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Manager, T. A. Early.
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Class Presidents.
1912, Senior—C. M. Sharpe.
1913, Junior—R. I. Scoville.
1915, Freshman—H. E. Stevenson.
1916, School of Agriculture—R. H. Rowe.
At a recent meeting of the Athletic Association a very important amendment was made in the constitution of the Association. This change requires that an assistant manager of a team shall, the ensuing year, become manager of that team, provided he is ratified by the Advisory Board.

This action was taken, primarily, so that the managers have sufficient training to fit them for that work so essential to the welfare of our teams. It does not seem logical that a man can properly captain a team unless he "knows the game;" no more reasonable is it to expect a man to manage the team unless he, also, "knows the game." Practice and experience are the only sources of this knowledge.

Much comment has been made on the poor cheering spirit shown by the students on the athletic field. This apparent lack of spirit we feel is due, to a considerable extent, to the poor facilities for accommodating an effective cheering section.

The bleachers—if we may call them such—on the field, at the present time, are entirely inadequate for the purpose.

It seems that steps should be taken to secure a grandstand or bleachers of sufficient size to seat the entire student body.

As the College year gradually nears the end, so also does the work of installing electric lights. They have been steadily keeping pace, one with the other.

It is hoped that the work will be completed in time that we can have electric lights installed and in operation for the Junior Week celebrations. Here's hoping!
College Spirit.

We have reached a period in our history wherein the power of building our College into a wide-famed institution lies in our hands. How are we to do this?

If every man in college would enter into athletics with his whole heart and soul we should soon be known as a great athletic institution. If every man would apply himself to his studies with true intent and purpose; if, as individuals, we put in four or five hours a day, not looking in at our textbooks but studying them, we would soon be known as a great institution of learning. What is necessary to do this?

It seems to many that the general idea of college spirit is to get out on the field and make as much noise as we can. This is only an outward sign and is absolutely without value unless backed by a deeper sentiment which should be imbued in the heart of every college man—the love of his Alma Mater.

Repeatedly, we have heard remarks depreciating the purpose of our College or the aims of our faculty. If it is your purpose to corrupt, to break down, or even to hinder the progress of education—stop now! Come, join the progressive party; it is irresistible.

Repeatedly, we have heard remarks depreciating the purpose of our athletic teams, or mocking their spirit; if it is your intent to corrupt, break down, or even hinder the progress of athletics—stop now!

Come, aid us. The gain of a cheerful giver is egregious. It helps not only those to whom it is given but he who gives. Think back over your own life and you will remember that your happiest moments were those in which you were helping some good cause. We are not asking for any gift which would cause even the slightest amount of deprivation, but only for that which every one of us has to give, if we only will; it is the true spirit of love, not the mamby-pamby love of mockery, but the kind that comes straight from our hearts. Do not fear that the source from this gift is drawn will ever be exhausted; the more we use it the greater it grows.

In giving to our College our best thoughts and wishes we build up in ourselves a true and noble character. Thus we see that college spirit is a deep sentiment with a true value to manhood and civilization.


Chem. Prof.—“What is the office of the gastric juice?”
Bright Stud.—“The stomach.”—Ex.
For the entertainment course this term Professor Blakeslee has been fortunate in securing the services of Earnest Thompson Seton on May 17th. This famous naturalist and lecturer has delivered upwards of two thousand lectures and is very well known. If feasible, an open-air concert will be held, provided a date can be secured before commencement.

THE LOOKOUT extends its best wishes to Professor Stoneburn for success in his new field. Much credit is due him in advancing our poultry department from a non-descript to a modern plant.

Professor Kirkpatrick, formerly of Mississippi Agricultural College, has assumed charge of the poultry work at a most opportune time. Mr. Kirkpatrick has the best wishes of the entire student body.

Owing to the inclement weather, the demonstration on spraying and pruning, by Mr. Jarvis, was postponed from Friday, March 29th, to the following day. The demonstration was well attended by students who without doubt derived much benefit from the work. C. M. Sharpe and S. L. Clarke ably assisted Mr. Jarvis in the work.

The respective rifle teams, of the different classes, which were inaugurated last term, have been doing very creditable work and we hope that the commandant will be able to fulfil his promise—that of sending a team to compete in the inter-collegiate matches next year. We should strive to emulate the example of Massachusetts Agricultural College, which has won the national championship for three consecutive years, thereby attracting favorable comment to their College.
A dance for the benefit of the baseball team was held in the chapel, Thursday evening, April 4th. The affair was a pleasing success, both socially and financially.

The members of the class of 1912 were guests of President and Mrs. Beach at supper on Wednesday, April 3rd. A very enjoyable evening was passed by all present.

Although we have a seemingly full quota of clubs, we have not what every college of any consequence possesses—a debating club. There is urgent need for such a club. Confined as we are in the precincts of Storrs, the vital issues in the world’s progress are but casually read in the news sheets. The club would be an education in itself. The value of the training and confidence that enables one to make an extemporaneous speech is inestimable. Inter-class debates can easily be held this year, with the prospects of a team to represent the College next year.

Kilmer—“I am always happy when I am breaking into song.”
Kendall—“Why don’t you get the key and then you won’t have to break in?”

All candidates for the “Fussers’ Club” please report to Mr. A. J. Webb for instructions. He is an expert in all the details of the art.

Junior—“Lend me a dollar for a week, old man.”
Senior—“Certainly who is the weak old man.”

Mr. Fitts to Zappe—“Name the different kinds of saws.”
Zappe—“Rip, cross-cut, horse-saw.”
Mr. Fitts—“Yes, and see-saw, too.”

Fresh (looking at the “Pink Lady”)—“Isn’t she slender?”
Junior—“Slender! Why, she could take a bath in a fountain pen.”

During the progress of the Freshmen and School of Ag. baseball game on April 5th, “Chesty” Wolverson and Guy Harvey proved to be very effective backstops.

Fresh—“Who was Leonidas?”
Second Fresh—“Why, he was the chap that was Captain of the
Persian baseball team when they beat the Spartans after a hard game.”

Friend—“Is that boy Alvan taking an interest in the farm?”
Mr. Howard—“He is beginning to. He showed where to have some tennis courts and how to turn the barn into a garage.”

One of our most popular men has left our midst. “Jim” Millar was one of the many good men of his class (1913) and will be greatly missed. We wish “Jim” all success possible and hope that he will be able to complete his college work in the near future.

The aftermath of the victory over Middlebury College, on April 9th, brought to the fore the true college spirit that should always prevail. The endeavors of “Bob” Dunne and others in fostering this spirit is worthy of the highest commendation. We should remember that nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm.

A. B. Stephenson was seriously injured during Freshman baseball practice on April 5th and was obliged to go home. We are pleased to hear that “Stephie” is doing nicely and that he expects to be back in a short time.

As a result of a sudden illness, E. D. Mitchell was unable to attend the conference of the Agricultural Clubs of the New England Colleges at the Maine Agricultural College. Charles P. Harper was elected a delegate to represent this college in place of Mr. Mitchell.

Miss Hayes lectured at Bloomfield, March 12th.

Miss K. C. Lynch, Mrs. E. W. Ellison, Miss Margaret Mohr, and Mr. H. O. Hopkins have been recent guests at the cottage.

Taps!

Bugle blow,
Sweet and low
Through Storrs Hall
Hear the call,
Good-night all.
Echo seems
To recall
Peaceful dreams.—Pop.
How to Kill Quack Grass.

The Department of Agriculture has recently issued Farmers’ Bulletin No. 464 on “The Eradication of Quack Grass.” Quack grass is well known to most farmers all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific in latitudes north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers. It is one of the most serious weed pests known in America. The grass grows under a great many different names, among them couch grass, witch grass, and twitch grass.

The author of this bulletin has spent a number of years making a close study of the grass under field conditions all over the northern United States. Based on this thorough knowledge of the field habits of the grass, experimental work was started, which quickly resulted in a complete, cheap, and practical method of eradicating the pest.

Farmers’ Bulletin 464 embodying this work can be had by applying to your Senator, Congressman, or directly to the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

DEPARTMENT NOTES

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

Eurotas Naomi, the highest producing Guernsey cow owned by the College had the misfortune to swallow three inches of baled-hay wire which lodged in the lower part of her gullet. This made it impossible for her to eat and effected her heart so seriously that she died within three weeks. The wire was discovered at a post-mortem examination.

The department has just finished an advanced registry test for A. J. Pierpont. One cow, Alicine Beryl DeKol, made the excellent record of a little over 20 pounds of butter in seven days.

R. E. Buell has made some excellent records for R. Wallace & Sons, of Wallingford, Conn. Their cow, Dutchland Pieterje Beets DeKol, gave 567.8 pounds of milk, containing 20.39 pounds of fat, equal to 25.4 pounds of butter, 80% fat. Two other cows gave 16.4 and 17.5 pounds of fat in seven days. This work was supervised by H. Loverin and Mr. Pierpont's work was supervised by William Walker.
HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The number of potted apple and pear trees has been increased to 50. These trees are the usual outside varieties budded on dwarf stock.

Two native Japanese maples and one variety of native grapes are doing well. They were presented by Mr. Inouye to the department last fall.

One Eugenia Uniflora (Surinam Cherry) is now in fruiting. The fruit is small, light red, and agreeably acid. It is used fresh or for making jelly.

A house of calceolarias are now in full bloom, making a beautiful appearance with their various colors and markings.

Several new varieties of gooseberries, blackberries and strawberries are to be added to the College small fruits.

Mr. Seth Anderson has left the department to accept a position on Roanogu farms, Brewster County, New York.

THE EGG-LAYING CONTEST.

The nineteenth week of the contest shows a gain, over the previous week, of 166 eggs; the gain of the eighteenth week over the seventeenth was 100 eggs.

The English pen of White Leghorns is still ahead of all others with a record of 369 eggs; 54 more than the next highest, Edgerton’s R. I. Reds, with 315 to their credit. The highest score for the nineteenth week was for the pen of the Dark Cornish with 30 eggs from a possible 35. This has been exceeded but once, when a pen of White Orpingtons laid 31. Of this pen of Dark Cornish, one pullet layed seven eggs, three pullets layed six eggs each and one five during the past week. The second place was taken by the pen of C. R. I. Reds from Colonial farm, N. H., with 29 eggs; the third place by W. J. Tilley’s White Plymouth Rocks with 28 eggs. Four pens tied with 27 eggs each for fourth place. Eleven pullets layed every day in the week; five of them being Barred Plymouth Rocks. The average for each pen of White Leghorns for this week was 22.4 eggs, being 64% of the possible 35 eggs. The average for each of the twelve pens for the Barred Plymouth Rocks was 22.4. The White Plymouth Rocks averaged 25 eggs for each pen—a 71.4% lay.

The total number of eggs layed during the week was 2,148, being 62.6% of the possible total. This is a very good record for so many birds.

FARM DEPARTMENT NOTES.

The old Devon oxen that have done service for the past eight years on the College farm have been replaced by a very pretty pair
of six-year-old Devons that weigh about three hundred pounds more than the old team.

The Holstein team has been sold and will be replaced by another fancy pair of Devons.

Considerable work has been done on the roads in the immediate vicinity of the College by the use of a patented road drag that is a modification of the King drag, and it has shown that this is a reasonable and economical method to employ in the maintenance of country roads.

"Gaiety," the pure-bred French Coach mare, has a nice filly foal that promises to be a credit to the College.

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The Christian Endeavor Society.

The students of the Connecticut Agricultural Society who have recently founded a chapter of Christian Endeavor, which holds meetings once a week in the College Church, may be interested to learn that the society was founded by the Rev. Francis E. Clarke, who graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1871. This is a world-wide society, and has been proposed by Congressman McCall, of Massachusetts, for the Nobel Peace Prize; a recognition of the world peace according to an announcement made by the Christian Endeavor headquarters in Boston. This proposition has been heartily seconded by prominent persons in many lands and in nearly every walk of life including the King of England, Emperor of Germany, the President of the Norwegian Parliament, Chief Justice of that Kingdom who is the highest General in the Norwegian Army, and the Norwegian Postmaster General, who stated as follows: "The great international and world conventions of Christian Endeavorers are, in a way, peace conferences, as they bring together representative leaders of religious work in all lands and in every convention the subject of world peace and international brotherhood holds prominent place on the programme."

The celebration of February 2d, last, marked the thirty-first birthday of the society. The growth from its foundation at the Williston Church, Portland, Maine, in 1881, to the present day, is marvelous. From one chapter with fifty-seven members it has increased to over eighty thousand chapters and has a membership of over four and a half million. It has grown from one denomination to eighty denominations. It has spread through the United States, Canada, Mexico, British Isles, throughout Europe, Australia and the
East, including China, Japan, Manchuria, the Philippines, Africa, and in fact, to every civilized country of the world.

The first convention of the society was held in Portland, Maine, June 2, 1882, and the second was held the following year; they are held annually.

To quote from the Rev. James Ross: "Fortunately, the Christian Endeavor Society has passed through narrow-minded nations with religious prejudices, and now there is nothing to do except to grow unhindered and with acceleration." E. C. Eaton, Ex. '12.

The Agricultural Dollar.

The question of reckoning the products of the earth by fixed money values is one which has, perhaps, caused more back-to-the-land failures than any other. This matter does not lie in the hands of agricultural students or reasoners, but bothers only the get-rich-quick parties who expect results from little labor and capital. Results rest totally in the hands of the farmer or laborers of nature. One farmer may prosper greatly while his neighbor may be an utter failure.

Many honest people have been misled and thrown into difficulties by the many back-to-the-nature fakirs. Every good cause has its miserable counterfeiter's schemes. The clamoring populace are lead astray by the stories told of the results received from the many branches of this movement. Be wise, look into all these schemes and do not "take the hook." We often see such glaring advertisements as "Raise Poultry—$1,400 from a Flock of Hens," or "A Crop of Strawberries and Independence." This can be done and is done, but it means work; and every man does not receive results alike.

One should not figure results before the harvest. Weather conditions, soil conditions and methods of cultivation and fertilization determine results. One may succeed where others fail. It is better, therefore, to base your profits on your results and not on the results of your neighbor.

Country life is the most independent life, but it has its drawbacks, hardships and disasters. Results are not gained by mere exchange of capital, in agriculture, but only by toil with the hands and sweat of the brow. Therefore, look before you leap, beware of schemers and take this country life for what it is, not for what others try to make you to believe it to be.

J. M., Ex. '13.
In Memoriam.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our number our beloved and faithful brother, George Francis McAauthor; and

Whereas, Our Fraternity deeply feels the loss of a member who commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him, be it hereby

Resolved, That we herein express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and inserted in THE LOOKOUT.

—COLLEGE SHAKESPEAREAN CLUB.

Alumni Notes

'93. W. B. Dayton has accepted the position of manager of the farm of L. V. Walkley.

'98. The portrait of W. N. Hawley, which has been painted by Professor Dodge, of Norwich, is completed and in the hands of Professor C. A. Wheeler.

'98. J. W. Pincus spent several days at the College, April 9-11. The Alumni were well pleased with the excellent article by Mr. Pincus which appeared in the previous issue of THE LOOKOUT.

'99. W. W. James is a resident engineer of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

George Green is Assistant Superintendent of Colgate & Company's plant.

'02. A. B. Clarke was married on April 8th, at the St. James' Church, Perkeimen, Penn., to Miss Isabel Shell Valentine. They
will reside at Norwich, Conn., where Mr. Clarke is manager of the Storer farm.

'06. Miss Ester Toohey is employed as a nurse in the Williamsburg Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

'07. Earl Bemis recently spent several days at the College.

'09. F. A. Loveland and F. L. McDonough recently visited the College for a few days. Mr. McDonough has been working for the Massachusetts State Forestry Department, assisting in the efforts of that department to control the Gypsy moth.

L. M. Hungerford, of New Milford, has accepted the position as superintendent of a large fruit farm in Leedville, N. Y. Mr. Hungerford for the past two years has assisted his father in the management of their large fruit farm in New Milford.

'10. L. W. Rich, who was employed in Stamford, Conn., spent Easter Sunday at his home in Danbury. Mr. Rich recently joined the Masonic Lodge of that city.

'10. Rollin L. Birdsall, of Mansfield Depot, spent the Easter holidays at his home in Patterson, N. Y.

Ex. '12. Katherine Lynch, who is a student in the Teachers' College of Columbia University, spent her Easter vacation at Storrs, as the guest of Miss Ruby I. Ingham.

To the Editor and Readers of The Lookout:

While looking through the lists of our alumni, I found that they are divided into the following groups: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, Ohio, Washington, D. C., Virginia, et cetera.

In the State of Connecticut the College alumni hold meetings at Hartford and one at Commencement week at Storrs. Last December, at the United States Hotel, Boston, Mass., The Massachusetts Club held their first annual banquet. The banquet will be held each year at Boston during the Christmas vacation.

To the alumni, in the States mentioned above, who are unable to get to Storrs each year, it seems that some means of securing a reunion once a year is necessary. Through these meetings the alumni would hear about Connecticut. Perhaps the president of the College or one of the faculty or trustee would speak. Athletic captains and managers of the respective teams, will take on athletics at Connecticut. Here the activities of the College, the needs of the College, and the work of the College could be discussed. Each alumnus and undergraduate could bring a scholastic friend of athletic or glee club ability,
and in this way interest him in our Alma Mater, and give him an en-
joyable evening.

Thus, through these organizations we could keep our alumni in-
terested in the progress of the College, interest prospective students
of Connecticut and also afford the undergraduates an opportunity to
become acquainted with their alumni. To use an expression of Mayor
Fitzgerald, of Boston, we would become “Bigger, Better and Busier.”
Sincerely,

E. C. Eaton, Ex. ’12.

The Hawk and Owl Problem.

ARE HAWKS AND OWLS GOOD OR BAD? TO SHOOT OR
NOT TO SHOOT.

In these days when so much attention is being given to game-
bird propagation and poultry farming, and just now when the nesting
season of the hawks and owls is in progress, the subject of our at-
titude toward this class of birds is a timely one. In this matter we
must meet extremes of opinion. On some game preserves they try
to kill every raptorial bird. On the other side there are people op-
posed to game preserves because of this attitude toward an interest-
ing class of birds. The only correct judgment is from the stand-
point of knowledge and consequent discrimination. Most hawks and
owls will at least, occasionally, destroy a fowl or chicken, or a game
or insectivorous bird. Some kinds do this habitually; others prefer
different diet and commit depredation more under force of circum-
stances. While it would not be desirable to have birds of prey really
abundant, on the whole they have a useful function to perform, in
the keeping down of noxious vermin, and it would be a calamity to
have them entirely exterminated.

Take, for instance, the great horned owl, classed as one of the
most destructive species. It certainly kills game-birds and poultry
to some extent. But I have often examined their nests where they
bring their prey. In the great majority of cases I have found there
rabbits, skunks, woodchucks, squirrels, rats, snakes, but only occa-
sionally birds. In short, they feed mainly on vermin which would
have destroyed much more game and poultry than the owls. But
if there were too many owls there would not be vermin enough to go
round, and of course they would invade the poultry yard. In fact,
one pair of these owls, in a large wooded tract, is a pretty good thing
to have. Of course, if they become troublesome, as individuals
sometimes do, they can be shot. Yet they are magnificent great
creatures, and I love to hear them hooting in the twilight in the
rugged hill country and the big timber. Much the same is true of the barred owl, a slightly smaller species, without the ear-tufts.

Omitting mention of a few rare hawks that do not figure much economically, we have only two kinds that are of serious menace. These are the Cooper's and the sharp-shinned hawks, of medium and small size respectively, with short wings and long tail, which flap their wings rapidly. Their principal diet is of birds and poultry, and it is proper to shoot them at sight. There is no danger that they will be exterminated.

The other hawks and owls, like most people, are neither notable saints nor very great sinners. Some of them, like the so-called hen-hawks, the red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks, sometimes bother the farmer of the game-birds, though usually confining their attention mostly to vermin and insects, being rather heavy, sluggish birds, taking what comes easy. When individuals learn the way to the poultry yard or game-farm and become troublesome, they can be suppressed.

Showing how individual “good” birds will fall from grace, last winter I knew of a screech owl killing a Hungarian partridge through the wire of a pen. I have even heard of one killing a large hen. It was winter, and probably these were desperate from hunger. Ordinarily they are splendid mousers and ratters, better than most cats, and I should not dream of shooting them because of rare lapses from our human standards of virtue. The marsh hawk that quarters over the meadows, the retiring broad-winged hawk of forest tracts, the little sparrow hawk with reddish back that hovers over the field for mice and grasshoppers, are birds of this same category. Those who shoot them all indiscriminately only reveal their lack of observation. It would really require vigorous war on their part against the vermin to undo the damage they thus unwittingly do to the game-birds in removing the natural check upon the vermin. In the western grain raising country, the hawks and owls keep down the gophers, the worst pest of the farmer. In some localities where bounties have been offered for hawks and owls it is said that rodents have so increased as to girdle the fruit trees and seriously ravage the crops. Bounties are harmful in causing the destruction of good with the bad.

My plea, in short, is to discriminate. Keep down only the really injurious species. Kill individuals of other kinds that commit depredation. Consider that many of our raptorial birds lead quiet and mostly harmless lives, holding down the flood of vermin that would overwhelm us. Indeed it gives great pleasure and a sense of real achievement to know the wild raptors of the forests.

HERBERT K. JOB, State Ornithologist.
ATHLETIC NOTES

The baseball team, considering the handicaps of a poor field, no coach and an unsettled schedule, has proven itself worthy of better student backing than it has had heretofore. If your pocket happens to be shallow, get busy and let’s have some new cheers and songs with a great deal more enthusiasm than heretofore. We have some games before us that can be easily won if we all work together.

The track work this spring promises to yield some good results. Standards have been purchased. There will be some interesting stunts performed in a series of interclass meets. If you are able to slap your feet on the ground come out and see if you cannot “shake a leg.”

The Freshmen beat the School of Agriculture in baseball to the tune of 16 to 13. The game went eleven innings and was very exciting throughout. Aikens, Clarke, Tracy and Johnson were the batteries for the School of Ag; while Hertz, Illy and Farnum formed the batteries for the Freshmen. For the first few innings the game looked easy for the Freshmen, but in the sixth inning began to strike an equilibrium. At the end of the ninth inning both teams had scored thirteen runs. In the tenth inning each team scored a run, but in the eleventh the Freshmen succeeded in scoring two more runs which won the game for the Freshmen.

MIDDLEBURY, 10. C. A. C., 0.

In the first 'Varsity game of the season the Middlebury College team defeated our team with the above score. The game was fast and exciting up to the seventh inning, the score being 2 to 0, but at this period of the game Middlebury began to pile up the score. Middlebury continued to score throughout the remainder of the game.

The poor showing that the 'Varsity made was due largely to lack of practice which made itself evident in the poor team work. Johnson played an excellent game behind the bat and allowed no man to
MIDDLEBURY, 1. C. A. C., 2.

In the second game of the season Connecticut retrieved her laurels by a victory over the Middlebury team in a hard fought contest, which lasted but five innings, due to the inclemency of the weather and the poor condition of the field. In this game the 'Varsity showed up in much better form, both individually and as a team. Illy filled the box for the full five innings and pitched good ball, allowing only a few scattered hits. Shortstop Tracey brought in two runs in the first inning with a safe hit. Middlebury scored their only run in the third inning.

DEAN, 6. C. A. C., 1.

On April 13th, our team played at Dean, where they met defeat. The game was an exciting one and well played throughout. It was not due to poor team work or poor individual work on the part of our team that they were defeated, but to the inability of our men to find the pitcher of the Dean team. Dimmock who filled the box for Dean is considered one of the strongest pitchers that has played for the Dean team. Though he failed to score a victory, Capt. Aubrey is to be commended for the work shown by his team so early in the season and we feel that the end of the season will find victories in the majority.

A Geometrical Fantasy

"Stand up there, now. Don't you know anything? That theorem is very easy; prove it." This was from a queer, angry looking object that reminded me of Mr. Wells' "Essentials of Plane and Solid Geometry." He was surrounded by a motley crowd of lines, theorems, polygons, axioms, circles and every other device, known to geometry, for human torture.

I cowered in silence before the wrath of the "Essential" but when I received a gentle hint from the pointer (a smart rap on the
knuckles) to proceed, I answered, "I— I don't know—I can't prove it."
The crowd gathered around me in great anger, while the "Essential,"
stamping his foot, roared out, "Can't prove it! It has been in the
lesson for three days. Well, prove this one then."

I took the chalk and ruler and with trembling fingers constructed
the figure and proceeded to the demonstration.

When I came to the third major premise I was very much con­
fused and was trying to get straightened out when the "Essentials"
impatiently interrupted me with, "Talk sense." I wondered how I
could be expected to talk when I did not know anything about the
theorem. The crowd was so excited that I simply had to do some­
ting to calm them lest they should attempt personal violence.

I finally hazarded, "Two points equally distant from the ends of
the line determine the perpendicular bisector of that line," which was
perfectly true, but from the behavior of the geometrical properties
it was evident that it had nothing to do with the case. I would not
have believed that anything I might say could have made them any
angrier than they already were, but this did. They fairly hopped up
and down with rage and I had to dodge the pointer several times.
Then the "Essentials" spoke up.

"Well, it is very evident that he does not know the least thing.
There is only one way in which to instil the geometry into his brain;
to take off the top of his head and pour it in." I hollered at this
and tried to escape but the crowd closed in around me the "Essen­
tials," appointed several of the polygons to measure out a sufficient
amount of knowledge. There was quite a measure full and I did not
see how they ever expected to get all of it into one person's head.

"Already," said the "Essentials," "Bring that apparatus over
here to put the geometry in with. I heard the machine bumping
over the floor behind me and I had just drawn a long breath to pre­
pare for the ordeal when bang, bang, bang went that horrid machine
over the floor and "Epiram! hey Epiram! get up, the breakfast bell
is ringing. If you don't hurry you will be late."

Involuntarily, I raised my hand to my head, and found it securely
attached, and mentally decided that it wasn't a good plan to leave my
geometry unprepared over night. E. H. G., '15.

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