

## The Coker.

### RIP VAN WINKLE.

O! Rip Van Winkle was a lucky man,  
Rip Van Winkle was a gent.  
He lived twenty years on another man's land,  
And didn't pay him rent.  
He never went to A. and M.,  
He knew not what it was  
To go to math, and go to chem.,  
And hear professors buzz.  
He was forever in a cove  
And in a reverie,  
And now they say he never spoke  
Of answering reveille.  
Lucky man! Now aint that fine?  
More luck? Well I should say,  
He's never rammed for "shoes not shined"  
By the officers of the day.  
He didn't have to eat the stuff  
That we have here; but when  
He got hungry on his bluff  
He'd breathe some ox-y-gen.  
O! yes he had a gun, all right,  
But he didn't go to drills  
Nor guard mount, with it polished bright,  
Nor take salts for all his ills.  
Wasn't Rip Van Winkle a lucky man?  
Didn't Rip have a cinch?  
As the words in that old proverb goes,  
"Better born lucky than rich."

The boys on Fatty Corrigan's table say that they wish he would fall in love and lose his appetite.

Prof.—"Mr. Cruse, how are the leaves situated on a wheat plant?"  
Cruse—"I think so, but she didn't say."

Walker—"This chem. says that bismuth is found in the original state. Now, which state is that?"

People on the campus were started by hearing peel after peel pierce the still atmosphere Thursday afternoon. Foster Hall was the place of disturbance. What was the matter? Why nothing at all, only the banana man from Bryan had been on the campus.

Gugy—(in military science describing the position of a soldier)—But, Captain, all men can't touch their heels together.

Captain—What kind of men can't, Mr. Gugenheim.

Gugy—Bow legged men can't.  
And when he saw his mistake Gugy blushed.

Potts says he is downcast because he can't hear from his girl. He is so blue over it that every time he sits down he makes a "blue print."

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"I bet that you don't know what's the matter with my heater," says Gaston as he chucks some wood in. "Why no, I do not believe I do." "What is the matter with it?" "All stove up," says Gaston as he turns on the damper.

### DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

The department of electrical engineering of the A. and M. College, although it has only been in existence two years, has made remarkable progress. Prof. Brown has shown that he means business from the start, and has developed a course that, taken together with the fifth year's work, is considered the equal of the courses offered by the leading institutions of the country.

The first two years' work is almost identical with that of the Mechanical Engineering course, and the student is instructed in the elements of machines and machinery. Here, too, he gets considerable shop work, and learns the use of tools. He is also "started off right" with such fundamental subjects as English, History, Mathematics, Physics, and Drawing.

In the Junior year special work in Electrical Engineering is taken up under the subjects of Electrical Measurements and Electricity and Magnetism. Extended laboratory practice is given in connection with the theoretical instruction.

Finally, in the Senior year, Electrical Machinery and Electrical Specifications are taken up. The practice work of the year is in testing electrical machinery, and electrical design and specifications. The student is required to draw wiring diagrams both for interior and exterior wiring. He is also required to design several pieces of electrical apparatus, such as galvanometers, voltmeters, ammeters, dynamos or motors, and transformers.

While the department is fairly well equipped with apparatus, a great deal more could be used to advantage. It is to be hoped that this legislature will appropriate money to purchase more apparatus.

Probably the greatest need of the department is a new building. The Physics department has occupied Gathright Hall from time immemorial, and it would seem almost a sacrilege to have it moved; but, nevertheless, it must be apparent to everyone that more room is needed, now that the E. E. course has been added. If the same rate of increase of students continues that there has been in the last two years, Gathright Hall will soon not be large enough to accommodate them.

It may not be out of place here to state that the successful launching of this course is due very largely to the efforts of Prof. Brown, the head of this department. Prof. Brown is an electrical engineer of wide practical experience, and has held important positions in the departments of physics and electrical engineering in several large colleges of the country. He is to be congratulated on having two such efficient assistants as Prof. Shaw and Mr. Hill.

### STOCK JUDGING CONTEST.

Thousands are called but few are chosen to become successful live stock judges. To see and judge every point accurately and to possess the clear judgment necessary to balance them is a gift. Great judges and breeders are born, not made; but those who possess a "spark of the divine" have it most quickly kindled into flame in the great institutions of agricultural knowledge, where they are brought in touch with animals of all types and breeds, and with other enthusiastic animal husbandry students.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, 34 men met in the judging rings at the International Live Stock Exposition buildings. Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Ontario, Michigan and Ohio were represented, each by a team of five men. Minnesota had three representatives present, and one farmer's son, who had no agricultural college training, elected to contest with the college men. These 34 men were to contest for the beautiful bronze trophies offered by the Union Stock Yards and Transit Co., illustrations of which appeared in the Gazette of Oct. 26 last, and for the \$500 in cash prizes offered by a commission firm at the Chicago Stock Yards.

Victory meant not merely the winning of prizes; it meant that the ability to win them rested with the victors. Perhaps 10,000 students in agricultural colleges were interested in the result of this fifth annual contest.

Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont., was superintendent; he gave three classes of cattle—Shorthorn bulls; Hereford heifers and Red Polled heifers; three classes of horses—draft geldings, Clydesdale mares, and Shire stallions; three classes of sheep—Cotswolds, fat sheep and Shropshires; and two classes of fat hogs, to judge and assign reasons for judgment.

Twenty minutes were allowed the students to place a class of five animals and give written reasons for such placing, and as each class was finished competent judges of national repute placed the animals that the students had passed on, and later corrected the papers.

John Robbins, Horace, Ind., tied the cattle classes; R. B. Ogilvie of Chicago the horse classes; Robert Miller himself placed the Cotswold sheep; William Hamner of Ontario the Shropshire sheep, and John Campbell, Woodville, Ont., the fat sheep. A. J. Lovejoy, Roscoe, Ill., tied the ribbons in the hog classes.

The work progressed rapidly and without delays, which have marred some of the former contests. Superintendent Miller deserves credit for the businesslike manner in which the contest was carried out; and the judges who gave so freely of their time and energy in placing the classes and correcting the papers displayed that broadminded and helpful spirit so characteristic of American stock breeders—the spirit which is encouraging young men to embark in the live stock business.

The Ohio team under Prof. S. C. Plumb's training won the Spoor trophy, offered for the team of five men doing the best work in judging cattle, sheep, and swine. The Iowa team under Prof. W. J. Rutherford's instruction won the trophy for the five men doing the best work in judging horses.

Instructors whose students were in the contest are thus listed: Prof. C. S. Plumb of the Ohio State University, Columbus; Profs. John A. Craig and F. R. Marshall of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, College Station; Prof. W. J. Rutherford, Iowa State College, Ames; Prof. M. Cumming, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; Prof. E. S. Soaw, Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing; Prof. R. J. Kinzer, Kansas Agricultural College, Manhattan, and Prof. Andrew Ross, Minnesota School of Agriculture, St. Anthony Park.

The ranking of the individual men who landed in the prize list and the name of the college represented are thus listed:

Place.	Name.	Value of prize	Pts. in 1,000
1—	W. A. Martin, Ohio.	\$100	520
2—	W. C. McKillican, Ontario.	75	518
3—	B. Griffin, Ohio.	60	5-0
4—	H. E. Hanna, Texas.	50	4-8
5—	L. Daily, Minnesota.	45	486
6—	W. J. Lennox, Ontario.	40	468
7—	F. L. Allen, Ohio.	35	468
8—	R. K. Bliss, Iowa.	30	464
9—	C. O. Moser, Texas.	25	458
*10—	J. Bowditch, Mich.	20	458
11—	P. R. Birch, Kansas.	12	450
12—	W. C. Moore, Mich.	8	446

\*Tied.  
The trophy offered to the college whose five men should do the best

work in judging cattle, sheep and swine, the judging being done on the basis of 2,500 points for each team, was won by the University of Ohio, with an aggregate standing of 2,186 points. The Texas Agricultural College stood second with 2,150 points; the Iowa Agricultural College third with 2,135 points; the Ontario Agricultural College fourth with 2,100 points; the Michigan Agricultural College fifth with 2,032 points; the Kansas Agricultural College sixth with 1,900 points; the University of Minnesota (three men) seventh with 1,178 points, and R. McKee (farmer's son division) eighth with 280 points.

The trophy offered to the college whose five men should do the best work in judging horses fell to the Iowa Agricultural College, whose five men had an aggregate standing of 26 points out of 34 (33 points for reasons and 1 point for correctness of placing). Ontario won second with 20 points; Michigan third with 18 points; Texas and Ohio fourth and fifth with 15 points each; Kansas sixth with 14 points, and Minnesota (three men) 6 points.

The Union Stock Yards and Transit Co., and the commission firms whose names have been connected with these contests, are stimulating interest in live stock judging.—Breeder's Gazette.

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