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With the publication of this issue the Fall term comes to a close and the new year is at hand. Another year of progress has passed by and gone, perhaps, without our taking advantage of its opportunities. Indeed the average student seldom thinks of the fleeting hours which so quickly grow to days, months, yes, years, before he awakens to the realization of the value of this lost time. Most of us have, no doubt, found ourselves floating idly along this same stream which leads to nowhere.

What the future holds in store for us is beyond our ken; what should concern us most is how we spend our time now. The future regulates itself by the present.

With the close of another unsuccessful football season, our attention will naturally turn to Connecticut's other major sport, baseball. It is not our purpose to criticize too harshly either the managing or the coaching of our past athletics; we feel, however, that both departments have been materially lacking and that they have not done all that we as students of the College desire.

One of the greatest assets of an athletic team is a captain with strong personality commanding the respect of his team-mates, a man who will to the sacrifice of minor things do his utmost to turn out a winning team. In order to accomplish this the captain must have the good-will and support of every man. Training orders and limitations must be rigidly adhered to; all personal feelings must be waived, and every man must endeavor to do his utmost, to encourage this policy among his team-mates.

Nothing impresses a visitor at the College more than the appearance of the campus and well-kept lawns, unmarred by paths and bare spots. Walks and drives decorated by an ample supply of
refuse and litter impress the critical eye of the visiting public unfavorably.

We do not realize these conditions unless our attention is called to them. The shrubberies would present a much better appearance were they free from wind strewn papers and other debris. The student entering Storrs Hall must dodge everything from the fragments of a butter plate to the remains of a dress suit case. We should therefore, individually, make a special endeavor to keep the appearance of the campus and surroundings more sightly and to make greater use of the waste cans provided in the various dormitories.

We feel that this plea will receive strong confirmation from the students and that everyone will do his part, in civic spirit, for the betterment of our grounds.

We desire to urge the students and alumni to patronize the merchants advertising in THE LOOKOUT. Without the aid derived from this source we should be unable to publish this paper. To enable THE LOOKOUT to prove its value as an advertising medium we request our subscribers to become familiar with those listed in our advertisements and to bear them in mind when buying.

The entertainment course this term was concluded with Miss Edith Colburn Noyes in “She stoops to conquer.” Its clever presentation and the exquisite drollery of Oliver Goldsmith made the evening of November the twenty-fourth very enjoyable. Dr. Blakelley is to be congratulated on the quality of the entertainments secured. We look forward to next year’s programme with considerable pleasure.

Professor Trueman expounding some data, observes Mr. Mitchell’s feet on the top of a desk and remarks, “I do not usually allow
little things like those to annoy me, but I am not in good humor to-day."

The orchestra, glee and mandolin clubs are simply vibrating with good music these days. They give promise of an interesting concert in the near future.

The bell rope has been made more accessible. A good precaution in these perilous days of attempted arson and burglary.

Lautenberger, across the table to Seth Anderson—"What makes you look so serious, Seth?"

Little Seth eyed his supper and then with a sickly grin said, "I just finished smoking a cigar that was given me Thanksgiving."

Professor Monteith gave a lecture at Gurleyville, December eighth, on his European travels last summer. We hope that the student body will have the privilege of listening to him, while comfortably seated in the chapel, without having to go abroad.

We are in receipt of an announcement from the U. S. Civil Service Commission calling attention to an examination to be held January 17-18, 1912, for filling several vacancies in the position of assistant chemist, Department of Agriculture, and elsewhere as needed, at salaries ranging from $1,200 to $1,600 per annum. The opportunities for appointment from this examination seem to be excellent, since of thirty-eight persons who passed this examination in April, 1911, three were appointed at $1,440 per annum, and twenty-seven others were tendered appointment at $1,200 per annum. Full information as to educational training required, nature of duties, etc., may be obtained from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., by asking for a copy of the assistant chemist announcement.

A Spud Slinger's motto—"All good things come to those who wait."

A Massachusetts Club has been formed. Its object is to promote fellowship among the Massachusetts men who have been or are attending the College. The officers are president, H. F. Reaveley, Somerville, Mass.; vice-president, E. Nowell, Somerville, Mass.; secretary, E. C. Eaton, Auburn, Mass.; treasurer, F. V. Wright, Jr.,
Salem, Mass. The first banquet will be held Friday, December 29th, at the United States Hotel, Boston, Mass.

'14—"I got zero in algebra to-day."
'13—"That's nothing."
'14—"What's nothing?"
'13—"Why zero, of course."

The dance programmes of the football hop are ornamenting the scrap-books now, but the memory of that delightful evening of December fifteenth still lingers and refuses to be pressed between the pages of history. (See Professor Monteith's daily class record book for verification).

Farmer up-state (writing to College President)—"That boy Josh, of our'n writes me that he's in love with his Alma Mater. Ma don't think that she sounds like the kind of a girl that we would like for a daughter-in-law, so you break it off, will you. Use money, if necessary, but not more than five dollars. I have written the young scamp that I will cut him off without a cent if he does any fancy elopin' act."—Ex.

Campus observations continued:
Observation 19—There have been numerous bruised eyes wandering about lately but, according to Professor Clinton, there is but one eye-sore on the campus and that is back of the green-house. Advice—Use blue glasses, cold applications and a dump-cart.

The Beta Gamma Kappa has the following officers for this term: President, Ruth I. Ingham; vice-president, Ruth A. Newton; secretary and treasurer, Laura V. Clarke; honorary members, Claribel M. Lewis and Sarah M. Stanton.

An informal dance was held in the College Hall, Friday evening, November 17th, which proved to be very enjoyable. A small fee was charged for admission, thus covering the small expenditures. We hope to have more dances of this kind during the coming year.

Commandant Churchill at Sunday inspection—"Private Eaton,
it is customary to be shaved before the morning inspection; is it not?"

Eaton—"No-o, I did not know that the ‘Mayor of Storrs’ was expected to be shaved."

Mr. Inouye, a native of Japan and a member of the class of 1912, has been obliged to discontinue his studies here because of a summons to serve a year in the army of his country.

Mr. Inouye recently paid a brief visit to Connecticut and upon his return to Japan took with him six head of registered stock representing the leading dairy breeds, one pair of English bull-dogs, some turkeys and some pigeons. Being advised to purchase his stock in the middle or western states, thus saving trouble and expense of transportation across the continent, Mr. Inouye replied, "But I wish them to come from Connecticut." This reply indicates a feeling of loyalty to our state and College which should be an inspiration to all connected with C. A. C.

It is not difficult to imagine the scene when Mr. Inouye arrives in Japan with his "happy family," one wonders if the bull-frogs which he took to Japan from the little pond in Storrs last year, will recover from their home-sickness and welcome the travelers from Connecticut.

Get out and try basketball and hockey these winter days. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is the old saying. "But I don't play." Well, try it, nothing can be accomplished without trying. When the teams play, root and root HARD for Connecticut, whether they win or loose—KEEP ROOTING.

Oh you pea green freshman! Please for the sake of the upper classmen and alumni forget to wear home your military uniforms.

Singing Teacher—"Now children, give us ‘Little Drops of Water,’ and put some spirit in it."

Principal (whispering)—"Careful, sir, this is a temperance school. Say, ‘Put some ginger in it.’"

Teacher—"What do they grow in Pennsylvania?"

Pupil—"Quaker Oats."
'88. At a recent meeting of the Quinebaug Pomona Grange, C. A. Wheeler was re-elected lecturer.

C. W. Savage has been appointed agent for the Bowker Fertilizer Company of Boston. His territory covers Eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island.

'93. W. B. Dayton has accepted a position of superintendent of the Gilbert farm in Georgetown. He formerly had charge of the Grass Land farm in Crapinville. We wish him success in his new position.

'98. H. L. Garrigus recently addressed a gathering of farmers at the Gilbert farm. The topic of his address was “Horses and Sheep of Connecticut.”

D. J. Burgess and wife, of Fall River, Mass., spent Sunday, December 3d, at the College.

J. W. Pincus was on the hill October 31st. It is his intention to start the '98 class letter again. This letter had the distinction of being kept up the longest of any class letter instituted in the College. On August 11th a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pincus.

A. B. Morse is residing in Alberquerque, New Mexico, where he is employed by the government in pathological research work.

'02. A. B. Clark is running the Storer Dairy farm, Norwich, Connecticut, marketing the best milk in the city.

Ex. '03. F. G. McLean, our former football and baseball coach, is at present playing baseball in Cuba. He expects to remain there during the winter.

'05. F. T. Dewey visited College December 8th and 9th; he attended the Glee and Mandolin concert at South Willington. This is Mr. Dewey's first visit to his Alma Mater since graduating. He
seemed pleased with the growth of the College. Mr. Dewey is teaching in the Stonington High School.

J. W. Patterson is traveling through the North New England States and Canada in prospecting work for the Texas Company.

'06. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Desmond, November 5, 1911. They reside at 57 Johnson Park, Buffalo, N. Y.

Ralph G. Tryon and Lewis W. Stephenson, Ex. '10, were on the hill November 21st and 22d.

'08. Wallace Lynch, accompanied by Archie Piper, Ex. '12, has gone to Yellow Pine, Alabama.

'09. F. A. Loveland and Pete Lawlor, Ex. '12, spent Sunday, November 26th at the College.

George B. Treadwell has reached the Pacific coast in his trip, and is at present in San Francisco, Cal.

It is reported that Hinges Horton is a student in the Divinity School at Yale University.

M. T. Downs is planning to take a week's vacation during January and states that he will visit Storrs. It is reported that he intends to return here to study for his B. S. degree. "Empty" only weighs 185 now.


R. F. Flint is at the Oregon State College specializing in Horticulture.

Former Major H. D. Hatfield is back again at his old hobby, military drill. This time, however, he is a private in the Cornell University Military Battalion.

Nathan Cohen visited College December 6th.

Note—We notice with pleasure that quite a number of the alumni visit their Alma Mater during the course of the year. It is indeed gratifying and we hope that they will continue to do so.

A Chink by the name of Cling Ling
Fell off a street car, bing! bing!
The con turned his head
To the passenger said,
"The car's lost a washer." Ding! Ding!

—Ex.
The freshman and School of Agriculture teams played a very exciting game on Saturday, November 25th. Both teams scored but neither was able to kick the goal; due undoubtedly to the muddy condition of the field. The School of Agriculture scored the first touchdown in the first quarter of play, while the freshmen were unable to cross the goal line until the last period. Throughout the game both teams played hard and showed exceptional spirit. Ricketts and Terrick played well for the freshmen, while Whitam and Schofield starred for the School of Agriculture.

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On December 5th, Storrs Naomi, a large Guernsey cow, gave birth to the largest Guernsey calf ever dropped in the barn. The calf is a heifer and weighed 93 pounds. This is about 22 pounds heavier than the average weight of Guernsey calves. Unfortunately, she was taken with a serious attack of calf cholera, but at the present time is slowly improving and let us hope that she will live to be a record-breaker for the College.

Pietertje Dekol Burke, the largest Holstein cow, and holder of the herd record for a year's milk production of 14,500 pounds, dropped a bull calf, a few weeks ago, that weighed 98 pounds at birth. The cow is giving over 70 pounds of milk per day and increasing regularly.

Storrs Perhaps, a Jersey heifer, has just finished a year's work for entry into the advanced registry. She began her test when three
years and one month old, and produced in a year 283 pounds of fat, equal to 330 pounds of butter.

Dekol Hubbard Pietertje, 2nd, the Holstein heifer, has also finished a year's work. In order to enter the advanced registry she was required to produce 252.6 pounds. She made 54 pounds over this amount, equal to 356 pounds of butter.

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The College orchards were pruned by the Horticultural students on the Thanksgiving holiday. Scalecide was used in spraying the apple trees.

GREENHOUSE NOTES.

The chrysanthemums this year surpassed all previous collections at the College. A number of new varieties have been secured, several of which came from Japan and were presented to the department by Mr. Inouye.

Mr. Stevens has succeeded in securing a prolific and excellent forcing cucumber by crossing the White Spine with the Duke of Edinburg. The cross has been named the Duke Spine cucumber.

Two kumquet orange trees are bearing fruit.

A handsome appearance is presented by the poinsettias which are in full array of colors.

The thrifty appearance of the carnations promises a splendid collection of these flowers within a few weeks.

The department in experimenting with coffee plants has succeeded in raising several of these plants from seed.

The greenhouse contains a number of plants that have been secured from different parts of the globe. Among these are the Japanese paper plant, Loquat, and several varieties of orchids and pitcher plants.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Result of the first month of the egg-laying contest is somewhat below expectations. It is thought that the difficulty lies with the weather conditions. Several of the pens have had unusual molts, due perhaps to the desire of some of the contestants to get an early start for hatching the birds prior to the ordinary period. The scarcity of eggs, however, seems to be prevalent throughout the country at this time.

The entry from England has secured first honors for the past four weeks with a total of sixty-eight eggs, and the White Rose farm is second with a total of forty-four.

The fences are well on the way towards completion and will enable the birds to secure much needed exercise.
The total score for each pen, from November 1st to 28th, inclusive, is as follows:

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### Buff Wyandottes

**No. of Eggs.**

- **American Buff Wyandotte Club, Greeneville, N. Y.** ........ 31

### Columbian Wyandottes

- **B. J. Cooper, Moorestown, N. J.** ........ 15
- **J. A. Pancoast, Merchantsville, N. J.** ........ 1
- **W. R. Rich, Westfield, N. J.** ........ 0

### American Dominiques

- **Mrs. Louis Heller, Unionville, Conn.** ........ 13

### S. C. R. I. Reds

- **Bro. Wilfred, Quebec, Canada** ........ 0
- **H. P. Deming, Robertsville, Conn.** ........ 0
- **Arthur Evans, Temple, N. H.** ........ 0
- **Howard Steele, Philadelphia, Pa.** ....... 14
- **A. Francis, Oaks, Pa.** ........ 0
- **Bunker Hill Poultry Farm, Waquoit, Mass.** ....... 28
- **Mrs. Hanis Lehman, Midway, Ky.** ........ 11
- **Arthur S. Bailey, Cobalt, Conn.** ........ 8

### R. C. R. I. Reds

- **J. A. Fritchey, Harrisburg, Pa.** ........ 0
- **C. S. Scoville, East Hampton, Conn.** ........ 18
- **E. S. Edgerton, West Willington, Conn.** ........ 20
- **M. C. Richardson, Jr., Front Royal, Va.** ........ 0

### Black Langshans

- **John M. Rowe, Jr., Merchantsville, N. J.** ........ 0

### S. C. Brown Leghorns

- **Gaylord Farm, Wallingford, Conn.** ........ 0
- **A. P. Hillhouse, Bondville, Quebec, Canada** ........ 14

### Dark Cornish

**No. of Eggs.**

- **J. M. Ward, Jr., Pennington, N. J.** ........ 10

### S. C. Buff Leghorns

- **J. C. Punderford, Trenton, N. J.** ........ 18
- **G. H. Schmitz, Chicago, Ill.** ........ 43
- **Mrs. K. J. Jaeger, Norwood, Pa.** ........ 0

### Black Minorcas

- **Powel and Walton, Merchantsville, N. J.** ........ 0
- **Sterling and Olsy Poultry Yards, Rockville, Conn.** ........ 0
- **W. B. Osborn, Jackson, Mich.** ........ 0
- **J. C. Sterling, Rockville, Conn.** ........ 5

### Anconas

- **E. Martin, Jr., Vineland, N. J.** ........ 0

### S. C. Buff Orpingtons

- **William T. Patterson, Ambler, Pa.** ........ 0
- **Mt. Orchard Poultry Farm, Narvon, Pa.** ........ 16
- **R. S. Roberts, Westchester, Pa.** ........ 24
- **O. Wilson, Cachslie, W. Va.** ........ 23

### S. C. White Orpingtons

- **J. F. Pratt, Southington, Conn.** ........ 11
- **Alda Bros., Almira, N. Y.** ........ 0
- **L. O. Keeton, Brookland, D. C.** ........ 30
- **Dr. T. Dietrick, Washington, N. J.** ........ 6
- **Gilbert and Moore, Landsdown, Pa.** ........ 20

### Houdans

- **A. E. Ballard, Chestnut Hill, Pa.** ........ 0

### Buttercups

- **Dr. E. W. Langden, Stillwater, N. J.** ........ 0

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**EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES.**

Director L. A. Clinton recently attended the convention of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations at Columbus, Ohio. Other meetings which he attended at the same place were the sessions of the American Society of Agronomy, the American Farm Management Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Agri-
cultural Science, the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers, and a reception of the National Grange. Professor Clinton was elected vice-president of the American Society of Agronomy.

Bulletin No. 69 of the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station is entitled New England Trees in Winter. The authors are Dr. A. F. Blakeslee and Dr. C. D. Jarvis. This bulletin describes one hundred and eleven of the trees of New England. The illustrations are all made from original photographs of living specimens. An analytical key will make it of special value for students who wish to learn the names of our common trees. The text is the work of Dr. Blakeslee, while the photographs were taken by Dr. Jarvis. The whole production is one of the finest specimens of the printer's and engraver's art ever issued by our experiment station.

A part of the brush land on the Snow farm is being cut off this winter and will be set out to apple orchard in the spring. This will be a part of the experimental orchard of the station.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

War department orders, regulating military instruction at government aided colleges, require that when practicable, an encampment of the cadet organization be held, also that practical instruction in field service, guard duty and camp sanitation be given. The last annual inspection of the Cadet Battalion of this College showed that we had not accomplished all that is required. Our long winters confine us to the limited indoor space for drill where we are obliged to spend too much time on movements of the piece, which is but a small part of the military work. The drill period being so short, we cannot, with much benefit, get much practice in outpost, advanced guards, attack and defence, and guard duty. In order, then, that we accomplish all that is required, an encampment for one week was authorized for this year, to be held between the first and fifteenth of May.

This time was chosen for the reason that it was about the time of the annual War Department inspection. With the encampments almost completed, the inspector should find us at our best, for if possible it will be arranged that the inspection will take place at the camp. Fort H. G. Wright at Fisher's Island, N. Y., was chosen for the site, principally on account of the convenience in establishing a healthful and comfortable camp there. Cook shacks, mess tables, benches, bathhouses and latrines with running water are already erected, details, which if we had to attend to ourselves, with our limited experience, might be sadly neglected. The fact that we will
have an abundance of pure water is very important in itself and is sufficient reason for selecting Fort Wright. There, too, the Post Hospital is convenient in case of emergency. Soldier cooks will be employed, as they understand cooking out-of-doors better than fancy hotel cooks do. It is possible that we may be able to purchase our food supplies from the Post Commissary, in which case we will get the best at the lowest price. The matter of feeding the cadets is very important and requires that much attention be given every detail connected with the mess. It is estimated that the week's encampment will cost each cadet not more than three dollars and a half, including everything.

It is not intended that much time will be spent at the camp on close and extended order drills, if by that time the companies are fairly proficient in this respect. Guard duty, patrolling, outposts, advance guard and simple combat exercises will receive the most attention. We have an excellent opportunity to accomplish all that is required of the War Department, to come out of the year's work with flying colors and to receive the commendation of the War Department, all well worth working for. It is our only opportunity as a body representing nearly all of the college to show what we can do. No agricultural college in the East excepting Maryland is ahead of us in military work. We are all about on the same level but by the end of the year we should be close to Maryland and far above all others.

LIEUT. JAMES M. CHURCHILL,
Commandant.

Some Phases of Tobacco Growing in the Connecticut Valley

Tobacco is a filthy weed;
It was the devil sowed the seed:—

However true this statement may be nothing will be discussed in this article which touches upon the immoral side of tobacco. Many a good deacon and church member raises the "filthy weed" and apparently is not conscience stricken. Another branch of this industry which pertains to the farmer and which will be omitted here is the growing of the crop itself. It would take a fair-sized book to treat on the countless methods, used by the grower, of getting a crop ready for the market. As a matter of fact each farmer has something different from his neighbors in the means of production. It is safe, however, to briefly state that experience is the only teacher; there being
no courses in any college to obtain theoretical knowledge of this branch of agriculture.

It is to be regretted that there is no means of securing theoretical knowledge on this subject in Connecticut, for it is one of our foremost agricultural branches.

The subject covers the following three points: the value placed on tobacco land and the capital needed to start the business, the cost of raising the crop, and the money received in return.

Tobacco farming is a business which requires a good business man to operate successfully. If a man has not the ability to sell his crop after he has grown it he would be better off had he not raised it at all. The three points mentioned above will be treated only in a general way and, while the figures used may not be exact, the reader can be assured that the many small costs which are not mentioned will counteract any exaggeration.

The tobacco farms used as examples are, beyond all doubt, the best of their kind in Connecticut. It may not seem proper to take the best for an example, but when starting in business it is advisable to start in at the best paying basis of that business. The farms are considered the best because they produce tobacco of the finest quality, color, and burn; tobacco that seems never to go out of style, the demand for which increases with the population.

Tobacco has been raised on some of these farms for over forty years without rotation; and to-day, in many cases, the longer the land has been used the better the quality of the tobacco produced. The land is practically all in the town of South Windsor and vicinity.

A man who wishes to raise tobacco must have a great deal of energy, ambition, ability and capital—emphasis on the capital.

Tobacco land in this district brings, if sold, at least one thousand dollars an acre; and for every four acres of curing shed room one must add another thousand dollars. The taxes in this town net twenty-eight mills; the land is assessed at two hundred an acre and the shed room at one hundred dollars an acre.

One man can usually take care of about four acres except in planting and harvesting season when three men are needed. One horse will do the work except in plowing, harrowing and planting time.

Aside from the capital needed to start a tobacco farm, the annual running expense must also be considered. Fertilizers are very expensive, and if one could avoid this item he would be rich in comparatively few years. On an acre of land the average amount of fertilizer used ranges from eight to ten cords of livery stable manure, which is valued at about seven dollars a cord, and from four to six
hundred of high-grade fertilizers valued at about forty-five dollars a ton. This figures up to a cost of about eighty-five dollars an acre. Experienced help are paid two dollars a day and this item is almost as important as the previous one. The taxes have to be kept up, the horses fed and the buildings kept in repair. It is easy to see from this that the tobacco grower sees money moving both ways.

The check received for the crop is generally a big one. When a farmer receives this his worries for the past season are over and his troubles come to an end, but it takes a shrewd man to dispose of his crop satisfactorily. The farmer sells to a middleman, as a rule. They often try to beat the farmer and sometimes they succeed.

For one acre of land a ton of cured leaf tobacco is the average annual production. This is sold for prices ranging between thirty and thirty-five cents a pound.

At the present time there is big boom of South Windsor tobacco real estate.

Virgin land which cannot be broken up for less than two hundred dollars an acre and which five years ago was worth only ten dollars an acre now brings one hundred dollars an acre. A number of men have refused offers of one thousand dollars an acre, minus shed room.

This business has its ups and downs and, at the present time, it is way up. Probably sometime in the future it will be somewhat down again; then is the time to buy a farm as the price of land will also be down. Then simply wait until the people want to smoke a good old Connecticut broad-leafed cigar again.

The manufacturers have, time and again, tried to change the style of cigar to some other kind of tobacco, such as Havana or Sumatra. At the present time they are endeavoring to make the Connecticut shade tobacco the fashion.

It is safe to say that if a man owns twenty acres of tobacco in the South Windsor district he need not fear about his financial future.


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