

CRACCUM

SPECIAL DEBATERS' **EDITION**

ROUND THE CLUBS

Sci. Soc.: Monday, July 13th, at 7.30, Physics Lecture Theatre. Lecture on "Colour," by K. M. Rudall and

S.C.M.: Sunday, July 26th. Women's

Common Room, 4 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Walter Nash, M.P. "Jesus, His Significance for the Present

Situation." Saturday, August 1st, Women's Common Room, 7.30 p.m.

Debating Society: To-night, at 8 p.m., Official Welcome to Oregon Debaters. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Town Hall Concert Chamber, Debate, A.U.C. v. Oregon University, "Disarmament." Admission 2/- and 1/-. Wednesday, 8 p.m., College Hall, Debate A.U.C. v. Oregon University, "That Imperialism is a Failure."

Football and Basketball Clubs: Thurs-

Social Committee: Blues Dance, Sat-

ABOUT THE HARRIERS

The University Harriers Club has firmly established itself, and must rank as one of the most successful innovations of recent years. Founded

by Mr. G. J. Sceats, it has been in the forefront of the movement which has put harrier running well on the way to having the deserved popularity it has achieved in the South. The Club is fortunate in having Messrs.

N. Cooper and A. B. Browne, two of Auckland's best distance men, to coach promising runners. But it is wished especially to impress on new members that harrier running is not racing. Races are held occasionally, but the primary object is to build up the body and to keep fit. Three packs are formed-fast, medium and slow, the last of which goes so slowly it almost goes backwards. Everyone who does not play football or hockey should certainly turn out. It is not too late in the season, as new mem-

bers join each Saturday and have no

difficulty in keeping up with the packs.

A handicap sprint is held at the end

of each run, last week's event resulting, B. Kingston, 1; L. Ross, 2; V. M. Simmonds, 3; J. Magee, 4; J. C. Graham, 5; R. C. Haszard, 6. Interviewed afterwards, Mr. Bernard

Wight attributed his failure to win

to the fact that he wasn't able to be

present. Mr. Brian Rudman to the

fact that he stopped to take a photo, and Messrs. Alan Hill and Jim Hen-

derson to the fact that they were tired.

Mr. Keith Garry was observed cutting

across the Akarana Golf Links in-

stead of going over Mt. Roskill-he

attributed this to the fact that he

urday, July 18th. Single, 3/6; Double, 5/-.

day, July 30th. Annual Dance, Peter Pan Cabaret. Single, 4/-;

Imperialism is a Failure.'

Reading of "Green Pastures."

W. S. Rapson.

Weather Report: Anti-climax approaching from the west.

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ORATORS ARRIVE FROM OREGON

VISITING DEBATERS WELCOMED TO-NIGHT

To-night A.U.C. welcomes to its not over historic portals a team of debaters from the University of Oregon, U.S.A., who are completing a tour of the Dominion. They will compete against A.U.C. representacompete against A.U.C. representa-tives in the Town Hall concert chamber to-morrow night, and in the College hall on Wednesday.

The team comprises Mr. R. T. Miller, of Pendleton, Mr. R. A. Pfaff, of Eugene, and Mr. D. G. Wilson, of Portland. They were, we understand, chosen for this tour from a large number of applicants, and all three have considerable scholastic attainments. Mr. Wilson is a student of journalism who, in 1926, gained the first prize in an international student essay competition, entitling him to

ope, and the British Isles. visitors will follow a similar itinerary, returning to their own country in January, 1932, after a tour of approximately 35,000 miles. From Auckland they will proceed to Aus-tralia, and will then visit India and

Debating in America is regarded as something more than a glorified Aunt Sally turn, and it is with a mixture of awe and envy that we learn that this tour is being conducted under the auspices of such imposing bodies as the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, the National Student Federation, the Pan-American Union, and the United States Bureau of Education. OUR OWN TEAMS.

Two debates have been arranged against the visiting team. To-morrow night, in the Town Hall concert chamber they will take the negative side in a debate on the subject, "That the cause of world peace demands the immediate demobilisation of all armed forces other than those required for police protection." A.U.C. will be represented by Mr. K. H. Melvin, Mr. A. Miller, and Mr. M. G. Sulli-

Mr. Melvin, who is the present student president of Deb. Soc., was a member of the team which won the Joynt Scroll at the last Tournament contest. He also gained the gold medal as the best speaker in the debate. Mr. Miller, who attributes his easy, self-confident style to long years of practice at S.C.M. teas, has also represented the College at Tournament debates. Mr. Sullivan, the third member of the team, needs, we feel sure, "no introduction from

On Wednesday a second debate will be held, this time in the College Hall,



D. G. WILSON.

-Photos by courtesy "N.Z. Herald." on the subject, "That Imperialism is a menace." The visitors will this time take the affirmative. The College team will comprise Mr. G. Rowe, Mr. S. S. P. Hamilton, and Mr. G. O. Adams. It is stressed that the content of these debates both that the success of these debates, both financial and otherwise, will depend largely on the support of students.



R. T. MILLER

attend the Assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva. Mr. Miller and Mr. Pfaff have both distinguished themselves as debaters, and are members of a student forensic fraternity known as Delta Sigma Rho. This has members in more than one American college, and its activities are on

Although this is the first time that a team from Oregon has visited New Zealand, it is the second tour that has taken place. In 1927 a team of three students toured round the world, debating in China, Japan, India, Eur-

Auckland is the last city the team is visiting in the course of its New Zealand tour. Arriving in Wellington by the "Maunganui" at the end of last month, they held their first debate in Wellington, defeating a team from V.U.C. The subject was "That this audience disapproves of the rising generation." They have also spoken in Christchurch and Dunedin, on the subjects, "That the foreign indictment of American culture is unjustified," and "That the United States of America should join the League of Nations."

R. A. PFAFF.

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,, A, 10; Grammar, 3.

B, 10; Marathon, 27.

B, 5; Eden, 12.

Second A, 8; Marist, 6.

, A, 21; City, 5. , B, 0; R.N.R., 9. Thirds, 5; North Shore, 5. ,, 3; Panmure, 24.

Third (Int.), 0; Manukau, 5.
,, 25; Grammar B, 6.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

Seniors, 1; North Shore, 9.

Somerville, 2.

Second A. 2; St. Luke's, 1.
,, A, 2; Wesley, 0.

" A, 2; Wesley, 0. " B, 2; Mt. Eden, 3. Third A, 12; Varsity B, 2.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

Seniors, 2; St. Cuthbert's O.G., 2. Juniors, Bye.

BASKETBALL.

Senior White, 18; Killarua, 10.

White, 18; Killarua, 10.
White, 18; Tr. College, 12.
Blue, 21; Waratah, 5.
Blue, 22; Edendale, 17.
Colts, 10; Edendale, 10.
Colts, 12; Grammar, 12.
B, 1; Seddon, 13.

concrete children.

didn't notice the mountain. BIHEBDOMADAL **HOWLERS**

Prof. (Discussing morality plays):
"The Seven Deadly Sins were very popular at this time."

* * *

The whites in Africa found it too hot to work so they imported coolers

Extract from English Newspaper: "Merritt was not quite nineteen when he came to England with the 1827 team." [Still, in spite of his hundred and twenty-three years, he appears to have lost none of his dash.—ED.]

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FUN AND FILTH

We must heartily congratulate the Law Society on the roaring success their revue entitled "A Trial." As an exhibition of doubleheaded humour and smutty repartee it left the productions of the famous Stiffy and Mo far behind. We ourselves are fairly hard-boiled, and were able to stomach most of the fare without difficulty, but there were a number of young women present and we agree with Mr. Walls, who says that in spite of the wickedness of men there is still such a thing as a pure girl, or at least a fairly pure one. Most of the girls saw the thing through, but a few of the younger ones had the courage to leave quietly. Those that remained had to laugh, for the perpetrators hammered away at each bit of filth until it got the applause intended. The acting was of a very high standard, and what wasn't got over by mere voice was conveyed by facial expression or subtle gesture. The whole show would have made a smoke concert promoter green with envy.

It would be unfair to single out any of the actors for special mention, but the acting and dialogue of the "Ann Rufflegs" scene was the cesspit of the evening, and dull of wit and pure of soul must he be who was not thrilled by its brilliant suggestiveness and its blatant obscenity. A truly remarkable performance, and one that possibly will not be repeated for many a long day.

[We extend our sympathy to those unfortunate members of the many Smutty Yarn Clubs of the College whose professional duties prevented them from attending.]

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CRITICISMS AT CANTERBURY

The current number of Canta, the official periodical of Canterbury College, is packed with correspondence fired by articles advocating the bar-ring of Training College students from attending the University. A commentary leader says: "We repeat and emphasise that the Training College is a separate institution grafted on the University. The Training College is a community unto itself. Man cannot serve two masters and neither can he hope to be an intelligent member of two societies. The solution of the difficulty might be in the complete amalgamation of the University and the Training College, or in their complete separation, with a greatly-needed expansion and revision of the Training College curriculum. We cannot presume, with the time and space available, to enter into an examination of the rottenness of the educational system in New Zealand, but it is certain that these two Institutions, the University and the Training College, cannot exist side by side in harmony and with mutual benefit."

We know little of the state of things at Canterbury College, but a regular perusal of Canta leaves one with a faint suspicion that many things are not well there. However, we are sure the opinions quoted above do not apply in Auckland. Certainly there are a few half-witted Training College students attending A.U.C., but they are no more in number than the half-wits from the Science, Law, Commerce and Engineering courses. glance at the Sports and Scholarship records will show that A.U.C. is in a much happier position as regards its Training College students than Canterbury apparently is. The captain and three or four more of the 1st XV., a N.Z. Hockey Blue, the Rhodes Scholar for 1930, two or three Senior Scholars for 1930, and halfa-dozen members of the Executive are ex-Training College students trained under the double system which the Canterbury critic so roundly con-

OUR VISITORS

Craccum extends a hearty welcome our visitors from the University of Oregon, and hopes that their short stay will be a very pleasant one. They come with a formidable reputation, and our memory is carried back a couple of years to the time when three humorous gentlemen from the University of Maine debated against us. We are sure that A.U.C. will give Oregon as hearty a welcome as it gave Maine, and that the bulk of the students are looking forward to the contests. Students are urged to advertise the debates as much as possible among their friends and relations, especially as the proceeds of the Town Hall function are to go to the Blind Institute. We should also like to remind some of our cruderminded brethren that, although witty comment will be as welcome as proper heaters in the library, meaningless noises and stupid irrelevancies will be a bit of a washout. The fruit and fish throwers are also reminded that the surest way to damn our reputation in the eyes of the public and to destroy our growing hopes for the return of "Capping Day" will be to indulge in their gentle art.

THE REIGN OF THE VULGAR AND THE VACUOUS

TASTE AND TALENT SUBMERGED IN RISING TIDE OF INSOLENT IMBECILITY

(Specially written for "Craccum" by "MEPHISTOPHELES MINOR")

It is not my desire to see any writings of mine disfigured by a place in cancerous columns of Craccum. But if there be no alternative but to revive some such gutter-paper as "Wreccum," if to support the official publication is our only refuge from the bletherings of unauthorised stupidity, from puerilities even more petty than the present regrettable outpourings, then I must reluctantly allow myself the use of your pestiferous pages to discover something of the degradation into which the College has sunk.

First as to Craccum itself. It exists apparently to advertise the antics of a clique and to insult the susceptibilities of the rest of the College. For the rest it merely enables the lame in style and halting in purpose to display their ignorance of University education by discussing lectures as if they were one of a series of schemes to give students some return for the fees they pay. And why should the babbling amours of the Publications Committee be flaunted before the gaze of the appalled College?

I pass from Craccum to the Executive which its Editor adorns. It is an assembly of capability rather than of culture, of good sound men who would dignify any Road Board in the land. (Hence the blue-ribbon of University athletics, the Rhodes scholarship, is often awarded to Executive members. But the qualities of leader-ship required by the Rhodes Trust are such that after their Oxford course the scholars may even make suitable City Councillors.)

The complacency of the College is well illustrated by the late successful play, "Frenzy," when the whole College leapt to the conclusion that it had (through the medium of someone outside it) at last produced a really good play. What, of course, happened, was that an experienced producer had been able to get a good cast together, had a company that he could manage, had a good, but not infallible. idea of what jokes are too subtle for the Auckland audience that comes to see the Students' Play, together with a knowledge of many ancient jokes and a capacity for making his company enthusiastic. The recipe was sufficient to please; and when to it was added the sop of "sanity and reason" to make the public think that the student world was just serious enough to pull a long face at carefully selected intervals over the troubles of the time, then the audience was simply rapturous. But still, "Frenzy" was no reason for anyone within the College walls to congratulate himself.

Another branch of the Mutual Admiration Society to which so many College institutions are becoming affiliated is the Literary Club, now cleft into two divisions. In the Literary section some read poems and papers while others gently lisp their praise till supper-time, where there is always plenty of coffee and an abundance of biscuits. The Dramatic Committee strives to please a different set apparently in alternate fortnights, with the unfortunate result of pleasing nobody. For cheap drawing-room vulgarity mingled with sentimental vanity I doubt if the Club has ever seen anything to equal "This Woman Business" recently produced by the Club. It was significant that it was the most popular play of the year to date.

It cannot, however, be charged against the Law Students' Society that the entertainment it recently provided smacked at all of the drawingroom. Once again the College was treated to the pleasing spectacle of humour sternly repressed in order to give a realistic presentation of a law court, in which, as is well known, that grace is never allowed to obtrude. And the Society very kindly allowed laymen a glimpse of matters ordinarily transacted after the presiding judge has directed all persons not interested in the case to leave the Court. An interesting feature of the proceedings was that although no bar was raised against their remaining, several female spectators left the Court during the trial. I understand that members of the legal profession present regarded this as one of the few blemishes on the verisimilitude of the proceedings.

Even the S.C.M. has not been unaffected. It has allowed its curious, but characteristic programmes of songs and silences to be cheapened by the voice of the elocutionist comedian whose "piece" is hoary and whose "business" is weak.

And let not the student who has avoided the Literary Club meetings and the S.C.M. think he is safe. For, according to good authorities, even at the most apparently innocuous of College functions, the Common Room Coffee Evening, comes the undesirable outsider to entrap the unwary student. And what, after all, is a Coffee Evening without coffee? Designed as that great drink is to take the edge off passions, it is a fit prelude to the function it denominates. Let the House Committees see to it: it may not be possible to provide undesirables for all, but at least coffee for all should be within their reach.
It is possible, we know, to have a
Hockey Dance without hockey players, a Literary Club meeting without any literature to speak of, a Craccum without "crack," a "Golden Goose" without a golden egg, but surely not a Common Room Coffee Evening without coffee.

SPORTS NOTES

The A.R.U. Senior Championship is in a very interesting position, and with one series of the Second Round played, 'Varsity, Ponsonby and Grammar are equal with 14 points, each having been defeated three times. 'Varsity has twice beaten Grammar, but has gone down to Training College, Tech. O.B., and Ponsonby. second meeting of 'Varsity and Ponsonby is awaited with interest, and a victory for 'Varsity should make the championship fairly safe.

The second grade Hockey Championship seems secure for 'Varsity A, which has been undefeated to date. The Third A team is also in a good position, having been beaten only once.



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FEET OF CLAY

Though Shakespeare did a lot of things for no apparent cause, Yet the Prof. will give his reasons, while you render mute applause

But Shakespeare never told him them, you needn't be mistookdidn't even make them up, he

found them in a book!

When you're gazing up at "somebody," in rapturous despair his pure and perfect syntax, it

might interest you to hear When he first came up asyndeton was more than he could face, And they tell me that his proses were a scandal to the place!

The librarian is really not as solemn

as she looks, And she's never known to open one of all her mouldy books-

Though she doesn't hold with talking, yet they say that she can speak, And at school she was kept in for i. on five days in the week!

At last the sordid secret of the Registrar is known-

Why he's always skulking in a darkened room alone,

How he maintains his dignified and consequential air-

He feeds himself on penny buns when no one else is there!

The janitor has access to a catacombish place,

Where he frequently emerges with a smile upon his face; He's a hardened secret drinker, and

he goes when no one's by To craze his brain and burn his throat with Baxter's on the sly!

Attending at the lectures which are held about the place, My application to my books astounds

the populace. The prof. thinks that my silence is a

compliment; poor man. Don't tell him that I fell asleep as soon as he began!

PERSONAL

I, Jean Margaret Nancy Ann Rufflegs, of "Harbour View," Herne Bay, publicly state that I am the Ann Rufflegs who conducts the "Woman's Whirl" in Craccum, and that I am not the Ann Rufflegs who recently gave evidence in a breach of promise case in the Supine Court, nor any rela-

(Signed) J. M. N. A. RUFFLEGS. 11/7/31.

Ni-Meet me outside W.C.R. tonight-Wait-Yours-J.H.

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TRUELOVE TRIUMPHANTLY TRAPPED

BOLD BAD PROFESSOR'S BLATANT BREACH

FAMOUS FILTH FOSSICKER FAILS TO FIND THE FACTS

The Supine Court was well filled last week when Simon Adonis Truelove, Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Orakei, stood his trial before Mr. Justice McElroy for breach of promise to marry Fifi de Feucloze, a young student of the university.

Swinger, who prosecuted, stated that the case was one of the most sordid and scandalous things he had ever had to deal with in his long career. Had it not been for one or two exceptionally unsavoury details he would never have touched the case. The prosecution was based on the facts that in October last Truelove made a promise of marriage to Miss Feucloze, and told her to buy a trousseau suitable for the wife of a University professor. In December, however, defendant's affections suddenly cooled, and he broke off all relations with the plaintiff.

Mr. Swinger said that on the evidence he would bring it would be proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Truelove was an unmitigated scoundrel of the first water.

The first witness was the plaintiff, Fifi de Feucloze, who said that last year she studied Social Psychology under Truelove. Frequently he would ask her to remain behind after lectures and, although at first the conversations in his study were limited to discussions on the work, after a few weeks they took a more intimate turn and she soon realised that even a professor could have his moments.

On 2nd October last he asked her to his study, and after a few minutes embarrassed her and made a proposal to her, stating that in her he had found his ideal and if her parents' consent could be obtained she was to go right ahead. She therefore went to considerable trouble and extense assembling a trousseau and taking a correspondence course in "How to Become a Mother in Three Lessons." Then, a few weeks later, came the soul-shattering note, saying that everything was a washout, and he was no longer able to proceed with his plan.

Further questions elicited the information that Truelove had made her presents of stockings and on one occasion had fitted her out in a com-

plete set of silk undies.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. I. Fixem, counsel for the defence, Miss de Feu-cloze admitted that Truelove had never been a very amorous type. He had never kissed her. She had been engaged once before to Egbert C. West, a young divinity student. She also admitted that she had acted as

hostess at the Spitz.

The second witness was Willy Scrubbitt, a cleaner at the University of Orakei. Scrubbitt detailed what he saw on suddenly entering Professor Truelove's study at 7.5 p.m. on the evening of 22nd October. room was in darkness and when he switched on the light the plaintiff was in the defendant's arms. professor seemed very angry at the Scrubbit offered, on interruption. Mr. Swinger's suggestion, to give a demonstration of the position in which the two were. This was. however, objected to by Mr. Fixem, and the objection was upheld by the Judge.

Cross-examined by the for the defence, Scrubbit admitted he had seen "a good deal in a short time." He also admitted having been convicted of drunkenness on two occasions.

The last witness for the prosecution was Egbert C. West, a young divinity student, who claimed to represent a responsible section of University opinion.

West detailed a number of social functions at which he had seen True-love with Miss Feucloze. The pair were frequent patrons of the Peter Pan on Friday nights. He had also seen them at the Commerce Ball. After the professor's proposal West had personally assisted Miss Feucloze in the selection of her trousseau. He had had considerable experience in choosing clothing for women in a similar social position to a profes-

In answer to Counsel, West said he had never been married but had once been engaged to Miss Feucloze. He had been in the 'Varsity tower, and sometimes in company and sometimes in company with Miss Feucloze. He admitted being twenty-nine minutes in the tower with the plaintiff during the Commerce Ball.

This concluded the case for the

plaintiff.

Mr. Fixem began his case for the defence with a long harangue against certain aspects of the law which allowed loopholes for vindictive vampires to escape scot free after destroying the souls of unsuspecting men. He claimed that the plaintiff was a dangerous adventuress.

The first witness was the defendant, Truelove. The professor strenuously denied that marriage with the plaintiff had ever entered his head. She was a good stu-dent, and as his research required him to visit places like the Civic and the Peter Pan on Friday nights, he asked her to share his complimentary tickets. He needed a private secre tary and thought Miss Feucloze would be an ideal one to type the manuscript of his new treatise, "Modern Maids— Their Morals and Mishaps." When the cleaner Scrubbitt entered on the 22nd October he claimed he had scarcely got into his stride.

In December he found out that the plaintiff was hostess at the Spitz, and then engaged a private detective named Drum to follow her.

The next witness was Titus A. Drum, who described himself as an auctioneer's clerk by profession and a private detective by choice. He had been engaged by Truelove to spy on Fifi Feucloze. He knew her well, having first met her at a cocktail in Remuera on her fourteenth birthday. Since then he had seen her frequently at Dirty Dick's and on several occasions he had helped her to fry steak at Filthy Flo's at three o'clock in the morning. He knew she acted as hostess at the Spitz. She was regularly at the Peter Pan on Friday nights. In answer to his Honor, Drum said one got more for

one's money on Friday nights.

Drum said that on most occasions Miss Feucloze seemed considerably under the weather. This phrase, he explained to his Honor, was a Herne Bay slang term for "cut" or "shot." Drum was going on to describe her conduct in the navvies' dressing-room at the 'Varsity play on the last night when an objection was upheld. His opinion was that Fifi Feucloze was a fit person for a professor's wife, but

not a proper one.

Cross-examined by Mr. Swinger, Drum admitted being the author of "What Should be Seen and Done Through Keyholes." He was a married man with one son twelve years He had been married in of age. December, 1923.

The last witness was Madame Ann Rufflegs, of Marlborough Mansions, Vincent Street, described as a professional maker of marriages, and editor of the "Maiden's Magazine."

claimed also to be Craccum's correspondent for the "Woman's Whirl," and to write the answers to questions written to "Knowing Nell." It was her emphatic opinion that on the evidence of Truelove's conduct it could in no way be construed as a promise of marriage.

Cross-examined by Mr. Swinger, witness said she had been married four times, and that she charged no regular fee for marriages arranged, although she often took a percentage of the maintenances. She had read Blow's work entitled "Incipient Sexu-" and 'Bernard Wight's "Maidens and Men," but she considered them the work of intellectual sops with no real knowledge of their subjects. Her own work on "The Lay Aside System" was universally con-sidered superior. She admitted hav-ing been concerned in the recent "Struth" scandal about the Thames Tart in Trouble.

Mr. Fixem concluded the case for the defence by an impassioned address, in which he claimed his client had been the victim of an unscrupulous gold-digger in league with, and probably secretly engaged to, the undergraduate West.

Mr. Swinger, for the plaintiff, decried the character of the witnesses for the defence, and claimed that Madame Ann Rufflegs was not the Ann Rufflegs who contributed to Craccum. He said one learned judge had classified witnesses as damned liars and expert witnesses. He was sure the Court would have no difficulty in assigning Madame Rufflegs to her proper classification. He dismissed Titus A Drum as a famous filth fossicker whose evidence was not worth the tongue it was spoken with.

In a short summing up his Honor stated that there was much conflict of evidence, but two facts stood out clearly, either the defendant was guilty or he was not guilty. Regarding damages, if any, he said that in similar cases in India the custom was to assess them in rupees.

The jury retired for one and a-half minutes and returned a verdict of guilty but insane. They awarded the plaintiff one whoopee damages.

Judgment was accordingly moved and the Court adjourned to the Royal for supper.

CONGRATULATIONS

Craccum extends its congratulations to Messrs. Butler, Couper, Milliken, Caughty and Anderson, who have represented Auckland this season, and to Messrs. Barker, McVeagh and Stacey, who gained B rep. honours. In our opinion Stacey is distinctly unlucky not to get a place in the A's, as he is undoubtedly about the best loose forward in Auckland.

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Novel Skewers, the young engineer, pored over his work. Before him were drawings and calculations, and a heap of text-books stood at his elbow. He sighed with content as he viewed his handiwork. It was his triumph. With the proceeds from the sale of his invention-a new silent pistol-he intended to set up a sweet shop on the West Coast and live there alone with Gertrude. Ah, what a girl was Gertrude! And she was going to meet him here at three o'clock. Till then he must work. He took up his slide rule and bent over his paper again, unaware that two beady eyes watched his every movement from the window.

Fresh as a draught of beer in summer, and punctual to the tick, Gertrude entered Skewer's office just as

rude entered Skewer's office just as his big chiming clock struck 4.15.
"My darling!" each exclaimed as they embraced fondly. "And how is the pistol getting along?" said Gertrude, as Novel came up for breath. "Oh, let me explain it," he said. "You know that some metals are

attracted by a magnet while others are not affected."

"Yes, my darlingest."

"Well, I have discovered a new metal, which I have named Skewersite, which is actually repelled by a magnet. I make my bullets of this Skewersite. In the barrel of my pistol is an electro-magnet connected to a battery by a switch. I turn off the switch, push the bullet in until it is caught by the trigger mechanism, and turn on the switch. The electro-mag-net violently repels the bullet, which, however, is held until I press the trigger."

"Oh, my wonderfullest!" she exhaled. He lost no time in demonstrating how this compliment was appreciated. Suddenly she stiffened. "Oh, look!" she exclaimed. "That horrible face! At the window!" He

looked up just as two beady eyes disappeared.

"You must have been mistaken," he said. and spent another minute or two comforting her.

Outside the window the Red Hand

sat listening.

The Red Hand, known to some as the Colonel, was Novel's deadly enemy. Again and again they clashed. and each time had Novel come out victorious; and bitter was the heart of the Colonel. But now was his chance! And he sat, taking it all in, while a horrid smile played around his prayth whistled his mouth and his breath whistled through a gap in his teeth.

As Gertrude left the building, she saw a lean figure, dressed in a dirty yellow overall, slink away. His left arm was over the lower half of his face, but the two evil-looking eyes struck some chord of remembrance in

WHERE HAD SHE SEEN THOSE EYES

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ANOTHER LIBRARY NUISANCE.

(To the Editor)

Sir,-I have noticed that in your pages of late several subscribers have drawn the attention of the University public to the various disturbances which occur in the library. One continual source of annoyance, however, seems to have been completely overlooked. I refer to the Librarian's habit of rising in her seat and deliberately kicking over the radiator with which the kindly authorities have provided her. The clatter thus produced is extremely devastating to the delicate nerve system of the average student. I do not suggest that the Librarian should be deprived of her radiator: far be it from me to think of such inhumanity. But I should like to advocate a silent radiator. We now have silent sixes, silent vacuum-cleaners, silent soup, and so forth. Among the improvements of the future we expect to hear of the silent woman and the silent radio. Why, then, if Miss Minchin's vicious propensities can definitely not be restrained, can we not have a silent radiator?—I am, etc.,
LIBRITE.

THE DICTATION LECTURE. (To the Editor)

Sir,—In two recent issues of Craccum two very able articles have been published about dictation lec-They will, I think, meet with the wholehearted approval of practically every student. Indeed, enquiry shows that almost without exception students are strongly against these lectures and consider "something should be done about it." But is the question now going to be dropped? On a subject on which the student body is as nearly unanimous as it is ever likely to be, is it not the Students' Association's duty to make a

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move towards effecting some change? They could at least make enquiries to see if there is any other side to the question, or obtain opinions from prominent educationists as to the relative value of these lectures. Nigel Wilson might even make it his subject for this year's Capping speech, if he is looking for material to maintain last year's standard.-I am, etc.,

otism: "As the great English poet Shakespeare has said: 'Breathes there Suburban cleric preaching on patrithe man with soul so dead . .

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