



**T**HE task of disarming criticism is a fruitless one. He who tries to influence opinion by what he may say must necessarily fail. PANDORA realizes that a preface is seldom read, and never heeded.

One who pleads for mercy acknowledges his impotence and magnanimous people accord him but pity. An excuse is generally construed as being a whine.

PANDORA is before you. We have done our best. If we have failed, our excuse is inability.

**To the Women of Athens,**

**Young and old, whose devotion to every student interest is always  
in substantial evidence, Pandora is**

**Dedicated.**

