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STANDARDIZING THE SENIOR RING AND THE JUNIOR PIN.

There are various advantages to be
derived from standardizing the em-
blems of the senior and junior classes,
and these advantages are articularly
to be desired in the case of the
senior ring. The most important rea-
son for standardizing the senior ring
is that it could in all after years be
recognized at a glance by every gradu-
ate and former student of the col-
lege. The wearer of a senior ring
would have the peculiar pleasure of
knowing that many hundreds of other
graduates in all parts of the Nation
and the world were wearing identically
the same college emblem.

If the design and quality of the
senior ring and junior pin were set
and fixed, manufacturers would make
exceedingly low bids that they might
get the first order and thus, by virtue
of having the die, have a monopoly
on these class emblems in succeed-
ing years. But the company first se-
curing the contract could not afford
to raise prices much in following
years for fear that some other com-
pany would find it profitable to under-
bid them.

But the senior class which would
standardize the emblem of graduation
must consent to let all the lower
classes have some voice in the choice
of that emblem, or else the lower
classes cannot be depended upon to
maintain the standard when they be-
come seniors. We suggest to the
present junior class that next year
they issue a call for the election of,
say, five representatives from each
class then in college, said twenty men
to constitute a board for the selection
of a standard emblem, quality and
average weight for the senior ring
and junior pin. It is not likely that
a standard once adopted in such a
way would be changed for many years
to come, if ever.

The ring adopted by the classes of
1914 and 1915 is a very good one
(aside from the price) but for one
fact—its significance is entirely mili-
tary. There are three conspicuous
features of the A. & M. College—the
agricultural, the mechanical and the
military—and the present emblem sig-
nifies but one. We suggest that,
should the senior ring in some way be
standardized next year, the face of
the ring be left as it is now, to signify
the military nature of the college, and
that some conventional design, such
as a sheaf of wheat, be used on the
right to signify the agricultural na-
ture of the college, and that some
conventional design symbolical of the
engineering courses be used on the
left to signify the engineering nature
of the college.

REMARKABLE FILM IN CAMPUS "MOVIES."

Among the films seen at the campus
show last Saturday night was a
comedy showing the results following
the wreck of a circus train. Many
ludicrous scenes showing the panic
of the inhabitants of the nearest town
when it was invaded by the escaped
animals were depicted and caused
great amusement among the audience.
The remarkable part was the com-
pleteness with which the animals took
charge of things and the naturalness
with which they acted.

There were two other good films
and the house was completely filled
with the crowd which came out. The
Saturday night movies do much to-
ward making life at college more
pleasant than formerly.

CONCERNING "THE SHRAPNEL."

The Shrapnel, the fifty-page maga-
zine which was published just after
our last issue in honor of Coach
Moran, R. R. Allen and C. J. Davis be-
ing the "instigators," was quite a
creditable issue. The three-color cover
page and the printing were attractive
and the material, tho chiefly concerning
athletics, had enough variety to give
it spice. But the proofreaders seem-
ed afflicted with the same malady
that the editor of The Battalion finds
himself subject to while reading proof
—that of cock-it-is.

The Shrapnel in an editorial has
revived the discussion of exemption
from examinations in all subjects in
which students have made as much
as 85, and the Student Farmer for
January has seconded the proposal.
The Battalion is also standing behind
this proposition since it appears to
us there is no valid argument to the
contrary. We understand that the
faculty is considering the matter and
we hope to see the change brought
about in time to benefit the student
body in the coming examination.

The Battalion invites all students
and instructors who have ideas to ad-
vance concerning local matters to
write them out and turn them in.
Communications of from 100 to 500
words will be cheerfully published,
but must be signed for the informa-
tion of the editor.

This simplified spelling seems to be
"catchin'." When we adopted the
"three hundred words" for use in The
Battalion we expected to hear con-
siderable protest, but none has reach-
ed our ears yet. On the contrary, we
found the sentiment running in favor
of the reform. Last month we were
glad to note that the "Shrapnel" made
use of a considerable number of sim-
plified words, and this month we
found one or two on the editorial page
of the Student Farmer.

NOWHERE ELSE

Will You Find

MORE NIFTY GIFTS

PARK THE JEWELER

Postoffice Block, Bryan, Texas

Start you Christmas joy-making by making us happy by
your patronage. We wish you a pleasant home-coming and
a safe return to old A. and M.—"THE OLD MAN."



Gentle readers, permit me to intro-
duce to you one F. W. (Sot) Cawthon,
who hails from Denison, Texas. He
is another North Texas product, of
which the senior class seems to be
composed mostly, and we are fortu-
nate in having him with us.

"Major" Cawthon, as he is called
by all the underclassmen, entered A.
& M. as a "fish" in "D" Company
in the fall of 1911. During the winter
of that same year, "Sot," in company
with several more husky fish of "D"
and "H" Companies, rescued a lost
car of oil and pushed it up the hill
to the old steam plant. For their
valuable services a dance was given
to the two companies. Then and there
is where "Sot" made his debut in
Bryan society; his only regret now
is that she married last May.



"SOT" CAWTHON,
Major Second Battalion.

"Sot" was an unknown quantity
during his fish year, probably due to
his being calm, meek, reticent, and
to his urbane manners and hilarious
disposition, but he blossomed forth
in his sophomore year along athletic
lines. He played center on the cham-
pionship "C-D" team in 1912. During
the fall of 1913 he was found to be
too good for the company league and
was immediately drafted to the squad.
He won his letter playing consistently
and by spectacular playing in Hous-
ton against Louisiana State Univer-
sity. He formed a large part of the
nucleus around which was built the
1914 team. His quick recovery of T.

C. U.'s fumbles on October 16 chal-
lenged the admiration of each and
every cadet.

"Sot" is enrolled in the C. E. course
and has all of the qualifications for
becoming a great construction engi-
neer, as is shown by his concrete il-
lustrations in his class-room recita-
tions. The desire to take C. E. came
to him after wading in mud and water
all over North Texas for a number of
years, when he decided to come to
A. & M. and learn how to drain all of
North Texas.

"Sot" is a man to be trusted, as
was shown by his election to the posi-
tion of secretary-treasurer of the
senior class, in which position he has
to handle a vast amount of money.

"Sot" is a member of the Company
Athletic Council, head coach of one of
the two all-company football teams,
and major of the Second Battalion,
the rank with which he was rewarded
for his strict observance and adher-
ence to regulations. The senior class
should be composed of more such
men.

A Little Story of College Life

Sunday night there was a great
commotion in Mitchell Hall which
sounded as if the court were full of
exploding firecrackers. A portion of
the students rushed out to find the
cause of the disturbance, but others,
having been fooled by that firecracker
stunt before, assumed an "I-should-
worry" air and settled back at study,
and that was why they missed the
fun.

A dog in the hall of the fourth story
found a bunch of firecrackers tied to
his tail, and, with an air of hurt sur-
prise, he began to race around the
hall. He gained not an inch on the
firecrackers, but, on the contrary, the
faster he ran the faster they ex-
ploded. Then, in his fright, he did a
desperate thing—he jumped from the
fourth story into the court below, a
distance of of about forty feet.

The onlookers expected to see him
land as a mass of broken bones, but,
much to their surprise, he jumped up
as soon as he struck and shot out of
the basement.

That the war will not effect the
'Frisco Exposition materially was
borne out by the action of Germany
in appropriating \$300,000 for her ex-
hibit at the Exposition.