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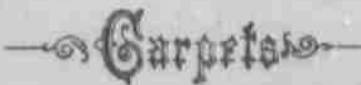
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We are the daughters Of Goddess Minerva. We are proficient In elliptical curve, or The science botanic And language Germanic. French and theology, Sanskrit, geology.— These are but pastimes to maidens like us, Dante and Goethe, "The sorrows of Werther," We easily read with no fuss.

Algebraic quadratics, Advanced numismatics, And chemistry, too, we delight in: But as for astronomy And domestic economy, These we are wonderfully bright in.

Then hear, O Minerva, Each diligent server Of liberal studies and thee! Grant that each maiden With worship deep laden For ever thy vestal may be!

Curtain Falls.

FROM THE FRENCH.

"Torn from thy wick, Poor leaf of the fern, Where goest thou?" "I know not that, I vow; The storm hath broken the tree, Which alone sustained me; With its inconstant aid The Zephyr or the east wind, Since that day have blown me From the mountain to the valley, From the forest to the plain, My road and the wind's the same, I go but never complain; I go where every thing goes, The leaf of the laurel; the leaf of the rose."

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Nebraska newspaper, not published in Lincoln, we are glad to say, is venting a prolonged howl at the public schools. Hardly a day passes that it does not contain an article or two deriding the schools and charging them with inefficiency. In a recent issue it quotes from an eastern paper a conversation which is supposed to have taken place between a merchant and a young man, just from the high school, who was applying for a situation in the merchant's store. The dialogue developed that the boy had studied reading writing and arithmetic in the grammar school, and had afterward spent four years in the high school, where he had studied rhetoric, literature, civil government, history, Latin, German, etc. But nevertheless he was unable to write a legible hand, could not figure in partial payments, and was deficient in other points, and so was told that he was not wanted. Now this story is, so to speak, "thin." If the boy had only such an education as the grammar school gave him, he must have been com-

petent to do all the merchant required of him. It is not at all likely that any boy of common sense applying for a situation would decline to give a specimen of his handwriting, for there are numbers of boys who can write a much plainer and neater hand than the average editor, and yet not be very wise. So a merchant wishing a clerk would hardly be willing to take an applicant on the neatness of his penmanship alone. Then again, business men usually attend to the mathematics of partial payments and notes themselves. Now if this boy had been through the grammar school, and afterwards attended high school four years, and had passed satisfactory examination in the studies mentioned, he was educated far above the average clerk, and a great many editors. It can be nothing less than malice or stupidity that accuses a man in these days to deery our public schools. It may be that in some places the schools are mismanaged. It may be that an incompetent board has employed incompetent teachers, or it may be for various reasons that the schools fail to do their work as well as it might be done. But because in some instances so happens, is no reason why a fire of abuse and derision should be constantly levelled at them. When, for any good reason the schools are lame, it is the duty of the public press to make the matter known. But the right way is to endeavor to find the bottom of the fault, and then apply the remedy. This indiscriminate ranting will never do any good. This newspaper knows, or it ought to know, very well, that if it were not for our public schools, two-thirds of the children of this county would never receive the shadow of an education. There is no element of our advancement so potent as the public school, and there is no institution of our our country that should be so carefully and jealously guarded.

We are sorry to say that by some mysterious way reports have gone afloat that are very damaging to the University boarding hall. Because of some of these false reports a few of those who were rooming at the Dormitory left it, and others boarding there were induced to go elsewhere. Those persons who have said anything damaging about the way the hall is conducted have done so from some malicious purpose unexplainable, or perhaps, more truly from personal interest. It is to be hoped that in the future the truth, at all times will be spoken about the boarding hall. This term the students have conducted the hall on the club system to the entire satisfaction of all persons connected with it. The cost has been much less than the students could have had the same board elsewhere, and nearly all, if not all, that are there

now, will continue boarding at the Dormitory next term. Some think that because this is a public building they have a right to call it a "hash house" and similar slang terms, but they should remember that not only are they throwing barriers in the way of poor students who are enabled to remain in school because of this cheap way of boarding, but, also are doing a great injustice to the University and placing themselves in an undesirable position. All that is asked of any one is to find out from those who are boarding at the hall how they are pleased with the way it is conducted and then snape their criticisms accordingly, and not do that which is so unjust to this institution that the people of Lincoln have so generously donated for the students of the University. * * *

Dr Schilleman has commenced operation on the site of Orchomenos in Boetia.

They were walking by the sea-side, and he sighed and she sighed; and she was by his side, and he by her side, and they were both beside themselves, beside being at the seaside when he sighed and she sighed.

Oriental education is growing broader every year. At the last matriculation examination of Madras University 3,309 candidates presented themselves and 1,004 passed. Two thirds of this number came from non-government schools, and it is said that the schools managed by native gentlemen are largely increasing. The majority of the candidates who passed the B. A. examination were Brahmans.

Prof. Watson, of the Washburn Observatory grounds of the Wisconsin University is erecting at his own expense a novelty in the way of astronomical investigation which is known as the Watson Solar Observatory. Taking advantage of the well known fact that stars can be seen in the middle of the day from the bottom of a deep well. Prof. Watson has carried out tois thorg in his new structure, and has sunk a cellar twenty feet beneath the surface of the ground, over which a five story building is being erected. At the top of a hill near the spot, sixty feet above the bottom of this cellar, powerful reflectors are to be placed, throwing rays of light down a large tube ending in the cellar, where the observer is stationed. It is thought that by this means better observations of the sun can be obtained than ever before; and astronomers and lovers of the science will await the results of the experiment with interest.

D. R. Halsey of the Senior class at Cornell, committed suicide. The cause of the act is unknow. He has appeared very gloomy all this term. He was an excellent student, but seemed to have lost interest in his studies.