

EXCHANGE BRIC-A-BRAC.

Academia Acta, Hiawatha, Kansas; new paper; good locals; some chestnuts; success to you.

Congratulations for that new cover, *Portfolio*. Suppose it is to celebrate your recent oratorical victory.

Ann Arbor has a regularly detailed U. S. navy officer for the classes in marine engineering and shipbuilding.

The Denison *Collegian* is a very neat paper and its interior is on a par with the exterior in many particulars.

The *Pulse*, Grinnell, Iowa; new venture; suggestive name; neat cover; honest work; too much praise of itself reprinted. Congratulations and good wishes.

University Voice, Wooster, Ohio; a newspaper in form and in matter. Might be well to fill up that page occupied by Talmage's sermon with some original matter.

The high school *Register* of Omaha visits us pretty regularly, and though small is neatly printed, and considerable care is shown in editing. Some improvement might be made in "Notes."

On account of the consolidation of Grant Memorial university, the latter name will hereafter disappear from the list of American colleges, and the former will be the name of the new institution formed.

The *Academic*, St. Albans, Vermont; not pretty; too clumsy; departments fairly well sustained; too much self gratulation; considerable backbone in the exchange department. Why not publish oftener?

The *Adelphian*, Brooklyn; size and appearance very good; editorials, tolerable; locals rather scanty; "Literary Chit-chat" well selected; some rather wild flights of imagination in the stories; exchange exceedingly chatty and informal.

St. Albans high school has a congress somewhat similar to the Amherst senate. Matters of school government are referred by the faculty to these delegates from the classes who submit them to the class organizations and report back to the faculty.

Geology. Professor to young lady: "Can you tell me why the term 'man' is used here right along?" She: "Well, I suppose it is used generically, but 'woman' naturally clings to and is embraced by 'man.' Subdued hilarity by the other members of the class.—*Lawrentian*.

We notice that the "College News" department of the *News*, Syracuse, which we, in our last issue said was perhaps deserving of the *Collegian's* compliment, has published the same item about Garfield university, three separate times. Wake up and be a little more careful hereafter or you will forfeit your good name.

The Hillsdale *Herald* clips a number of our locals and calls them "childish drivel." Now we realize that those locals are not up to the high standard of our esteemed contemporary. They were not fraught with matter deep and dire. They were not of the solemn sedate style which pervades the select and single column of locals which makes the *Herald* so conspicuous among our exchanges. But a few of those locals referred to really good jokes which the students appreciated. We regret exceedingly that we have no editor who can pour forth a flood of rippling merriment and pure unadulterated humor on demand. In the effort to make the locals interesting our editors are forced sometimes to write copy, the humor of which is so shallow that it evaporates before it reaches the *Herald's* palatial sanctum. Please bear with us. Excuse our many faults. We wish we might do

better for your sake, most respected *Herald*. However, don't waste any of your valuable space again by clipping for the amusement of your readers locals which it is impossible that they should appreciate, not knowing the circumstances.

The *University*, from the University of the City of New York is by far the slimmest paper we have seen which comes from a reputable institution. It announces that it has just been resuscitated after "two years of innocuous desuetude," and we advise it to retire from the world for about two years more and then try it again.

"Miss Maud," he said, "I came in this evening to ask you a question, and I have brought a ring with me. Now, before you try it on, I want to tell you that if you feel inclined to be a sister to me I shall have to take it back, as father objects to my sisters wearing rings with such large diamonds." And Maud said she would keep the ring.—*Reveille*.

Say *Simpsy*, don't let your angry passions rise when someone tells you disagreeable truths. It is generally a sign that the shoe fits. It is also well not to resort to exaggeration. It gives one the impression that the truth wouldn't be strong enough to suit your vituperative tendencies. We see a great deal to commend in our exchanges—much that we are glad to profit by in our own weak endeavors to run a college paper. But we also see many things that cannot be commended—for instance, the exchange editor on the *Simpsonian*. Believing it to be more important that error should be corrected than that excellence should be complimented, adverse criticism will probably continue to predominate in our column. Your recent boyish tirade against us sounds much like the write ups one of our late predecessors used to receive. Can it be that you are confusing different ex men? At any rate we are glad to note that our late "snap and snarl" seems to have had a good effect on the amount of slang used in your column. If you continue to improve you may become quite a success. "Live and learn," should be your motto.

We are sorry to note in two or three of our exchanges recently, that certain college journals have been guilty of stealing matter from our contemporaries, changing it slightly and reprinting it as their own. This little fact destroys somewhat of our faith in the sagacity as well as the honesty of college students. Now the next time you steal anything don't take it from a college paper. Remember that college papers are pored over by a couple of hundred exchange editors and comparisons made. The safest plan is to take some forgotten book. Besides the element of safety you will be a benefactor to the human race in thus bringing to light some buried wisdom which otherwise might have passed from the minds of men. Of course encyclopedias are of service in descriptive essays. We are glad to see many of our exchanges make use of this reliable information. Care must be taken in historical essays to change the wording somewhat as the standard histories are read so carefully. By mixing judiciously two different historical accounts a very readable essay may often be produced. If you want to liven up your paper a good plan is to take some little known novel and paraphrase a chapter or two. Some charming little "original" stories can thus be secured. We hope these few remarks will be appreciated by those unfortunate papers whose editors were not up in the art of cribbing, and that college journalism may be benefitted by the following out of these hints. However, remember that it is considered allowable to put in some original matter if your brains are of good enough quality to produce it.