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## TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Industry has pitched a camp just outside the college gate, according to a recent editorial which appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor*. No longer can it wait in its superintendent's office for the college graduates to come seeking a job. The Dean of the School of Engineering of Pennsylvania State College has estimated that American industries require an annual supply of 40,000 technically trained men, and the colleges are furnishing but 8,000. Thus a number of places needing workers are filled by men obtained from other sources, but for the higher and more responsible position, industry is dependent on the college.

Armour has been one of the sources from which men are taken for responsible positions in the industry. Every year representatives from many of the larger corporations are sent to get acquainted with the promising seniors, and a large number of our graduates are placed by this system.

Colleges are becoming more and more rigid in their requirements so that the men who are taken can be properly trained in their chosen field. In years past when industry refused to recognize the college trained technical man there was little to induce a man to enter a technical school. Today, with the industries waiting at the door for the graduate, applications are made in such numbers that it is necessary to pick with care the men who are to be allowed the opportunity of obtaining a technical education.

Industry is, says the *Monitor*, and has been for some time, markedly short of the technically trained college graduate. Here is at least one instance where the schools, public and private, can enlighten their pupils as to an important vocation that is sadly undermanned. It is to be deplored that young people early in their school experience are allowed to lose interest in mathematics because they see no use for it. Many a latent engineer has thus failed to find his place.

On one occasion Aristotle was asked how much educated men were superior to those uneducated. "As much," said he, "as the living are to the dead."

Of course, everybody likes and respects self-made men. It is a great deal better to be made in that way than not to be made at all.

Oliver Wendall Holmes

## "The Slipstick"

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

### THE HORSE THAT FAILED

We shall meet but we shall miss him,  
There will be one vacant desk,  
For his pony went and failed him,  
Disappointment did the rest.

We heard the other day that our earth's satellite was called the "silver" moon because it comes in quarters and halves.

### WON GUD TURN DESERVES ANUDDER

Once upon a time a fella wend fishin. It simms wot he fergot tha bate. H'mmm soch a dommie. So instead uv goin hom he wend fur a wak. It heppened wot he sene a snak wid a tode in his mouth. He tuk tha tode frum tha snak an begin tuh fishe. Butt tha snak wooden go away, so he gav tha snak a reward. He puled out his hip-poket receptical an gav tha snak a drinke. Tha snak wend away heppy an tha fella wend on fishin. All of a sudden-like he feld a jerk on his pants. He loked down an saw tha snak wid anodder tode.

Little Rennie's Notebook.

### WLL WLL

Wouldn't it be awful if there were no vowels?  
Ths shws wht th nglsh lngg wid b wtht thm.

"Well I'll be darned," said the sock as the needle started to sew him up. M. Phthalic Acid.

How did you find the scenery along that new highway?

By simply looking through a knothole in one of the billboards. F. E. D.

### Harmony in Linen

Judge: "They tell me your name is Muggleworth?"  
Applicant: "Yes, your honor."  
Judge: "And you want the court to change it to Pullman? Now just tell me why you want it changed."  
Applicant: "Well, your honor, to tell the truth, it was my wife's idea. She got to thinking that we ought to have the same name that is on our towels." Dollar Bill.

An Englishman was visiting this country for the first time, and as he was driving along the highway, saw a sign, "Drive Slow. This Means YOU!"  
The Englishman stopped in surprise and exclaimed: "My word! How did they know I was here?"

"Where are you going to eat?"  
"Let's eat up the street."  
"Aw, no; I don't like asphalt."

Anyway, a man can still take a chew without feeling that he should first offer one to the lady.

### A FUTURE ARMOURITE

The teacher (dear girl) was quizzing little Johnny, and she asked him what a transparent object was. Little Johnny: "One that you can look through."  
Teacher: "Give me an example."  
L. J.: A doughnut."

Chuck.

Steve told us that a certain noted engineering school (bulletin on request) has a five year course. Well, Steve, that's nothing, so has Armour, and maybe six, too.

Civil: "Somebody swiped my handbook."  
Another: "Ketchem?"  
First: "Ketch 'em, heck, I never even saw him." R. E. M. (Not an ad).

### Street of Chance

If you bet on three kings, that's gambling; if you bet you can make three spades, that's entertainment; if you bet wheat will go up, that's big business.

Stude: "Say, here's a button in my salad."  
Waiter: "Yes, sir, it must have come off when the salad was dressing." The Co-ed.

Speaking of fast ones: When we asked to see her home she said that she would send us a picture of it.

Chinese Patient (over telephone): "Doc, what time you fixee teeth for me?"  
Dentist: "Two-thirty, all right"  
C. P.: "Yes, tooth hurty me all right, but what time you want me to come?" Sparks.

### THE CALL OF SPRING

The following was found on a classroom blackboard: "All college students who loaf during the spring should be expelled."

Prof.: "And yet we couldn't run a college without any students." Another Co-ed.

Now we are stumped. Is our co-ed a "the" or a "they"? Time will tell, maybe.

It seems as though the Juniors will have to look on from a back seat now, for the Senior's act will be on the stage in a very short time. Phil J.

## Professor Samuel Fletcher Bibb

(A Biographical Sketch)

BY P. EMIL SEIDELMAN

Samuel Fletcher Bibb, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, was born near Ripley, Tennessee, on June 2, 1891. He attended a rural school, located about one-half mile from his father's farm, called the Bibb school, and already at this early age did not waste his spare time, but utilized it in solving problems for his older sisters.

As his primary interest was in mathematics he followed it by going to Hall-Moody Institute at Martin, Tennessee. While at this academy he took part in debating and public speaking and became a member of the debating team during his senior year.

After graduating from West Tennessee State Normal, a school offering a two-year college course, he entered military service and rose through the ranks to second lieutenant of infantry. Having received his discharge in January, 1919, he entered the University of Chicago and received his S. B. degree the following year. While at college he majored in mathematics and minored in physics and chemistry. Professor Bibb, while at college, was keenly interested in sports; however, due to his extreme light weight, the closest he ever came to Stagg's famous football team was the rooting section.

After graduation, Professor Bibb taught mathematics at the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, for two years. Then, after studying for one year, he took his S. M. degree at the University of Chicago as a continuation of his work in mathematics.

By this time he realized that the teaching profession was to be his chosen vocation and to his present delight, he seriously placed his efforts in that field, where he was best fitted and would receive the most from life. After teaching for two years at the University of North Dakota, he came to Armour in the summer of 1925 as an Assistant Professor in Mathematics.

Professor Bibb is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, the American Mathematical Society, the Collegiate Club of Chicago, and also an Associate Member of Sigma Xi Fraternity.

In June, 1926, he married Miss Harriet Ruth Carr, a graduate of the University of North Dakota, whose parents are living at McVillie, N. D.

After his wife and two-year-old daughter are asleep, he obtains some amusement studying the rare stamps and covers he has been collecting during the past ten years, and wishing his collection were more complete. He is also a keen golf enthusiast, although, as he admits, possibly handicapped by having to stand on the wrong side of the ball.

### Ultra Violet Ray Used As New Burglar Alarm

An invisible or ultra-violet ray light for the protection of valuables, or for a burglar alarms, is sciences' latest contribution to the law enforcement authorities. A demonstration of it was recently made by James L. McCoy, a research engineer of the Westinghouse Lamp Company, before an engineering society meeting in New York.

The device works on the principle of having a ray of ultra-violet light passing across in front of the object being protected, and falling on a photoelectric cell. Any interruption of the light affects the cell, which will then set off an alarm, release a cloud of tear gas, or anything else they wish.

Ordinary light may be used, but the burglar could then turn his flashlight on the cell, and fool the alarm. The same is true of infra-red rays; the ordinary mazda bulb gives off enough of them to energize the cell.

The boundary between Colombia and Panama has not yet been determined.

## FRATERNITY NOTES

### BETA PSI

Beta Chapter was host to friends and parents of the members last Monday and Thursday. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

### SIGMA ALPHA MU

A dinner dance is being planned some time in the near future, to be held in honor of the graduating seniors.

### TRIANGLE

A Spring Initiation Banquet was held at the Chapter House Sunday, May 18, in honor of the initiation of James W. Thomson, '33, Ch. E., and Edwin A. Runge, '33, Arch.

### KAPPA DELTA TAU

Plans are complete for the annual spring formal supper dance which will be held May 24. Many alumni are expected to attend.

Election of officers for the coming year was held last week. The following were elected:

P. P. Portnoy, president.  
L. Wernicke, vice president.  
E. Field, secretary.  
J. Tuchinsky, treasurer.  
J. Robbes, social chairman.

### SIGMA KAPPA DELTA

Three men, Frank O'Connor, '31, M. E., Harold Davis, '32, M. E., and Luke Cosme, '33, C. E. were initiated into Sigma Kappa Delta fraternity last Saturday, after a week on probation. In honor of the new initiates, a banquet was held at the House in the evening.

Last Saturday evening also saw a farewell dance given in honor of the seniors who are leaving our midst after graduation.

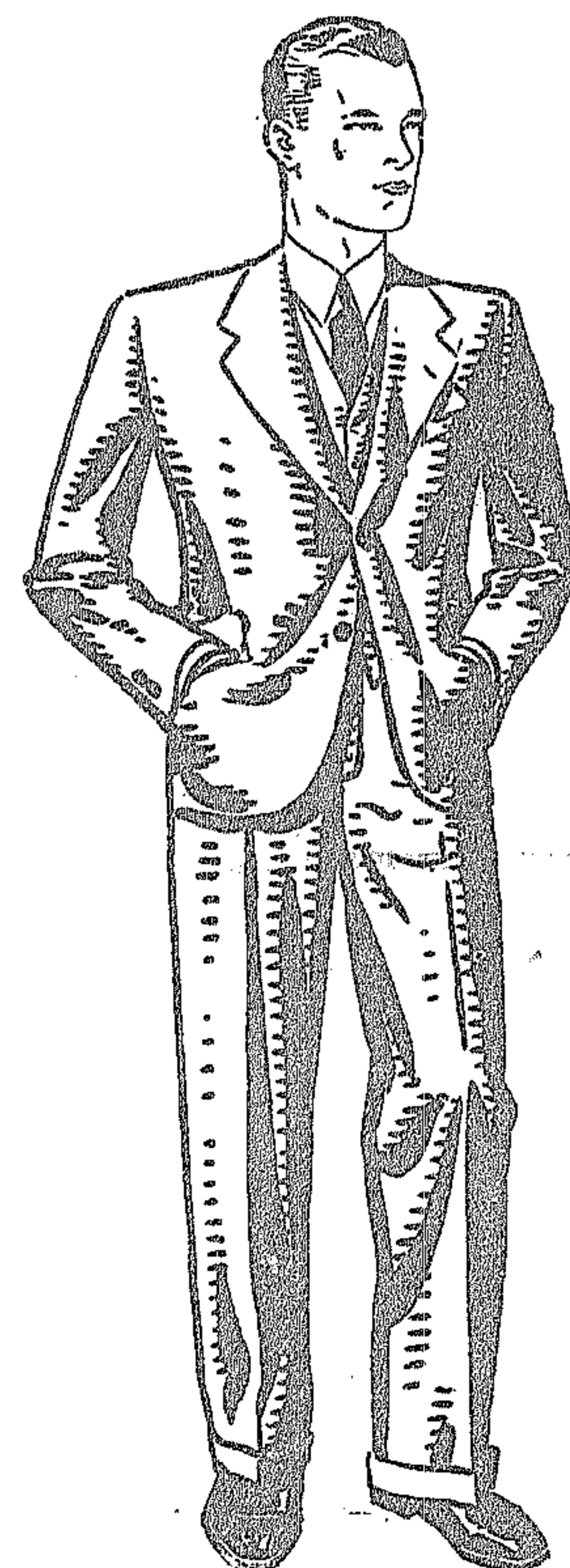
### PI TAU SIGMA

Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity, held inquisition for R. M. Krause, '31, and R. H. Stevenson, '31, at the Sigma Kappa Delta House last night. Professor Roesch was in charge. The formal initiation will take place some time during this week.

### CLASS TO SEE ESCAPE

ON Friday, May 23, Professor Hendrick's class in Modern Drama will attend the current Goodman theater presentation as a body. John Galsworthy's play "Escape" is now showing at this unique theater on the lake front.

Any other students who wish to see the show at the special party rates should meet the group in the lobby of the Goodman at 8:15.



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