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## THE WISHING GATE.

O, what shall I wish at the old wishing-gate!  
For I stand here at last whither oft in years past  
My fond hopes have turned: and my heart is elate,  
Swelling big with emotions that intoxicate.

How fair is the scene 'round the old wishing-gate!  
The blue bends in love o'er the cottage of Dove;  
The tarn-mirrored Langdales tower high, grim and  
great,  
But kissed by sweet breezes from far Tilberthwaite.

How many have wished at this old wishing-gate!  
What sighs have been stilled, what hopes were fulfilled!  
What longings were voiced both in love and in hate!  
What tales, mossy bars, your old tongue might relate!

And what shall I wish at the old wishing-gate?  
Shall it be for good health? Shall it be for great wealth?  
Shall love be the theme? or ambition?—but wait—  
(I wish I could think of a good rime in ate.)

Oh! I've wasted my wish at the old wishing-gate!  
The stern fairy grants only one little chance;  
I've thrown mine away, and now it's too late,  
For a slip of one's tongue is a slip of one's fate.

VERNON P. SQUIRES, in The Mulberry Club Book.

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT IN ICELAND.

Owing to the fact that I come from the chilly shores of Iceland, I have had quite a number of amusing adventures and conversations with some people of this country.

During the course of conversation, I find that I attract no especial attention until I am asked, perchance, where I hail from, in answer to

which I, of course, feel duty bound to tell them the *cold* truth.

"You an Iclander!" and the passive speakers suddenly become brimful of interest, leap from their chairs, I suppose to get a better view of me. I, of course, feel flattered, for I always conclude it is my imposing personality that interests them so deeply. Then questions, somewhat after this fashion, follow: "The same kind of Esquimaux live in Iceland as in Greenland, don't they? The island is composed of solid ice, isn't it? Isn't there a perpetual winter there, or do you ever see the sunshine? Was it from Iceland that Nansen started on the dog train for the Pole, or did he get beyond that point? How long since you laid aside your sealskin garb? etc., etc. These queries usually come in quick succession, during which time the questioners turn up their collars and button up their coats, for in their vivid imaginations they already experience the icy blasts howling among the grim icebergs. I try to give them the information sought, and among other things, tell them that, while I should be proud, were I able to trace my pedigree back to a stalwart Esquimaux chief who all his life wore sealskin and regaled himself on seal and whale meat, yet I must admit the disappointing fact that my ancestors belonged to the old Teutonic stock.

In order to make you acquainted with some



scenes as they actually exist in this island of the midnight sun, I will endeavor to picture to you a midsummer night in the northern part of the island.

To enjoy a more extended view of the surrounding country and the sea, it is necessary to climb one of the numerous mountains. After supper at a farm house in the valley, we begin our ascent. At first we travel across a gently sloping, green lowland, which behind us dips down into the river at the bottom of the valley, and ahead of us rises gradually until it mingles with the rock-ribbed mountain side. The mountain is quite steep, its side being composed of grassy shelves, alternating with nearly perpendicular cliffs. Owing to these shelves our ascent is comparatively easy.

When we have reached a shelf about half way up the mountain side, we stop to rest and take a look at the surrounding landscape. Above, rises the rugged mountain-side, while below spreads out the peaceful green valley, whose bottomlands are now shaded from the sinking sun by the intervening hills. The river winds at the bottom in a hundred graceful curves. From a distant hilltop can be heard the voice of the shepherd boy calling the last stragglers and bringing them to the fold; and the welcoming bleat of the mother as she receives her lost lamb.

We resume our journey and meet with no adventures on the way. Everything is quiet and still, except a group of ptarmigans that we have aroused and frightened into flight, or a prowling fox looking for a stray lamb.

Higher and higher we climb, until just before midnight we reach the summit. What a sight meets our gaze!

To the north lie beneath our feet the capes and promontories stretching out their arms to embrace the gulf and estuaries, while further

out, calm and unruffled, slumbers the Arctic Ocean, climbing up, as it were, to meet the heavens. Just above the northern horizon hangs the lurid midnight sun, tinging the surrounding clouds with a crimson hue, and painting a wide band of living fire from the horizon to the shore. We look landward. We see the valley below wrapt in twilight gloom; the river silently and gloomily wending its way to meet the sunlit inlet. We gaze at the mountain sides; they become brighter and brighter as we look higher till we finally see a number of crimson-capped summits. It seems to us that the very mountains stand on tip-toe to enjoy the rays of the midnight sun, as if they know it is a boon allotted to but a few of their brothers.

At the dead hour of midnight the disk of the sun touches the horizon, and nature seems to hold its breath for fear lest it should be deprived of the crimson light; but it is only for a minute, for we see it slowly begin to rise and we know another day has begun. After a while we look inland again. What a change! Instead of the gloomy valley and sloping mountain sides we see nothing but a tossing sea of fog with here and there mountain summits looking like islands in the ocean, and we discover that we are situated on one such island. We either have to stay on the mountain top until the fog clears away or feel our way back. Let us choose the former. As we wait we observe the changes around us. Sometimes the fog rolls and tosses huge sprays of mist into the air, or it comes apart and discloses to our view a dark gray abyss. At other times it becomes almost calm.

The sun rising higher assumes the fresh, bright aspect it usually has in the morning, and gives to the fog a snowy white look. Higher and higher it rises, lower and lower the sea of mist falls, until finally it is reduced to a narrow



band hovering over the river. Suddenly this film breaks up and the entire valley, fresh after the night's repose and morning shower bath, lies blushing with sunshine and glittering with dew.

Loth to go, we gaze at the transfigured scenery for a long time; then we take a last look at the old Arctic, slightly ruffled by the land breeze, and finally begin our descent into the valley. As we reach the green slope, we feel that we are in this world again; but it seems to us that we have spent the night in a place vastly different from our common every day world.

G. OLGEIRSON.

#### EVOLUTION AND ITS RELATION TO RELIGIOUS THOUGHT.

The above is the title of an important popular scientific work by the venerable Joseph Le Conte, professor of Geology and Natural Science in the University of California. The author is a recognized authority in science, and has been a contributor to many of the larger magazines on related topics. In geology and allied sciences he deserves to be placed in the same constellation with Agassiz, Dana, Gray and Romanes.

The book as published by the Appletons under date 1892, is of convenient library size ( $7\frac{1}{2} \times 5$  inches), and contains three hundred and seventy-five pages. The author adheres strictly to his subject, his aim being to present to an intelligent public the scope of Evolution, its general and more minute aspects, and its relation to religion and especially to Christian theism. Although the writer recognizes cosmic Evolution or Evolution as a universal process, he does not dwell to any considerable extent upon it, but confines himself mainly to the consideration of organic development, its proofs and inductions.

The book is largely polemic in its tone. It proceeds in the line of scientific argument. Its object is to present convincing evidence of the verity of the theory of Evolution, that the truth thus induced is in perfect harmony with all truth. He affirms that the errors of religion will be pruned away and the ultimate truth strengthened by the newer and grander conception of nature and the universe inspired by an understanding of Evolution.

The volume is divided into three parts. Part I. deals with the formation of a conception of what Evolution is, and a historical outline of its growth. This part contains two chapters. In Chapter I. the scope and definition of Evolution are presented: that it "pervades all nature and concerns all departments of thought," that it is "one-half of all science." He illustrates this by the development and action of the human body, the solar system, society, the earth, and by the organic kingdom. He divides the process of Evolution as applied to organisms into three concomitant changes: The Law of Differentiation, The Law of Progress of the Whole, and The Law of Cyclical Movement. As illustration and proof of these laws he shows their action throughout the Ontogenic, Taxonomic and Phylogenic Series in the animal scale. He considers all physical changes to be purely natural and due to the resident forces of nature, but at the same time points out that we do not know the essence or existence of these forces themselves. He thus excludes the supernatural from the realm of nature, and shows there must be no method to account for species but "descent with modifications" (Evolution).

The second chapter deals with "the relation of Louis Agassiz to the theory of Evolution." This is an elaborate and stilted apology for the stand taken by that eminent scientist in re-



gard to the Evolution hypothesis. His justification of that great man in regard to the greatest error of his life is untenable. The fact must ever remain that Agassiz was a willing victim of his prejudices and stubbornly resisted the most convincing proofs.

Part II. deals with the "Evidences of the Truth of Evolution." This is the most elaborate part of the work and contains nine chapters. In Chapter I. he deals with "General Evidences of Evolution as a General Law." He shows that Evolution ascribes to nature continuity, casual relation, gradual becoming and illustrates by facts from different realms of science. He concludes by saying that there is sufficient ground for induction that Evolution is not only possible and probable, but necessary and axiomatic.

In successive chapters he argues and discusses the "special proofs of Evolution; the grades of the factors of Evolution and their order of appearance; the special proofs from the general laws of animal structure, or comparison in the taxonomic series; the proof from homologies of the vertebrate skeleton; from homologies of the articulate skeleton; from embryology or comparison in the ontogenic series; the proofs from geographical distribution of organisms; and the proofs from the variation of organic forms, artificial and natural." In this he ranges over the whole field of biological science, bringing to bear a flood of indubitable facts whose trend moves toward Evolution by induction, and that with overwhelming logical force. All the factors are fully explained and illustrated in their action, homologies in all the series, known variations of plants and animals, rudimentary organs on plants and animals from the splint bones of the horse to the rudimentary hair, limbs and teeth of the whale.

In Part III. The Relation of Evolution to

Religious Thought is discussed in nine chapters. With a short introduction, showing that the advance of science is the advance of religion and humanity, and that science ennobles by the grandeur of its conceptions of space and time and the actions through them. In the second chapter he advocates "a reconstruction of Christian theology," a pruning away of error and a reconciliation of science and religion. In Chapter III. he deals with "the Relation of God to Nature," where he assumes the "utter rejection with Berkeley and Swedenborg of the independent existence of matter and the real efficient agency of natural forces, and that there is no real efficient force but spirit and no real independent existence but God." In the remaining chapters he considers the "relations of man to nature; of God to man; answers to the objection that his view implies pantheism; some logical consequences of the doctrine immanency; Evolution idea of Christ; and the relation of Evolution to the problem of evil. In the last he takes the ground that evil is a means to obtain or evolve good, and that evil is in the end a blessing, a real good.

The work is one of value, not at all from a literary standpoint, for it contains some positive literary errors, e. g.—"false facts" page 34 or "commencing" page 41, but as a means of clearing the mind of the general public as to the meaning of Evolution, and of driving away the fear which the mere mention of the word brings to some.

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## THE VIOLET.

A violet grew on a mossy bank,  
Half hidden from view by grasses rank.  
So sweet its face, upturned to the sun,  
So modest and pure, all hearts were won.

It nodded its head to the babbling brook  
Which playfully paused in passing the nook  
Where the little blossom with gentle grace  
Gladdened and brightened the lonely place.

The birds sang their matins over its head,  
A zephyr, kissing it, onward sped,  
Bearing its perfume to cheer some heart  
Bidding discouragement all depart.

The perfume was faint, the violet small,  
Yet its joy and sunshine was shed over all.  
So we from pure hearts shed fragrance of love,  
As subtle and tender, because from Above.

—M. B.

## CELLULOID.

Celluloid consists virtually of vegetable fibre treated with a mixture of nitric and sulphuric acids, and which may be pyroxylin, though it is not identical with that compound. This is dissolved in a suitable solution and afterwards dried. The product is a light, yellowish brown colored body, which can be carved, planed, turned, sawed, stamped or polished, and made either opaque or transparent.

It can be made as hard as ivory, which it closely resembles, but is always elastic, and can be moulded into any form. It can be spread on textile fibres, and by placing different colored layers alternately and rolling them together can be made to resemble many beautiful strata formations.

While in a plastic condition any desired marbled or granular effect may be produced. It may be colored to any shade or tint, and as the coloring runs through the whole mass it is not readily effaced. It is plastic and malleable at  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$  and decomposes suddenly, without

taking fire, but with evolution of reddish fumes at  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$ . It is now explosive and burns only when in direct contact with the flame. When pure it is inodorous, and does not become electric by friction.

An important property is that it can be united by its own solvent or cement, and no waste is entailed in its use, as all the scraps can be worked over again.

The manufacture of it may be divided into two distinct stages. (1) The production of the so-called pyroxylin. (2) The treatment of this compound with solvents, in order to make it plastic and give it other desired qualities.

The first stage of the process suffers very little variation. A convenient quality of cellulose or woody fibre, such as disintegrated cotton waste and paper is fed into an open vessel called a "converter" and treated with an acid mixture composed of one part of nitric acid and about four or five parts of sulphuric acid, mixed in a separate vessel and kept as cool as possible. The acid mixture is forced up into the converter, while the fibrous substance, previously placed in a hopper over the converter, falls gradually into it, by an opening in the top. The charging of the cotton into the converter takes about ten minutes, and at the end of twenty or thirty minutes at the most, the mixture is converted into the so-called pyroxylin or nitro-cellulose. This, together with the excess of acids adhering, is allowed to fall through an opening in the bottom of the converter, into a large box, provided with a false bottom of perforated iron or wire gauze at about six inches above the real bottom. Here the mixture remains about one hour to allow the excess of acids to drain away as far as possible. The rest of the acid is gotten out by placing the pyroxylin in a cylinder with a perforated bottom and subjecting the mixture to hydraulic pressure.



The result is a large cylinder of pyroxylin, containing from five to twenty per cent of the acid mixture, in which state it is stored for future use.

When required, these cylinders of pyroxylin are torn into dust by special machinery, such as is employed for grinding paper pulp, and the disintegrated mass falls into a large tank, where it is well washed with water to remove the last traces of acid. It is then placed into the perforated bottom cylinders again, and the pressure applied to remove the water. The solid cylinders are again broken up, and this mass is again ready for treatment with solvents, which forms the second stage of manufacture.

This stage is performed in a variety of ways. One of the first solvents applied on a large scale was wood naphtha distilled with chloride of lime in the proportion of one gallon of naphtha to two-sixths of a pound of fusile chloride. The more of the latter used within these limits, the stronger will the solvent be.

The first three quarts of the distillate are used, the remainder is again distilled at the next operation with more fresh material.

This solvent is then applied to the hydroxylin, in such proportions as to make a pasty mass, but if this alone is used the resulting celluloid would become hard and brittle. To avoid this a certain quantity of oil is added to the mass and kneaded up with it.

To increase the hardness and modify the color of the product, sometimes a small quantity of gum or resin, such as shellac or copal is added, but seldom more than 5 per cent. The wood naphtha may be replaced by alcohol and the chloride of lime by chloride of zinc, or manganese fused or dry. For the oil may be substituted gum ballata treated with chloride of sulphur.

A practical difficulty attending the above process, is that the solvents are quite volatile. Large masses of celluloid may be prepared, better, quicker and with less consumption of solvent by the use of nitro-benzol, aniline or glacial acetic acid, the celluloid may then be worked in the open air.

These compounds are usually the ones employed by large manufacturing houses. The ordinary solvents are improved by the addition of camphor. Celluloid is of great commercial value, and can be made to resemble ivory very closely. It is used in making billiard balls, and is superior to ivory on the score of durability. It is extensively employed in making piano and organ keys, combs, brush backs and other toilet articles.

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It can be made to resemble amber, and is then used in pipes, cigar holders and flutes. It is also used in dentistry for making plates of teeth. For optical and photographic purposes it ranks very high.

Celluloid was substituted a few years ago for linen, in collars, cuffs and shirt bosoms.

There are not many firms at present turning out celluloid on account of certain patents.

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It is with a feeling of sadness that we take  
up our pen this beautiful May morning to ad-  
dress the readers of THE STUDENT for the last  
time. The next issue will be gotten out by the  
new Board of Editors. One year ago we as-  
sumed control of THE STUDENT with a feeling  
of anxiety lest we should not be successful in  
the capacity we had been chosen to fill. All  
too soon the year is coming to a close, and we  
must turn over our charge to other hands. Our

work has grown very dear to us, and with a  
sigh of regret we realize that our pleasant task  
is completed and that others must take up the  
work we are laying down forever. We hope  
our work has been well done. We offer no  
apologies; for, amid the discouragements which  
have so often beset us, we can conscientiously  
say "We have done our best." Few realize the  
difficulties attending the editing of a college  
paper, and many are prone to criticise the  
editors when anything goes wrong. Such per-  
sons are always the ones who never do any-  
thing to assist in any way and never strive to  
make the burdens of the editors lighter. Some  
of the department editors will doubtless be on  
next year's staff, but for some this year will be  
their last at the University. We hope our read-  
ers have enjoyed our efforts a little. Many  
have been very kind and helpful and have en-  
couraged us in our work. To these we return  
our thanks, and ask you to be as considerate to  
our successors as you have been to us. Vows  
of eternal allegiance to THE STUDENT; well  
wishes for the new Board of Editors, and  
thoughts of love for our University hurry  
through our minds as to fellow-students and  
readers we speak the parting word—good bye.

THE chair in Physics and Mathematics is  
now occupied by Mr. E. J. Rollefson. Mr.  
Rollefson was born December 15, 1866, in Fill-  
more county, Minn. Here were spent the first  
nine years of his life, after which he removed  
with his parents to Yellow Medicine county, in  
the same state. In 1883 he entered the prepar-  
atory department of Luther College, at Decor-  
ah, Iowa. Three years later he entered St.  
Olaf College at Northfield, Minn., from which  
he graduated in 1890 with the degree of Bach-  
elor of Arts. He taught Physics and Mathe-



matics at the latter institution for four years with intermissions of one year of study at the University of Minnesota and of three years at Cornell University. He was preparing himself to take the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the latter institution when he was called here to fill the position left vacant by the death of Prof. Estes. Mr. Rollefson has already gained the good will of everybody here, and the members of the classes speak highly of him as an able instructor. We welcome him to our University, and hope that his stay with us may be both pleasant and profitable.



SOME people seem to think that the lot of a senior is one to be greatly envied. To be sure a senior is near the happy consummation of four years of often strenuous toil, but under that cloak of solemnity which he so often puts on are hidden numerous harassing cares and anxieties. The question of a life employment weighs heavily upon his mind and the idea of soon going forth from congenial surroundings into the cold, cold world, is not calculated to inspire him with any happy forebodings. Furthermore, the preparation of the time-honored Commencement oration, the belated making up of conditions, and many other matters of minor concern, tend to take all the happiness out of the last months of a senior's school life. Doubtless the despondent Freshy often consoles himself by looking forward to the time when he shall have attained the topmost ladder of undergraduate renowns. He gazes wistfully upon the senior who is perambulating the walks of romantic lore or lounging under the leafy foliage of spring unmindful of the "still small voice" that calls to duty. He admires also the facility with which the Senior is able to enter into the deliberations of the

learned Faculty and successfully to modify its decisions, but when at length the meek-eyed Freshman has become the dignified Senior he soon perceives that the abyss between the ideal and the real is of enormous dimensions. Troubles undreamt of before beset him on every side, and his fondest expectations are ruthlessly dashed to the ground. Therefore, we beseech you, judge not the Senior too severely when in periods of depression he puts on a solemn mein and takes no interest in things about him. Enjoy yourselves while time is yet, for "vanity of vanities," saith the Senior, "all is vanity."



By their action in offering their services to Gov. Briggs the University boys have shown a very commendable spirit. We do not believe in many of the demonstrations of hot-headed youths all over the country, but we are sure that the nineteen young men of the U. N. D. company who are anxious to enlist are actuated not by the desire for adventure or honor, but by a true patriotism. The young men of today are just as loyal to the stars and stripes as young men have ever been.

Messrs. Francis and Jno. Olson rode to Hillsboro on a tandem Saturday, April 16, returning the following Monday.

There have been two fires in the past few days on our campus, one of which was caused by a spark from a passing train. Although there was a strong wind blowing, Dr. Thomas was equal to the occasion and soon had the fire under control.

Why do we not organize a bicycle club at the University? There are a number of bicyclists here, and a club of this kind would be a pleasant feature of the spring term.



## Athletics

The past few weeks have been weeks of great activity in athletics, and work in all branches has been pushed forward with vigor. Everything has been in favor of the athletes, and they have improved their opportunities and are pushing their practice in a way that means a most successful spring. Almost every evening there are to be seen on the campus groups of students interested in the training for the various events of the field day contests, and also good practice baseball games. The commendable spirit of interest in the work of those, and they are not a few, who are endeavoring to prepare themselves for the best efforts of which they are capable, is plainly manifest everywhere, and is a great incentive to the efforts of the patient workers. The candidates feel that they themselves are not the only ones interested in the success of their efforts, and this knowledge gives to training an additional charm. This is good college spirit, and we like to see it. Training, far from being secret and confined to the few, should, especially in a smaller university like ours, be publicly prominent and free and inviting to all. This it is in our university.

† † †

Baseball practice has commenced and has continued without interruption since the beginning of the term. Every evening practice games are played between nines of candidates for the team under the direction of Capt. Flanagan. In some places good work is being done; in others there is great weakness as yet. Of course the work so far consists mostly in trying the men in different positions, and so finished play is not to be expected. It will be

time to expect that when the team has been secured. It looks as though we shall have to depend on one man to pitch the season through, but happily Flanagan can be depended on to do that, and do it well. Skulason is catching again, and will most likely retain his position behind the bat. Bickford and Frazier are playing first base, each with good chances. Wright undoubtedly will play second again; he is almost indispensable. But third is yet vacant, and it is impossible to say who is likely to get the place. Prendergast, a new man, plays short, and does it with quickness and sureness and in a pretty manner that gives him an almost undisputed claim to the position. He appears to be a very valuable man and a great addition to the team. There are lots of fielders, all new men on the team; among them are Staub, Carpenter, Caldo, Muir and Rinde. The team is looking for laurels at home and abroad, and is anxious to meet some good teams. It expects to have a goodly string of victories to show at the close of the season.

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The track team shows more life than it has ever shown before at this stage of the season. As in baseball, practice has been constant since the beginning of the term, and the results are very encouraging. The runners are more numerous than ever. There are no less than six candidates for the mile run, and Duty will have no walk away to keep his position. "Willie" Buchanan, a Hamline runner, is in this event. Ed Fitzmaurice, McDonald, Geo. Fitzmaurice and Flanagan are taking care of the sprints and hurdles in an excellent manner, but with lots of company. Ed Fitzmaurice and McDonald are the leaders in the sprints. Geo. Fitzmaurice and Flanagan lead over the hurdles, and will probably contest them between them-



selves. In the jumping contests there are Ed Fitzmaurice, McDonald, Flanagan and Riesland, so these events will be well contested. Flanagan has the heavy work, the shot and the hammer, all to himself, and will strive to exceed his winning marks of last year. Bickford and Skulason are practicing for the pole vault, but not regularly enough to bring out their best efforts. There is a great deal of hard practice needed in this event. There are five contestants in the bicycle race: Staub, Carpenter, Johnson, Olson and Calder. This is indeed a change from former years when we had no entries at all, although there were plenty of riders.

From such an array of contestants Capt. Fitzmaurice will have a track team that can do some excellent work this June. The fact that the contest is to be held at Grand Forks gives spur to practice in all lines and makes victory, of which the boys already feel sure, all the more certain.

† † †

Some tennis is being played, and interest in the game is gradually being awakened. The interest in this game, however, does not rival that in other lines of athletics, but tennis is being played constantly and greatly enjoyed by members of the association. It is seriously handicapped by having to compete with basket ball and long distance walking.

† † †

The girls have reorganized the basket ball teams, and are doing everything in a business-like way. They have a brand new ball and a set of rules and have formed two opposing teams. They got their goals put into shape by the boys—and now, with the true spirit of independence, they mean to show that their skill in athletics is not to be smiled at, or, rather is,

The well contested evening games are the delight of all who are so fortunate as to be able to witness them, and they are said to quite out-rival in interest all the other events of the day.

## Alumni et Alumnae

Miss Willa Carothers, '96, is teaching in the St. Thomas schools this term.

P. D. Norton, '97, has been re-engaged as principal of the Michigan City schools.

Clarence Fairchild, '97, will abandon the profession of teaching and will take charge of the "Drayton Echo" as chief editor next year.

Harry Bronson, M. A., '95, has accepted a position as professor of Latin and Greek in an academy in Minneapolis.

Frank Parker, '96, is attending the University and taking special work.

Misses Crans, Carothers and Angier visited the U. while spending their Easter vacation in the city.

## Exchanges

Only 41 of the 451 colleges and universities in this country are closed to women, while, to make up for this lack there are 143 schools of higher learning open to women only. Such being the case, it is now time for the American youth to rise and assert his rights until he can stand on an equal footing with the maidens.

Many of our exchanges now discuss the Maine disaster and the prospect of a Spanish war. Now that war has come, students will doubtless be willing to do their share for the nation.



Professor to moral student—"You never break your word?"

Student—"Yes, sir; I often do, with a hyphen."

At Cornell University all work for the degree of A. B. was made elective this year. The experiment has proved a decided success, and the change is likely to remain a permanent one.

The Penn Chronicle of March 30 contains a Chapel talk in which the writer says: "My dear young friends your may well risk your last dollar and expend your energies almost to the point of exhaustion in a cause so worthy and for a prize so precious as genuine self-culture."

A man who was arrested for breaking a Chinaman's nose, said: "I only cracked a Chiny mug."—Ex.

Professor—"Where is Great Britain's capital?"

Boy—"Mostly in the United States."

One of our exchanges in speaking of genius, says: "There is probably such a thing as genius, although ninety-nine one hundredths of it is doubtless the name which lazy people give to results which others have earned by hard work in those hours when the lazy people themselves were either sleeping or wishing they could gain it without working for it."

Chauncey Depew says that sixty per cent of the trustworthy positions in this country are filled by college graduates.

In reading the various criticisms in our exchange columns we must come to the conclusion, that to edit a college paper, to suit the widely differing tastes of the different classes of readers, is a very difficult thing.

## Normal Items

The members of the advanced Normal Class in Pedagogy have been reviewing articles on the Education Values of the Classics and Sciences. These papers occasion many interesting discussions. After finishing the "Contributions to the Science of Education" the class will take up the "Committee of Fifteen."

Miss Jean Forster will leave her work at the University to take up the duties of a teacher. She will be one of the Normal Class of next year.

Mr. Olgieron left April 22 to take a position as teacher.

Many of the College Seniors of this year are going to teach during the following year, and some have already accepted positions.

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## Local Items

During the past month we have had a few severe dust storms. For two days after such a storm spring house cleaning seems to be general.

Miss Anna McGlinch returned to the U. a week late this term.

Mr. Robbins, '97, visited the U. one day during last vacation.

When Miss Lou Kenney left, at the end of last term, she intended to return for this term's work. She came back, however, only to make preparations for leaving.

Prof. Macine chaperones a company of students to church in town on Sunday evenings.

Miss Flora McDonald, having been detained at home, missed three or four days at the first of this term.

Receptions are not as interesting to most of the students this term as they were during the winter. When the weather is pleasant the young people find it more agreeable to spend their evenings outside.

Study hour now begins at 7:30 p. m.

Lynn Frazier lost the first week of this term on account of illness.

The Grand Forks and Larimore Choral Unions gave a concert in the Metropolitan Theatre Monday evening, March 11th. A number of University students attended.

Mr. McNeil is teaching school near Edinburg.

Mr. Patterson returned a week late.

Miss May Cravath is acting preceptress this term.

Miss Sadie Mathews spent Monday, April 11th, with her mother and sister in Grand Forks.

Miss Lotta Cooper dined with friends in the city Sunday, April 24th.

Mr. Ralston was ill during vacation, and did not return until the 12th of April.

The campus is alive with all kinds of sport. Every evening, when the weather permits, some students play tennis, base ball and basket ball, while others run and jump or walk.

G. F. Jonsson has secured the principalship of the Thompson schools.

Prof. Brannon and Prof. Babcock went to Fargo Tuesday, April 12th, returning in the evening.

The assistant librarians are not supposed to have any friends during library hours.

Prof. Squires preached in the Baptist church Easter Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated, the attendance was large and the sermon was especially good.

Discoveries made in the Vergil class. (a) "Aeneas stood with his ears erected" (arrectis auribus). (b) "Coræbus was a poor boy" (infelix).

The hammer and shot are hurled every evening by our strong men.

Wm. Stephanson is teaching near Olga, N. D.

Miss Nettie Carpenter is teaching this term near Forest River.

Some of the normals visited the city schools Monday, April 18th.

Mr. Staub wheeled home Saturday, April 16th, and returned Monday, the 18th.

Some of our young folks rode to Emerado on their wheels April 10th. The day was perfect, and they returned in high spirits.



Prof. Squires and his brother Fred are rooming in the Prep. Dormitory.

Mr. Walstad accompanied Mr. Jonsson to Thompson Tuesday, April 12.

Miss Nina Dagg recovered from her long illness following the measles sufficiently to undertake the trip home. She and her mother left the U. Sunday evening, April 17th.

Mr. J. G. Johnson left on the 28th of April to teach near Milton.

Mr. Brown is teaching in the neighborhood of Park River.

Mr. J. D. Campbell, '90, called on his sister at the U. Friday, April 15th.

The young ladies purchased a new basketball this spring. Won't they play now!

Mr. J. A. Wilson returned to the U. April 19th to take up the spring term's work.

Basket ball is the popular sport for the young ladies this term. They have organized two regular teams, and have chosen as captains Misses Flora McDonald and Edith Johnson.

Janitor—"Have you heard the latest?"

Student—"No. What is it?"

J (earnestly)—"The Library is going to be closed up until June."

Student (astonished)—"Why. What's the matter?"

J—"They are afraid the magazines will blow up."

Miss Florence Douglas will teach in the Drayton schools the coming year.

Geo. K. Fitzmaurice returned a few days late this term.

Messrs. Vobayda and Carpenter wheeled to their homes Saturday, April 9, returning on Monday.

James H. Vorachek, of Conway, entered the third preparatory department the first of this term.

Stephen Nason is teaching school near Crary.

Stanford wheeled to his home at Kelso Saturday, April 16, returning April 18.

Watch for Elsie Davis and the new Sterling!

Pres. Merrifield will deliver the Commencement address of the Crookston High School.

Prof. Squires preached in Minto on Sunday, May 1st.

A Mulberry Club, consisting of about fifteen students, was organized at the "U" April 25. Mrs. Crow was present at the entertainment and proved herself a charming patron saint. Each member of the club read poetry of his own composition and quaffed some Theologicum Mori from Shakespeare's mulberry tree cup. The meeting was a most enjoyable one.

Prof. Squires will deliver the Commencement address of the Larimore High School.

Nineteen of our military young men tendered their services to Gov. Briggs last week.

Miss Anna McGlinch spent Sunday night, April 10th, with friends in the city.

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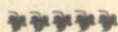
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