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"The Slipstick"

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

JUST LIKE A WOMAN

She stood before the mirror
With eyes shut very tight,
And tried to see just how she looked
When fast asleep at night.

Ein Stein

This being our last column, may we now introduce
the new conductor, Phil Jordan, who will be your rib
tickler in the future. Success to Phil.

YES!

"I can tell you something that will turn your head."

"What?"

"Your neck."

Chuck

A popular song is one that becomes a howling suc-
cess.

Walt

Significant Sign

Positively No Checks Cashed
Not even for
Strangers

—Ortho

"My wife doesn't understand me. Does yours?"
"Dunno—I never heard here mention your name."

—Chester

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

Two things that never return—youth and the best
shirts you send to the laundry.

Stranger: "Don't the fast trains ever stop here?"
Hic: "Yep, had a wreck here once."

FAREWELL

With our retirement we wish to express our thanks
to our contributors, and introduce them (those we
know) to our readers. Phil J. (Philip Jordan, '31),
Bongineer (George Bonvallet, '32), Chester (Chester
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(Mark A. Hotchkin, '30), J. S. McC. (James S. McCall).
The Co-ed, The Kidder, and Sparks have successfully
maintained their anonymity. If we have omitted
anyone, we are sorry. Thanks to all of you.

A recent bulletin issued by the C. R. T., (Chicago
Rapid (?) Transit) stated that during the heavy
storm they carried 1,000,000 people. We don't doubt
that at all. There were that many on the train we
went home on that first night.

There is always one consolation about a flunk in
the second semester. You can make it up in six weeks
of summer school.

A few very critical critics raised particular cain be-
cause one joke appeared twice in the column last
issue. Well, think nothing of it. If two guys give us
the same story, they both get a break. Isn't that
fair. (Sure it is.)

B. T. U. suggests that you be sure and see Lon
Chaney in "INGAGI."

NOTICE

This column might not be as near full of humor
this week as it ought to be, but one thing is certain,
we are going to make another crack about giving
Slipstick your support and making more contribs
each week. Don't forget the box there on the first
floor.

Jack relates that the ideal dumbbell is the babe
who wears pumps because she has water on the
knees.

A CLOSE SHAVE

We know a fellow who went to the barber college
but got tossed out of class for overcutting.

—Joe

Foolish Frosh: "What is your idea of rigid
economy?"

Smart Soph: "A dead Scotchman."

So long fellows. Glad I met you. See you agin
some time.

—Kilian Knittel

VANDALISM

Twice a year, each and every man in attend-
ance at Armour pledges himself to live up to the
requirements of the school. The enrollment card
states plainly that each applicant . . . agrees to
obey . . . the unwritten rules of courtesy, man-
liness, and honor; this is the only bond that the
school places upon the men.

However, it seems that there are certain men
in the school to whom this either has no meaning,
or to whom the word *honor* has no significance.
For as long as history has record, the phrase "on
my honor" has stood for its face value. These
simple words have been more convincing a factor
than the longest speech possible; without honor
there is no civilization. Therefore, when a man
agrees to live under the unwritten rules of honor,
it is impossible for any more binding agreement
to be made; this implies all that anything more
explicit could imply, and is the highest kind of a
bond between men.

Armour seems to have been most unfortunate
in having within its walls some men to whom the
term honorable cannot be applied. This group of
men have wilfully stolen objects that are an es-
sential and integral part of the school; that is,
these men have deemed it their right to raid the
library for whatever pleased their fancy to take.
It would have been a sad state of affairs if the
losses had been slight; the actual facts of the
case are that the thefts are of an unbelievable
number.

The most flagrant of all the malefactions was
the mutilation of the New Encyclopedia Britanica,
a set of volumes that has just been added to the
library this year, and which comprises one of
the most up-to-date references available. Some
man has wilfully torn out a series of pages from
one volume, ruining the set, for no single volume
for replacement will be available until the edition
is out of print. That means that the men in the
future will be deprived of the use of the informa-
tion contained on those pages; it is a loss that
will be felt keenly by those who are studying that
topic, as many will do in the future.

During the past year the library has by sundry
gifts, class donations, and a careful budget, man-
aged to purchase and acquire, roughly, two hun-
dred books of modern fiction. These volumes
were carefully chosen to afford the best of read-
ing matter to the men, and their early popularity
proved their good qualities. However, due to the
thieving instincts of some men, whom we regret
to name as men of Armour, there remain but less
than fifty of these for circulation. This recent
inventory of the fiction remaining seems to point
out clearly that we are no longer a group of de-
cent college men, but a group honeycombed by the
rottenest, lowest type of men possible—sneak-
thieves.

To date, the librarian has not been able to check
up on the losses on the technical works, but the
general indications are that the losses will like-
wise be proportionately high. As engineers, this
is a direct blow; the fiction was but entertain-
ment, but these books are the lifeblood of our
work. A great portion of engineering work con-
sists of reference to the experimental and theo-
retical observations of the men at the top of the
profession, and it is for that reason that the li-
brary is such an integral part of any school of
this nature. It seems that we are doomed to have
access to only those which the light-fingered
choose to leave, while they, at will, pick the best,
and depart.

It is impossible to make one realize how deadly
serious this situation is unless you are confronted
with the problem of actually utilizing the library
for some project. But the truth will be driven
home more solidly when you ask for a certain
book, and are told that it is "lost" . . . ask for
another and find that it, too, is "lost," and in
short, all the material you need is no longer ac-
cessible because the men of Armour are no longer
honorable.

It is not for us to recommend a course of ac-
tion. The school authorities are doing all in their
power to combat this wave of sheer vandalism,
but the men can do more by preventing the ac-
tions. No one need play the part of a "tattle-
tale," but the united action of the men can pre-
vent a recurrence of this. If one remembers that
the type of a man who would wilfully steal some-
thing will do untold harm to others is below all
possible levels, there need be no fear of sympathy.
Perhaps cheap braggarts have instigated some of
these actions; but they are no longer braggarts
but rotters of the worst kind, a disgrace to the
school and their families.

A.B.A.

Deans' Office Urges Early Applications

Students who have friends in-
tending to enter Armour next Sep-
tember should advise them to make
application for admission at an
early date as possible, according
to the office of the deans.

It should be borne in mind that,
while Armour takes in about two
hundred and fifty freshmen each
year only two hundred of these po-
sitions are open for general appli-
cants. This is caused by the fact
that twenty-five positions are tak-
en up by the fire protection engi-
neering scholarships and about 25
more by the scholarships which go
to the high schools of Cook Coun-
ty.

Early application does not make
acceptance certain as each man is
judged on grades and on character.
But naturally, an application re-
ceived by the Dean's Office in April
will have a greater chance of being
accepted than one received in Aug-
ust.

Civils Visit Steel and Cement Plants

Last Friday, April 25, the junior
and senior civils made an all day
inspection trip to the Inland Steel
Company at Indiana Harbor and the
Universal Portland Cement plant
at Buffington, Indiana, under
the supervision of Professors Ensz,
Grafton and Pierce.

At the Inland plant, the men
were shown the stages of the man-
ufacture of structural shapes, from
the smelting to the finishing pro-
cesses. Guides were furnished to
explain the various steps in the
process.

The Universal Portland Cement
Company then acted as hosts, pro-
viding dinner for the men. The
inspection trip was then resumed,
the entire process of manufactur-
ing, packing and storing being
shown. The men were split into
small groups and taken thru the
raw material department, the kiln
rooms, and the finishing mill.

Golf Tournament Played Saturday

A golf match between the alumni
and the Armour varsity squad was
scheduled for last Saturday, April
26th. It was played at the Ever-
green course at 91st and Western
Ave. This annual tournament, as
is customary, was to comprise a
total of 72 holes. The morning
round matches were to be singles,
with the afternoon given over to
the final doubles.

Manager John Sitzler reports
that the Armour squad now total-
ing eight men, will in the near fu-
ture be cut to five men. Four of
these will be regulars with one man
as a reserve. The schedule of
matches for this season will be of-
ficially announced next week.

Telephonic Device Records Messages

A device recently invented in
England eliminates the nuisance of
the telephone operator's "They do
not answer." In the absence of the
subscriber, the device takes down
the message.

This is but one of a series of in-
ventions by Louis Blattner in re-
cording and reproducing sound. He
has produced a telephone registra-
tion machine which controls, re-
cords, and files an entire conversa-
tion, including any remarks by the
operators, or busybodies on the
wrong line.

A slumbering economics class was
rudely awakened from its stupor
last Thursday, the hottest April 10th
on record, when "Dead-Eye Tony"
Montesano heaved an economics
book half-way across the room in
the direction of an invading mouse.

According to Tony, the visitor
was making his way from beneath
the stage to a haven amongst the
seats when he (Tony) gave way to
his hunting instincts and hurled the
volume. The tome unfortunately,
or perhaps fortunately, missed its
mark, and the class was soon re-
stored to normalcy.

FRATERNITY NOTES

SIGMA ALPHA MU
Sigma Epsilon of Sigma Alpha
Mu wishes to announce the results
of the election of officers for the
coming year. The new officers are
as follows:

A. B. Auerbach, '31—Prior
S. Weinberg, '32—Exchequer
A. Simon, '32—Recorder.
The annual spring house party
will be held at the home of Avron
Simon on Saturday night, May 3rd.
This affair is sure to excell all
those that have preceded it, ac-
cording to the entertainment com-
mittee.

SIGMA KAPPA DELTA
A Sunday afternoon tea is to be
given May 4th at the S. K. D.
House. The purpose of the affair
is to give parents and the young
lady a chance to visit the house
and see the members in their home
element.

PHI PI PHI
Gamma Chapter of Phi Pi Phi
announces the formal pledging of:
W. Hartbauer, '32 and G. Seiferth,
'32 on Tuesday, April 22, 1930.

TRIANGLE
The National Convention will be
held May 1, 2, and 3 at the Edge-
water Beach Hotel. The consid-
eration of petitions from several
fraternities will be the main busi-
ness. Amusement will be provided
by Artie Schmerin.

The Founder's Day Banquet was
held in the Old Town Coffee Shop,
of the Hotel Sherman.

Another affair held recently was
the Father and Son's Dinner,
which had such success that plans
are being formed for a Mother's
dinner.

THETA XI
Alpha Gamma of Theta Xi held
their annual 6294 banquet in con-
junction with the Theta Xi Club of
Chicago at the Palmer House Sat-
urday, April 26, 1930.

RHO DELTA RHO
Rho Delta Rho held a smoker at
the Morrison Hotel Friday evening
April 18th. Plans were completed
for the annual informal Dinner
Dance to be held at the Knicker-
bocker Hotel, May 10th.

BETA PSI
Wm. Deering is confined to his
home as a result of a jolt to his
knee. Water on the knee developed
and it's not known just how serious
it will continue.

Mr. L. M. Endres, electrical, '25,
paid us a visit on Tuesday, April
15. Mr. Endres is employed by the
Nebraska State Highway Commis-
sion and lives in Lincoln. He is
still an enthusiastic radio fan.

Mr. F. M. Kratochvil, electrical, '28,
made a call at the Institute on
Monday, April 14. Mr. Kratochvil is
a radio inspector for the federal
government and now has his head-
quarters in Detroit. He nearly
burned the tires off his car in driv-
ing from Detroit to Chicago in
seven and one-half hours.

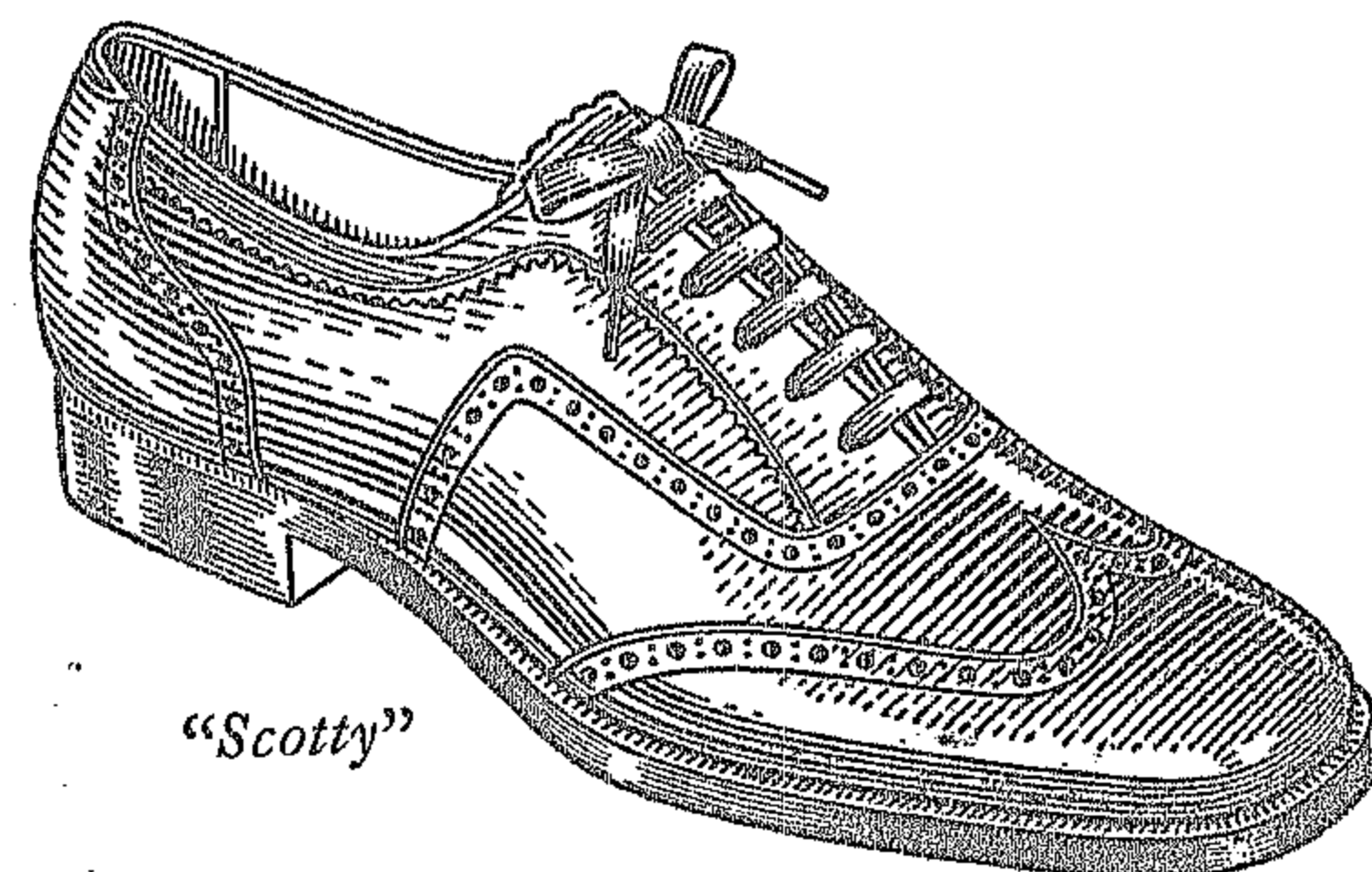
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