

THE BEAVER

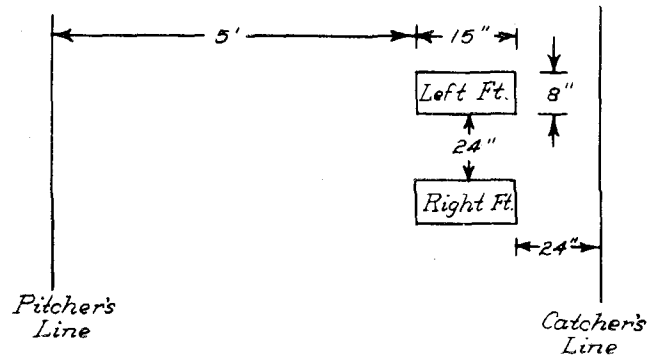
TECH'S VERY EXISTENCE presupposes that nothing so stimulates a man as competition. In addition to the ever-present competition between individuals for grades, girls, and seconds on food in the student houses, there are trophies which are awarded to deserving houses for achievements in athletics, forensics, bridge, scholarship, bowling, beer drinking, and skiing.

Each house has its own distinctive trophies, which are often enshrouded in a sanctimonious aura of tradition, from having come down through generation after generation of Techmen. Each house has an intrahouse athletic trophy, which is based either upon interalley or interclass competition. But the really distinctive prizes are those which are not based upon any civilized skills.

Ricketts House, for example, has an old Brake Drum which is a perpetual source of competition between its freshmen and sophomores. The object of the contest is refreshingly simple: to gain possession of the Brake Drum. The rules are correspondingly simple: anything goes. The winners of the last contest peremptorily announce the time of the event, whatever hour it may be, with a siren in the courtyard. After an hour or two, someone manages to get away with the Brake Drum and hide it, thus ending the contest. Some weeks later, the winners sound the siren, and the melee in the courtyard begins once more.

Fleming House, one of the more trophy-minded of the houses, has a trophy for the best lover in the house, and one for the worst. It also has a trophy given to the member with the saddest story of the month. A new trophy for academic persistence is to be awarded to members who left school for academic or related reasons and came back. But the greatest trophy is the revered Brass Spittoon, which has been a challenge trophy between the alleys of the house since 1935. Not satisfied with the more conventional contests, such as toilet-paper eating and raw-egg guzzling, one of the alleys recently challenged the alley in possession of the Spittoon to a newly contrived contest christened Asinine Baseball. The formal challenge, which began with a short but haughty introduction disparaging the athletic and mental prowess of the challenged alley, completely covered four typewritten pages. Some of its thirty rules are given below in an abbreviated form.

1. The playing field will be laid out as follows:



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2. The official balls will consist of fresh ranch eggs, and only game balls will be furnished by the challenging team. All balls used for batting practice or infield and bullpen warmup will be supplied by the individual clubs.

3. The number of men on each team, as in regular baseball, will consist of nine men.

4. Each team shall field one pitcher and one catcher per inning.

5. The length of the game will be two innings.

6. The batter's position is as follows:

- a. Both feet will be in their respective boxes.
- b. The posterior will face the pitcher.
- c. The hands will grip the legs below the knees.
- d. The knees will be straight.
- e. The batter will be blindfolded.

7. Summer uniforms will be worn.

8. The bat is hereinafter used synonymously with the posterior.

9. The catcher may not use gloves, sacks, or any aid other than the two bare hands.

10. The pitcher must at all times remain behind the pitcher's line and deliver the ball underhand.

11. The batter will attempt to keep his bat from hitting the ball, and in so doing will register a hit if

the ball is not caught by the catcher.

12. A ball missing the bat and hitting the batter elsewhere will be scored as a double; and a ball missing the bat and batter both and not caught by the catcher will be scored as a home run.

13. A ball hitting the bat will put the batter out.

14. A pop-fly to the catcher will be defined as any ball which the catcher believes desirable to catch with his head.

15. Should the catcher upon catching the ball in any manner not described in Section 14, render it unplayable, a home run will be scored for the batter.

16. Each team will be allowed one bat boy, who must be a frosh, and whose duty is to keep the bats clean.

17. Should an out be properly executed and it is observed that the ball contained a double yolk, a double play will result if any one of the bases is occupied.

18. The losing team will clean up the playing field at the conclusion of the contest.

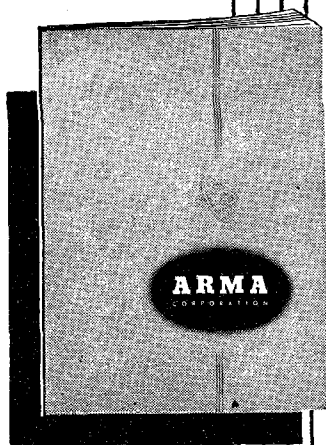
19. Use of lead in the bat will be strictly forbidden.

20. Broken bats may be taped at the infirmary.

The game itself consumed four dozen eggs, not counting practice balls. The challengers won with a rally in the last half of the second inning by a score of 12-11, after being egged on by an eggstraordinarily spirited audience. Heroes of the game were the catchers who put the batters out by employing the rule of Section 14.

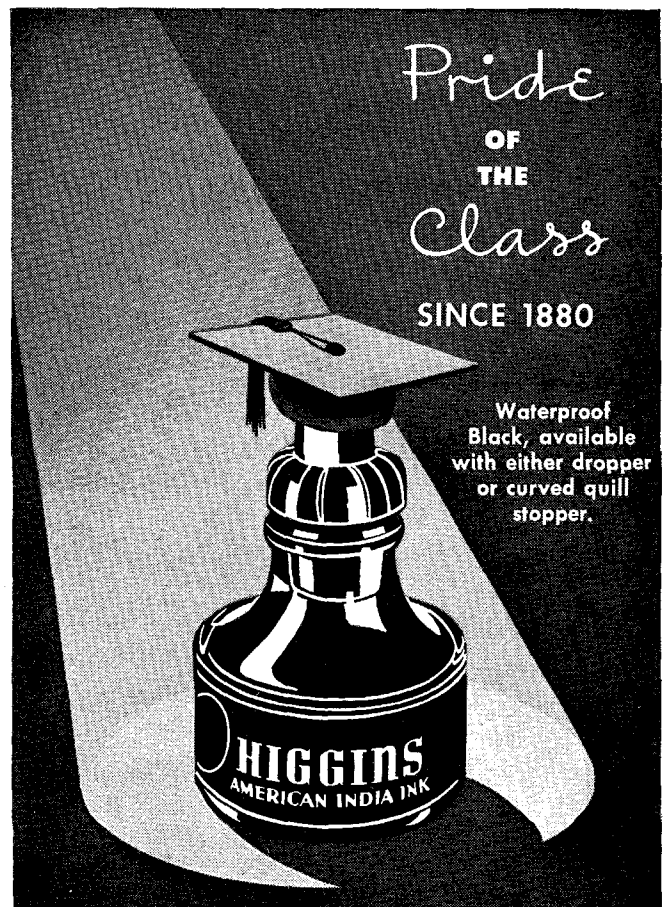
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