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ARMOUR'S FUTURE

The news that the proposed affiliation with Northwestern University has been definitely abandoned means a turning point in the history of Armour Institute.

With the way cleared of consolidations and alliances, we may now hope to see the building up of the greatest engineering school in the country; this school to be located in the middle west. Gone is all fear of losing our identity through absorption by a large university. We may plan to make our own future by creating an institution which will be overshadowed by none.

Such a school would be in keeping with the ideals and aims of the founders of this college. Philip D. Armour and Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus were striving for nothing lower than the best when the Institute was founded.

The financial problem will undoubtedly be easily solved. The leaders of Chicago and its surrounding territory realize the need of a greater engineering school in this locality, already the leading industrial region of the country.

New buildings and equipment are needed. The Armour Institute of Technology at the present time is forced to reject three students for each one it allows to enter, because of lack of facilities. Hundreds of earnest and brilliant men are turned away each fall, to our loss and to theirs.

Other problems are too numerous to mention. The task which confronts the executive officers is indeed a large one, and very complex, but we now look to a fitting solution, one which will soon bring into being the great school of our future.

RAH FOR DAYLIGHT

The change to daylight saving time, occurring last Sunday, proves a boon to college students as well as business men. Various opportunities for outdoor recreation are now open for students, which have not before been available because of lack of light.

Baseball games which, in the past have been called in the seventh inning on account of darkness, may now be continued the full nine innings; track practice indulged in by the light of the corner are lights may now be done in sunlight; fraternities may play indoor baseball after supper; other such vital activities carried on.

The only disadvantage is that the men must rise an hour earlier in the morning. Theoretically, by retiring an hour earlier, the same amount of sleep may be obtained. Of course, if the time be wasted in study, sleep may be lost anyway. However, nothing can be done about this evil.

And truly it demand something godlike in him who has cast off the common motives of humanity and has ventured to trust himself for a taskmaster. High be his heart, faithful his will, clear his sight, that he may in good earnest be doctrine, society, law, to himself, that a simple purpose may be to him as strong as iron necessity is to others. —Emerson.

:: "THE SLIPSTICK" ::

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let
the Slipstick fly where it may.

Time

A motorman's never quite on time,
As you will, no doubt, find,
For he's always behind the car ahead,
And ahead of the car behind.

—Phil J.

A Scene From..... (Any Class)

Stude: What's the date?
Prof: Never mind the date; get busy on the quiz.
Stude: But I'd like to have something right on my paper.

—F. B. A.

The kindergarten teacher thought the children knew how to play blind man's buff. She blindfolded one little girl and when the child did not move, she asked, "Why don't you play?"
And the sweet little child replied, "But, teacher, where is the first cigarette?"

And according to the most recent ads, there isn't a cigarette on the market that's half as good as a

(Lack of space prevents us from listing the twenty brands.)

He Fears Competition

Prof. Scherger: The first date recorded in history is about 4000 B. C.
Don Paul: Who had it?

—A. J.

He Was Raided By the Yellow Knight

She (in a romantic mood): Didst thou come on a charger?

He: Did I? The big stiff charged me a buck for five blocks.

—Freddie.

I. O. N. (another chap who's too bashful to let us know his name) likes to be a sarcastic philosopher. Today he breaks forth with: "Most young men acquire their moustaches on the installment plan; a little down each week."

This Will Give You a Stitch in Your Side

Hubby: Why didn't you mend those socks for me?
Wife: Did you buy me that fur coat that you promised me?

Hubby: N-n-no.
Wife: Well, if you don't give a wrap, I don't give a darn either.

On our last date we had a puncture at three-thirty a. m. Gosh, we sure were proud of our engineering knowledge as we made mere circular motion raise the car; and think that we weren't tickled pink to realize that mere friction was holding those bolts so firmly, despite our wrench. And the crowning achievement came when we discovered that adhesion was the factor that made the grease and grime cling to our fingers. It's great to know these things.

As the prof opened the back of his watch case to ascertain the cause for the stopping, a bug fell out. "No wonder the thing stopped," he said, "the darn engineer's dead."

—A. J.

It's tough when you have to pay seventy-five cents for a steak, but, man, it's tougher when you pay fifty.

—Freddie.

INDIFFERENCE

"Doctor, how can I ever repay you for your kindness to me?"

"Doesn't matter, old man, check, money order, or cash."

Prof. Wilcox made a mistake. He said, in a recent lecture, that Sir William Crooks discovered the dark spaces. We feel sure that some Neolithic boy and his girl friend beat Sir William by several million years.

—Frank.

Drivers of open cars don't put their lights on as soon as the drivers of closed cars. They feel much more comfortable if they keep their heavies on.

—F. B. A.

Judge: You are charged with stealing; what have you to say in your own defense?
Tramp: Only that I am acting under doctor's orders; he advised me to take things easy.

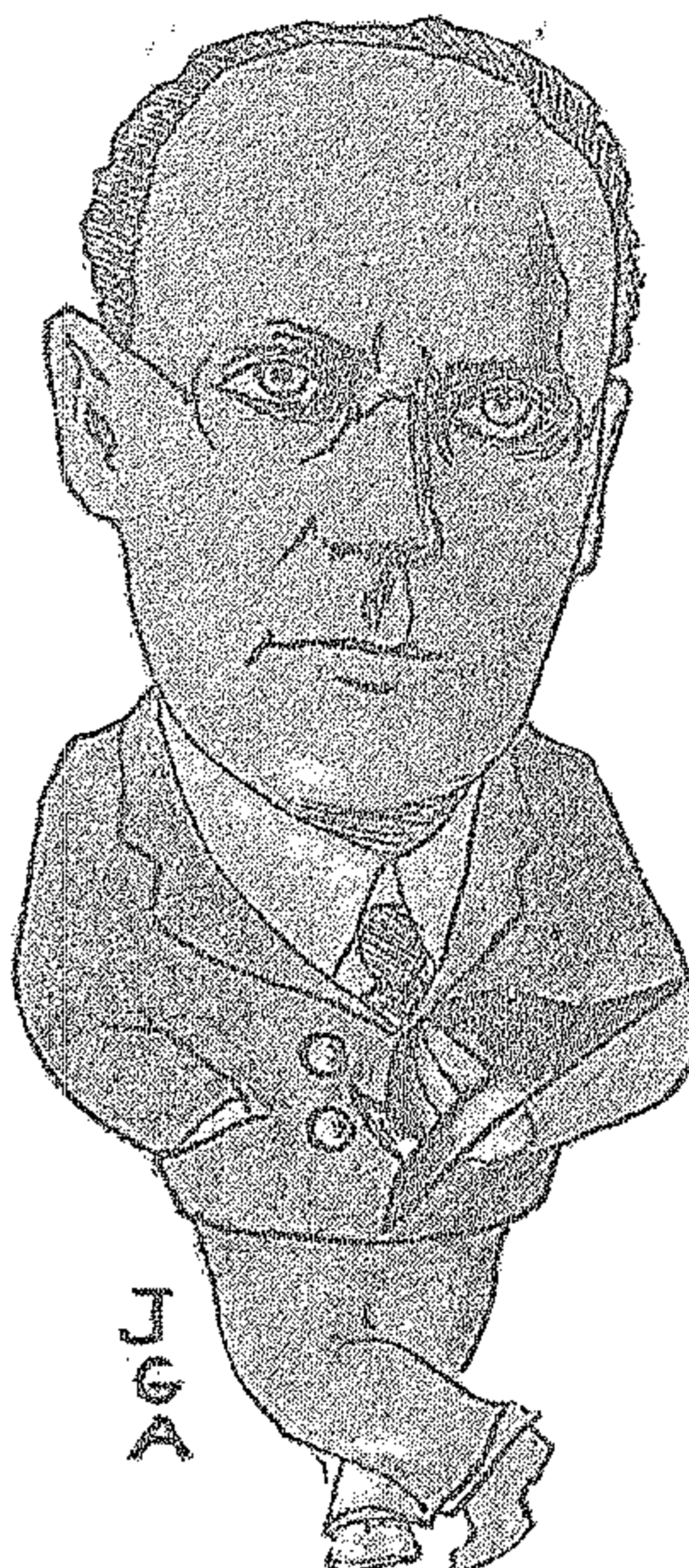
The human brain is a most wonderful piece of mechanism. It begins to work the instant that we get up in the morning, and does not stop nor falter in the least until we get to school.

Bet He's in a Hole Now

"That man made a grave mistake."
"How come?"
"He went bankrupt in the undertaking business."

The semester is mighty near over; and the staff is undergoing alterations. We would like to hear from anyone interested in helping or in running the column; such contris as F. B. A., A. J., I. O. N., the Bongineer, and the others who have made the column this semester should come forward. Let's hear from you, fellows: the Slipstick must carry on.

—Al Auerbach.



Professor Joseph
Bernard Finnegan

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY STEPHEN JANISZEWSKI, '30

Joseph Bernard Finnegan, Head of the Department of Fire Protection Engineering, was born in Stoneham, Massachusetts, September 27, 1880. His early boyhood was spent in this town, where he attended grade school and high school. He was graduated from high school in the spring of 1899, and entered Massachusetts Institute of Technology the following fall. While in college, Professor Finnegan supported himself by working for the Engineering department of his home town of Stoneham. He also worked during his summers in this connection. Eye trouble forced him to drop out of school for a year, but he returned to graduate with the class of 1904, receiving a degree of S. B. in Chemical Engineering. The burden of working his way through school kept Professor Finnegan from taking part in college athletics.

Previous to his graduation, he worked one summer as a draftsman and also as a chemist for the City Gas Co. of Norfolk, Va. After graduation, he went to work for the New York Fire Insurance Exchange. This concern corresponds to the Chicago Board of Underwriters. He was selected with thirteen other graduates from engineering colleges in what was then regarded as an experiment to see if the technical college graduates would prove superior to other men in Inspection Bureau work. The merit of this experiment is now shown by the fact that all bureaus employ technical college graduates now, twenty five years later.

The department of Fire Protection Engineering had been established in 1903 at Armour, largely on the initiative of W. H. Merrill, President of Underwriters Laboratories. The department was in charge of Fitzhugh Taylor, E. E., '00. Needing an assistant, he went to New York and asked the New York Fire Insurance Exchange to recommend a man with the needed field experience and also of outstanding ability. Finnegan was selected, and came to Armour as instructor in Fire Protection Engineering in 1905.

After a few months here, Professor Finnegan went on the staff of the Underwriters Laboratories in the Protection department. He was made Assistant Professor of Fire Protection Engineering in 1906, and Associate Professor of Fire Protection Engineering in 1907. He held this latter position until he became head of the department in 1916.

At present he holds the title of Associate Engineer in the Protection Department of Underwriters Laboratories. Practically all of the consulting work he has performed since 1905 has been done for the Laboratories. He has done much work upon fire resistive materials, especially fire doors and walls.

Armour Institute has the unique distinction of being the only school in the world that confers a degree of F. P. E. This degree has been given only four times in the his-

As a result of a questionnaire circulated by the University of Michigan among the freshman women it can be taken for granted that mustaches are taboo. Some co-eds expressed the belief that the fad arises from the desire to emulate Adolphe Menjou or Charles Chaplin. Others believe that mustaches are all right in their place but are too often misplaced.

Psychologists at the University of Utah proved that at least 50% of the students cheat during examinations. This practise is prevalent because students feel that cribbing pays and is universal. Crowded rooms and physical inconveniences are blamed for a large part of the cheating.

tory of the Institute, each time to an Armour graduate. When asked if he himself held one, Professor Finnegan replied, with a smile, that it did not seem proper to recommend the conferring of a degree upon one's self.

Professor Finnegan was married to Margaret Bermingham in 1906. He has six children; Alice, Joseph, Jr., Anna, Mary, Stephen, and Helen.

He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Salamander, Sphinx, N. F. P. A., A. S. M. E., Society for Promotion of Engineering Education, F. P. E. Society, and the University Club.

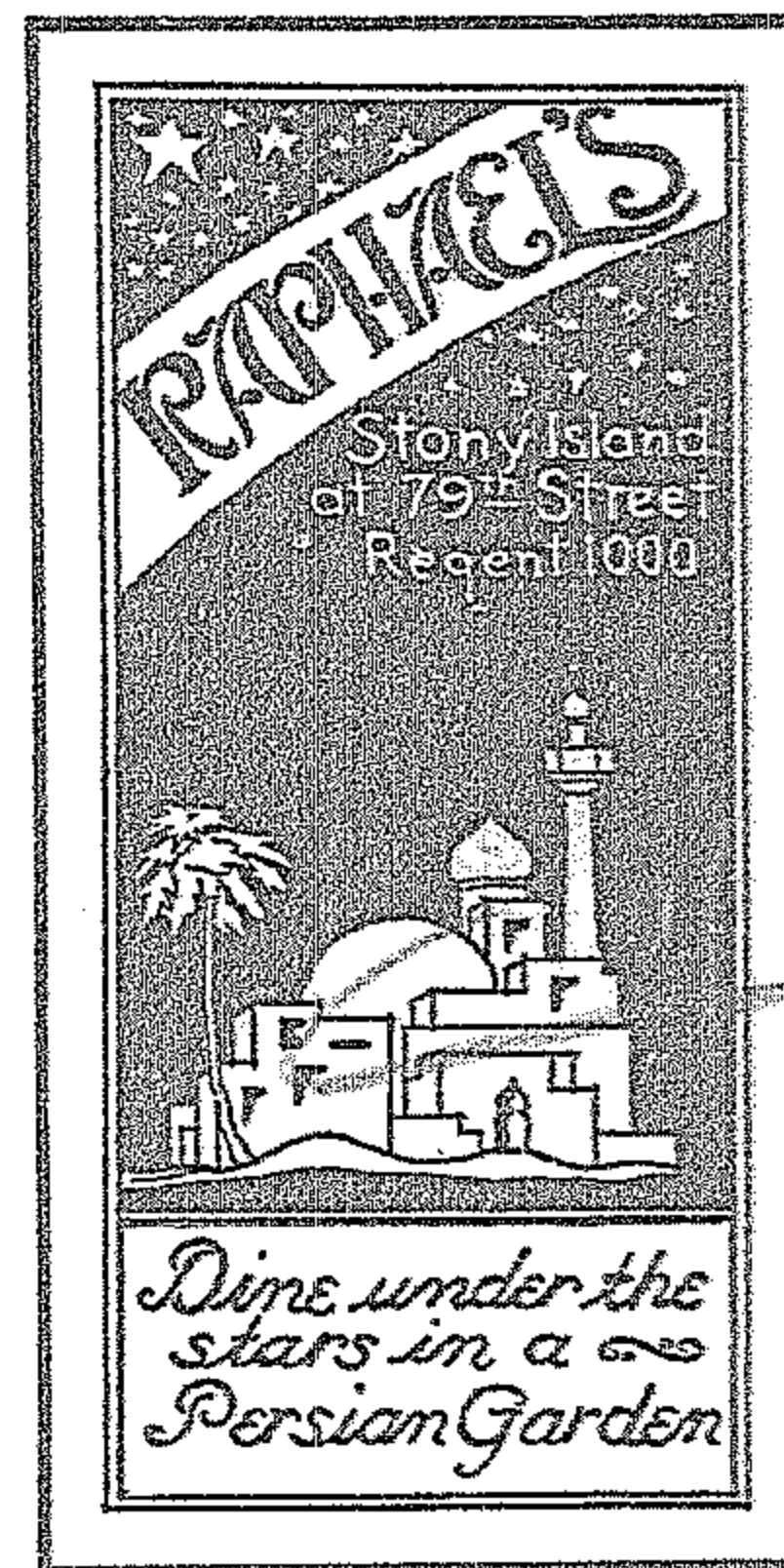
His chief failing is his fondness for Church music. According to his son, Professor Finnegan is also a veteran chess player, and indulges in this pastime frequently. His favorite method of spending vacations is to take a lake trip, making the three weeks so spent an absolute rest. When interviewed for this biography, Professor Finnegan was found propped up in a hospital bed, reading a biography of Queen Victoria by Strachey. He confessed to a liking for good books, stating that this illness was a chance for him to catch up with his reading.

Sr. Elec's Listen to Elevator Talk

The ins and outs as well as the ups and downs of elevators were explained to the Senior Electricals last Tuesday by Mr. Zepernick, field engineer of the Otis Elevator Company. The developments of the different types and the general features of the hand rope, switch lever, and superautomatic elevators formed the basis of his talk. Numerous questions were also answered by the representative. A visit to several of the loop buildings to inspect the elevator systems will be made today.

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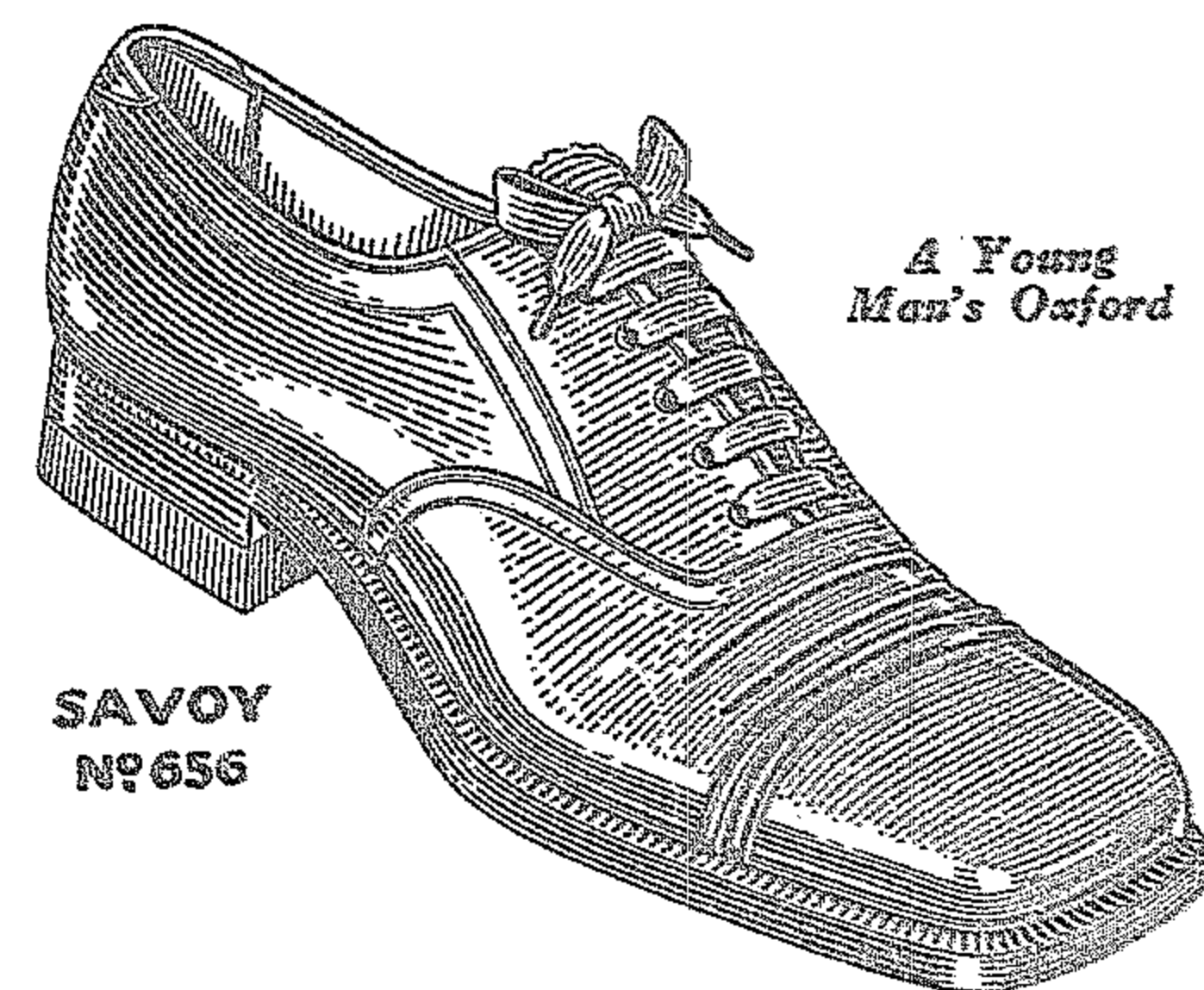
May 11 the Rho Delta Rho fraternity will hold a dinner dance at the Knickerbocker Hotel.



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