

FIRST FOOTBALL ENCOUNTER TODAY

GRIDIRON SEASON WILL OPEN WITH FIRST GAME THIS AFTERNOON ON CLARK FIELD.

LONGHORNS VS. T. C. U.

The Christians From Fort Worth Are Reported to Be Strong—Varsity In Pink of Condition.

The Longhorns will prod the Christians from Fort Worth for the first blood of the season this afternoon. These cool, chilly nights are making the Longhorns feel their feed, and they are eager for the fray. They are anxious to test their real strength. T. C. U. is an unknown quantity this season. The manager reports that have come from her training camp, however, are optimistic, and it is quite likely she will give Varsity a stiff fight. "Old Adrian" always turns out a squad worthy of her reputation, and it is not to be supposed that she will fail this year. The small college usually gets the jump on the University and makes a better showing in the first game, because her Coach has fewer men to pick from and can soon select the best ones. With a squad of a hundred or more men, it is impossible to test the men and form a team this early in the season. It is to be expected, then, that T. C. U. will make a good showing against Varsity.

Hundreds of rooters will be on hand for the opening game. The college year will not be properly ushered in until the Referee blows his whistle for the first kick off, and the rooters hear the familiar strains of "Hod Dast, fellows," floating across the gridiron. Today's game will attract more interest than the usual initial game, because it will be the first test of the new rules. What will be the effect of the four downs? Will the coaches play a line-plunging game, or will they take advantage of the unrestricted forward pass and depend on their fleet ends? Take either phase of the game, Varsity has the material, as will be demonstrated in today's contest. Come out and see if your predictions have come true about the effect of the radical changes. Upon the successful termination of the scrimmages throughout the country today will depend the future of college football. The showing made by Varsity will be something of an indicator of her record this season.

After solving the difficult problem of playing the game to the best advantage under the new rules, Coaches Allerdice, Rix and Trainer Disch are confronted with a still harder problem. This game will be the most trying of the year for them. The material is so abundant and so promising that it is well nigh impossible to name eleven men and say they are better than the others. There are enough men who are old and tried veterans of the gridiron to fill every position twice over, and there are a greater number of other men whose mettle has not been tried, but who have stood the test of the first scrimmages. With Murray at center, Pritchett and Keck at guards, Jordan and Berry at tackles, Woodhull and Sellers on the ends, Puett at quarter, Barrell and Brown at halves, and Nible at full—who would be afraid to risk the honors of Varsity? But suppose we put Birge, Knauer, Leitch in the line; Dealey on end; Wimmer at quarter; Halbert and Crane at halves, and Green on full,—what would be the effect? Shift them any way the coaches may, and select from any number of other good men, they should be able to make a very strong showing today. The full strength of the Varsity eleven will not be realized, however, until the freshmen become eligible. Higginbotham at end, Jalonic and Williams in the line; Littlefield in the back, and numerous others should add much to the strength of the team.

Coach Allerdice is feeling fine now and working hard with the inside dope. He is rejoiced at having found the squad in such fine condition and so far advanced in

MR. HILL PUBLISHES POEM.

October Century Contains "To a Sea-Bird, Lying in a Case in the Bird Museum, U. of T."

University students will be interested in a poem that appears in the October Century Magazine, entitled "To a Sea-Bird, Lying in a Case in the Bird Museum, University of Texas," by Clyde Walton Hill, B. A. '05, late Instructor in English, and now a Senior Law. The poem occupies a full page of The Century, and consists of some half dozen stanzas of unusual beauty, reminiscent of the early nineteenth century English poets. The bird is addressed as:

"Far-faring sea-bird, nursing of the gale, Cliff-dweller from yon cloud-banks near the sun."

This is the second poem from Mr. Hill's poem to be published in the Century.

DR. RAMSDELL TELLS OF NORTHERN TRIP

ATHLETIC SYSTEMS AT MISSOURI, WISCONSIN, CHICAGO, MICHIGAN, AND ILLINOIS DESCRIBED.

After a recent trip north, investigating the athletic management of the Universities of Wisconsin, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois and Missouri, Dr. Chas. W. Ramsdell, of the Athletic Council, has given The Texan an abstract of conditions as he found them.

General Athletic Management.

The most interesting and striking feature of the organization and management of athletics in all of these institutions is the fact that there is at each of them a permanent high-salaried Director. Through this official are secured both the continuity and efficiency of management that are so essential to this difficult business. The powers and functions of the several directions vary from the highly centralized plan at Wisconsin and Missouri to that of Michigan, which is least highly centralized. At three of the institutions, Wisconsin, Missouri and Chicago, there is a closer correlation between the work of the department of Physical Education and the intercollegiate sports. The systems of Wisconsin and Missouri are practically identical. Here the Director is at the head of the Department of Physical Culture and Education and also has charge of the athletic sports. He has full professional rank and his salary is paid by the University. All coaches are members of the Department of Physical Education, and have the rank either of instructors or professors. Their salaries also are paid by the University.

At Wisconsin Director Ehler coaches none of the teams, but at Missouri Director Brewer coaches football. The greater part of the business details are in the hands of a general manager who is subordinate to the Director and the faculty committee. There are no student members of this committee. There are student managers of the various teams but they are merely assistants to the director and have no control over the finances.

At Missouri the system is practically the same except that Director Brewer seems to exercise closer supervision over the business management and has no student managers. All purchases, contracts, etc., are in his hands. So successful is the system there that with a student body only a little larger than ours, they are saving \$10,000 a year, which is devoted exclusively to the extension and equipment of the athletic field.

At Chicago, Mr. Stagg, as Director training and teamwork. Every moment available is being utilized to bring the squad to perfection, and if the critical rooster discerns a little inconsistent work this afternoon, he should realize the handicap under which Rix and Disch have been working, and he should remember that the season is young yet. A good boost and a sincere expression of confidence on the field today will mean much to the team. Every loyal Texas supporter will be there. Come early.

LABORATORY IN SPANISH COURSE

STUDENTS WILL HAVE LAB. PERIOD JUST AS IN ZOOLOGY—USE ROOM 73.

MR. HALL'S INNOVATION CAMPAIGN IS ON NOW

His Idea Is to Teach For Practical Use—Appeals to Both Ear and Eye.

A new factor in the teaching of Spanish has been introduced into the University by Mr. Hall of the Spanish department. This is a laboratory. Students in the first section of Spanish A have to report to lab. work just as regularly as do students in physics or chemistry.

The laboratory is Room 73. The apparatus consists simply of pictures pasted on cardboard, the different parts of which are named in Spanish. Questions and answers like those on our primers are also printed on the cardboard. At laboratory period each student is given one of these cards to study. He has two hours in which to write a composition in Spanish upon what he sees on his card.

Another method of laboratory study calls for actual materials. If a class is studying such a thing as a house and its parts, it may be given samples of the materials that go into house construction to handle and talk about. As all conversation is in Spanish, it absorbs the new language through the eyes as well as the ears. Rather, the eyes are a means of tying the new words to the memory.

In offering a laboratory course Mr. Hall proposes to teach a language for practical rather than for literary use. He teaches through the ears from the start, beginning with words that are closely akin to the English and progressing to Spanish words unlike our own.

of Athletics, is head of the Division of Physical Culture and of all athletic sports. Mr. Stagg coaches several of the athletic teams and also has supreme control of the business management.

At the University of Illinois there is no very close relation between the Department of Physical Training, the gymnasium, and the intercollegiate sports, except that Physical Director Huff is at the head of both. There is a Board of Control which corresponds to our Athletic Council, and consists of four members of the faculty, four students, and three alumni.

At Michigan, Director Bartelme has supreme and immediate control over all business matters and is Secretary of the Board of Control which consists of four members of the faculty, three alumni, and three students. The Director does no coaching and seems to have no immediate control over the coaches except in so far as he is a member of the Board of Control. The student managers are merely assistants of the Director.

Views of President Hill of the University of Missouri, on the relation of athletics to the University:

I was fortunate enough at Missouri to have a conversation with President Hill on the subject of the relation of athletics to the University. He believes that the development and oversight of athletic activities are a proper function of the University and should be supported and controlled by the University just as training in mathematics or zoology. For this reason he believes that the University ought to pay all salaries and control the selection of all officials and coaches. Every University, he says, must come to the plan of employing a general director to attend to this important business. He agrees with the late President Harper of Chicago, that athletics should be endowed or entirely supported by the University so that all students should be enabled to take part in the sports, that in intercollegiate contests they should be admitted free, and all gate receipts from non-students will go to the University funds.

SEASON TICKET IS DISCUSSED

DR. BENEDICT, JUDGE GREGORY, COACH ALLERDICE, AND DEAN TAYLOR SPEAK.

Manager Garrett Has Companies at Work—300 Tickets Have Been Paid For.

The campaign for selling the new season ticket is now on in full blast. The money has been received for over 300 tickets. Manager Garrett has organized eight companies, with four in each company, and these have secured a large number of pledges. Their activity has just begun, however. The table in the Rotunda will be maintained. No one will be allowed to escape, say those in charge.

Amid much cheering and singing, the greater part of the student body met Wednesday night for the first football rally of the season. The old men demonstrated that they still had plenty of "pep," and the new men joined in with no slight degree of enthusiasm. Manager Garrett presided over the meeting, and explained the new system of season tickets. Briefly it is: For five dollars any student of the University can buy a book of thirty-six coupons admitting him to all athletic contests held during the year. Each student buying one will be issued a button showing that he is a member of the Athletic Association. The same ticket will be issued to the merchants of Austin for seven dollars and a half. A certificate will be issued to the merchants buying a ticket giving them honorary membership to the Athletic Association.

Manager Garrett then introduced Dean Benedict, who spoke in his usual way, and created much laughter and cheering. He stated that he was much embarrassed, and proceeded to give a short discussion of freshmen. "Benny" urged everyone to buy a season ticket. He said that the financial embarrassment of athletics demanded it. Continuing, he said, "The ticket is too cheap. The man with a good conscience would not pay only fourteen cents per game for a ticket."

Judge T. W. Gregory was next introduced. He delivered a few "hot shots" at "Benny," told of his connection with Varsity, and talked about the value of athletic enthusiasm. "It develops the spirit of loyalty to the institution," he said, "which is a vital element in good citizenship." He showed the precarious status of athletics at present, and urged a heavy sale of tickets as the best remedy.

The Athletic Council has recently abolished the custom of issuing passes promiscuously. Now only newspaper men and members of the teams will receive passes. In mentioning this new move Judge Gregory said, "It meets with my hearty approval and I think it to be a wise and proper action."

Coach Allerdice, arriving on the scene at this time, was greeted with many cheers, and as he came to the front of the platform, the students rose to their feet. Although the Coach has undergone an operation, his appearance showed him to be in fine condition. In regard to the team he said, "The team is in much better condition than this time last year, and the credit is due Coach Rix and Trainer Disch."

Manager Garrett then introduced T. U. Taylor, who, in his eloquent and enthusiastic way appealed to the loyalty of every Texas student to support the team by buying a ticket and being present at all the games. He talked of old days at Varsity, and put the spirit of "do or die" into his hearers.

FIRST Y. W. C. A. MEETING.

The Y. W. C. A. Starts the Year With Bright Prospects—Now Have 175 Members.

Y. W. C. A. held its first regular meeting Monday afternoon in the Girls' Study Hall. The occasion was of especial interest to all the girls for this was the first meeting that Mrs. McLean, the new secretary, had attended.

The program was musical; the following numbers were rendered:

Vocal solo by Mr. Killough. Violin solo by Miss Pansy Lawhon. Vocal solo by Miss Edleen Begg. Miss Helen Knox presented Mrs. McLean, who spoke a few minutes on "What Is Your Life?" The number present was unusually large, and the prospects for the coming year are exceptionally bright. One hundred and seventy-five new girls have already joined the Association. This number does not include students who were in the University last year.

PRESIDENT MEZES TO ADDRESS Y. W. C. A.

THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON IN THE GIRLS' STUDY HALL.

Monday afternoon at five o'clock an excellent program will be given in the Girls' Study Hall. The Young Women's Christian Association has been so fortunate as to secure the following speakers for the first regular meeting: Dr. S. E. Mezes, President of the University of Texas; Miss Mabel Stafford, State Secretary of City Associations; Mrs. Goodwin, a member of the Advisory Board of the University Y. W. C. A.; Miss Lilla Casis, Chairman of the School of Romance Languages.

Under the wise guidance of Mrs. McLean, the Association is entering upon a wonderful year. The interest is already phenomenal. Even before the opening of the membership campaign which begins with the Monday afternoon meeting, 275 girls have joined the Association. Before the end of next week the Membership Committee expects to have every girl interested in the work. A temporary committee of thirty girls has been formed to wage this vigorous campaign.

Remember the work starts with the Monday meeting, and do not miss this chance to hear our President.

Germania Meeting.

The Germania Literary Society holds its meeting on Wednesday night, Oct. 9, in Room 59 of the Main Building. A short program has been prepared, after which refreshments will be served. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in German and things German. Old members are urged to be present.

Chapel Exercises.

Chapel exercises will be held as usual next week in Room 48 at 8:30. The exercises will be conducted by visiting ministers, a new man taking his turn each morning.

Oratorical Association.

There will be a meeting of the Oratorical Association tonight at 7:30 o'clock, in the Auditorium of the Law Building. This is an important meeting, and should be attended by all, as vital matters are to be considered.

At seven o'clock, p. m., there will be a meeting of the Debating Council. Every member is urged to be present.

PRESTON P. REYNOLDS, President.

desirable marred the occasion, for it was a good humored crowd in attendance. Moreover, if Prof. Taylor's straw vote shows anything, a thousand and tickets will be gobbled up before this appears in print.

LITERARY CLUBS MEET TONIGHT

THE ATHENAEUM AND THE RUSK MEET IN THEIR CUSTOMARY SOCIETY HALLS.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Presidents Give Out Lists of Speakers for the Initial Meeting.

Tonight there will be held the first annual meeting of the literary societies. For some days the officers have been pushing the claims of their respective organizations. The presidents have given out the following programs to be rendered tonight:

Rusk.
Rusk Program for Saturday night, Oct. 5, 1912.

The first meeting of the Rusk Literary Society will be held Saturday night, Oct. 5, in the basement of the Law Building. A very interesting program will be carried out, as prominent old Rusk men have been secured to make speeches upon the occasion. Among those secured are Dr. Penick, Dean Benedict, and Attorney General J. P. Lightfoot. There will also be short speeches made by the newly elected officers and other prominent student members. Every first year man is cordially invited to be present that night, and become a member if it is the society of his choice.

H. L. VORHIES, President.

Athenaeum.

The following program will be rendered in the Athenaeum Society hall in the Law Building at nine o'clock tonight:

Welcome Address—George Wythe. Why I'm An Athenaeum—Paul Brown. The Old Athenaeum—Hon. Ireland Graves. Our Neighbors—W. W. Meachum. Athenaeum and Politics—Senator H. L. Darwin. The Question of Membership—P. P. Reynolds and T. Hardie. The New Athenaeum—A. L. Green.

These talks will be limited to six minutes.

The new men are especially invited to visit us; the old students know that they are always welcome. The Athenaeum has always been a pioneer; with the formation of two new societies we intend to do more than ever.

Come out tonight and take our measure.

GEORGE WYTHE, President.

The Hogg Forensic Club.

The new speaking club formed from the Rusk Literary Society will be organized in the Law Building, Room 10, Saturday night, at 7:30. All those who are interested in doing debating and other forensics under a coach are invited to join.

G. W. DUPREE.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

Today, Saturday, Oct. 5.
3:30, Texas vs. T. C. U., Clark Field.
7:00, Debating Council meets.
7:30, Oratorical Association meeting, Law Building.
8:00, Literary Society meetings, Law Building.

Tuesday, Oct. 8.
Last day for getting name on ticket as a candidate for Representative to Assembly.

Saturday, Oct. 12.
3:30, Texas vs. Austin College, Clark Field.

Tuesday, Oct. 15.
Election of Assemblymen, ballot system.
Election of Councilmen, by classes.
Election of Managing Editor, ballot system.
Competition for places on Texan Staff begins.

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My! wouldn't it take a lot of shingles to paddle all those freshmen?

And while you are resolving, resolve to join a literary society. It's worth your while.

Some of the "Old Guard" still persist in yelling "Hall Committee" over at the Commons.

AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND THE SEASON TICKET.

For twenty years athletics at this University have struggled along in a haphazard way, without any system and with only precarious financial backing. A study of conditions at the leading institutions has shown conclusively that a competent athletic director for all sports is the only balm for the ills of management. Only by placing at the head of a system a man who is sufficiently well paid as to insure competency, can absolute efficiency be obtained. Under the existing order of things, whereby the revenues of the Athletic Council depend on rain, or chance, or on absolutely nothing, the salary of a good director is out of the question. Even a coach must be turned off now and then for lack of funds.

The financial affairs of the Council must be set in order before any new venture can be undertaken; the Council must have assurances of their revenues for a year. For this reason season tickets admitting to all athletic contests have been proposed, and are now being sold to the students for five dollars. Merchants will be charged seven and a half dollars for the same book of tickets. The reduction was made in favor of the students because the importance of having every man in school present at the games was realized.

These tickets have been on sale since Wednesday night, and every student should have one by this time. If you have not procured one, buy it today. Five dollars for thirty-six games is equivalent to fourteen cents for each contest. If you can recognize profit and loss, surely you will not let this golden opportunity go by.

Two years ago a member of the faculty of this University was visiting the University of California during registration week. At that institution those desiring season tickets pay for them along with their fees. A California official told the Texan that out of 3200 matriculates, only four failed to purchase a ticket. At a number of the leading colleges the price of a season ticket is collected in the form of a compulsory fee. At many other institutions student sentiment has rendered its purchase practically obligatory.

It would be to the shame of the student body to allow the alumni to outstrip us in support of our own activities. The alumni have been loyal for many years. It is now time for each student to show his patriotism and good judgment.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon the football season for 1912 will be opened. Everyone will be expected on Clark Field. Of course, T. C. U. offers no particular

difficulty,—more interesting games are yet to come. But it is important that you come out! To paraphrase a famous statement, "It is not all of football to play." The game deserves its place in college life because of the spirit it develops, because of the opportunity given for a display of college patriotism. Besides, you will want to use the first coupon in that book of season tickets.

VARSITY DRAWS COLLEGE STUDENTS

TEXAS COLLEGES SEND MANY MEN TO "STATE"—MANY OTHERS FROM OUT OF STATE.

The registration of students this year from other colleges, both in and out of the State, is perhaps larger than ever. Looking over the records in Prof. Keen's office we find that sixty-eight different colleges and universities are represented, thirty of these being Texas institutions and thirty-eight outside of the State. Some of the Texas institutions represented by new students are:

	No. Students.
Southwestern University . . .	19
Texas A. & M.	17
Baylor	13
Austin College	10

Some of the principal universities represented from without the State are: Yale, Cornell, Vanderbilt, Washington and Lee, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and Pennsylvania.

Besides these there are three students from Germany—one from Eberhard Ludwig Gymnasium, one from Berlin Gymnasium and one from Real Gymnasium.

The University of Texas enrolled students from the following states, at the opening of this session: Arkansas, Maine, New York, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Michigan, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Louisiana, Virginia, Wisconsin and Connecticut.

The Churches Entertain.

Tuesday night the churches threw their doors open to welcome the University students. Seven different churches gave entertainments in their honor. Each student, of course, had his favorite, and the attendance was proportioned among them all. A large number of the students turned out. At one of the socials 250 were entertained.

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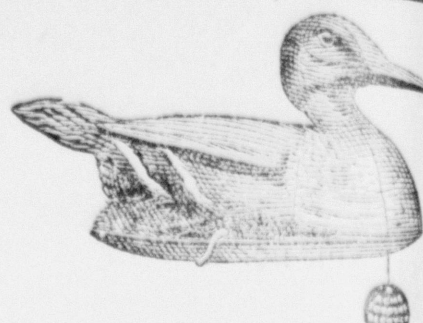
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THE SEASON TICKET WILL RECEIVE BACKING FROM THE "T" MEN—BEHIND GYM PLANS.

The Texas "T" Association met Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Law Auditorium with President Taylor in the chair. The meeting was not very largely attended, but such unusual enthusiasm was displayed by those present that a most successful year is assured for the organization.

President Taylor in stating the purpose of the special call meeting said that "every student activity of whatever nature, would in the future receive the hearty support of the Association, which is to become itself one of the most prominent factors in the University. Not alone is it the purpose of the 'T' Association to further the interests of athletics in the University, but it is to become a permanent and effective medium through which many worthy undertakings are to be helped to a successful culmination." Mr. Taylor sounded the keynote of the meeting as well as the purpose of the Association, when he stated that "the 'T' Association is to be known in the University as a 'doer of things.'"

The proposition of placing on sale a season ticket good for all athletic events was discussed by Mgr. Jack Garrett, and unanimously the meeting voted its heartiest support. Plans for waging the ticket campaign were thoroughly outlined, and immediate results are certain to be obtained

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possible ways Judge Gregory in his campaign for raising funds for a University gymnasium. Heretofore, this campaign has, in the main, been in charge of several alumni who on account of business affairs have not had sufficient time to devote to the undertaking. With the help of the "T" Association, Judge Gregory hopes to complete his work during the ensuing year.

Other plans for the school year were discussed, and a Publicity Committee was appointed by the chairman, following which the meeting adjourned subject to an early call by the President.

PERSONALS

Miss Ethel Sykes has returned to her home in Austin.

Ted Cole of Waco spent Sunday at the Sigma Chi House.

Miss Alberta Fetterly, of Dallas, is visiting the Chi Omegas.

Miss Louise Gibson, of Calvert, is a guest at the Zeta House.

Ashley Denton was a visitor at the Kappa Sigma House, Sunday.

Miss Ethel Randall of Dallas, has pledged Kappa Alpha Theta.

Miss Mamie Whaley of Marshall will be a guest at the Delta House.

Misses Lil Harper and Winnie Henderson are guests at the Tri Delta House.

Sigma Nu's have the following pledges: Barker, George Beakley, and Will Beakley.

Lonnie McKean and Henry Groesbeck have been visiting the University and Sigma Nu.

"Chris" Seale of Bryant, Aubrey Evans and John Caulfield of Waco, are here for a short stay, during "rush."

The first regular German was given last evening at K. of C. Hall. The usual large number of dancers enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Robert Autrey Greer, of Beaumont, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Benedict, has returned to her home.

Mr. Eugene Knapp, a graduate of the Nurnberg Gymnasium, of Germany, has matriculated. He will soon go to Galveston to meet his wife.

The following Sigma Chi's have re-entered the University after having been out several years. Goodhue Smith of Cameron; Ed. Porch of San Antonio; Herbert Ogden of San Antonio; John Atkinson of Cuero; Martin Hart of San Antonio.

The following are pledged to the Kappa Sigma fraternity: R. M. Darst, Richmond, Texas; J. B. Bryan, Honey Grove; Walter Boothe, Chevy Chase, Mich.; Edwin Miller, El Paso; G. T. Brown, San Antonio; Jno. M. Campbell, Corpus; J. T. Scott, Jr., Houston.

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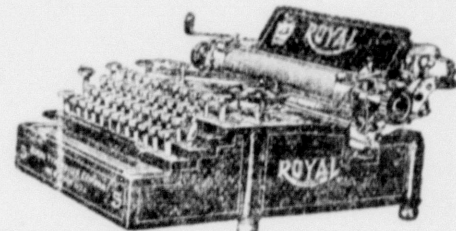
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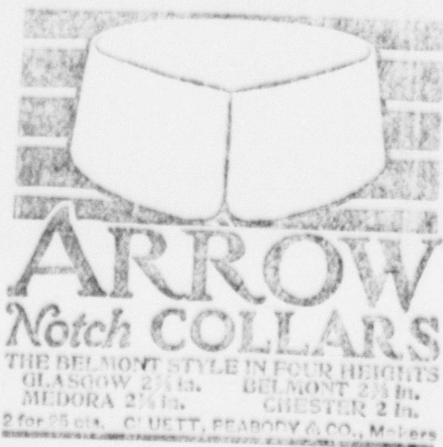
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