"My boy!" she softly cried, and then those sunken eyes which had watched so long began to close, she breathed faintly, and the weight of her wasted body became more noticeable to Pierre.

"Oh, God, she is dying!"

The long-looked-for boy had at last returned. To see him was all that she had desired, and now that that great joy had been granted her the Thread of Life had gently parted.

'Twas evening, and over Pierre's soul a shadow deep and long had fallen. He had lost a mother's love. G. J. Yundt, '99.

COLLEGE CULLINGS.

There are registered in the College Chautauqua Home Study of Agriculture 2685 students.

The class of '97 of the University of Pennsylvania will be the first to graduate without having written theses.

It is proposed to consolidate Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This would give Harvard about 6,000 students.

Wellesley follows Lehigh in abolishing compulsory chapel attendance. The result is the same; no falling off in the attendance, and more spirit in the exercises.

Theodore Roosevelt has been suggested as a probable candidate for the presidency of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., a position left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Eliphalet Potter.

At Oxford, England, half the police force is under the control of the town and half under the control of the university. Troubles of any kind in which the students are engaged, no matter how grave, are solely under the cognizance of the university.

The University of California is planning to send an athletic team East to compete in the spring games of the Eastern colleges and in the intercollegiate meet. The team possesses a live bear as a mascot, and considerable fear is expressed lest he be brought with the team.

The Brown faculty has granted the petition of the senior class, that all members of the class be excused from the spring examinations who have attained a specified term grade, and who have not more than three absences during the term in any one course, and not more than nineteen in all courses combined.