

## FACULTY

## The Faculty Club

*The Noon-Day Hour*

The noon-day hour opens at 11:30 and ends at 1:00 o'clock.

After the early arrivals have finished their game of billiards, the main event of the hour takes place. This event generally is staged under the able management of the politician from Machinery Hall with the co-operation of his able lieutenant from the fourth floor of the Main Building.

The players (?) two in number are selected in the usual manner by drawing a numbered ball or "pill" or rather accepting one offered to them by the bottle shaker—those having the highest and lowest number winning the opportunity to play.

It will be observed that this procedure has possibilities. The numbers in the bottle range from one to twenty—sometimes. The necessity for the above qualification of what should be a simple, unvarying mathematical fact was brought about by a keen student of higher mathematics who happened to remember that on one day a count of all the balls in the bottle showed that only numbers from one to fifteen were present, whereas on the following day the winning number was sixteen. Hence the possibilities.

It should be understood that, whereas one or both players might be interested in playing a game of billiards, such is not the plan of the management. With the line up for the "lag," a casual statement to the effect that a "gentlemen's game" is about to be played, is heard. With the opening shot a subject for general conversation is introduced in a somewhat subtle manner—the subject depending on the players.

The topic may be one of many interesting ones: automobiles, fishing, hunting, radio, Moon Mullins, Andy and Min, the eighteenth amendment, capital and labor, local and state, national and international politics; the poor qualities of the cigars provided by the cigar committee; why there are no matches in the match boxes; who forgot to return the last issue of the Collier's Weekly; or in a more meaning tone what the player, who had the largest score, meant by a statement (supposedly made on the previous day) in regard to the affiliations of the most touchy and caustic of observers.

