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We have received a communication from a prominent member of the senior class which purposes to deal with the string of editorials in the last issue of the TAR HEEL in which we had something to say about the flagrancy of the dice rolling being done on the sidewalk in front of Patterson's Drug store and the People's Bank. The writer who signs himself "A Roller" attempts a defence of the custom of rolling for drinks in the abstract, putting it on a basis of a machinery the function of which it is to decide which member of a group shall have the pleasure of paying for drinks for the crowd, without subjecting the different members of the group to Alphonse and infinitum.

In this communication the Senior is arguing beside the point. He either purposely or carelessly mistakes the point of the TAR HEEL's recent ebullition. What we were contending against in the last issue was the flagrancy of the throwing in front of a store which forbids throwing on the inside and the disrespect shown to passersby by the throwers.

The statement was made that the editor did believe that not a very small part of the rolling was done for something more than drinks and that money frequently changed hands as a result of this pastime.

The TAR HEEL would not for an instant attempt to defend the statement that it is not wrong to throw dice for drinks. But the nearest thing to a defense that can be offered is an investigation that will prove that the dice rolling crowd consists entirely of men who are each one anxious to pay for the liquid refreshment of his group and each one awaiting with an interest anything but pecuniary the outcome of the throw.

But we do not believe that this is the state of affairs. A man whose only interest is to find out who is to have the pleasure of buying drinks for his group would hardly get down on his knees on the side walk and watch the outcome with an anxiety that showed on his face and would not give vent to a few strong expressions in vituperation of his luck, when he had just been successful in winning an honor for which he was striving.

We admit that the foregoing is somewhat after the pale style of the *Charlotte Observer*, but in truth we did not feel moved to wax sarcastic on the contribution referred to because we did not believe that its writer was seriously a defender of the custom that has

grown up in front of Patterson's Drug Store or of the grossness of the disrespect shown a passing lady in the special incident which brought the matter to a head.

We refer all those interested to our remarks in the last issue of the TAR HEEL, which we feel inclined to think define our position in regard to this matter with sufficient plainness.

CERTAIN of our friends and acquaintances have been raising a rough house in the War Lord's imperial domicile. It is the old, old story of aristocracy alluring democracy. We hope Charlottesville and Cambridge feel honored and gratified. We don't. Here's a glowing lyric on the affair:

"It might bring up the whole question of North and South again."—Ambassador Hill on Berlin Schleppeuncour incident.

"With the dignity of the American Embassy at stake, there should be no North, South, East, or West."—Prof. Smith, of Virginia on the same.

Grim Schleppeuncour—what horrid grudge

Made thee imperil this, our land,  
 Whence Doves of Peace but seldom budge,

Where North and South walk hand in hand?

Wouldst have us learn, Oh! monster bad,

At thy detestable behest,  
 To box the compass?—we who had  
 No North, no South, no East, no West?

Ah, say, what demon prompted thee  
 To block the primrose Smithian path,

And gainst our native land to free  
 Fell Munsterburg's terrific wrath?  
 To Hill what made thee send those two

Their warlike words to trumpet forth,

And jeopardize the land which knew  
 No East, no West, no South, no North?

Far-fetched, their rages melt away.  
 On din and headline sinks the fire,  
 Lo! all this scrap of yesterday

Is one with Storer and Maria—  
 So let us, as we, trembling eye  
 Our land's horizon, clouded still,

Remark with deep and thankful sigh:  
 "No Smith, no Munsterberg, no Hill.

THOMAS R. YBARRA.

A "Roller" Speaks.

To gamble is wrong. Dr. McGeehee, probably can cite a number of cases to sustain me.

But is it wrong for me to buy a soft drink for my friend? Is it wrong for my friend to buy a soft drink for me? No, I think. Then is it necessary for us to Alphonse and Gaston at each other for half an hour to decide which of us buys the other a drink? Of course not. And I think Pope Pius XIII will grant this.

College men have chosen a convenient and sensible alternative for all such mock heroic contortions. They use two small white cubes which have their six surfaces numbered 1 to 6. These they drop to the ground, and the dropper whose drop displays upward numbers of the least numerical greatness is allowed to expend five of his cents toward deliciously refreshing his friend. —A Roller.

Seniors at Princeton have discontinued wearing club colors as being visual social distinctions, contrary to the democratic ideals of the University.

Washington has adopted the rule that entrance conditions must be removed within one year.

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6:15 A. M. Daily for Wilson, Newbern, Washington and Norfolk.

6:15 A. M. Daily, except Sunday, or Newbern via Chocowinity.

3:00 P. M. Daily, except Sunday for Washington.

TRAINS ARRIVE RALEIGH.  
 7:20 A. M. Daily—11:20 A. M. Daily, except Sunday and 8:00 P. M. Daily.

TRAINS LEAVE GOLDSBORO.  
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