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NO. 1.

KNOWLEDGE PROGRESSIVE.

Tired at first sight, with what the music imparts,
In fearless youth, we tempt the heights of arts,
While from the bounded level of our mind,
Short views we take, nor see the lengths behind,
But, more advanced, behold with strange surprise
New distant scenes of endless science rise!
So pleased at first the tow'ring Alps we try,
Mount o'er the vales and seem to tread the sky;
The eternal snows appear already past,
And the first clouds and mountains seem the last;
But, those attained, we tremble to survey
The growing labours of the lengthen'd way,
The increasing prospect tires our wandering eyes,
Hills peep o'er hills, and Alps on Alps arise!

Sel.

OUR EVERY-DAY PHILOSOPHY.

Being left to my own devices, that is, to keep house one afternoon, I decided to amuse myself by trying to get at the philosophical whys and wherefores of such things as might occur. While looking around me for something to begin on, I became conscious of feeling chilly, whereupon, without stopping to analyze this sensation, I dropped my "Natural Philosophy" and started on a run for the stove. I found the fire out, and the stove full of heated coals.

I stood still and meditated, when suddenly a brilliant idea struck me. Why not make a fire? I had seen it done. I would do it!

Knowing, as I did, that heat rises, it did not strike me as being exactly right to put wood on top of the coal already there; therefore I thought I would remove the coal. But no tongs were to be found. I could not burn the coal. I did not want to burn myself. Plainly, a lever of the first class was, above all things to be desired. I returned to my Philosophy, and looked up levers of the first class. Among the examples, scissors were given. "The very thing" thought

I, "I will use shears". Armed with the shears, I proceeded to take out the coal, burning myself but once in the operation, which lasted about ten minutes. I then rekindled the fire, and retired with my book to an easy chair, to exult in this triumph of mind over matter.

Looking up, I beheld a fly walking leisurely across the ceiling. I was struck by the thought that it was rather strange that the fly was able to do this, as I reflected that if I should try the same thing I should fall, (owing to the attraction of gravitation,) and, (since action and reaction are equal) should probably be hurt. I found in my Philosophy that the fly has on its feet a kind of air-pump, by which it drives out the air between its feet and the ceiling, and so is held up by atmospheric pressure.

I sat thinking of this for sometime, when I perceived that it was growing dark. I rose to light my lamp, and discovered that it needed a new wick. I put one in, and waited for it to get thoroughly saturated before I lighted it, noticing meanwhile, that the wick was really a bunch of little tubes, through which the oil rose by capillary attraction.

When the lamp had been burning for some time, I accidentally spattered some water on the chimney. This began to crack a few minutes later, and presently a small piece of glass fell out. I put out the light, and, as soon as it was sufficiently cool, examined the chimney, I found that being heated by the radiation of heat from the flame, it had expanded or rather contracted unequally on the outside and inside, on contact with the cold water.

I brought a new chimney, lighted the lamp and sat down to read a note. Reaching a little too far, I overturned the inkstand. What was done, what to do, a glance told me both; so, righting the inkstand, I placed a blotter quickly

on the pool of ink, and went on with my writing, while I awaited results.

A few moments later, the ink had entirely disappeared, quite overcome by the magical influences of capillary attraction.

I looked up presently to find my lamp smoking, and the room very close. Remembering that hot air ascends toward the ceiling, I opened the upper sash of one of the windows, and allowed the bad air to escape.

As I stood at the window, I heard the sound of the wheels of an approaching carriage. "Truly, thought I, " ground is a good conductor of sound. The sound came nearer and nearer, until the carriage turned in on reaching the house, and I, closing window and desk, hurried to unlock the door, that the home-comers might enter; and left my Philosophy for another day and hour.

A THOUGHT IN SEPTEMBER.

We watch the summer leaves and flowers decay,
And feel a sadness o'er the spirit thrown,
As if the beauty fading fast away,
From Nature's scenes, would leave our hearts
more lone,
More desolate when sunny hours are gone,
And much of joy from outward thing we find
But more from treasures that may be our own,
Through winter's storm, the higher hopes
of mind,
The trust which soars from earth—earth has no
chains to bind.

Sel.

Alas! how swift the moments fly; how flash the
years along;
Scarce here, yet gone already by—the burden
of a song:
See Childhood, Youth, and Manhood pass; and
Age with furrowed brow;
Time was: Time shall be; But, alas—Where,
in time, is now.

Sel.

Why is Massachusetts a very strong state?
Ans:—Because she has a Marble-head.

ALUMNI.

Class '89. Miss Alice H. Foster is staying in West Brattleboro, Vermont, where she will remain until November.

'90 Karl A. Andren has returned to the Scientific School connected with the University of Vermont, at Burlington.

Dr. James A. Furfey was in charge of several of the late excursions to the White Mountains.

'91 Miss Annie Guinivan is teaching at the Washington School.

Miss Alice A. Preston, who recently passed successful examinations for entrance to Wellesley, has begun her studies there.

'92 Miss Marion Swasey is studying at the Friend's School in Providence.

Fred S. Millett and Charles D. Woodbury entered Harvard this year.

Miss Bessie Woodbury and Miss Nellie Cressy are studying at Miss Smith's.

Clarence Morgan is captain of a sloop, which some of our Alumni purchased this summer.

'94 Miss Anna M. Lovett has entered the Senior Class of the Salem High School.

Fred Broughton, Ray Herrick, and Miss Meacom are attending the Salem Commercial School.

Walter M. Giles has evidently given up the news business, as he is working as clerk at Standley's.

David C. Coleman is at the Boston College.

George Frost is working at the Box Factory.

This year's training school pupils are Miss Black, Miss Tuck, Miss Wallace, Miss Goodhue, and Miss Trask.

Lawrence J. Watson has returned to Miss Smith's.

Albert C. Lunt is working at Larcom, Bell & Co's.

What is the climb that is hardest of all?

What is the climb that has many a fall?

What is the climb that takes "pecks of gall"?

And perhaps a doctor's prescription?

You can tell me, my friends, if you lack not
the brains—

For you know what the climb is, that gives the
most pains

And receives in the aggregate—less than no
gains—

What? why getting up a subscription.

PUZZLEDOM.

CONNUNDRUMS.

1. What town in Mass. is named after two certain letters of the alphabet?
2. Why is a Welshman who emigrates to America like a crying child when the nurse gives it a sugar plum?
3. Why is a horse like certain Windows?
4. What class of people, may we safely say, always speak within bounds?
5. Why do old boots keep the feet drier than new ones?
6. Why is a company of schoolboys like California gold diggers.

RIDDLE.

I am what you often see and handle, though oftener under you or behind you than before you. Cut off my my head, and praesto! I am over you. Another cut and I am within you and all around you. Another cut from each end and I take my place before you in time and eternity.

PUZZLE NO. 1.

Eh dedi miad a ratgresn danb
 Hothug ni ish tanvie licem;
 Het vefre moset mih dan eh lefl
 Ni shi refts oginrnm ripme.

PUZZLE NO. 2.

Show the digits which multiplied by seven will give a result all ones.

PUZZLE NO. 3.

To half a dozen add half a score,
 Then you will plainly see
 Just twenty—neither less nor more.
 Explain the mystery.

HERE AND THERE.

Miss D——'97, has whispered once. This fact has been put on record in the annals of the B. H. S.

We notice that some of the applicants for memberships in the Cadets had to be lifted up to sign the enrolling list. This speaks decidedly well for the size of our soldier boys.

B. H. S. CIRCLE.

The H. S. Circle will meet on the 26th inst. for the first time this term. The meetings last year were a decided success in many ways although the attendance was not as regular as could be desired. This fault should be remedied by the scholars or it will become necessary to go back to the old-time method of holding the rhetoricals during school hours. We all know that better results can be obtained in the afternoon owing to the fact that the participants have had a short respite from school duties and are consequently better prepared for carrying on the work.

A new project has been introduced into the program by Mr. Hurd, which we feel sure must prove of benefit to the scholars. This is a short discussion each Friday of current topics as found in "Our Times," a paper devoted to the consideration of the history of today. We hope the members will take an interest in this as it will tend to enliven the meetings and furnish a source of knowledge which is generally missed by High School students. A committee will be chosen at the first meeting to prepare programs, and we hope the scholars will do their part to make the work of this committee as easy as possible. Each one should be satisfied with whatever part is assigned them as the work of making out the programs is difficult enough without having each number criticised and condemned.

HERE AND THERE.

How about those apron-strings, Senior Chemists? What cunning children.

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"Oh dear, I'm \$5,000 out of the way, what shall I do? This statement was heard by an AMATEUR reporter, as coming from a troubled faced book-keeping scholar. He advised her to go into insolvency.

Who sat down on a tack?

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A second time THE AMATEUR greets its friends. In its short existence of seven numbers it has ceased to be an experiment and has proved its right to become one of the institutions of the B. H. S.

Beginning as the management of '94 did, with no regular subscribers, no money in the treasury and no experience in the art of journalism, they brought their paper to a creditable rank in the lists of high school publications. May we then with larger classes and with our experience in the management of a paper make this the second year of THE AMATEUR as successful as was the first.

By a glance at the title page it will be seen that this is the October issue. We have decided to publish our paper the first and not the last of the month as formerly.

There was no September issue on account of the delay in selecting the staff. Instead subscribers will receive a July graduation number at the end of the year.

A thoughtful observer scanning the record of the B. H. S. would no doubt be surprised at the

small number of graduates in comparison with the size of our junior classes. This is a great evil and can be remedied only by the Junior himself. Many pupils who come to high school seem to think that this is merely a pleasant loafing place. They have no definite aim in life and do not realize that their whole future success in school, yes and in life, depends on habits formed while in the junior class. We have this year a large number of pupils entering upon a high school course. Probably they all desire a good education. This is encouraging. But let them remember that their teachers and books cannot alone give them strong and well trained minds, that these are but helps and the real source of learning is in the pupil himself.

We have decided to give the whole school the benefit of our exchanges and hereafter each month's papers will be found in our library. With a little care these may be kept from becoming a nuisance by being scattered over the table. We trust that they will receive at least as gentle usage as our books and will not be torn or carried away.

Today we come before the public in a new form. The number of pages in our paper has been so increased as to contain much more reading matter than formerly. This is printed in wider columns and renders the page more attractive as well as less tedious to the eye of the reader. The design on the cover has been altered and a cut of the High School added. This is one of Beverly's most creditable public buildings and certainly deserves notice in our paper.

More space to fill means more work for the editors. They are ready for work so let them have the hearty co-operation of the scholars. We do not say "Push Beverly" but we do say push THE AMATEUR since it booms the High School. If you have any locals or squibs hand them to your class editors. Be on the watch for happenings among the Alumni.

The editor of "Athletics" today presents an article on the reorganization of the Cadets. We know that he is working hard to accomplish this and if the boys start in on it, we hope that they will carry it through.

A JOURNALISTIC CURIOSITY.

Probably it will be news to many of the present pupils of the High School to know that THE AMATEUR is not the first paper published by the B. H. S. The High School Sun was edited and printed in 1883 by Mr. Charles H. Brown. It was a small sheet 6 x 4 inches printed on poor paper. However, it was a bright little sheet and we give some extracts below:—

The Editor will receive with thanks all sensible contributions.

Why are washwomen great travellers?

Ans:—Because they are continually crossing the line and going from pole to pole.

At what time of day was Adam born?

Ans:—A little before eve.

What word is there which if you add a syllable will make shorter.

Ans: Short.

What is the difference between an elephant and a tree?

Ans:—One leaves in the spring and the other leaves when the menagerie does.

What is the difference between a mirror and a giddy girl?

Ans:—One reflects without speaking and the other speaks without reflecting.

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AMERICAN SAYINGS.

Who said it?

"He paid dear, very dear for his whistle."

"United we stand, divided we fall."

"Give me liberty or give me death."

"A little more grape, Captain Bragg."

"With charity for all and malice toward none."

LOCALS.

Who dared to mention that the Past Graduate class were going to give a social this winter.

It has been suggested that a spelling match by the young ladies of the two upper classes, would be a good thing for the first meeting of the High School Circle.

Is it true that the school will shortly take up a new cantata? All those who enjoyed that of last year are hoping that it is so.

By the way, where is the Alumni Association nowadays? Has this long enduring association given up the ghost?

Who can be found this year to take the office of "perpetual president pro tem" in the Senior class.

ATHLETICS.

B. H. S. C.

The re-organization of the Cadets was agitated during the later part of last year and quite an interest was manifested, but, owing to the lateness of the season, nothing was done. Some of the boys have been canvassing among the scholars and quite a number have signified their willingness to join. Many of the High Schools of the state have companies of Cadets and in most of them rank is given partly from scholarship and is an incentive to study with many of the boys.

We hope that if the cadets are organized Col. Dodge will drill them, and he will no doubt do so if business permits. The colonel has always shown great interest in the cadets.

Capt. Giddings, of the school committee, when spoken to about the organization said that he was very glad to hear that the boys wished to start the cadets again, that he would help all he could and that Briscoe Hall would be lent the boys free of charge for drilling. Our principal is also heartily in favor of the movement. So we hope that before the next issue of the THE AMATEUR the B. H. S. Cadets will materialize.

SENIOR LOCALS.

Teacher in Astronomy—How does the sun differ from the planets?

Scholar—The sun has not so much crust as the planets, but it has more gas.

Query Why are there not more candidates for the position of pianist?

Ans. The alto's fog-horn warns them of the danger.

Some of the seniors find it a good excuse to go out evenings to say they are going star gazing.

Two little junior boys they each did say,
They'd sat in the same seat every day,
Yet not together. Each boy declared

That he, not the other, that seat had had.

We leave for the class in geometry
To prove how this wonderful thing would be.

Norman D. Trask, '95 has been compelled to leave school on account of sickness.

Teacher in Astronomy—What effect do sun-spots have on the earth?

G. W.—They are the sign of rain.

O seniors, pray tell me, where would your charms be

Without a "Jim Beckford" to watch over thee.

The officers of the class of '95 are as follows:—

President—Maurice W. Randall, J

Vice President—Carrie L. Mason,

Treasurer—Charles P. Roundy,

Secretary—Louis B. Mader.

Teacher in Geology—What is the depth of the Colorado Canon.

Scholar—I don't know the depth but the elevation is 3500 ft.

It is pleasing to watch the chemistry girls handle their chemicals when the teacher says there will be a slight explosion.

The class of '95 should feel proud to think that they will be the first class to have the City of Beverly stamp on their diplomas.

MIDDLE LOCALS.

Such looks on the faces of the Middle class when the report cards were given out—fit study for an artist.

The Junior class is so very large this year that it is necessary to divide the session into six periods instead of five as formerly.

Some of the young ladies in the Senior and Middle classes seem to find the chairs on Mr. Hurd's platform very comfortable. Not setting a very good example to the Juniors though.

The Book-keeping class are requested to call on Miss W— for corrections,

Miss Cressy has lately changed from the Latin course to English.

We are glad to hear that P. Stanton who has been ill the past month is on the road to recovery.

The Middlers have received their book-keeping money and may often be seen counting it before the admiring juniors.

JUNIOR LOCALS.

What's the matter with waiting until the morning exercises are over before roll-call?
(Madden.)

Fresh (Trowt) trout in Miss Hilman's room.

Why is it so much warmer in the main room.

Ans. The (Frost) is gone.

Class officers for 1894 as follows:

President—Arthur Foster,

Vice President—Servis Tarr,

Secretary—Marjorie Maloon,

Treasurer—Myra McLarran.

What do we need in cold weather? (Cole and Wood.)

What is the style of hat for a boy? (Derby.)

Why is the B. H. S. like a flower garden.

There are lilies, daisies and sweet williams.
(Lily, Daisy, Williams.)

Two scholars of the Junior class have left since the beginning of the year.

An interesting game of foot-ball may be seen most any night at Lothrop Street, near the old Queen.

Miss Fraser presides at the piano in an acceptable manner.

Call-downs are getting to be the fashion. One is enough.

"A poor beginning makes a good ending" says the Junior.

Why is Miss H's room like a hospital?
Because it has (Wards) in it.

What kind of berries are plentiful in Miss H's room. Woodburys (berries.)

What Scotch plant is represented in Miss Hilman's room. The thistle (Thistle.)

A MIDDLE LATIN BOY'S ODE TO CAESAR.

Thou man of many parts,
Know thou how many hearts
Are teeming for revenge on thee?
Could we but lay our hands on you
We'd break your Roman nose in two
And thus we revenged would be.

—Ex.

ATHLETICS.

Foot-ball has always occupied a prominent part in the athletics of the school. Last year there were two elevens formed, both doing excellent work, but this year the interest in foot-ball has greatly diminished owing to various causes. The principle reason is that the best players have graduated; another that parents have forbidden their sons playing on account of injuries received last season.

With the new men that have come in this year the school ought to be able to form at least one team.

A meeting was held September 26, in regard to raising an eleven, but owing to the small attendance no action was taken.

There has been quite a change in the foot-ball rules this year, which greatly diminishes the chance of a player's being injured; as, no more momentum mass plays are allowed.

The interest in foot-ball has greatly increased in the various schools and colleges of the country this season and is likely to be more popular than ever before.

The boys of the B. H. S. held a tennis tournament during the last week of September which was a decided success. As it was proposed in the final issue of THE AMATEUR to hold a tournament sometime this fall, many of the scholars practised throughout the vacation and in consequence several fine players were developed. The tournament was held on the Y. M. C. A. courts. Mr. Meacham kindly loaning the use of them for this purpose. Play was commenced Monday, Sept. 24, and during the following afternoons until Thursday some very fine playing was seen. Suitable prizes had been pro-

vided, which contributed greatly to the interest felt in the affair, and at certain stages the excitement was intense. Quite a large number of young ladies from the High School were present to encourage their several favorites. The most interesting match in the preliminaries was that between Messrs. Davenport and Randall, these two players being evenly matched. The score was as follows:—

PRELIMINARIES.

SINGLES.

- R. Catheron defeated J. M. McNeil—6-4, 6-4.
A. Foster defeated S. Newman—6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
D. Davenport defeated M. Randall, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5
W. Parker defeated J. Beckford—6-4, 2-6, 6-1.
F. Foster defeated H. Bell,—6-4, 6-4.

SEMI-FINALS.

- D. Davenport defeated A. Foster—7-5, 6-1.
W. Parker defeated F. Foster—6-2, 6-2.
R. Catheron won by default.

FINALS.

- W. Parker defeated R. Catheron—6-2, 6-2.
D. Davenport defeated W. Foster—11-9, 6-3,
7-5.

PRELIMINARIES.

DOUBLES.

- D. Davenport and A. Foster defeated M. Randall and J. McNeil—6-4, 6-4.
W. Parker and S. Newman defeated F. Foster and H. Bell—9-7, 6-4.
J. Beckford and R. Catheron won by default.

SEMI-FINALS.

- D. Davenport and A. Foster defeated J. Beckford and R. Catheron—6-1, 6-3.
W. Parker and S. Newman won by default.

FINALS.

- D. Davenport and A. Foster defeated W. Parker and S. Newman—6-1, 6-1, 6-3.

Mr. Davenport who holds the championship of the school in singles, won a handsome silver cup, and Mr. Parker as second prize, a fine racket case. Mr. Foster, who with Mr. Davenport as partner, won first prize in doubles, surprised his friends by the fine game played. The prizes in doubles have not yet been decided upon.

The success which has attended the first tournament held by the High School was gratifying to the lovers of tennis and we may hope to hear of another tournament next year.

EXCHANGES.

We hope the exchanges of last year will continue and some new ones be added.

A paper is never first-class without some borrowed wit and wisdom.

We know the readers will miss the articles by the editor of last year, who has been elected editor-in-chief for this year, but we will try to please readers and exchanges.

The class day number of the Student, Richfield, N. Y., is a fine twenty page paper.

We see that the students of the New Britain, Conn. high school are taking steps to have a one session school. Success to you.

(For Chemistry Class.)

'TIS FOLLY TO BE WISE.

There was a man who knew it all
And thought he couldn't learn,
He mixed benzine and kerosene,
And said it wouldn't burn.

Next day he tried to prove his words;
Some matches he did get.
He lighted them and dropped them in
And hasn't ben-zine yet.

He.—"I don't like the man who uses high sounding words. Do you?"

She (from Boston).—"No, sir; the person who will habitually utilize a verbose or extravagant or ostentatious diction is inexpressibly odious to my acute sensibilities.

He waited on the others at the table and then proceeded to eat himself.

"I wish I were a bird" she sang,
And each disgusted one
Thought to himself this wicked thought,
"I would I were a gun."

About the end of this century a catalogue of all the 1,750,000 books in the British Museum library will be completed. The work was begun in 1881, and it is the greatest undertaking of the kind in any age or country. The titles beginning with the letter A alone will fill 23 volumes; those with B 35 volumes, and the whole catalogue will comprise 600 volumes. The work will be a service to the entire literary world.

Father—Johnny, what are you making that racket for?

Johnny—So I can go and play tennis, pa.

Father—Then you'll need a bawl, too. Bring me the trunkstrap, young man.

C. R. B., Wellsboro, Pa.

We can spell the word "face" in 952 different ways and justify every one by a good English analogy. Thus it might be "gheighsch," reasoning from the sound of gh in "laugh" eight in "eight" and sch in "schism."

The great steel cables that support the Brooklyn bridge are seven feet and six inches longer when the thermometer is at 100 than when the mercury is down to zero.

"Upon the ministerial benches we hear nothing—nothing but profound silence.

From a Georgia paper we get the following interesting advertisement: "I teach the poetry business for \$5 a quarter. Address—_____." No use taking the trouble to be born a poet when you can court the rhapsodical muse at "\$5 a quarter.

John J. Fister, of the Georgetown, D. C., Cycle Club, rode 311 1-4 miles on the Aqueduct road in 24 hours, breaking the record. He was off the wheel only one hour and 49 minutes during the time.

If "staying" qualities insure success, the messenger boy will come out on top of the heap.

Teacher.—"Tell me the dative of donum."

Pupil—"Don know"

Teacher—Right.

Shaft No 3, in the Tamarack copper mine at Opechee, Mich., has now reached a depth of over 4200 feet, nearly a mile, which is the greatest depth man has ever attained into the earth.

A MODERN SCHOOL.

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