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## The Junior and His Sweathart

I sat, one night, beside a blue-eyed girl—  
The fire was out, and so too, was her moth-  
er;

A feeble flame around the lamp did curl,  
Making faint shadows, blending in each  
other,

'Twas nearly twelve o'clock, too, in Novem-  
ber;  
She had a shawl on, also, I remember.

Well, I had been to see her every night  
For thirteen days, and had a sueaking no-  
tion

To pop the question, thinking all was right,  
And once or twice had made an awkward  
motion

To take her hand, and stammered, cough-  
ed, and stuttered,

But, somehow, nothing to the point had  
uttered

I didn't know how to begin, or where—  
I could not speak—the words were always  
choking;

I hardly breathed—'twas awfully provok-  
ing!

The perspiration from each pore came ooz-  
ing.

My heart, and brain, and limbs their pow-  
er seemed losing.

At length I saw a brindle tabby cat  
Walk purring up, inviting me to pat her;  
An idea came, electric like, at that;

My doubts, like summer clouds, began to  
scatter;

I seized on tabby, although a scratch she  
gave me!

And said, "Come, Puss, ask Mary if she'll  
have me."

'Twas done at once—the murder now was  
out,

The thing was all explained in half a min-

ute;  
She blushed, and turning pussy cat about,  
Said: "Pussy, tell him yes—her foot was in  
it!

The cat thus saved me my category,  
And here's the catastrophe of my story.  
—[Selected.]

## M. J. C.

July 2nd. 1862, a bill, introduced by Hon. Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, was passed by Congress denoting Public Lands to the several States and Territories that would agree to use the funds received by their sale for the purpose of establishing colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

Massachusetts, upon accepting this grant organized the Corporation, Nov. 18th., 1863, and then the question "Where to locate the college" was agitated. The towns of Lexing, Amherst, Northampton and Springfield each offered to contribute \$75,000 with which to erect suitable buildings. It was decided to locate it at Amherst and the work of building was begun at once and by the close of 1867 the Laboratory, South College, and South Boarding House were completed.

The next year the Botanic Museum, Plant House, North College, and North Boarding House were built.

The first class of 27 graduated July 9, 1871.

In 1883 the Plant House was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt, In June the Drill Hall was finished. During 1886 the Laboratory and Boarding House were repaired. South College previously destroyed by fire, was rebuilt, and the Stone Chapel was erected.

The College is now enjoying a high state of prosperity and is in a fair condition to do good work in educating those who will have in thier keeping the agriculture of the future of the old Bay State.

*Y. C. W.*

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We regret to record in this issue that the resignation of Pres. Goodell has been accepted by the trustees, but are glad to know that it will not take effect until the first of July, so that the college may have the benefit of his valuable services a few months longer. The resignation was accepted only because of the strenuous demand of the President to be relieved of the office whose duties proved too great a tax upon his health and strength. His administration has been marked with success in many directions.

Cannot the committee on course of study and faculty, to whom was assigned the task of securing a new president, devise some method whereby President Goodell may be relieved of routine work by the employment of a tutor or private Secretary, so that he may be his own successor, and the college still secure the benefit of his rare executive ability and his clear perception of the needs of the institution which his long experience has given him?

If the thousand and one details of the President's office could be attended to by a secretary, the time and strength of the President might be saved for the important work of superintendence which is necessary to give permanency and efficiency to the best and highest development of the institution.

Very comfortable quarters--twenty-five cent pieces.

What to do for the itch--Scratch.

Local News.

--Did you see the eclipse?

--Stowe has got a piano--Pray, don't make us crazy.

--Mr. S. M. Sayford addressed the students Jan. 26, in the old chapel.

--Bracket lamps have been placed in the North College Reading Room.

--One of Lieut. Sage's apple-trees is growing toboggan chutes this season.

--Brooks, Moore, and Belden visited the Northampton Jail Jan 14.

--N. S. Burnette has been repairing the Boarding House during the vacation.

--E. E. Russell has bought a large cylinder press for his printing office down town.

SPECIAL! The detail of Lieut. Sage as instructor in Military Science has been extended one year.

--With many regrets the trustees, at their recent meeting, accepted the resignation of Pres. Goodell to take effect July 1.

--The Aggies won a hotly contested game of polo, played with the Amhersts, in the Opera House, Jan. 21, the score being 8 to 7.

--At the next meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, to be held at Springfield, Pres. Goodell will read a paper on Agricultural Education.

--Prof. Aylord has spent the month at Washington, looking after the interest of the College in the Hatch Bill. He is expected home by the first of February.

--The following Board of Editors for 90's Index has been chosen; W. E. Taft Editor in Chief, E. Gregory, Business Manager, J. M. Herrero, Artist, S. N. Braman, David Barry, N. H. Whitcomb, C. H. Jones.

--At the annual meeting of the Trustees the following committees were chosen; on finance, Daniel Needham, J. S. Grinnell, J. H. Demond, Henry Colt, G. A. Marden, on agriculture and horticulture, W. R. Sessions, A. A. Brigham, James Draper, E. W. Wood, P. Steedman; on course of study and faculty, T. P. Root, W. H. Bowker, F. H. Appleton, J. A. Harwood, E. W. Wood, of Newton, and G. A. Marden, of Lowell, were appointed to fill the usual vacancies, and H. S. Hyde of Springfield, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Henry Colt.

## The Spelling Glass.

Stand up ye spellers now and spell—  
 Since spelling matches are the rage,  
 Spell Phenakistoscope and Knell,  
 Diphtheria, Syzygy and Gauge,  
 Or take some simple word as Chilly,  
 Or Willie or the garden Lily.  
 To spell such words as Syllogism,  
 And Lachrymose, and Synchroism,  
 And Pentateuch and Saccharine,  
 Apocrypha and Celendine,  
 Lactiferous and Cecity,  
 Fajune and Homeopathy,  
 Paralysis and Chloroform,  
 Rhinoceros and Pachyderm,  
 Metempsychosis, Gherkins Basque  
 It is certainly no easy task,  
 Kaleidoscope and Tennessee,  
 Kantschatka and Dispensary,  
 Would make some spellers' collicy,  
 Diphthong and Erysipelas,  
 And Etiquette and Sassafras,  
 Infallible and Plyalism,  
 Allopathy and Rheumatism,  
 And Cataclysm and Beleaguer,  
 Twelfth, Eighteenth, Rendezvous, Intriguer,  
 And hosts of other words are found  
 On English or on Classic ground.  
 Thus Behring Straits and Michaelmas,  
 Thermopylae, Cordilleras,  
 Suite, Jalap, Hemorrhage and Havana,  
 Cinquefoil and Ipecacuanha,  
 And Rappahannock, Shenandoah,  
 And Schuylkill and a thousand more  
 Are words some prime good spellers miss,  
 In Dictionary lands like this.  
 Nor need one think himself a Scroyle,  
 If some of these his efforts foil,  
 Nor deem himself undone forever  
 To miss the name of either river,  
 The Dnieper, Seine, or Guadalquiver.  
 —Printer's Model Guide.

Hard was he up and in the hardness of  
 his aspect, so few hair  
 Barbers used to cut hair and bleed per-  
 sons—now they think them to death.  
 Pantaloon's are worn longer in July than  
 in June—One day longer.

## EXCUSES.

Teachers who require written excuses for tardiness from parents of pupils sometimes receive very amusing notes. Here are several specimens from a number received by a teacher while he was teaching a year or two ago in a Western village.

"Dear Sir: Please excuse James for lateness. I kneaded him after breakfast."

A second note reads: "Please forgive Billy for being tardy. I was mending his pants."

The third excuse goes more into details, but is none the less interesting.

"Mister Sir: My Jason had to be late today. It is his bizness to milk our cow. She is a tricky cow. She kicked Jase in the back today when he wasn't thinking of her actin' so. He got his back was broke but it aint but it is black and blue and if you don't bleeve it you can see it. The pane kept him late. We would git red of that cow if we could. This is the fourth time she has kicked Jase but never kicked him late before. So excuse him for me."

A girl absent for a whole day brought the following excuse therefor:

"Mr. Teacher, Mi dotter's absents yesterday was unavoidable her shoes had to be half scuffed and she had a sore throate. Her constitution is delikt inny how and if she is absent any more you can know that it is on account of unavoidable sickness or something else."

One boy who had been absent half a day laid the following explanation on the Teachers desk:

"Dear Sir: Please excuse Henry. He went to Granbpap Dickson's funeral with me this forenoon. I have been promising him for several weeks that he might if he was good and he has been real good so I kept my word."  
 —Youth's Companion.

An early caller—The alarm clock.  
 A foot-rule— "Never wear shoes too small for you."  
 "What can I use to clean carpets?" Use your husband.  
 Why does a locomotive never sit down?  
 —Because it has a tender behind.  
 What most resembles half a cheese? The other half.  
 What tree bears the most fruit to market?  
 The axle-tree.  
 What roof covers the most noisy tenants?  
 The roof of the mouth.

## The Grange.

### THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the National Grange convened at Lansing, the capital city of Michigan, last November, and was a largely attended, interesting and profitable meeting.

The sessions were held in the Capitol building, which was placed at their disposal by the state authorities, and the arrangements for the comfort and the enjoyment of the delegates by the Master of the Michigan State Grange, who also fills the position of chief executive of the state, and which were so generously supported by the hundreds of loyal Michigan patrons who were in attendance, and the public reception to the National Grange, which filled to overflowing the large hall of the House of Representatives, and the gala day appearance of the buildings, so generally decorated for the occasion, shows how highly the Order stands in the estimation of the people of that large domain. [Master Draper's Address.

### THE STATE GRANGE.

The fifteenth annual session of the Massachusetts State Grange was held at Springfield, Dec. 20-21, 1887.

The address by Master James Draper was received with great interest, especially that part which urged patrons to use their influence with the legislature for an appropriation of three or four thousand dollars for a labor fund to be used by the M. A. C. in the employment of such students as apply for work to assist them in paying their expenses. This recommendation was endorsed by the committee on the College and adopted by vote.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$897, and the Secretary reported 67 granges with 4773 members, a net gain during the year of 8 granges and 685 members.

E. T. Sabin of Amherst reported that granges were about to be formed in Sunderland, Prescott, and Greenwich.

The following officers were elected and duly installed:

Master, A. A. Brigham, Marlboro.  
Overseer, H. A. Barten, Jr., Dalton.

Steward, D. A. Horton, Northampton.  
Ass't. Steward, H. W. Carter, Millbury.  
Chaplain, Rev. C. S. Walker, Amherst.  
Treasurer, F. A. Harrington, Worcester.  
Secretary, E. D. Howe, Marlboro.  
Gatekeeper, L. M. Rice, Grafton.

Committee on Experiment Station:

H. L. Phelps, Southampton.  
W. F. Kingman, Ipswich,  
W. H. Caldwell, Amherst.

The reports of the committee on the M. A. C., E. D. Howe Chairman, and the Committee on the Experiment Station, A. A. Brigham Chairman, were received discussed, and adopted by the convention, showing that the Grange is deeply interested in the welfare of both these institutions.

It was voted that the executive committee arrange for a State Grange held day to be held at the M. A. C. during Commencement week.

Among those in attendance from Amherst were Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sabin, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morell, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pomeroy, William Williams, Rev. C. S. Walker, W. H. Caldwell and H. A. Parsons.

### AMHERST GRANGE, No. 16.

The following officers were duly installed at an open meeting, Friday, Jan. 13.

Master, H. W. Cook.  
Overseer, H. A. Parsons.  
Lecturer, W. H. Caldwell.  
Chaplain, C. S. Walker.  
Steward, T. W. Smith.  
Ass't Steward, J. T. Hutchins.  
Lady Ass't Steward, Miss L. Boise.  
Treasurer, F. I. Cowles.  
Secretary, J. E. Williams.  
Gatekeeper, E. E. Pomeroy.  
Flora, Mrs. E. E. Pomeroy.  
Pamona, Mrs. J. F. Morell.  
Clara, Mrs. C. E. Wilson.

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