

advantage of forty to about fifteen. While it is true that cane rushes are essentially class affairs, it is nevertheless true that it would be policy for the Freshmen to give some concessions as to number, for if they should be successful it would be a standing slur on them that they had a great advantage. As yet the Freshmen have developed nothing but wind and they seem to fear a well merited and deserved castigation.

The chemical department is over crowded. Already several of the beginners have been placed in the quantitative laboratory which makes it unpleasant not only for both parties but also for the professors in charge, who find it impossible to instruct the students thus scattered. It will indeed be convenient when the Nebraska Hall is finished so that the botanical department can move and give up the much needed first floor.

Prof. H. "Never assign possession to anything that can't possess. Don't say 'the house's roof'. The houses can't possess the roof. The man that owns the house possesses it."

M. F. "Professor, would 'the horse's tail' be correct?"

Prof. H. "Certainly."

Mr. F. "Why, I should think the man that owned the horse owned the tail."

The Senior plugs met at Mr. Baughman's with the full pomp, pride and circumstance of war. Either fear or politic peace seemed to make them friends with humanity and Sophs. and second preps. munching cake and taffy, paced the picket line and guarded them. The boys seemed too enervated to bring their own girls and their president had to obtain a second prep. for her escort. Dear '89ers, listen to us when we say that if we could not have a class meeting without getting Sophomores to guard we it would suspend business. It makes us sick.

"How are you getting along with the experimental farm?" asked a member of the board of regents of a western agricultural college of the president of the institution. "First-rate," replied the president, "wheat all hilled up and calves taught to drink sour milk. I'm having trouble with some of the students, however. They claim that it is too hard work for them to dig the great holes necessary in planting pumpkins." "Fire 'em out, professor, fire 'em out!" returned the regent. "If they kick on that, what will they do next fall when they have to dig the pumpkins, with fifteen or twenty to a hill!"

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THE LABORATORIAD.

The scientifics sat in solemn state,
With knotty problems each in lone debate.
In the physic lab the impressive scene is laid,
Where the scientifics work till evening shade.
The god of this department, Doctor Brace,
All this time was absent from his place.
To the other building he had bent his steps,
To oversee the seniors and the preps.
Now Walters, lifting up his voice on high
Proceeded thus the others to defy:—
"Know all ye students who round here do stand
I with the best and bravest will contend."
"Toss up your nickels and let them fall back.
He wins whose coin falls nearest to a crack;
But, be it known to every man alive,
'Tis not for hate but moeny that we strive."
He then threw up his coin with dext'rous fling.
It fell again to earth with deafening ring.
Alighting near a crack it rolled no more,
But lay with profound stillness on the floor,
Then Peterson stepped forth unto the fray,
Well armed with coins from many a hard fought day.
From F streets boundless shore he proudly came.
Near where they deal out water but in name.
His shining robes Charles Damrow deftly wrought.
At Schwab's emporium Walters' clothes were bought.
He pressing through the crowd the silence broke,
And to his wasting foe thus sternly spoke:—
"With you I enter in the battles toils.
The victor's be the glory and to him the spoils.
If now you would see fortunes favors tried,
Prepare yourself and let the fates decide."
He hurled his nickel up 'mid silence hushed;
It turned again and toward the earth it rushed.
It struck on edge and rolled along the floor,
Beating Walters' by an inch or more.
Unto the roof they once again are thrown;
And gravitation once more brought them down.
Upon the floor with ringing blows they struck;
And on this time bold Walters had the luck.
Prof. Nicholson from high Olympus came,
Of all most honored and most known to fame.
Surveyed the battle scene with flashing eye;
And to the trembling crowd he thus let fly:—
"What means this crowd which is assembled here?
What means this seance which assaults my ear?
In sports like these no students should engage.
To see it done excites my utmost rage."
"Not thus the chanc'ler did arouse my ire,
When once he threatened Dr. Brace to fire."
He spoke and to Olympus made ascent.
The crowd in silence to their places went.

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