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SUGGESTIONS

Pride in personal appearance is a duty which every man owes to himself. People instinctively form much of their estimate of a man's character from his personal appearance. The man who is careless and indifferent to outward appearance is apt to be the same way in other habits of life.

Some have said a man is as much of a soldier as his uniform makes him. On the other hand it has been said that the more of a soldier a man is the more pride he will take in keeping neat and smart.

I take a great pride in the interest that most of our senior and junior classes take in their personal appearance. However, I think there are a few in those two classes and many in the sophomore and freshman classes, that are careless in their personal appearance. The following are a few suggestions that will help, if carried out, in improving the appearance of the cadet corps at this institution.

1. Wear the exact uniform prescribed.
2. Never wear any part of the uniform with civilian clothes. Make it all one or the other.
3. Keep the uniform clean, neatly pressed and in good repair.
4. Have no missing buttons, collar and cap ornaments. Replace them promptly when lost or destroyed.
5. There is but one correct way to wear the cap—set square on the head. Never wear it on the back or side of the head. To do so immediately marks you as a recruit who knows no better or a man who has no pride in himself or his appearance.
6. Never wear your blouse or your shirt unbuttoned. It marks the slouch.
7. Keep shoes neatly polished and your leggins clean, if the spiral puttee, neatly rolled.
8. Keep the sleeves down, leave the low neck and short sleeves for the females.

—COL. C. J. NELSON.

COMMENT

In this age of enlightenment and of so much knowledge, superstition is supposed to be more of a joke than a fact. We smile when we make dire predictions after an ebony hued cat has crossed our way, or after we have inadvertently passed under a ladder. We laugh when we talk about a broken mirror causing so many years of bad luck. We laugh outright when we knock on wood after making certain predictions.

But yet we encourage and nourish these traditions and fallacies. And as we do, faithfully and doggedly, let us not court "Lady Luck" in the wrong manner and for the wrong people. If we are to bring good luck to the baseball team, by standing up in the seventh inning, let it be the right half of that inning instead of the wrong half as was done last Friday in the game with the Houston Buffaloes. We need our luck too much not to deliberately drive it away, if such a thing is possible.

PARNASSUS OR BUST!

Through the blinding heat and dust of a summer's afternoon an ancient weary mule drags a creaking two wheeled cart along a dusty trail. The cart, a time-worn relic of the frontier days is groaning and swaying under the burden of a queer collection of ancient firearms and munitions, broken plows, and a jumble of bright and shiny machinery of more modern manufacture. High on the teetering seat is perched a blind crazy beggar, who dozes intermittently, only waking to jerk the lines enough to keep the

menage from catapulting over the precipice that bordered by the road. Suspended from a protruding musket barrel, one sees a faded maroon rag on which, in squire squat letters that had once been white, is printed the inscription "Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas—Parnassus or Bust."

A group of ragged urchins, we run beside the cart and jeer, only stopping long enough to gather rocks to throw at the senseless beggar. Circumstance, who keeps our cart upon the trail. Vicious little wretches aren't we?

REGARDING STUDENT LIVING CONDITIONS

The last few issues of the "Bat" have contained editorials on student living conditions, a subject that is of considerable importance, yet, one that has been given little attention in the past either by the students or the college officials. In this day and time when comforts are attainable with comparatively little effort and cost it is a grotesque anomaly to see men attempting to master Calculus and Physics amid surroundings that would be a discredit to a college of twenty years ago. And, it is absurd to think that any degree of culture can be instilled in students who live in rooms that are crudely furnished, in dormitories that are vene worse than the army barracks which they resemble.

Conditions here are not intolerable but they could be improved, should be improved. From the amount of furniture stored in the M. E. Shops each spring it is quite evident that the students are dissatisfied with the equipment in the rooms and are willing to pay for better and additional articles. The relative cost of remodeling and refurnishing the dormitories would not be excessive and if the students were willing to pay the extra cost through an increase in the maintenance fee there could be no reason for not so doing. It would be interesting to know how many of the students would concur in a plan that would give them the comforts that in modern life are considered essential and how much they would be willing to pay for these improvements.

E. E. HOP

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More than a hundred aspiring Electrical Engineers were on deck with their queens and nearly every sponsor of the department was present. And it might be well to add that these queens spoken of were nothing more than a hundred beauties selected from over the entire state that gave the dance an even more alluring charm. These E. E.'s know

how when it comes to picking prizes of the fairer sex.

A great portion of the success of the dance must go to the committee that put the dance over financially and socially. R. S. Boykin, Merle Horn, Alex Paez and G. W. Beams constituted the committee. F. W. Atwell and C. S. Robertson had charge of the lights.

Little else can be said except that it was the best, peppiest dance that has been given in Aggieland this year.

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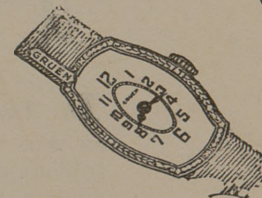
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