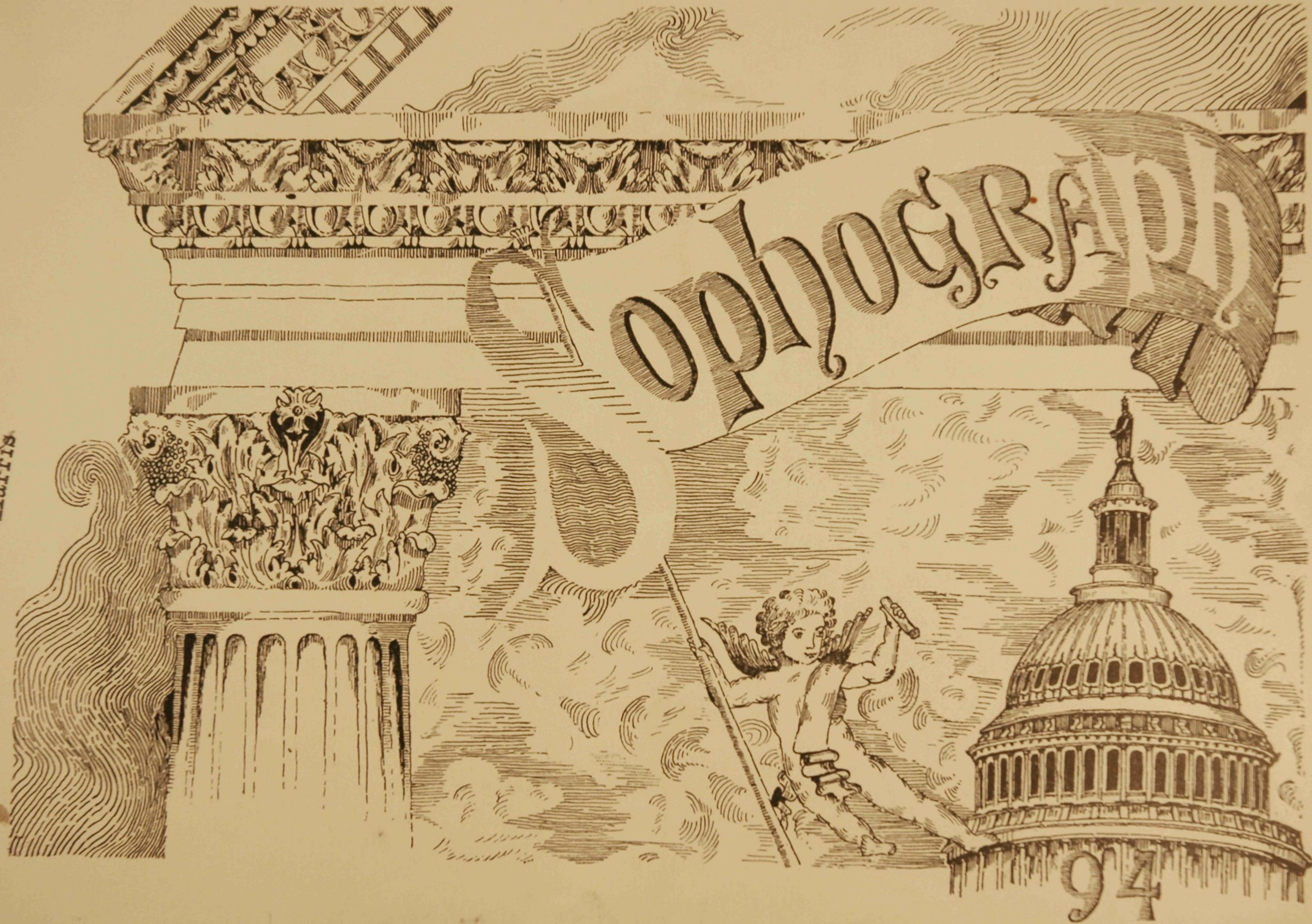


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Introductory Remarks.



tions. We have experienced no such difficulties; we have had no insurmountable barriers placed in our way; on the contrary, our task has been an exceedingly pleasant one.

In anticipation of a request from the Faculty to the end that the SOPHOGRAPH be placed at the head of the list of U. of I. exhibits at the World's Fair in 1893, a series of carefully prepared papers, with suitable illustrations, have been inserted, to

It gives us much pleasure to inform our readers that the SOPHOGRAPH of '94 has been produced under circumstances very different from those that have attended the publication of similar volumes of previous years. Former occupants of the editorial chair have left records to show that they labored under great disadvantages and met opposition in all direc-

give the multitude of strangers who will examine our work, a clear conception of the particular merits of the various classes, from Preps to Candidates for Matrimony.

In publishing the present volume it was intended that it should be entirely composed of Sophomore work. We have, therefore, been obliged to disregard the many kind suggestions we have received from members of other classes.

We shall not follow the time-honored custom of enlarging upon the defects of our work, as we have no doubt the kind reader will do that for us.

We feel confident that we have dealt fairly with all who have come within the scope of the SOPHOGRAPH, and unprejudiced people will, we trust, concede to our work that merit. Any one, however, who desires further explanation, will receive a cordial reception, provided he brings his own coffin and files a receipt from the undertaker to show that the expenses of his approaching funeral have been paid.

Yours Truly,

P. MOGENSEN.

Natural History Building.

By E. A. JOHNSTON.

THE Natural History building, now in course of construction, first germinated in the minds of some of the University workers six years ago. In 1889, Dr. S. H. Peabody, then Regent of the University, on his trip to Europe, obtained ideas concerning a building, and presented them before the Faculty the next autumn. The result was the support by the Faculty, and a proposed design, with a request for an appropriation of sixty-thousand dollars for erecting, and twenty thousand for heating and furnishing, was sent to the Legislature. The following spring, that of 1891, the bill passed granting the first amount and one-half the latter. After the building was decided upon by a joint committee of the Trustees and Faculty, Professor Ricker was appointed architect, and he now drew plans and wrote the specifications. When the bids were opened, it was found that each one exceeded the appropriation; but after some alterations had been made, the contract was let to Mr. Valentine Jobst, of Peoria. The grading was begun in October last, and the winter found the foundation in place.

The building is located northeast of the Chemical Laboratory, facing the north; and is in size a little more than the length (extending in the same direction) by two-thirds the breadth of the main building.

It will be the handsomest of all the University buildings. Seven gables will be used in the roof; the one over the main entrance will be covered with red slate, ornamented with sheet

copper. On this gable are the words "NATURAL HISTORY" in Gothic Clarendon letters, with a rising sun in the background. The slope of the roof is sixty degrees to the deck, and the roof is covered with slate, while the deck is tinned.

The building has a basement and three stories, of which the third is partly above the cornice. The rooms above the basement are arranged about a spacious hall, extending lengthwise of the building. Each story is divided into two suites of rooms, and a suite comprises an office, three laboratories, a large lecture hall, a clothes and a store room.

The building will contain accommodations for the three courses in the College of Natural History. That of Horticulture and Botany, under Professor Burrill, occupying the suite at the east end of the first floor; that of Zoology and Entomology, under Professor Forbes, the west end of the first floor; the state offices of this department are just above on the second floor; and that of Geology, under Professor Rolfe, the east suite on the second floor. The Experiment Station has its office at the west end of the basement, with its library on the first floor. The third story will be used temporarily for working museums.

The large central hall is lighted by two skylights, with well-holes, nine by twenty-eight feet underneath these, guarded by a railing. The main entrance is from the north. Across the hallway are two flights of stairs, with a landing between floors. At the sides of the stairs are the only columns used above the basement.

The floor beams are eight by fourteen inches, and the floors, also ceilings of the first and second stories, are made of Georgia pine. The floors are built on the mill system of construction; the walls and ceiling of the third story are plastered with a patent hard plaster. All inside finish is of quarter-sawed oak, with a hard-oil finish. The standard Yale lock is used, and all hardware is of genuine bronze, while the windows are hung on tapes of Bismuth steel.

The material used in the building consists of Bedford limestone for the external basement walls, steps and sills; a grayish sandstone for the Ashlar facing, belt courses, and window caps. The interior basement walls are of brick, laid in cement mortar; all walls above the basement are laid in lime mortar. The out-

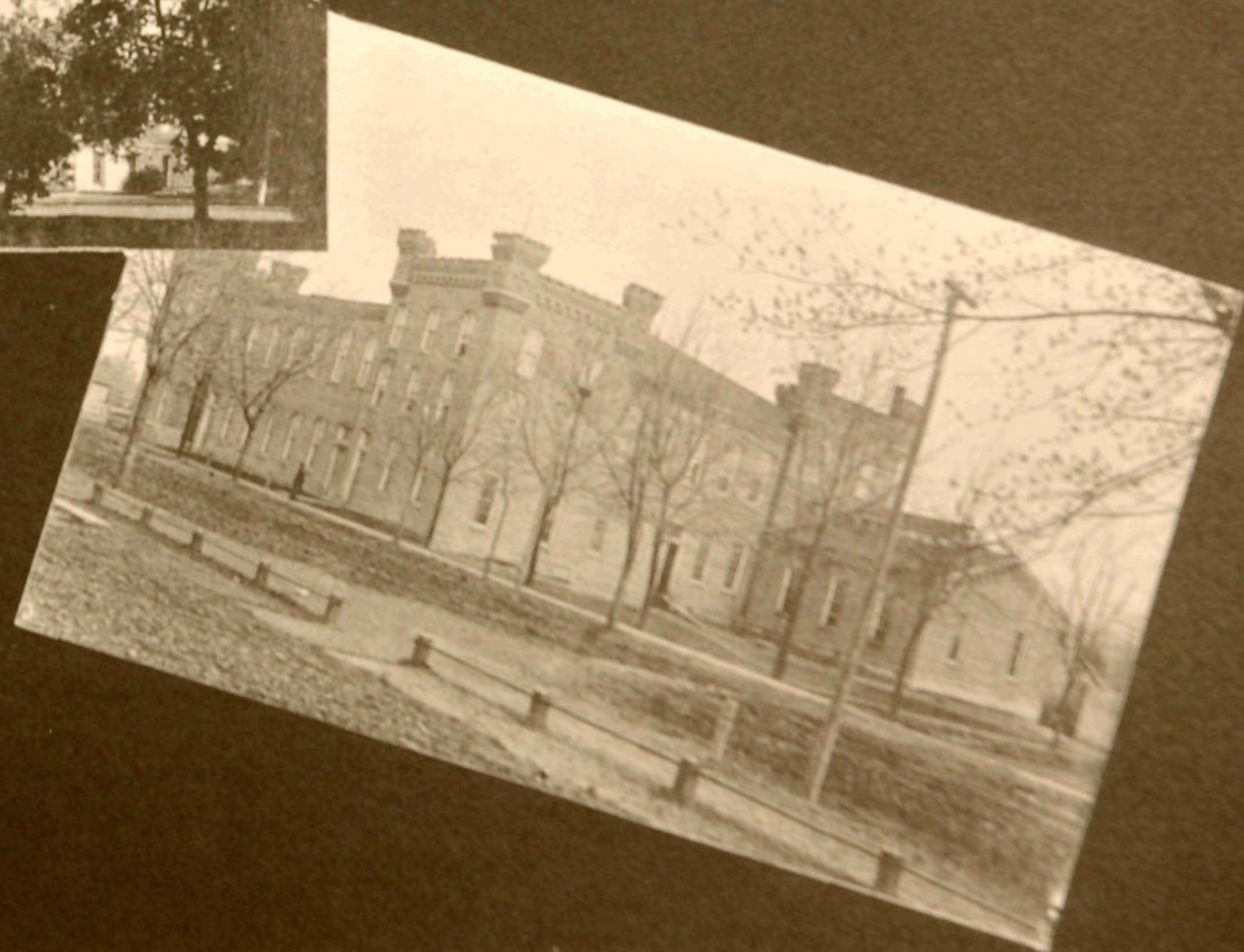
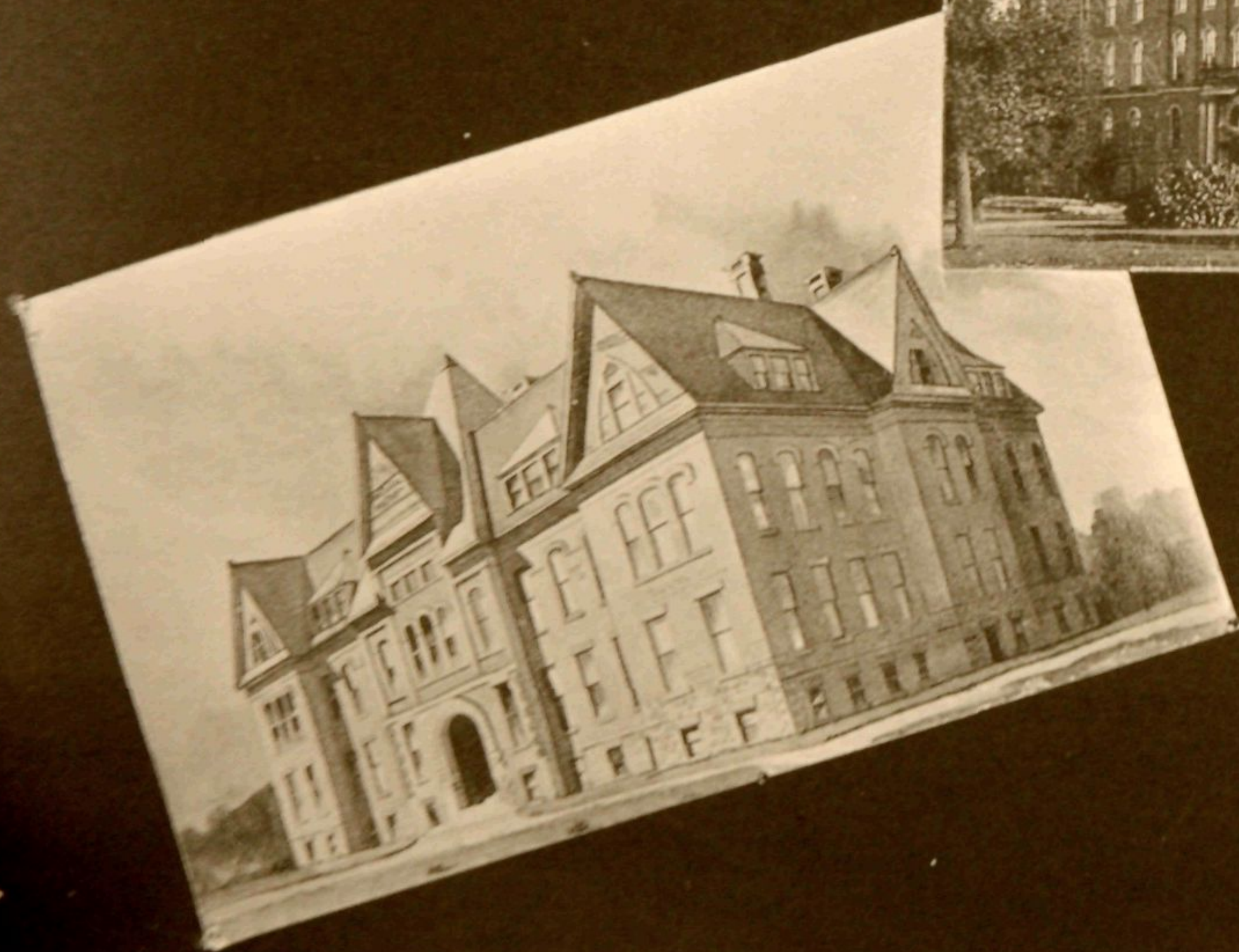
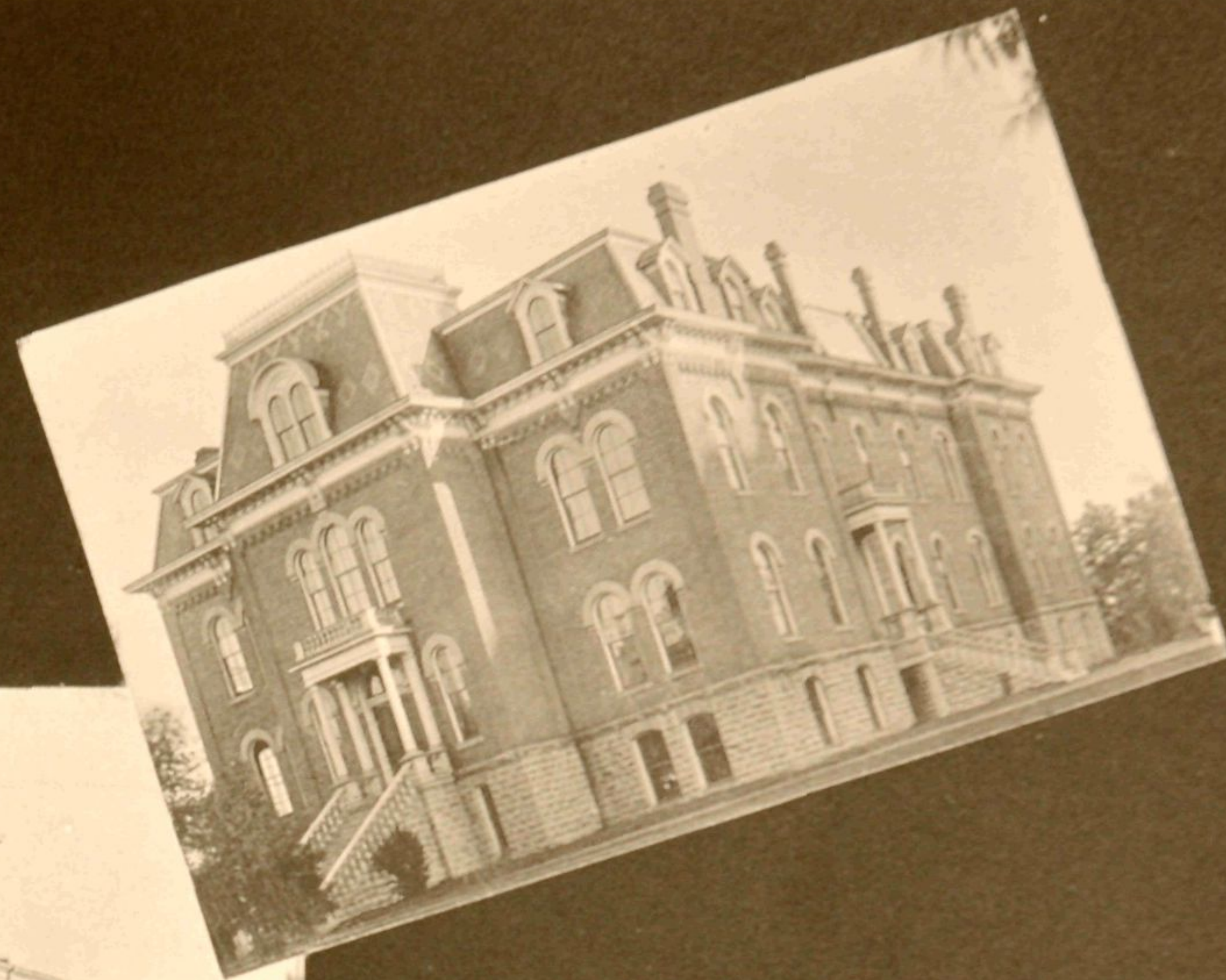
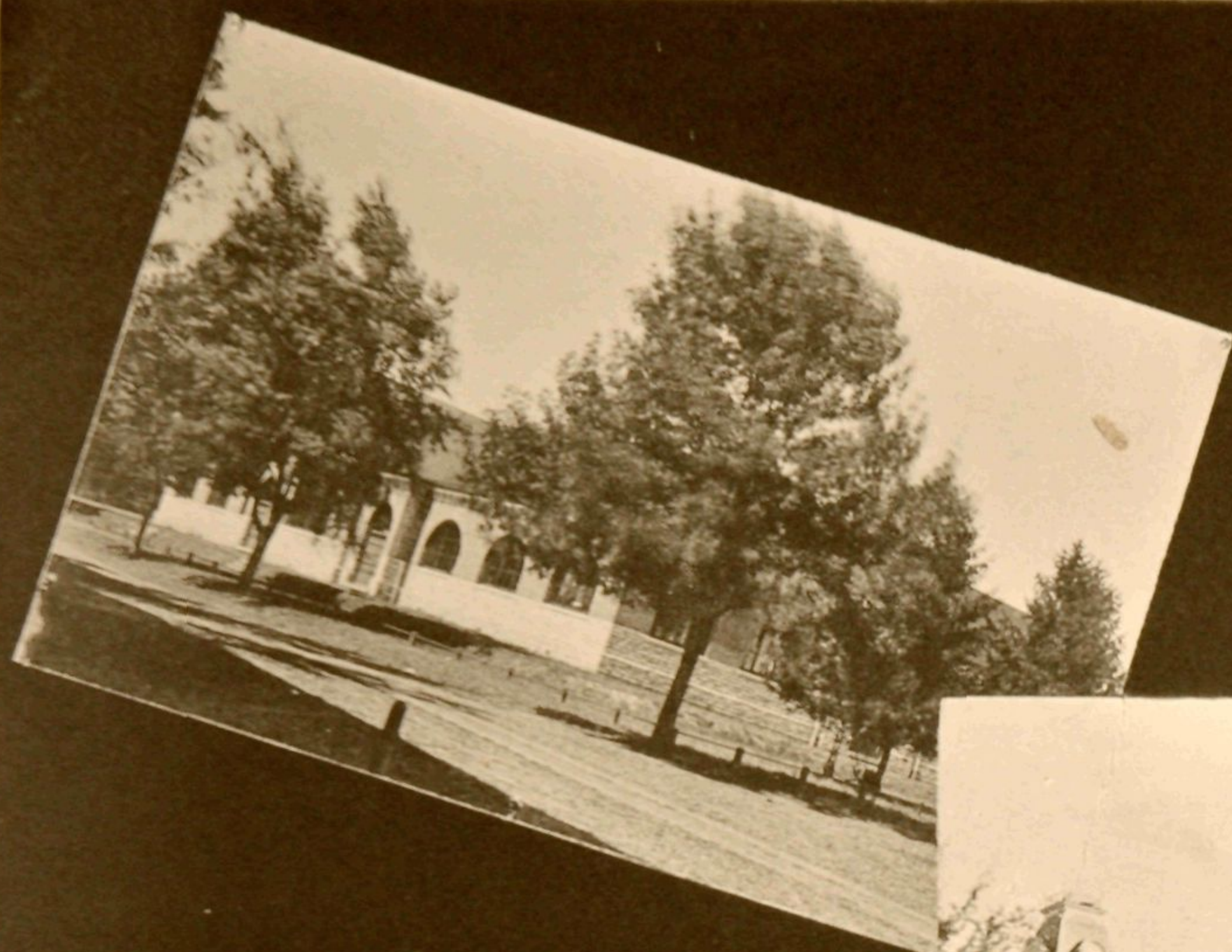
side brick walls are faced with red pressed brick, with a buff paneled brick frieze just below the cornice.

The heating and ventilating is by both direct and indirect systems, the steam being brought from the boilers in the main boiler house. For lighting, both electricity and gas will be used.

The suits of rooms will give those expecting to occupy them plenty of space, and by their moving, will give the remaining instructors more needed room. That this movement was necessary is shown by the demand for the quarters of the moving departments.

The old adage runs, "one good turn deserves another," and the other will be the eight hundred students that course the University paths the coming year.





Editorials.

The Sophograph of '94.

THE University of Illinois was never more prosperous than at present. The attendance is larger than during any previous year, and nowhere is more thorough college work, in all its branches, being done than at our institution.

It is pleasant, indeed, to observe the cordial relation existing between Trustees, Faculty and Students, as well as to notice with what eagerness all connected with the University are working for its welfare.

Liberal appropriations have been secured, and in accordance with the spirit of progress of our age, are being expended with high and noble aims to the best possible advantage. A magnificent natural history building, worthy of our great institution, will be ready for occupation at the beginning of the next school year. Abundant apparatus of the most approved patterns is being added to our laboratories, to the end that students may gain the utmost proficiency in the application of the theories of electricity, physics, chemistry, mechanics, etc. To crown all, six thousand dollars' worth of carefully selected books have lately been added to the library.

Many direct and unusual encouragements have been given the students. Thus four hundred dollars have been devoted to improvements on the "Illini," thereby materially assisting the editors of our paper in their endeavor to give it a prominent place among

college journals. The sum of one hundred dollars has been appropriated to aid the publication of the "Technograph." Liberal support, pecuniary and otherwise, has also been given to the band. All pledges held by the Faculty against the students are now destroyed, whereby the only obstacle to the formation of college fraternities has been removed. That these and many other generous acts of the college authorities are appreciated by the students is being repeatedly demonstrated.

Of numerous contemplated improvements, we shall here mention a few of the more important. It is proposed to establish a separate library and study in which the students of Literature and Science may, with the aid of competent instructors, pursue studies conducive to higher literary attainments. As soon as the necessary funds can be obtained, the college of engineering will be lodged in its own separate building. The construction of a new observatory is now under consideration. Increased workshop accommodations, as well as the corresponding additional equipments of machinery and tools is being provided for, and it is hoped that the library will, before long, fall heir to the spacious hall now occupied by the geological museum.

In short, when the college authorities and the students are working together in perfect harmony, when such valuable additions are being made to the facilities of instruction, when much needed room is being provided, when all these things are considered, we may justly prophesy a brilliant future for our ALMA MATER, the University of Illinois.

At a meeting of the Faculty in June last it was decided that preparations should be made for a suitable exhibit from the University at the World's Fair in 1893. A committee on exhibits was appointed, and in December the chairman of this committee, representing the Faculty, went to Chicago to complete the necessary arrangements with the World's Fair Commissioners. Extensive preparations are now making in all departments of the University, and judging from the enthusiasm with which the work has been taken up, we may expect a display second to none.

A report presented by the Faculty to the commissioners provides for a general exhibit, as well as a detailed display from each of the colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, Natural Science, and Literature and Science.

The general exhibit will comprise a series of views of buildings and grounds and a graphic representation illustrating the history and growth of the University, also a collection of pamphlets and other publications descriptive of the various colleges.

From the College of Agriculture will be presented:—maps of the farms and plats of experiment grounds; photographs of buildings, and farm animals; samples of soils and chemical analyses of the same; samples of farm and horticultural products; a variety of woods; chemical analyses of grains, grasses, fruits, vegetables, milk, etc.; charts showing the comparative value of fodders for feeding and dairying; text books and apparatus used by instructors in agriculture, horticulture and veterinary science. This collection can not fail to be of great general interest, and will give progressive agriculturists an opportunity of examining the results of scientific farming as conducted by the most competent men.

The exhibit from the College of Engineering will be extensive. The following are some of the details: Various full sets of plates in projection drawing, descriptive geometry and lettering, and advanced descriptive geometry, also a general collection of drawings and problems pertaining to each of the three subjects mentioned; thirty field and laboratory instruments; a large collection of models

for railway engineering, street making, geodesy, sewer construction and water supply; results of tests of structural material; results of tests and experiments in masonry construction, in sewerage, in water supply and in hydraulics; text books, apparatus, appliances and examination papers to illustrate work done in pure and applied mathematics. Further will be shown samples of students' work in pattern making, casting, forging, metal work, special devices, machine drawings and estimates; machine tools; blacksmith tools; work bench with pattern makers' tools; moulding sand, etc.; a milling machine; a grinding machine; a lathe—"all to be placed in running order and operated by one or more persons during exhibition." In addition will be displayed specimens of shop work by students in architecture; models of roofs; stairs and other structures made by the students; model of drill hall roof; numerous student's drawings and designs; twelve views of architectural rooms, shops, etc. A "dynamo to be made from students' drawings and computations, and, as far as possible, by student work;" a "one H. P. electric motor made from student drawings and from student work; typical experiments illustrating work done by students in the electrical and physical laboratories; interior views of the above-mentioned laboratories showing a complete set of laboratory experiments. The College of Engineering will thus give additional proof of its unsurpassed high standing.

The College of Natural Science exhibits will include: Students and instructor's laboratory equipments for botany, zoology, bacteriology, entomology, geology, etc.; a set of dissections made by students; various sets of slides illustrating students' laboratory work; selections from the natural history museum and herbarium; desks with complete outfits as used by the students in chemical analyses, in assaying ores, etc.; table of apparatus and assortment of chemicals used in lecture room; collections of organic and inorganic preparations made by the students; photographic views of chemical laboratories, and pamphlets describing improved methods of instruction in chemistry.

As the Faculty of the College of Natural Science is composed

of noted specialists, we feel confident that the work undertaken by this department will secure high honors for the University.

Regarding the College of Literature and Science, the report from the Faculty says: "The college purposes to make an exhibit of about one hundred volumes of examination papers, essays, orations and theses, also of charts, of note books, etc., all to show the method of instruction and course of study, and to some extent, the text books and other apparatus of study." This exhibit will be invaluable in showing the thorough literary, classical and scientific training given to students in this college.

The Art Department will also make a large and creditable display, the details of which have not yet been worked out.

The estimated cost of preparation of the aggregate exhibit, not including casing and transportation is \$12,400 and a space of 11,300 square feet, exclusive of main passage ways, is required. Towards this expense the State Commission for the World's Columbian Exposition has appropriated \$9,000.

An important feature of the exposition will be a series of World's congresses of prominent scientists and professional men. Several members of the Faculty have been appointed on the various committees to arrange for these congresses. We may thus expect great benefit for the University from the proceedings of these eminent assemblies.

FIVE years ago the University of Illinois was attended by 343 students. The enrollments this year will reach about 600. As a natural sequence to this rapid progress we now feel the pressing necessity for a new Chapel building.

The rectangular room, partly sunk into the basement, with bare white-washed walls and homely furniture, in which we now assem-

ble, ought no longer to figure as the Chapel of the University. In addition to its excessive plainness, it is too small to seat comfortably the students and also the visitors whose presence is so welcome. These can be accommodated only on overcrowded settees, or even worse, as is often the case, on steps or window sills. In short, our Chapel is in every respect inadequate for our needs.

On Class day or Commencement, the exercises must be held in the drill hall. It has already been painfully demonstrated that this building, though excellent for the purpose for which it was erected, is yet entirely unsuited for public speaking. During a rain storm the most powerful orator, though he has lungs of brass and a voice like a fog horn, becomes inaudible. Further it costs two hundred and fifty dollars to seat this place.

From what has been said, we naturally arrive at the following conclusion: That our Board of Trustees should request the next legislative assembly to appropriate not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for the construction of a new Chapel building. This must be large enough to comfortably seat two thousand five hundred persons, and in addition to contain the Regent's offices and reception rooms, as well as a banqueting hall appropriately fitted up in the basement. It should be suitably furnished and decorated to be in harmony with the rest of our institution, and wealth and magnificence of this great State.

The above expresses, not merely the wishes of the students, but the demands of the people of Illinois. The intelligent, energetic and progressive population of this prosperous State have long since realized that the accommodations of twenty years ago do not satisfy the requirements of to-day.

It is a matter of congratulations that one hundred thousand dollars will be required every second year for new buildings during the next ten years. While the sum specified seems large, it is superfluous to say that a more profitable investment could not be made by the State, for this institution is destined to be the peculiar glory of Illinois and the center of her intellectual life.

WHEN the Freshmen hold their annual social, the other classes have always considered it their duty to do their best to make the event a failure. One of the favorite means of annoyance resorted to is the introduction of various chemicals into the room, where the feast is being held. This, we all know, is done in perfect good nature.

On the occasion of the Freshman Social last fall at Decatur a party of about twenty students followed the merry crowd to that city, and succeeded in throwing a quantity of some bromine compound into the banqueting hall with the intention of causing merely a little temporary annoyance to the Freshmen. But it turned out, much to the regret of all, that some mistake had been made in the preparation of the chemicals, and that thus permanent injury was done.

We believe the students of the University are ladies and gen-

tlemen, and that however high class feeling may run at times, no one of them would wish to inflict any real or permanent injury either on a fellow-student or on a professor.

In this case a mistake occurred and such injury resulted. We therefore desire formally, in the name of the class of '94, to express regret that through any error or inadvertance on the part of any one, whether he was or was not a member of the class, such injury was inflicted.

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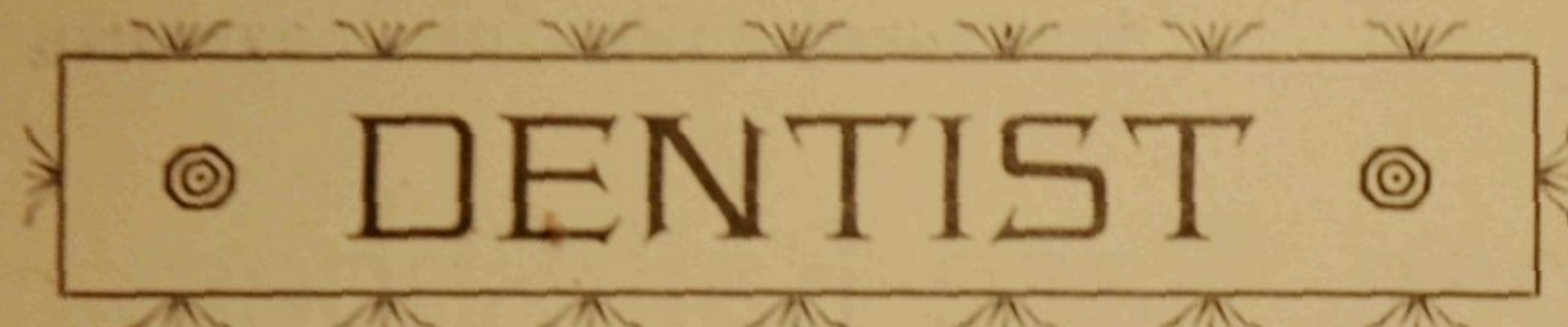
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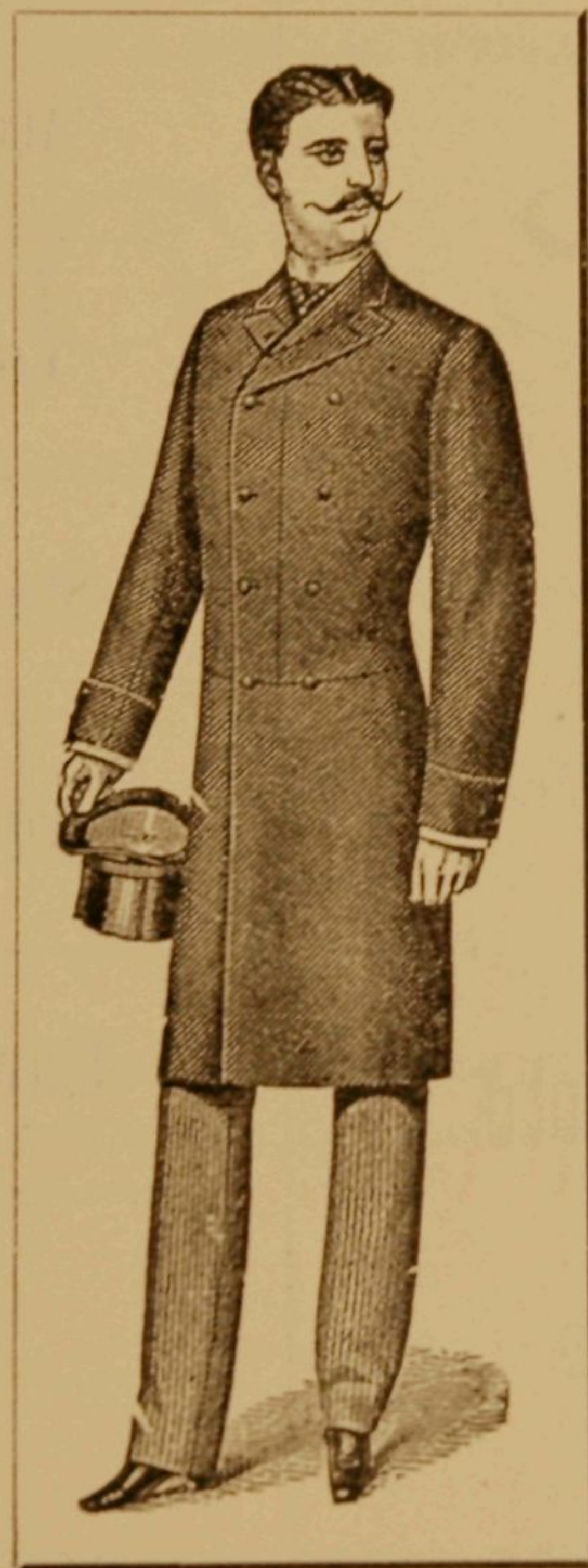
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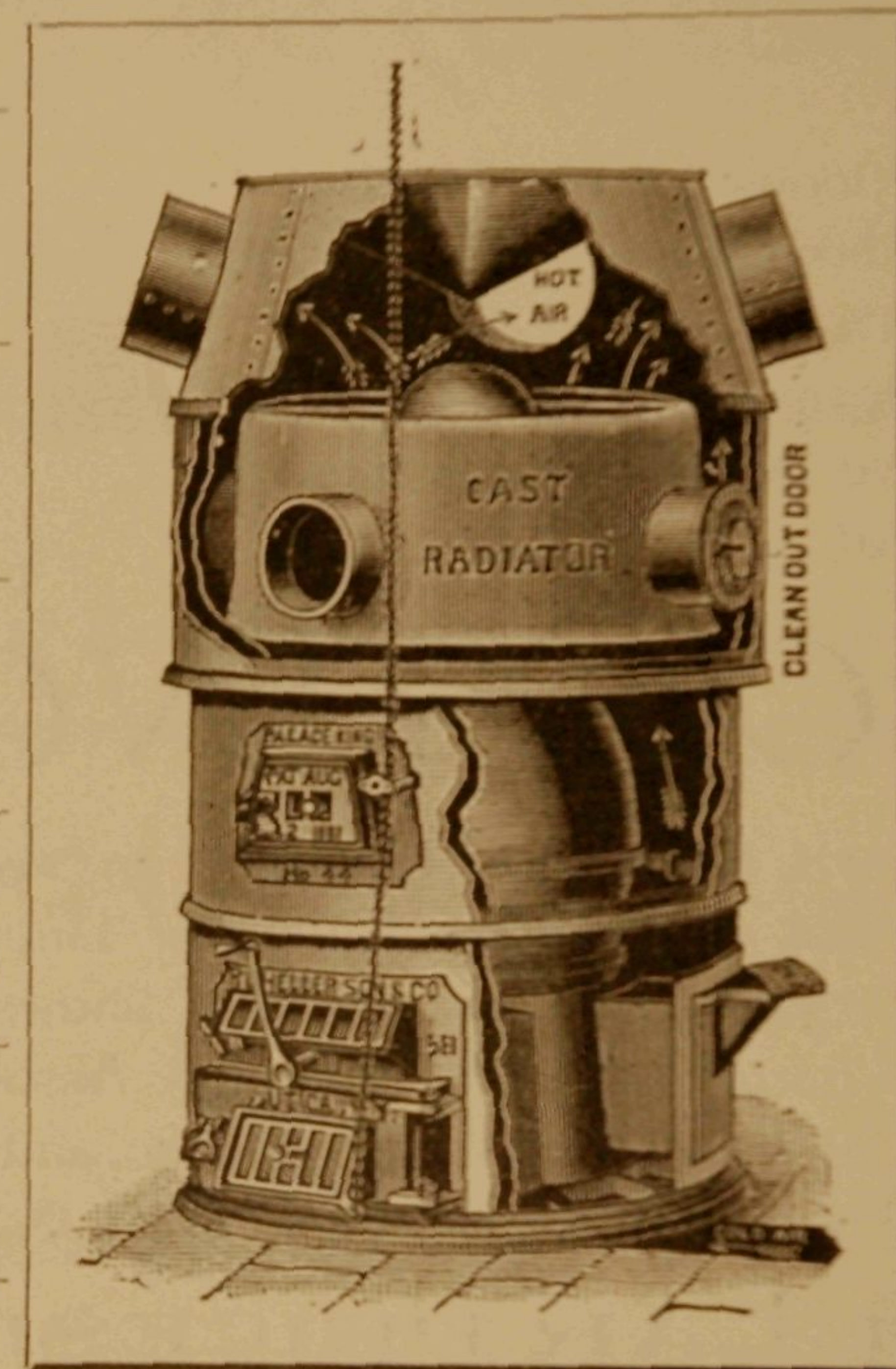
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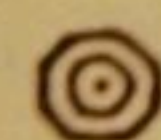
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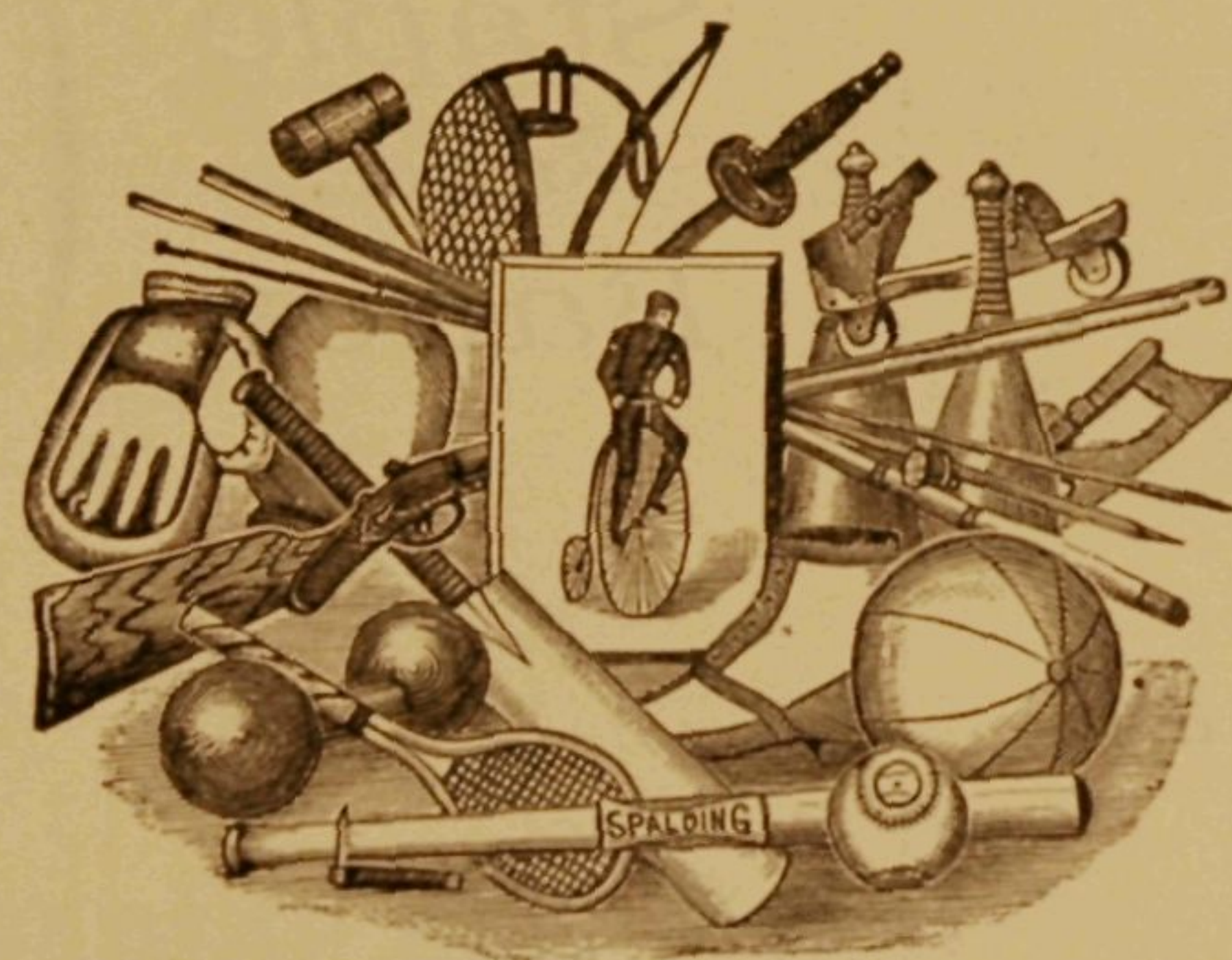
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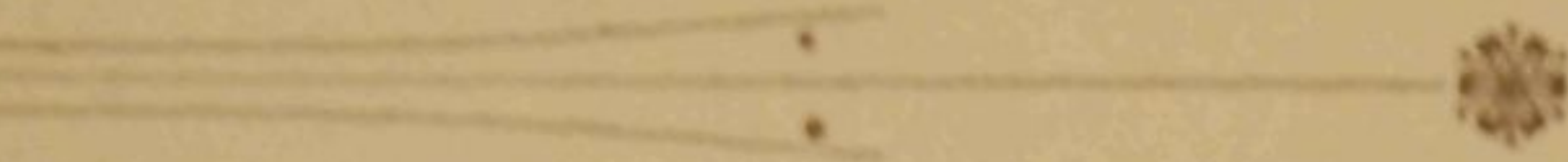
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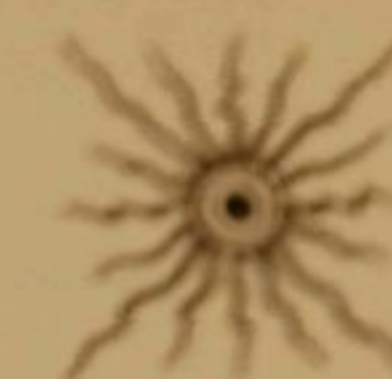
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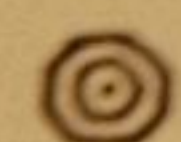


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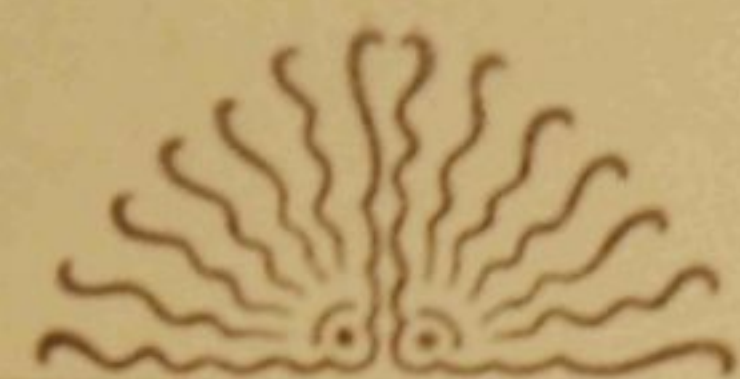
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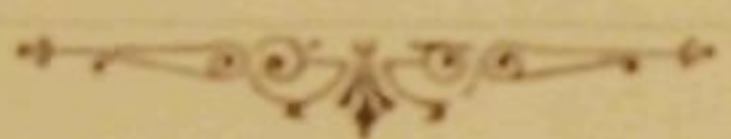
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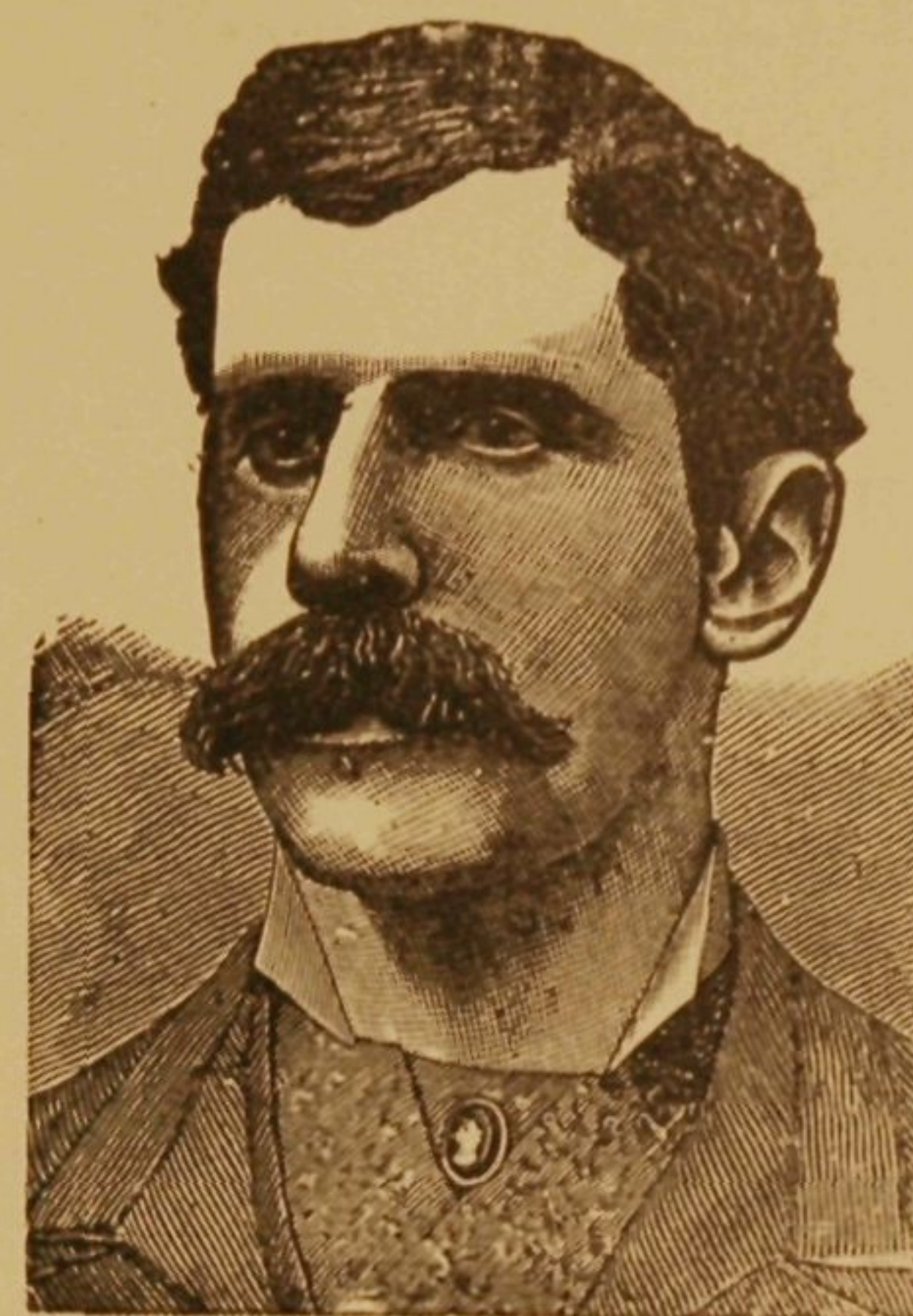
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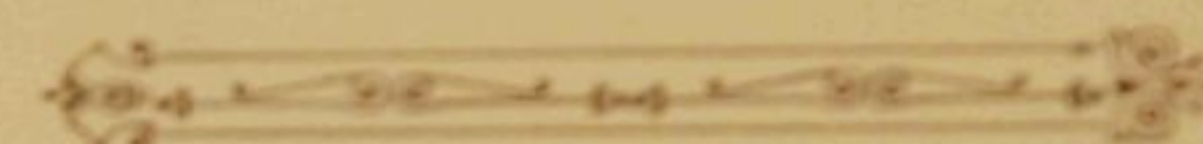
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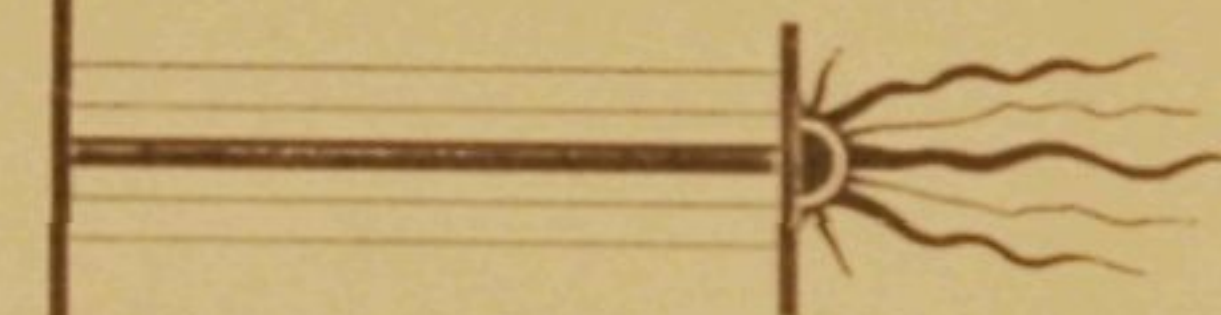
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