly shifting, and that no matter how often vessels came there they must sound constantly. Soon a steam-lighter, towing three barges, came out to us to carry the cargo and mail ashore. We could not see much of Progresso because we were so far off-shore. We left Progresso about dark.

Two days later, we were in Vera Cruz. The houses here were the same as in Havana, built of brick or stone and covered with cement or plaster of some kind. Some had flat roofs and others domes, but the construction was similar. On the south-west of the Plaza was the Cathedral, hundreds of years old. There had been heavy iron bars on the windows but most of them were rusted away entirely: the ones that did remain were not much thicker than heavy wire.

We soon began to look for a place to get our money exchanged. After some time we found a badly printed sign, “Mongia Exchange,” it was just what we were looking for. Inside they wanted good American for some stuff that looked like merry-go-round checks. On being informed that this was “Mexicano Mongia” we took “cinco pestoles” (five dollars).

After a month’s stay which passed all too soon we set sail for the North again. It was with some regret that we left this southern clime; but after a smooth voyage which differed but little from the trip down, we steamed into New York harbor bringing with us many pleasant memories of our visit in Mexico. W. M. H., '12.

With the German Student

In various countries we find various customs, and especially those pertaining to student life, show a degree of variation in the most noticeable and impressive manner. To discover the reason for this marked phenomenon may prove to be a very interesting problem to those who are desirous of adding the study of sociology to the already formidable number of “ologies” provided by C. A. C. However, an account of one or other of the decidedly characteristic features of student life in Germany will tend to confirm the veracity of the above statement.

Just as the American high schools have adopted certain usages originally practiced by the colleges and universities only, so have the German high schools (Gymnasia) assumed many of the German uni-
versity customs. With great fondness do the Gymnasia students imitate the so-called Commers, though it is forbidden fruit. With them the Commers generally assumes the form of a merry carouse, and this it invariably must when divested of its ceremonies. But the different societies of a university meet at times for the purpose of holding a Commers, to which also visitors are frequently invited, and a Commers of this kind is perhaps the most suitable for a description as it is the real and the most elaborate one. Such an open Commers took place in the ancient city of Marburg a few years ago.

On entering the assembly room one could hardly see at first, on account of the smoke ascending from some hundred pipes. All was noise and confusion. Every student wore a uniform consisting of a red coat with white cords attached crosswise, a silk shoulder belt showing the color of the respective societies, a cap whose color matched the coat, and white trousers almost completely hidden by big, high-polished boots extending above the knee. A sword very much like a foil completed the outfit. Near the door sat some dozen musicians who were getting their instruments ready for action. The entire long room was filled with tables all of which seemed to be full, yet more students were pressing in, some of whom very soon made free use of the contents of the great stone jugs and the high beer glasses. All were talking in a friendly, sociable way. No one seemed to be intoxicated, and if this had really been the case with any one, the weight of the beer rather than its intoxicating powers would have caused him to fall over. Books containing songs lay at every seat and at the head of each table sat a president with two crossed swords before him, which he occasionally struck upon the table to preserve order.

After some time had been spent in talking and drinking, some only drinking when receiving or making compliments, the president struck for order. Perfect silence reigned in the entire wide spacious room, so that one could have heard the proverbial pin drop. The number of a song was now announced. There then rose up into the air from some two hundred manly throats one of their wonderful melodies. It was a melody solemn and joyous at once; a melody like a hymn of triumph. Three times during the song all rose to their feet and drank to the Fatherland, a health and blessing to the patriot, and success to those in the battlefield, (South West Africa). Several other songs followed, the long intervals between being filled out first and foremost in preparing the voice for the next song by taking long draughts from the huge beer jugs.

There are complicated rules governing a meeting of this kind. For any violation of the Commers rules, as for instance, calling a person by his right name, when it is proper to address him as Bacchus
or Saturnus, etc., the delinquent will have to rise, take off his cap and drink at the bidding of the President, until the latter commands him to stop. Sometimes regular drinking duels take place. Two men are given exactly the same amount of "stuff." They are then asked "Sunt arma aequalia?" If the judges answer: "Sunt," the following commands are given: "Exchange! be prepared! Drink!" The one who can say "Beerjunge" first as soon as he has emptied his jug and has not spilled a drop on the handkerchief beneath his chin, is the winner of this noble contest.

An interesting feature of such meetings is that in all fixed ceremonies the Latin language is the medium of speech.

Now followed the most solemn and important ceremony, since by it new students who had been "Fuchse" until this time, were made "Burchen." The vice-presidents who had heretofore been sitting on the farther end of the tables, now took seats at the left of the presidents. Everything was quiet for a moment, then all rose to sing that lofty song called the Landesvater. No attempt has been made to observe rhythm or rhyme in the translation, the purpose of which is to merely give a somewhat clearer conception of the ceremony, and for this reason also only extracts from the song have been selected.

The first stanza is about as follows: Everything be silent! Everyone now bend his ears to earnest strains! Listen to the song of songs! Hear it German brothers, sound it back you joyful choir!

In the sixth stanza they sang: Take the cup, O boon companion, with thy country's drink quite full! Take the sword into thy left, pierce it through thy hat, and to thy country drink once more. At the beginning of this the two presidents at each table took their glasses into their right hands, the swords from the table into the other, and at the end struck their glasses together and drank.

They now sang alone: See it blinking in my left, this sword, free from all dishonor! While piercing it through my cap, I swear to ever wear it in good honor, and to be a valiant Bursch. At the start they clashed their swords together, then taking off their caps each one pierced the point of his sword through the crown of the cap, and drew it down to the guard.

After this all joined in singing the sixth stanza again, while the presidents took station behind the chairs of the next two students on each side of the table and gave them the cups and the swords loaded with the caps. At the end of the stanza these two students also struck their glasses together and drank. They too sang the seventh stanza alone, and went through the same operation as the presidents did before. Finally they returned swords and cups, and stanzas six and seven were repeated for the next two students. This ceremony went on at every table.
When the presidents arrived at the bottom of the table with their swords strung full of caps, they exchanged them, while all sang: Thou bright sword now made holy, the free weapon of free men . . . . rest hallowed and unspotted until our next high feast.

The presidents then each took off from the swords a cap, handed it to the student opposite, crossed their swords, the ends resting on the heads of the students, and sang: So take it back; thy head I now will cover, wherever we meet thee, we will as brothers greet thee.

When all had their caps again they concluded with the following: Rest! The Burschenfest is over. Each one try to be a valiant lover of his country . . . .

The students were now less orderly. Conversation was carried on freely, and especially the remarks about the so-called Carcer were often very satirical and witty.

According to an old custom students who had been guilty of any misdemeanor are punished by the faculty by solitary confinement in the carcer (prison). Although not an underground dungeon the carcer, usually found in the attic, has some typical prison characteristics. The one small window is barred and the room is large enough to hold a bed, a chair, a table, and a small stove. Still a sojourn here is not so gloomy after all, as the authorities are very lenient to prisoners and permit them to import any luxuries their purse will permit. Some even find a stay in the carcer most convenient, as it offers them a good opportunity to study. The occupation of the majority, however, seems to be to plan and execute fanciful designs and inscriptions with which walls, chair, table, and bed are decorated. In one carcer in Heidelberg a student carved into the upper window sill, "Ein fideles Gefangness" (A jolly jail). Some have caricatured their professors or fellow-students, others have emblazoned the colors of their societies upon the wall. Many have been satisfied to carve their names or some sentiment into the walls of the room. One rather bad scapegrace has recorded the length of his incarnation thus: 2, 1, 4, 8, 10, 21, 8 = 54 days. That's sufficient. The succession of the figures may not be correct. The centre of attraction in this carcer is perhaps the collection of photographs covering the door and its frame. The entire gallery consists of pictures of former inmates.

As new ideas of education advance, which tend to put away Latin and Greek, the old university fashions are slowly passing out of existence. In the streets of university towns frequented by Americans and Britshers one may perhaps notice the constantly decreasing number of students with faces all disfigured by deep scars obtained on the duelling ground, but on the other hand one may note the increasing number of students with lame legs, broken noses and collar-bones obtained on the football field.  

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