

Holmes went out the other night, and it affected him so that he wrote it down on the fly-leaf of his Bible in red ink.

Strange how the philanthropic, gutter-clearing prohibitionists have been wrapped about with a moistened blanket. The republican party, which they were going to swallow whole without chewing, got stuck midway in their capacious all engulfing gullet, and will probably stay there until the cows come home. Alas, poor Yorick!

A. H. Bigelow was seen in the University, November 30. He, of course, turned out with Miss C——, who has been teaching for the past three months, and at the same time, strangely enough, (and yet not so strange considering) Travis, whose habitat heretofore has been unknown, made the light of his countenance to shine upon us.

In the humble opinion of the local editor it seems that the chemistry department might be run on a more accommodating plan. The local editor does not favor half-way measures; and his sentiments are that all advantages be made as free to students as air or else have slop jars, air baths, reagent bottles, water cocks, aye, even our very steps locked up and the key thrown away.

When Matthew Arnold was at Oxford he spent all his time courting foxes, shooting, and in general, enjoying himself. Four days before examinations, however, he commenced to cram, and it is said that he crammed unceasingly for four days and nights, with a huge consumption of wet towels, strong cigars and hot brandy and water. To the students of the University of Nebraska, "Go ye and do likewise."

The reception given to lieutenant Griffith, Nov. 27, in the Memorial Hall was a grand success. Nearly all the students attended, and a goodly crowd of notables were present. The grand march contrary to some expectations was not dispensed with, and the light fantastic toe was not tripped for more than two and a half hours. The non-coms kicked beforehand on arrangements, and the coms are now held fast financially by both pedal extremities. Electric lights were put in for the occasion and will probably remain.

It is reported, on apparently good authority, that Pizey has, after four years of unsuccessful manœuvring at the University, made a solid mash. The fact that he is gifted with splendid staying qualities, insures permanency. Many bitter teats will be shed when the co-eds become acquainted with the fact that her abode is not at Lincoln, nor her calling that of a student, but on the other hand, she lives at Jackson, her profession is that of a washerwoman, and her name is Kate. These facts are given for the benefit of his friends.

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Our first preps are becoming very expert in rendering the classics into idiomatic English. *Mi fili indoctos es, doctus este* was rendered: "My son, brace up and you will be the joy of your teacher."