

the mechanical relation of the stomata to the life of the plant will be better understood and conclusions may be reached that will aid in solving some of the problem of transpiration.

This short and general statement of the relation of light to transpiration is enough to give some idea of the general trend of the work.

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THAT BOISTEROUS BEE.

Under the heading of an "Expensive Luxury," a gentleman connected with the Omaha Bee, who tries to hide his identity under the name of E. Rosewater, published his biennial tirade against this university. The entire article is a series of blundering misstatements and falsified facts. We haven't the space in this issue to notice them at great length, but we must content ourselves with saying that every charge made against the Latin school and School of Fine Arts is maliciously false. The Latin school is a necessity at present and for some time to come, in order to prepare for the college proper those students from the country who have not had the advantages of high schools. An effort to abolish this department only two years ago was met by such a general protest from all over the state from counties that had no high schools that could do the required work that the attempt was abandoned. Lincoln has a high school that does for the children of her city what the Latin school does for the farmers' children of the state that haven't access to high schools. The real animus of this attack is that the school is located at Lincoln.

The inconsistency of the article reaches a climax when it mournfully says that "several hundred Nebraska boys and girls are students in eastern universities," and "that every parent that desires to give a collegiate education would prefer to have them educated in Nebraska, if we have a university like Michigan." No comparison is made with the colleges of neighboring states, but the whine is because we do not equal the greatest university west of the Atlantic states! Did the man ever think of the time and money and effort that has been expended to make that great school? And how are we to create its equal? Neither of the two things he mentions must be done, or will be done. No very large sum of money at one time, nor the application of the knife on every side, will ever make the university what it should be. And to day, within the reach of any honest investigator, stands the fact that this university will compare favorably with the best state universities in the United States, and ranks third or fourth in the entire list.

EXCHANGE.

The representative of State college, Pa., the *Free Lance*, tells us that there is a corps of cadets in the above mentioned college, and that the probabilities are that the faculty will grant them a week in camp during the spring term. We hope the cadets will not be disappointed, for we can testify to the joy to be had from such an outing, although the "walls" of the guard tent are continually staring one in the face and although the discipline maintained there is usually pretty strict.

The base ball season has opened at the University of the Pacific, California. It seems quite natural to see again, in a college paper, a complete score of a game of base ball. Lately the sports have been principally contests at foot-ball, but now, on account of climatic influences, the states along the Pacific coast are able to vary the foot-ball monotony by playing the national game. The *Pacific Pharos* gives a very good account of the game. This paper is a fair sample of a

college paper. Its editorials are usually good and its literary columns pretty well maintained. With the single exception of the exchange column, which, by the way, we have mentioned before, and which is very poor indeed, the *Pacific Pharos* is a credit to the institution it represents.

We wish to state for the benefit of the *Coup d'Etat* that we do not talk about the frats at all in our sleep. Neither do we act like them. Our sleep is of a calm and peaceful nature. As far as our "kick," as you are pleased to term it, is concerned, we think it was perfectly in order. There are a number of fraternity papers published in the different colleges, and if the fraternities have any good reasons for living, why don't these representatives of theirs tell us what they are?

The following appeared in the *Gates Index* not long ago:

The *Unit* suggests that a pillow be presented to THE HESPERIAN to kick against, so as to save the toes of its shoes and the trousers of its contemporaries. Happy thought! for there is no exchange so overbearing and unkind in its criticisms.

Never mind about our shoes, dear contemporaries, for we only kick against that which is soft and will therefore not harm ourselves. Apply the pillow to your trousers and brace yourselves firmly, then perhaps you will be able to withstand our attacks with greater ease.

The *Phi Deltian* from Tabor college, Tabor, Iowa, appeared to us as an old friend when we saw it among our exchanges. It is published by the Phi Delta literary society and is a very neat and well arranged sheet. Just entering upon the second year of its existence it gives fair promise of being all its supporters could wish. It has encountered many difficulties in its short career and although, in the language of its editor, "Many of the ideals which we placed before us at the beginning are still unattained" we would advise the editors not to be discouraged, for this has been and always will be the case in starting a new and beneficial movement. College journalism is something that should be recognized in every college that has a fair reputation and there is no reason in the world why a higher standard may not be obtained in this direction if the prime movers in a college will only put their shoulder to the wheel and, after they have once started it, keep it rolling by good, hard, conscientious work. Through the medium of a college paper an institution of learning may be advertised better than in any other way. As we have at different times visited Tabor college and in former years have felt an interest in the institution we shall be glad to see the *Phi Deltian* among our exchanges each issue. Please do not forget us Mr. Editor.

Considerable space in some of our late exchanges has been devoted to discussions in regard to the fair sex. In the *Messenger* is quite an article entitled "Is a Sweetheart an Advantage to a College Student?" In a general way we might answer the question in the affirmative, provided, however, the sweetheart is further advanced in the curriculum than the college student. If such were the case we may easily see that very often this would be an advantage to the student. We copy the following from the above mentioned article:

The student enters into a temporary partnership with some gentle maiden, they invest in bonds of affection, and before his college days have ended said bonds are drawing such an interest that the parties involved will part with them under no consideration.

This is an ideal case. It frequently happens that the interested parties enter into partnership blindly, they invest in the bonds of affection and before very much time has elapsed the temporary partnership has become permanent.