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KNIGHTS OF THE OAR.

THE COLLEGE CREW GETTING INTO SHAPE FOR THE REGATTA.

A Talk With a Well Known Oarsman—How the Men are Trained—The Many Difficulties That Face the Coach.

The students of Richmond College are all agog over the coming regatta to be held on the 4th of July, and the sneaky colleagues who have taken off the honors in three successive contests will enter the fourth with their usual snap and determination.

Naturally enough now that the usual interest has been kindled in the future result of the race, the odds are particularly anxious to retain possession of the notorious cup another year. Such an achievement would smite the rival college, the Virginia Association.

When I called upon some of the members of the crew yesterday, they talked freely of their past and prospects. They are equally anxious over the results of the annual test.

The youngsters point with pride to their boating record, and when they play-started out years ago, were considered very likely to win, and what was then erroneously believed to be scanty talent for aquatic events they have purchased an excellent training-boat, a gig and pair-oar, and have taken up a house-boats, with the necessary attachments, which will complete the movement for making rowing a regular sport for the college athletes, and at the same time put in practical shape the original plan of the organizers of the club. It is the purpose of the organization to purchase several pairs of oars, and to have them so as to throw open this feature of athletics to a larger number of students, and to place the sport upon an equality with foot-ball, baseball, tennis, and the like.

ALONE IN THE RACE.

Richmond College is the only institution in the State which turns out a crew for the annual regatta. When they entered the contest four years ago people received them rather coolly, and thought little of their prospects for success.

The crew, however, surprised the immense throng of witnesses, and rowed away from their competitors with comparative ease. Two other crews have since put them in the lead, and they are now the favorites with the sporting element.

On the silver pedestal of the Trent cup which stands in a handsome case in the college library, is inscribed the roll of winners. The five best clubs of the University of Virginia has held the trophy three successive years, a record that the Richmond College men are anxious to copy, and the chances are good in every instance that the repetition of their success will be secured.

ONE OF THE CANDIDATES.

Bosher has served as substitute on two crews. The first was in the stroke, the second in the stern, and is now second in every instance. The reputation

of his ability to create a crew in a losing race without losing his place.

As at strokes, he soon found to have an excellent idea of time. Under Bosher's direction the crew may count upon success in the future.

At No. 2 Alley fails not far short of his brother in the seat for three successive years, securing a victory as many victories for the college. He is the Revenger of the Crew, the champion of a giant in stature and strength, and is in the best position in the craft this week, and in getting the new men. His power makes it difficult to find a mate for him at No. 2.

Sander is the most promising candidate for this position. He is practically a new man, and has a number of faults not easily overcome. His strokes are not as strong as those of his brother, but he is, perhaps, the better man for a succession of spurs in a light race.

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The crew needs a long pull to settle into an effective swing. They row with under encouragement, but their work is not as strong as that of their coach, however, they will enter the race in superb form."

The rowing season is not so fortunate. The demands of business during the day and social engagements at night materially interfere with his progress in getting into racing condition.

"There are the original faults of the men," said the oarsman. "I have

Chicago letter carriers are to be equipped with bicycles.

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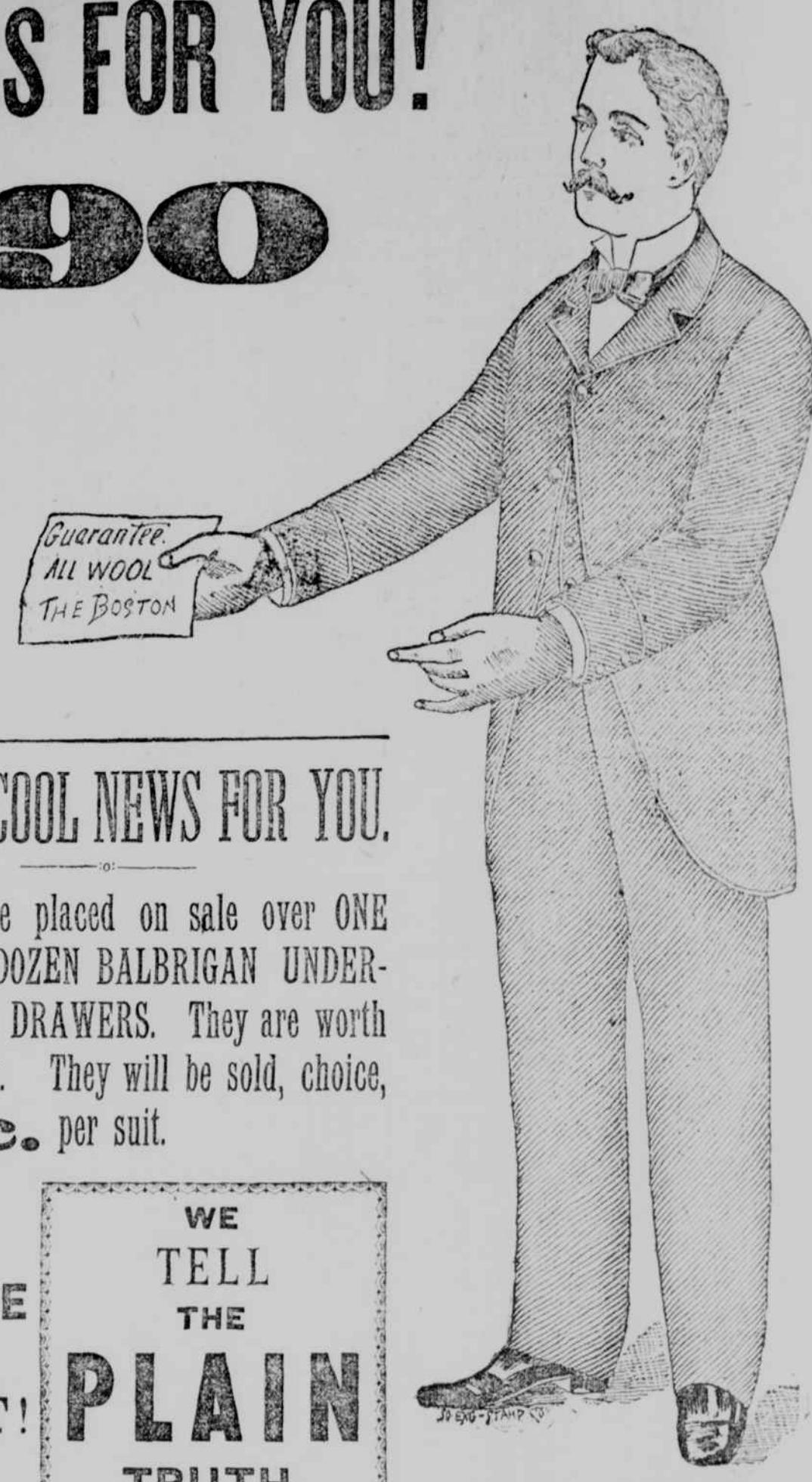
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