

with literature, art, music, the drama, and all those who, by reason of their love or appreciation of these objects, may be deemed eligible." On the twenty-fifth of March, 1872, the first rooms of the club in the Astor House, corner of Webb and Sacramento, were occupied, and the following officers elected: President, Thomas Newcomb; Vice-President, Henry Edwards; Secretary, Sands W. Forman; Treasurer, Arpad Haraszthy; Directors, D. P. Belknap, Samuel M. Brookes, Edward Bosqui, A. G. Hawes, J. C. Williamson. From this time forward the club grew steadily in membership, and the old rooms proving too small, the present elegant apartments, 430 Pine street, over the California Market, were secured and occupied on the twenty-fifth of January, 1877. Since the removal, over one hundred and fifty new members have been admitted, and the list now contains the names of nearly five hundred of the brightest and wittiest minds in the metropolis connected with letters, music and art, either professionally or by taste. One of the features of the club—and one that is not only famous at home but abroad—is the monthly entertainment known as a "High Jinks" [High Noon with the Muses]. On these occasions a "sire" or presiding officer of the evening is chosen, who selects a subject in music, literature, art, or science, and this is discussed *pro* and *con* by papers and speeches, supplemented by music, and repartee, and fragrant punches. The formal session or "High Jinks" is followed by what is known as "Low Jinks," a performance as peculiar to the club as its description is impossible. It is *sui generis*, and its remembrances are a pleasant page in the memory of every stranger and specially invited guest. Twice a year a Ladies' Jinks or reception is given, but a degree of formality is observed that is anything but characteristic of the regular sessions. Ladies are also permitted to visit the club rooms on Wednesday afternoons