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## FOOTBALL

Time and time again the old question is heard—"Why don't we have a football team at Armour?" Nobody seems to know the exact answer. One says that the Institute cannot afford such an expensive sport, another that the faculty is bitterly opposed, still another that the donors of the school are opposed to it. Why would these men be against the sport? Reasons advanced were that it would detract from the studies of the men, that it might prove physically harmful, that athletics would be over-emphasized to the harm of scholastic matters, and other arguments.

First, let us examine the statement that Armour cannot afford to support a football team. Carnegie, Georgia Tech, Rose Poly Tech, Colorado School of Mines, Leland Stanford, and other engineering schools report a profit on their football season. In those schools, football pays for the losses incurred in track, baseball, basketball and minor sports. At Armour, we participate in the sports which are accepted everywhere as losses financially. Why not participate in a sport which might add something to the exchequer? We will wager that the A. T. A. A. did not receive a total of one hundred dollars paid admission, outside the activity fees, from the sports of basketball, baseball, track, swimming, boxing, golf and tennis during the whole last school year. Yet the expenses of running a baseball team are considerable, and those of basketball and track are not small. Given anywhere near an even break, football at Armour would be making money in three years.

Then there is the question that participation in football would keep students from their studies. This is often believed to be true; but is it? Is football, lasting for eight weeks, more harmful than track which lasts for thirty-six weeks, or basketball which lasts for sixteen weeks? Is football practice, which may be reduced to an hour or two a night, more harmful than the same time spent on basketball? Or is it more harmful than the same time spent on a train commuting between a suburban town and Chicago?

If Armour had a football team, would athletics be over-emphasized to the harm of scholastic standards? That is not possible with the present method of selecting applicants for entrance, for only one out of three is accepted and he mainly on a scholastic basis. Do you notice any over-emphasis of the basketball or baseball team?

Then comes the vital question—do the students really want a football team? If you would go over to Ogden Field and watch the men playing football without proper equipment, without supervision or coaching, you would be convinced. Former all-city prep school players are enrolled at Armour, former stars from high schools of other cities and other states are listed. Would these men like to play football? No other sport appeals to a red blooded engineer as does football.

## :: "THE SLIPSTICK" ::

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

## LAUGHS

Laugh and the world laughs with you,  
Laugh again and you laugh alone;  
For the first joke was the prof's,  
And the second was your own.

Many a student who thinks he has IT only has it.

## SEZ HE

Visitor: "And how old are you, Bobbie?"  
Bobbie: "I'm just at the awkward age."  
Visitor: "Really? And what do you call the awkward age?"  
Bobbie: "I'm too old to cry and too young to swear,"  
W. L. F.

## A HORSE LAUGH

This little piece of news was passed on to us. We won't vouch for its truth, however. It seems that one of the instructors entered a class the other day, and was half through with the roll call before he realized he was in the wrong room.

A devil is an angel in reverse.

The instructions were to note any outside interests on the reverse side of program card.  
One lad recorded: "Lucille, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday nights."  
R. M., Jr.

## Gratitude

"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully," wrote the grateful woman to Doctor Johns. "A month ago I couldn't even spank the baby, and now I am able to thrash my husband. Heaven bless you."

Senior: "What's the common impediment in the speech of American people?"  
Freshman: "Chewing-gum."  
Chester.

## HERE'S A HOT ONE

Chem. Prof.: "What is a flame test?"  
Bright "Chemiker." "Ask her to go out some evening for a street car ride."

Prof. Wilcox made a statement "that many bodies are at rest."  
He must have meant our 8:30 lecture.  
Don C.

It won't be long before there will be competition for space in the column. With the addition of a few more new contributors, why, life will be just a path of jokes from now on. We introduce this week—Chester, W. L. F., Don C., and R. M. Jr., and welcome them as charter members to the Funny Fraternity.

Latest Scotch joke—"Genuine-Bottled in Bond."

An artist stood and drew a storm  
The day was far from brightening.  
A flash shone round and as he fell,  
He drew a streak of lightning.

## Windows Help Some

First Street Musician: "Do you think they can hear us all right?"  
Second Ditto: "Yes. Somebody just shut down a window."—W. L. F.

A druggist spends four years at a school of pharmacy, and then when he graduates they give him a diploma which entitles him to make sandwiches.

## If There's Any Left

A client should keep nothing back from his lawyer—not even a little small change.

"Did you ever have water on the knee?"  
"No, why?"  
"Oh, you dirty thing."

Nobody cares what happens to a saxophone player just so it happens.

"Say, who do you think you're pushing?"  
"How many guesses do I get?"

## No Good

A corn syrup manufacturing company has received the following letter: "Dear Sirs: I have ate three cans of your corn syrup, and it has not helped my corns one bit."

"You'd never think this car was a second-hand one, would you?"  
"No, it looks as though you made it yourself."

Judge: "Gentlemen of the jury, have you come to a decision?"  
Foreman: "We have, Your Honor. The jury are all of the same mind—temporarily insane."

The ladder of success seems to be made out of slippery elm.

Willie: "Did Mr. Edison make the first talking machine, pa?"  
Pa: "No, my son. God made the first talking machine, but Edison made the first one that could be shut off."

Now that "rushing" is over, pledges ought to clean up in a big way.  
K. K.



Professor David P.  
Moreton

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY STEPHEN JANISZEWSKI, '30

David Penn Moreton, Professor of Direct and Alternating Current Machinery, was born in Moscow, Ohio, in 1882. After the completion of his early education in Moscow, he entered Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, in 1901, where he studied for two years.

In 1903, Prof. Moreton came to Armour Institute as a student in the electrical department. He worked his way through school, and in 1906, graduated with a B.S. degree in electrical engineering. Following his graduation, he became an instructor in the electrical department on the Armour faculty. Prof. Moreton has served with the Institute since then. The E.E. degree was conferred on him in 1909.

Activities outside of teaching have taken much of Prof. Moreton's time. He was mechanical engineer

for the Union Stock Yards Company for four years. For two years he served the Central Manufacturing District in Chicago in the capacity of mechanical engineer. He redesigned electrical railway equipment for the Pyle National Company for a period of two years. The Produce Terminal Corporation, of which he was president, occupied his attention for three years. Back in the days before radio broadcasting became an art, Prof. Moreton designed the generators for the old station WJAZ in Chicago, which was doing pioneering work in that line.

Prof. Moreton is author of ten books on electricity, among them being "Practical Applied Electricity," "Electric Motors," "Armature Windings," "Telephone Handbook" and a number of other books on electrical equipment.

Prof. Moreton developed the night school classes in electrical engineering at Armour and elevated the courses to a basis where a systematic course is now offered to the students.

That the other side of personal attribute has not been neglected is evinced by his interest in social and welfare work. He was for a number of years the District Chairman of the Park Manor District Boy Scouts. He takes active interest in the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and was for years the Counselor of the Armour Branch of this organization.

The pedagogical engineer, who expounds "juice" theories to junior electricals, is also a farmer, operating a farm in Ohio.

Fishing is one of his hobbies and he enjoys motor touring.

He belongs to Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, and Sigma Kappa Delta fraternities and is a Knight Templar and Shriner.

Prof. Moreton was married to Sarah A. Alexander, of Boston, in 1918. They reside in Wilmette, Ill.

## Inquiring Reporter

Question: What do you think of the fine of twenty-five cents per hour for all reserve library books kept after 9:30 A. M.?

L. S. Anderson, '33, F. P. E.—It is pretty steep, because if you live out of town you can't go back for it and that would be two dollars per day. Twenty-five cents a day would be better.

R. F. Beck, '32, M. E.—It is a good way to keep the fellows from forgetting to bring the books back.

R. Nelson, '33, M. E.—That is way too high; ten cents an hour would be plenty, but even so, it serves the purpose, so it must be all right.

W. H. Rudolf, '32, C. E.—No doubt attempts have been made to affect the prompt returning of important books without resorting to a fine but apparently they have always failed. Therefore, the fine is necessary.

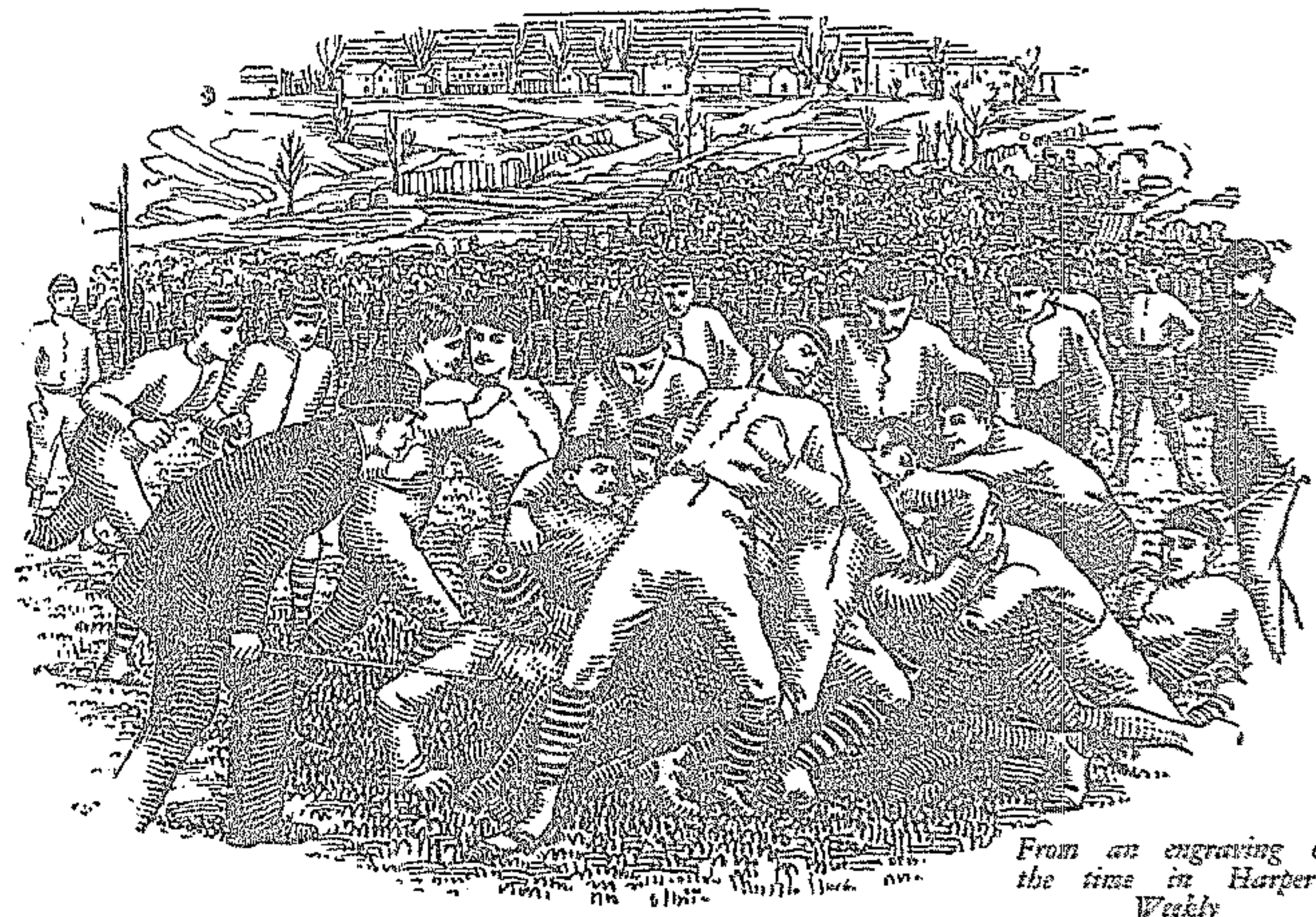
V. A. Sturm, '30, Ch. E.—Ninety-three is a little too early because the students who have no morning classes use the books to study at home in the morning.

H. R. Schlagel, '31, Arch.—It is a good idea to get the books back from inefficient fellows, but those who have 1st hour classes should be able to bring them in before 8:30 A. M.

E. Snelling, '33, E. E.—It makes it possible for the books to be there for the other fellow, but still, it is a little too high.

## SECRETARY TO DR. RAYMOND

Miss Helene Jones is the new secretary to Dr. Raymond, filling the place held by the late Miss Forrest. She was born and raised in Chicago and has been private secretary to H. A. Dodge, Assistant States Attorney, and E. E. Brown, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago.



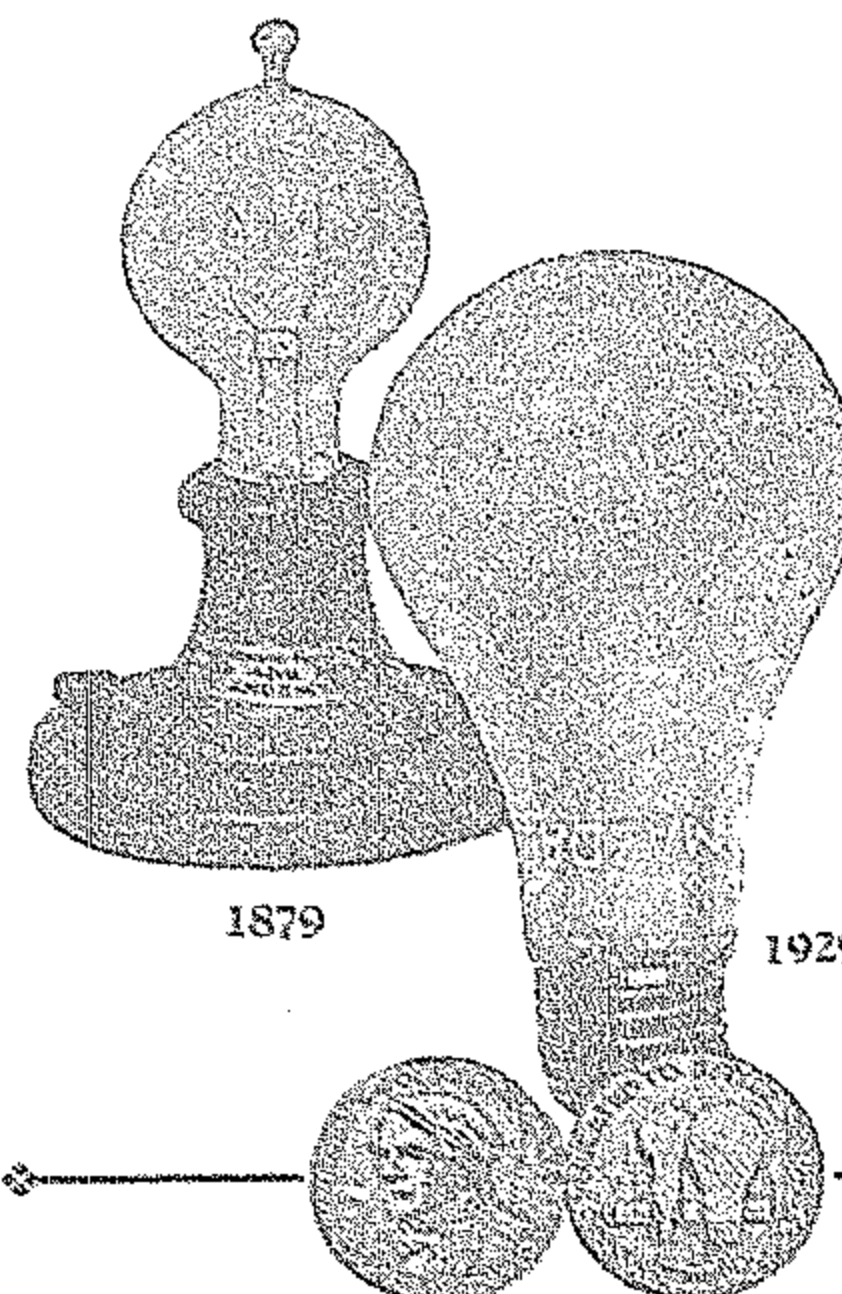
From an engraving of the time in Harper's Weekly

## Autumn of '79

While Yale and Princeton were battling to a tie at Hoboken, New Jersey, a small group of scientists, directed by Thomas A. Edison, was busy at Menlo Park, only a few miles away. On October 21, their work resulted in the first practical incandescent lamp.

Few realized what fifty years would mean to both electric lighting and football. The handful who watched Yale and Princeton then has grown to tens of thousands to-day. And the lamp that glowed for forty hours in Edison's little laboratory made possible to-day's billions of candle power of electric light. In honor of the pioneer achievement, and of lighting progress, the nation this year observes Light's Golden Jubilee.

Much of this progress in lighting has been the achievement of college-trained men employed by General Electric.



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