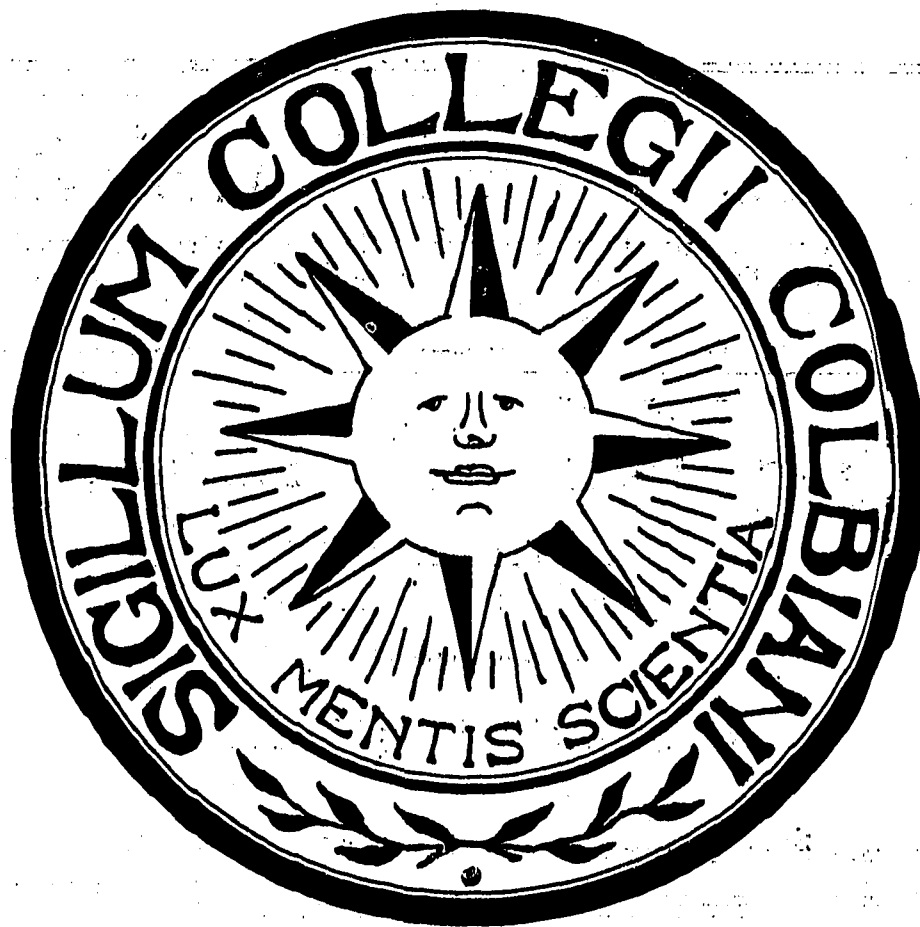


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DR. F. W. GROVER.

Discusses Possibilities of 76 Mile Range.

In these last few days of extreme suspense, the report of the employment by the Germans of a gun which, from a covert in the forest of Gobain, is able to drop shells in Paris, affords an almost welcome diversion. The range of this gun as thus announced is 76 miles; that is, about three times that of any gun previously built.

In attempting to form any idea of the nature of such a piece of artillery one, naturally, in the absence of actual data, is compelled to adopt the plan of reasoning from the known to the unknown. It must not be forgotten, however, that the possibility is always at hand that something revolutionary has been accomplished, which marks a real advance in design, and renders inapplicable any conclusions based on the data already at hand.

The laws which govern the flight of a projectile in a vacuum have long been known, and it is easy to calculate that, in this ideal case, the attainment of a range of 76 miles would require that the shell should leave the muzzle with a minimum speed of 3400 feet per second, and would at the highest point of its flight attain the impressive elevation of more than nine miles!

Unfortunately, the problem is actually seriously complicated by the resistance of the air. Tenuous though it seems, the retarding effect of our atmosphere becomes rapidly very important as the speed increases. It is, therefore, an interesting and surprising fact that once a certain critical speed is reached the opposition to the motion of the moving body increases at a rate which is not so rapid as that for the critical speed.

From what we already know of this matter, it is safe to estimate that the necessary velocity, in the present case, is in round numbers 4000 feet per second, or about three-quarters of a mile per second. To impart such a velocity to a projectile is not to be regarded as an impossible goal.

A gun may be regarded as a hot-air engine in which the working substance is produced chemically in the engine, and all the work done by it is crowded into the accomplishment of a single stroke. Hot gas is developed of a pressure sufficient, in the minute time available, to impart the desired velocity to the shell before it leave the muzzle. Necessary conditions which must be satisfied are that at no time shall the pressure rise beyond a value which can

safely be sustained by the walls of the gun, nor must the temperature rise so high as to endanger the perfection of the rifling and the finish of the interior of the barrel.

These conditions are usually met by the employment of a powder which shall not ignite instantly, but shall by a relatively leisurely combustion maintain a fairly even pressure. By increasing the length of the barrel, the time during which the pressure is exerted may be increased. Proper design of the rifling which imparts the very rapid spin requisite to the stability of motion of a high speed projectile also demands a certain length of barrel.

The diameter of shell used by this mysterious piece of artillery is about nine and one-half inches which, under the conditions of design just laid down, would indicate a gun more than one hundred feet long.

This excessive length would have to be exceeded if a greater calibre had been adopted.

The long range gun has for its *raison d'être* the demolishing of fortifications. To obtain the necessary striking power a large calibre shell has to be used, and in order that such an unwieldy piece shall not be in danger of capture, it must be placed far back of the lines. Elaborate foundations have to be erected to sustain the tremendous recoil;—another reason for giving the gun a long range.

In the present instance, even supposing that the length of the gun is less than that above indicated, as a result of the use of some metal with a higher melting point than steel, it would seem that length of range had been obtained under all of the difficulties which attend the construction of the heaviest guns, and without the saving advantage of striking power.

What then has been the reason which has called this abnormality into being? Premier Clemenceau says that it is a "political gun," intended to give the impression to the French people that the enemy is close at hand.

Vain hope! Like other instances of "schrecklichkeit" it was predestined to fail in its purpose, and furnish yet another example of the mental processes of a nation singularly devoid of the power of understanding the nature of other nations.

Professor—What has been the dominant character of America's military program up to the last three years?

Student—Not prepared, sir.

Professor—Correct.

—Michigan Gargoyle.

THE BIBLE AND THE PRESENT WAR.

President Roberts gave the second of his series of addresses on "The Bible and the Present War," last Thursday evening. Many students missed some thing thoroughly worth while by failing to attend this meeting. The next time Prexy speaks, let us give him our loyal support. He said in part: "The Bible is a collection of books. It is dull reading to many because we do not read it correctly. In the old days verses of Scripture were memorized and, therefore, familiarity of this sacred book was very common. Today, we must have some pleasure in order to get boys and girls to attend Sunday School or other Bible classes. Nowadays, if we know the Beattitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Twenty-Third Psalm, we are considered to be the honor students in the Sunday School. One-third of the Bible, as far as the Book of Job, gives an historical account of the Hebrew people. The Book of Job has unparalleled literary grandeur. The Book of Proverbs contains some of the finest poetry in the Bible. If a boy were to study and master the thirty-one chapters in this book he would get more education from them than he can from any course offered in Colby College. The Proverbs are the philosophies of the common people of earlier times.

The second half of the Old Testament is prophecy. The Book of Psalms contains some of the finest poetry in the world. These Psalms contain prayers, religious poems, and ascription of praise. Jesus was very familiar with the Bible and repelled Satan each time with a verse beginning, "It is written."

BISHOP BREWSTER SPEAKS AT CHAPEL.

The Rt. Reverend Benjamin Brewster, Episcopal Bishop of Maine spoke at chapel, Friday morning. He was received cordially by the men present, most of whom had heard him speak last year. Bishop Brewster took as the theme of his speech "Service." His thought was that Colby men should not be jealous of their brothers who are in the uniformed service of the country, and wish that they also were in the midst of the fight. When the call came, he had no doubt Colby men would respond gladly, but until that time comes there are just as great services that can be rendered at home,—services that are just as necessary for the successful operation of the war. "The thing for you to do while you are here is to do the work before you as well as you can. In that way you will aid the government." The speaker continued by saying that in a true democracy all must give and share alike. "We must all do our part, and this means much, for service in a democracy means sacrifice and loyalty."

NEWS FROM BOYS IN SERVICE.

Lieut. Eugene P. Lowell, ex-'15, in a recent letter to his family writes the following:

"Everything over here is fine and great. The nights are cool, but the days are of the best. You would probably laugh could you see me swinging a heavy cane, but it comes in quite useful. France wouldn't be such a bad place if it weren't for the 'Boches' over yonder. The 'Archies' are putting on most of the show here now."

LETTERS RECEIVED BY PROF. LIBBY FROM COLBY BOYS IN SERVICE IN FRANCE.

From Corp. Preston B. Libby, '18, of Ft. Fairfield, with the U. S. Infantry, 103d Regiment. Letter under date of Feb. 24, 1918:

"We have been in the trenches for a while and have felt the sensation of the big shells shrieking over one's head. Machine gun bullets go whizzing by once in a while. I rather think our training days are about over.

"People in the states know more about the war than we do, but there are a few things that no one can realize without seeing them. * * * We have been living here and there in dug-outs. Do most of our work at night like owls. Aeroplanes are out almost all day, and so we have to keep out of sight. Have witnessed some good air battles very near here.

"There is an excellent little Y. M. C. A. where we are now. We can buy hot chocolate and biscuits there. Seems good to see that triangle way out here in this ruined country."

From Lieut. Charles H. Piebes, '18, of New York, Aviation Section. Letter under date of March 7, 1918.

"I have put in my application for pilot of a bombing machine, preferably night flying, as that is the most interesting. They do some wonderful flying here. You can stay out looking at them all day as they fly from 6.30 A. M. until 4.30 P. M. This is certainly the life, especially in war times. Though we come down from a flight at high altitudes awfully cold, we know we have only so much work to do and no more, and then we can rest. It tells on one's nerves, but we do not mind that as we have a good rest between flights."

There are meters of measure
And meters of tone
But the best of all meters
Is to meet her alone.

OMICRON THETA HOUSE PARTY.

Last Thursday evening a very enjoyable party was held in the parlors of the Omicron Theta Fraternity. After the guests had completed their tour of inspection of the house, the evening was further spent in playing cards and other amusements.

While refreshments were being served, Peasley, '21, delighted those present with selections on the piano, followed by Brush, '20, and Mellen, '21, with humorous and catchy readings.

Those present included the active members of the fraternity and the following guests: Prof. and Mrs. H. P. Little, Prof. and Mrs. Tolman, Professors Brown and Grover, and the Misses White, Perley, Wilkins, Harlow, Loane, H. Getchell, U. Chase, Gower, Gamage, Tooker, Waterman, Sawyer, Tuttle, Mitchell, Tourtillotte, Page, Shepherd, Andrews, Whipple, Higginbotham, H. Bradbury, Wing, Bishop, French, Willey, Teague, Reynolds, and Messrs. Rollins, ex-'17, Mills, Robinson, Sullivan, Claffie, Urie, and Tracey.

MUSICAL CLUBS GIVE AUGUSTA CONCERTS.

Two pleasing concerts by the college musical clubs were given in Augusta, Friday, March twenty-first.

The first was presented in the afternoon at the State Insane Asylum and was thoroughly enjoyed by both the clubs and the audience. Ransom Pratt, '21, was recognized by one woman as being her long lost son. Another person, who gave his name as "Willie of Winthrop," sought diligently but unsuccessfully for Charlie Bailey. After the concert, the members of the clubs were shown through the various departments of the asylum and were finally led to the dining room where supper was served.

The second concert was given Friday evening in the City Hall, under the auspices of Milton S. Bangs. The audience was small but appreciative and expressed its approval of the program by generous applause.

A dance following the evening concert was more largely attended than the preceding event, about one hundred and twenty-five couples being present.

Panic was caused by the failure of Manager Lewin to appear at train time with the funds; but by some good fortune the train was late, so the clubs avoided the necessity of spending the night in the station.

The Winthrop concert, which was scheduled for this week, has been postponed until a later date because of the absence of several members of the clubs. The Waterville concert will take place April 18.

THE MURRAY PRIZE DEBATE.

The Murray Prize Debate, which is one of the most popular contests of the scholastic year, is to be held soon. The question to be debated this year is one of practical interest, one that is being worked out in actual practice by the present administration. The question is: "Resolved, that the United States Government should own and operate all railroads within its borders."

Whether or not government ownership will be a solution to the railroad problem is a big question just now, and the Murray debaters will try to answer it. The affirmative will be maintained by Kallock, '20, Bucknam, '20, and Urie, '20, with Umphrey, '19, as alternate. The negative will be supported by Curtis, '20, Hatch, '20, Brown, '21, with Eaton, '20, as alternate.

IMPORTANT SPEAKERS BEFORE THE CLASS IN JOURNALISM.

The course in Journalism is fast becoming one of the most practical in the college curriculum. Besides constant work in writing news items, special articles, and editorials, the students get first hand information on journalism from prominent newspaper men in the state. The first of these lectures was given by Mr. Roland T. Patten of the Independent Reporter of Skowhegan. The second will be given next week by Oliver S. Hall, A. M., '93. Mr. Hall is the editor of the Bangor Daily Commercial, and is sure to give an instructive lecture. Later in the month, Mr. Patten of Skowhegan will give another lecture before the class. His subject will be "The Law of Libel."

DELTA UPSILON DANCE.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity held a dance at Elk's Hall, last Saturday evening, for the members of the fraternity and invited guests. The hall was well decorated with the banners and service flags of the various fraternities. Music was furnished by a college orchestra. The chaperons were Professor and Mrs. Robert G. Caswell, Professor Clarence Johnson, and Miss Florence Emery. Among the invited guests were the Messrs. Brinkman, Little, Bradbury, Gates, Bucknam, Urie, Leonard, McNally, Ferrell, Perry, Driscoll, Moor, Claffie, Wilkins, Heyes, Lewin, Pratt, Goldthwaite, Kalloch, Crook, Welch, Black, and the Misses Dorothy Libby, Alice Libby, Mathews, Helen Curtis, Valentine Curtis, McCausland, Tozier, Adams, Pooler, Soper, Kimball, Perley, Smith, Eaton, Baxter, Terry, Simpson, Harlow, Jeffs, Meservey, Light, Norton, Fletcher, Whipple, Jackson, and Davis.

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PRESS OF THE CITY JOB PRINT

Friday and Saturday of this week have been designated by the Faculty as days of rest.

President Roberts made the statement some time ago that the college should come first and the fraternity second in the hearts of every man in college. No doubt every loyal Colby student thinks the President spoke the truth. But what steps have we taken to show that we believe our college should come before every other phase of college life? Fraternity politics and a general lack of co-operation between fraternities has been as much in evidence this year as ever before.

There is just one remedy for such conditions and that is the establishment of a Pan Hellenic Council, composed of delegates from all the fraternities. It is true that we already have several honorary socie-

ties, whose members are chosen from different fraternities, but none of them have ever helped matters much. The Student Council approaches nearest to what we should have, but even this organization lacks the punch necessary to bring about a betterment of conditions.

It is time for Colby to take her place with other leading colleges and universities, and to establish a council which shall help to bring into unity the spirit of the fraternities and the college spirit. There is no reason why this should not be done here as well as anywhere else. Why not try it?

THIS IS LABOR'S WAR.

This is labor's war. No element of the people of this country, or of other countries, would suffer more than the workers from a German victory—a German peace.

What the Germans mean by a "strong peace," a "German peace," was recently expressed by Gen. Von Liebert, a leading Prussian conservative.

"For us there is but one principle to be followed, and we recognize no other: We hold that might is right. We must know neither sentiment, humanity, consideration, nor compassion. We must have Belgium and the north of France. France must be made to pay until she is bled white. We must have a strong peace."

Mr. Gompers spoke well for American labor when he said,

"The Republic of the United States is not perfect; it has the imperfections of the human—but it is the best country on the face of the earth, and those who do not love it enough to work for it, to fight for it, to die for it, are not worthy of the privilege of living in it.

"I say to the Kaiser, I say to the Germans, in the name of the American labor movement: You can't talk peace with the American workers; you can't talk peace with us; you can't talk to us at all now. We are fighting now. Either you smash your Kaiser autocracy or we will smash it for you."

"JACK" COOMBS.

"Colby Jack" Coombs, '06, formerly the "Iron Man of the American League," who last year showed one of the most remarkable come-backs in baseball history, is on deck again this year. He is to be with the Brooklyn National League team. Although he thinks that his ball playing days are numbered, yet his friends are looking for him to have another successful season.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED.

The baseball schedule, which was ratified by the faculty at their last meeting, has been announced. Beside the usual state series consisting of two games with each of the other Maine colleges, Manager Cronin hopes to arrange several games with various service teams in the state. Games with Boston College, Tufts and other Massachusetts colleges had been arranged, but Graduate Manager Ervin thought it best to cancel all engagements out of state in order to cut down expenses. It is possible that one or more of the Massachusetts teams will be seen in action here at Waterville.

The schedule as announced is as follows:

April 19—Maine at Waterville (exhibition).

April 27—Rockland Naval Reserve at Waterville.

May 4—Bates at Lewiston.

May 15—Maine at Waterville.

May 18—Bowdoin at Waterville.

May 20—Maine at Orono.

May 25—Bates at Waterville.

June 1—Bowdoin at Brunswick.

Games have been arranged with the Naval Reserve teams of Portland and Boothbay Harbor, but the dates for them have not been agreed upon.

AMERICAN AND GERMAN EFFICIENCY.

The searchlight of war has brought out many interesting facts, and one of these is that the vaunted German efficiency will not always stand the test of comparison with American efficiency.

The Germans boasted of being the greatest farmers on earth. Investigation shows that in efficiency in agriculture, measured by the produce per acre, America being graded 100, Belgium leads the world, at 205; Great Britain comes second, at 164; and Germany third, at 155; America comes fourth.

But the better test is the man test rather than the acre test, and here America leads the world by over 2 to 1. Again, grading America at 100 per farm worker, Great Britain produces 48 and Germany 41. The American farmer cultivates 27 acres, the German farmer but 7. With the aid of vast quantities of fertilizer the German produces more per acre, but he produces at a much greater cost per bushel and he produces much less than half as much per man.

Whether a spinster is an "old maid" or a "bachelor girl" depends entirely on whether she thinks of marriage as something she missed, or something she escaped.

Josh Billings it was who said, "I am opposed to fitin'; but when I git inter a fite, I am opposed to gittin' licked." Josh was not different from a whole lot of us.

CAMPUS CHAT

Dr. Thomas B. Ashcraft has been suffering from the grip, this week.

Dr. Philip W. Harry was in Portland one day last week.

Prof. Herbert C. Libby represented Colby at the convention of the teachers of Lincoln county held at Newcastle last Friday.

Professor H. W. Brown gave a lecture to the boys and men of the churches of Skowhegan, Friday night, following a banquet.

The Colby Comets decisively defeated the Waterville High team, Saturday night, by a score of 47-14.

That the class in Public Speaking is advancing rapidly is well shown by the fact that, at a burst of oratory last Thursday, one of the members of the class was forced to leave the room, holding a handkerchief to his nose.

Y. M. C. A.

Tuesday evening the election and a public installation of new officers of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the chapel. The following were chosen for the ensuing year:

President, Arthur F. Scott, '19; Vice-President, B. S. Hanson, '19; Advisory Secretary, Prof. Henry W. Brown; Secretary, John W. Brush, '20; Treasurer, Thomas H. Urie, '20.

The committees nominated by the cabinet last Monday evening were also installed. Splendid addresses were given to the new officers by retiring President Newman, '18, Professor Brown, and Roy Hayes, '18. The installation prayer was offered by Prof. Johnson.

Dr. Phelps was scheduled to give an address last Tuesday on "The Ministry as a Profession," but was unable to do so on account of illness. The address will be given later.

Dr. J. F. Hill is to speak next Tuesday upon "Medicine as a Profession."

A. K. E.

Vernon H. Tooker, '19, who is enlisted in the Naval Reserve Force was a visitor at the house Tuesday. He is stationed at Bailey Island.

Word has been received from "Chet" Ashworth, '19, who is in active service in France. His address is U. S. Marines, 77 Co., American Expeditionary Force.

Z. P.

"Babe" Crosby, '19, of the Naval Aviation is now somewhere in France.

Taylor, '21, spent the week-end at Gardiner.

"Swipes" Simpson has passed his examinations and will now be stationed in Georgia.

Φ. Δ. Θ.

Newton L. Nourse, '19, left for his home in Lancaster, N. H., Tuesday morning, because of illness.

Byron A. Ladd, '14, is in the Sisters' Hospital suffering with pneumonia. Physicians at the hospital report his condition as hopeful.

Elliot Burse, '20, is confined to his room by an attack of grip.

The Phi Delta Theta basketball team played in Oakland last Friday night and won 46-11.

Δ. Ψ.

Word has been received at the house of the serious illness of Herbert H. Fletcher, ex-'19, who is ill with pneumonia at Washington, D. C., where he is in training.

Allen P. Soule, '79, was a recent visitor at the house. Mr. Soule told the boys that his son, Seymour Soule, Colby, '12, was recently graduated from the Princeton Aviation School at the head of his class there.

Ernest A. Adams, '21, is at Gray's Hospital suffering from a severe attack of the grip.

Arthur L. Golder, '21, is visiting his home in Auburn for a few days.

In a letter received at the house a few days ago, Charles V. Anderson, ex-'19, stated that he has enlisted in the Naval Reserves at Washington, D. C., as a first class yeoman. He enjoys his work very much.

Frederick F. Sully, '16, visited the house over the week-end, while on his way to Portsmouth. He is teaching in the academy at Calais, Maine.

Mr. Whitney of Cambridge visited Raymond C. Whitney at the house Monday night.

Θ. Θ.

"Bourke" Bailey, '18, has been sick with the grip.

"Hank" Marriner, '18, was sick a few days last week.

Clifford Peaslee, '21, preached at Harmony, Sunday, taking the place of Rockwell, '20.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

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

Assistants: Gladys Twitchell, '18,
Josephine Rice, '19,
Esther Power, '20,
Dorothy Rounds, '21,

Pauline Windsberg, '18, recently spent a few days at her home in New Bedford, Mass., to attend the marriage of her brother.

Flora Norton, '17, Margaret Brown, '17, and Hazel Moore, '16, were recent guests at the hall.

Newly elected Literary Society officers are: President, Mary Titcomb, '19; Vice-President, Adrienne Clair, '20; Secretary, Lucy Teague, '20; Treasurer, Katherine Hatch, '19; Sergeant-at-Arms, Adelle McLoone.

Some of the grip patients are: Laura and Geraldine Baker, Ruby Robinson, Marion Starbird, Mollie Tourtilotte, Winifred Shaw, and Marion Waterman.

Alice Gerrish of Augusta spent the week-end with Marguerite Bradbury, '18.

Y. W. C. A. officers are elected as follows: President, Helen Baldwin, '19; Vice-President, Marion Waterman, '20; Secretary, Harriet Sweetser, '20; Treasurer, Belle Longley, '19.

The Literary Society held its annual Guest Night in Library Hall, last Saturday evening. The president, Jennie Sanborn, presided over the meeting at which the following excellent program was rendered: Piano Solo.....Marion Horne, '18
An Original story, "The Last Day,"

Daisy Murray, '18
Essay, "Alan Seeger".....Belle Longley, '19
Violin Solo.....Alice LaRocque, '21
Original Story, "Manuscript Found in a Bottle,"

Doris Andrews, '18
Vocal Solo.....Dorothy Knapp, '21
Current Events: Josephine Rice, '19
Helen Getchell, '20
Adrienne Clair, '20

Piano Solo.....Alfreda Bowie, '20
Critic on Thought.....Myra Dolley, '19
Critic on Delivery.....Katherine Sturdivant, '18

Mrs. C. H. White entertained the members of the executive board of Student Government at her home, last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ellen Newbegin of Houlton, who is a student at Mt. Ida School, Newton, Mass., was a guest of Phyllis Sturdivant, '19, last week.

Mrs. Henry W. Brown entertained the cabinet members of the Y. W. C. A. at her home last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Louise Clement of Belfast, a student at Abbot Academy, Andover, Mass., was visiting Myra Dolley, '19, last week.

Miss Berle Cram, '16, was a recent guest of Violet French, '18.

Miss Mertice Swain of Farmington has been a recent guest of Irene Gushee, '21.

Alice Dyer, ex-'18, now assistant teacher in the Winter Harbor High School has been visiting her sister Beattie Dyer, '21.

Miss Thelma Foss of Bingham is the guest of her sister Mary Ann Foss, '18.



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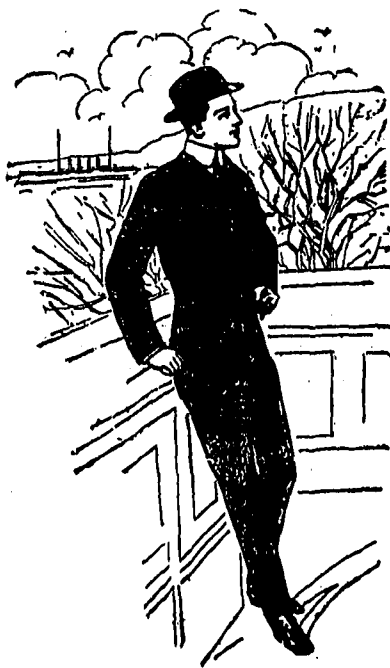
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