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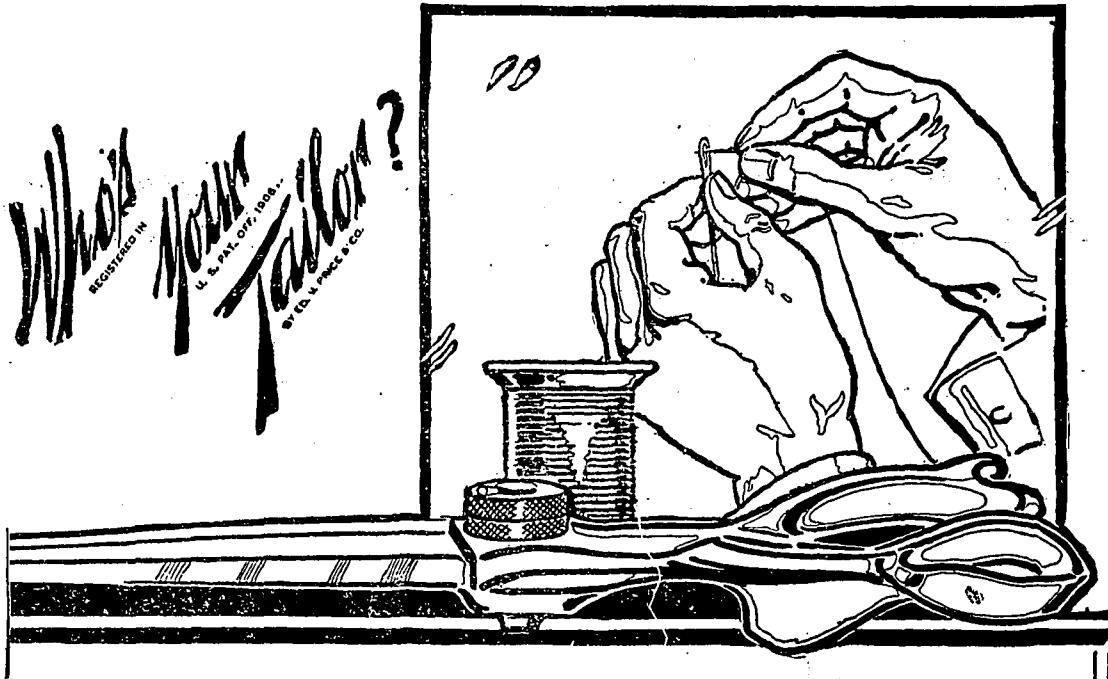
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DONALD B. MACMILLAN.

"Gee! I thought I was there." This was the expression of one small boy after hearing Donald B. MacMillan, the famous arctic explorer, lecture, in one place. No student should miss the opportunity of hearing Mr. MacMillan in his graphic description of his travels in the far north, at the City Opera House, December 14th. How telephones and electric lights were installed in the Eskimo homes; how huge polar bears and the scrappy dog-teams fought each other; how the party was attacked by fierce packs of wolves; and how some Eskimo boys travelled over seven hundred miles to keep him from starving, are among the many things described by Mr. MacMillan. The accounts are aided by the showing of a thousand feet of moving pictures and many stereopticon views. No student can afford to miss this opportunity to hear Mr. MacMillan and at the same time to help the military company to

procure their uniforms. All the proceeds will go for the latter purpose. President Roberts has taken \$100.00 from the Arthur Jeremiah Roberts Foundation Fund to apply on expenses, and it is up to each student to aid by being there. Tickets are now on sale at fifty cents for any seat in the house.

THIRTEEN COLBY MEN COMMISSIONED.

At the close of the recent training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y., eleven of the thirteen Colby men there received commissions. Four were for first lieutenant and the remaining seven were for second lieutenant.

Lawrence R. Bowler, '13, was commissioned second lieutenant in the signal corps.

John C. Goldthwaite, '13, was commissioned second lieutenant, artillery, O. R. C.

H. N. Welch, ex-'13, was commissioned first lieutenant, artillery, O. R. C.

John C. Wells, '13, was commissioned second lieutenant in the signal corps.

C. H. Witham, ex-'13, was commissioned first lieutenant, O. R. C.

Emmons F. Farrar, '14, was commissioned first lieutenant, infantry, O. R. C.

E. A. Russell, '15, was commissioned first lieutenant, O. R. C.

Thomas F. Joyce, '17, and H. L. Eddy, ex-'18, were commissioned as provisional second lieutenants in the regular army.

A. F. McMackin, ex-'18, was commissioned second lieutenant, O. R. C.

John F. Choate, ex-'19, was commissioned second lieutenant, field artillery, O. R. C.

A. B. Merriman, ex-'11, and G. F. L. Bryant, '17, were also in training at Plattsburg.

Fred C. English, '16, at Fort Benjamin Harrison, was commissioned second lieutenant, O. R. C., and has been assigned to Fort Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Gerald Pratt, ex-'17, at Fort McKinley, was commissioned second lieutenant, O. R. C.

Doctor George B. Obear, for some years assistant professor of physics at Colby, has received his commission as captain.

Ernest J. Perry, '19, of Lawrence, Mass., has been re-elected football captain for next season, by the letter men in college. Perry has played end on the Varsity team for three years and last year was a popular choice for the All Maine eleven.

THANKSGIVING DANCING PARTY.

Thanksgiving night on the campus is usually quiet and unexciting, but last Thursday was an exception in the annals of Old Colby. Prex had announced the affair simply as a college party and those who came were quite agreeably surprised (to put it conservatively) to find a full fledged dance in progress, which lasted from eight until twelve o'clock.

The gymnasium, which has been the scene of many varied kinds of amusement, had taken on a new aspect. Under the direction of "Prof." Short, the place was made very attractive and inviting with Japanese lanterns and college and fraternity banners. Tables with puzzles and games of various sorts were arranged on one side of the room for those who did not care to dance.

When everyone had run the gauntlet of the receiving line, consisting of Mrs. President Roberts, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Crowell, and Dean Cooper, there was a grand march which was led by President and Mrs. Roberts. After this, both students and faculty enjoyed a delightful dance to the music of Drew's orchestra. The occasion was made even more delightful by refreshments, consisting of Hager's ice cream with cake, furnished by "Prexy" and served by that peerless caterer and Foss Hall cook, "Pip" Small.

Freshman rules had become null and void the day before, and 1921 showed its class spirit by taking full advantage of the opportunity to escort many a fair one down College avenue to the portals of the hitherto forbidden "dorm."

MAINE COLLEGE RELATIONS.

The annual meeting of the committee on college relations was held on Saturday, November 24, in the office of the State Superintendent of Schools in Augusta. The following members of the committee were present: Augustus O. Thomas, State Superintendent of Schools; Josiah W. Taylor, State Inspector of High Schools; Acting-President Sills of Bowdoin; Professor Knapp of Bates; Professor H. C. Libby of Colby, and Dean J. N. Hart of the University of Maine. The topics discussed were the relations of the schools and colleges to the war-time conditions, the resolutions adopted by the New England Superintendent's Association, and the annual reports of the work of secondary school students in college.

The Dramatic Club left on the 3.10 train today for Harmony, where they will present the three act farce, "Ferguson of Troy," presumably to a "large and appreciative audience."

MAJOR TOWNE, '99, TO THE FRONT.

Among the Colby men foremost in the military organization of the country is Major John G. Towne, of the class of '99, who went to France as commander of the hospital unit of the 26th Division, U. S. A., which includes the 103rd (Second Maine) Infantry and other New England regiments.

He was born in Waterville in 1877, was graduated from the Waterville High School, took a course at Colby, and received a degree from the Baltimore University School of Medicine. In acquiring his education, he experienced many hardships and privations, but he had plenty of Yankee grit, and with that he bucked the line and scored success. In relating some of the incidents of his college days, he has often told how he managed to keep his living expenses at a minimum, while at Baltimore, by eating at a cheap restaurant, consuming pork, grease-fried potatoes, and black coffee, three times a day.

Enlisting in the National Guard of Maine, in 1908, as a private in the hospital corps, he was assigned to the Second Maine Infantry. He has occupied every position in the medical department of Maine. He went to the Mexican border last year as surgeon of the Second Maine, but was later appointed acting brigade surgeon. When war was declared against Germany, he was chief surgeon of the Maine military forces. As a division of New England national guard units came to be made up for foreign service, Major-General Edwards called Major Towne to the headquarters office in Boston and appointed him to his staff as an assistant surgeon, assigning him as director of the field hospitals.

Major Towne is a member of Maine Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and has ever been one of the "boys." For many years he served as toastmaster at the annual banquet of the fraternity. He is a graduate of the School of Medical Officers at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, a 33rd degree Mason, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Lodge of Elks and other secret orders.

B. B. B., ex-'16.

• BRIGADIER GENERAL FROM COLBY.

Frederick Perkins of Houlton, Me., formerly of the class of 1880, was appointed a Brigadier General in 1917 and is now in command of one of the training camps in this country. He attended Colby College from 1876 to 1878, leaving here to enter West Point Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1883. Assigned to active service in the West, he became an expert rifleman, often supplying the whole camp with buffalo meat. He has since seen service in the Philippines and on the Mexican Border.

(Data contributed by P. N. Burleigh, '87.)

ACTIVITIES OF THE MILITARY COMPANY.

The hike to Vassalboro scheduled for November 22 was changed to a trolley ride, on account of the inclement weather. About thirty members of the company took the trip and enjoyed a fine supper at the Baptist Church there. Short post-prandial speeches were made by Drill Master McAlary, Captain Miranda, Roy Hayes, and R. L. Marble, '18, pastor of the church.

Last Friday night the Military Company furnished escort to Adjutant General George McL. Presson, from the Elmwood hotel to the armory, where he gave an address, encouraging the formation of a 3rd Maine Regiment.

Rev. Frank H. Stedman invited the first platoon and officers of the company to a patriotic service in Saint Mark's church on Sunday afternoon. The exercises were very interesting and inspiring.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO ALUMNI.

One interesting fact found in President Roberts's annual letter to the alumni and other friends of the college was that one-third of the men registered last year have enlisted in some branch of the army or navy, and that the total number of graduates and undergraduates in the service is approximately two hundred and fifteen.

In regard to the Centennial Endowment Fund, the president states that, because of war conditions, the committee has thus far deemed it undesirable to urge subscriptions to the fund. There remains at present \$150,000 to be raised.

The usual scholarships and prizes for public speaking will be awarded this year, with a new scholarship made possible by the gift of \$3000 from Mrs. William H. Stobie, in memory of her husband.

ORACLE EDITORS ARE CHOSEN.

The associate editors of the 1918 Oracle have been appointed from the junior class by Editor Hugh L. Robinson, '18, as follows: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sidney Wyman; Zeta Psi, Lewis Crosby; Phi Delta Theta, Robert Sullivan; Delta Upsilon, Galen F. Sweet; Alpha Tau Omega, Earle S. Tyler; Commons Club, Harold Brakewood; Pi Delta Phi, Gordon E. Gates; Sigma Kappa, Lillian Pike; Chi Omega, Phyllis Sturdivant; Delta Delta Delta, Hilda Bradbury; Alpha Delta Pi, Alberta Getchell; Phi Mu, Grace Lermond.

The first board meeting was held today to consider plans for the year.

88 REGISTER FOR MILITARY FRENCH.

A new course in military, or 20th century French, for men only, has been instituted by Professor Johnson. Eighty-eight were present at the first meeting, at which the aims and general outline of the course were presented. For the present it is to be held each week at 4 P. M., Monday, but next semester, the time will probably be doubled and the student will receive credit for one semester's three hour course. The text-book to be used is "The American Soldier in France."

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY UNION IN PARIS.

The student body and the alumni will be interested to know that Colby has swung into line with all the other leading colleges and universities in the country, by joining the American University Union in Paris. Negotiations have been under way for some time, in view of the fact that there are so many Colby men in the different branches of national service in Europe.

This union was formed to provide a home with club membership for college men, in the military or naval service, who may pass through Paris on furlough, or otherwise. The clubhouse is the Royal Palace Hotel, corner Place du Theatre Francais, and Rue de Richelieu, and its privileges include an information bureau, library, reading and writing rooms, baths, dining room, bedrooms, social functions, entertainments, physical recreation, and medical aid. The clubhouse is also a headquarters for various bureaus already established by American colleges.

A complete identification list of all Colby men in the war has been sent to the director of the Union. The men now in active service in France will also be notified, so that they may avail themselves of the excellent opportunity offered, should they ever pass through Paris.

THANKSGIVING VESPER SERVICE.

A Thanksgiving vesper service of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. held in the college chapel Sunday, November 25, at 4 o'clock, was very well attended. Professor Clarence R. Johnson was the speaker and Paul E. Alden, '18, presided. The service opened with a processional by the college choir who wore caps and gowns. Alberta Shepherd, '18, president of the Y. W. C. A., read the scripture lesson and Professor White offered prayer. The choir sang several anthems and Ransom Pratt, '21, played a cello solo.

A French club is being formed by students of that language, under the leadership of Doctor Harry.

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PRESS OF THE CITY JOB PRINT

Professor Libby, as editor of The Alumnus, has had the long list of Colby's enlisted men with their present addresses printed in booklet form and is sending a copy to each one as a Christmas Greeting.

Representatives from all the fraternities meet this afternoon to consider reviving the bowling league. Although but few star bowlers remain, there seems to be great interest in this sport which makes the long winter weeks pass much more quickly.

A. F. Richardson, '20, is ill at his home in Fairfield with what has been pronounced a true case of small-pox. To prevent all possibility of its spread in college, the Waterville Board of Health has required that all students living in Hedman Hall and the various fraternity houses shall be vaccinated at once. A doctor's certificate of vaccination must be filed by every man, before 11 A. M. Thursday morning.

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REGISTERED MEN.

Notice has been received at the armory recruiting office that no applicants for enlistment between the ages of 21 and 31 who registered for the selective draft, last June, are to be accepted after December 15, 1917. This means that all men between those ages, with the exception of those who have attained their twenty-first birthday since June 5, 1917, are offered their last opportunity for voluntary enlistment. Applicants must be forwarded from the recruiting station by December 13, in order that they may be sworn into the service on or before December 15.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES NOT EXEMPT.

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies.)

The National Committee of Patriotic Societies addressed an inquiry a short while ago to Commissioner Daniel C. Roper of the Department of Internal Revenue as to how the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, affected the various student activities in our American colleges. Commissioner Roper had the following statement especially prepared for publication in the college press:

Inquiry has been received relative to the application of the provisions of the Act of October 3, 1917, imposing tax upon admissions to college athletic, theatrical and other entertainments. The Act exempts from such tax "admissions all the proceeds of which inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions, societies or organizations."

As was remarked in a recent statement relating to the same provisions of law, the word "educational" as used in such connection has been given a rather broad construction by the courts. It has been held to include physical and moral as well as purely intellectual training; and if a college itself managed the theatrical and other entertainments and received the proceeds arising therefrom, there would of course be no doubt that the exemption applied. However, it is understood that, generally speaking, such entertainments are managed not by the college authorities, but by student organizations which control the expenditure of the proceeds. Any claim to exemption, therefore, must be based upon the contention that the student organizations are themselves educational institutions or that the entertainments which they manage are educational. It is doubtless true that college sports tend to arouse

interest in physical development and that college theatrical and similar entertainments have some educational influence, but the same might be said of professional baseball games, for instance, and professional theatrical performances, and of course there was no intent to exempt the latter or the promoters thereof. After all, the principal function of college sports and other college entertainments would seem to be, as in the case of professional sports and other professional entertainments, to furnish recreation; and there appears to be no more substantial ground for exemption in one case than in the other.

It is accordingly held that the tax applies to admissions charged for entrance to college athletic and other entertainments, unless all the proceeds thereof are actually turned over to the college itself, or to some other religious, educational, or charitable institution, society or organization.

(Signed) E. C. JOHNSON,
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(Signed) DANIEL C. ROPER,
Commissioner.

CAMPUS CHAT

Students and faculty were well represented at the lecture by William J. Bryan in Augusta last night.

Roy M. Hayes, '18, has been elected second lieutenant of the Colby Military Company.

E. C. Niles, '21, is again on the campus, after being in the Sisters' Hospital since October 15, with a broken leg.

Henry Bell, '20, led the Christian Endeavor meeting in the Second Baptist church, Sunday evening.

We are glad to note that Professor Tolman is meeting his classes again, after his recent operation for appendicitis.

According to the "Tufts Weekly," the knitting fever has broken out among the men of Tufts, even the captain of the eleven succumbing to the temptations of this fascinating indoor sport. Most of the knitting is done during lecture courses.

Y. M. C. A.

Doctor Phalen of the Unitarian church, gave an excellent talk, Tuesday evening, on "Thanksgiving in 1621 and 1917." Sussman, '19, played a violin solo.

Reverend Mr. LaFleur would like to have more young men volunteer to take part in the christian work of his church.

The various Bible groups and their leaders meet every week at Professor Johnson's house. A banquet for all the members has been planned for

December 17.

Lieutenant Gerald Pratt, ex-'17, spoke last night on "Camp Life at Plattsburg and Fortress Monroe."

D. K. E.

A service flag with thirty-two stars is now flying in front of the house.

There were several visitors at the house during Thanksgiving Day and the week-end. Among them were Leonard Grant, '15, now assistant paymaster in the United States Army; Donald Putman, '16, from Camp Devens; Foster Eaton, '17, from the Naval Radio School; J. Gleason Perry, '18, from Camp Devens; Vernon Tooker, '19, of the Naval Reserves.

Z. P.

"Babe" Crosby, '19, is back, after a five days' vacation at his home in Aurora.

Mitchell, U. of M., '19, spent the week-end at the house.

A. Russell Mace, U. of M., '16, visited at the house, Monday.

Lawrence Bowler, '13, visited here Sunday. He is now stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

The Zetes held an informal dance after the dance at the Gym. Thursday night.

Lieutenant Rogers, '17, who has been acting as recruiting officer in Waterville, is expecting a call to foreign service.

D. U.

Raymond C. Whitney, '18, has undergone an operation for appendicitis, at the Sisters' Hospital. His father is staying at the house for a few days.

Ralph C. Bradley, '21, was called to Boston last week by the death of his grandmother.

Arthur G. Manette of Portland, recently visited Arthur Hebert, '21, at the house.

Arthur Hebert, '21, went to Augusta last week to see his mother, who is visiting there.

Robert L. Lord, '20, is now a chief boatswain's mate in the Naval Reserve, at Portland. Reginald Sturtevant, '20, who is also stationed at Portland, has been promoted to third-class quartermaster.

It is rumored that Dick Sprague lost his Frat pin last week, but efforts to locate the finder of it have proved unavailing.

P. D. T.

Ellsworth Prince, Ralph H. Drew, Milton Philbrook and Harold Baldwin spent the Thanksgiving vacation at their respective homes.

A. T. O.

A party composed of twelve men from the house went to Durham, N. H., Wednesday, to assist in the installation of the local fraternity known as Gamma Theta, into Alpha Tau Omega. This new chapter is to be known as Delta Delta of Alpha Tau Omega. Gamma Alpha was represented by the following men: Hayes, '18, Ferrell, '18, Pottle, '18, Tyler, '19,

Greeley, '19, Bressett, '20, Porter, '20, Eddy, '20, Bucknam, '20, Vigue, '20, Leonard, '21, and Young, '21.

Leslie H. Cook, '21, has returned to college, after spending several days at his home in Mystic, Conn.

Carroll B. Flanders was in town Sunday.

C. C.

Ellingwood, ex-'19, is now in the National Army at Camp Devens.

E. D. Record, '17, who has been substituting in North New Portland High School is now principal of the Caratunk High School.

P. D. P.

Clifton Tracy, '18, visited friends in Bath during the Thanksgiving recess.

Arthur G. Sanderson, ex-'19, has been transferred from the Naval Hospital at Kittery to active duty on U. S. S. Leonidas.

John B. Tschamler, '21, and Wendell Farrington, '21, have been pledged to Pi Delta Phi.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

*Edited by the News Editor of the Colbians,
Doris Andrews, '18.*

*Assistants: Gladys Twitchell, '18,
Josephine Rice, '19,
Dorothy Rounds, '21.*

NEW FRATERNITY ADMITTED TO PHI MU.

Word has been received by the Gamma Delta girls that their petition to Phi Mu National Fraternity has been granted. Miss Helen McGinnis of Waterville, a member of the U. of M. chapter, took up the work last year, and at that time a number of girls who were highly recommended by the faculty for their character, scholarship, and social standing, formed the local chapter called Gamma Delta.

Phi Mu Fraternity was founded at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., in 1852 and now has a roll of twenty-six chapters. Resident members include Helen McGinnis, Beatrice Curtis, Mary Beckett, and Dorothea Libby.

The charter members of the Colby chapter are as follows:

1918—Marguerite Bradbury, Newburyport, Mass.; Gertrude Megquier, Weston.

1919—Josephine Rice, Milton, Mass.; Belle Longley, China; Vera Moore, Jackman; Lura Dean, New London, N. H.; Grace Lermond, Thomaston; Josephine Ketchum, Houlton; Ruth Dresser, Milbridge.

1920—Eleanor Burdick, Monson, Mass.; Ruth Wills, Monson, Mass.; Ula Orr, Vershire, Vt.; Marion Waterman, Belfast.

Miss Louise Fitch, national president of Delta

Delta Delta, was entertained by the Alpha Upsilon chapter here last week. Miss Fitch expects to be in France by Christmas doing war work.

Delta Delta Delta entertained about twenty freshmen at a progressive dinner party on Wednesday evening, November 21. "The Bigamist," a farce in one act, written by Margaret Brown, '17, was presented and after a few solos and selections, dancing was enjoyed for the evening.

Saturday evening, December 1, Gamma Delta entertained a party of freshmen at the home of Helen McGinnis, Benton Ave., with a mystery party.

The meeting of the Literary Society of November 23 opened with a short talk on the war by Mrs. Cooper, followed by a debate on the question: "Resolved, that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." The affirmative was supported by Isabelle Wing, '18, and Lucy Teague, '19, and the negative by Phyllis Sturdivant, '19, and Catherine Hatch, '19. Both sides cited personal experiences and the affirmative was illustrated by blackboard drawings by Miss Wing. The decision was in favor of the affirmative.

Alpha Delta Pi held a reception, November 23, at the home of Daisy Murray, '18, in honor of Miss Louise Fitch.

The Mandolin Club has been organized with Marguerite Bradbury, '18, as leader and Bertha Norton, '20, pianist.

Student government has elected the following house chairmen: Foss Hall, Eunice Chase, '18; Mary Lowe Hall, Marguerite Bradbury, '18; Dutton House, Winifred Greeley, '18.

Gladys Emerson, '20, has been pledged to Chi Omega.

Lenna Prescott, '18, has been called to her home in Lawrence, Mass., by the illness of her sister and will not return to college until after Christmas.

The Anti-Fat Club has recently been reorganized.

The Dutton House girls held a party and flag raising during the vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Olney of Skowhegan who is a close student of European affairs and causes which led up to the war gave the first of a series of three lectures Monday evening at Foss Hall. Her topic was "The Geography of the War."

THE TROUBLE.

"Yes," said the cynical old sea captain. "when I was shipwrecked in South America I came across a tribe of wild women. Absolutely wild. They had no tongues."

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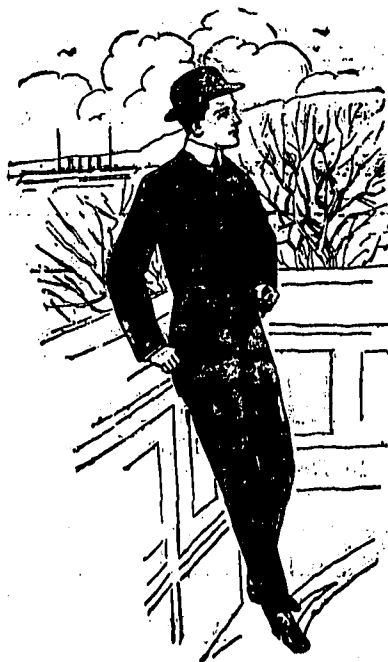
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