

**HOW THE FRESHMAN STARTS IN SOCIETY AT THE
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One of the first things that catches the eye of the A. & M. Freshman is the big Thanksgiving Hop. The first time he witnesses one of these occasions he begins to long to become a participant. He soon makes up his mind to "take in" the next hop that is given. His fellow cadets learn of his social aspirations, and it is whispered around the campus that Jones, or whatever his name may be, is about to "start in Society."

The first problem the sturdy Freshman has to solve is to learn how to dance. He secures the aid of some experienced cadet to teach him this, and they practice together between supper and study hours and Saturday nights during release. When the time arrives for the Hop, he believes he can control his feet fairly well. A Freshman's first attempt on the floor is eagerly watched from the doors and windows by his fellow cadets, and often he is well worth watching too. His manner of behavior and peculiar way of getting about is a source of much amusement to the other cadets.

The night for the Hop arrives. Our worthy Freshman dons his cadet gray, puts on a military bearing, and goes to the Mess Hall. He takes a seat near the band stand and calmly awaits the time for the ball to open. In this position he manages to take care of himself very well until the ladies, with their escorts, begin to arrive, and collect in small groups