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T. C. U. Defeats Southwestern University in the Games on the Georgetown Campus.

On the night of the 3rd, the T. C. U. Base-ball Team left in their special car furnished through the kindness of the International & Great Northern Railway Company, for Georgetown where the second of the series of base ball games as arranged by Manager Rowe, was to take place. Though the boys had been successful in their first with Baylor University and were feeling confident of victory in the games to be played at this time, they felt that they would be called on to do their best, for on previous occasions the Southwestern boys had proved that they were not new hands at the game.

The first of the two games to be played here was called Monday at 4 p. m. by Umpire Folsom. S. W. U. took the field with Able in the box, who by the way is plainly able and deserving of much better support than was given him.

Goodson was first up and succeeded in crossing the plate. Two more runs were made in the third and one in the ninth; making a total of 6, for T. C. U. against one for S. W. U. which was gotten in the 6th inning.

Batteries,—for T. C. U., Harris and Moulden. For S. W. U. Abels and Pierce.

Struckout,—By Harris 11 By Abels 9.

Owing to the fact that the train for Waco left rather early the Tuesday's game was called at 2:15.

S. W. U. went to bat but failed to score in the first inning. Clark made one for T. C. U. in the first, and in the third, Al-

dridge and Sims crossed the plate for S. W. U. making it 2 to 1 in their favor.

Here they seemed to think the game was theirs, and the rooters rooted and hats went in the air. But Nelle tightened up and those two are all they had to their credit at the end of the game, while T. C. U. ran in 12, scoring six times in the eighth inning.

Batteries—for T. C. U. Nelle and Moulden. For S. W. U. Sims and Abels.

Struckout by Nelle 4; by Sims 5.

It is with a great degree of pleasure that we look forward to the other two games to be played with the same team, for they are gentlemen and good ball players and entertained us royally while we were with them.

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Foresight and Hindsight.

The other day I ran across an allusion, in some newspaper to a book, of William Dean Howells's that I hadn't read—"A Hazard of New Fortunes." The paper also contained a most attractive quotation from the book, and immediately I wanted it. I felt that I must read "A Hazard of New Fortunes" or remain henceforward under the stigma of literary laggishness. The very inexplicability of the name only added to its charm and aggravated my impatience.

I could not wait until occasion carried me to the city but 'phoned the book dealer that day. The book was not in his stock. There was another book-store and I 'phoned there, but was doomed to disappointment.

They might order it for me—yes, the very thing. By this time I felt that my whole earthly happiness depended upon my possessing "A Hazard of New Fortunes." "Order it quick, and send it right out." A whole week passed, every day I awoke with the thought, "To day the 'New Fortune' will come," but each evening's sun found me desolate.

At the close of the week, again I 'phoned the book-store. No Hazard of New Fortunes had hazarded an appearance. Worn and weary, I hung up the receiver and dedicated myself to another week's wait. Finally I could bear the suspense no longer, I must go and see what personal investigation might avail. I went. The man with politely inquiring mien promised to get

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out a tracer and see what he could do to round-up the recalcitrant Hazard.

Another week went by. I grew morose, disconsolate, soul-shrunk, weary-of-man. Life held out few pleasures to me as I thought of its long, wearisome days with no compensating New Fortune. One day, however, near the close of the third week, I received the long-looked-for intelligence that the Hazard of New Fortune was in the city! And even as the morning sunlight dispels the clouds after an April shower did that news banish my morbidity. I turned three handspings backwards, adjusted my tie, and sallied forth to possess myself of the delectable volume.

But lo! Oh, freakish New Fortune, it was two volumes—8vo, bound in holiday cloth, with gilt lettering! Reluctantly, yea very reluctantly, I parted with my last fiver, hugged the Hazard to my panting breast, and dodging the man who credits me for shoes, made my cautious way back to my lodgings.

Now for the book. Of all the inane, prosy, long-drawn-out torture which the author has written this effusion takes first fiddle and keeps it. Most of our book-reviewers who avoid the agony of reading the publications which they are called upon to criticise, invariably preface their highly edifying and authoritative remarks by saying of the story in question, "Not once does the interest lag," but I would paraphrase the statement and say that throughout the whole of "A Hazard of New Fortunes," not once does the interest *wag!* And as it is a physiological truth that one may contract brain-fag by reading dry things as well as deep ones, I shall not read it again even in search for any possible hidden perfections.

However my purpose in this dissertation is not to enter the field of literary criticism but to ask: "Why will a person spend two-thirds of his natural life in pursuit of something which he doesn't want?"

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Jones—at the table to Miss Shirley) "Can you sing, 'Dear Old Girl?'"

Foster—(innocently) "What song?"

The Freshies go picnicing Monday.

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W. F. Sanders.

T. E. Shirley came down from Italy Thursday bringing with him Homer T. Wilson who lectured in the chapel that evening.

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Pres. Zollars is meeting with success on his lecture tours.

Miss McClintic has gone home to spend Sunday and Monday.

T. C. U. will go against Trinity on the diamond next week.

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Let us loose sight of ourselves and for the sake of outsiders behave as civilized men. These people attend the game for the game's sake, not for the purpose of spending a few hours in pandemonium. The Athletic Associations of both schools would be benefitted by cutting out that outlandish noise, for more people will attend the game. It is all right to give our college cheers and songs, it is still better to cheer the good plays of our opponents and not try to unnerve them.

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And further, why will a person, after having moved heaven and earth for a thing he does want, think he doesn't want it after he gets it?

Now I had no more use for a "Hazard of New Fortunes," than a hearse has for a speed register. Still I must have it. Thus does curiosity make comedians of us all! The truth of the matter is that we are rainbow-chasers. We go crying for the moon, when very likely if we had it we'd singe our fingers so badly, we'd cry to be relieved of it. The "elephant on one's hands" is an old saw but a keen one.

Take the college young man who bends every effort to win Kate—who pleads and pledges until Kate yields forsooth, from his very vehemence. But alack, now that she is his, there's a swift and sure transition. Faith! and Kate's eyes are not nearly so rogish, lips that offer, instead of resist, lose half their charm, and our young man wonders how he could ever have admired a pug nose!

Thus it goes, there is no need to multiply examples. The cultivation of foresight should have a prominent place in the curricula of our colleges. Yet it cannot be. It has but a single law and that is—Nothing is free—it remains with you and me to apply it to our affairs as best we may. Remembering that whether or not we display foresight, we must always have a reckoning with its complement, hindsight.

The Dummy of Nineteen and Four.

Oh where is the dummy
With red chiffon hair,
With eyes of softest ink,
With aquiline nose high in the air.
And downy stuffed cheeks of pink?

Her modest checked dress,
All shining and clean,
A sweeter faced lassie
Could nowhere be seen.

The seniors all loved her,
The rich and the poor,
Yes, they guarded her carefully
Behind a locked door,
But the sly little juniors
Desired a glimpse of her face,
And one of the active,
With easiest of grace,
While the seniors were guarding,
Led the dummy from her place.

When the acquaintance of the dummy,
The juniors had formed,
Of her they were jealous,
And round her they swarmed,
Then snatched her in pieces,
And strewed o'er the floor,
While the dignified
Seniors were on guard at the door.

Now you know where the maiden,
With dummified air,
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