

Quite a number of the students spent the greater part of their vacation at the college. While this may not seem the jolliest way or place in the world to spend vacation, it was certainly the most profitable—at least to some. Mr. Fitch who entered last term as a Freshman succeeded in making up his work for Freshman year and is now ranked with the Sophomore Class.

A reading circle was organized last term at the home of one of the professors. These circles have become quite popular among the members of the Faculty and a few other families, lately. The promotors of these circles deserve much credit for the intellectual spirit and enterprise shown. They can thus have their select and congenial gatherings without feeling necessitated to have the obtrusive presence of student at their homes.

There is a general rumor that at last some action has been taken in reference to the Gymnasium. We hear that a list of apparatuses after the Sargent system has been adopted by the Faculty and steps have been taken to have it placed in the Armory as soon as possible. It is to be hoped the truth of this rumor will be soon demonstrated, as its fulfilment cannot occur too soon for the anxious students' mind.

This is how it was. They were sitting together on the train. One was just about asleep. The train stopped at a station and some lady passengers got aboard. As the train was crowded, there being no vacant seats, the other very gallantly gave his seat to one of the young ladies who was standing. The one who was about asleep did not notice the change of occupants in the seat next to him, and before long he was sound asleep and imagining his first companion yet by his side, he laid his head upon what he supposed was *his* shoulder, and slept like an innocent babe.

The young lady not being averse to such action, in fact rather enjoying the joke, it was left for the poor fellow to be awakened by the general giggling and laughing which his unconscious attitude of loving confidence caused. At last, when aroused, rubbing his eyes and with consternation depicted upon every feature, he sat, with open-mouthed wonder, and gazed upon his fair companion, who enjoyed the affair quite as much as the other passengers. Soon he realized the ludicrousness of his position, and there not being a knot-hole around for him to crawl into he tried to jump out of the window and was only prevented just in time by his friends from taking the awful leap. Lovett says after this he will have somebody sent along from home to take care of him until he reaches college rather than run the risk of such an occurrence again.

What some of the "boys" returned with: Prof. Centre with his hair parted in the middle; Moore with "Great grief;" W. H. Brown, with La Grippe; Breneman, with a bottle of La Grippe preventative; Weidner, with a new song; Love, with a sleepy look; Read, with a fancy pipe; Kinsel with a toothache; Griffin, with his whiskers gone; Lloyd, with a new musical instrument; Smiley, with a headache; Bohn, with a of bag salt to catch birds; Kessler, with a beard; Mock, with a funny feeling; Gilkey, with a thousand year calendar, Ellenberger, with a new curve; Greene, with a new electric toy; Brew, with a new flirtation code; Watts, with a farmers' almanac; Hildebrand, with a determination to make up chemistry, and Linsz with a new tune for his banjo.

The last Term witnessed a departure of the *Modus Operandi*, in Rhetoricals. On December 11th, there was given a public exhibition of eloquence. The speakers were:— Juniors—Gilkey, Zink, Miss Hartswick and Arthur McKee; Sophomores—Crawford, Linsz, Kessler, Pratt, Stephenson, W. McKee and Miss Maggie Shaffer; Freshmen—Birdsall, Gross, Williams, Girven and Fay.