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**NATURE—HUMAN AND OTHERWISE.**

“The uncertain glory of an April day,  
 Which now shows all the beauty of the sun,  
 And by and by a cloud takes all away.”  
 —The Two Gentlemen of Verona.

This uncertain season of the year is now upon us; it casts its alternating gloom and exuberance upon us and leaves our minds in a whirl.

The sunny mornings remind us of the successes we have achieved, and the plans we have for the summer. We have visions of our more presentable grades, our social victories, and our financial obligations well met. We recall that eventful day when we made the Blank club, or that evening when it stopped raining just as it was time to start for the Prom.

Such flights of fancy, and bursts of enthusiasm are scarcely completed when a shower of cold rain dampens clothing and spirits, and our mental kaleidoscope turns to a consideration of the darker objects. The condition in — 14 looms up like a sunken hulk, the prospect of hunting a job among heartless employers causes us to shrink into a shell of “what’s-the-use,” and the memory of that time when we spent several dollars foolishly brings up the picture of a pitiful letter home—and a fiery answer.

Such are the vagaries of the season; we must endure them and resist as far as possible, that the storms within may not prove too strenuous for the sunshine.

**THE OTHER SIDE.**

In Saturday’s “Rag” appeared an article in which it was stated that a certain co-ed had eased her conscience, perturbed at a gift of flowers, with the idea that by accepting them she was preventing her friend from spending the money on tobacco or pool. What a soothing thought! Perhaps the resourceful co-ed does not know that the price of a modest bunch of violets (two dollars will buy forty sacks of Durham, which, allowing forty cigarettes to the bag, will

make sixteen hundred cigarettes. Think of the nicotine which the attractive co-ed kept out of her friend’s system; consider the sixteen hundred blows to his constitution from which she saved him! But, on the other hand, perhaps the violets would have bought the young man a shirt, or a half dozen pairs of socks; it might have paid for two pleasant evenings at the Orpheum, or several afternoons at the ball park. Let us not forget that two dollars is a day’s wage for many men, on which they support families. The expenditure of two dollars for a bunch of fast fading flowers is an extravagance. No amount of apologies can make it anything else. I do not say that as an extravagance it is necessarily wrong, but that it cannot be justified on any other grounds. R. L. F.

**WHY NOT?**

The following is a suggestion, together with a reason, suggested for the athletic field:

The athletic field of the University of Minnesota bears the name of President Emeritus Northrup. There is nothing at Nebraska to call to memory the name of President Emeritus Andrews. Because of his long service and great constructive work he merits acknowledgement more than anyone else. Why not Andrews Field?

**STUDIES CONVICTS’ BRAINS.**  
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resent a low type, but as yet nothing has been discovered which could in any way distinguished them as criminal. Dr. Poynter is of the opinion that no such thing as a criminal type of brain exists.

However, he intends to make a very careful and exhaustive study of the subject during the summer and hopes by fall to be certain one way or the other.

Instead of the address he had planned on the convicts’ brains, Dr. Poynter will address the Academy on criminal types as denoted by external features. This also is a myth, says Dr. Poynter, and he cites as proof the measurements taken of a thousand criminals in Sing Sing and a thousand students at Amherst. There is nothing in these measurements by which the two classes could be distinguished. “Although,” Dr. Poynter added humorously, “some people might object that students are not normal human beings.”

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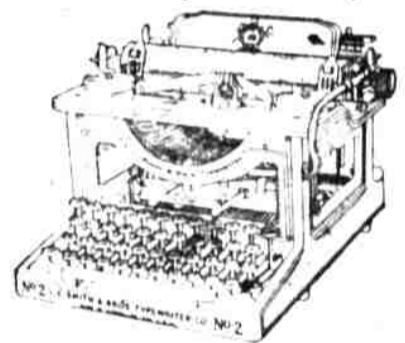
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