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He usually drops in near meal times. Of course he just chanced to be going by, before meals, never after, and seeing the stumps which we were blasting, or the barn we were building, or the colt we were having some trouble to break, thought he would stop and tell us how it ought to be done. He drives in of course and common courtesy requires us to ask him to put his team in the barn and let them rest and incidentally mess over and spoil half a bale of good hay, (and the hay crop short that year, too!)

The colt breaking or the barn building has to stop temporarily while he tells about a barn he built long years ago that stood the weather and wear phenomenally well, or about some remarkable horse he broke by a special system. We must, perforce, believe these stories even though knowing that at present he owns no exceptional barn; in fact the barn leaks to such a degree that he can't think of putting hay in it for fear of having it spoiled, and since his barn isn't fit to put hay in, of course it is useless to waste time trying to raise hay, besides the neighbor's hay is good enough any way. The lack of care and attention which his own horses show, we must of course excuse, knowing how busy he is (with other people's business).

"What is that? The dinner bell? Has the morning gone so soon?"

We tell him with regret that it has, and also inquire with trepidation if he will stay to dinner.

"Ye-e-s," he believes since his team is doing so nicely on our hay that it won't be too much trouble he will. O, yes, we knew it all the
time! He tries to beguile us into believing that he will stay and help us after dinner. O, no! We know him of old.

At dinner he assures himself he has more than paid for his meal by telling the cook a process for making better bread, the art of canning fruit and a good recipe for preserving meat, all of which she knew long before she saw him. His supply of knowledge on all points seems to be limitless, but he is always afflicted with a lame back, a severe attack of rheumatism or a headache, so that he is unable to do any demonstration.

As the meal is nearly over he seems suddenly to remember that he told the next neighbor that he would come over that afternoon and show him the best way to prune trees. He loses interest in the building or horse breaking we had on hand and soon gets to the barn, wasting no time in hitching up. As he leaves, with a hasty "good by" he promises (without invitation) to come again soon and so goes on his way to dispense more advice and get another meal.

I don't need to introduce this man. You have all seen him or his equal. We might call him a human parasite. M. N. Y.

During a street fair held in Oakland I was attracted by a peddler who always showed his wares on the same spot near the entrance to the Fair. I noticed him often in going to and from the grounds and began to pay a good deal of attention to him.

He was of medium height and slightly built with a very thin face. He had curly black hair and a sallow complexion. His nose was of the Jewish cast and his eyes, which were deeply sunken in his head, were very expressive. These seemed to burn, they were so bright. They scarcely ever were at rest, but kept glancing this way and that, continually absorbing details. Although he claimed to be thirty-five years old he seemed much younger.

His powers of observation were very great and he would instantly point out anything of interest in the great crowd about us. This man was keen to judge human character from merely glancing at a face, and seemed to be very accurate in his estimates.

He did not seem to be either healthy or strong, but when necessary he could exercise an enormous amount of strength. When I showed my surprise, after feeling his arms, which were as lean and hard as muscles could well be, he explained the cause to me. He laid it to the fact that he had always led a simple life and held great contempt for those who ate and drank too much. His exposed life had also helped to strengthen him.

He was extremely neat about his clothes and person, but he had one vice: that of smoking cigarettes, which no doubt gave the unhealthy color to his skin. When I became well enough acquainted with him I asked why he indulged in this habit and whether he got any real comfort out of it. He would always shrug his shoulders and change the subject. He and his cigarette were inseparable. I can well remember the little green box, in which came his particular Russian brand.

As I grew to know him better, I asked him about his religious beliefs. He said he was an atheist and lived only in the present—but many were the Christian acts he practiced. Every stray dog was wel-
come at his stall and was given a crust of bread or a drink of water. A lost child would be comforted with a toy until the anxious mother passed, as she always would, sooner or later.

His taste was excellent and his booth was always dressed in gay, but becoming combinations. In consequence he was well patronized and made a good living.

At the end of the Fair he packed up to move saying that the roving blood of his race prevented his staying longer in one place. M. C.

**USING MY IMAGINATION.**

On a quiet, sunny afternoon in October I sat in the front porch of the Girls' Dormitory thinking how hard freehand drawing was for me and how hard it was to keep up when suddenly I saw a crowd of queer looking objects approaching. In great fear I hid in the corner behind some chairs and awaited their coming. In the lead was what appeared to be an old man. I looked again and then gave a gasp of surprise for it was the spotted plant with the spotted leaves which I had attempted to draw a few weeks ago. Up the dormitory steps he marched followed by pots of all shapes and sizes, tomatoes, apples, leaves, and in fact everything which I had tried to draw. And yet how queer they looked. The vase with the paper pasted on it was much larger on one side than on the other and walked with a perceptible limp. The Japanese vase and the mercury jug were also badly misshaped and in fact every one seemed to have something wrong.

Fascinated, I watched the strange company march around the porch and form a ring about their leader, who after a slight pause began to speak in a deep, rumbling voice. "As you know," he said "this is the time set for our annual ball, but as you know none of us are in any condition to dance. In drawing class I have been knocked and banged, made larger on one side, smaller on the other, my leaves have been made long and slim, short and fat, until I bear very little resemblance to my former self."

"And look at me," groaned the empty flower pot, "one side perfectly straight and the other puffed out as if I had the toothache. It is perfectly outrageous!"

"I shall never be able to face the public again," cried the tall suffragist vase, "for look how tall and one-sided they have made me, and I have taken such a severe cold standing so long in that draft that I can hardly speak."

"It will be a long time before you stop talking," remarked the old maid jug sarcastically.

"The trouble with you is you never have anything to say," returned the vase sharply.

"Order, ladies, order," cried the leader. Then he continued, "if I could find the persons who so crippled us I would make them sorry."

"Let's look for them," cried the old maid.

"So we will," they all shouted, and such a scramble as there was. Much frightened I cowered still lower when the leader suddenly saw me and ran towards me crying, "Here is one now! here is one now!" They all rushed upon me, biting, kicking and scratching. I tried to push them off, but in vain. I was slowly being smothered. With a final mighty effort I cried out, and with a start awoke and realized I had been dreaming.

V. C. M. '12.
Another vacation has come and gone and now comes the new year. Last year the journals we put out were fairly good but, "Come, get busy, for this year's journals must be better." The staff can not put out a first class journal alone.

With this, our first issue this year, we extend greetings to all our exchanges, wishes for a bright and prosperous year. We hope all the former exchanges we hope it will be taken in the friendly spirit in which it is given or, as Shakespeare said, "Exchange forgiveness with me, noble Hamlet," if ever we offend any of you in the somewhat hard task of criticizing. Let me see who comes to us this month.

First I see "The Sotoyoman" from Healdsburg, Cal. You surely have a jolly Christmas cover. We think the print of your paper can be improved. A good, clear distinct print adds much to a paper. The cuts which you have are splendid, but we suggest that you also add cuts along with the type headings of your stories.

Hello! What is here, "The Philistine?" No, it is the Poly High journal from Los Angeles. Odd, isn't it? But very attractive. You have good material throughout your paper and surely you are an exceptionally good journal. We suggest a few cuts.

Next comes "The Bulletin," Montclair High, N. J. We are glad to see you and we ought to be when you come from such a distance. You have good material in your paper, but where is your staff artist? Hustle one up and improve the appearance of your paper. We suggest one column instead of two.

"The Skirmisher," St. Matthew's School, Burlingame, Cal. Although this is your first exchange with us, we exchange as hearty a greeting to you as to our older exchanges. You have a jolly good journal, but think you can improve on the cover perhaps. Your stories are good and what a splendid exchange column you have.

"Olive and Gold," Santa Barbara High. What a pleasing journal. You are one of the best ones we have received. We suggest that you put all the joshes in the josh department and add more cuts throughout your paper.

"The Tyro," San Bernardino, Cal. You have good stories in your journal, but can you not improve your cuts, they are too stiff. A special josh department would add much to your paper.

"The Farnum," Beverly, New Jersey. Glad to see you again, but why don't you get an exchange editor? We think the exchange columns a help for from them we get new ideas and our weak spots are pointed out to us. Your absence of cuts is very much in evidence.

"The Oracle," Jacksonville, Fla. Your cover grows more attractive the more we see it. You have good material in your journal, but there is room for improvement in the way of arrangement. Your exchange column is too brief. Why not give comment on all the exchanges which you receive?
CLASS CONTESTS.

The class games in basket ball were played with the Juniors winning the championship. This gives the Juniors the most points for the class cup that was presented by the Alumni. The Juniors now have won the foot ball and basket ball championship.

Junior vs. Freshmen.

The game started with a rush that looked as though the Freshmen were going to do something but they gradually weakened. The score stood 10 to 8 at the end of the first half.

The second half did not start out so fast. The Freshmen could not hold the Juniors down in this half, they making only 2 points more while the Juniors made 6. The final score was 16 to 10 in favor of the Juniors.

The line up for each team was as follows:

Juniors

W. Roberts } T. Iles } C. Anderson } M. Weymouth } W. Shipsey }

Guards

Center

Forwards

Freshmen

Bush

Ward

Fitzgerald

Snyder

McMillan

Juniors vs. Senior.

The Juniors just walked away with the Junior-Senior basket ball game. The Juniors won by the large score of 10 to 2.

The game was very slow all the way through and the Juniors did not play as they did the Freshmen game.

Anderson was easily the star of the game by making 12 of the 19 points scored by the Juniors.

The teams lined up as follows:

Juniors

W. Roberts } T. Iles } C. Anderson } M. Weymouth } W. Shipsey }

Guards

Center

Forwards

Seniors

Flint

Baumgartner

Swerdfeger

Markloff

Taylor

Since Bill Roberts has not returned to school since vacation, Barney Murray has been elected to fill his place as Captain of the base ball team. Barney is not very big, but when it comes to playing base ball he is all there.

We should have a good, fast base ball team this year, as we have some very good material for a fast team. The first game is not very far away, being with the San Luis High on the 21st of this month.
The boys are practicing hard and we expect to see them win this game.

At a meeting of all of the foot ball men Bill Shipsey was unanimously elected Captain for the coming year. Bill played a good game all season and we expect to see him put out another winning team.

A meeting of the basket ball men for the election of Captain for the coming year was called. Bush was elected to fill the place.

Training for the track will start off this week and although our best men failed to appear when the roll was called for this semester, we expect to make the League as well as those participating in the Santa Barbara meet sit up and take notice.

A representative of the University of California has been conferring with the Track Captain and extended an invitation to the team to enter in the big interscholastic meet there in April. In all probability about six or eight of the best men will be sent to this meet and from what they have to say it will certainly be worth while for a little hard training. Anybody who is deemed eligible to win a point will be sent.
The Senior girls of the Domestic Science class entertained recently with a tea party in honor of Miss Willet’s sewing class. The table was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums. Miss Carolyne Perkins poured tea and was assisted by Miss Eva Heartt while the girls spent a pleasant hour chatting over the tea cups.

The Freshman dance of December 9th given in honor of the students and their friends was the most enjoyable social party of the school year ending with 1910. The dining hall, where the dance was given, was beautifully and artistically decorated with school and class colors and many pennants. Games were arranged for those who did not care for dancing, so everyone enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent.

Punch was served throughout the evening and during the intermissions the guests were treated to a surprise in the shape of ice cream cones.

To the committee in charge is due the success of the party and through the Journal we wish to thank the Freshmen for one of the best times had at the Polytechnic.

Miss May Brumley was hostess at an informal luncheon given Dec. 13 to members of the Faculty, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, Miss Palmer, Miss Gillet and Mr. Heald. This is the first of the many luncheons to be given in the near future by the Senior girls in Domestic Science.

On Monday afternoon December 10, in the dining room of the Household Arts Building, the Senior class entertained a few of their friends. The room was made cheerful and bright by a large jardiniere filled with red geraniums placed on the table. Miss Heartt acted as hostess, serving chocolate with dainty little cakes. Members of the Faculty present were Mesdames King, Waters, Smith, Anderson, the Misses Castle, Willets, Chase and Gillet.

The Misses Hutching and Heartt acted as hostesses at a chafing dish party given in farewell to Miss Carolyne Perkins. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present.

Owing to the holidays, school closed early, which left little time for social events.
Prospects of base ball, track and other activities appear to be bright for the year nineteen hundred eleven. A good school spirit has been shown already in base ball, enough students having been out to try for the team to make three good teams. But out of this number a first class team should be picked out to bring the championship to our school this season.

The Journal staff has lost two of its most important members. Mr. J. B. Thompson did much for the Journal during the time he was Business Manager. He left the Journal in a prosperous condition so that our new manager can easily take hold of the work, and continue, so that we will be able to put out the largest and best commencement edition in June.

Miss Maye Hoskins who took care of the Social Department, has also been a credit to the Journal, and it is hoped that the good work will be continued by Miss Eva Heartt, who is to take her place.
Mr. Condit in Physical Geography:
How can you tell whether rocks were formed in salt water or fresh?
Ladybird—Taste them.

Sophia on spying Carrie talking to Peggy:
"Slatz, cut that out. Take the child home, it wants its mama."

In Agronomy: Mr. Edwards—Some of you could have saved yourself the trouble of copying some one else's papers by using tracing paper.
Mr. Condit—Are there any cycles going on at present?
McArthur—Yes, motor cycles.

Miss Hillard to Howe:
Put up the umbrella and play it is raining. Oh! you —

Burr White, when asked to change seats at table:
No, I can't eat well when the girls are looking at me.

Miss Chase in English:
"Silas sat with his hands on his elbows and his head on his knees,"

Ruth Loring (to waitress)—May I have some crackers, please?
Waitress passing on, not noticing her.
You might know she was a Poly.

Prof. E. B. Smith—Mr. Hamaker, please tie that dog outside. He will soon have S. L. O. slang down pat.

Mr. Heald—Willoughby, what is a parallelogram?
Willoughby—A parallelogram is a quadrilateral.
Mark—Not necessarily.

QUEER.

Mr. Condit—Is there any proof that evolution is going on now?
McArthur—Hogs of 50 years ago were on the same principle as those of today, but they are not the same hogs.

Mr. Condit—Miss Muzio, how are reservoirs formed?
Miss Muzio—They find a wet place and make a fence around it and then use the water for irrigation.

Speaking of stuffed dates:
Miss Hillard—Cherries are nice that way, too.
Miss Palmer—No, cherries and dates don't go well together.
Wonder how she knows.

Carol in cooking—I am going to have a date with Freddie and and give my kisses away.
Jack Leonard needn't think he is the whole ocean even if he has wavy hair.

Juliet T. is a very obliging girl. She had the sharp buttons removed from the waist line of her dress.

Advice to Merton Weymouth—Take a sport to church and if at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

Miss Chase—I have all papers corrected except Leonas's and Mr. Coffman's. They can come up after sewing.

**FAVORITE SONGS.**

When the Whip-Poor-Will Sings, Marguerite .......... Merton Weymouth
Waiting at the Church .................................. Annie Mendenhall
There Never was a Girl Like You ......................... Bill Roberts
Bill, You Done Me Wrong .................................. Lester White
I Wish I Had a Girl ....................................... Martin Van Couvering
Every Little Bit Helps .................................. Jack Leonard
Good Morning, Carolyn ................................... Fred Markloff
I Want Someone to Flirt With Me ......................... Mirian Stevens
Is there Any Room in Heaven for a Little Girl Like Me?... Ruth Ridle
Just One Girl ............................................ John Snyder
Music in the Air ......................................... Leona Forbes
Just Because He Was a College Guy ....................... Paul Des Granges
Dreaming ...................................................... Carolyn Perkins
I've Taken Quite a Fancy to You ......................... E. Harris
I Lost My Heart When I Saw Your Eyes .................... John Flint
Is It Very Far to Heaven (From Bishop's Peak) ....... Juliet Tognazzini
The Girl Who Threw Me Down .............................. L. McMillan
If I Could Only Bring Back the Past ....................... Ruth Loring
Since You Called Me Dearie ............................... Charlie Case
Say, Boys, I've Found a Girl .............................. G. Mendenhall
It Was Your Pleasing Smile ................................ M. Shipsey
When the Sheep Are in the Fold ......................... Miss Chase
He's a Cousin of Mine ..................................... Sophia Huchting
No Wedding Bells for Me .................................. Signe Rapps
You Ain't Talking to Me .................................. Jack Leonard
Could You Grow Fond of a Nice Young Blonde? .......... Mr. Walker
He Goes to Church on Sunday ............................ Charlie Swartz
Nothing Bothers Me ....................................... V. McMillan
Some One Thinks of Some One ............................ Barney Murray

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Art of Becoming Fat—Effie Hillard.
A Case of Sweet William—M. Hoskins.
A Scientific Way of Losing Flesh—Pat Clauson.
An Outline of Manners and Etiquette—P. Welsh.
A Motor Courtship—H. Strowbridge.
Ramona—M. Ward.
How to be Popular—Cayucos.

Morning of Dec. 5 after the wind of Sunday, Dec. 4, Swartz said
his hat blew away during the night. He found it by the steps of the girls' dorm. How did it blow against the wind?

When strawberry short cake was served in the dining room:
M. Hoskins—I didn't know strawberries grew this time of year.
M. Stevens—These are incubator strawberries.
M. Hoskins—And raised in a brooder?

des Granges—Well, Willoughby, I got two new ads.
Willoughby—That's good. Who are they?
des Granges—The two undertakers.
Willoughby—Well, fellows, don't forget to patronize them.

OUR BOYS AS SEEN BY OTHERS.

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Sunniest—F. Southard.
Funniest—Mike E.
Debater—C. Sibley.
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Heaviest (by footsteps)—'Shorty' Smale.
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Homeliest—Glen Wright.
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The Success—Chas. Anderson.
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The Scientific American—Carranza.
Fashions a La Mode—M. Stevens.
The All Story—Signe Rapp.
The Man of the Hour—J. B. Thompson.
The football team played its last game of Rugby football in Santa Barbara on Thanksgiving Day. The boys reported a fine time.

The regular basket ball teams have disbanded and the different classes have organized teams to compete with each other.

Mr. I. Sandercock, a former student, visited the school for a short time Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1, 1910.

Messrs. Needom Paul and Manuel Herrera visited their homes near Morro on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3d and 4th, on a hunting expedition.

The members of the 1910 football team held a meeting Monday, Dec. 5, and elected Mr. William Shipsey Captain for the 1911 team.

The Freshmen and Junior classes played a game of basket ball on Monday afternoon, Dec. 5, 1910.

The basket ball team held a meeting at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 11 and elected George Bush to Captain the 1911 team.

The Debating Team, Charles Baumgartner, Martin Van Couerring, Cassius Sibley, went to Paso Robles to debate with Paso Robles High School on Saturday, Dec. 10, 1910. Those that accompanied the team were Messrs. Markloff, C. A. Baumgartner, Malloy and Prof. E. B. Smith.

Mr. Link Luchessa motored to Cambria Saturday, Dec. 3.

Mr. Henry Pezzoni, a former graduate, visited the school Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1910, in his machine. He returned to his home in Guadalupe Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The Freshmen-San Luis High Rugby football game was not played owing to the High School not having the required number of players.

School closed Dec. 16th and everybody left for their homes to en-
joy Christmas and welcome in the New Year. School reopened again January 3, 1911.

Miss Willets, one of our Domestic Science teachers had a very unfortunate accident with the result she will be on crutches for some time.

The Freshman Class gave an entertainment to the Seniors, Juniors and Faculty on Friday evening, Dec. 9, 1910, in the Dining Hall.

The Secretary of the Journal visited his home in Ventura during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Hon. Mr. Shackelford visited the school Thursday, Dec. 8.

Mr. Link Luchessa autoed to Paso Robles Dec. 8.

Mr. Ernest Vollmer of the United States Consular Service at Rotterdam, Holland, gave us a very interesting talk on Holland Friday morning, Dec. 9.

Mrs. LeRoy Anderson of Berkeley was visiting Mrs. LeRoy B. Smith during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Leroy Anderson, our former Director, was here visiting Mr. Smith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rubel went to Los Angeles to attend the State Dairymen's Association.

Mr. Edward Curl left for his home in Pasadena December 8 and returned December 18.

We are all pleased to have with us for the rest of the year in our Dairy Department, Prof. R. S. Middleton of the Iowa State College.

Mr. John McArthur left for his home in San Jose Dec. 9, on account of having trouble with his eyes. He returned Jan. 3, 1911.

Mr. F. E. Edwards, our Chemistry Professor, was ill during the week of Dec. 10-16, 1910.

The V. M. C. A. tendered the foot ball and basket ball teams a reception on Nov. 29, at Hersman Hall.

Mr. Howard Wade, a Mechanic student, is now attending the San Luis Obispo High School.

Prof. I. J. Condit and Miss Chase walked to Pismo and back Dec. 11. They reported having a fine time at the seaside resort.

Our last assembly for the first term was held Wednesday at 11:45 a. m. We had special music rendered by our orchestra composed of the following: Miss Allen, pianist; John Flint, violinist; John Johnson, clarionet; Robert Keyes, cornet; Ralph Davis, cornet. Also the letters were given out to the foot ball and basket ball players.

Mr. Leslie Smith of Heald's Business College of Visalia is now registered as a Freshman.
K. Cook of San Jose is now registered as a Junior.

Miss Elizabeth Lewis of Pacific Grove is now taking a Special Course in Household Arts.

Mr. J. B. Thompson, the Business Manager of the Journal, has left school to enter into business.

Mr. Bedinck Murray and Mr. Bill Shipsey visited Stone Canyon during the Xmas holidays. They are well known Poly athletes.

Mr. E. Murphy, a former graduate, was here from Betteravia visiting the school and friends, Jan. 4.

Mr. Bill Roberts, baseball Captain for 1911, will not return to school this year.

Miss Eva Heartt was appointed Social Editor of the Journal, on account of Miss Maye Hoskins not returning to school.

Dame Rumor has it that Louie Colthart, a graduate of the Class of '10, is going to be married soon.

Mr. Bernard Murray was elected baseball Captain for the season of 1911.

Mr. Paul des Granges was appointed Business Manager of the Journal in place of J. B. Thompson, who is not returning to school.

Miss Bennett of Pasadena visited Miss Rapp for a few days during the Xmas holidays.

Miss Castle spent the Xmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rubel at their home.

Prot. H. B. Waters visited Los Angeles during the Xmas holidays.

Director L. B. Smith visited in San Francisco for a few days during the holidays.

Miss Cora Elliot of Santa Rosa is now taking a Special Course in Household Arts.

There was a meeting of all fellows interested in base ball called by Captain Murray in room 6 at 12:30 o'clock Friday, Jan. 6, 1911. The meeting was well attended, and talked over trips by the team both north and south.

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