

Exchange Bric-a-brac.

The *Literary Gem* is not a jewel of any particular lustre.

High School papers are rapidly increasing in number. They are destined to do valuable work in training men for the college journals.

Notre Dame *Scholastic* still insists that the Catholics had nothing to do with the Spanish Inquisition. The proof brought out is voluminous.

With sadness we must announce our conviction that the *Vanderbilt Observer* is a dude sheet. The clothes are nobby but the intellect is below par.

It is reported that Harvard is considering a proposition to shorten her course to three years. The back bone of that college is evidently taking a vacation.

We "come down." The *Campus* has a mission after all. With more grit than sense it is endeavoring to reform the disgraceful college politics of Allegheny by substituting the honor system for the present method of election through society influence. Friends, the fire is a trifle more unpleasant than the frying pan. Don't forget it.

If advice from the rowdy west could be accepted in the spirit in which it is given, we would suggest that the N. Y. University *Quarterly* reform its "Other colleges" department or drop it altogether. The coffee grounds joke seems to have formed a partnership with a few centenarian items of college news for the purpose of running the column. Give 'em a rest. All parties concerned are tired.

This paper took occasion to mention a few grammatical eccentricities of an eastern exchange, a short time ago and now we are crushed by the following unique paragraph. We supply the italica.

The COLLEGE STUDENT will not receive criticisms from the *Hesperian Student* until that Western *institution journal* loses some of its asinine spirit. Dear sirs, after you have read *sufficient* to know that more than one expression can be used, let us hear from you.

One by one he turns them over,
 Scowls at this one, smiles at that;
 This one marks across the cover,
 Throws that to the office cat;
 Here he clips a commendation,
 There he writes a grim blue "set;"
 Marks here a slanderous allegation,
 There steals all that he can get,
 Through what wide realms his fancy ranges,
 That man who edits the exchanges!

—Cornell Era.

The *Undergraduate* has improved in appearance lately but we are sorry to notice that it still places the brain center of America east of the Hudson. In speaking of the proposed Eastern Oratorical Association, it complacently remarks as follows: "There might be considerable difficulty in getting at just the right plan of conducting such an association, but the long established and ripened wisdom of New England ought to be sufficient for the task."

The fuss made by the Kansas University *Courier* over an appropriation of \$50,000 for a new building reminds one of the frantic yells of the democratic press after the last election. Somebody please pour a pitcher of ice water down the back of our excitable neighbor. The University of Nebraska was remembered to the extent of \$160,000 by the last legislature, and yet the HESPERIAN

goes on its way with raiment untorn and mind serene. If the *Courier* would follow our illustrious example it might be as highly esteemed by the public as we are.

Brethren of the college press, let us enter into a Solemn League and Covenant. Let us unitedly swear an awful swear. With right hand raised to heaven and the left on the pure, spotless cheek of the *Scholastic*, let us vow, declare, certify, and make known to the world our determination never again to mention that conceited ape who masquerades as the exchange editor of the *Niagara Index*. If let severely alone he will bite himself to death. Then, and not till then will college journalism become almost respectable.

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