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## ECZEMA OF THE FACE IN INFANTS.

O. S. HOFFMAN, M. D.

This very troublesome complaint first makes its appearance at about the third month of infancy. It usually begins, in the vesicular form, with redness, weeping surface, induration of the skin, most severe itching and in most cases with swelling of the cervical glands. The severe itching, made worse by scratching, is the one thing that the parent demands relief for from the physician and both the skill and patience of the physician are put to the severest tests to accomplish this result. The little sufferer sleeps but little, day or night, and only finds relief after exhaustion from scratching, and in a great many cases is emaciated as a consequence.

Eczema is found most frequently in artificially fed children and most frequently is those cases in which the proportion of fat to other ingredients of the food is below normal. Other causes are gastro-intestinal disturbances, undue exposure to wind and dust, washing the child too often, the use of coarse towels and the wearing of veils poisoned with dyes.

The first indication in the treatment of eczema is to eliminate the cause, and in a great majority of cases the correction of the child's diet will accomplish marvels in this direction in a very short time. It has been my custom in treating bottle-fed babies to add more cream to the diet or to give small doses of cod liver oil three times a day and I will say that in a great many cases it will relieve a long existing constipation which is in itself capable of producing eczema. As regards washing the face of infants suffering with eczema, this should be done but very seldom and

then only when either bran, oatmeal or starch has been added to the water to render it bland and less irritating to the inflamed surface. The first indication in the local treatment is the softening and removal of the crusts and scales. The second is the relief of the chronic hyperaemia and itching. The remedies employed for the removal of the crusts and scales are olive oil, cod liver oil or in some cases carbolized oils. These oils must be rubbed in several times daily so that the crusts will soften and crumble. These masses are then washed off with soap and water. For cases in which there is a weeping surface use very mild astringents and avoid preparations of tar as they only tend to increase the inflammation in this stage. The white precipitate ointment, or Lassar's paste to which salicylic acid may be added, grains 10 to the ounce, or the diachylon ointment are all very useful in this stage. The ointment is to be spread on cotton or linen cloth and carefully bound on the face and kept in position by a mask made of cotton. In those cases in which there is scaliness without a weeping surface the preparation of tar are indicated. Either the ungt. picis or the oleum cadini or oleum rusci or oleum fagi. These remedies should be used at first on a small patch and results watched for. If no increased inflammation results they may be used on the whole surface. During the day dusting powder may be used.

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#### FACULTY DEPARTMENT.

W. F. MILROY, M. D., Editor.

It is plain to every one that it is impossible to assemble a group of men such that the mental structure of all shall be identical. As a consequence of this dissimilarity a body of individuals associated for any purpose whatever must recognize allegiance to certain principles which constitute the bond of union. Of necessity such allegiance to a common understanding means a greater or less degree of self-sacrifice on the part of many, if not of all, but such sacrifice is cheerfully made because of the existing faith

in the ultimate good that shall accrue to each. When to this spirit of conciliation is added an individualized endeavor on the part of all members of the organization to promote the enterprise for which it exists, a combination of circumstances is presented which insures the highest degree of success attainable.

We have already, in these columns, made reference to our recognition of the fact that the most complete success can only attend our enterprise when we have the hearty co-operation of the students in securing it. The idea is again brought to the fore because it will bear repetition, but more especially because we desire to express the gratification we feel on account of the repeated and convincing evidence we observe that the interest and co-operation so much desired is really ours. What other interpretation, for example, could be given to an incident such as that of the other day, relating to the distribution of seats. A question of priority of right to certain seats having arisen, a conference of the classes was agreed upon and the faculty were quietly and respectfully made to understand that it was the wish of the students concerned that no official notice should be taken of the matter, as an amicable agreement could be reached, and the business of the college progressed without interruption or serious friction and "the incident was closed," the faculty being spared the embarrassment of appearing in the matter. The importance of this apparently trifling occurrence is only appreciable in the light of the experience of former years. The development of college spirit as evinced in the organization of athletic, musical and literary associations, tells the same story. For the good-will of which these and other events are evidences, the faculty extend their hearty thanks; and if there is anything under the sun that will cause them to bring into their work the very best of which they are capable, it is the unmistakable evidences that their efforts are appreciated.



The "push" of the foot ball eleven, if conducted to win,



means a total disregard, for the time being, of perspiration and dirt of all degrees. The O. M. C. foot ball, like everything else in O. M. C., is conducted to win. It therefore becomes apparent that convenient bathing facilities are a necessary adjunct to the comfortable prosecution of this as, to some degree, they are of all athletic sports. By way of recognition and encouragement of the athletic association the trustees have now in process of construction a shower bath which will be supplied with hot as well as cold water. Adjoining it will be a comfortable dressing room supplied with lockers. Incidentally the fact has come to mind that in ancient times, when we were numbered among the undergraduates, there were in most medical colleges students gifted far more abundantly with ambition, energy and brains than with money. Strange as it may appear, the quality of the lodgings in which such students were likely to be found was rated not in proportion to their personal graces, but according to the baser standard, their pocketbooks; and not infrequently their mid-night oil, was consumed in apartments wholly devoid of some of the comforts to which their true merit entitled them. If perchance there be among our number any such as these, it is the hope of the trustees that they will find in our new appointments an acceptable contribution to their happiness and well-being. The baths will be accessible to members of the college throughout the session. We are not aware of the existence of such accommodations in any other medical college but it is our determination to provide for our students, a little bit more of what is good than they can possibly secure anywhere else.



So many important matters have demanded the attention of THE PULSE that the new electric appliances with which the college has been provided have thus far received no mention, save a passing allusion. A static machine of the latest Morton-Wimhurst-Holtz pattern has been purchased and installed in the building. This is a ten-plate machine, the largest in the west. It

is supplied with all the attachments for neurotherapeutic work, and supplementary accessories for Xray work, in all its branches. The power is supplied by an electric motor. A simple static apparatus has also been provided for use in the introductory study of the principles involved in the use of the large and complicated machine. It is the purpose of the college to give the Senior students the most thorough instruction in static as well as all other forms of electricity, including practical work in radiography.

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RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

WHEREAS, We have learned with profound sorrow and pain of the death of our colleague and co-laborer, Dr. Edward W. Chase, professor of obstetrics in the Omaha Medical College, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chase, by his nobility of character, his scientific attainments, his rare ability as a teacher, his devotion to suffering humanity, his generosity to the poor, his sublime loyalty to his friends and the medical profession endeared himself to all who knew him, and

WHEREAS, his death is to us an irreparable loss, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we tender to the widow and the father of our lamented colleague our sincere sympathy, and furthermore be it

RESOLVED, That two copies of these resolutions be engrossed one to be forwarded to the widow of our colleague and friend, and one to his father residing in Portland, Me., and further be it

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Omaha Medical College.

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## Editorial.

Dr. O. S. Hoffman, professor of obstetrics and dermatology, favors us this month with an article on eczema of the face in infants. The doctor chose a subject with which he is thoroughly familiar and gives some very practical points on the treatment of this condition in infancy. Right here we might say a word on Dr. Hoffman's new relation with the students, namely, in his new position of professor of obstetrics, having been elected to succeed the late Dr. E. W. Chase. In this department he is proving himself to be thoroughly well informed and an able teacher. We hope that this additional work is as agreeable to him as it is to us.

The athletic association has not yet elected a foot ball manager for next year. This should be done at once in order to insure a good series of games for next year and to keep the interests of the team before the students, faculty and alumni. This having been our first season of foot ball our manager was at a disadvantage, but there will be no excuse next year. Let us have a manager immediately. He needs time in which to work up the interests of the team and get something in the treasury in order that there be no delay in the fall.

Our friends at Bellevue have sent us some very creditable numbers of their college paper, PURPLE AND GOLD. It shows that they have an abundance of the right kind of spirit. Their class of '00 are agitating the question of issuing an annual. O. M. C. would like to see it carried out and be allotted some space in the same. It is a big undertaking but Bellevue has made it a go before and we think is equal to the occasion again.

The enthusiasm with which the new members of our faculty are devoting themselves to their work is the same as that of the older members, inspired, no doubt, by the students appreciation of their worth.

Dr. Donald Macrae, Sr., the pioneer in surgery in the west, has completed his required lectures on railroad surgery and it is a source of much pleasure that we note his announcement that he will continue lecturing after the holidays, in response to solicitations of the faculty and greatly to the satisfaction of his class.

Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Dan Taylor for his very efficient work in coaching our foot ball team. Mr. Taylor knew he had the material for a good team and also knew how to develop it. He will long be remembered by the students of the O. M. C. and his name will have a first place in the history of athletics at the O. M. C. Here's to Mr. Taylor.

In this number we publish a clinical report by E. L. Rohli on a very interesting case of pulmonary tuberculosis. In each issue of THE PULSE we will publish a report by a student on some case of particular interest. This involves some extra work but, no doubt, will be a profitable experience to the writer and of interest to the reader, at the same time helping the clinical editor in his work.

We are in receipt of many renewals of subscriptions from our alumni but still have some blank receipts that we should like to dispose of. Send in your dollar and get on our honor roll.

Dr. Donald Macrae, Jr., will resume his work at the college after the holidays. His department, like others, has shared in the improvements during his absence in the Philippines. The new storage room for cadavers will no doubt meet with his approval. We extend to him a *hearty welcome back*.

Our clinical editor met with misfortune recently. He would have said so himself were he not so modest, but as it is we have to say it for him. A good sized notebook full of notes on every clinical case brought before the Senior class is something to be highly prized—indeed it was by some and no doubt more so by our clinical editor himself. We do not believe that the Freshmen would have showed such disregard for personal property as they did had they not been beside themselves. After every Freshman had thrown the note book to every other Freshman the only evidence left of it the next morning was a piece of the cover. This was all that could be presented the next day when certain notes were called for by the clinical professor. Just because a book is left on a seat it should not be misused. This is the first instance of which we know in which a note book has fared so badly. We have seen them cut the air a few times, but more to the injury of someone's physiognomy than to the note book.

That is bad enough. This is not all directed to the Freshman, even if he was the immediate cause in this particular offense. Probably we can all profit some by his sins.

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During the last month over a hundred volumes have been added to the library. Most of them are from the library of the late Dr. J. C. Denise. Some of them are very valuable in a library which is designed to be complete. The library is now well supplied with books that make the history of medicine and of the transactions of medical societies complete. What is lacking is modern works of reference, such as the encyclopedic works on practice and surgery, and it is hoped that more of these will soon be placed on the shelves. A librarian has been appointed and all the books will soon be catalogued. Along with the other improvements we should not fail to appreciate the value of a good library and study room. Let us make the most of all the good things at our command.

Another step in the right direction was recently taken by the Board of Trustees when they announced a course of lectures, at intervals of two or three weeks by prominent men in the profession on subjects of their own selection. That this departure is meeting with the approval of the students was evinced by the large attendance on the two addresses already delivered.

Dr. F. D. Haldeman, of Ord, Neb., an alumnus of the O. M. C., reflected much credit upon himself and his alma mater by his able address upon heredity. He made no claims for a scientific solution of this problem, but his address was not devoid of scientific facts. By way of introduction the doctor stated that

the physician, by reason of his scientific attainment, should be a leader in education. After stating the influence of heredity on crime and reviewing the history of civilization the doctor emphasized the main thought of his theme. That neither good physical development, good mentality nor good morals are alone sufficient but that all three are desired in one man and this can only be obtained by the observance of physical, mental and moral laws. Too frequently we see the well endowed physical man deficient morally or mentally and the highly developed moral or mental man weak physically.

Dr. A. S. von Mansfelde of Ashland delivered the second address on the subject of Anaesthesia. Dr. von Mansfelde was a member of the O. M. C. faculty in the early days and has ever since manifested a deep interest in its welfare. He presented his subject in a very interesting manner, dwelling on the physiology, administration and dosage of anaesthesia and giving a practical demonstration of the apparatus of Gebhart of Bonn, Germany. This was constructed by Dr. von Mansfelde from drawings and proved a very interesting feature—probably the first demonstration before American students. This apparatus by means of air pressure gives accurate dosage and the anaesthetist knows at all times the exact dilution of the tidal air and can regulate it for the different stages of anaesthesia. The doctor has not used it in his practice as yet, but believes it to be a step in the right direction for safe anaesthesia. He uses an open wire mask with a small piece of flannel in the center, so as not to obscure a view of the patient's face.

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## Clinical Department.

HOMER DAVIS, '00, Editor.

Since the last issue of THE PULSE one hundred and fifty-seven medical and surgical cases have been used by the several departments of the O. M. C. for clinical instruction. Adding to this the sixty-nine cases reported in the October number it makes a total of two hundred and twenty-six cases since the beginning of the college year. This, as before, does not include the patients treated in the gynecological clinic, the college eye and ear clinic and many other cases that appear in the general medical and surgical clinic which for lack of time were not used for instruction before the classes. Many of the cases reported in the above number have appeared before the students several times, in fact most of them have, thus giving the student ample opportunity to watch closely the effects of treatment. It is safe to say that had these returned cases been counted the total count would have exceeded five hundred. It is not so much the number of examinations, prescriptions and operations as it is the thoroughness of the study of the cases. The student is given every possible chance of study in the clinics. In all cases the history of the patient is thoroughly brought out when possible and in cases where strict asepsis is not required the student is required to elicit all the physical signs in addition to the subjective symptom.

Last week was ye clinical editor's week in the Senior gynecological clinic conducted by Dr. Brown. Six new cases presented themselves during the week, representing lacerations, malposition and different forms of metritis. In making this clinic rather private, by admitting but one Senior at a time, more patients apply for treatment. The student who goes through Dr.



Brown's clinic for his allotted time during the Senior year without becoming fairly well informed on gynecological technique must be very dull indeed.

Juniors and Sophomores have been detailed in sections of three or four to attend the clinical cases that are not brought before the whole class for instruction. We have noticed them becoming familiar with the use of the head mirror, ear and nasal specula, and general technique of special surgery. They are given plenty of bandage rolling and some practice in applying bandages.

Even the much abused Freshman is not forgotten in these clinics. The class is divided into sections and each section is given time in the drug room where, under the guidance of a competent pharmacist each Freshman is taught the art of prescription compounding. "Poor Freshie! Many are thy shortcomings, but thou art a creation of necessity." We felt like giving certain "Freshies," who seemed to be all the word implies, a prescription of glycerine and nitric acid to compound. The particulars may be had for the asking.

Owing to the large number of cases to be reported in this number of THE PULSE it was thought impracticable to continue mentioning each case. The principle objection being the amount of space such a report requires.

This department is indebted to E. L. Rohlf, '00, for the report of tuberculosis in this issue of THE PULSE.

#### REPORT ON A CASE OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS.

E. L. ROLHF, '00.

Sept. 16, 1896, Mrs. ——— applied for treatment at the O. M. C. free dispensary and became a patient in Dr. Milroy's clinic and from his notes on the case we have secured our data. This patient faithfully carried out the doctor's instructions and reported frequently at the college. This case shows how much co-operation on the part of the patient with the physician is es-

sential and puts strychnine and supportive treatment to the front in the treatment of apparently hopeless cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

The following clinical history elicited: Age 28. Married. Three children, all living and well, youngest aged 6 years. No miscarriages. Has had no serious illness before. One brother and a sister well. One brother suffering from consumption. Patient has been sick for two months and rapidly getting worse. Has a cough, shortness of breath, hemoptysis, voice low and husky, profuse night sweats, followed by great weakness. Expectorate of a muco-purulent character, greyish-yellow color and foul odor. Pain in right infra-clavicular and mammary regions continuous from beginning of illness. Pain in same regions on the left side began a week ago. Has lost twenty pounds in weight, now 118. Pulse 130. Temperature 100.2.

Physical signs: Inspection, recession in supra and infra-clavicular regions; increased frequency of respiration. Percussion: dullness in left infra-clavicular regions. Auscultation: Inspiratory sound high pitched in left infra-clavicular region and cog-wheeled in right infra-clavicular and mammary regions.

On the above symptoms and physical signs a diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis was made. This was verified by microscopical examination of the sputum by Dr. Lavender, who gave the following report:

1. Tubercle bacilli (typical).
2. Staphylococci.
3. Compound granules, pus and mucous cells.
4. Ordinary epithelial debris.

The patient was given instructions on hygiene and dietetic measures to observe and put on strychnine treatment. The sulphate was given in doses of gr. 1-30, t. i. d.

Sept. 21, condition somewhat improved. Strych. Sulph. increased to gr. 1-20 t. i. d. Sept. 28, pulse 104. Temp. 99.5. Expectoration not so profuse. Voice better. Night sweats every

night. A pill containing ext. Belladonnae gr. 1-2 and Zinc. Oxid. gr. 2, was prescribed to be taken at bedtime. Oct. 12, no night sweats. Voice better, gained 8 pounds in weight. Oct. 28, hemoptysis. On auscultation bronchial breathing over both apices and cog-wheeled respiration in right mammary region. No rales. Strych. Sulph. increased to gr. 1-20 four times a day. Nov. 6. Reports no night sweats and no hemoptysis. Gain of three pounds in weight. Strychnine increased to gr. 1-16 four times a day. Nov. 20. Feels much better and has gained two pounds in weight. Instructed to increase dose by adding gr. 1-32 to morning dose, later to mid-day dose and after sometime to all making daily amount of strychnine gr. 8-16 and patient reported improvement regularly. She was cautioned about the toxic symptoms of strychnine.

During 1897 improvement continued but patient continued to take strychnine gr. 1-2 per day. In the spring of '97 was troubled some with a cough and increased the dose to 12-16 per day. In the fall physical examination was negative.

In February, '98, had an attack of hemoptysis. She considered herself in fairly good health during this year and did not report unless for a cold or some trouble not referable to the lungs, but continued medical treatment and observed hygienic instructions.

Thus far in 1899 patient has reported discomfort only once, last June when she had a cough and slight hemorrhage. She reported last month that she was still taking strychnine sulph. 8-16 to 12-16 per day and feeling well.

Though we cannot offer a positive cure in this case there has certainly been a great relief of symptoms, a fair degree of health enjoyed and life has been prolonged. It may be of interest to note that the patient's brother died in the spring of 1897 of pulmonary tuberculosis. He had not showed symptoms of the disease until after his sister did, but would not subject himself to treatment.

## ATHLETICS.

W. S. WILMOTH, '01, Editor.

In the last issue of THE PULSE we gave a short account of athletic affairs at the O. M. C. We stated that among other things a foot ball team had been organized and equipped. An account of the game with Bellevue college was also given in that number.

We now wish to give an account of the game with Creighton University—including the medical department. Everyone connected with either school was deeply interested in this game and of course felt some uneasiness, lest the game should be won by the opposing team. This uneasiness was intensified by the fact that there is considerable rivalry—of a friendly sort—between the two colleges. It was evident, however, by the small number of students present to witness their defeat, that the Creightons were losing faith in their strong team. They may have forgotten that there is no disgrace in an honorable defeat, especially by such a team as that of the O. M. C. The O. M. C.'s felt highly honored with the goodly number of students and members of the faculty present to see them play. It showed the true spirit of loyalty. The game was played at the Y. M. C. A. park on Saturday, Nov. 18. It was an ideal day for foot ball.

First half: The game was called shortly after three o'clock. O. M. C. won the toss and chose the west goal. This gave the first kick-off to Creighton and Lynch, their captain, sent the ball a flying to the O. M. C. 20-yard line. Moore caught the ball and advanced 15 yards. Karr, who was in his first game, lost 5 yards. Thulin took the ball for a gain of 7 yards. Towar followed with a like gain on the other side. O. M. C. lost 5 yards for offside play and Creighton got the ball. They failed to advance through the line and tried the ends, but they didn't know Jefferson and this experience lost them 5 yards and the ball. A fumble gave Creighton the ball. They tried the other end, Haller, who got up out of a sick bed to play foot ball, but they also found

him ready and O. M. C. got the ball on downs and by a series of line bucks each netting from 1 to 8 yards Karr, Thulin, Towar, Lee, Lemar, Allen and Smith soon had the ball on Creighton's 30-yard line. A fumble gave Creighton the ball and they made 8 yards, after which they were held for downs. Karr thought the game a little slow and took a 25-yard run. Lemar and Towar carried the ball close to the goal posts and Lee was pushed over for a touch down. Moore kicked goal, ending the first half.

Second half: Our big center, Tornholm, sent the ball to the Creighton 20 yard line. Lynch caught and was downed 5 yards further back. Furay punted 25 yards and Lee returned it in the same manner to Creighton's 10-yard line. They lost 5 yards more and punted for 25 yards. Towar went through the line for 5 yards, Karr 2, Lee 4, Towar then placed the ball on Creighton's 1-yard line and Lee went over for a touchdown. Moore kicked goal.

Furay kicked off and Lee was downed on the 15-yard line. Karr made another beautiful end run, this time for 30 yards. Lee made 5 yards and Allen 8. Creighton got the ball on a fumble, Dudley followed some good interference for 25 yards but, alas, this was their last, they gained no more and the O. M. C. pounded their line without mercy, tearing great holes in it as easily as a Kansas cyclone tears away the sod houses and the Creightons melted away as does the frost before the morning sun. Lemar made 10 yards, Karr 2, Smith 8, Allen 10, Towar 5, Lee 4, Thulin 10 and so forth until Lemar placed the pig skin behind the goal posts amid the roar and yells of the spectators. Moore kicked goal and made the score 18 to 0 in favor of O. M. C. There was not enough time left for any decisive playing. It was all done in twenty-minute halves. We were satisfied. Line up:

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| O. M. C.        | Creighton.                |
| Jefferson ..... | R. End..... Sullivan      |
| Allen .....     | R. Tackle..... Walker     |
| Smith .....     | R. Guard..... P. Sullivan |

|               |             |                |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Tornholm      | Center      | Lane           |
| Thulin        | L. Guard    | Doup           |
| Towar         | L. Tackle   | Green          |
| Haller        | L. End      | Furay          |
| Karr          | R. Halfback | Dudley         |
| Lemar         | L. Halfback | Lynch, (Capt.) |
| Lee           | Fullback    | Butler         |
| Moore (Capt.) | Quarterback | McLaughlin     |

Umpire—Purvis.

Referee—Taylor.

Linesmen—Tracy, Welch.

Touchdowns—Lee 2, Lemar 1.

Goals—Moore 3.

Twenty minute halves.

The faculty very kindly gave the foot ball boys a supper at the Henshaw hotel that evening and all reported a good time.

Dr. Anderson, true to his promise that he would give a new foot ball to the team if it won the game, handed over a check for five dollars. A foot ball costs four—he is better than his word.

Mr. Taylor, the coach, deserves much praise and credit for the way in which he developed the team. The boys think that he is "all right."

This was the last game for this season. Arrangements had been made for two other games, one with Doane college and one with Atlantic, Ia., both of which were cancelled for some unknown reason. We can assure ourselves of a first-class team for next season under the proper leadership, for we have the nucleus for the best team in the state. The team will lose two excellent men with the Senior class this year, Messrs. Thulin and Jefferson, but we are in hopes of being able to fill their places by new men.

Since the foot ball season is over we wish to say a word about gymnasium classes. All who intend to join these classes

ought to do so now. Quite a number have done so already. We suggest that these members form a class and train for the Y. M. C. A. indoor class contests. It would be well to have a basket ball team and arrange games with other Y. M. C. A. teams and thus get up a lively interest in the game. There is no reason why some of our men can not make a record for themselves and for the college by going at it in the proper manner. Of course we do not mean that one is to neglect his studies for athletics. By no means should that ever be done, but there is time enough for both, especially among the younger students. There is no doubt in the world that the student who will take systematic physical training each day will accomplish far more work in the end than he who takes no such training and at the end of his college course he will be a better man in every way.

We have known students so worn out at the end of their college course that they were compelled to enter on life's duties with no strength of body and their future hopes all blighted. In our profession one needs the best body possibly with which to go forth and fight against disease. We think therefore that such systematic training as offered students should be considered as extraordinary privileges and that all who possibly can will avail themselves of the same. Such training ought to be made a part of every college course and become compulsory.

There are other advantages also to be derived from athletics in college. Athletics tend to build up true college spirit. They bring one in touch with other colleges and thus broaden him. They make class spirit subservient to college spirit and operate in the interests of all rather than in the interests of a few. They create a better feeling between faculty and students. There are many other good things that might be said in favor of athletics, but we wish to point out only a few that our friends may see our position on athletics and to show that we do not only feel justified, but honored as well, by holding such relations to the physical interests of humanity.

ALUMNI NOTES.

GEO. H. BICKNELL, M. D., '95, Editor.

Dr. C. C. Crawl, class of '96, spent a week in Omaha recently.

Dr. N. S. Mercer, class of '99, has located in Omaha. His office is in the Douglas block.

Dr. H. S. Hickock, class of '95, was in the city recently with a patient for operation by Dr. Jonas.

Dr. C. S. James, class of '99, is taking the fourth year course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

Dr. Stewart A. Campbell, class of '98, has assumed the practice of Dr. E. W. Lee and has his office in the same rooms.

Dr. Updegraff, class of '99, has had the good fortune to succeed the late Dr. E. W. Chase as first assistant to Dr. A. F. Jonas.

Dr. Mary Quincy, class of '96, of Ashland, Neb., is among those who do not forget to renew their subscriptions to THE PULSE.

Dr. Paul Von Koerber, class of '96, is located in South Omaha and is quiz master in Materia Medica at the O. M. C. Adolph quizzes in obstetrics.

All alumni visiting the city should look over the new O. M. C. building and laboratories and be convinced that we are not in any way behind the times.

Dr. I. D. Jones, class of '95, who is located at South Bend, Neb., must be prospering, as he was recently caught by the writer in the act of being measured for a new suit of clothes.

No less than ten or twelve graduates of the Omaha Medical college are connected in various ways with its clinical and teaching staff.

We believe this to be a wise and long sighted policy, as no one has more interest in the growth and success of an educational institution than those who compose its alumni.



## SENIOR NOTES.

ALF JEFFERSON, Editor.

Overgaard is working over hard for a place on the basket ball team.

Is the cremasteric artery a branch of the thoracic aorta? Ask Preston.

Dr. Stokes' able lectures to the nurses are greatly enhanced by Thulin's attendance thereon it is said.

Dr. Anderson has offered a medal for the most proficient work in his department of surgery. Taylor is sold out.

Davis and Bartlett will omit a series of wrestling matches in the pen and agree to disagree. There is no such thing as debating with Davis.

Neilsen secured a hypnotist for an evening's entertainment of some of the boys. They were highly entertained—much to the disgust of the hypnotist.

Dr. P. Koerber kindly agreed to give the class some special work on the blood. After choosing one of the very few vacant hours on the card special operative clinics rotated with the usual result.

Douglas spent Thanksgiving out in the state and from his reports we judge O. M. C. alumni are not starving to death, in fact he says they are gormandizers. Evidently from his statements there are few rabbits or quail left in the territory he covered. He He says he can shoot them with his eyes shut. We suppose that is the way he shot.

The Senior class has recently undergone some cheerful metamorphoses. Once with a reputation slightly bookish it has now a W(h)itt(i)er. Deserted by the girls of its early years, it has assuaged its grief with a Margaret. Its "lucky thirteen" at

seven per cent compound for two years is now fifteen of course. Other developments are in progress, notably whiskers. In this Betz is the pacemaker. Brewster follows suit in another color. Rohlf promises dire things after Xmas. Thulin's have struck in, otherwise it is anybodies race.

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### JUNIOR NOTES.

L. M. LEISENRING, Editor.

Loechmer has recovered from his trying illness and greets us once more with his accustomed smile.

This is what we hear from a former classmate now in Chicago: "If you expect to find any better men than the old 'wheel-horses' of the O. M. C. you will be disappointed for we haven't got them."

S. V. Fitzsimmons is with us again. Originally of the class of '98, he enlisted in the hospital service of our late walk-away and consequently lost some college work. We are glad to have him back to the O. M. C.

As the Xmas examinations approach, the Juniors, in common with the rest of "the push," are on the anxious seat, and the amount of midnight oil consumed strikes terror in the breast of economical landladies. The poor boys are giving up such mild dissipations as the theater and calling on their best girls, and are attempting to make up for lost time and for notes lost while taking sundry naps on the top benches. Some have even given up their Sunday morning headache—not all Juniors either—and the "kink" in their elbows is disappearing.

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### SOPHOMORE NOTES.

A. H. COOPER, Editor.

H. E. Mantor is with us again.

What's the matter with a college pin? Shouldn't we have a pin or button?

Dissecting has begun at last and although it adds greatly to our work everyone seemed anxious to secure a part.

On account of dissecting and examinations the Glee club will not do regular work in music until after the holidays.

Anderson, Kerr and Van Fleet are rapidly rising to a pinnacle of popularity in surgical operations—cats and dogs.

Our friend Hooper was lucky enough in drawing a part for dissection to get one on which their was some very artistic tattooing.

Where was D. Bruce Anderson when the lights went out? Alone in the dissecting room. Moral: Don't steal up the back way.

Miles Standish Moore, also a Sophomore, was elected Captain of the football team to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. R. Montgomery.

Quail shooting behind a well trained setter was J. A. Peters' way of spending his Thanksgiving vacation, consequently there is a scarcity of quail in Sarpy county.

A member of the class was taken suddenly ill in the pathological laboratory a few days ago, but enjoyed a speedy recovery, much to the chagrin of another who sought to befriend him.

M. A. Tinley, after a prolonged absence in the Philippines with the Fifty-first Iowa, has re-entered the O. M. C. and was fortunate enough to become a member of the present Sophomore class. The members of said class extend to him a hearty welcome.

Representative-elect Roberts of Utah, no doubt, thinks too much marriage a failure, but evidently Keyes thinks that marriage under the laws of civilization is something to be desired, at least he has taken unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Vinnie Sanborn. Personally we have regarded marriage, civilized or otherwise, with a feeling akin to horror and fright, but it seems such fears are ungrounded, for it took but a box of

cigars to square Keyes with his classmates. Now Keyes, that sunshine, prosperity, happiness and high grades may be with you in your new relations is the wish of the Sophomores.

A letter received a few days ago from our old friend and classmate H. F. Neal, brings us the good news that his health is much improved and that he expects to be with us next year. During his absence from our ranks Mr. Neal is doing some good missionary work and we hear that he will bring others with him when he returns. We hope Mr. Neal's good example will be followed by all members of our class, for good earnest efforts in this line would aid greatly in adding to the growing ranks of the O. M. C.

#### FRESHMAN NOTES.

E. W. JACKSON, Editor.

"The conjoined-tendon inserts on the femur," says Iverson, and he ought to know.

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The Freshman class has been increased by five since the last writing and we extend a helping hand to the following: Mrs. Rice, Miss Erickson, Messrs. Agee, Avery and Plummer.

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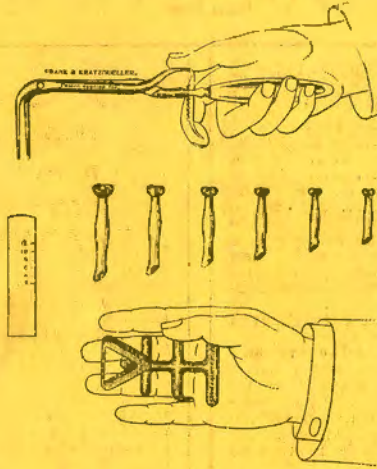
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