

# THE COLBY ECHO.

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## PATTY'S CAREER.

Patty Coggins was a strong champion of the rights of her sex; though by what process of reasoning she became so it might have puzzled even herself to tell. Indeed, I am inclined to believe that reason had very little to do with the matter, but rather that she had absorbed the ideas with the atmosphere she breathed; for Patty was born in a free country, a town in northern Wyoming.

However the fact may be accounted for, it is certain that, long before she had reached "years of discretion," Patty could discuss "spheres," "careers," "self-reliance," and "individuality" with the best of them. The great question with her was how she could carry her theories into practice. Her father, who was able and willing to supply all her wants, could not understand this independence. More than that, she had a lover, who desired nothing so much as to become her husband in the good old-fashioned way.

This young suitor was a Norwegian by birth, as his name, Eric Wexel implies, and he seems to have had the persevering disposition of his race, for when Patty rejected his matrimonial overtures, instead of threatening suicide or resorting to any of the expedients common to desperate lovers, he replied with a smile, "I can wait," then walked quietly back to his farm and his thousand sheep.

Once, after making a speech at the Woman's Club in favor of dress reform, Patty undertook to maintain her consistency by adopting the costume she had advocated; but when she appeared in the street in this striking attire, she was stared at by the men, hooted at by the boys and barked at by the dogs until she was glad to hurry home where she could give vent to her indignation and resentment.

Eric, who had witnessed her discomfiture, thought this would be a favorable opportunity to renew his proposals; but he was again rejected. "I can wait," said he, and went back to his farm as before.

In a few days Patty celebrated with triumph her twenty-first birthday and exercised the right of a free-born citizen by going to the polls and casting her vote; at the same time her name, with those of two other ladies, was proposed for a member of the School Committee.

"For my part," said Mr. Black, a thorough New Englander, who had gone west carrying all his eastern prejudices with him, "for my part, I despise these new-fangled notions,—woman's voting and all that—and as to office, if they are eligible to one office they are to another. How would they like to be on the night-police force for instance?"

Mr. Black was here reminded that the town did not boast a police force.

"Well, then, the town assessors," continued he, "they'd look well going round peering into all the barns and stables with their children taggin' wouldn't they now?"

"I suppose we could leave our children at home, precisely as we do when we go to church," remarked Mrs. Smart, one of the candidates, with some asperity.

"Let's give 'em a chance!" cried Mr. Black excitedly. "I propose that instead of being put on the school committee, these three ladies be appointed town assessors."

"I certainly shall not hesitate to serve

if the office is given me," said Mrs. Smart, whose temper began to rise.

"Nor I," said Patty Coggins, stoutly, "Nor I," echoed her friend Kate Walker.

Now here was a state of affairs which no one contemplated. Mr. Black, although he had made his proposal in derision, declared that he was "not going to back down," a statement that was supported by all his party—the ladies also, stood their ground and their friends could do no less than stand by them; so that in the end they were actually elected town-assessors by an overwhelming vote.

It was a proud day for all three, when they started out on their tour of inspection, Patty felt that her career had now begun indeed. As they had the sympathy of most of their towns-people they were treated with courtesy wherever they went. So they got along with much less difficulty than they had anticipated, until they came to Deacon Allen's premises.

The deacon's cow was usually a peaceable, and well disposed animal, but she evidently entertained extreme views on the subject of women's rights; for no sooner did she see the three assessors at the gate of the yard where she was grazing, than she stopped eating and began to roll her eyes and shake her head ominously.

"What does she mean by that?" queried Mrs. Smart. "Oh, I don't believe she means anything in particular," said Kate Walker, "I reckon it's the way they always do."

"We must go in anyhow," said Patty decidedly. "I'd rather be tossed on her horns than to have it get to Mr. Black's ears that we ran away from a cow." So saying she opened the gate and all marched boldly in.

At this the cow began to plunge and paw the earth defiantly. Before they had gone half way across the yard, she gave a sudden leap into the air and rushed at them full speed.

Although they did the best they could to get out of the belligerent animal's way, the affair might have had a fatal termination, if the deacon's little boy, Tom, had not come to the rescue with a broom-stick.

"What does your father keep such a beast as that for?" asked Patty, when on the safe side of the gate.

"Why, there ain't anything the matter with her, only she hates women," answered Tom.

"A pretty state of things when even the cows turn against us," remarked Mrs. Smart.

"You won't tell anybody about this little affair, will you Tommy?" asked Patty coaxingly.

"Taint likely," replied Tom, but with an expression of countenance which belied his words.

As a matter of fact, the story with various additions was circulating through the town before another sunset.

But a still more trying ordeal awaited the three assessors when, at a public meeting, they presented their memorandum book to the proper authorities.

They began to feel a little nervous as they observed the smiles, sometimes broadening into a laugh, with which the book was passed from hand to hand; but they thought of no serious trouble until Mr. Marshall, a fiery little gentleman, burst out—

"Why, what under the canopy do

these women mean! I've got six splendid yoke of oxen in my barn, that have taken the premium at all the cattle shows in the country for the last three years and here they have credited me with twelve cows!"

"Well, they all had horns," observed Patty.

"Horns! so has a buffalo, ma'am. Why didn't you put me down for a herd of buffaloes and done with it?"

"And what does *this* mean, I should like to know," cried Squire Herrick. "Opposite my name I find—'one Arabian!' There isn't such a thing on my estate."

"It means your grey horse," said Kate Walker. "That was Mrs. Smart's mistake; but she is excusable, because she has always lived in the city, you know."

There was a good deal of applause and laughter and then a call to order by the chairman.

"I'm sure I don't see what difference it makes, if we didn't give things exactly their right names—they're all what the farmers call 'critters,'" remarked Kate as she and her fellow-assessors walked homeward. "If I'm chosen assessor another year, I mean to record everything that has four feet as a 'critter.'"

"The most I care for is that it is such a triumph for that horrid down-East Yankee, Mr. Black," said Mrs. Smart.

Patty, contrary to her usual custom, was silent. She had seen Erik in the hall and was thinking what the effect would be upon him.

To her surprise, that very evening he called upon her and again made his appeal. He had been over the ground so often before he had nothing new to urge so he took her hands in his and said, "Patty, will you marry me now?"

"Yes," she answered with downcast eyes, "if you'll promise never to vote for me for assessor again."

M. F. S., '04.

## ATHLETIC EXHIBITION.

Last year we were very unfortunate as far as our Indoor Athletic Exhibition was concerned. We started in with excellent prospects for a first class exhibition. The boys were interested in the work and Dr. Frew felt very encouraged. Then just as we had got a good start, the epidemic then so generally prevalent spoiled it all, for there was scarcely a man who did not suffer from its effects. This of course, destroyed all hopes of having the exhibition, and Dr. Frew was reluctantly compelled to abandon it. So it was given up, but with the understanding that we were to have one this year.

Are we going to have one? The question rests entirely with us. We have enough material in college for as good an exhibition as was ever given by the students of Colby, but it is of no use to us unless we can utilize it. If we intend to have one this year we must work,—and work hard. There is no compulsion about it. A man need not participate unless he wishes to do so, for he has his choice between the regular gymnasium work and that for the exhibition. But every man ought to go out and help the Doctor, who is working hard for a good exhibition.

The exhibition of two years ago, held in the City hall, netted over thirty dollars for the benefit of the Athletic Association, which we must admit, is badly in need of funds. The townspeople are

interested in it, and if we can arouse our own interest also, there is no reason why we cannot clear fully as much next term as we did two years ago.

A. G. S.

## EPICUREAN FEAST.

It was on last Friday evening at the hour of ten, that the patrons of Epicurus were summoned to the domicile of Julius Fogg to do duty to their host, their principles, their appetites, and themselves. The Patriarchus Sanctissimus had recently returned from a hunting trip in the near vicinity of Patten, and as a direct result, the Epicureans had venison pie. And what a pie! No ordinary pie would sate the appetite of seven Eps., and this pie was certainly extraordinary—at least in point of size. All the other fixings were excellent in proportion, but the principal thing was the pie. While the feast was in progress, seven sharp heads were active, and it is safe to say that the walls of chemical hall never knew the real meaning of "one continual round of wit" before. The Distiller of Dyspepsia Syrup vied with the Grand Scribe until Berisheeth Bera sank on the floor in an agony of laughter, and the Sovereign Sampler was forced to spring a last year's joke of the Patriarchus to let the Eps. down easy.

When the feast was over, the business in hand was of a more serious nature. Bert O. Jones was made a theoretical Epicurean last Commencement, but the rites of initiation were not performed until this evening. All was made ready, and Jones was triumphantly ushered into full fellowship with the ancient order of the revered saint. He was then created Master Measurer and Able Adjuster of Abdominal Expansion.

The rest of the evening and a good part of the morning was spent in discussion of many matters of interest to other people. The palm for cracking the best joke was held in turn by every one of the seven excepting the Lord Chief Tester and Taster, who was handicapped in the contest because of having burned his tongue in the early part of the feast. During the evening it was determined that Fields Murray was a good cook, that different kinds of deer have been seen near Patten, that Kappa Alpha would bear investigating, that 1903 was a good class, and that the standard of admission to the Club should be raised, that the Sovereign Sampler of Sacred Shew-Bread should procure his own insignia of office, that Berisheeth Bera should have a special pocket for cigars, that the best men in college were Epicureans, and that it didn't make any difference how the Patriarchus Sanctissimus caught the deer.

## CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 13 TO JANUARY 18.

Friday—Entertainment for benefit of Football Association deficiency, in Chapel 8 p. m.

Tuesday—Meeting of Christian Association 6.45 p. m.

Wednesday—Christmas vacation begins.

JANUARY 1 TO 8.

Wednesday—Winter term begins.

Thursday—Recitations commence.

Wednesday—President's Bible class 5 p. m.

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABSENT  
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The proposed change in the elective courses was hailed with delight by a majority of the students. The scope of Junior and Senior electives has never been so wide as to make possible everything desired in the way of elective courses, and the change from three four hour courses to four courses of three hours each would make it possible to take one more elective than is at present allowed without having to shoulder an extra study. In these days, the majority of upperclassmen have their future occupation in mind, and choose their electives with that end in view, and the greatest difficulty in the way has always been that a student could not elect all he wanted; we believe that this proposed change if carried into effect would do much to obviate that difficulty.

The agitation in the way of reform in the reading-room system deserves unstinted commendation. The reading room is in the hands of the students; the students pay a certain sum each term for the support of it, and they have a right to demand administrative service proportional to their support. There are many who have seemed to take it for granted that the reading-room has been so conducted as to leave nothing to be desired in the way of better service, but there are also those who have detected a few defects in the system and who have suggested ways to remedy these defects, and it is through the exertions of this latter class, that the question of reading-room reform has been brought to discussion.

We are confident that something will be accomplished in the way of bettering the condition of the reading-room and THE ECHO suggests that reform may be asked for in three directions,—in equipment, in furnishings, and in management. First, in equipment may be expected the greatest improvement. This will involve dropping several papers which are seldom read, and adding several of which the room is now in need. Chief among the additions will be the leading paper in several of the counties

of the State which are now practically unrepresented, and a New York daily, either the Sun or Post. The one New York paper supplied at present has so few things in its favor as to make it wholly unsatisfactory.

In furnishings, provision will be made for better lights, better seats, and better means for classification of papers. Better service in management will follow naturally upon improvement in the directions already spoken of. Whoever cares for the room will see to it that the papers are in their place promptly upon their receipt from the publisher. One weekly paper published Thursday has been put in the rack Saturday evening during the past term. Under the new arrangement, this paper will be in the reading-room Friday morning.

Doubtless, those who are in charge will provide for even further improvements, but we believe that the time has come when the men of the college have a right to ask for at least the simple reforms as here outlined.

## THE OBSERVER.

When, in the course of events, it becomes necessary for a Junior class to say to the world "We can't agree; we are split; there are two of us; one of us wants some officers; the other one of us wants some other officers; the whole of us has a tendency to disagree,"—when this happens, those who consider the matter must deal with a condition and not a theory. It is a charming theory to elect class officers peaceably on the caucus plan, but the Observer has noticed that in practice, the tendency to a peaceable election of Junior or Senior officers is more apparent than real.

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Even the most enthusiastic class politician will admit that the best men should fill the best offices, but when his class comes to elect officers, he finds himself in disagreement with a rival classmate as to who are really the best men. The fact of the matter is that all these different views as to the relative ability of different men are very likely to be the results of prejudice. At any rate, this difference of opinion often leads to serious dispute.

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These contested elections are due to organized factions, and these factions are the fraternities. Every fraternity is inclined to expect more than its share of the best offices, but it is clear that no fraternity is entitled to more than its proportionate share, unless its delegation is clearly superior to the other fraternities concerned. A fraternity can justly claim three of the six best class officers, if it has half of the best men in the class, but the Observer is of the opinion that such a case is exceedingly rare in a college like Colby.

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It is possible for two factions to be so evenly divided by combinations of fraternities as to prevent each other from carrying an election. Such a dead-lock prevents the class from having certain important officers, and is sure to prove unfortunate from the standpoint both of the class and of the college. A college course is too short to spend time in wrangling over class officers. There was never yet a class election so evenly contested that it might not be settled by arbitration by delegates of the rival factions. A compromise should be made by all means, and the faction which spurns compulsory negotiations favors a kind of politics which should have no place in college life.

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Jan. 7—Making the Right Start. Jos. 24: 15-21.

PROF. BECK.

Jan. 14—Our Opportunities. Esther 4: 10-14.

C. F. MCKOY.

Jan. 21—Our Source of Strength. Philip 4: 9-23.

2 Cor. 12: 7-10.

A. G. SMITH.

Jan. 28—Missionary Meeting. Acts 16: 9-12.

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Feb. 4—Christ's Words to his Disciples.

John 15: 18-27.

A. A. TOWNE.

Feb. 11—Indifference to God's Messages.

Luke 14: 16-20.

P. G. RICHARDSON.

Feb. 18—Third Person in Every Friendship.

Luke 24: 13-15.

W. T. MORSE.

Feb. 25—Incomplete Service. Philip 2: 19-30.

S. E. BUTLER.

Mar. 4—Secret Prayer. Matt. 6: 5-15.

WM. R. COOK.

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## CAMPUS CHAT.

"Oh dear, wish I was through."

Miss Dora Trafton of Hartland, spent Sunday with her sister Berdena, '04.

The Reading Room Association has chosen L. L. Workman, President, and W. W. Drew, Secretary.

Dr. J. Wm. Black will leave Saturday morning for Washington, D. C. where he will remain until New Years.

The Sophomore delegation of X. T. O. entertained the Junior delegation at the home of Miss Edith Watkins, 72 Elm St., on December 6th.

Dr. Pepper, and Dr. Dudley of Dartmouth, were in chapel Wednesday morning after having visited President White's Psychology class at the eight o'clock period.

Mr. Saunders, the leader of the Glee Club, gives notice that the reader will be chosen early next term and asks that the candidates prepare themselves during this vacation.

Hon. Joseph L. Colby, the son of Mr. Gardner Colby who gave our college its name, and was one of its greatest benefactors, addressed the students in a very interesting manner, Thursday morning at chapel.

Horace Newenham was at the bricks a few days ago beguiling the unwary youth into canvassing. Hod is the first of the season. From now on we shall have to decline fortunes readymade as gracefully as we may.

A. H. Mitchell, '02, and E. B. Winslow, '04, are in Washington, D. C., where they represent the Xi chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity in the National convention.

President White had a very busy day last Sunday in Penobscot County, where he went to preach in Oldtown. The president rode twenty miles in a sleigh and yet found time to deliver four sermons.

Manager Chipman announces that the Dramatic Club will present the "Private Secretary" in City Hall, Monday evening, February 3rd. Mr. Edgecomb has already conducted several rehearsals but the hardest work will not commence until next term.

At the instigation of the Conference Board measures are being taken to improve the reading room. There is certainly room for improvement in many ways. One that THE ECHO would suggest is that there be some decent lights provided, and that the students try hard not to steal them.

It is the intention of President and Mrs. White to entertain the members of the college at dinner at their pleasant home on College Avenue, on each Wednesday and Saturday of the term. The students are invited in groups in order of classes, and are very glad of these pleasant opportunities for becoming mutually better acquainted.

## EIGHT MEN EARN "CS."

The following men are entitled to wear the "C," as result of work done this season in football: Drew, Larsson, Thyng, '02, Palmer, '03, Roberts, '04, Cotton, Keene and Priest, '05.

On account of lack of interest, the Athletic Board of O. S. U. has decided that that university will not be represented in basket ball this year.

There is a big "scráp" now on between the frats and the literary societies of Ohio State University over the control of the board which will publish the college annual.

Oberlin College has just recently received an additional gift of \$40,000 from Louis H. Severance, who was the donor of the Severance Chemical Laboratory of that college.

## A MOMENT. WITH EXCHANGES.

The best college papers as a rule devote very little space to comment upon exchanges, while fitting school papers are considered incomplete unless they have a bulky exchange column. But in reviewing our recent exchanges, a few things have occurred to us as worthy of notice.

The *Albion College Pleiad* is one of the few college bi-weeklies which conduct an exchange department. The *Pleid* generally appears in a bright and interesting form, but when it published a lengthy "Bibliography of the Philippine Question," it made us wonder whether Albion College lacked the library facilities for adequate reference work, or whether the editors really wished to fill space.

The *M. C. I.* says: "The Colby Echo has attracted much attention. This paper contains several interesting articles." The *M. C. I.* deserves praise for having one of the best alumni columns we have seen in any school paper.

The recent issue of the *Kenyon Collegian* contains two editorials, two tedious stories, four stanzas of inexcusable verse, a few alumni notes and a football item. On the whole, it is the weakest specimen of a college paper that we ever saw.

*Forcroft Academy Review* is as bright and breezy as it was five years ago. It is easily in the very front rank of Maine school papers. But the *Review* ought to know that it is Colby College and that an editorial seems a bit behind the times when it speaks of Colby University.

We quote from *The Beacon*, (Chelsea H. S.) "The Colby Echo is also a very interesting paper, but its appearance could be improved if it were in book form with an attractive cover." Let's see,—THE ECHO used to be published "in book form," and had "an attractive cover," and we might add that it took us longer than *The Beacon* is years old, to find out that there was another and a better form in which to publish a weekly at Colby.

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## The Sketch-Book.

### BOARD OF INVESTIGATION.

The Board of Investigation went into extraordinary session at its unusual hour and immediately proceeded to the business in hand. The problem to be considered was stated in this form: Does a Course in Psychology Conduce to a Life of Veracity? The first witness called was Bert Jones.

"Give your full name."

"B. O. Jones."

"For what does the 'O' stand?"

"Orthodox."

"Define psychology."

"Darwin says—"

"Can you give an original definition?"

"No—not of psychology."

"Define veracity."

"According to Huxley—"

"Ruled out! Have you any idea of what veracity is?"

"No."

Witness excused. Mr. Saunders was called.

"How long have you studied psychology, Mr. Saunders?"

"I refuse to answer."

"Can you distinguish between sore-throat and over-sleeping?"

"Yes."

The witness was excused because of not having the courage of his inconsistency. Miss Poor was the next witness.

"Miss Poor, have you learned any lessons of veracity in your study of psychology?"

"My experience has been that strenuous pursuit of psychological research in consideration of the particularized environments rendered noticeable—"

At this point the witness became convulsed in hysteria and was quietly taken from the room. Mr. Gray was called to the stand.

"What is your specialty in studying psychology?"

"Insanity."

"Have you seen anything resembling veracity in the course this term?"

"No. The stories of President White have been—"

"Have you tried to remedy the condition?"

"Yes, by taking up the time myself."

"How much have you consumed at any one time?"

"Thirty-seven minutes, allowing for double rolling of the rs."

"Did that act illustrate your specialty?"

"Yes."

"You see," said the examiner to the Board, "this is the only witness we have met, who has the first idea of veracity. The last witness, President White, will now be examined."

"Who was the founder of the modern school of psychologic instruction?"

"Baron Munchausen."

"Was Washington a student of psychology?"

"I do not know, but I remember of hearing a friend of mine—"

"Are the deductions and illustrations of Professor James to be strictly rolled upon?"

"By no means."

"How can psychology be reconciled to Christian Science?"

"A friend of mine once—"

"That will do."

The Board had now reduced all the evidence possible and after the witnesses had been sent to the ante-room, rendered the verdict that a course in psychology afforded admirable opportunity for the cultivation of veracity and recommended that all prospective lawyers be required to take the course next year.

### RULES FOR EXAMINATIONS.

#### Governing Freshman Class.

1. Do not wear sweaters nor rubber-boots; see that your cuffs are kept out of sight.

2. Do not have any detached leaves loose in your book. It isn't neat.

3. Erase all marks in your book. The department of Dutch prohibits your name on the fly-leaf, but allows cribs if excused beforehand already, yet.

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5. Do not look behind you, or out of the window. The student is assumed guilty of cribbing until his rank is made out.

6. Write on the lower left hand cover of the examination book, your name, parent's name, where you will spend the vacation and the number of your seat in chapel.

7. Write in pencil, on both sides of the paper, and do not leave any margin, except in the courses in Political Economy and History, in which case, you may write on the "ragged edge."

#### Card of Warning.

Whereas certain malicious parties have seen fit to slander my roommate, L. C. Staples, I do hereby publish, make known, and serve notice that I will prosecute the aforesaid malicious parties to the fullest extent of the law. Moreover, all parties who shall hereafter defame said L. C. Staples or his roommate, will be murdered in bed, and then dragged out and shot.

Signed,

GEO. W. DOOLEY.

#### KAPPA ALPHA.

On the evening of November 21st, the first meeting of Kappa Alpha was held with Misses Hall and Williams.

This society is too well known at Colby to need any introduction. It is in a prosperous and vigorous condition this year and bids fair to excel its state of former years and to bring glory to its far-famed reputation. Secrecy forbids us to disclose the proceedings of the chapter on this occasion, but its members are all agreed that Senior life without Kappa Alpha would be indeed a "dreary, barren waste." All those who aspire to its membership should improve the golden opportunities which are daily presenting themselves. There is no making up for lost time where Kappa Alpha is concerned.

#### GRADUATE NOTES.

'35. Dr. Wm. Mathews is at St. Botolph's Hospital, Boston, under treatment for eczema.

'73. Ex-President Butler is giving a course of lectures on English Literature in Chicago, in the University Lecture Association course, besides giving frequent lectures in other western cities.

'81. Rev. F. M. Probie, D.D., preached before the National Grange at their recent session in Lewiston so acceptably, that the Grange ordered a large edition of the sermon to be printed and distributed.

'84. Prof. Shailer Mathews of University of Chicago will sail on Saturday next with a class for study in the Holy Land.

'80. Rev. T. J. Ramsdell after twelve years in the pastorate at South Paris, has resigned, and will spend the winter at Caribou.

'04. Miss Clara P. Morrill, Preceptress of Hebron Academy, is visiting her parents in Waterville.

'07. Rev. F. E. Taylor of Moscow, Idaho, is to be married December 17, to Miss Ruth G. Kniss, of Lewiston, Idaho.



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