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Seeds for Experiment.

The Experiment Station is in receipt from the department at Washington of 1,000 pounds of sugar beet seed to be used in co-operative experiment; one acre in each county of the state. By an arrangement with the Superintendent of Institutes, the county institute societies will be largely the medium through which much of the seed will be distributed.

A new variety of clover seed grown on the steppes of Russia is being distributed by the government in those states adapted to its growth. Michigan receives about a hundred pounds. For our dry sandy plains the government sends us a large invoice of *Bromus inermis* and small lots of vetches and some lucern. These seeds will be sown in Crawford county.

Eclectic Contests.

The Eclectic Society class contests, for which alumni and honorary members of the society offered prizes, ended last Saturday evening with an oratorical contest between members of the senior and junior classes. In addition to the regular members of the society, there were present a number of guests, including several members of the faculty and some of the society alumni.

Messrs. Agnew, Gagnier, Merkel Mills, Libbey and Bulkeley took part in the contest, and their work throughout was very creditable. Mr. Bulkeley was awarded the prize, ten dollars, and his subject was "Adam Lindsey Gordon: The first Australian Poet." At this time was announced also the results in the other contests. In the freshman declamation contest held Saturday evening, March 12, F. W. Reynolds won the prize of three dollars, and in the sophomore essay contest L. L. Appleyard won the prize of five dollars.

Schedule of Baseball Games.

Following is the schedule of baseball games adopted by the M. I. A. A. directors at the meeting in Jackson, March 5:

At Kalamazoo—M. A. C., April 16; Hillsdale, April 23; Albion, May 14; Ypsilanti, May 20, Olivet, May 30.

At Albion—Hillsdale, April 16; Kalamazoo, April 30; M. A. C. May 7; Ypsilanti, May 21; Olivet, May 28.

At Olivet—Ypsilanti, April 16; M. A. C., April 23; Albion, May 2; Hillsdale, May 14, Kalamazoo, May 21.

At M. A. C.—Ypsilanti, April 30; Hillsdale, May 16; Albion, May 20; Olivet, May 23; Kalamazoo, May 28.

At Ypsilanti—Albion, April 23; Hillsdale, April 25; Kalamazoo, April 29; Olivet, May 7; M. A. C. May 14.

At Hillsdale—M. A. C., April 18; Olivet, April 30; Albion, May 9; Kalamazoo, May 23; Ypsilanti, May 28.

A rule was adopted providing that any baseball team which fails to follow out the schedule, except for such games as are prevented by rain (which are cared for under th

rules), shall be deemed disqualified in competition for the cup, and all games previously played shall be of no account. Ypsilanti is strongly opposed to the percentage system on the ground that they have not the necessary means to play the full series, and it is very probable that they will not follow out their schedule and will not be in the race for the cup.

The prospects for a good team at M. A. C. is better than before in years. A large number of men are trying for the team and fourteen of these show up so well as to be put on the basket-ball teams, which play four nights a week. The few warm days last week brought out on the diamond a large number of candidates who indulged in some really fast work, several new men, showing up especially well. "Bobby" Gayle has been engaged again as coach and will report here at the opening of the spring term.

High School Oratorical Contest.

One of the preliminary contests of the State High School Oratorical Association will be held at the College next Thursday evening. In this contest representatives from Hastings, Ithaca, Howell, Charlotte, and Mason will take part, and the Hesperian orchestra of the College will furnish music. No admission will be charged, and all College people are invited to attend.

New Rules.

The rules governing field day this year will be much the same as those of last year; but for 1899 and subsequent years several important amendments to the constitution were adopted by the M. I. A. A. directors at their last meeting. The new rules are as follows:

1. No student shall be eligible to engage in any contest who, directly or indirectly, receives, or ever has received, any gift, remuneration or pay for rendering of any athletic services to any institution in the association. This rule shall not disqualify any student otherwise eligible who is engaged as instructor in general (class) gymnastic exercises. It shall disqualify anyone who receives compensation of any sort for services or while rendering services as a trainer in any special line or lines of athletic sport.

2. No one shall represent any institution of this association who, since entrance into the institution, has performed any athletic service anywhere for pay (except as provided in the rule preceding), or who accepts cash prizes or sells prizes of any kind received as a reward of athletic skill.

3. No student who has been under regular employment with pay, as an athlete or as a trainer or coach with any association that promotes athletic sports shall be eligible to represent his institution on any athletic field.

A rule was adopted providing that only by a two-thirds vote of the directors can a decision of the referee be reversed. The by-laws were changed so that the meeting for organization of the board will be held the first week in October

instead of the first week in March.

The regular field day program will remain much the same as in past years. Featherweight wrestling has been removed from the list of events and events for the all-round have been reduced from ten to seven. They are now the 100-yard dash, 440-yard run, 120-yard hurdles, pole vault, shot put, running broad jump, and running high jump.

A Compliment to Professor McDermott.

Regarding a special class in cooking that has secured the services of Miss McDermott Saturday afternoon of each week, in Lansing, the *State Republican* has the following to say:

"The cooking school at St. Paul's parish rooms under the instruction of Miss McDermott of the Agricultural college opened last Saturday most successfully, with more than 60 women present. Miss McDermott is easily one of the best equipped instructors in the United States in cooking and domestic economy, and this is a rare chance for the homemakers of our city to be under her tuition in the necessary science and art of cooking."

Prof. Georgeson goes to Alaska.

We have just learned of the appointment of Prof. C. C. Georgeson, '78, late of Kansas Agricultural College, to a good position in the National Department of Agriculture. He has been spending most of the winter working for the department, the last month carrying on investigations in Texas; now he goes to Alaska to make an agricultural survey of that territory and will receive for his services \$2,500 per year and all expenses.

Does the Arum Family "Delight in Low Grounds and Marshes."

EDITOR M. A. C. RECORD:—Your paper of 22d inst., giving notes from Natural History Society, said Mr. Skeels discussed the arum family of plants and dropped the remark that they delight in low grounds and marshes.

Allow me, not in criticism, but suggestively to weigh the word delight, thus used by most botanists. A priori there is little doubt that plants have preference; but can this habit of the araceae be traced to choice? The testimony seems rather to show coercion and reluctance not choice.

The truth seems to be that nearly all plant characters have been forced on them against their wishes—the force permitting submission while threatening annihilation. Is not this clearly the case with the arums? It would be interesting to name and follow the enemies or enemy in the war against this form of life; let us rather substantiate the theory.

The nature and magnitude of the struggle these plants have suffered, is visible in every part of their structures. Their roots, always fibrous, often distinct, filiform, occasionally deciduous, contradict natural law as to plant preference. The bulb, corm or rhizome, not a

root but a degraded, distorted, terror-vanquished stem, is the last attribute the plant would have willingly assumed. As well believe a legless, armless, hunch-back man his ideal form because existence is still possible in such state.

The scape of these plants and their foliage are annual on account of adverse climate, but, for older, harder reasons the plant's resources have been so reduced these parts cannot be perennial.

Study the scape and leaves for their economic lesson, as seen in arisaema. Everything useless and purely ornamental has been cast off, save perhaps the crimson of ripened fruit, which also is conceivably helpful in dissemination.

The leaves are mostly two, more cannot be afforded. The scape is bare, garments being too costly. A leaflike spathe surrounds the spadix to assist in nutrition, a more remote situation, being extravagance.

The flowers have been shorn of every dispensable calyx, corolla, sometimes stamens or pistils. Their colors and forms only show a little trace of plant pride.

Indeed the conflict waged against arums has gone even into their blood and temperament. They hate everything and would poison every foe with their acrid juice, because lacking more honorable bolder, means of defense and offense. Really would it not be marvelous if a plant could choose for it to prefer hard luck to the good, an insignificant to a conspicuous life, eight months of torpor and concealment to four of growth, barely enough for another summer's existence?

For all this defeating and dwarfage, degradation and enthrallment of the arums there is a cause interesting to describe but this hint must suffice.

Truly Yours,
Coldwater, Mich., C. J. THORPE.
Feb. 25, 1898.

Our Societies.

This column is edited by students elected by the various college societies. One society will be represented each week.

PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY.

Following is the program presented last Saturday evening.

Quotations from favorite writers.
Select Reading from Riley, H. B. Clark.
Comments on the life of Leland Stanford, C. M. Krentel.
Continued Story, A. E. Lyons.

The officers elected for next term are: President, C. M. Krentel; secretary, J. L. S. Kendrick; warden, A. B. Krentel; treasurer, H. B. Clark; steward, A. E. Lyons; chaplain, H. E. Price.

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Mackinac Island.

C. A. WARREN, '00, OLYMPIC SOCIETY.

Mackinac Island is situated in Lake Huron nearly at the mouth of the Strait of Mackinac. It is about five miles from St. Ignace of the Upper Peninsula and about nine miles from Mackinaw City of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Just west of it is Round Island, which is much smaller; and just beyond Round Island, almost touching it, is Bois Blanc Island, which is twelve miles long and is provided with a lighthouse at the farther end. On misty days this light-house cannot be seen from Mackinac, but in clear weath it appears like a white pillar erected on the shores of Bois Blanc.

There are a number of steamboat lines running into Mackinac; among the most important are the L. M. & L. S. T. company's line from Chi-

cago, the D. & C. line from Detroit and Cleveland, and the Northern Steamship Company's line from Buffalo, which connects at Duluth with the railroads for the west.

Let us imagine a trip to Mackinac Island on the D. & C. boat, City of Alpena, and note the approach to the island. Suppose we have passed through the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River, and have nearly completed the trip across Lake Huron; suppose we are now, about four o'clock in the morning, leaving Cheboygan. Now let us all go out on deck—away up in the bow—and watch the approach of the island. There is Bois Blanc on the right and the mainland on the left of us. The latter is comparatively low along the shore, rising at intervals to wooded hills away back in the distance. Bois Blanc is also somewhat low, and it seems to be almost of uniform height. This island and the mainland appear to form almost a bay. But see! about eighteen miles ahead their seems to be a sudden elevation resembling some mammoth creature standing among the trees; it is Mackinac Island—a picturesque sight. The sun is not above the horizon, but its beams of light shoot up in golden radiancy, as forerunners of his majesty's approach, and fall gently on the water and ever-green islands, bidding them prepare for the coming lord of day. And Mackinac, tall and gayly dressed in her never fading green and white sash—the fort walls, seems to bow by the blowing of the morning zephyrs, to him who shines forth for the illumination of her glory. As we approach nearer, the islands seem to separate and the division between upper and lower Michigan appears; now, away over on the left, we can see directly up through the straight into Lake Michigan. If we go straight ahead we will run into Mackinac Island; but no, the boat turns to the right. Now hear the paddling of the wheels echo against that picturesque island; the air seems to be entirely free from obstruction and the sound is as clear as can be. Some one asks "What are those two white spots on Mackinac?" and I answer, "The one on the left is Chimney Rock; the other the Devil's Kitchen." "Well," says he, "they are singular names, I wonder who named them." "I cannot say who named them," I reply, "but the reason for naming them is simple; Chimney Rock for its likeness to a chimney; Devil's Kitchen, because, when the Indians cooked their meals in the cave, the inner walls became black with smoke." And so we talk on and I describe Lover's Leap, above the Devil's Kitchen, and point out the different cottages of the Annex, the Grand Hotel and Fort Mackinac with its long white walls, which we have observed farther back. At last the whistle blows, the boat sweeps around and in a few minutes we are on the dock. Now here the hotel runners call out "Astor House" "Grand Hotel here" "New Mackinac Hotel," and all the other hotels; they do not wait for one another, but all join in a chorus, each trying to be heard above the others.

Now, since, by our imagination, we have landed at the dock of Mackinac Island, we can look around us and taste the atmosphere.

First of all we will select a hotel. As we walk along the narrow dock, which extends away out into the water, we have a good view of the "Horse-shoe." The dock is situated

in a bay—and the street leading around this bay is sometimes called the Horse-shoe from its resemblance to that article. As we look over to the right, we see that large, newly finished hotel, the Island House; it is beautifully situated among ever-greens growing out of well tended grass; surely, the Island House is a place of comfort. Looking over to the left, we see Lake View House; this is pleasantly situated, but is not so stylish as the Island House. We look straight ahead and there we see the New Mackinac and the New Murry Hotels; these are both popular and, being so near the dock, they are convenient. But now we find ourselves in a tumult.

"Island House, carriage for the I-s-l-a-n-d House, here," "New Mackinac just across the street; you don't need a carriage for the New Mackinac." "Chariot for Grand Hotel, here." All these voices sound together, followed by a chorus of more than thirty carriage drivers and minor hotel runners. There is too much confusion to tell which one of these we want, so we must get out of the crowd and decide.

By pushing this way and that way, we are enabled to get out of the confusion and to seek shelter from the torrent of yells in one of the business places; here we can talk over the situation. We discuss the Grand Hotel, Astor House, Island House, Mission House. The Grand is, of course, the most popular, most stylish, and most expensive; the Island House is the newest, most modern, and is beautifully situated; the Astor House is the oldest and among the most quiet; the Mission is especially noted for its quietude and historic reputation—the Astor and Mission Houses are both relics of the antebellum days. At last after much discussion, we decide to take a ride around the island first, and then stop at the Grand Hotel for breakfast; by that time we will be more decided about our stopping place.

Having procured a good carriage, we start on the trip, first toward East End, around "Horse-shoe Bend" we go, and as the steed almost flies along, we take hasty glances to the right and left. On the left, situated on a hill about seventy-five feet high and about two hundred yards from the road, we see Fort Mackinac, that memorial old defense which played such important parts in the French and Indian wars, and the war of 1812. Does the flag still wave? Yes it waves; but no more do we hear the roar of cannon; no more, the bold commands; the soldiers are gone, and with them, the bugle and the gun—gone! their bravery is o'er; their victory won.

On the right is the lake and only a mile away is Round Island, and too, Bois Blanc, just behind Round Island, is plainly seen. They seem like one expanse of green, nothing but green—except the white lighthouse on the other end of Bois Blanc.

But now the horses turn away from the shore, up a long lane; they go in this direction until the lane ends by a short, steep, circular hill. Up this hill we go and then turn into the same direction in which we started. We are now on top of the hill, in front of a long row of cottages. The scenery is indeed picturesque. We travel up and down hill on a road winding among the trees. Suddenly the road stops at another

cross road, and turning to the right we go but a short distance when all at once we are delightfully surprised to see what we suppose to be a hill suddenly appear to us a huge arch of rock—Arch Rock! how beautiful, wonderful, sublime! One looks down through this great arch into shrubs and cedar trees and out on the blue water about 149 feet below and thrills at the thought of the power that caused it all. Who is the Omnipotent? Show us the architect of this magnificent structure.

After taking a good look at this great piece of Nature's handiwork, we start again on the trip. In ten minutes we are at the gigantic Sugar Loaf Rock, which is 139 feet in height and at the base, 75 feet in diameter; great men come and behold this stupendous rock and appear to grow small beside it. After stopping a few minutes, we proceed on another road and in seven or eight minutes we reach the rear of Fort Mackinac; not stopping here, we continue, turning to the right, on a road leading away from the fort. We soon reach the cemetery, which we pass, and, taking a road just the other side of it, we ascend another steep winding hill to the highest point of the island. On this hill are Point Lookout and Fort Holmes, of which the first affords another view of Sugar Loaf Rock, and the second, an expansive view of all the southern, eastern, and northeastern parts of the island and of the lake as far as the Cheneaux Islands and away beyond Bois Blanc Island and to Cheboygan and Mackinaw City.

Fort Holmes is supplied with a pavilion about 75 feet high. This fort was built by the English in 1812 for the purpose of storming Fort Mackinac. It is 336 feet above the lake and consists of an excavation about ten feet deep and the pavilion. We tarry here until we have satisfied our eyes with the expansive romantic scenery and then proceed on the journey. We now go to the Annex, a long row of beautiful cottages, owned by some of the richest men of the country and extending for more than a mile along the precipice. We ride along the road in front of the cottages until we come to a very beautiful residence situated on the top of a hill cutting off the road; then, turning away from the precipice a short distance and taking a back road for about a hundred yards and we come out on the front road again and soon find ourselves at Lover's Leap. It is said that an Indian girl, disappointed because she thought her lover had not returned from war, threw herself from this rock and that her lover having discovered what the maiden had done, threw himself also, from its summit; thus originated the name of the curiosity. The rock stands 140 feet above the lake and is surrounded by ever-greens. Devil's Kitchen and Wishing Spring are just beneath Lover's Leap by the shore. We go down a long stairway and a narrow path-way and after drinking from Wishing Spring and writing our name in the Devil's Kitchen, we return to the carriage. By this time we are very hungry, for the refreshing atmosphere is as a great tonic to the appetite. We all feel greatly pleased with the trip; the pleasant odor of the cedar and pine trees, the unceasing gratification of the eye, and the bracing effect of the pure air, all contribute to provide us with a very conversation, pleasant faces

and good healthy appetites—we start for the Grand Hotel.

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We have decided to stop one month at the Island House.

Thus Mackinac is imperfectly described, by a journey to the island by boat and around the island by carriage. I say imperfectly, for who can describe the beauty and magnificence of this paradise—for it has been called a paradise. If Mackinac were not a place of such romantic beauty, of such perfect purity of atmosphere and of such abundance of clear cold springs of crystal water, why need any one ever to have named it the "Fairy Isle?" Indeed, it is because of the splendor of its greenness, its unique height, the unexplained mysteries of its peculiarly shaped rocks, its caves, and its historical remembrances. Mackinac Island is said by geologists, to have been completely covered at one time with water and that, with the lapse of ages, it gradually emerged as the water slowly sank away. Just think of it—grand, beautiful, Mackinac, with her playful streams and unequalled springs and evergreens, once buried under the water, nothing but a mass of limestone! Mackinac Island is now the pride of Michigan.

At the College.

Final examinations this week.

J. M. Rankin, '01, is again attending classes.

Mrs. Noble entertained a few friends Friday evening.

Look for an interesting letter from E. C. Green, '97, next week.

Mr. J. K. Burr visited his son, Fred Burr, '01, last Wednesday.

Paul Woodworth entertained his small friends Saturday afternoon.

H. B. Gunnison, '99m, was confined to his room last week with grip.

Miss Lilian Wheeler was unable to meet her classes several days last week, on account of illness.

Prof. W. O. Hedrick entertained the Union Literary Society Saturday evening with a talk on German university life.

Our Co-ed basket-ball team is improving. Last Saturday it defeated the Lansing high school team by a score of 8 to 6.

Mrs. D. W. Crosby has moved to Lansing in order that her daughter and two sons may attend school at the Agricultural College.

The price of board in the various clubs for the winter term is as follows: Club A, \$2.20; B, \$2.58; C, \$1.45; D, 2.10; E, \$2.23; F, 2.07.

The athletic association is arranging to have one boarding club converted into a training club for athletes. There will be about enough athletes to fill one club.

On account of ill health, C. W. Loomis, '98, was obliged to go to his home in New York. At last reports he was improving in health. He expects to return next term.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Kenney Wednesday, March 30. Lesson, First John, fifth chapter; text, "Overcometh." Election of officers at this meeting.

About two weeks ago W. H. Flynn, '98m, was called to his home in St. Thomas, Ont., by the serious illness of his mother. Friday we

received the sad news of his mother's death.

William T. Benallack, electrical inspector of the Michigan Inspection Bureau, has completed his examination of our electrical plant. In his report he compliments us on the plan and work of the plant.

Prof. Smith spoke at Addison on Friday at a meeting of farmers interested in starting a creamery at that place. He met there many M. A. C. men, among whom were F. W. Smith, F. R. Smith, and W. W. Fisk.

"Day with the Co-eds at the M. A. C." is the subject of a pleasing write-up of our Women's Department in the *Twice-a-Week Detroit Free Press*, by "Beatrix" (Mrs. Johnstone), who visited us week before last.

Last Saturday evening the members of the Hesperian Society were very pleasantly entertained by Miss Lottie Smith at her home in Lansing. Numerous games and a pie eating contest were indulged in, and all report a very pleasant time.

Prof. and Mrs. Barrows celebrated St. Patrick's day by giving a whist party to a few of their friends. The score cards were clover leaves of green paper. The prize, a beautiful bunch of carnations, was divided among Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Bandholtz and Prof. Vedder. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

THE RECORD frequently receives contributions that it does not publish simply because the name of the contributor is not given. We have several of such on hand now; one on tennis, signed "A Student," that opens a question interesting to many. It is not necessary to publish the name of the writer, but it is necessary that we know that name before the article goes into type.

The College is sending out a small catalog for advertising purposes to the granges, farmers' clubs, high schools, country schools and 900 ministers of this State, and to all College alumni. The catalog is of a size convenient for mailing in an ordinary envelope and contains 24 cuts of College views and 24 pages of general information regarding the College and courses offered here.

The "Bachelors" are sorely puzzled to know what it signifies when one of their number begins carrying around in his pockets blank marriage certificates. Except for a perceptible droop to one side of his youthful mustache and occasional fits of absent-mindedness, the young man in question has hitherto betrayed no alarming symptoms; but one day last week, while sorting over a lot of papers taken from his pocket, he accidentally dropped from the midst a blank marriage certificate, and the boys are really alarmed about him. It has been reported to the RECORD that he has an assortment of these filled out in different ways from which he is trying to make a choice, but knowing this young man as we do, we can hardly credit such a story.

The race may not be to the swift,
Nor the battle to the strong;
But swiftness isn't bad to have
If you wish to get along.
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News from Students and Graduates.

H. B. Fuller, '92, is editor of the *Lewiston Journal* at Lewiston, Montmorency Co.

R. A. Latting, with '96, is a member of the prosperous law firm of Clark & Latting, Grand Ledge.

Miss Katherine McCurdy, with '99, goes next month to Detroit to take a course at the Harper Training School for Nurses.

W. E. Palmer, '92, writes to have his RECORD address changed to 2308 Wylie avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., where he is now permanently located in business.

G. E. Miles, with '96m, Water-vliet, Michigan, reports a satisfactory trade in the building of cement cisterns, cellars, etc., with school teaching for cold weather "filling."

R. L. Reynolds, '95m, is now working for Hatzel & Buchler, electrical engineers and contractors at 114 Fifth ave., New York. His address is 453, W. 22d st., New York.

Sometime in January, just when we do not know, Thomas Major, '92, and Miss Alice L. Gregory, both of Centerville, were married at the residence of the bride's parents. Congratulations are in order and may be sent to Centerville, the present home of the happy couple.

E. D. Partridge, '96, writes a characteristic letter from Provo, Utah, in which he says that not a day passes that he does not think of the good old times at M. A. C. He has recently become quite interested in live stock business. It will be remembered by some that he built for his thesis a hydraulic ram—"so as to be sure of a 'sheep skin.'" Well, at an agricultural fair last fall he exhibited his "ram" and was awarded first premium on it. Now he has traded off the "ram" for a Jersey cow and calf.

H. E. Van Norman, '97, is now in Lafayette, Indiana, performing the duties of Farm Superintendent and Assistant to the Director of the Experiment Station, to which position he was recently elected. He writes: "Had not been seated in my new room here twenty minutes when I walked Geo. W. Munro, with '96, who graduated here at Purdue in '97. He is doing post graduate work for a degree. W. W. Bradfield, of same class and town, i. e., Grand Rapids, Mich., is assistant engineer at one of the large furniture factories."

Dr. Beal would like to learn the present address of any of the following students: Frederick W. Herbert, with '96, who entered from Saginaw; Frank C. Morse and J. A. Clark, with '96, and Oscar Hirth and Malcolm F. Loomis, with '94, all from Grand Rapids; Harlem S. Emlaw, with '94, from Grand Haven; C. Hollister Perrin, with '94, from Cornuna; Frank S. Armstrong, George H. Rae, Harry O. Rose and George T. White, with '94, Charles W. Porter, with '95, and Gerald J. Mead, with '96, all from Detroit.

Colleges and Exchanges.

A summer school will be in progress at the U. of M. from July 6 to August 17, 1898.

"Bucky" Hall of Butte, Montana, will coach the U. of M. football team next fall. He played guard on the University team in '95.

Foreign students are this year, for the first time, allowed to receive professional degrees in the French universities.—*Ex.*

Military drill is to be tried in Chicago University. President Harper has just authorized its introduction, and it will be a substitute for gymnasium work.—*Ex.*

Helen Kellar is preparing to enter Radcliff College, Cambridge. Her friends are raising an endowment fund of \$50,000, the interest of which is to go toward her support and the maintenance of her teachers.—*Ex.*

Princess Therese, of Bavaria, daughter of the prince regent, has received the Ph. D. degree from the Munich University. Her Royal Highness, who has recently written a scientific book of travel on the Brazilian tropics, is the first lady on whom this honor has been conferred.—*Ex.*

The University of Chicago has posted a bulletin which notifies students that it is bad taste to smoke near the entrance to buildings visited by women, adding that there is no rule beyond that of courtesy and good sense.—*Ex.*

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