

are made by our high school students of today. In fact, a comparison shows that from a physical standpoint our high school student surpasses the college student of a generation ago. Take for example, the records made last year in the high school contests of the city of New York:

	High school record	Better than 1876 record by
Pole vault.....	9 feet 10 inches	2 feet 6 inches
Running broad jump	21 feet 2 inches	2 feet 10.5 inches
Running high jump..	5 feet 6 inches	7 inches
100 yards.....	10.4 seconds	.6 seconds
220 yards.....	22.8 seconds	.8 seconds
440 yards.....	52.4 seconds	3.6 seconds
880 yards.....	2 minutes 5.4	11 seconds
Mile.....	4 minutes 40.6	18 seconds

While it may be humiliating for our former champion to be compared with high school lads of today, yet we must in justice to the present generation push him back even another step, and compare his records with those of present day pupils in the elementary schools. The records of '76 are not regarded as anything wonderful for the grammar school students of New York.

In the contest of the elementary schools, the record for the running high jump is five feet, two inches, or three inches better than the record in this event made in the meet of college students in 1876. In the running broad jump, the record of these elementary students is eighteen feet, eight and a quarter inches, or almost five feet better than the intercollegiate record of thirty-two years ago. The record in the one hundred yard dash is eleven seconds, which, if we allow for the difference in timing, is about four tenths of a second better than the college students' record. These are the only events in which comparison can be made, as the long distance races, the heavyweights, and the hurdles, were omitted from the schoolboy contest.

There is still one lower class of present day students whose records may be compared with those of the college student of former times: the eighty pound class in the grammar