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FIRE DAMAGES ROOF OF CHAPEL

Timely Discovery Of Early
Morning Blaze Prevents
Great Damage To Library
---Cause of Fire Unknown.

Early last Thursday morning the campus was the scene of excitement. Memorial hall had caught fire. A young lady over at the Railroad Y. M. C. A. discovered a blaze coming from the roof at about 5.45 A. M. She immediately called up the fire department. At first the department took the call as a hoax but after being convinced to the reality of it finally pulled in the alarm.

The blaze was found to be in the seam of the roof. The chapel bell was rung and many students, some with only their night clothes on, ran to the scene and a few assisted the firemen to quench the blaze. Owing to the fact that the chapel and library contained many valuable articles, chemicals and axes were used in place of water. In a short time the fire was out with but little damage. The alarm was pulled at 5.55 and the all out signal was given at 6.25 A. M.

Had the fire started at an earlier hour, before anyone was up, it would undoubtedly have proved far more disastrous. The cause of the fire, according to Chief Berry of the fire department, was due to a spark either coming from the chimney, which was close to the spot of the fire, or else coming from one of the railroad engines. The loss of Memorial hall would have been an irreparable one as it contains the histories and documents of Colby as well as valuable literature and sculpture, and manuscripts, which could not be replaced at any price.

We can all feel thankful that the fire was discovered soon enough to make it unnecessary to pour water into the building as that would have been quite as devastating as fire itself.

LAMBDA CHIS HOLD INITIATION BANQUET

Large Number Of Alumni
Present.—Taylor '25, Acts
As Toastmaster.

Alpha Rho Zeta of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity observed their annual initiation banquet on Friday evening last at the Elmwood hotel. A large number of alumni and undergraduate members were present to enjoy the affair.

Elmer M. Taylor, '25, of Mercersburg, Penn., acted as toastmaster for the post-prandial program and was introduced by Professor Herbert L. Newman, '18. The welcome to the freshmen delegation was given by Herbert M. Wortman, '20, of Wytopitlock, and the response for the freshmen was given by Russell E. Butler, '20, of Hyde Park, Mass. Maynard W. Maxwell, president of the chapter, spoke for the chapter and F. Harold Dubord, '14, of Waterville, spoke for the alumni of the chapter. The principal address of the program was given by Dr. William J. Wilkinson and was based upon the advantages which a fraternity man could derive from his bond if he so desired.

The initiates to the fraternity were as follows: Robert C. Chandler, '28, of Columbia Falls; Cecil Rose, '28, of Waterville; and of the class of 1929, Russell E. Butler, Hyde Park, Mass.; Arthur H. Snyder, Portland; Horace P. Maxey, Rockland; Webster J. Brown, Lynn, Mass.; W. Stuart Duncan, Washburn; Arthur R. Sanborn, Waterville; Kenneth R. Miller, Ashby, Mass.; and Donald H. Rollins, Winthrop.

Delegates from nine chapters of the fraternity in New England were present at the banquet. The committee in charge of the affair was composed of Ralph H. Ayer, '28, of Lynn, Mass., as chairman, Robert C. Chandler and Arthur H. Snyder.

Y. W. C. A. ELECTION HELD

The Y. W. C. A. officers for 1926-27 have been elected as follows: President, Julia Mayo, '27; vice president, Betty Gross, '28; secretary, Marjorie Dunstan, '28; treasurer, Frances Mason, '27; undergraduate representative, Grace Stone, '26.

BLUE AND GRAY WINS DEBATE WITH U. OF V.

Colby Obtains Fourth Con-
secutive Victory, On Coal
Question.—Rhodes and
Varnum Star.

Colby won its fourth debating victory of this season when the affirmative team from the University of Vermont was defeated 3 to 0 last Friday evening in the college chapel on the proposition, "Resolved that the coal mines of the United States should be owned and operated by the Federal Government." Colby's negative team was made up of Marion N. Rhodes, '27, George C. West, '28, and Lindsay C. Varnum, '26. The University of Vermont representatives were William J. Herron, F. W. Guild and J. J. O'Connell. Rhodes, Herron and O'Connell were the best speakers of the evening.

The argument of the negative team was based on the fact that since coal is no more essential than iron or steel or copper, without which coal cannot be procured, that the government has no more right to take over this industry than it has to take over others of equal importance. The history of government ownership argues strongly against the plan since the shipping board and the railroads under governmental control were so inefficient as to be the objects of much ridicule. Indeed, although now controlling 70,000,000 acres of coal land, the Federal Government does not care to undertake their operation, but instead prefers to lease this land to private companies. Then, too, coal shortage in most cases have been caused by car shortage and the government could not control car shortage. The government also could not finance such a gigantic proposition. Labor will not give up its right to strike and the government could not control the periodic strike situation. Competition, they argued, is necessary for any successful business and a governmental monopoly would take away the important factors of competition and private initiative. And finally, the negative stated that government ownership and operation of the coal mines was unnecessary since the present situation did not demand such a radical step.

The affirmative team argued that coal was essential for life and the present critical situation was one of vital importance. A vitally important industry, they stated, should be controlled as efficiently and as economically as possible, and they pointed out that the past history of the entire coal industry had been one of mismanagement, waste, unsteady supply, high prices, and deplorable working conditions. Indeed, instead of gradual improvement, these conditions have become so bad at the present time the American people are at the mercy of the coal barons as well as the coal miners. The entire industry is not a monopolistic control of one of our natural resources. A natural resource of coal, they argued, should be governmentally controlled just as our natural forestry and water resources are being controlled. They claimed that government ownership and operation has succeeded in other countries and would readily admit of success here, and called attention to the fact that all the cases of the failure of governmental control which the negative cited were the exceptional cases taken from a period of war stress and unsettled conditions. Strikes, they claimed, were the cause of the coal shortages and that this plan would eliminate strikes and thus give the consumer a square deal. They stated that their plan was not a radical proposition and that bonds could easily be floated to finance the undertaking. The affirmative also cited the fact that although the people feared the government's entry into the parcel post and postal savings service that these undertakings have been unqualified successes. Finally, they argued that the miners themselves were eager for governmental control and that, therefore, conditions must be so bad as to warrant the proposed plan.

The judges for the debate were R. G. Kennerson, A. T. Littlefield, and E. P. Noyes, all of Augusta. Professor Lowell Q. Haynes of the Colby faculty was the presiding officer.

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JUNIOR WOMEN HAVE SPRING DANCE

Girls Hold Annual Event In
American Legion Hall—
Seventy Couples In At-
tendance.

About seventy couples enjoyed the dance given by the junior girls on Monday evening at the American Legion hall. The hall was artistically decorated in the class colors, black and white, and the sorority and class banners were hung at intervals around the walls. The Phi Delta orchestra furnished music for fourteen dances. The dance orders were cleverly designed by Faylene Decker, '27, and further carried out the color scheme of black and white. Punch was served throughout the evening, and at intermission refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served by the Misses Mary Vose, Virginia Dudley, Bernice Collins, Ada Steelbrook, Evelyn Bell, and Beatrice Palmer, all of the class of '29, who were attractively clad in white with black and white checked aprons and caps. The patron and patronesses were Dr. and Mrs. George F. Parmenter, Dean Runnals and Miss Van Norman. Much credit is due the committee in charge, consisting of Louise Chapman, Phyllis Ham, Dorothy Hanford, and Frances Nason, for the success of the affair.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA HOLDS INITIATION

Thirty-Third Annual Ban-
quet Is Held In Elmwood
—Marden '21, Acts As
Toastmaster.

The Gamma Alpha chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity held its thirty-third annual initiation banquet at the Elmwood hotel last Saturday evening. The chapter held a formal initiation of the pledges during the afternoon. Members of the active chapter, alumni members and delegates from various chapters of the fraternity were present.

Harold C. Marden, '21, of Waterville, served as toastmaster for the affair and he served very creditably in this capacity. His funny stories and subtle digs at the expense of the speakers he introduced seemed inexhaustible. John N. Erickson, '28, of Newburyport, Mass., was the choragus and the roof of the hotel was fairly lifted with the enthusiastic songs and cheers rendered by those present. A trio of songsters composed of John P. Tibbets, '26, of Farmington; Edwin W. Harlow, '28, of Gardiner; and Carl R. MacPherson, '26, of Abington, Mass., rendered several vocal selections. Alfred N. Law, '26, of Methuen, Mass., and Stephen B. Berry, '26, of Providence, R. I., spoke for the active chapter and welcomed the initiates and the men visiting from other chapters. Frank C. Foley, '20, of Norwood, Mass., spoke for the initiates and George E. Ferrell, '18, of Waterville, was the speaker representing the alumni of the fraternity. Delegates from the following colleges and universities spoke and gave a brief account of the problems and conditions which they are forced to contend with at their respective chapters: University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Dartmouth College, Brown University, Worcester Tech, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Leo G. Shesong, '13, of Portland and the chief of the province in which the Colby chapter is located gave a short talk to the members present on the characters and personalities of the founders of the fraternity. Several other members of the alumni who were present were called on by the toastmaster to say a few words.

The men who were initiated by the fraternity this year are Charles Flaherty, '28, of Norwood, Mass.; Frank C. Foley, '20, of Norwood, Mass.; Cecil C. Goddard, '20, of Brooks; John S. Carlson, '20, of Norwood, Mass.; Warren F. Prayson, '20, of Waterville; Robert W. Scott, '20, of Wilton; Robert E. Soaman, '20, of South Manchester, Conn.; John F. Hunt, '20, of Lynn, Mass.; and Martin J. Flornoy, '20, of Hudson, Mass.

The committee in charge of the banquet was Clyde E. Gatchell, '20, of New Sharon; John P. Tibbets, '26, of Farmington; and W. Sheldon Chapin, '20, of Sheffield, Mass.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR COLBY DEBATERS

Blue And Gray Have Fine
Record Thus Far.—Import-
ant Contest Yet To Be
Held.

In winning four and losing three forensic contests so far this year, Colby's debating teams have received thirteen out of the twenty-one judge's ballots cast. On February 25 Colby lost both ends of a dual debate with the University of New Hampshire by 2 to 1 decisions on the question of government ownership and operation of the coal mines. The next evening the affirmative team from the Massachusetts Agricultural college won a unanimous decision on the question of federal uniform marriage and divorce laws.

Colby's first victory came on March 12 when Middlebury's negative team was defeated 3 to 0 on the coal question. The dual debate with the University of Maine on the marriage and divorce proposition resulted in a double victory with Colby's affirmative team winning at home 3 to 0 and the negative team getting a 2 to 1 decision at Orono. And last Friday evening, March 17, a Colby negative team defeated the University of Vermont 3 to 0 on the coal question.

The only debate left on this season's intercollegiate schedule is that with Boston University which will take place some time after vacation. Boston University has had twenty-three consecutive victories and thus Colby's team upholding the affirmative of the Child Labor Amendment must work hard in order to win.

The most important feature of this year's forensic season, however, is the very large number of men that have participated in intercollegiate debating. Colby has been represented by eight different teams this year. Only four of the twenty-four men making up these teams have had any previous debating experience. And since only seven of this number will graduate in June, Colby should have an exceptionally strong debating squad next year.

The men who have represented Colby in intercollegiate debating this year are: Against the University of New Hampshire, affirmative team, Charles E. Towne, '28, Gardiner; Cottle, '28, and Ralph T. Flahive, '27, negative team, Leslie E. Knight, '26, Clyde L. Mann, '28, and Arthur B. Levine, '28; against Massachusetts Agricultural College, George H. Hawes, '28, Leomont R. Kelly, '28, and Donald C. Freeman, '26; against Middlebury College, Herbert C. Jenkins, '27, Kenneth H. Cassens, '28, and Frank T. Adams, '27; against the University of Maine, affirmative team, Cecil E. Foote, '28, William E. Garabedian, '26, and Charles P. Nelson, '28, negative team, Charles F. Abbott, '28, J. Douglas Johnston, '27, and Lawrence A. Peakes, '28; against the University of Vermont, Marion N. Rhodes, '27, George C. West, '28, and Lindsay C. Varnum, '26. The team that is to oppose Boston University will be Gabriel R. Guodj, Paul M. Edmunds, and Donald E. Sprague, all of whom are seniors and experienced debaters.

MASS MEETING POSTPONED

The mass meeting scheduled for Tuesday night in the gymnasium was postponed by the Student Council in their meeting Monday night. It was thought that such an occasion would be dangerous on account of the threatening epidemic of influenza at the college. Although no serious condition exists at present, the Council decided that it would be better not to take the chance of spreading the few cases which now exist.

This is only a postponement, however, and all Colby men who want a new gym will have the opportunity to show their wish in the meeting night after vacation.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTION HELD

At its annual meeting last evening the Colby Y. M. C. A. elected the following slate of officers for the next collegiate year:

President, Horbert L. Tonkins.
Vice President, Lawrence A. Peakes.
Secretary, Theodore Emory.
Treasurer, Robert W. Lombard.

TO HOLD MURRAY DEBATE AFTER EASTER

The annual Murray Prize Debate will be held immediately after the Easter recess. The proposition to be debated will be the same as that to be used in the Boston University-Colby debate, child labor. Preparation for the debate is well under way. The Murray Debate is one of the important speaking contests of the year.

Annual Sophomore Prize Declamation will be held in the college chapel, Monday evening, April 12, at 7.30 o'clock. The following students will take part: Kenneth Havenner Cassens of Rockland; Cecil Eugene Foote, Holyoke, Mass.; Arthur Benjamin Levine, Waterville; Lawrence Asa Peakes, Putney, Vt.; Norris Willard Potter, Islington, Mass.; Louise Bauer, New Bedford, Mass.; Harriet Estelle Towle, Winthrop; Alberta Lorene Van Horn, East Boothbay; Ella Lydia Vinall, North Scituate, Mass.; Ruth Elizabeth Williams, Waterville.

The prizes are five and ten dollars for each division. The University of Vermont-Colby Debate Friday evening, March 19. Sam E. Connor, political writer for the Lewiston Journal, spoke before the class of Journalism on Monday morning, March 15.

Frank W. Manson, '28, editor of the Waterville Morning Sentinel, addressed the full membership of the Colby Press Club at the regular period of the class in Journalism, Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, March 17. Preparations are in the making for a meeting of the Colby Press Club to be addressed by several of the best known of the newspaper men of Maine.

Preparations are in the making for an "Old Fashioned Spelling Bee" to be held in the College Chapel, the object being to raise a fund for the expenses of the cross-country debating trip.

Because of the change in the dates of the Easter recess a definite date for the joint debate between the teams representing Boston University and Colby has not yet been selected. It is expected that the date will be some time after April 8, or upon the return of the team that it is now proposed to send to Colorado. The Colby team will support the affirmative of the proposition that the Constitution of the United States should be amended to give Congress power to pass laws regulating child labor. The Colby men who will meet Boston University are Paul Mercier Edmunds, '26, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gabriel Raphael Guodj, '26, Belfast; and Donald Sprague, '26, Oboothbay Harbor.

Preliminary Speaking for the Lowell Prizes.

Preliminary speaking for the Lowell Prize Speaking Contest will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Thirty-two men will take part. Each will deliver an excerpt of about three minutes from an original address. The selection of the eight or ten men who will participate in the final contest will be based upon excellence of the written production and excellence of speaking. As the prizes aggregate \$100, the first prize of \$50, the rivalry among the winners in the preliminaries is always keen.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS MEET

President Roberts attended the meeting of the Maine college presidents held last Saturday at Brunswick. The conference was called by President Sills of Bowdoin to discuss matters of moment, particularly ways and means of improving the standard of the preparatory schools of the State that the men entering college might be better prepared to undertake the work required.

In this meeting a departure from custom was that each college was represented by not only its president but also a member of its faculty. Dr. Parmenter accompanied the president as Colby's faculty representative.

SENIORS.
The members of the Senior class of both divisions will be canvassed during this week for their orders of invitations for Commencement. No order will be accepted other than on a cash basis, and no orders will be taken after March 26th. Samples of leather and cardboard programs will be shown after vacation and orders will be taken by the Commencement.
Robert Horrick has written a fine novel named "Chimney." It is a story of college life, refreshingly different from "The Plastic Age." Horrick, who has taught for many years at the University of Chicago and M. I. T., describes the growth of a great Western University from the viewpoint of a professor. A keen, ironic, and restrained story of one of our educational "factories." This book is not in the library yet, but the Forum Magazine has been publishing it in the last five issues.

ROLLINS SPEAKS TO UNIV. WOMEN

Dramatics Professor Talks
On "The Non-Commercial
Theatre"—Stresses
The Amateur Movement.

Professor C. G. Rollins spoke recently to the Association of University Women on the subject of the Non-Commercial Theatre. "Most of what is best in the modern theater was saved or started by the amateur movement," declared Professor Rollins. He said in substance:

Antoine's Theatre-Libre, founded in Paris in 1887, led the way; the Freie Bühne, in Berlin, and the Independent Theater, 1891, in London, followed. At these theaters, the plays of Ibsen and Strindberg were produced, and the newer men found audiences and understanding. Shaw, Hauptmann, Brieux; Max Reinhardt and his achievements in the theater, including The Miracle; Stanislawski and the Moscow Art Theater; Granville Barker and the Manchester playwrights; The Irish National Theater with Yeats, Lady Gregory, and Synge; and in America, Eugene O'Neill, Susan Glaspell, Percy MacKaye, the Provincetown Players, the New York Theater Guild; together with the more than three thousand amateur stages—all this must be set to the credit of the non-commercial theater. In addition, no worker in any part of the world, in the commercial or in the amateur theater, but has gained a freedom and breadth and seriousness that makes the art of the theater the most provocative of modern arts, one of the glories of present day culture, and that, too, must be set to the credit of the non-commercial theater.

And the end is not yet. Art theaters, such as the Provincetown Theater (or the Greenwich Village Theater, which is the winter home of the Players); purely experimental theaters like the late "Workshop" at Harvard; and community theaters in hundreds of cities and towns away from the trade-routes of professional troupe, theaters that aim to give the public what it wants at its best, instead of at its worst—such non-commercial theaters in our country are laying sure foundations for an American drama that will be fit to set beside that of any nation. What does it all mean? We in America are straining life through men's brains and letting it set in moulds of beauty and significance, which is art. And we are learning that a theater with an artistic conscience is worthy to be placed along with the public library and the art museum as an instrument of popular and vital education.

VARSITY HOCKEY LETTERS AWARDED

Freshmen Are Also Voted
Numerals By Athletic
Council.

The athletic council has awarded letters to six members of the varsity hockey team and to six freshmen who played on the sextet of that class. Manager George B. Barnes, '26, of Houlton was the recipient of a varsity C as well as the following members of the team, Captain Harry Muir, '26, of North Vassalboro, Captain-Elect Clarence W. Gould, '28, of Ipswich, Mass.; John A. McGowan, '26, of Cambridge, Mass.; Albert U. Poncock, '27, of Providence, R. I.; E. Richard Drummond, '28, of Waterville; and W. Elmer Fagerstrom, '26, of Worcester, Mass.

The freshmen who were awarded numerals are: Robert W. Scott of Wilton; Henry E. Tattersall of New Bedford, Mass.; Rodolphe J. Pomerleau of Waterville; Philip G. Howland of New Bedford, Mass.; Louis N. d'Argy of Waterville; and John Stan Carlson of Norwood, Mass.

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Word has been received that there is an epidemic of influenza raging in the states to the south of us. We are told that there are three hundred cases in Colgate, one hundred seventy-five in Amherst, and that it is rapidly spreading throughout the other colleges and high schools of New England. Bates, our near neighbor, closed last Monday in an effort to check an epidemic which had started there.

What does all this mean to us? Simply that a very virulent form of influenza is now prevalent throughout the New England states and New York. There is little of it in Colby. We can all feel thankful for that, but there certainly will be plenty of it unless we all take the greatest precaution. Many of us are going Friday, into those states which are stricken the worst, and may bring the disease back to college with us. Let us be exceptionally careful. It will not be necessary to adopt any extreme tactics, hygienic living as laid down to us in the course in Hygiene which we all took as freshmen will be sufficient. No student should return to college unless, and until he feels perfectly well. Any man who is obviously ill and carrying a fever should call in a physician at once. It may only be a case of the grippe but on the other hand it may be influenza. We urge the greatest caution on the entire student body for the few remaining days before vacation, and during the recess to follow.

The student body was greatly relieved to note that Dr. Marquardt was able to return to his classes last Monday morning. Dr. Marquardt is one of the oldest professors in point of service on the campus, as well as one of those most beloved by the undergraduate and alumni bodies.

His recent serious illness caused much anxiety, and we are all thankful indeed to learn of his speedy recovery.

Dr. Marquardt means much to Colby College; his loss would be irreparable. May he be with us for many years more!

Colby's debating season is rapidly drawing to a successful close. More men have been used on the squad this year than ever before. Therefore more men have had the opportunity for that excellent practice than ever before, working out that excellent thesis of "the greatest good for the greatest number." The remarkable part of it all is that Colby's record has not suffered by the adoption of this new policy. We have won quite as many contests as usual, and some of the speaking has been the most exceptional in years.

The only regrettable feature of this season has been a lack of interest on the part of a good share of both the students and faculty. This is discouraging to both the debaters and to the men who spend so much time in coaching them. There is no better way of advertising the college than through its athletics and debating. There is nothing more invigorating to college spirit than these two, and both are essential in keeping the students physically fit and mentally awake.

Too many faculty members are prone to judge their students solely on what they do in their particular courses. As a result, too many snap judgments are made, and the individual suffers by it. The faculty should see the students elsewhere, when debating for instance, when they may be at their best. We wager that many opinions would be changed.

The college can feel very thankful that the fire in the roof of the Library was so quickly discovered by the young lady in the Railroad "Y." We all owe her a debt of gratitude, as much of the material in the library could not have been replaced for love nor money had it been touched by either fire or water.

The city's fire department deserves much credit for its judicious use of chemical lines instead of immediately pouring water into the blaze.

We wonder if we will be so fortunate as to have the same combination of luck another time. What if it had not been discovered so soon? What if the men directing the fire department another time, have not the same keen foresight these men had? We would suggest the thought to our more opulent alumni, that the unreplaceable material in our library should be protected against fire.

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LITERARY COLUMN

The other day two matronly ladies, the recent triumph of obscurantism in Tennessee. In an effort to explain evolution to the layman, Professor George H. Parker of Harvard University has written a little book entitled "What Evolution Is." This work is brief, authoritative and readable. It gives the evidence on evolution derived from comparative anatomy, embryology, geology and zoogeography and discusses Lamarckism, Darwinism and deVries' mutation theory. It is an admirable little volume with which to arm yourself before proceeding to the midnight bull session.

"Yes," said the other, "I liked it very much. The people are true to life. Why, I almost recognized my daughter in one of the characters. I always feel safe in leaving any of his books around where the children can get them. He never says any of the nasty things you find in Sherwood Anderson and Theodore Dreiser."

That's the kind of a book "Women" is. It describes with some acuteness the domestic adventures of the nicest people on the nicest street in one of our nicest suburbs. Our more exacting readers will find that it has as much real flavor as a boiled strawberry. The girls in the book are replicas of Alice Adams and the young men are Sam and Penrod grown up. Speaking of women, though, reminds one of Aristotle's pungent comment that women are nature's failures in the attempt to make men.

In "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," Anita Loos has given us the diary of a "super-gold digger." We are struck dumb with admiration at the heroine's success in loosening men from their bankrolls. All she has to do is lunch at the Ritz with some prominent broker and the next day the bottom drops out of the market. Maybe it does not mean anything, but she dined with a very, very influential German the day before German marks started to collapse. There is a lot of slap-stick humor in this book, with enough brilliant lines to force a chuckle from anyone. Beneath it all there runs a vein of good satire and we are forced to conclude that Miss Loos is a keen observer and knows her way around. It is said that she wrote the first part of the book to relieve the boredom of a four-day train ride to California.

Miss Loos is the husband of John Emerson and they have written together two successful plays, "The Whole Town's Talking" and "The Fall of Eve." They are now to convert "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" into a play.

"Beau Geste," by Christopher Wren, is "a tale which holdeth children from play and old men from the chimney corner." It is one of the best adventure stories written this year. Beau Geste, fine gentleman and happy warrior, with his brothers Digby and John, enlists in the Foreign Legion in pursuit of their aunt's famous diamond, the "Blue Water." After many thrilling adventures, Beau is killed while defending a desert fort against the Arabs. A few months later Digby is murdered from ambush and John escapes to England and tells the story. It is remarkably well written, and unless you have become too sophisticated for this sort of thing, you are sure to enjoy it.

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AN OLD LADY.

Life has been good,
And overbrimming.
I have known
The peace and beauty that may be
found
In bird-loved, brook-pierced wood,
Or rose full-blown.
I have often danced,
Had moments of pulsing, mad joy.
Sometimes, too, to keep the balance
true,
I've wept.
My heart,
At a stray wild vagrant tune,
Had quickened,
And I've loved a man—and felt
A sober, tremendous pride
When I watched my babies
As they slept
In a soft crib, side by side.
I've seen white gulls dip
Over dun salt shallows,
Wandered through meadows
Fair and wide.
Great adventures I wanted not,
But rather the sweet content
Of a garden spot
Filled with vague scent
Of blossoms that have died
And songs that faintly end—
Faded—unsatisfied.

B. E.

PHILANTHROPY.

I would I were a piece of cheese,
I think that would be nice.
I'd sit within a trap all day
And rid the world of mice.

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By The Sporting Editor.

The Student Council rally to create interest in a new gym has been postponed until the Tuesday following vacation. There is but one thing the undergraduates can do to aid in accomplishing the gigantic task which the council has begun. That is talk. During vacation, talk a new gymnasium to every man, woman, or child who could in any way aid us in obtaining it. There should not be a single Colby graduate or friend of the college whom you know who does not hear during vacation of our plans for a new gym.

These plans are in brief: the Colby student body is to gather in a gigantic rally on April 12 to pledge their support to the project of obtaining a new gymnasium. Pledges will have two dollars as a minimum and the sky the limit. A certain alumnus who is a member of the board of trustees, with these pledges as conclusive evidence of student support, will talk to the board of trustees concerning a new structure.

For the present the whole proposition is in the hands of the student body and the interest which they show will determine the success of the project. If sufficient interest is shown by the students, the Student Council will then draw up resolutions to be presented to the president and the board of trustees at their meeting in the spring, these resolutions demanding immediate action on their part toward securing a new gymnasium.

That is the present plan but its success rests entirely with the student body, and the interest which you show both at the coming rally and among Colby men during vacation will determine whether or not Colby will be at the bottom of the heap or equipped with a new gym take her rightful place with the other Maine colleges.

D. K. E. VICTORS
IN TRACK MEET

Dekes Take First Leg Of Interfraternity Track Meet In Closely Fought Events.

Delta Kappa Epsilon, defending champions, held their edge on the title last Wednesday afternoon when they finished ahead of Alpha Tau Omega in the first round of the interfraternity track meet with a lead of 3-5-6 points. The team scores were: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 16; Alpha Tau Omega, 12 1-5; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Zeta Psi, 10 1-2; Non-Fraternity, 6; Lancers Club, 5 1-6; Delta Upsilon, 4; Lambda Chi Alpha, 3 1-6; and Alpha, 3.

The high point man of the afternoon was Barry, a Zeta freshman who shows promise in the hurdles especially. In addition to winning that event he took the laurel wreath in the standing broad jump. His versatility marks him as a very valuable man to his team and he may finish the final round of the meet with the high point title as he is doped to score in several of the events to be held out of doors, notable the broad jump. His closest competitor for individual honors was Seekins of the Dekes, another member of the youthful innocent set but who with Barry taught the old men a few lessons in track. Seekins won the standing high jump and took second in the shot put. The latter event was won by Captain Getchell of the A. T. O. team who had a foot to spare and won by that margin with his first toss.

In the track events, the Dekes were not represented by as well balanced a team as they were in the gymnasium contests and the Alpha Taus and the Phi Dels tucked away the majority of the points. In the 40 yard hurdle race, Barry won from Newhall of Lambda Chi Alpha by half a nostril in a race which puzzled the finish judges. Severy of the Lancers introduced himself as a hurdler when he

defeated some of the best men in college in his trial and semi-final heats, finally taking the single point in the last heat. He added to this tally three more when he finished behind George Mittelsdorf in the 40 yard dash. Mitt ran his race well and finished where he deserved, in first place. Sprague of D. U. did a good afternoon's work to finish third. The one and one half mile run was an earned victory for Jimmy Brudno who took the pace when the race was yet young and held first position throughout, running a well judged race to finish with a respectable margin over Sullivan of the Alphas who dogged the leader during the entire fifteen laps. Sansone took third almost immediately after winning the 600.

Now for the two races of the day. The 600 was taken by Sansone of the Phi Dels when he ran the headiest race which he has ever put on at Colby to win from Brown of A. T. O. Baker of A. T. O. set the pace until the last lap when Sansone took the burden and finished in one minute, twenty-one seconds for a new record. Brown sprung a brilliant finish to place second and a battle on the stretch gave third place to Hodgkins of the Non-frats. This record compares very favorably with the times marked up by the stars of the indoor meets this winter and under the conditions was remarkably fast.

The most brilliant race of the day was between Hunt of A. T. O. who was yet to be initiated into the upper classes and Goode of the Dekes when they finished in a dead heat in the 300 yard novice race. Hunt took the lead at the gun and held a respectable margin the entire distance and coming into the stretch looked like the winner by a good margin but Goode came like a tornado in the last twenty yards and surprised Hunt who could not pick up fast enough to regain his lead and the two finished on even terms.

The summary:
40 yard dash: First trial heat won by Peabody, second Baker. Second trial heat, won by Mittelsdorf, second, Smart. Third trial heat won by Sprague, second Newhall. Fourth trial heat won by Severy, Smith second. Semi-finals, first heat won by

DON'T FORGET

April 19. Maine at Waterville (Exhibition).
May 8. Lowell Textile at Waterville.
May 12. Bates at Waterville.
May 14. Bowdoin at Brunswick.
May 15. Maine Intercollegiate Track Championships at Brunswick.
May 20-21-22. Maine Intercollegiate Tennis Championship at Colby.
May 22. New England Intercollegiate Track Championship at Harvard.
May 22. Maine at Waterville.
May 26. Bowdoin at Waterville.
May 29. Bates at Lewiston.
May 29. National Intercollegiate Track Championships.
June 2. Maine at Orono.

Sprague, second Smith. Second heat won by Mittelsdorf, second Severy. Final heat won by Mittelsdorf. Second Severy. Sprague, third. Time, 4 4-5 seconds.

40 yard low hurdles: First heat won by Newhall, second heat won by Barry, third heat won by Abbott, 4th heat won by Johnson, fifth heat won by Cowing, sixth heat won by Severy. Semi-finals: first heat won by Severy, second heat won by Barry, third heat won by Newhall. Final heat won by Barry, second, Newhall; third, Severy. Time, 5 1-5 seconds.

300 yard novice run: First heat won by Hunt, Goode, second; second heat won by Lord, second MacLean; third heat won by Barry, Giles second. Final heat won by tie between Hunt and Goode; third Giles. Time 38 3-5.

600 yard run won by Sansone, Brown second; Hodgkins, third. Time, 1 min. 21 seconds.
One and a half mile run won by Brudno, Sullivan, second, Sansone third. Time 7 min. 31 4-5 seconds.

Standing broad jump, won by Barry, 9 feet 5 1/2 inches; second, Peabody, 9 feet 3 1/2 inches; third, Severy, 9 feet, 1/2 inch.
Standing high jump, won by Seekins, 4 feet 5 inches; second, B. Getchell, 4 feet 3 inches; third, tie among Abbott, Nelson, Snow, and Tierney, Newhall and Severy, 4 feet.

Shot put, won by C. Getchell, 44 feet, 7 inches; Seekins, second, 43 feet, 7 inches; third, Drummond, 42 feet, 3 inches.

MANY CANDIDATES
OUT FOR BASEBALLDiamond Aspirants Working
Hard In Gymnasium.

A new gymnasium would be more welcome to Coach Roundy than to any other man in the world. He has been unable to get the proper slant on the abilities of the various new men who have reported for work due to the fact that they have had no opportunity to do more than exercise thus far.

Until the men can get out of doors the team which will start the first game will be doped as the same that finished the season last year with the vacant places filled by the men of most experience. At the present time the team which looks like the most probable to start again Maine on April 10 is as follows: Catcher, Keith; pitchers, Hoal or Trainor; first base, McGowan; second base, Hannifan; short stop, O'Brien; third base, Smart; right field, Franson or Callaghan; center field, Captain Peabody; and left field, Fagerstrom. This, however, is only a guess based on past performances and there may be talent in the new list of candidates who can push any man there out of his position. If they are found they will be given a chance as it is only by this means that a Colby team can be developed to its best, and Coach Eddie will let no talent go unrecognized.

There are several men of ability who have had some experience both at Colby and on other clubs equally fast who may prove to be as good as the favored candidates but have had no opportunity to show their stuff in the ancient atmosphere of the gymnasium.

On past record the other Maine colleges have not shown that they have any imposing array of pill punchers to sink the Colby ship and we should stand a very good show of taking the state title this year. On Monday Coach Roundy gave his opinion and claimed nothing for his men, neither guaranteeing the championship or despairing of it, but when he mentioned his pitching staff he waxed enthusiastic over two names—Hoal and Trainor. In his conservative manner he stated that he was pleased with

the work of these two men during the preliminary training and especially liked the interest which they showed in correcting the faults of last season. Hoal should be one of the finest pitchers who ever tossed a horsehide at Colby as he has speed, strength, and natural ability. He is somewhat stronger than Trainor but has no more ability than has Waterville John. Johnnie is quite a bit stronger than he was a year ago and at that time it looked as though all he needed was this added strength to make him a bold bad man to oppose. These two pellet heavers should be the backbone of the pitching staff although there are several others who may make the grade to the position which is the most important job in town from April until June. Lanier, McKee, Seekins, Hanson, and Selowitz look like decent workers in the gym and when they get out on the grass they may prove to be the best ozone ploughers on the team.

The same men of whom we spoke a week ago are giving battle to the favorites in the other berths with new developments so we will call it a day and see what they look like after vacation.

DRUIDS PRESENT
TRACK TROPHYCup To Be Awarded Winner
Of Interfraternity Track Meet.

Ye Ancient and Venerables organization of Druids has again sent in ye olde tyme order for mammoth trophy to be awarded by said group of intelligentia to such fraternity as sends into the lists the finest and strongest group of track and field warriors to be gathered together at ye olden haunts of honored Gardner Colby and E. Parish Lovejoy. But hold awhile, this cup shall be awarded only upon proof that the recipient fraternity has during the current season gathered points in the annual interfraternity track meet in excess of those of any other grand association of Greeks. With two rounds under the belts of the aforementioned combatants, they doeth well to pause and wonder what the future will bring, and it is with the aim of enlightenment of such questioners that this present article is written. Lo and behold here are the events unfolded before your eyes:

April 21.
65 yard dash, one mile relay, one mile run, 50 yard three legged race, two mile walk, 65 yard high hurdles, pole vault, running broad jump, javelin throw, hammer throw, discus throw, half mile novice race.

April 28.
100 yard dash, 220 yard dash, 440 yard run, 880 yard run, one mile run, two mile run, 120 yard high hurdles, 220 yard low hurdles, 16 pound shot put, 16 pound hammer throw, discus throw, javelin throw, running broad jump, running high jump, pole vault. These to be run in the same order as they are in the State Meet.

The only chance that these dates may be different than stated is that some worthy opponent decides to tackle Colby's track and field men on April 28.

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WHAT THE CAT
BROUGHT IN

Coach Ryan brought this one in: Possible dates for dual track meets are as follows:

April 24. Vermont at Waterville.
May 1. Vermont or Trinity at Waterville.

May 8. Vermont at Waterville or Middlebury either here or there.

All racquet slingers who expect to peek over the net at Colby's opponents this spring would do well to get as much preliminary tennis work in their system as possible during vacation as immediately upon your return to this appropriately named city Captain Macomber will issue the call for candidates.

Venerable Jack Ryder claims that distance runners are necessarily unintelligent and thus it may be advisable to tell them to keep in condition during vacation. Of course the sprinters can reason as follows: If the first meet should come on April 24th, we must be in condition on the sixth so that Coach Ryan can give us some strenuous training and the man not in condition then stands as much show of making the team as the Phi Betes do of winning the interfrat track title. Seriously, if you're not in condition on the sixth you won't make the team.

If plans of the tennis management materialize, Colby will conduct an interscholastic tennis tournament this spring. This would indeed boost the college in the opinions of many possible students.

Every Colby man you meet during vacation should be impressed with the fact that we need a new gym. Such advertising outweighs all other publicity that we can get.

"A hitting outfield" is Coach Roundy's aim for this year and stick work will do a lot to decide his choices.

Hanson, McKee, Lanier, Seekins, and Selowitz are the contributions of the freshman class to Coach Eddie's pitching staff and any of them may get a regular assignment.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

ZETA PSI.

Brother Frank Goodrich, '26, went to Boston last week to attend the annual Coburn Alumni banquet held at the Twentieth Century Club. Goodrich addressed the Coburn Alumni Association, Saturday evening.

Alan Hilton, '27, journeyed to Augusta, Monday evening, to attend a Masonic meeting.

The Nelsons went down to Augusta, Friday evening, to attend the debate between Cony and Gardiner in which their brother took part.

"Bob" Lombard, '28, also was present at the debate held in Augusta, last Friday evening.

Cecil Foote, '28, and Paul Edmunds, '26, went to Good Will, Friday, to act as judges for a debate.

Due to severe cold and general indisposition, Brother Charles F. Abbott was forced to return to his home in Franklin, Mass., last Friday. The boys all hope that he will soon be in condition to enjoy the vacation.

The Zeta fire department was out in full force last Thursday morning to help put out the fire in the Chapel.

D. U.

Keith Weymouth, '25, visited the house Monday while passing through on the way to Bangor.

Donald Mills, '25, returned to Waterville, Monday, to attend the U. B. dance, Monday evening.

"Ted" Smart, '27, was confined to his bed the first of the week with a bad cold.

"Lizzie" MacDonald, '28, was just saved from breaking into Foss Hall society by the fact that he does not dance. It would seem that it was high time someone took Mac in hand and gave him some private lessons.

The announcement of Brother Albert MacDougal's engagement to Claire Richardson, '28, was a surprise to many of the brothers. According to all previous customs cigars are now in order "Mac!"

George "Bullet" Hendricks, ex-'19, recently paid a call at the house. He is having a vacation from Springfield Y. M. C. A. college.

PHI DELTA THETA

Brother Reuben C. Ball, '22, of the University of Colorado, was a visitor at the house over the week-end. Brother Ball is the traveling secretary of Phi Delta Theta.

Vincent Mathers has returned from Rhode Island's metropolis where he attended a Province Convention held at our Brown University Chapter. Touchy reports that he thoroughly enjoyed himself and that the cookies were excellent.

"Red" Richardson and his wrecking crew rendered a great service last Saturday afternoon, when they helped to officially open the motoring season.

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We have recently learned that "Bob" Bowerhan is conducting mid-week prayer services. His choir is ranked among the best so, unfortunately, we hear.

"Dutchy" Bernhardt's little mystery package proved to be a box of cigars. "Doug" Greason laments the fact that cigars come so high. So long as the quality is there we will not kick on quantity.

Charlie Sansone has recently discovered a new and novel method of attaining that "school girl complexion." Unfortunately Charlie is modest.

A. T. O.

Brothers Jim Berry and Roger Stinchfield have fully recovered from their sickness of the past week.

Jack Erickson is rapidly learning the rudiments of a successful dance promoter. "Tex" had better look out for his laurels.

The house basketball team had its picture taken Wednesday afternoon.

On last Wednesday evening, Roy Hobbs, accompanied on the harmonica by John Tibbetts, forgot himself in so far as to give the boys a clever exhibition of step-dancing, which went over big.

The seniors tried to put over a pseudo Keith circuit performance last Wednesday night, but did not succeed any too well. "Al" Law and "Bowels" MacPherson, however, did give a beautiful demonstration of killing time, which act took up a good part of the performance.

The following were guests at the house over the week-end: Brother "Ted" Greeley, Dartmouth College; Brother Smith, New Hampshire; Brother Jackson, M. I. T.; Brother LeClare, Worcester Tech.; Brother Marble, Brown; Brother Chandler, U. of M. Brother Greeley is spending the week at the house. This is not "Ted's" first visit and not his last either.

Brother "Jake" Libby, '24, was a guest at the initiation banquet Saturday evening.

Brother Russell F. Brown is confined to his home in Fairfield with a slight attack of the grip.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA.

Brothers Keating of Boston University, Mann of Brown, Tomlinson of Dartmouth, Kauke of Worcester Tech, Luft of Rhode Island State, Stilphen of Maine, Sleeper of New Hampshire and Rogers of Massachusetts Tech attended the annual initiation banquet and were guests at the house over Friday night, leaving Saturday morning to attend the banquet of the Maine chapter of the fraternity at Bangor.

Brothers Howard B. Tuggey and Elmer M. Taylor of the class of '25, and W. Rodney Wyman, ex-'27, attended the banquet on Friday night.

The members of the chapter enjoyed the cigars which Alden L. Kittredge, '26, passed around last week.

Wilbur B. McAllister, '26, leaves Waterville, Thursday afternoon for Pinehurst, N. C., to spend a part of his vacation with his parents there.

Drisco Allen, ex-'28, who is teaching school in Ware, Mass., was a week end visitor at the house on his way to Columbia Falls, for a short vacation.

Kenneth R. Miller, '29, returned to college after a two week's absence, having been called home on account of the death of his grandmother.

Fourteen brothers from the house attended the annual Junior dance given at Legion hall last Saturday evening by the women's division.

Roy E. Savage returned to college last week after a month's absence which confined him to his bed with ear trouble.

Brothers Lyons, Rollins, Dubord, and Monroe were among the members of the local alumni who attended the annual initiation banquet held at the Elmwood hotel last Friday evening.

Charles M. Hannifan is confined to the house with the prevailing illness.

ALPHA.

Kenneth Bragdon passed a pleasant week-end in China.

The Author's Club is hard at work on several plays. Broadway is assured.

Howard Fowle visited in Harmony, Saturday.

Ashton Hamilton is planning to leave Thursday for Boston where he will spend the Easter recess.

Snop Adams delivered a stirring sermon at Sidney, Sunday, before a large congregation.

Harold Spoor made a lengthy visit in Fairfield, Saturday evening.

W. H. Lord was entertained at the house, Thursday evening, by his son, Lemuel K. Lord.

J. Walter Chilson has been ill. The boys are divided as to the malady. Some think it is spring fever, but others maintain that that couldn't be, as he has had it all winter.

Bill Springer, Claude Shinnelford, Rupert Irvine, David Kronquist, Ashton Hamilton, and Stanley Tanner attended the Junior dance, Saturday evening.

Benny Mosher was our representative in Good Will over the week-end.

Gordon Marr and Bernard Nicker-son were visitors in Augusta, Sunday.

The last leg of the initiation was held last Wednesday evening.

LANCERS

Brother Finnemore accompanied Carl Crummett to the latter's home over the week-end.

Miles Carpenter spent the week-end at his home in Smithfield.

Brother Carroll Tripp was in charge of the young people at the Sunday evening service of the Baptist church.

August Belott entertained friends at the house over the week-end.

Henry Allen has accepted a good position for the summer with the Woolworth concern, being an interior decorator for this company.

Brother Severy was showered with many gifts this past week in honor of his birthday.

The brothers regret the forced departure of Lennert Uppstrom due to sickness. A speedy recuperation is hoped for by the boys.

George Severy went to church last Sunday!

Five of the brothers were entertained at a dance party given by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Goodwin. A splendid time was reported.

SIGMA KAPPA.

Margaret Hardy, '26, True Hardy, '28, and Martha Allen, '29, entertained on Tuesday evening, March 23, at the woman's club.

The senior delegation including Margaret Hardy, Doris Roberts, Olive Soule and Emily Heath, entertained Agnes Osgood at a dinner party at the Chinese Restaurant on Tuesday evening, in honor of her birthday.

Dorothy Giddings, '27, went to Augusta on Friday evening and refereed the basketball game between the Cony and Skowhegan girls' teams.

Miss Marion D. Brown, '24, who is teaching this year in New Hampshire, has been enjoying a week's vacation at her home in Waterville.

Janet Chase, Wheaton, '28, and Beatrice Brown, Wheaton, '28, called to visit the former's sister, Marguerite Chase at Foss Hall on Saturday.

CHI OMEGA.

Miss Claire Richardson, '28, entertained the members of her delegation at her home Saturday evening, in honor of her recent engagement to Albert F. MacDougal, '28. Dinner was served at six o'clock after which dancing and cards were enjoyed.

Those present were Cornelia Adair, Mildred Fox, Emma Tozier, Grace Morrison, Irma Sawyer, Harriet Towle, Estelle Pottle, Muriel Lewis, Olive Richardson, and Doris Hardy, '25.

Miss Esther Knudson, '27, presented the fraternity with a five pound box of chocolates at the last meeting in honor of her engagement to Alden L. Kittredge, '26.

A surprise party and shower was given to Miss Helen Kyle, '26, at her home, Thursday evening, March 18, by a group of friends.

Miss Marian Merriam, '25, has been visiting at the hall the last few days. Estelle Pottle, '28, entertained her mother at Foster House over the week-end.

Miss Marian Cummings, '24, visited friends in college, Saturday, on her way home from Lee Academy, Lee.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.

Miss Caroline Heald, ex-'27, a student at Wheaton college, attended the dance given by the Junior girls, Saturday.

The senior delegation had a "feed" at the fraternity rooms, Wednesday, March 17.

Beatrice Ham and Esther Wood attended a shower given Miss Helen Kyle at her home, Thursday, March 18.

ALPHA DELTA PI.

Mrs. Helen M. Cummins, president of Gamma province of Alpha Delta Pi, was the guest of Alpha Delta chapter last week.

Miss Ruth Hutchins, '28, entertained the members of the chapter at a tea given at her home on Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Cummins.

The members of the senior delegation: Clara Collins, Adelaide Gordon, Dorothy Farnum, Ruby Shuman, and Madeline Merrill, and Mrs. Cummins were guests of Miss Alpha Crosby, '26, at dinner Friday evening.

Miss Ruby Shuman, '26, entertained her sister Doris of the Farmington Normal school, over the week-end.

Members of the chapter were very glad to welcome the newly initiated sisters to their first sorority meeting last Wednesday evening.

PHI MU.

Evlyn Braham, '26, Edna Tuttle,

'26, and Enie Ellis, '27, attended the surprise party and shower given to Helen Kyle, '26, last Thursday evening.

The sophomore and senior delegations entertained the fraternity after the regular meeting last Wednesday evening. The entertainment and refreshments all reminded one of Saint Patrick's day.

Dorothy Farnsworth, '27, spent the week-end at China, as usual.

Althea Lord, '26, entertained a friend from Leeds, over the week-end. Myrtle Mann, '27, entertained friends at Foss Hall over Saturday and Sunday.

BETA CHI THETA.

A pledge service was held last Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Ena Page, '28. The following girls of the class of '29, were pledged, Adelaide C. Claire, A. Louise Cone, and Sylvia D. Crane.

Miss Sylvia Brazzell spent the week-end at Foss Hall with Marguerite Albert, '26, and Lereine Rolls, '26.

Miss Edna Cohen, '28, gave a reading at a St. Patrick's party given at the Masonic Hall last Wednesday evening.

Miss Mollie Seltzer, '26, played in the violin quartet at the concert at the Opera House last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Girdlandine Priest, '26, has been confined at home for the last few days by an attack of the "flu."

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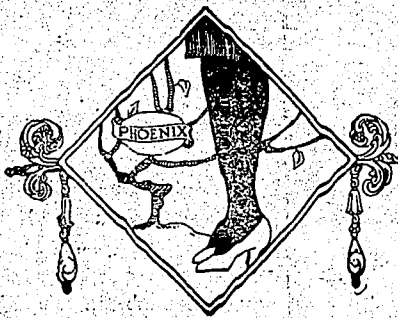
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