

too long and sombre, out its editorials are most enjoyable. The touch on "The-sis writing" was earnest and logical, and the editors evidently know how to speak right to the point.

The only society journal among our exchanges is the *Lorgnette* from Omaha. It is chiefly devoted to musical and dramatic affairs. It presents a very neat appearance and in every way is a credit to its young editor.

The *Illini* devoted less than two pages to editorials and at first we thought we should be obliged to administer a well deserved rebuke. But that one meagre solitary editorial was so poorly written and so very pointless that our only second thought was one of thankfulness that no more were inflicted upon us. The essay upon the School of the Fine Arts, Paris, was very interesting, and the article discussing "What shall be taught in our public schools" was novel and forcible.

In the *Cornell Review*, the beautiful legend of the Bell of Merry Wishes was written in so poetical a manner as almost to transfer us in imagination to romantic Spain and the Alhambra.

The *Alfred Student* we greet this month for the first time. It gives very little space to literary contributions, and that little is almost wholly occupied in the publication of a prosy essay from one of their egotistical professors. We echo the criticism of the *Ostrus* when it says that the *Student* would be more truly a students' paper if all the articles were the product of student thought, instead of giving the literary department to a professor.

'And thou, O *High School*, paper of profuse illustrations; quaint art gallery on whose outside wall hang pictures of the "Perfect Lung and Chest Protector" for sale at the village tailor's, and the inimitable "Babcock chemical Fire Extinguisher;" art thou, too, going back on us? Say, if that chest protector man has time to whittle us out a coffin, send one here at once. Any size will do.

Tell the *Hesperian Student* to furnish a few nails—silver-plated preferred. We cannot survive the bitter sarcasm of our Nebraska friends.—*Niagara Index*. All right Mr. Editor! The coffin shall be forthcoming, though we doubt, if your sarcasm and conceit are in any way proportionate to your feet, whether *any* size will do. However, the nails are awaiting the fervently wished and long hoped for demise of the exchange editor, but we are afraid he has as many lives as a cat, he has survived and almost thrived through so many fierce attacks.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Saturday recitations have been introduced into the California University.

It is estimated that there are 7,000 Americans studying in the German schools and Universities.

Hereafter there will be no commencement orations at the Universities of California and Michigan.—*Ex.*

The young ladies at Oberlin are permitted by the authorities to go on a peanut spree once a week.—*Ex.*

Girard College has a fund of about \$2,415,959, and its income for the year '78 was \$941,850.—*Ex.*

The Seniors at Dartmouth have petitioned the Trustees of the college to limit the number of speakers on the Commencement stage, to eight.

The conditioned Freshmen at Yale, to the number of one hundred, refuse to "make up," and the faculty are beginning to whisper, "compromise."—*Ex.*

The students of the University of Moscow invariably diet on cucumbers while preparing for examinations. Did the expression "cool as a cucumber," originate in Moscow?—*Ex.*

Debater— I challenge anyone to give me a slang phrase that I can't shorten and express with more force in good English!