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Miscellaneous Mention.

Jay Gould lately contributed \$5,000 to the Rutgers college endowment fund.

The oldest college library in existence is the Harvard College library, established in 1638. It was destroyed by fire in 1765, but immediately rebuilt. The Yale library was established in 1700.

The first Spanish female doctor has just taken her degree in Madrid. She has met with considerable opposition; but her success has encouraged another compatriot to adopt the same profession, and the latter after being refused admission to the Valencia School of Medicine, is now studying in Madrid.

Mr. Chas. D. Hine, who succeeds Mr. B. G. Northrop as secretary of the Connecticut State Board of Education was graduated from Yale in 1871, has been superintendent of schools at Saginaw, Michigan and at Norwich, Connecticut has studied law in the Iowa State University and practiced law at Omaha till recently, when he became principal of the High School.

De Lesseps, the great French engineer, lives in an unostentatious street in Paris. His plain rooms are visited by the greatest statesmen and politicians of Europe. He is always busy, but finds time to chat with his visitors and bestow the most careful attention upon his large brood of children. When charged with dyeing his whiskers and powdering his hair, he simply answers, "I only wish I had the time."

The State papers are advocating a geological survey for Nebraska. In the opinion of THE STUDENT this should be at once instituted. It would also be an excellent scheme to place the matter in charge of the University. Our museum would then be made the repository of all the specimens found in the survey, and the work itself would be done in a creditable manner. In Minnesota and other states the plan has been in successful operation for a number of years.

Henry Ward Beecher makes it publicly known that he does not criticise such money kings as Gould in their mammoth speculations. He thinks if one man is shrewder than another, and is capable of seeing wherein he can greatly improve his financial condition by a simple business transaction, it is his prerogative to do so, and that any such pecuniary scheming is all right. Mr. Beecher is becoming more liberal as he grows older. If he should be permitted to figure in the affairs of this life twenty years more we would not be greatly surprised to hear of his joining Ingersoll on a lecturing tour.

"Guiteau's skeleton is now ready to pass into the hands of the proper owners," so says a leading newspaper. Have we not heard about enough concerning this villain? Give us a brigadoo.

A Cambridge (Mass.) man arrived in a frontier village recently, just as a gang of cow-boys had "taken the town." His first exclamation was: "What! have you folks a college here already?"—*Trinity Tablet*.

Professor—"The agnostic may be briefly described as the Know-nothingist of philosophy. Passing that point, Miss — may tell what she knows of sense—perception." Miss —: "Professor, I am an acostic."—*Vassar Mis*.

The Illinois Inter-State Collegiate Oratorical State Association lately held a meeting for the purpose of settling the question in regard to the award of prizes at the contest. The original decision of the judges was reversed by an unanimous vote. Mr. Ross, of Monmouth, was given the first prize, and Miss Pollard, of Chicago, the second.

It is now ascertained beyond doubt that a brother of Oscar Wild(e) will soon make an extended tour in America. The beautiful Englishman will, of course, be welcomed in our midst; but, be it remembered, he will have to wear longer hair, a more variegated necktie and larger sunflowers than was worn by Oscar, if his trip proves as successful financially. The Americans are not so Wild(e) on æstheticism as they were six months ago.

How much we are indebted to our variable climate for our civilization. To say something is often active necessity, and when all else is unavailable, the weather, like a well-supplied contingent fund, is an unfailing source. Moreover, it has a wide range and everybody is interested in it, and then there is so much about it that we cannot explain, that our love for the mysterious is gratified at it, and our inquisitiveness finds ample room without fear of being troubled with attending to their answers.

The sad and tragic death of Judge Briggs, of Omaha is a great shock to his many friends and acquaintances throughout the State. For many years a resident of Omaha, he was well known and generally esteemed, whether as a citizen, a lawyer or a politician. He had figured conspicuously in the list for the U. S. Senate, and his chances for election to that honorable position were considered quite as good as those of any other candidate. His political friends will, therefore, as well as those who were pitted against him, regret the strange and sudden ending of one so worthy, and his death will be deplored by all who knew him best.