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ELSON'S COMPANION.
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I'm in your boat, I guess; I've been pretty lucky tonight, myself. I suspected how it was when I saw you in the street. I guess you're no gladder I happened along than I am." He laughed with a heartiness for which Elson did not quite see the reason, but in which he joined. And so they walked down the street together, talking of this and that and the other thing, and becoming very well acquainted with each other.

Elson liked the fellow. He had a sort of candid, democratic way about him that appealed to the clubman. He was cultured, too; his books were Elson's; Elson's music was his. They differed in politics, but that is what politics is for. The stranger had traveled. He had not been to Europe, but his own country he knew well. He could tell you about the queerest places—anything from Chinese dives in San Francisco to the palaces of the millionaires on Fifth avenue.

"I don't like to stay in one place too long," he explained. "People don't seem to take to my ways, and then I get restless. I suppose I'll have to leave this town tomorrow."

Elson was charmed. He was glad now that he hadn't gone to a hotel. This fellow was his kind—different from the everlasting Harris, or Pender, or even Riley. He was sorry when they turned into the street where he had his rooms. He must see more of his new friend.

"I live here," he said, "so I'll have to say good night. My name's Elson. Can't you meet me at my club for dinner this evening?"

The stranger hesitated. "I had intended going to Chicago," he said, "but that can go—Why, yes, I'd be delighted. I am Smith—Smith, of Johnson & Smith, you know. Thanks—Good night."

"Good night," said Elson, again.

Tut, tut, dear reader! You should not be suspicious. Not every man you meet on the streets at two o'clock in the morning is a thug. I thought I made it plain in the beginning that Elson's companion was a perfect gentleman.

P. A. EWING.

Rhetoric 15 Debate.

The debate in Rhetoric 15 this afternoon at 2 o'clock in University Hall 106 is on the following question: "Resolved, That the government should own and operate the railroad trunk lines." G. L. Fenlon, '08, and E. K. Wiltse, '07, will argue for the affirmative and M. A. Mills, Jr., '08, and W. C. Ramsey, '08, will maintain the negative. The debate is open to the public.

Captain Curtis of the Michigan football team broke his leg in a practice game Saturday. The big captain has had very hard luck. Last year he was put out of the Chicago-Michigan contest for alleged brutal play and the accident of Saturday will prevent his participating in the last big game of his football career, the Pennsylvania-Michigan contest next Saturday.

Wisconsin will meet Illinois in debate either next year or the succeeding year. Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin formed an inter-collegiate debating league last year.

This year Wisconsin debates Iowa and Minnesota, and Illinois debates Minnesota and Nebraska.—Daily Cardinal.

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