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A custom which has worked out successfully in nearly every college is that of putting their social activities on an organized basis. These functions are grouped together taking some such form as Junior Week or designated by various other names.

The conditions that exist here especially those of transportation to and from Willimantic are very unfavorable to the frequent visits of Alumni. It seems to us that in arranging our spring fetes an effort should be made to put them in a form which would lure back our graduates and at the same time give prospective students the most favorable impression of the advantages enjoyed by us. If the managers of the teams and the committees, which have the arranging of the various social functions, would work in conjunction, a program could be arranged that would make our dances more popular and give one an incentive to invite his friends for a few days' visit.

Several new rules concerning student regulations were recently adopted by the faculty. These innovations will undoubtedly supply a long felt want and meet the approval of the student body in general. Several of the changes are quite radical and it is hoped that they will be satisfactory to all.

Compulsory church attendance has been discontinued as well as the evening inspection of senior students. These changes can be regarded as flattering to the students for they show that the faculty are confident that we will not abuse the extra time thus obtained. Another important change regulates the number of cuts per term in the various classes.

Students having an average mark of 85 per cent. or better in any subject will be exempt from the final examination in that sub-
jec. Undoubtedly, this will induce better application to studies during the term and do away to a certain extent with that bugbear week of grinding before its end.

Wintering Horses on Pasture

The custom of running horses out on pasture during the winter is the common one on the range in most sections of the South and to a certain extent in the corn belt. It is rare, however, in localities such as New England where the winters are cold. The greatest obstacle to profitable animal husbandry in New England is the necessity to feed and shelter live stock during the long winter period. The Department of Agriculture has found this a constantly increasing bill of expense at the Morgan Horse farm near Middlebury, Vt., and is devising means to reduce it to a minimum. In 1910, cheap barns costing $500 each were built in three pastures, each barn having a door in each end and two having a door in one side, facing either south or east. Hay storage is overhead, and grain storage at one end. A hay manger runs along the inside of the back wall and a grain trough is outside. One or all of the doors are open all the time and plenty of bedding is provided.

The yearling fillies and the brood mares were given these accommodations during the winter of 1910, the brood mares being brought up to the main stables about three weeks before they were due to foal. The first winter's trial was completely satisfactory. The horses had a bed which was roomy, always dry, and free from draughts, and were free to come and go as they wished. No colds or coughs were observed. The horses were undoubtedly better for their winter's outing. The cost of stabling was cut from $2 to $1 per head per month, and the cost attendance from $3 to $1 per head; it is possible still further to reduce the latter charge by increasing the number of animals on the pastures. The horses ate practically the same amount of grain that they would have consumed in stable and somewhat more hay.

During the coming winter, the foals of 1911 will run out, having an open shed in an especially well sheltered location. The barn for the brood mares has been enlarged and changed into an open L-shaped shed, facing south and east. A 100-ton concrete silo has been built in conjunction with this shed, and silage and timothy hay will make the ration of the brood mares during the winter.

The leading stallion at the farm, General Gates, has for a year been given the run of a tightly fenced paddock of about three-
fourths acre, to which he has access every day in winter and day and night during spring, summer, and fall. In this time, he has never worn a blanket and has never been in better health or spirits, or more easily handled.

The Department’s experience thus far seems to indicate that horses may run out during the winter provided they have a dry bed, sheltered from storms and are given enough to eat, and that the practice will result in a considerable saving in cost of stabling and attendance.

Secretary Wilson says that for 20 years a herd of horses has wintered outdoors on his Iowa farm. He puts the horses in at one year old coming to two. He built a shed for them when he put them out at first, but found they would not go into it no matter how severe the weather was; they preferred to go into a heavily timbered ravine where they got all the shelter they seemed to want. A colt is never taken out until he is to be sold or broken for work. The hair of the animals grows long and thick and protects them. Unless the snow is too deep horses paw the range for the blue grass, of which there is always abundance in the pasture. It is well known that horses and sheep will paw the snow to reach grasses, while the bovine does not do this.

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DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

At the present time four Jersey cows, one Guernsey and two Holsteins, are being tested for the advanced registry. Storrs Perhaps finished her test last month. She calved when she was one month over two years old and made in the year 281 pounds of fat, which is some thirty pounds above the requirements.

Thirty-one samples of milk and cream were entered in a competition for premiums offered by the Dairymen’s Association, at its annual meeting held at Hartford on January 17th and 18th. Fifty dollars in premiums were divided among those whose samples scored 90 per cent. or more. In addition to the money prizes the four highest will receive ribbons.
HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

A semi-double pink geranium, the result of a cross between a single pink and a double white one by one of the students is now in bloom. An improved double white geranium has been obtained by another cross and is also in bloom.

Two legumes, which are rarely found, but make very attractive plants for decoration, are blooming in the greenhouse. One is the yellow corynella, while the other is the chorozema, a plant discovered several years ago in New Holland.

A cineraria and a schizanthus are now in flower; also a carnation which is the result of a cross between a White Perfection and a striped seedling. The new plant has a large bloom of a beautiful red color.

Another banana tree is coming into fruit. A papaw, a loquat, and a kumquat—a small orange—have fruit nearing maturity. An alligator pear shows a fruit blossom, but whether the fruit will set, as it seldom does in this locality, remains to be seen. Two lemon plants have a good set of fruit.

Several orchids are now in bloom. One plant of the variety laelia anceps has three large spikes in flower, while another plant of the same variety has two flowering spikes. There are four plants of the variety cattleya now blooming.

Three anthuriums are now blooming. Two of these are plants with highly colored flowers but no remarkable foliage, while the other has no striking flowers, but very decorative foliage.

A pineapple fruit is just showing. A good crop of tomatoes and cucumbers has been obtained.

Several crosses were made among the chrysanthemums this past season, but, while good seeds have been obtained, it is too early to know what the result will be.

The vinery is now ready for the spring growth of the plants. It has been cleaned, and the top soil in it has been removed to make room for the new coating of top dressing.

The display of chrysanthemums exhibited at the Connecticut Horticultural Society at Hartford won a certificate of merit.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

At the request of several students, Lieutenant Churchill has kindly consented to give a special course of instruction this winter in things pertaining to military life and duties. This course is deemed necessary to those who wish to pass the military examination in the spring; but should prove interesting to others as well.
As the students are to be examined by a member of the General Staff of the United States army, in the presence of trained soldiers belonging to one of the important sea coast forts, it behooves each and every one to do what he can to uphold the honor and name of our College. Accordingly, the course so generously provided should be duly appreciated and, since the class meets but twice a week—Tuesdays and Wednesdays at seven o'clock in Room 3—and as no outside work is required, the attendance should be large. It may be well to state here that those who pass the spring examination and have had previous to that time two years of drill will not only be excused from further drill here at the College but will also have their names sent to the Adjutant General of the State, as the names of men prepared to drill and discipline a company of raw recruits. In time of war these men will be entitled to a commission in volunteer troops.

During the winter term, each company will receive each week a lecture from Lieutenant Churchill, an hour's instruction in explaining and giving the necessary commands for the execution of all the movements in both close and extended order, and an hour's drill in the bayonet exercises and manual of arms.

By spring the battalion should be proficient in drill and have a practical knowledge of hygiene, camp sanitation and other fundamentals of military life in the field.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

The first International Egg Laying Contest goes merrily on, under the watchful care of Superintendent A. M. Pollard, assisted by J. H. Austin, Holcomb and John Foster Ketcham. Old England with her pen of Single Comb White Leghorns has been leading for several weeks, but last week a pen of Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, owned by C. S. Scoville, of East Haven, Conn., ran a dead heat with them for first place, both pens laying 24 eggs each. This week promises a new winner for so far a pen of R. C. R. I. Reds, owned by E. S. Edgerton, of West Willington, Conn., is in the lead, and without doubt will win easily. From all signs, the birds entered from Connecticut are some class and will be heard from in the near future. The largest egg laid, so far, weighed four ounces, and was laid by a S. C. W. Orpington owned by J. F. Pratt, Southington, Conn.

FARM DEPARTMENT.

Three trial colony houses of the A type are being constructed for swine and this method of housing will be given a trial on the College farm. Eave troughs have been attached to the beef barn.
and the walls banked; yard and basement graded; pens built and the building made as habitable as possible, under the circumstances.

A blower has been set up in the basement of the barn where the beef cattle are kept, and the corn stalks are cut and elevated to a bay on the next floor as they are drawn from the field. A grinder has been installed in the grain room and here the ear corn is ground for the cattle and the oats crushed for the colts.

A registered Aberdeen Angus beef calf has been purchased from the Pioneer Herd of James Blair, Hartstown, Penn., and by another year we should be well started in this line.

EXPERIMENT STATION NOTES.

Bulletin No. 70 of the Experiment Station, “The Fermentation of Silage,” by Professor Esten and Miss Mason, is now ready for distribution. The results as stated in this bulletin cover several years’ work, and give some definite information with reference to the using of silage. It should prove a very valuable bulletin to the farmer and interesting to the scientist.

The white birches and brush are being cut on a part of the recently acquired Snow farm, and this land will be made available for an experiment station orchard.

Doctors Thom, Currie and Professor Esten of the experiment station staff attended the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held in Washington during the Christmas vacation.

A certain school teacher was in the habit of writing instructions to the janitor on the blackboard so that he would see it when he came to clean the room.

One evening he saw on the board, “Find the Greatest Common Divisor.”

For a moment he contemplated it and then exclaimed, “Hullo! is that durned thing lost again?”—Ex.

Hubby—“Never be sure of anything, my dear; only fools are certain.”

Wifey—“Are you sure, dear?”

Hubby—“Yes, I am certain of it.”—Ex.

Fresh—“Why have you got that bandage around your head?”

Senior—“A thought struck me.”—Ex.
The birth of a new organization has been announced, the "College Dramatic Club." Although it is as yet young and lusty it gives promise of voicing its sentiments in a series of plays and public entertainments in the near future. The need of such an organization has been felt for a long time. It is to be hoped that it has come to stay and that its growth will be rapid and successful.

The Vesper services have been resumed. The time, the place and the character of the services make them very attractive. They are held every Sunday evening at a quarter to five in Grove Cottage. It will be worth your while to attend.

There is no need of reiterating the new student rules here. They have been accepted by everyone and are now part of the College curriculum. The Faculty made a hit in the right direction and it is now up to the student body to score.

Either spoil the limb and spare the tree or spoil the tree by sparing the limb, was the gist of an illustrated lecture given by Dr. C. D. Jarvis before the Agricultural Club, on Friday evening, January the fifth. His subject was "The Renovation of Old Orchards."

Lieutenant Churchill to B. H. Kendall—"How would you divide this number of paces"?
B. H. Kendall—"By the method of division I suppose."

We are in an age of progress—the mail will be delivered henceforth in locked boxes. Come early and avoid the rush.

Music studios are being arranged for on the top floor of the main building. It is to be supposed that the object of this is to assist the aspirants in reaching high notes with greater ease and facility. Per-
haps the fact that sound travels upwards may have had something to do with the choice of this location. At any rate it seems from a humanitarian viewpoint, a most proper and fitting thing to do, and the conceiver of this idea is to be congratulated whether he derived his reasoning from scientific facts or the proverbial family up stairs.

Prof. Lamson—Pointing to the shoulder blades of a skeleton in a physiology class—asked, “What are these?” After a meditated pause, a volunteer responded timidly. “Either rudimentary wings or the place where they are to be attached.”

Prof. Lamson—“It would be well for that young man to read Darwin’s descent of man and thus disillusion himself.”

This column is not supposed to be the funny sheet of a Sunday newspaper edition, therefore you are at liberty to contribute at any time. Think it over and act upon this suggestion.

The first dance of this term was held at the Cottage, Tuesday evening, January ninth. The music was furnished by the Misses Griswold, Daniels, Wood, Clinton and Voetsch.

Heard in class room during economics:
First Student—“What is an escheat?”
Second Student (in an undertone)—“Our muffins.”

Prof. to Dresser—“I shall consider yesterday’s absence as a cut.”
Dresser (meekly)—“Alright.”
Prof.—“You will have to forgive me.”
Dresser—“Oh, the Lord forgives everybody.”

The Cheney Brothers of South Manchester have given the domestic science department samples showing as follows:—The manufacture of spun silk yarns from waste silk, pile fabrics, types of ribbons, decorative and upholstered fabrics, types of dress goods, cards showing pictures of the cultivation of silks, also showing Japanese silk production and American silk manufacturing at South Manchester. The company also sent a short description of silk and its manufacture. These samples are highly interesting and instructive. A thread exhibit is also to be seen at the Cottage, presented by J. & P. Coates, showing the manufacture of thread from its first step to the finish.

A bulletin board and new shelves are the latest additions to the sewing laboratory.
Students of Zoology will associate the name "Portugese man-o-war," with a member of the Coelenterata branch of animals. Apparently, "Shorty" Rowe never studied this very interesting subject, for upon hearing Kilmer say that while diving in Maine he had struck a "Portugese man-o-war," Rowe said, "Kilmer, you are kidding us. I spent four years in Maine and never saw a foreign battleship there in all that time."

Blackhall—"Professor, what kind of a tree do pine-apples grow on?"

Mitchell in drill regulations—"Put your right elbow on your left hip." We are not all contortionists, Mitchell.

Dirty Eggs on the Farm

While there are a few egg producers who take the best of care of their product, the average farmer considers the eggs produced on the farm a by-product and makes very little provision for their care, aside from gathering them. A large loss is caused by dirty eggs, the number being enormous, and according to the estimate of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture this money loss to the farmers in the United States amounting to about $5,000,000 annually.

This loss is very largely brought about by not gathering the eggs often enough. In wet weather more dirty eggs are found than at any other time. This is caused by the fact that the hen's feet are often covered with mud or other filth, and in going on the nest to lay she soils the eggs already in the nest.

An insufficient number of nests is often the cause of many of the dirty eggs found. Eggs are laid on the ground and around the hay and straw stacks, and becoming stained, are classed as "dirties." Again, when too many eggs are allowed to remain in a nest some are broken and many of the others become smeared with broken yolks. This condition is often brought about by allowing the broody hens to use the same nests with the layers. On a farm where one nest to every four hens is provided and the nests are kept clean and well bedded, it is found that very few dirty eggs are produced.

After gathering the eggs, care should be taken not to put them where they will become heated, or near oil, onions, or other vegetables, as they readily absorb odors.

Although dirty eggs may be perfectly fresh, they invariably sell as "seconds," and when but a few dirty eggs are mixed with an otherwise fresh, clean lot, they materially decrease the price of the clean eggs.
ATHLETICS

The College teams started the new year with two victories to their credit. This is what we like to see and on account of our last few unsuccessful seasons of sport, they are greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work and try to make our laurels greener!

Basketball started at Willimantic on January 6th against Windham H. S. It was a fast game and the passwork of C. A. C. was easily superior to that of Windham. The playing of White and Healey for the College and of Thompson for Windham were the features of the game.

Thompson .................... r. f .......................... White
Kelly ........................ l. f .......................... Healey
Brown ........................ c .......................... Van Guilder
J. Kierns ........................ p. g ........................ Morgan, Reed
Harrington ................. l. g .......................... Howard


The basketball team has the following games scheduled for the season—
January 6—Windham H. S. at Willimantic.
January 13—Hopkins Prep. at New Haven.
January 20—New Haven H. S. at New Haven.
January 26—New London M. T. S. at Storrs.
January 27—Dean Academy at Franklin.
February 2—Ridge School at Washington.
February 3—Gunnery at Washington.
February 17—Monson Academy at Monson.

Dates unsettled with the Grex Club of Willimantic, Rockville Independents, Windham H. S. and the Cyclers of Willimantic.

The hockey team defeated Hartford H. S. in a fast game on Saturday, January 6. The ice was in poor shape and the game was played with the mercury hovering around the zero mark. Both teams were handicapped by the absence of the rink sideboards which were not yet
in position. The excellent work of Capt. Linsley, Webb, Kilmer and Peters helped to bring about the 2-0 victory.

The following men played for the College—Aiken, goal; Captain Linsley, point; Dresser, cover point; Tracey, center; Webb, rover; Peters, r. wing, and Kilmer, l. wing.

The rink is now in first-class condition and some fast exhibitions are expected in the ensuing games.

The baseball men have opened the season in the practice cage in Storrs Hall. Ex-Captain Keating and a few of the old men were out getting in shape for the coming spring. A good team is expected this season and we are all looking forward to results.

XXX

Dear Aggies

Oh, Connecticut, dear Aggies,
Thy sons can ne'er forget,
That golden haze of student days
Is round about us yet.
Our banners flight to sunlit height
Uplifts our manly hearts.
The glory due 'cause we've proved true
Dear Connecticut, is thine.

'Twas through your rays, we learned the ways
That manhood's feet shall find.
'Twas there we found the friendship true
Which time can ne'er unbind;
Though may life bring success or sting
Our lessons still will guide.
The glory due 'cause we've proved true
Dear Connecticut, is thine.

One, two, three, four, the guns we bore
Have made us better men.
We learned to love the flag above,
That floated o'er us then
As when we bear the strife and care
Along life's battle line
The glory due 'cause we've proved true
Dear Connecticut, is thine.

—EDWIN CHOATE EATON, Ex. '12.
Alumni Notes

The annual Alumni Banquet will be held February 6th in Hartford and probably at Harry Bond's. An excellent program is expected, part of which will include speeches by several prominent men of the state. All Alumni and former students, including those of the Summer School, are cordially invited to attend. Bring your wives or friends. Plates are reserved for all and those anticipating being present at the banquet will do well to give notice to Professor Wheeler.

Written requests have been sent to the Alumni asking for donations to aid the coaching fund. This has been done in past years and was partially the means by which the Athletic Association has procured non-resident coaches. We hope the Alumni will readily respond; we assure them that all donations will be thankfully received.

At a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held at Washington, D. C., December 27-30, the following Alumni were present: W. A. Stocking, '95; B. A. Walden, '99; S. P. Hollister, '05; E. M. Stoddard, '07, and W. O. Hollister, '09.

'97. J. N. Fitts, Master of the Masonic Lodge, No 24, attended the session of the Grand Lodge at Hartford, January 17-18.

'00. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Edmond on January 7th.

'01. E. P. Brown, of Manchester, Conn., visited the College on December 28th.

Ex. '05. A son was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Axtell, of Bridgeport. Mrs. Axtell formerly Miss Adeline Hopson was active in College affairs when a student here.
'07. Mark Bishop was recently re-elected lecturer of the Cheshire Grange.

George W. Simon, of New York City, spent Wednesday, December 13th, at the College.

'08. "Duffy" Barnard recently spent several days on the hill.

Arthur E. Webster, of Berlin, Conn., has been awarded the contract to furnish all fence posts for the new State roads.

'09. "Bob" Griswold, of Lincoln, Nebraska, spent the holidays at his home in Wethersfield, Conn. Mr. Griswold is in charge of the seed department of a large agricultural firm and it is with pleasure we hear that this department has greatly increased since he has assumed the position.

Mr. W. O. Hollister, who is research entomologist for the Parke Davis Co., of Detroit, Mich., presented a paper on "Comparative Insecticidal Value of Tobacco Extract" before the American Association of Economic Entomologists. He recently spent a few days at the College.

'10. Paul A. Downs recently retreated from the "land of the maple sugar," and spent December 16th, at the College.

Ex. '10. A. F. Rolf delivered a lecture on pigeons at the Hartford Y. M. C. A., on January 9th.

Ex. '11. William S. Ditts is specializing in poultry and pomology in the Agricultural College of Cornell University; address Y. M. C. A., Ithaca, N. Y.

Ex. '12. N. A. MacQuivey, of Montreal, Canada, spent the week of January 7th, at the College. He attended the Leap Year Dance.

Axell B. Borgeson, formerly a special student, is taking a short course in general agriculture at Cornell. His address is 108 Chatham Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

The following Alumni and ex-students attended the meeting of the Connecticut State Grange at Bridgeport, January 9, 10 and 11: C. W. Wheeler, '88; C. P. Pomeroy, '90; Stancliffe Hale, Ex. '96; H. L. Garrigus, '98; H. B. Cook and K. K. Kimberley, Ex. '99; A. T. Green, '99; S. P. Hollister and Anna Clark, '05, and H. G. Hallock, '07.
In the Current Magazines

An exceptionally interesting article on "Growing and Marketing Vegetables," by Professor A. T. Stevens of this College appears in the Connecticut Farmer of January 13th.

"Does Anybody Want a Farm? The Answer" is the title of an interesting discussion in the World's Work for January. This article gives the views of numerous people on this question and is well worth reading.

A very good article by A. S. Wheeler on "The Rhode Island Red—a Rising Poultry Breed," is printed in the Outing Magazine of January.


Professor F. Sears, of Massachusetts, has a very interesting account of fruit growing and "How the Western Methods Look to an Eastern Orchardist," in the New England Homestead for January 13th.

Another very interesting article describing the methods used to "Figure Out Your Own Dairy Rations," appears in the same magazine for January 13th. It is solid reading, but worth while.

The January number of the Garden Magazine contains a very good article on "Beginning of Fruit Gardens." It gives various plans for well arranged gardens and should be of considerable interest to any one anticipating a garden of this kind.

An article on pruning dormant fruit trees also appear in this magazine.

Notes of College Athletes

Lee Talbot, the former Cornell and Penn State weights man, has been elected captain of the Kansas City Athletic Association track team for 1912.

Wisconsin is again agitating for a spring training trip in the South for its baseball team.
Eighty men have reported for the freshman crew squad at Yale.

The captains of the leading college crews, for 1912 are: Columbia, Downing, stroke; Cornell, Bowen, commodore, stroke; Harvard, Strong, No. 6; Syracuse, Babbitt, bow; Pennsylvania, Shoemaker, No. 7; Annapolis, Greenman, bow; Wisconsin, Pollock, No. 6; Yale, Romeyn, No. 3.

An error in consulting the calendar caused the Yale baseball management to announce the game with Trinity on Saturday, March 27, whereas it will be played on Saturday, March 30.

A similar error seems to have been made in the Princeton baseball schedule, for a game is scheduled with Bowdoin for Sunday, March 31.

The Yale hockey management has thrown open a new rink on Yale Field to the public on the days when it is not used by the team.

In Walter Kraft, a junior, Northwestern seems to have the best two-miler in the conference.

Inasmuch as Michigan has not scheduled a football game with Nebraska for next fall the Nekraskans will play Wisconsin late in November on the date saved for the Wolverines.

The board of regents of the University of Wisconsin is considering plans for an athletic stadium which will surpass anything of the kind in this country, if not in the world. The ultimate cost is set at close to $1,000,000, and if the plans are carried out ten years will be required to complete the structure. The proposed stadium will include special fields and stands for football, baseball and track meets, and will occupy a space of more than 100 acres. The gymnasium will consist of a series of halls or buildings for various sports, such as basketball, handball, boxing, wrestling, indoor track athletics, and other sports.

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gelt he vas shquander mit der boys, und efer since he dook dot meal he has been sidden on der back seat in his fadder’s houses.

Der fun of getting troonk und blayin’ der deuce to-day is a solid ache mit der head, und some rependances der next day. It may been dhrue dot dhere vas no hell in her odder vorld, but no feller efer got drunk like der deuce, but vat dinks dot dis vorldt vas gif a hell dot vast full adequate for der purpose of bunishments.

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