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## A Traveling Man's Story.

Christmas eve found the Overland Limited snowed in at B..... In the brightly lighted parlor car sat a merry group of travelers. Ali where telling stories. When it came the turn of a traveling man to tell his story this is what I heard:
"My parents desired that I become a physician. I was, accord ingly, given a medical education. While at college I made the acingly, given a medical education. While at college I made the ac-
quaintance of a Fellow named Spriggins. ITe was shy and retiring and quantance of a cllow named Sprigs
"One night we were in one of the stuclent's rooms having a good time. Spriggins, who had not uttered a word that evening, slartled us by saying: 'Did it ever occur to you, my friends, that the shape of man's brain determines his moral inclinations and tendencies?
"For instance, the forchead of an habitual criminal slopes back obliquely, while the forchead of a man with good in the ascendency, s more perpendicular.
"'My thcory is this, instead of lecturing a criminal, trying to show him the evil of his ways, be practical, remove the cause of his criminal nature and hence the result. it can all be done by changing the shape of the brain by pressure, rightly applicd,'
"We took it as a good joke on Spriggins, and thought no more about it. I left college soon after as I found I did want to be a ohysician.
"Five years later I went to South Africa in the interest of the Chicago Post-Dispatch to investigate a mining scandal.
"One day as I was walking down the street in Kimberly I saw a strangely faniliar face and form. The pinched face, the spectacled eyes, old fashioned frock coat and quick, jerky step, all stiggested' Spriggins. It was he.
"He was so pleased to see me that he did not know what to do. He invited me over to his house that evening.
"After some quastions as to the state he branched off on his lobby, the brain and the restult of its shape as mannifested in man. It ather bored me, I confess, and I paid but little attention to him until he said, Ill show yout that it is practick.' IIe led me to an ad joining room and showed me six or seven large apes.
"'Pets?' I inquired. 'Pets,' he replied; 'well I should say not Thesc apes are sacrificed to science. Sce, he walked over to one brute and disclosed a metal band atonnd the head. An ingenious de ice was arranged on it so as to bring pressure to bear upon a cer tain part of the head,
'My own device,' he said proudly. 'You see cach fellow here has the pressure on a different spot of the brain. I take notes every day as to their condition and comparing then with notes made be fore I commenced the treatment. I can judge the results. But I am
worried about one fellow here, indicating a large brute in one corner. -Ife contintally shitits the apparatus, and the result is not what $I$ want. He beconcs meaner instead o[ better. I am wortied about. him.' "
"By this time I was getting rather nervous, and promising to call upon my return to Kimberly, I took ny leave.
"I returned to Kimberly at the end of six mothths and trae to my word went out to see Spriggins. But upon reaching the door I discovered rust in the lock and cobwebs in the keyhole. I went round to the reat and forncl the door open. A sinister silence, the silence of death, hung like a pall over the house.
"However, I pliticed up courage and went in. At once cnd of the library lay Spriggins, as though he had been pulled from the lounge on which his feet still restech. His head was on the floor. His shirt was torn open at the neck, which was strangely distorted. I recoiled in horror. Even as I looked I could see the cause of death-strangulation.
"Near him, on the floor, lay a note, which I reproduce:
"Dear Corliss: The gance is up. I ann cone for. Was out of town for a week. When I retumed that ape had shifted his apparatus again and developed a murderous disposition. He came in a little while ago and tried to strangle me. I fought him off and he left. I ann unable to get over to the dioor to cose it -
"But here the note broke off. The mutderous ape probably com" ing in again to complete his task.
"I returned to the city with a heavy heart, and secured the services of an undertaker and a clergyman. We gave poor old Spriggins a decent burial and disposed of his belongings.
"I left South Africa a few weeks later and iftuit the newspaper business. I secured a position with a Minncapolis firm and am still with them."

The speaker, as he concluded lis narrative, leaned back in his chair and closed his eyes. "Poor old Spriggings," be mummured softly.

Harold Thomas.

## The Double Race.

On the south shore of Lacona Lake lies the sleepy Iittle town of Grenville. It can boast only of a hotel, store and postoffice combined and a little red depot boside the few dwellings. But at the right and on the rising hills beyoncl are numerous strmmer liomes and a large hotel. Hither in the summer time the city people flock to enjoy the cool breezes and the delightful pastimes afforded by the lake, holding the place in a continutal buzz of excitement. Then, as winter approaches, it is gradually cleserted, the hotel is closed and the houses are left like linge sentinchs gitarding the hills.

Onc day as the train pulled in, two passengers alighted. One a tall, handsome youtrg man dressed in the height of fashion was immediately recognized by the bystanders as ore from that class who were accustomed to spend their stumers there. The other pas-

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senger was a small almond-cyed Jap and from all appearances the young man's valet.

The next day the people of Grenville had still more to wonder at, for the parts of a large sized iceboat were left on the platform when the train had passed on again, Curiosity was partially satisfied when the train had passed on again, Curtiosity was partially satisfed young Reynolds of Oak Park, who had come clownt from the city the young Reynods of Oak Patk, who had come cown from the city the
day before. About noon after the last event young Reynolds had day before. About noon after the last event young Reynolds had
the boat ready for use and in the afternoon was guiding it swiftly the boat ready
across the ice.

The "Zip," as the new boat was called, was soon the, talk of the litule town for, although there was another iceboat on the lake, it was not painted red, nor did it have dark red velvet upho!stering and brass trimmings. The other boat was smaller, lighter and all pure white with the suitable name of "Snowflake."

The owner of the Snowflake had always been a mystory to the people of Grenville. Jack Barton had lived in his small luxurious cottage, secluded from the rest, now for two ycars and no one had clared break his privacy at La*y Nook unless they had some very important errand. FIe seemed to have no business occupation and spent a great deal of his time in outdoor sports; the rest of his time was thought to be spent at study. He was a well-built young man with a refined appearance which won friends for him at first sight and so it was not surprising to the people of Grenville that he casily gained the fricndship of the most rescrved families who spent their summers at the lake and was often secn in their outing partics.

During the later part of the summer it had become noticeable that he showed marked favoritism to Bess Jrving, the daughter of A. J. he showed marked favontism to Bess Jrving, the datghter of A. J. Irving, the great financier and the owner of Summit View, the most beatifinl home about the lake. It was rumored by the gossips at the hotel that, although her father and his old triend Frederick R. Rey-
nolds had planned a marriage for her with Mr. Reynold's nephew and nolds had planned a marriage for her with Mr. Reynold's nephew and
heir, Jonald, the attentions of young Barton were very pleasing to her.

Such was the state of affairs when Don Reynolks called on Barton at Lazy Nook and invited himn to come and try his new iceboat, the Zip. Jack Barton seemed delighted with prospect of such good companionship for a couple of weeks and was very enth11siastic in his praises of the new boat.

Thus two enjoyable weeks were passed by the young men when the astounding news came that Irving's big red automobile was seen at Sumunit View and that servants had opened the house as if for immediate occupancy. Two days later the lig machine was waiting at the little red depot for the incotning train and as no information could be obtained from the chatuffeur, younis l马arton and Reynolds waited impatiently to see who the arrivals would be.

The train arrived and a pretty vivacious girl sprang from the train and turned to gently assist an old gentleman who secmed worn out and weak.

Both young men exclained in one breath "Bess Irving," and rushed to assist the surprised girl in helpitig her father to the car. There was no time for explanations then for the car sped on immed-
iately toward Summit View as Mr. Irving scemed almost exhauxted with the trip.

The next day Don Reynolds called early at Summit View and learned from less that her iather had lately had great anxicty over some large business transaction and that the nervous temsion had been so great that the physician had said only absolute cquet would kecp his life from being endangered. Having no mother to aid her in the care of her father the whole responsibility was thrown on the youns girl and already a tired look had crept about her eycs.

Don seeing this, said just what she needed was a ride on the lake and secing her eyes sparkle at the mere suggestion, started to set the time when he was interrupted by Bess who said she could not leave her father in the care of the servants alone. Finding that coaxing was of no avail, he was much disappointed and left the house in not the best of humor.

Immediately after dinner Jack called and knowing the reason of her refusal to Don's invitation, told her to ran and put on her things as he was going to stay and tale care of her father. Mr. Irving secmed pleased with the idea of being entertained by this frank, intelligen young man, and urged his daughter to take the well-needed outing.

Bess hesitated and then with a smile that showed she appreciated his generosity, she permitted him to help, her with her wraps so that she was all ready to go when Don called as had been arranged by Slee w

This was only one of the many trips Don and Bess took on the lake, for the scifishness of Don never permitted him to change places with Jack who stayed with Mr. Trving during these jolly times.

Bess often coming in tingling with the exhilaration of ontdoor air would settle herself quietly in a chair and listen intently to the in teresting discussions that arose between them

One day an old friend coming down from the city to sce Mr . Irving gave Jack the opportunity to take out the Snowflake and meet ing Bess and Don balfway across the Jake he made a tack and came about along side of them. Don immerliately suggested a race, but Jack quickly refused saying that it would be too dangerous with Bess in one of the boats. Bess, being an adventuresome girl, was disappointed that they could not race and Don made a sneering remark to the effect that Jack was afraid to race. Jack did not heed the remark but guided his boat along so skillfully that Don envied lim his firm and steady hand.

That evening the young men having nothing better to do, stopped in at the postoffice and store where uswally a dozen or more congregated itn the evenings to hear old Bill Johnson tell stories of impossible adventures.

It was getting late and the party was about to break tip for the night when suddenly the door flow open, sending a gust of cold wind across the room. furning around from the stove the men beheld a girl standing in the doorway. Her wrap was a big automobile coat she wore no hat and the solt gray draperies of her dress were soiled and torn. Catching at her throat with her hand she managed to articalate these words between grasps, "Someone go for the nearest doctor

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## quick. Father is dying. Who ever gets a doctor first shall be more

 than rewarded."When Jack and Don had got oyer the astonishment of seeing Bess in the doorway and when the meaning of her words had become plain to their surprised minds, they both made a simultaneous rush for the door followed by the men who spoke of the nearest doctor as being ten miles across the lake at Newberg.

With this information both headed for their boats and willing. hands helped them hoist the sails. As the boats let loose and the wind filled the sails, the men gave cheers of good luck to both the now flying crafts.

At first the Zip had the lead and semed to cut the very air as it sped over the smooth ice. 'Jhen gradually inch by inch the persevering fittle Snowflake crept up until it was even with the big Zip. Don hearing the hum of the approaching rumers looked atound and seeing the nearthess of the other boat became excited, his hand shook and a general tremor ran through his body.

As the Snowflake slowly slipped by he lost more and more of his self control and hearing lBarton warn him to keep steady he became furious with jealous anger. Again another warning came, but it whas not heeded. Then crash! he had forgotten the thin ice by the spring's and now he was in the water calling for help. The tcassuring voice of Jack who had come about reached him and soon he was hauled out and placed in Barton's boat.

Again they sped on, the wind freezing the wet clothes of Don and numbing the hands of Jack. It was a long run to Newburg, but by a close haul they reaclied the town and having left Don in the care of the doctor's assistant. Doctor Smith was soon prepared for the return trip and they set off

Going with the wind it was not long before the lights of Newburg were far behind and this time Irving's big machine was waiting at Grenville, so it took but a short time to reach Summit View.

Doctor Smith worked long and hard that night as did Jack Barton assisting him. In the moming their efforts were rewarded by the evident fact that Mr . Irving would live. Glad was Jack to convey the good news to the anxious daughter waiting in the hall and his heart rose in his throat when with glistening eyes, she told him she owed the life of her father to his shill and self-possession. He said nothing but between them passed a look of understanding that spoke worlds.

It was found that Don Reynolds was none the worse for his accident, although his boat had to undergo extensive repairs.

When Mr. Irving recovered he called for Jack and caught his hand in a grasp of gratitude. FIe wanted Jack to become partner in one of his big business firms and to help the young man alone. Imagine his surprise when he learned that lack had been left by his father the pos sessor of a large fortune. Haying no relatives and having completed his college career he had desited a quiet simple life, free from busines care and social whirl that he might pursue studies along certain lines When Mir. Itving had heard of the bright plans for the future in which nis daughter Bess figured largely he remarked:
"Well, well, you are a fine young man and l' am mighty glad to accept you as my son." Della Jacobson, 'o7.

## Witches in the Omaha High.

Upon a lofly height, overlooking a verdant valley through which a great clear stream wencls its way, stands, in the midst of a leafy grove a large stone structure. Here do grave and learned students mcel to enjoy a few hours of pleasant study, But within this seat of learning-so peaceftul to the eye-lurk witchcs; not such witches as you are familiar with, dear reader, but gay, beautiful maidens with air forms and pleasing countenances.

Under the guidance of their fair mistress Laetitia, they skip about the library, the recitation rooms and even the corridors (though in these latter are to be founcl Jupiter, Diana, Juno and many other gods and godesses). Their metlods are unique and scarce can be resisted by ordinary mortals. In all classes they do pester their victims without a thought of mercy; this shall I illustrate to you by some whom I have met when I did peruse my studies within those walls. A maiden fair appeared bcfore me with laughing cyes and danciny feet, and thus to me slic spoke:

Within your desk there doth repose a box of chocolate fudge."
Tis filled throughoutt with nuts-so ricli and rare, Slowly do I munch a piece; but quickly I repent and, closing the box, do vehemently declare that l'lt be moved no more. But back comes my emptress with all her wily ways.

Rosina tiere would like a piece of that delicious fudge."
"If thou give not Dorette a piece she will be angry with thee"
"Nancle did give thee some one day in chemistry lab."
Then did I pass the box around midst all those scholars grave. I then did come to order and soletnnly declare that I would cyernore behave. But back comes the witch, not in her form of old, but in the form of one of my learnecl fellow-students. She speaks through her and with a different tongue:
"Have you a waist like that skirl?"
i answer, "Yes."
"It looks just diundy with that white waist, though."
Again
"Doesn't Marie look finc in her new cap? Fave you been to the Burwood this week? ?"

Presently did I resume an air of quiel dignity and listen with utmost attention to all my wise instructor clid say.

Still more persistent were the witches that did bother me at my study:
"Read not thy Macbecth, assignment twice. Read farther on where it doth morc exciting grow."
"Thy worthy instructor cloes never call for history note-books. "Tis folly to do that outline."
"Iomorrow is laboratory day in chemistry and thou will not recite, therefore thou needst not prepare."

And on and on in such a train did the words of the followers of Laetitia run. Another witch there was that did appear on bright and sumny days and piercing through the window saly
"The day is fine; a balny brecze cloth blow beneath these shady trecs. Thy head doth ache too badly to stay within that building
ciose. At Beaton's there doth await thee a monstrous mound of strawiverry ice; and I've heard rumors telling that Courtney doth sell delicious chicken salad-chcap."

But these fair witches do not "trammel up the consequences." For when the fallen victim doth receive an awful zero, doth get banished from the recitation room or library or, terrible to relate, sonetimes doth get batrisherl frous this pleasanh seat of learning for one day, two days, or even three days, they have "made themselves into air into which they vanishcel." But lest you think that these witches entirely control this building fair. I do assure thee that allied against these evil powers were then, and still is, a worthy body of mortals termed the "Faculty," who valiently do combat with and admirably control these witches wiles. Juliette Griffin, 'oy

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## Lancelot and Elaine of Today.

Elaine the fair, Elaine the popular,
IElaine the sun-browned maid of nincten six,
High in her chanlber, 'fore her mirror stood
Aifisting the Delta pin of Lancelot,
Which first she placed where school friencls' envious gaze
Might strike it and delight her with its gleam.
Then, fearing theft in wight time, fashioned for it
A case of chamois and fastencd thercupon
Two riblons blue, with one at either ench,
Which sle wiecl at night around her shapely nock,
Where doubtless burglars would-neer think to look.
Nor rested thus content, but day by clay
Leaving her next day's lessons turprepared,
Would sit before her mirror, gazing at
The mystic symbols of the ancient Greeks.
ITow cance this sun--urowned maid by this frat. pin?
Twas given her for a pemant she had made.
Helen Wright, 'o8.
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HAWTHORNE.
During the month of December two very interesting programs were given by the Hawthorne Society. On December 7, under the leadership of Patuline Gale, an excellent program on the life and writings of Eugene Field was given. On December 20, in charge of Georgia Milier, a miscellancous Christnas program was rendered.

## LATIN

The society gave a very intercsting Christmas program Friday; December 14. Cleverly written papers explained the connection between our Christmas and the old Roman festivals. Several appropriate recitations were also given.

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## MARGARET FULLLER

On December 7 liuth McBride had charge of the program. It epresented a newspaper and was greatly appreciated. On December 20 the committee under Olive Hanmond gave a remarkably interesting country school progrann.


## PROWNING.

December 20 this society gave one of the most interesting pro grans of the term. Che thene, Christmas, was deftly worked out hrough the whole; the last number, al scene from Dickens' 'Christ nas Carol," being exceedingly effective. The most unidute feature, however, was the exchanging of Christmas gifts by means of a wellfilled scrap bag. After each girl had been remembered and the serap bag had been left sadly empty, the meeting adjoumed.

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WE13S'IER.
Two interesting programs have been rendered by the Webster Society. The debates, a risual feature of the meetings, were won in both cases by the affirmative. Several essays on interesting topics were read.

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GERMAN SOCIETY
Two exceclingly interesting programs were given by the German Society during the past month, the first by the pupils of Mis Bowen's class, the second by the pupils of Mme. Chatelain's class, assisted by Miss Jessie McCunc, Miss Helen Sadelik and Mr. Robert Cuscaden. The latter being the Cbristmas program, special preparations were made.

## *** <br> ELAINE.

A very interesting and appropriate progran for Christmas was given by the Elaine Society December zo. At the close of the pro gram the society was much surprised by the appearance of a huge stocking filled with turesents.

## D. D. S.

December 20 was the last mecting for the year just endec. This society, ever since its reorganization in I.905, has been steadily and successfully gaining that position of prominence as a debating societ which it has formerly held in the Hiph Sehool. Both by the progrant and attendance the members have shown their determination to make
the D. D. S. that which it is bound to become, the most prominent among the literaty and debating societies, bob in membership and in scholarship.

## PLEIADJES SOCIETY.

On December 7 the Pleiades held a very delightful program, under the direction of Catherinc Schaub. December 20 Beatrice Cole's section gave a very good Christnias progranl. Each number related to the joys and delights of Christmas.

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## '琟E PRISCILIA AEDEN.

This society held a very interesting program on December 7. Four interesting papers on "What the Wor'd Is Doing Today" and a prophecy of the P. A. S. were among the numbers. The Christmas progran ecy of the P. A. S. were annong the numbers. Tue Christmas progran
of the society took place on December 2o. Wusic was furnished by Grace Mclbricle and Jennie Undeland. Other interesting numbers were rendercd and the mecting concluded with a fudge party. The were rendered and the mecting conclutded with a fudge party. The
society passed on the True Christmas Spirit by raising a fund to give society passed on the True Christmas Spi
a happy Christmas to some poor people.


If only myself could talk to myself
As I knew him a year ago-
I conld tell him a lot
And save himt a lot
Of things that he ought to know.
-Rudyard Kipling.
The above lines of Kipling afford a most excellent theme for a semmon; cspecially could it be made appropriate now as the pages of 1906 with their fatilures and their victories, their joys and their sorrows, are forever closed to us and we face the anwritten pages of 1907 with all theit bright promises. The opportunity is axcellent but we refrain and instead extend to all our readers our sincere wishes for a prosperous and joyous ycar.

During the past month the Senior class has been more or less exercised over the rumoted officious action of $\mathbb{d} \mathrm{l}$. Waterhouse and the Woman's Club. This rumor, starter by a newspaper item, stated that Mr. Waterhouse posilively agreed to the co-operation of the Senior class with the Woman's club in paying for a statue; the class, not having been consulted, was somewhat aroused

Mr. Waterhouse, conmitiees of the faculty and of the Woman's Club met and discussed the advisability of placing a statte on our
camputs. As a tesult, orders were given for the statue, the Woman's Club agred to raise the money for the statue, and Mr. Waterhousc agreed to sce that the pedestal was paid for, althongh he did, at no time, say anything in regarel to the Seniors paying for this. They, as always, are free to dispose of their money as they see fit. 'So numel for the rumpor.

As a national hero and a man honoted amoner all men; as a man who valted education and who arose, throngh the education he had gained after surmounting the greatest difficulties, from obscurity to the highest office in all our broad land, Abraham Lincoln, a man of the Middle West, scemed most fitting to be placed in effigy on our campus.

While last in Europe Mr. Harry P. Whitnore made arrangcments for the statue with Franz Zelezny. Zelezny, of Vienna, Austria, is a rapidly rising sculptor. He has already gained much praise and many honors, and he bids fair to become one of the words Loremost scuplors. At present he is considered the greatest living wood-carver, His statue of Liticoln, il bronge, will be someWhat similat to the St. Gauden's statue-latncoln standing in repose. The face, however, will be the unbearded one never before used on a large statue.

When set up figure and pedestal will stand about fifteen fect in height. Placed in the triangle formed by the three walks at the southcast comer of the buidding; the effect will be imposing. No better situation could be chosen in Omaha, and Mr. Whitmore, laving seen the models, declares it will certainly be worthy the best of situations. Moreover, this will be the first public bronze statue (there being a private one on the Sterling Morton estates) in Nebraska, and we hope it will be the first of many to help beautify ont own city. The cost of this statuc will be about $\$ 1,000$. Mr. Whitmore assures us that a few years hence a similar statue by Zelezny would probably cost no less than $\$ 5,000$ or $\$ 10,000$. The pedestal, over which the Scniors were meedlessly incensed, will amount to \$400 or $\$ 500$.

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We were glad to welcome Miss Snyder again on Monday, December ifth, after the long illness resulting from her fall.

On Monday, December ryth, an art repair entertainment was given in1 room 204. The program was opened by a selection from the high selool orchestra; then followed a flute solo by Carl Meyer; a recitation by Miss Peterson; recitation by Mr. Frank Dunlap; a violin solo by Miss Emily Cleaves; a recitation by Miss Mary Higgins; a piano solo by Niss Ingred leterson, and a vocal solo by Mrs. A. I. Root. This excellent programe was enjoyed by a number of the high school students and teachers. The proceeds were to pay for the brass rod placed before Diana.

Wiss May Welch, teacher of typewriting, has resigred. She is to be martied early in the spring.

Miss Beth Wallace, Miss Brown and both the Miss McHughs were unable to be at school immediatcly after the Cliristmas vacation We hope they will soon be able to return.

For sone time we have known that Mr. Bracelen, who has given up all but one class, would soon leave us permanently and begin a legal carecr for which he has been studying. Although sooner than anticipated he has left us. Miss Stllivan will have charge of his his tory class but where can such athother one be found to drill the de baters! The whole school should nourn his going from us.

We wish to extend to Irene Mills, a member of the Senior class, our most sincere sympathies in the irreparable loss of her mother, whose death occtrred during the holidays.

At the beginning of the Christmas holidays, on the a2nd of December, death entered the home of Mr. Thomas McCaguc and laimed the wife and mother.

In behalf of the students of this school, we, the Register staff, wish to cxtend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to our fel low-students, Anna and Henrietta, the bereaved daughters, in this great loss and sorrow; and to those who first as friends of the daughters, had leartied to know and love the mother.


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We welcome several new papers to our exchange list this month, annong them being some that deserve special mention.

The Central ITigh School Monthly, of Cleveland, is a very ucat and attractive paper, with the one exception of the cover. Such a paper should, above all, have an enticing extcrior, We suggest the use of better paper and a color not quite so "tacky." The stories ar in abundance, and most of them are spicy, having a good climax.

The Sotoyoman certainly has an appropriate cover on the November issue. We wish to compliment them.

The Bell and the Acorn, both Western papers, were received and enjoyed by the Register staff.

None of our exchanges are more welcome than the Acgis. Their athletic column is well written, and the other departments original. Why don't you put your exchanges in your exchange column?


The Senior Prom, given at Chambers' the evening of December 21 was a great success. The class colors, blue and gold, were used very effectively in the decorations, and also in the dainty programs Twenty numbers were danced.

The Junior Prom. will be given at Chambers' the evening of January 12, under the management of Messrs. Earl Burkett, Fred Wallace and Lloyd Smith.

Saturday evening, December r, Mr. Carroll Beldon entertained the memiters of the Bemis Park Clab at his home.

Saturday, December I, Miss Olive Hammond entertained a few of her gitl friends at a box party at the Orpheum, followed by a dinner at her home.

December 25 and 26 Miss Frances Thompson was hostess at a house party at her home in Florence. Eight girls were guests.

December 23 Miss Alice MicCullough entertained at Sunday evening supper. The table was prettily decorated in Christmas greens and covers laid for seven.

Saturday evening, December 29, Mrs. Sweet gave a large dinner for Miss Elizabeth Sweet. Covers were laid for forty-four gutests.

Miss Elizabeth Charlton entertained a number of her girl friends informally at her home on the afternoon of January I .

Thursctay, December 27, Dorctie Levy gave a theater party at the Burwood, followed by a dinner at her home.

Miss Frazel Rodgers gave a most delightful proposal party the evening of December 3x. Sixteen guests were prescnt to watch the old year out and the new one in.

January 3 Mr. Jim Brown entertained a large number of his friends at his home. The house was very prettily decorated in holiy and Christmas greens. Dainty refreshments were served.


Hiss Paxson-l always believe that Virgil has its own reward.
Pupil (in history) -"IIow do representatives vote in congress?"
Mrs. A.kinson-"Their cyes and nose are taken."
The display of diamonds in the different jewelry stores was very beautiful and large during the holidays, but strange to say, Isabelle and Herbert could not be suited.
E. H.- "Do you keep an automobile?"

Prentiss J.--"No; I don't keep it. I merely borow it from the tepair shop when it happens to be in rumning order."

Yout may know the fellow
Who thinks he thinks
Ot the fellow who thinks
He knows;
But find the fellow
Who knows he thinks,
and you know the fellow who knows.
Harold Keller, in Latin-"I hurl my body from my couch."
Wiss Sullivan, in Municipal Government-"What is a person who sues called?"

Rosina-"A sewer."
EVERYBODY WORKS BUT FATHER.
Everybody labors except our distinguished progenitor.
He reposes in a recumbent position within our residence through the day,
His pedal extremities idling upon the bronze of the steam radiator, Serenely engaged in extracting nebulous satisfaction from a tobacco receptacle of mundane matter.
Otr maternal mentor receives soiled linen for the pturpose of cleansing it,
And in this connection I should include filial Ann
Indeed, everybody is engaged in some variety of occupation in our domestic habitat-
Excluding, as primarily suggested, our distinguished progentor.Puck.
Opportunity knocks once at each man's door, but if you, yourself, happen to be knocking when she calls you'll never hear her.-Hubbard.

Miss F. McHugh-"In the figute 'Slecp is great nature's second coursc," whiat is the first conrse?"

Lewis-"Soup."
When in doubt, mind your own business.
There was a bum basso named Young,
Unpleasantly strong in the loung;
Onc day in Wyoming
He sang in the gloaning,
And when he had soung they houng Young.

## A BIOGRAPHY.

Harry Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, was born. Yes! was born very young, When but three days old he was seen to march up and down the room with a stick and cry out, "Company halt!" All the neighbors said he would be a great soldier some day and has not their prophesy proven true? When qutute young he would sleep most of the day-a halit which has not left him yet. At the age of 5 he of the day-a hablished a paper called "The Ryan Roast"-a tasty paper-tasted published a paper called The Ryan Roast"-a tasty paper-tasted
like ink. We might mention here that in after days he engaged in newspaper work-that is-officc boy for the O. H. S. Register. He newspaper work-that is-officc boy for the $\mathrm{O} . \mathrm{H}$. S. Register, He
usty whars shoes and always listens with his moutl wide open. ustally wears shoes and always listens with his moutll wide open.
Eats most anything-very fond of girls. One of the leading debaters. Eats most anythitg-very fond of girls. One of the leading debaters. is favorite subject is, "Should a Captain Have a Sponsor"."

Watch for the next character sketch!
The Senior Prom went off nicely-everyone had a good time Lewis had a Hammer in evidence but reframed from ktrocking. We notice that Alice is Owen some good times to Hubert; that Olive is a notice Cuat Alice is Owen some good times to Hubert; that Olive is a
trifle Curt now and then ; and that Margaret wouldn't Chuck a good fellow over. Jo was unusually Graceful while Irene Ient Toy to the occasion. Since the from Bess hasn't Lane aside her happy smile; it casion. Since the Prom
may last many summers.

School girls were made bofore mirrors and have becn before them ever since.

The Freshmen wish to thank Mr. Waterhouse for the splendid new turning pole.

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Look out, friends! The tinne approaches quickly!
Laugh and the workd latglos with you. Crack your own jokes and you laugh alone.-Ex.

I stole a kiss the other night;
My conscience pricks me some.
I'll have to go around and putt
It where I got it from.-Ex.

## IN ALGEBRA

P'rofessor--"How do you remove the radial ?"
Pupil-"Erase it."-Ex.
" can marry a rich girl whom I do not love, or a pennitess girl whom $I$ love dearly. Which shall I do ?"
"Follow your heart, man, and be happy. Marry the poor one. And, say-er-would yon mind introducing the to the other ?"- Ex.
'leacher-"Why celebrate Washington's birthclay more than mine ?"

Schotar in Back Seat-"Becanse he nover told a lie."-Ex.
A TOAST.
J-Tere's to our parents and our teachers; may they never mect. -Ex.
'Bridget, why did you let that policeman kiss you?"
"It's against the law to resist an officer."-Ex.

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We suggest that the Mercury carefully examine our exchange column and then reconsider their remarks in the December issue.


## Alumint dotea.

This ycar in the Glee club at liticohn Uni, there are four of our alumni. These are Wurry Frencl, 'o4;'Addisote Mould, 'O5; George Wallace, 05 , and Fred lloffman, 'of

The many friends of Marion Fingles 'O4, were delighted to hear of her engagement to Mr. Gcorge Redick.

On December 3I Mabel Christie 'on, who was recently one of our librarians, was married to Mr. Lee Kennard.
Cupid seems to have been very busy recently anmeng our alumni for besides those mentioned Miss Janet Chambers 'on, was marricd recently to Mr. Clark Powelt

Miss Helen Woodard 'o5, is to be matried this month.
Miss Leliá Scribner ' O 3 and Mr. I'aul Werhner were married in December.

A large number of the college people were home for the lholidays and many festivities were planned for them.

All of the famous 'os bunch, with one exception, were home and many were the good times they enioyed.

Raymond Hayward 'o5, who was home from Oberlin, was taken with a severe attack of appendicitis, lut is improving rapidly.


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In the December Rustler we notice a fine article on the Omala High School, written by onc of our stuclents, fomerly a member of the Fremont High School. We beg to make one correction, namely that we have six companies in our batalion, instead of four. The O. II. S. was certainly given a fine "send off," but the exchange editor believes we deserve it.

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