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#### THE MURRAY PRIZE DEBATE.

#### The Negative Wins.

Those who attended the debate in the chapel on Friday evening, March 25th, were well repaid by the interesting and close contest that took place. The question discussed was;—Resolved: That the United States should establish a system of shipping subsidies. There was a good attendance but not so good as the debate deserved. It seems too bad that more of the students will not support this branch of college lactivities.

The debaters and the judges met in the library at 7.45 P. M. to make preliminary arrangements. At 8.00 P. M. they marched into chapel and took their places. The judges were scattered through the audience, while the debaters sat on the platform, the affirmative at the right and the negative at the left. President Roberts acted as chairman of the debate, and Mr. Patten of Skowhegan was timekeeper.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. George Dana Sanders, '82, pastor of the Unitarian Church, Waterville, Me. President Roberts then announced the time regulations, viz., 12 minutes for each speaker, and 15 minutes for each side for rebuttal, to be divided in any way among the three speakers. He then introduced the first speaker on the affirmative side, and from that moment until the last speaker in rebuttal was through, the arguments flew back and forth.

The affirmative contended that the question at issue was, Resolved that the United States should aid shipping interests in order that American ships might compete on an equal footing with foreign ships; that there were four possibilities advanced to

aid Ameican shipping, viz., (1) removal of tariff, (2) free-ships, (3) discriminating duties, (4) subsidies, and that the first three were at fault; that subsidies were practicable because the resources of the country are ample; that subsidies were effective in building up shipping; that the great railroads have been developed by just such means; that they have been used successfully by other nations; that subsidies would not only benefit the shipping interests, but also all other classes; that they are indorsed by great statesmen; and that the chief objection to subsidies comes from foreign shipping combines.

The negative maintained that a subsidy system could only be justified by a most urgent national need, and that the political conditions of today did not afford grounds sufficiently urgent to warrant a ship subsidy policy; that they are economically unsound; that the success of nations paying subsidies was not dependent upon the subsidies given, but upon economic conditions; that the condition of our shipping industry does not call for such a system; that such a policy would not effect any material saving in freight rates; that they cannot be depended upon to secure the ends sought; that the resulting evils, corruption, poor service and poor management, the ever-increasing expense, and the development of another privileged class, would be greater than any benefits that might accrue; that there was a grave doubt as to the constitutionality of subsidies and all such bounties; and that there were other more natural and safer methods deserving of a trial, viz., (1) Free-ships, (2) Free raw materials for construction of steel vessels. assisted if need be by (3)Increased tonnage taxes on all foreign vessels entering our ports, and (4) Discriminating duties on goods carried in foreign vessels flying other flags than the country to which the goods were carried.

After this came the rebuttal when the speakers had a chance to get back at one another in true argumentative style.

Before the judges left the room the chairman of the Board of Judges announced that it would probably take quite a while to arrive at a decision for the judges were to go into the matter in detail, taking account of Argument, Clearness of Presentation, and General Appearance. He complimented both sides for the splendid work they had done.

Most of the audience left, but the debaters waited for the decision with a few of the more interested ones. After a deliberation of 20 minutes the judges, Hon. George G. Weeks, Fairfield; Prof. J. D. Taylor, Waterville, and Judge O. G. Hall, Augusta, made their report. Mr. Weeks, speaking for the Judges, said that the debate was close, but that the judges had finally decided in favor of the negative side.

Pres. Roberts then called the members of the winning team to the platform and presented them with orders upon the college treasurer for \$25.00. The members of the losing team were presented with orders for \$8.33.

The winners were Harold F. Dow, '10, Harry W. Kidder, '11, Isaac Higginbotham, '11, who supported the negative side. The affirmative speakers were. Henry B. Moor, '10, Wilford G. Chapman, '12, Frederick A. Shepherd, '11. The two alternates were Guy W. Vail, '11, and Elmer R. Bowker, '13.

The decision of the judges met with the approval of the majority of those present, for it was felt that the negative side put up a better argument on the whole, although the affirmative was good in rebuttal; and that the negative surpassed the affirmative in presentation and delivery. The Murray Debating Prizes, aggregating \$100.00, are the gift of George Edwin Murray, '79. It is rumored that he will give the same amount next year for a similar contest. The college owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Murray for helping to arouse interest in debating, and it is hoped that such a debate may be held for many years to come.

#### DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

#### Annual Reception and Ball at the Chapter House.

Last Monday evening Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon held its annual reception and ball at the chapter house. The house presented a very attractive appearance. From the end of the music room the Deke pin lighted up the dance. In the other rooms banners and pillows had been tastefully arranged. On the front of the house was the fraternity emblem in colors.

The reception committee consisted of Rev. and Mrs. Cyrus F. Stimson, Prof. and Mrs. John Hedman, Mrs. Annie W. Roberts, and Alton D. Blake, '10. For the reception and ball, music was furnished by Wentworth's orchestra. At the conclusion of the formal reception, the annual Deke dance was held and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the evening dainty refreshments were served by Miss Laura L. Day, Miss Ethel Gilpatrick, Miss Marion E. Ingalls, and Miss Clara E. Winslow.

Representatives were present from the four other fraternities of the college as follows: Zeta Psi, Stanley F. Brown, '10; Delta Upsilon, Charles J. Keppel, '13; Phi Delta Theta, Reginald Farrar, '10; Alpha Tau Omega,, William G. Ramsden, '10.

Those present from the faculty were: Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Hall, Prof. and Mrs. John Hedman, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Black, Prof. Webster Chester, Dr. and Mrs. George F. Parmenter, Prof. and Mrs. Francis J. Holder, Prof. and Mrs. Clarence H. White, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Thompson, Miss Carrie E. Small, Miss Elizabeth Bass, Dr. Morton C. Mott-Smith, and Mr. Karl R. Kennison.

The committee on arrangements consisted of Nathan H. Garrick, '10, Wilber V. Cole, '11; Donald G. Roby, '12; and Donald H. White, '13. The ushers were Donald H. White, James K. Romeyn, and George L. Beach.

### ORACLE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Now that the time is approaching for the appearance of the 1910 "Oracle", perhaps a few words explaining the financial situation may not be amiss. You remember that the board of editors for 1908 caused the selling price to be lowered from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per copy. The exact reason for this is not known, but the fact remains that it was tried last year and found to be a failure.

The total receipts last year amounted to approximately 1\$720.00 while the total expenditures amounted to approximately \$852. This leaves a deficit of \$132.00. This deficit is left for the present management to pay. If last year the Oracle fell behind \$132.00, it is very reasonable to suppose that the present management cannot meet the current expenses, and also pay off the back bills, unless the value of the book is seriously impaired. This is by no means desirable.

The constitution of the Oracle association provides that any deficit arising from year to year shall be met by the several fraternities, each paying an equal share. In view of the fact that the fraternities buy the greater part of the copies, and also that the bills must eventually be paid by the fraternities, it would seem to be much easier to have the selling price raised to the original \$1.50 per copy.

The constitution further provides that the selling price shall be changed only by a majority vote of the entire association. The student body will be asked to remain after chapel Friday morning to see what

action shall be taken.

-The management wishes it distinctly understood that it is not the aim or purpose to make one penny for the editors themselves. Every available resource should be used from year to year in order that the Colby "Oracle" may be the best college annual published in the country today.

#### TRÁCK MEET.

Saturday afternoon on the board track and in the gymnasium the trials were held for the interclass track meet which is to be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is not the regular interclass meet, but it is a preliminary to beginning the real spring training on the cinder track.

The mile was the first event. This was a final as the coach desired to size up the men, in this event and in the two mile, when they were fresh. The two mile will be run off on Wednesday. The mile was won by Capt. Cole, '11, time 4-55; Keyes, '13, second; and Burgess, '13, third.

In the trials for the forty yard dash three heats were run. Nardini, '14, Goldthwaite, '13, and Wildes, '13, qualified.

For the hurdles seven heats were necessary. Nardini, '13, Hill, '12, Wildes, '13, and Cleaveland, '13, qualified.

The longest put in the shot was made by Donald, '13, who put it out 32 feet, 1½ inches. Beach, '13, Keppel, '13, and Nardini, '13, also qualified.

The first heat in the half mile was won by Cates, '12, with Burgess, '13, second. Captain Cole won the second heat with Russell and Rooney second.

The finals were held in the high jump. S. A. Herrick, '12, went 5 feet  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and Nardini, '13, was second.

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Whatever may be the final result of the present "insurgent uprising" in the National House of Representatives, Colby men cannot but be interested in the proposition for a speaker not a member of the House. as such a plan, if carried through, would without doubt place Asher C. Hinds. Colby. '83. in the speaker's chair. Dr. Hinds is one of the world's greatest authorities on the law and practice of deliberative bodies. and as clerk at the speaker's desk, he is the constant adviser of the speaker on matters of precedent. Only last year was issued his monumental work on the precedents of the House in six massive volumes, truly encyclopedic in scope. Mr. Hinds is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the First Maine district. against Congressman Amos Allen. Should he gain a seat on the floor of the House, opinion is general that his elevation to the speakership would shortly follow in the natural course of events, even if the pres-ent condition of affairs in Washington does not result to his advantage.

The football rules committee has held a second meeting, having adjourned from February, and has again adjourned to April 29. Contrary to the usual custom, the committee is this year taking the public into its confidence to the extent of giving out statements of the work thus far accomplished, though without saying what influences are responsible for a given change in the rules. As was expected, the members of the committee are finding their task an arduous one. During the next four weeks the various plans for the reform of the game will be submitted to drastic tests. The work of the rules committee thus far may be summarized as follows: First, removal of the requirement that the player who receives the ball from the snap-back run five yards to either side before advanc-Second, a requirement that seven ing. men be maintained by the offense on the line of scrimmage. Third, prohibition of the flying tackle. Fourth, division of the game into four periods of 15 minutes each. Fifth, no pushing or pulling of the runner to be allowed. Sixth, a requirement that the ball in the case of an on-side kick must strike the ground at least 20 yards beyond the line of scrimmage, failing which the members of the team kicking the ball are off-side.

The Murray Prize Debate last Friday evening was a success, but the contestants felt the need of what it is hoped in another year will become a settled thing at Colbythe constant drill and practical experience which only a debating society holding regular public meetings can give. This is not written to discount in the slightest degree the remarkable work which Instructor Herbert C. Libby is accomplishing in his argumentation and public speaking courses; but a class, however large, can never take. the place of a "many-minded" audience with its wide diversity of taste and appre-If Colby is to send a debating ciation. team against another college next yearand rumors to this effect are in the air – that team must be developed, not only by class-room practice, but also by constant appearance in public debate.

#### FRATERNITY DIRECTORY.

#### Delta Kappa Epsilon.

1910-A. D. Blake; N. H. Garrick; J. M. Maxwell; I. W. Richardson.

1911—A. W. Blake; W. V. Cole; I. M. Holt; R. E. Nash; J. Perry.

1912—R. E. Baker; W. G. Chapman; A. Fowler; E. D. Gibbs; T. S. Grindle; J. W. Kimble; J. E. May; D. G. Roby; A. L. Whittemore; D. W. Ellis.

1913-G. L. Beach; E. R. Bowker; C. Brownell; F. Bradstreet; J. C. Dane; J. C. Goldthwaite; E. C. Green; B. A. Loane; M. P. Roberts; J. K. Romeyn; D. H. White.

#### Zeta Psi.

1910-S. F. Brown; F. T. Hill; H. B. Moor.

1911-R. L. Ervin; H. W. Kidder; H. M. Pullen; R. R. Rogers; E. G. Stacey.

1912-J. A. Bagnell; R. J. Faulkingham; S. A. Herrick; M. T. Hill; A. A. Knight; E. C. Macomber; E. E. Washburn.

1013—S. Bisbee; L. R. Bowler; C. G. Fletcher; V. A. Gilpatrick; L. F. Jealous; L. H. Shibles; C. J. Sharp; C. C. Soule; E. A. Soule; O. P. Stacey.

#### Delta Upsilon.

1910-R. N. Good; T. L. Mahany; C. H. Swan; J. A. Tidd.

1911-R. C. Carter; T.P. Packard; G. W. Vail.

1912-L. B. Arey; D. Baum; R. W. Hogan, M. E. Lord; R. H. Lord; W. E. Jones; J. A. Rooney; L. C. Sturtevant; O. E. Lowell; J. Soule.

1913—I. L. Cleaveland; E. H. Hussey; C. J. Keppel; M. C. Larrabee; A. E. Leach; C. G. Reed; G. B. Rollins; G. W. Snow; R. F. Good.

At the Y. M. C. A. meeting last night, Isaac Higginbotham was elected president; Harry W. Kidder, vice-president; James K. Romeyn, Secretary, and Russell Lord, Treasurer.

#### Alpha Tau Omega

1910-H. F. Dow; J. P. Fogwell; C. L. Haskell; W. G. Ramsden.

1911-D. W. Clark; I. Higginbotham.

1912—S. C. Cates; E. N. Herrick; R. M. Hussey; H. C. Reynolds; E. W. Stewart; H. E. Tobey.

1913-H. O. Burgess; J. E. Chase; H. J. Clukey; R. F. Fernald; H. B. Green; P. W. Hussey; J. P. Kennedy; E. C. Marriner; F. J. Pope; L. G. Shesong; R. R. Webber; A. Young.

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1910—F. W. Cary; R. H. Farrar; C. E. Pease; C. A. Grant.

1911—R. C. Bridges; N. R. Patterson; S. W. Patterson.

1913-H. L. Curtis; M. C. Rideout; J. B. Thompson; W. A. Weeden.

1913—G. C. Adams; N. T. Butler; A. E. Carpenter; H. S. Cushman; C. S. Donald; W. P. Ennis; G. H. Frohock; E. D. Hall; I. O. Harlow; F. A. Hunt; L. A. Keyes; H. F. Kimball; C. C. Goodwin; F. Nardini.

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#### **ALUMNI NOTES.**

'66. Austin Thomas, M. D., a native of Waterville, who has practiced medicine in New York, Maine and Pennsylvania has recently moved back to his own state and is now located in Portland.

'86. Randall J. Condon has just been elected to the position of superintendent of schools in Providence, R. I., with a salary of \$4,000. Since his graduation Mr. Condon has been a member of the Maine Legislature, '67; <sup>5</sup>Prin. High School at Richmond, Me.; Supt. Templeton and Everett, Mass., and at Helena, Montana.

#### COMING EVENTS.

April 1-Zeta Psi Dance.

April 1-12-Spring Vacation.

April 4-11-Dramatic Club, Millinocket, Houlton, Presque Isle, Caribou, Dexter, Bangor and Charleston.

April 5-Musical Chubs at Kennebunk.

April 6-9-Musical Clubs in Framingham, Malden, Hingham, Marshfield, and Boston.

April 23-Musical Clubs at North Vassalboro under auspices of Oak Grove Seminary.

April 15-Lyford Interscholastic Prize Speaking Contest.

April 16-Baseball, Kent's Hill at Waterville.

April 19-Baseball, Maine at Waterville.

April 22-Goodwin Prize Speaking Contest.

April 25-Dramatic Club in Waterville.

April 25-Musical Clubs at Skowhegan.

April 29-Junior Prom.

#### CAMPUS CHAT.

On Tuesday night of last week the Colby Dramatic Club presented very acceptably, "One of the eight" at Hartland, under the auspices of Hartland Academy. Henry Moor was absent owing to sickness, but the manager succeeded in recasting the play to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The executive committee of the Athletic Association held a meeting last Thursday evening.

The Sophomore members of Upsilon Beta entertained the other members of the society last Saturday evening at the Club House. Winslow. Mrs. Black who was accompanied by Dr. J. W. Black, was chaperon.

#### **DE FEMINIS.**

LILLIAN L. D. LOWELL, Editor. VERENA H. CHANEY, Manager.

Lillian Carll, '12, entertained Miss Leonard of Milo at Foss Hall on Sunday.

Miss Perry of Camden spent a few days recently with Clara Winslow, '13.

Mr. Frank Hilton of Truxton, N. Y. called on his cousin, Verena Chaney, '10, Sunday of this week.

Mrs. William Thompson of So. China, has been the recent guest of her daughter, Florence Carll, '12.

Vella Barrett, ex-12, spent several days this week with friends at Foss Hall.

Elorence Haynes, '13, has been entertaining her friend, Mrs. Burdell, at Dutton House.

Mrs. Libby of Winthrop, spent Wednesday with her daughter, Dora, '13.

Gail Taggart, '12, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Skowhegan.

Verena Chaney, '10, has been entertaining her cousin, Carrie Chaney of Bath, who was in town for the D. K. E. party.

#### MUSICAL CLUBS.

The Women's Glee Club has been organized for this year with Alice Thomas, ,11, as leader and Lillian Carll, '12, manager. Twenty-five members are enrolled and rehearsals are held regularly on Friday evenings.

The Mandolin Club is unusually large, consisting of twenty members under the leadership of Frances Pollard. Several rehearsals have been held and the Club is progressing finely.

#### CHI GÁMMA THETA.

Last Thursday evening all the Chi Gamma Thetas in college, with Angie Corbett of the class of 1903, gathered around a festive and typical Chi Gamma Theta board. The decorations and place cards were all in the fratern ty colors, red, green, and black. A season of feasting was followed by one of merry-making, while these witty toasts were enjoyed.

Alumnae Toast Senior Toast Junior Toast Sophomore Toast

Angie Corbett Eleanor Creech Alice Thomas Flossie Cross

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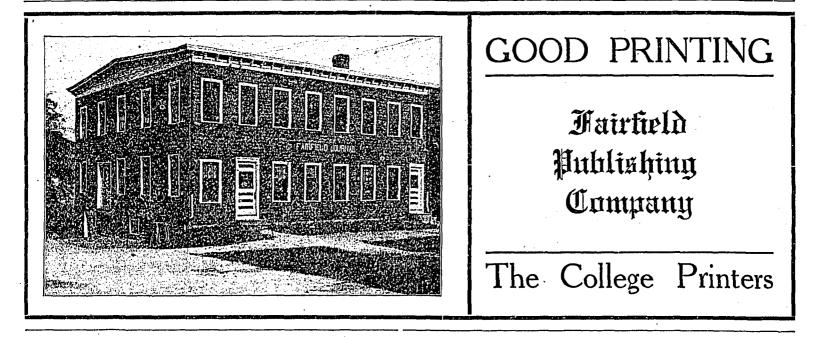
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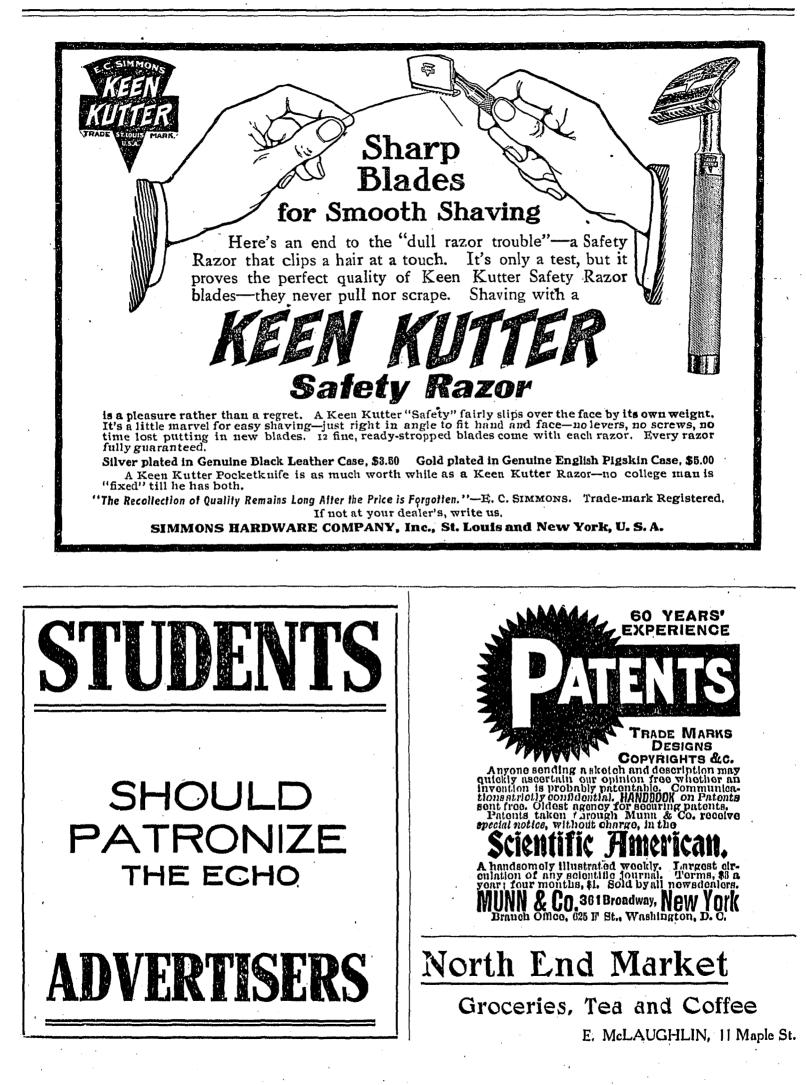
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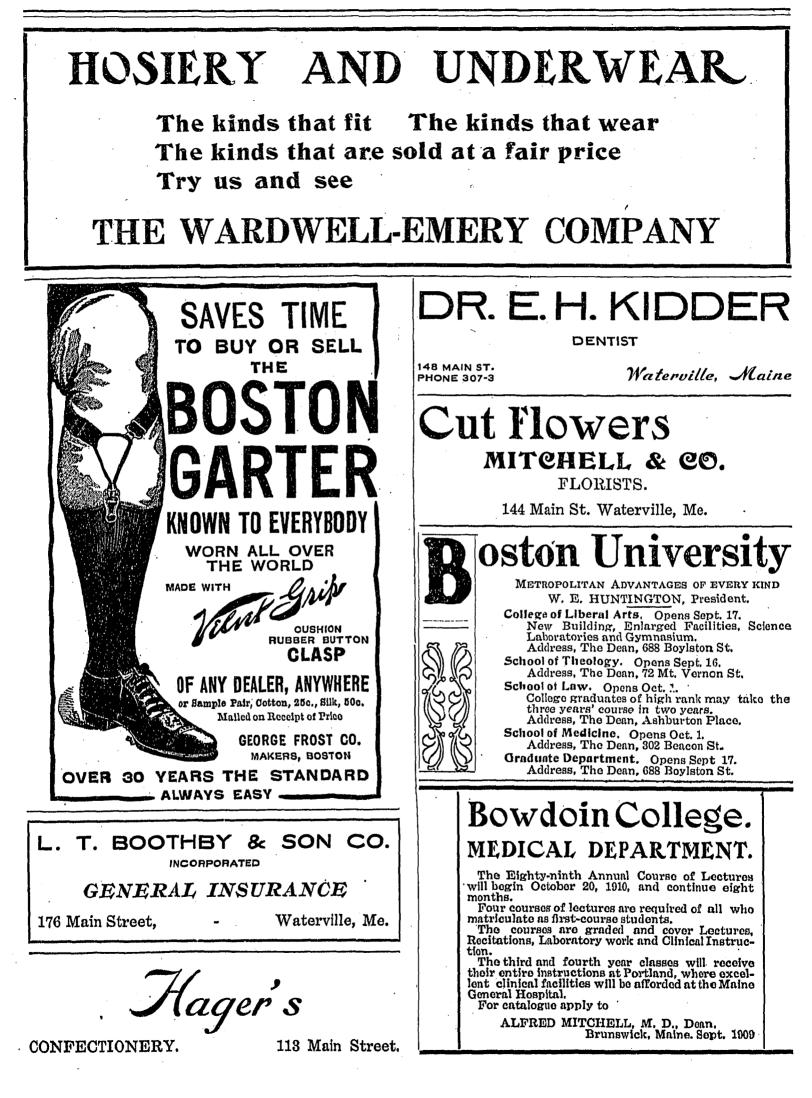
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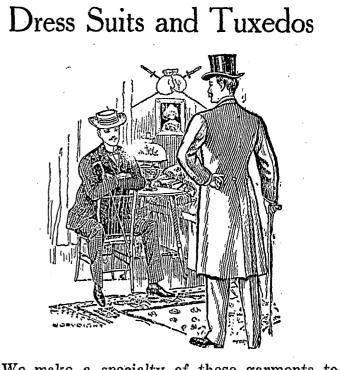
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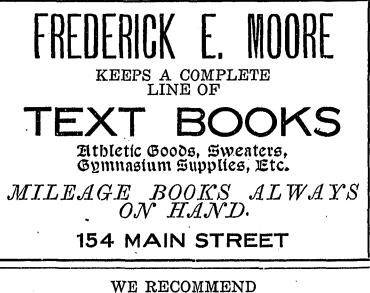
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