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STAKE HORSES

In horse racing, the difference between a "stake" horse and a "selling plater" lies chiefly in the ability to finish a race. There are thousands of thoroughbreds that can dash from the barrier with wonderful speed and fire, but the number that can sprint at the grueling end of a race are indeed few. There is lack of stamina, lack of that undescrivable thing called "class", which definitely removes the plater from consideration in the major racing events.

The same lack of ability to last out the race is shown even more plainly in people.

The school year is coming to a close at Armour; next week the final examinations will be held. Many students after a good start in the early part of the semester, have let their school work slacken. At present they stand on the border line between passing and failing. Earnest work to get a good grade on the final may pull them through the course. To continue as they are means failure.

This is now the time when they will show whether they have the stamina, the "class," to pull a sprint at the end of the race, and come home with the honors, or whether they will coast in without trying to win. How many have the courage to make a good finish, and how many have not?

SUMMER WORK

The majority of the undergraduates will soon be engaged in work during the summer which will help them earn part or all of their school expenses for next year. Naturally, such job hunters are prone to select the position which will pay them the most money.

But is the job which pays the biggest salary at the time, the most advantageous for such a person to accept? After graduation, a decision must be made by the student as to the kind of work to be followed for a period of years. By selecting that field now, he may gain valuable experience along chosen lines, experience which will undoubtedly prove to be worth more to him than the dollars and cents difference in salary.

The undergraduate student should pick his summer position with an eye to future employment, before considering present remuneration. The drugstore clerk may earn more today than the embryo engineer, learning the processes of some plant, but the salary of the former is fixed, while that of the engineer should rise with experience.

"The way for a young man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can, never suspecting that anybody is hindering him."
—Lincoln.

THE SLIPSTICK

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

Advice to Civils

If your girl gives you a stony look when you are trying to cement your friendship, don't go out and get rocky. Just assert yourself, be a little boulder.

Frosh: "The human brain is a wonderful thing."
Soph: "How come?"
Frosh: "It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and doesn't stop until you get to class."

GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK

We will place joking aside for a moment and take this space to say "Farewell" to the Seniors, and to wish them all the good fortune that they justly deserve.

"And did the speaker electrify his audience?"
"Naw, gassed 'em."

Lottie: "Dick's new mustache makes me laugh."
Lorraine: "Yes, it tickles me, too."

R. G. K.

The man who believes in safety first always spills a little on the bar to see what happens to the varnish.

Al Capone should be thankful that he can live another year at least.

"What makes this car squeak so?"
"Don't mind that. It's the bearings—they are made of pig iron."

Sounds Bad

"I've been reading statistics—every time I breathe a man dies."
"Gosh, man! Why don't you use Listerine?"
JAN.

The above reminds us of the one about the bad eggs that were hatched, and all the little chicks had halitosis.

"Egotism is the anaesthetic nature gives to deaden the pain of being a fool."

Prof: "How would you tell the height of a tower by means of a barometer?"

Soph: "I would lower the barometer from the top of the tower, then I would measure the rope."

MUST BE A SENIOR

Professor: "I shall call on you again, tomorrow."
Student: "Yes, do. It's a pleasure to encourage an optimist like you."

"Here's where I shine," said the pledge, as he got down on his knees to wax the floors.

He: "He reminds me of Paderewski."
She: "But Paderewski isn't a violinist."
He: "Neither is this chap!"

The most reliable lads in the world are college men—there never seems to be a bit of change about them.

Discouraged

The woodpecker wept in deep dismay
As the shades of evening stole,
For he had been pecking all the day
At a cast-iron telegraph pole.

Frosh in Math Exam: "How far are you from the right answer?"

Second Same: "Two seats."

Things learned in college: The third erasure usually finishes up the data sheet.

A Sure Thing

Have you heard about the Scotchman who went to the dog races and bet on the rabbit to win?
Griff.

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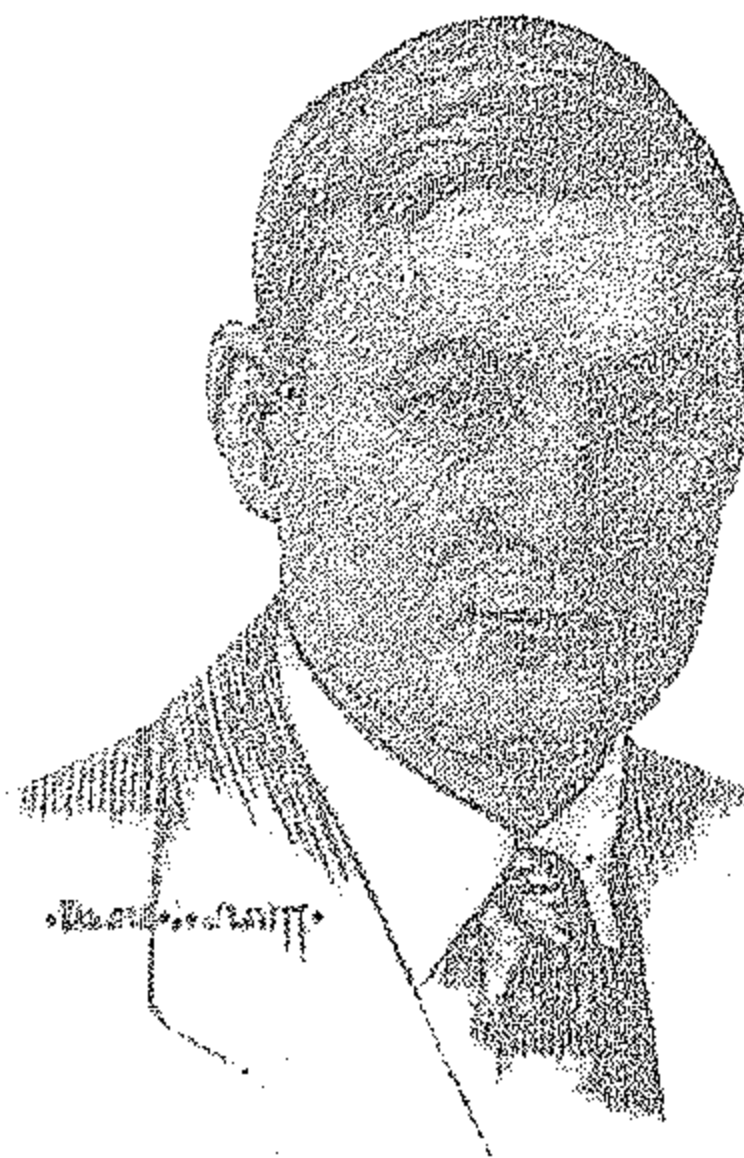
Gravitation; that which, if there were none, we would all fly away.
Conscience; that which turns an auto ride into a walk.

It Must Be

After reading in the paper that it takes four thousand five hundred and sixty-seven elephants to make billiard balls for one year, a certain J. A. N. says that it must be pretty hard to train these animals to do such delicate work.

This brings to a close another year—how successful, you can tell after next week. Starting next fall we hope to have many contributors to "The Slipstick." Good luck in the Finals.

K. Knittel



Professor John Joseph Schommer

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY STEPHEN JANISZEWSKI, '30

John Joseph Schommer, Assistant Professor of Industrial Chemistry, was born in Chicago, January 29, 1884. He attended the elementary public schools of Chicago and later graduated from the Central Y. M. C. A. High School, completing the latter course in two years. He entered the University of Chicago and graduated with the class of 1909, receiving his B. S. degree.

While in college, Prof. Schommer held the position of University Marshal and was a member of the Owl and Serpent, a senior honorary society. He was also a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

"John" played football, basketball, baseball and ran track at Chicago. He received major letters in all of these sports, the total being twelve "C's". He was captain of the 1908 basketball team, which won the inter-collegiate championship of the United States. Prof. Schommer was an All-Western end in football, an All-Western center in basketball, and in 1908 he was picked in track for the Olympic team to England.

By working two hours a day, Prof. Schommer made two-thirds of his tuition and earned \$2900 during the four year in school. Upon leaving school, he did a year and a half of research work, mainly in bacteriology in yeasts and moulds. During this same time he aided Mr. Stagg in coaching football, basketball and baseball.

Prof. Schommer came to Armour Institute in 1911. He received his B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering in 1912. In 1913, he was a coach in athletics and became an instructor in the Chemistry Department in 1914. He continued coaching track, baseball and basketball until 1916.

In 1915, Prof. Schommer married Elsie Steffen, sister of Wallie Steffen. Prof. Schommer has no children.

Prof. Schommer belongs to the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Association for Testing Materials, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, Chemists Club, University Club, Collegiate Club and the North Shore Athletic Club.

For exercise he officiates at basketball and football games. Looking into the future, he means to substitute for this golf and squash racket. These latter games he is just learning. He can make any golf course in 175 with several lost golf balls and at least one broken club. It was a surprise to the athlete in discovering how good a shovel a golf stick made.

In the line of work, Prof. Schommer teaches twenty-one hours a week, is Athletic Director of Armour, and does work in commercial chemistry as well as consultation work in the latter.

For recreation, Prof. Schommer fishes in the northern lakes of Wisconsin, often going 35 to 40 miles to fish in a lake with a friendly muskie. Mrs. Schommer is an enthusiastic fish fan too.

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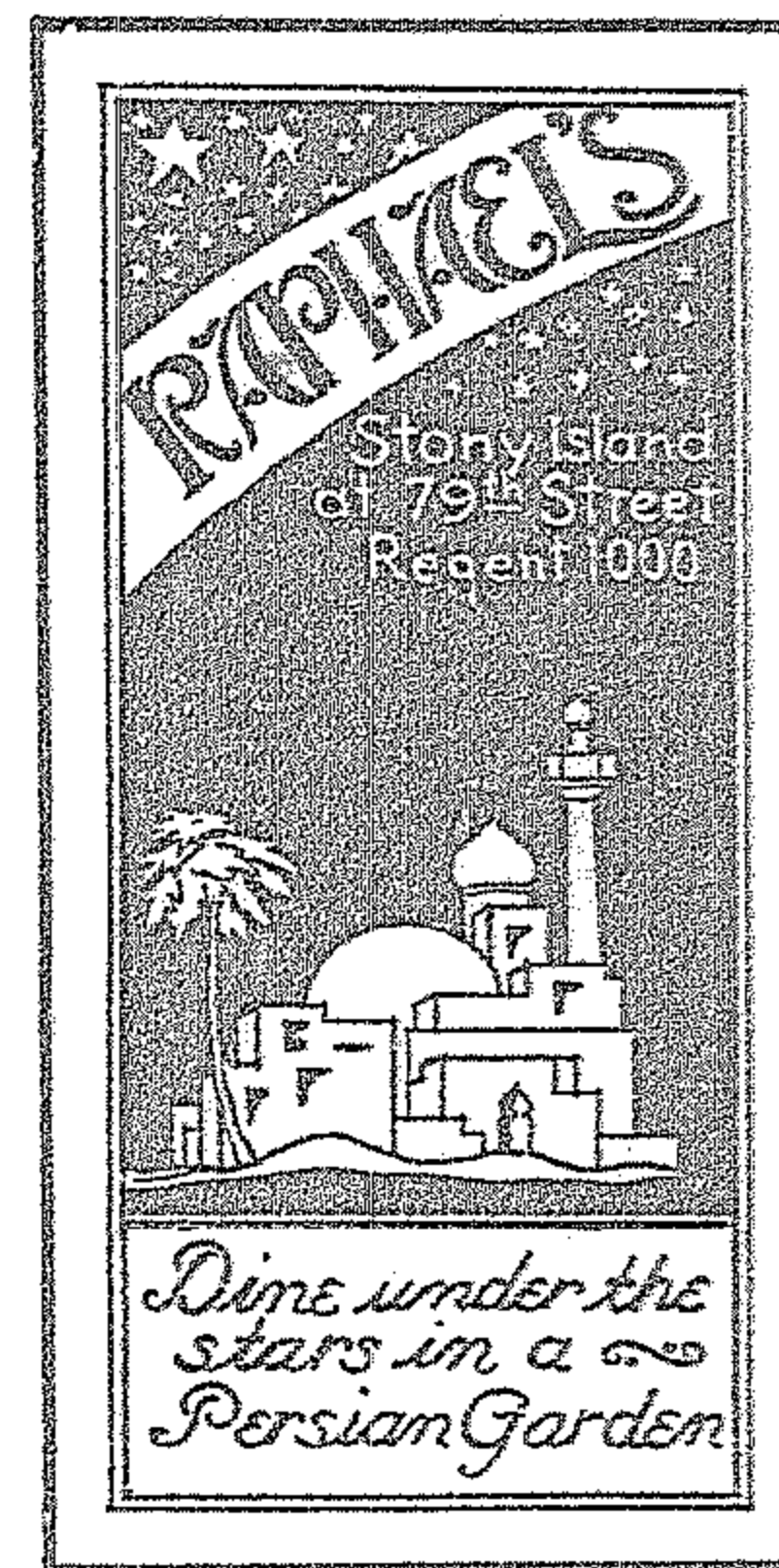
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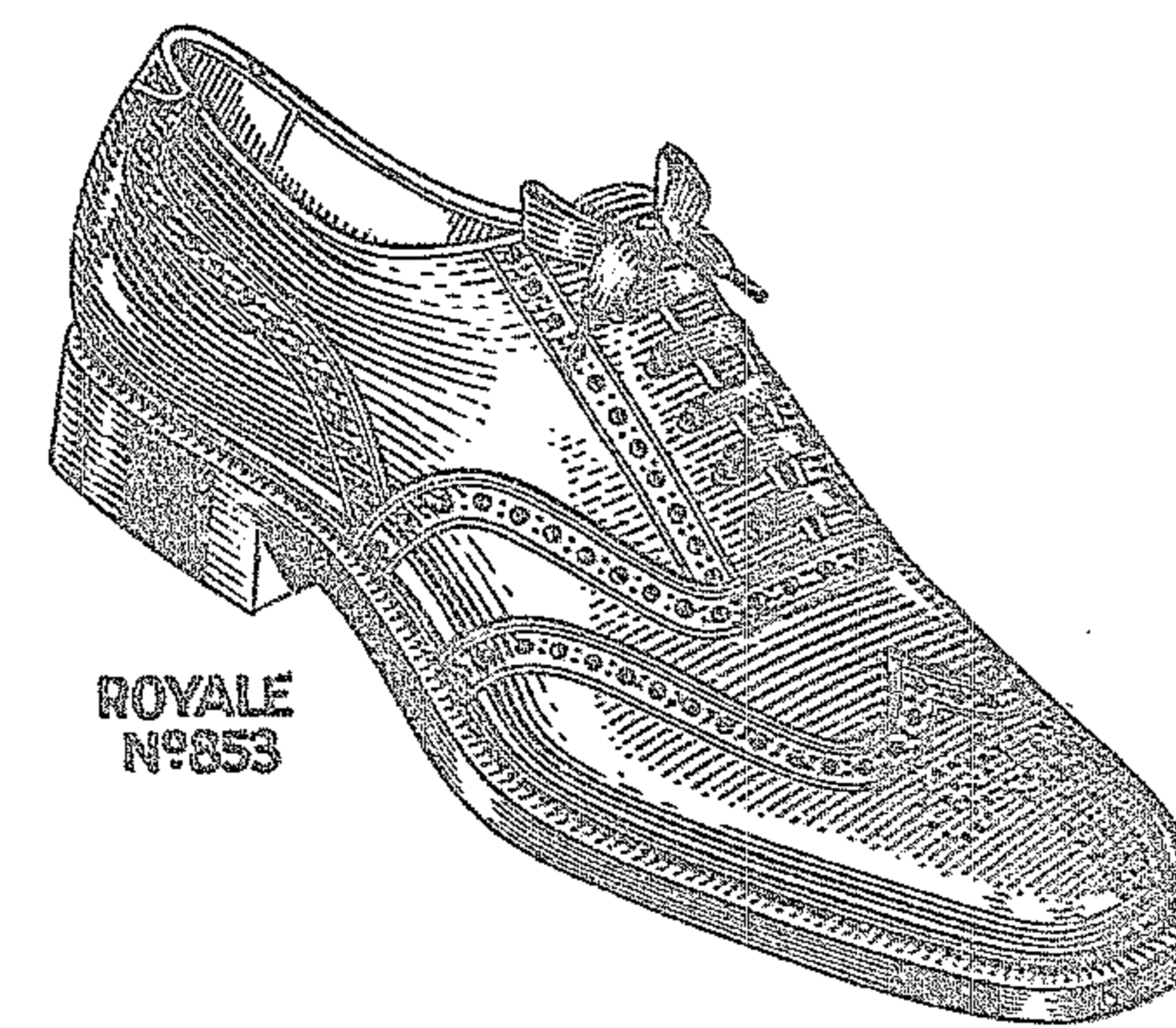
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