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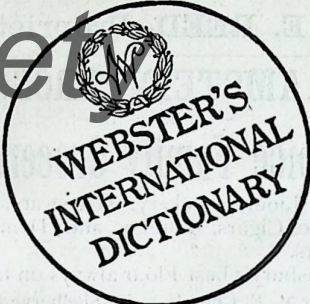
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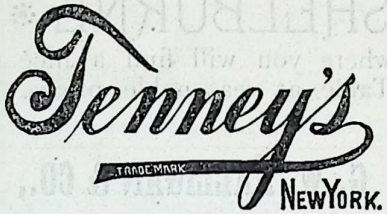
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EDITORIALS.

IT is with reluctance that we speak of the neglect of duty upon the janitors part in not keeping the sidewalks of the Academy passable.

During our fall term the neatness of our lawns were a source of great pride to us, and the subject of much praise by the people, but the negligence of some one (?) now meets nothing but disapproval upon every hand.

We hope that some much needed improvements will take place in this direction.

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OUR "permanent regulations" though not especially gratifying to the individual scholars secures for the principal that result most sought, namely better order.

The principal is to be congratulated upon securing a plan which works with such gratifying results. We hope, however, that some change in the conduct not only of the boys but especially of the girls, will enable the "well-behaved" scholars of Arms Academy to enjoy those privileges which belong to the members of a preparatory school.

We are working for a change in the permanent regulations.

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DR. Stebbins, as secretary of the board of trustees, made an announcement to a member of the school not long ago regarding our present system of heating.

We are glad to learn, that at last, the trustees have arrived at the conclusion, which by the way we scholars arrived at long ago, that the apparatus now used for heating is entirely inadequate and that some plan as a means of improvement should be adopted.

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THOSE who knew Mr. Emerson best," said Miss Alcott once, "were assured that what seemed the decline of his faculties in his later years was largely but a seeming; it was only words he could not command at will. His very

forgetfulness of the names of things would often give occasion for a flash of his quaint wit. I remember once he started for his usual walk, when a light shower came up and he returned for his umbrella. He could not remember the word umbrella, and we, who had not noticed the shower, had no clew to what he was searching for. Another walking stick was brought him, another hat, a fresh kerchief, only to be refused with that perplexed, gentle shake of the head. 'I want,' said he at last, 'I want—that thing—that your friends always—borrow—and never—bring back!' Could any one fail to recognize that description?"—*Boston Transcript.*

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THROUGH the efforts of Principal Levy elocution is now being furnished each member of the school at the unusually low price of \$1.50, which covers the fee usually charged for the drill of prize speaking.

In former years many have refused joining classes because of the extra expense which it incurred.

Again we wish to congratulate our Principal.

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THOSE interested in the welfare of the Academy the revival of the Athenian Debating society seems to be a source of unbounded pleasure.

The election of officers was the business which came before the business meeting of Jan. 23.

Mr. Harry Howes was elected treasurer being considered the person most capable of holding the large sum of 23 cents now in the treasury.

It is proposed to challenge the Greenfield High School Debating society for a joint debate to be held in the near future. But the individual members of the society have as yet had little or no experience in debating, which is quite important before we undertake to floor our Greenfield adversaries.

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THE day of prayer for colleges and schools was observed by us on Jan. 26 in a very pleasant manner.

Mr. S. T. Field, as president of the board of trustees, gave a very pleasant

half hour speech. Among other things Mr. Field said: "It is not what you attain in life but what shall be your character."

Rev. Mr. Hodges, of Buckland, affirmed that, the end and object of education is to lead your thoughts up to God.

Rev. Mr. Noon spoke in loud praise of Yale.

Rev. Mr. Ashley drew a strong contrast between the life and death of Bishop Brooks and Jay Gould. He also spoke of the excellent character and supremely beautiful life of ex-President Hayes.

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AN OUTLINE OF DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL.

MARLEY was dead." Yes, Jacob Marley "was dead as a doornail," and Scrooge, his partner, was left in sole possession of the thriving business in which these two had been engaged for so many years.

But let us take a closer look at this Scrooge, who plays such an important part in our story, before we proceed farther. In Dickens' words he was "hard and sharp as flint from which no steel had ever struck out generous fire;" in fact a more "squeezing, wrenching, grasping, scraping, clutching, covetous, old sinner," it would be hard to find. "He iced his office in the dog-days, and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas, at least so thought his clerk, Bob Cratchit, as he tried in vain to warm himself at the very small fire one cold winter's day about Christmas time. Now Christmas was one of the days that Scrooge most disliked. No sound of "Merry Christmas" ever issued from his thin blue lips—not a penny had he ever given to relieve the poor and suffering—so no wonder he took no pleasure in this gay and festive season, when all the world is joyous.

But let us leave all this and listen to the tale of Scrooge's three uncanny visitors.

As Scrooge reached his lonely home on a certain stormy Christmas eve, and had established himself comfortably in his large arm-chair, the forerunner,

as we may say, of the spirits, walked unbidden into his presence and Scrooge recognized the ghost of his dead friend and partner, Marley.

"You will be haunted," said the spirit, "by three ghosts; expect the first tomorrow as the bell tolls 1," and with this he disappeared.

All happened as the spirit had predicted. Scrooge was visited successively by three phantoms—namely, the ghost of Christmas past, of the present Christmas, and of the Christmas yet to be.

Many and varied were the scenes through which poor Scrooge was made to pass. Happiness and sorrow, misery and abundance, he saw them all in an amazingly short time.

Scrooge saw himself a poor, lonely school-boy, left to pass the Christmas holidays in solitude—and also when he was a clerk, and unlike his own poor clerk, had a kind and generous master.

He visits the home of Bob Cratchit where a very large family seat themselves at the Christmas board, which is far too scantily supplied. And last of all he sees himself placed in his grave, without a friend to mourn or shed a tear for him.

And what does all this signify you ask? Why this! That from that time Ebenezer Scrooge was a different man. His clerk's wages were raised, his office warmed, and such a Christmas goose sent to the Cratchit family as they had never seen before. No man now asked Scrooge for a contribution to some charitable scheme without being astonished at his munificence. And as for Scrooge himself, you would not have known him, his appearance was so changed. Christmas joy shone forth in all his features and he looked so irresistibly pleasant that many were the "Merry Christmases!" that greeted him as he set forth for church.

And you may be sure that should death now overtake him, many there would be who would mourn for the loss of so kind and generous a friend.

CHARLENA D. HOYT.

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 OLD TWELFTH DAY CUSTOMS.

(A MEMORY EXERCISE.)

IN England for many centuries the observance of Twelfth day has been second only in importance to Christmas.

It was instituted to commemorate the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

It is supposed to have been the twelfth day after the birth of Christ, when the Magi, Melchior, Jasper and Balthazar came to worship him, offering gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The gold in testimony of his royalty, the frankincense in token of his divinity, the myrrh symbolic of the sorrows that would befall him.

It was the Christian custom in remote times to elect a king of beans, in this manner; having baked a large cake with a bean inserted in the center, the cake was cut and divided by lot, and whoever secured the piece containing the bean was accepted as "King of the beans."

There was also a queen, who with the king, supported her character until midnight.

In the sixteenth century, the king was raised to the ceiling, and he with a piece of chalk made crosses on the rafters, to secure the household from evil spirits.

The festival of Epiphany was observed in private mansions, palaces, universities and smaller places.

"In time Twelfth night grew to be a court festival, in which gaming was a costly feature."

The nobility amused themselves by blowing up paste-board castles, and allowing claret to gush forth, in imitation of the life-blood, from a stag made of paste. They bombarded the castle from paste-board ships until it fell in the midst of the company.

Within the last half century the celebration of this festival has declined somewhat in England, though it is yet observed with much spirit, marking, as it does, the close of the Christmas holidays.

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 LILLIAN CRITTENDEN.

 A SONG OF FRIENDSHIP.

One day my bookish zeal led me to look
 Through the rough pages of a dog's-eared book
 That lay, with many others, on a stand
 Where musty volumes posed as second-hand.
 A friend, a fellow of the nicest taste,
 Was with me and entreated me to haste;
 Yet, ere he snatched me from the tome, I caught
 From its stained leaves the kernel of a thought.
 That thought I took away, and when night came
 I mused: "How small is friendship, and how tame!
 I've known my friend for years, and yet I wis
 He never gave me such a thought as this."
 Next day, once more I passed the book-stall by,
 Again the musty volume caught my eye.
 My friend was not in sight. With furtive joy
 I took it up as a child clutches a toy;
 And then I saw, half stricken out with age
 His name engraved upon the title page.

— TOM MASON.

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LIFE AND DEATH.

What's for the babe?

Why, mother's eyes,
Twin patches of those summer skies
That beamed on him in Paradise.

What's for the child?

With fays to skip,
To taste the honeysuckle's lip—
The butterfly's companionship.

What's for the boy?

The haunted wold,
The squirrel's nest in leafy hold,
The rainbow's fabled pot of gold.

What's for the youth?

To dream of fame,
In shifting sand to write his name,
With sighs to fan a passion's flame.

What's for the man?

Courage to bear
The load of wisdom and of care,
And some true heart its weight to share.

ACADEMICS.

THE Seniors gave a very entertaining masquerade sociable in the hall Tuesday evening, Jan. 17. Although there were not as many maskers as usual the costumes of those who did mask were very fine. The first prizes were awarded to Miss Griswold and Mr. March. And the booby prizes, a box of toy clothespins and a tin horn, were given to Miss Davenport and Mr. Jones. After unmasking refreshments were served, followed by music and marches and the laughable farce, "A Regular Fix," which proved a regular fix on the part of Hugh Debrass, who found himself in a strange house and among strange people and had quite a difficult time in explaining himself.

The entertainment given by the Boston Stars, Jan. 19, was much enjoyed by all who were present. The program consisted of songs, violin and piano solos, readings, etc. Mr. Prescott showed some very fine imitations with his marvelous voice.

Sleighrides are all the important topic. Hopes rise and fall, and excitement rages; but at present writing it is difficult to say what the issue will be.

We understand that Harry Howes, '93, is not to take part in the prize speaking on account of illness.

We recently received a call from Miss Louise V. Dodge, '92, now at Smith college.

Canedy, '92, and Halligan, '91, visited us not long since. Kimball too, keeps a watchful eye upon us; we suppose to see if we are good prohibitionists.

We received a flying call from Dr. Stebbins the other day.

Academy hall again resounds with the stentorian voices of the "speaker." Snatches from selections furnish charming variations to geometry and trigonometry.

Our regular morning greeting has lately been, "O, did you fall down?"

Examinations again to the fore, and these, combined with the new rules

make life almost oppressive, although we bid fair to pull through.

Knowing that Mr. D. has to catch it awfully in another column, we want to express our pity for him in this.

The apron brigade is out in full force. We hope it needs no recruits.

PERSONALS.

E. J. Cary is in Montreal at McGill university, and his wife is spending the winter with her parents.

Harry Howes has been obliged to be absent from school the past two weeks on account of sickness.

K. S. Field is taking a post-graduate course at the Academy in the form of a course in penmanship.

Clinton Fish and E. J. Allison are at their homes in Sunderland, Mass.

Allen F. Smith has a position in a store at Griswoldville.

Milo Purrington has an excellent position in the postoffice at Springfield, Mass.

Luna Johnson, '92, has closed her school in East Colrain after a very successful term.

Flora Sturtevant was married a short time ago to Winfred Bradford.

Lena Doneldson, who has been a favorite teacher in Colrain for some time, is spending the winter at home.

Albert Davenport is working at the carpenter's trade in Everett, Mass.

Albert Stacy is manager of Myron Newton's grain business at Franklin, Mass.

Charles Potter is carpentering in North Adams, Mass.

George Cary is managing his father's dairy business, while he is at Boston on the jury of the United States Circuit court.

Rev. Wm. Davenport, who has been in Everett, Mass., for the past two

years, has gone to Minneapolis, Minn., on account of his health.

Harry Higgins is still in Holyoke running a laundry team for a company in that city.

Charles Canedy was in town for a day recently.

John Nicholson is in the fruit tree business and declares his intentions to commit matrimony during the Columbian year.

E. P. Dickenson attended the wedding of his uncle in Florence, Mass., on Feb. 8.

Mary Dickinson is taking care of her grandmother in Heath.

Mabel Burrington has been teaching school in Heath.

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CLIPPINGS.

WHEN a certain bachelor was married, the members of the Bachelor club broke him all up by sending him as a wedding present a copy of "Paradise Lost."

"The parting gives me pain," as the man said when he had a troublesome tooth extracted.

"Who wrote the Book of James in the new testament?" asked a Sunday School teacher in a Missouri village, and a little boy at the foot of the class, who keeps up with the news of the day, shouted, "the James boys."

Why is a ferry-boat like a good mule? Because it works both ways.

"Man," says Victor Hugor, "was the conundrum of the eighteenth century; woman is the conundrum of the nineteenth century." An editor adds: "We can't guess her, but will never give her up—no, never."

Which is the best illustrated paper? A bank note.

How should drum music be sold? By the pound.

What most resembles a cat looking out of a garret window, amid a

sheltering bower of jasmine and woodbine? A cat looking into a garret window under the same circumstances.

"What is this man charged with?" asked the judge.

"With whiskey, yer honor," replied the retention officer.

Scholar—"I am going to write my essay on the subject, "Ben Butler."

Smart Retort—"Why don't you take a more live subject?"

What is it about the Professor?

Why, 'tis losing the key to his room.

Darling was somewhat surprised when he found out what it was that laid down with the lion.

It is said that Mr. D. has such a mania for calanders that he even insists upon hanging those of last year in his room.

Scholar in history gives a graphic description of the invasion of the Goths. "Aleric passed over the Alps and poured down into Italy." Try again.

Somebody says that the Grecian bands seem to be brass bands.

Teacher—What is the masculine of dutchess?

Pupil—Dutchman.



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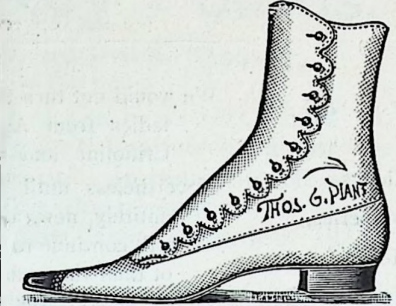
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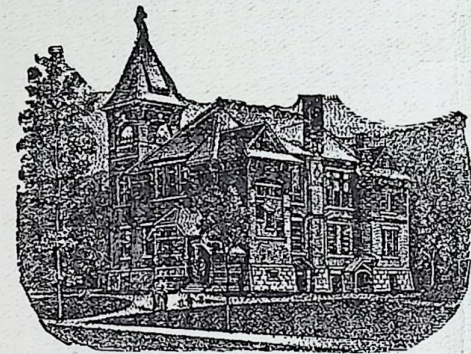
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