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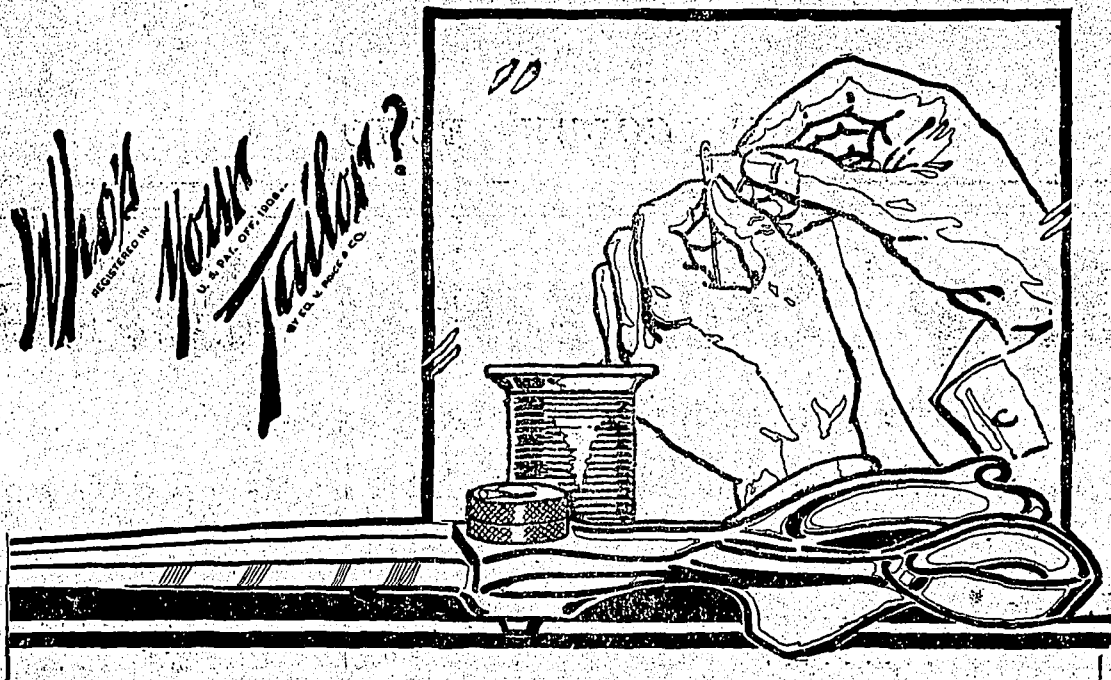
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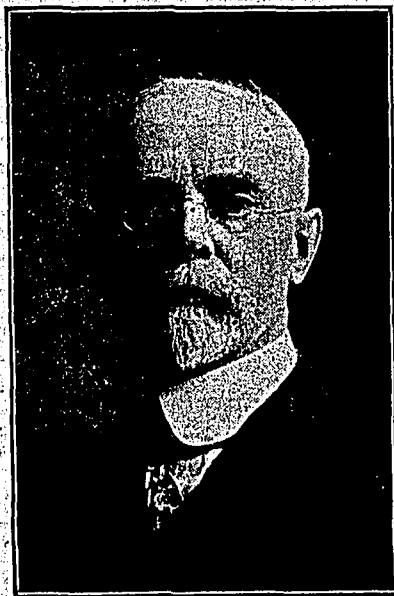
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***PROFESSOR CLARENCE H. WHITE**

ENTERTAINING LECTURE BY PROFESSOR WHITE

As Professor Chipman aptly phrased it, it was a select gathering which heard Professor Clarence H. White's lecture, "Living Fossils," last Monday night. Wit and high scholarship, "grace and salt" abounded in this first lecture of the college library benefit series.

Saying that he did not wish to give a disappointment later on, Professor White announced immediately that the lecture was not to be illustrated personally or from the faculty. On that geological expedition in search of living fossils, Professor White declared that it would be necessary to take along some students. And then he paused to call attention to a fossil already discovered: that word "student" used so glibly in the college catalog where one reads "any student who has shown himself unable or unwilling to do college work, etc."

"Why!" exclaimed the lecturer, "A student cannot be unwilling. The very word means eager, burning. There, indeed, is a living fossil. A student is a man like Chaucer's character—'Gladly would he learn and gladly teche.' We, today, are fearful lest we become highbrow or a shark. Of course, no student would have that fear anyway, but if it does not savor of irreverence I would like to ask 'Who by ardent study can raise his brow one inch?'"

"But lest you think me too personal, let me pass on. Let's step away from the campus, not as far

as that other campus, the Campus Martius, but merely to the cemetery. And do you know that cemetery and dormitory mean the same thing—a place of sleeping? The first word takes its derivation from the Greek, the second, from the Latin, and I am sure you will agree with me that the Greek word holds more closely to its original meaning than does the Latin.

"While we're on the subject of the Greeks, did you ever wonder what that nectar and ambrosia which formed the food of their gods really was? Well, a little study and reasoning and guessing brings us to the conviction that the word is simply a corruption of the Greek word "amotia" which means in English simply immortality. * * * No wonder the Greek gods were immortal when the very food they ate was immortality! As for the nectar, we'll leave it to Dr. Parmenter's class to determine whether or not it would get by Uncle Sam's revenue officers. * * *

"Did you know that the word 'pen' in almost every language comes directly from the word for leather? * * * And that 'rubber' from which we get the name of the articles which protect our shoes from the wet, comes from the word meaning 'to rub out'? * * * And that 'paper' comes from the word 'papyrus'? And that 'chart' and 'charter' come from the Greek word for leaves? And that 'parchment' comes from the word Pergamon-charta, named from the place where it was first manufactured? * * * And that 'Bible' comes from the word 'biblia' which in turn, came from the name of a town which produced biblia-books? * * *

"Oh, yes, there is a lot of interest in the study of words. You know, after the Norman conquest, the Saxon people formed the laboring class of the population. * * * It was the Saxon who cared for the ox, the sheep, and the swine. And it was the Norman who ate the beef, the mutton, and the pork. The plunge of the knife made a ready process of naturalization. * * *

"An absorbing study it is, this study of the simple every-day words which make up our daily speech. It is a pastime in which the joy of discovery is equalled by the rewards of discovery, for by it we attain to an ever-growing strength and accuracy of diction and thought."

SPECIAL NOTICE—The price of the season ticket for the remaining four lectures of the col-

lege library benefit course has been reduced, pro rata, to eighty cents. Tickets are on sale at the librarian's desk. Every Colby student who hasn't secured one, should do so NOW!

PRESS CLUB JOTTINGS

Arthur W. Cleaves, '98, D. D., has been elected editor-in-chief of "The Baptist," the official organ of the Northern Baptist Association.

Professor A. J. Uppvall, '05, is the author of a recently published book entitled "August Strindberg," a work on psycho-analytical study.

Professor Thomas B. Ashcraft has been appointed by the President to fill the vacancy in the Athletic Council caused by the resignation of Dr. Homer P. Little.

The manager of the 1921 ORACLE announces that the probable cost of the year book will be \$4.60. By agreement with the student body, the cost of the ORACLE will be placed upon the second semester bill.

There are three Colby men in the Maine House: Roscoe C. Emery, '07, Charles A. Gurney, '98, and Varney Putnam, '99.

The annual college bulletin, containing several added features, will appear about February 5.

William H. Bonney, '92, has been appointed State Treasurer.

Professor Hannay spoke before the Federated Women's Club at Skowhegan, last Monday night.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

The annual initiation banquet of Alpha Rho Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha was held at the Elmwood Hotel Monday evening. J. W. Greene acted as toastmaster and Leonard W. Mayo as choragus. The address of welcome was given by John F. Waterman. The response for the initiates was made by I. M. Richardson. Prof. Cecil A. Rollins was the principal speaker, his talk being on "The Fraternity and Its Relation to College Life."

Walter D. Berry was the last speaker, his talk being on "The Future." The impromptu speeches were made by the seniors, including Bailey, Little, Seakins, Conary, Niles from U. of M.; Doc Cook and Goodwin of alumni; and Hodges and Peaslee. The

banquet committee was Hodges, Greene, and Conary. The initiates were: Mark L. Ames, Maurice E. Cobb, Thomas R. Cook, Arthur R. Coulman, William Foxall, Wilfred F. Gove, Franklin C. Matzek, Ivan M. Richardson, Ralph S. Robinson, Franklin A. Robinton.

COLBY GRADUATE BECOMES EDITOR RELIGIOUS JOURNAL

Formerly Danvers Minister

Rev. Edward H. Cotton, '05, for two years minister of Community church, Danvers, Mass., has resigned to accept an invitation from the trustees of the Christian Register to become Associate Editor of that paper. The Christian Register is the Unitarian journal. It is published in Boston, has an international circulation, and stands among the first religious periodicals of the country. Following is the introduction from an editorial of the Christian Register announcing Mr. Cotton's acceptance: "The Register announces that Rev. Edward H. Cotton has accepted the invitation of the board of trustees to join the editorial staff of this paper. For nearly two years the articles published in these pages under his name have increased his reputation as a writer.

He is serious, illuminating, readable; a careful workman with a purpose in every contribution. The most readable of his pieces was the interview with Roger W. Babson. His stories on the Interchurch World Movement were the best we saw. During the Unitarian campaign he was regarded highly for his counsel in the promotion of publicity and for his own contributions on famous liberals and allied subjects."

While in college, Mr. Cotton was manager of the track team, secured first prizes in the junior and senior exhibitions, and played four years on the football team. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. As Y. M. C. A. secretary, he saw a year's active service with the A. E. F. in France.

Professor Wells (in psychology, after explaining various instincts in cats and dogs):—"But we can't be too dogmatic in this matter."

Professor Henry W. Brown, during the vacation, lectured in the north country in two of the towns that had been visited by the Glee Clubs. He reports that the people of those communities were very much pleased with the concerts given by our men. They will certainly be invited to appear again.

D. U. LYCEUM COURSE WELL RECEIVED

Although the absence of college students was distinctly noticeable, a large audience of townspeople were delighted at the concert rendered by the Harpvocal Ensemble at the Baptist church Tuesday night, January 4. The company of three harpists was strengthened by the addition of a very strong tenor and a most talented soprano, making the number in the company five artists.

The music of the harps was something new to the people of Waterville, but apparently it was very well received. Some of the most delightful selections were the old favorites, "Old Black Joe," and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" receiving exceptionally loud applause. "An Irish War March" gripped the listeners as perhaps no other selection did.

In addition, songs in Swedish and Italian by each of the soloists completed a delightful program.

The next and last of these concerts will be given on February 14, by The Suanee River Quartette.

COLBY CLERGYMAN DIES

Reverend William H. Clark, '68, retired Baptist minister, died at his home at Auburn, Maine, January 6. He was born in Hancock, Maine, in 1840. He received his A. M. degree from Colby in 1871. His first pastorate was at Mt. Vernon, and he had held others in seven Maine towns, and at Needham, Mass.

ENGAGEMENT OF LOWNEY, '16

College circles will be interested in the engagement announced by Mr. and Mrs. John R. Mackenzie of Brookline of their daughter, Gertrude, to Mr. John Lowney of Boston, an alumnus of Colby College. Miss Mackenzie was graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music, pianoforte department, and is a favorite among the fair equestriennes of the Brookline Riding Academy, with whom she has been associated in class riding and as an individual horsewoman in exhibition riding.—Sunday Post, Sunday, Jan. 9, 1921.

SON BORN TO PROF. WHEELER

Professor and Mrs. Nathaniel E. Wheeler, '10, are receiving congratulations over the birth, on January 3, of a son, Nathaniel Hawthorne.

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER OF DEC. 15TH

From E. M. Robinson and Charles R. Scott, Two Prominent American Boy Workers Investigating Conditions Among the Boys of the Stricken European Countries.

At the University, it is hard to believe that such suffering exists in that palatial structure.

As you mingle with the students and the poor people, it did not take long to see their condition and we were informed on good authority that from half to three-quarters of the people are starving and it will be difficult for them to help themselves, for they have no means at present to change the conditions. Such suffering and such misery we know nothing about in America.

We had a chance to see at first hand just how the people lived and experience some of their privations. Living as we did with the students, we observed what they were suffering. As guests in the students' home, we were specially favored and a fire was built in a tiled stove in our room. We went over and felt the stove several times to make sure that the fire was on. There had been no fire in that room for over a year. The indescribable chill that lurked in every piece of furniture, the walls, ceiling, floor and atmosphere was not dissipated by the alleged fire. Our bed was made of straw. To keep warm, we had to wear our overcoats and went to bed with most of our clothes on. It is impossible to describe to you how scarce fuel is in the city. It is rare to see smoke coming out of the chimneys.

The students shared with us their breakfast, which consisted of a slice of bread, no butter, and a cup of cocoa. We discovered that they had very few clothes, so we went through our bags and gave them our old suits, shirts, rubbers and a few other things. At noon we thought we would get a good meal and went to a restaurant. This meal consisted of a plate of soup, some kind of a meal mixture which we could not eat and a little pudding,—no bread or butter.

It is now midnight and I write with overcoat on while Scott and I bark at each other across the table, for we both have heavy colds.

There are now ten university papers which receive the regular service of the Associated Press. Among these are The Daily Princetonian, the first to take this service, Cornell Daily Sun, The Daily Illini, The Michigan Daily, and The Dartmouth.

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PRESS OF THE CITY JOB PRINT

Are you writing 1921 yet?

An article entitled "What a Man Loses by Going to College" appeared in the November 15 issue of the SATURDAY EVENING POST. A reply to this article, under the caption "What a Man Loses by not Going to College" is printed in the December issue of the MICHIGAN CHIMES, the monthly magazine of Michigan University, which is on the exchange table in the college library.

Just a month to mid-year exams! A final chance for those who are a little behind in their studies to catch up, an opportunity for all "eleventh hour

students" (Prex's definition) to register a "come back." More students were down in their subjects at mid-semester than have been at any other period in Colby's history. This means that some of us—very many of us—will have to burn a little mid-night oil before February 14.

NOW—Let's go! We want a winning relay team! Let every man who has the least possibilities as a runner get out for that team. We want victorious debating teams in our contests with Clark and Tufts. Let every man who has any forensic ability, try out for this triangular debate. We want an active, 100% alive Outing Club. Let every man who is a follower of winter sports join the newly-organized club. And—we want a college teeming with efficiency and COLBY spirit. 1920 is behind us. Let's not make any heroic, easy-to-break resolutions; but, with a firm, honest faith in ourselves, let's work for Colby. We can make 1921 a big year. Let's go!

What is Colby spirit? Ever since most of us have been in college there has been a constant discussion of this mysterious quality. They tell us that it isn't simply shouting at football games, that there's something to it besides wearing a Colby watchfob, that it's something everybody ought to have, that we aren't loyal college men unless we have it, and—oh yes, there's a lot more. But what is it? WHAT IS IT?

Well, we usually get back to one thing in a discussion of this sort. They tell us it's supporting the activities of the college. It is. And it isn't just going out for football, and it isn't simply working for the musical clubs, and it isn't just talking Colby, and it isn't doing those thousand and one things that we like to think we do for Colby, and that we really do because there's a trip in it, or some fame, or something else equally selfish. No; Colby spirit is supporting EVERY Colby activity, just because it IS a Colby activity. It's YOUR college, and YOUR support will make the activities that determine whether this college is to live or continue in a state of coma.

Were YOU at the movies the night of the Library Benefit Lecture?

C. E. R.

Dora: "Every time Jack kisses me he colors up to his ears."

Flora: "Dear me, do you rouge as heavily as all that?"

THE LETTER BOX

ANTI-THEFT COMMISSION

9,999,999 99th Street.
New York, Dec. 19, 1920.

Editor Colby Echo:

We are informed that there is evidence that the International Association of Thieves and Robbers is operating in your college. The principal loss seems to be in Fountain Pens, and the victims are chiefly of the fairer sex.

All of this points to the use of the Fountain Pen Abstracter Magnet. This invention of M. Justa Pinch has caused havoc in business and scholastic circles by depleting the supply of pens. It is placed by the local agent of the International Association in the room in which students or scribblers are to sit, and by some mystic power known only by the inventor, draws the pen from the feminine pocket and remembrance from the feminine mind in the same single operation. The stronger minds of the males resist this insidious force.

The Department of Injustice has charged that this epidemic of Fountain Pen Lifting is prima facie evidence of a conspiracy between the Fountain Pen Manufacturing Companies and the International Association of Thieves and Robbers. But in our thorough and complete investigation, we have found no proof of such a conspiracy.

The method of protection which should be adopted to neutralize the force of this nefarious assault upon the minds and pockets of the fairer but weaker sex is the affixation of a sufficiently lengthy segment of green twine at the one end to the fountain pen and at the other end to some convenient button of the dress. This simple expedient will absolutely counteract the mystic influence of the Fountain Pen Abstracter Magnet.

Yours very sincerely,
D. O. WRIGHT, Chairman.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS' SYSTEM OF RANKING SCORED

Ohio Man Illustrates Two Classes

Joseph A. Leighton of the Ohio State University speaks caustically of the so-called efficiency standards by which professors are today judged. According to these "tests" a professor is to be rated by the percentage of passes and failures in his classes and by the amount of published work which he can claim as his own at the end of each year.

Of these tests Mr. Leighton says succinctly that they are the "idolatrous worship of the mechanical god of quantity production."

"Percentage of passes and failures," forsooth! Until marking has been reduced to a science it is grotesquely inadequate to estimate the efficiency of teaching by the percentage of passes and failures in a professor's classes, especially when the professor is judged by his own marks. A study of the marks turned in by a college faculty will reveal the curious fact that there are among these professional markers sunny optimists as well as dyspeptic pessimists. We personally know college professors whose outlook on life is so other-worldly and serene that all their students wear intellectual halos surmounted by a big, big A. Side by side with these Sunny Jameses are pedagogical misanthropes who begin their marking alphabet as low down as the letter E. One of these men announced it as his marking creed to "set an examination so stiff that the best man in the class could barely pass." Of what use as tests of the attainments of their students are the marks of either of these men? Their marks are temperamental. As a reductio ad absurdum we find that when a given group of students take courses in the same department under both these professors, nearly all of them have very high marks from one of the professors and very low marks from the other. If marks are to be made a test we suggest that they be made a test of the common sense of the professors rather than of the proficiency of their students.—Zion's Herald.

METRIC STANDARDS BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE

The Metric Standards Bill has just been introduced in the Senate of the United States by Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey. This measure provides for a gradual advance to the decimal metric units of weights and measures during a transition period of 10 years. Advocates of the proposed legislation point out that it is most liberal in its provisions, insuring as it does a progressive adjustment to the new standards.

Nationwide interest in the issue presented is indicated by the fact that more than 100,000 petitions are now on file with the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., urging Congress to enact metric legislation. Many of these are from national organizations, and altogether several million voters are directly represented by the petitions. Favorable action by Congress is now forecast.

CAMPUS CHAT

The A. T. O. basket-ball team won a hard fought game at Oak Grove Friday night, 16-15. This was the first game of the season, and was played with no preliminary practice. The team has planned a series of games with teams in nearby towns and several trips of two or three nights each to take place during the next two months. The line-up of the A. T. O. team was as follows:

Scott, lf, 4 goals, 2 fouls.

Chamberlain, rf, 1 goal, 1 foul.

Ratcliff, c.

Williams, lg, 1 goal.

Nickerson, rg, 1 foul.

The A. T. O. basketball team left yesterday for a four day trip, playing in Camden and Rockland.

Charlie Vigue, '20, visited the A. T. O. house during his stay at home over the holidays.

Currier, '22, and Urann, '22, stayed in town during the Christmas recess.

Clarence Tash, '20, visited the A. T. O. house during the Christmas vacation. Clarence is instructor of physics at Williams College, and is studying for his M. A. degree there.

The Lambda Chi Alpha basketball team will play in Oakland January 12.

Conary and Bailey were the guests of Pollock at a duck dinner, Saturday night.

Harvey Treworgy of East Surry was the guest of his brother Lloyd, during the past week.

Eight Lambda Chi men furnished an entertainment for the patients of Fairfield Sanatorium on Sunday last.

W. D. Berry has returned from Indianapolis where he represented the Colby chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at its annual convention.

Peaslee was the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. night.

Recent visitors at the Lambda Chi Alpha house have been: Prof. Rollins, Niles of Lambda Chi Alpha Chapter at U. of M., "Doc" Cook of Bowdoin and Bliss Marriner.

THE AMERICAN NEWSPAPER

When you handed the newsboy two cents for your paper this morning you probably didn't realize what a tremendous amount of time, labor, and expense was expended in order that you might read the news of the world at your breakfast. Undoubtedly you are accustomed to regard your morning

paper as unfailing and natural as April showers, or Congressional squabbles. Few people appreciate the true worth of the modern daily newspaper.

How out of touch with the world you feel, when you fail to receive your daily paper. Nearly everyone experienced this hardship during the severe blizzards of last winter. But what would you do if you were to receive your paper weekly, as did our Colonial ancestors? What storms of protest would engulf the editors, if our modern papers were to print great amounts of shipping news, foreign items, and pages of Puritanical sermons! Yet our early American papers managed to struggle along under such conditions. If a sensational murder occurred somewhere in western Massachusetts, you would want to know all the particulars at once. But news was strictly censored in the Colonial days, and the watchful wards of the government determined what was news and what was not.

Americans got an inkling of what censorship means, during our war with Germany. A more or less rigid surveillance of news existed up to the Civil War. The new period of the free American press may be said to date from 1857 when Elijah P. Lovejoy fell a victim to a mob of anti-slavery men at Alton, Ill. Lovejoy was a persistent opponent of a muzzled press, and his death aroused all liberty-loving editors to a storm of protest. Since the Civil War, any radical attempts to curb the powers of the press have been promptly frustrated.

By means of international news agencies, events that occur in any one country today will be printed in all the newspapers of the world tomorrow. Such news bureaus are only one of several factors which figure in the tremendous cost of production of the modern daily. Other items,—the soaring cost of news print, the cost of machinery, the large force of reporters, editors, pressmen, the increased postal rates,—all tend to make it the more remarkable that you are able to obtain such a resume of the world's daily happenings for so small a price. It is a far cry from the half-page, weekly sheets of Colonial days to our present 24-page dailies, but it is only another indication of American progressiveness and the innate American desire for liberty. Americans can find no more zealous guardians of their rights than the un-muzzled American press.

Customer: "Bowl of oyster soup, two scrambled eggs, coffee and brown bread."

Ex-S. A. T. C. Waiter: "Marines in the mud, two squads, déploy 'em, cup of reveille and colored shock troops."

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JUNIOR DANCE

On Saturday evening the girls of the Junior class entertained at a dance in Foss Hall. The dining room in which the dance was held was attractively decorated with fraternity banners, the class banner and the class colors green and white.

Those in the receiving line were Dorothy White, class president; President and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. J. William Black and Dean Nettie Runnals.

During the evening several original feature dances were held.

Freshmen girls dressed in white and wearing green and white caps served refreshments.

The committee in charge of the dance was the Misses Edna Chamberlain, Bertha Cobb and Hazel Dyer.

Katherine Tuttle, '21, is ill at her home in Limerick.

Ruth Mosher, '21, spent the week end in Fairfield with Arlene Harris.

Pearl Rice spent the holidays as the guest of Margaret Turner.

Grayce Campbell passed the Christmas recess at the home of her brother in Milton, Mass.

Louise Tilley had as her guest over the holidays, Leonette Warburton.

Ethel Harmon spent the vacation with relatives in New Hampshire.

The Freshman delegation of Phi Mu had a feed at the frat hall, Monday night.

Lena Cooley is now living at 14 Dalton street.

Ruth Jameson, '23, has left college and is teaching at East Warren.

Helen McCobb, '23, has not yet returned to college on account of the illness of her mother.

A birthday dinner was given Sunday at the Delta Delta Delta fraternity rooms in honor of Avis Newman, '23.

Dorothy Crawford, ex-'21, has returned to college to resume her studies.

The engagement of Miss Clara W. Carter, '21, and Mr. Carl J. Weber was announced at a tea given by Miss Carter at her home, The Melcher apartments, Elm street, Friday afternoon. Prof. Weber who was formerly associate professor of English at Colby college, is now teaching at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Those present at the tea were the members of the senior delegation of the Chi Omega fraternity, Grace Johnson, Elva C. Tooker, Hazel W. Peck, Isabel Gentner, Merle E. Davis, Irene S. Gushee, Margaret Rice, Clara Wightman, Dorothy Knapp, Leota Jacobson, Dorothy Rounds, and Florence Eaton, '18, Mrs. A. Q. Carter, and the hostess, Miss Clara Carter.

Hazel W. Peck, '21, will make her home with Ruth W. Goodwin, '15, of 102 Silver street, for the remainder of the college year.

Helen Freeman, '23, is detained at her home in Bath because of the illness of her mother.

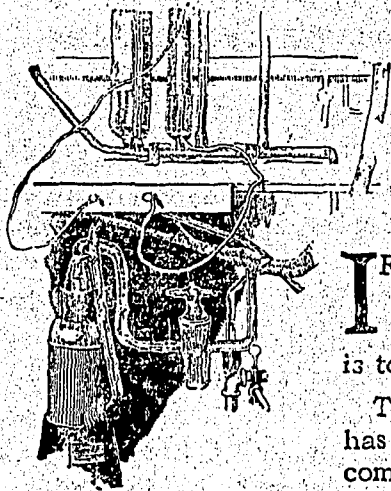
"To be trusted is sometimes a greater compliment than to be loved."

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What Is Vacuum?

IF THE traffic policeman did not hold up his hand and control the automobiles and wagons and people there would be collisions, confusion, and but little progress in any direction. His business is to *direct*.

The physicist who tries to obtain a vacuum that is nearly perfect has a problem somewhat like that of the traffic policeman. Air is composed of molecules—billions and billions of them flying about in all directions and often colliding. The physicist's pump is designed to make the molecules travel in one direction—out through the exhaust. The molecules are much too small to be seen even with a microscope, but the pump jogs them along and at least starts them in the right direction.

A perfect vacuum would be one in which there is not a single free molecule.

For over forty years scientists have been trying to pump and jog and herd more molecules out of vessels. There are still in the best vacuum obtainable more molecules per cubic centimeter than there are people in the world, in other words, about two billion. Whenever a new jogging device is invented, it becomes possible to eject a few million more molecules.

The Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company have spent years in trying to drive more and more molecules of air from containers. The chief purpose has been to study the effects obtained, as, for example, the boiling away of metals in a vacuum.

This investigation of high vacua had unexpected results. It became possible to make better X-ray tubes—better because the X-rays could be controlled; to make the electron tubes now so essential in long-range wireless communication more efficient and trustworthy; and to develop an entirely new type of incandescent lamp, one which is filled with a gas and which gives more light than any of the older lamps.

No one can foretell what will be the outcome of research in pure science. New knowledge, new ideas inevitably are gained. And sooner or later this new knowledge, these new ideas find a practical application. For this reason the primary purpose of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company is the broadening of human knowledge.

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