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DIVERSIONS

"Man," says a famous novelist, "is the only animal that has reason; and so he must have also, if he is to remain sane, diversions to prevent him from using it." In a college with a curricula as highly technical and specialized as that of Armour, these "diversions" from "reasoning" are of prime importance.

It would be a severe strain on any man's mind if for eight hours a day, and a portion of the evening he spent his time on the "reasoning" courses, which are everything from mathematics to law. The very fact that our courses do include classes that may be termed as "diversions" show the wisdom of the men who laid them out.

While the man who considers any course that entails any work as something unpleasant, the more mature minded individual will readily admit that the work of the departments of English and History are diversions, and of the finest nature. In this field the men are not only relieved of the abstruse reasoning that others may require, but are given a cultural broadening that is inestimable in its value.

The world of today, while it demands a firm technical education for engineers, makes social demands upon a man that may count much in his success of life. It is toward developing this end of our education that these "diversions" play such an important part, and their actual need cannot be denied.

However, the majority of the technical students seem to take the matter in a peculiar light, for they often regard anything outside of the "chosen field" as purely extraneous, and thus worthless. To them we make the appeal to adjust their viewpoint, for later in life they will realize the truth of the matter, but if they wait until then, it will be a lost opportunity.

The Institute has offered in the past, occasional optional courses in liberal subjects, and while none are scheduled for the current semester, the chances are good that the next year will see another. In the past the courses have been well attended; this is not a plea for student enrollment, but merely advice for those who are in a receptive mood.

A. B. A.

Wisdom does not show itself so much in precept as in life in a firmness of mind and a mastery of appetite. It teaches us to do, as well as to talk; and to make our actions and words all of a color.

Seneca

"The Slipstick"

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

A POOR STUDENT

A student does not take in
What should be within,
But lets those things out
Which should be left out.
This is why so many a scholar
Is taken by the linen collar
And ejected, dejected.

J. W.

In lieu of Pluto, we have just nicknamed our dog Mars, because from all indications he appears to be inhabited.

"Joe has a glass eye."
"Did he tell you that?"
"No, it just came out in the conversation."

ALTALKER

The Co-ed returns to our midst with a thrilling one-act drama of life in the ultra modern, entitled "Another Busted Romance."

Curtain: He was her big Iron and Steel man from Pittsburgh. And then she found out—his mother irons and his father steals. Curtain.

First Foreigner: "How are you, I hope?"
Second Foreigner: (Also wishing to display his knowledge of English): "Thank you, no doubt."

ADVICE AGAIN

We are always glad to give advice. There now is some in line for The Pied Typer and M. B., if they will see me.—Phil J.

An inmate of an asylum for the insane imagined himself to be an artist, and he was busily engaged in dabbling at an empty canvas with a dry brush. A visitor asked what the picture represented.
"That," said the nut, "is a picture of the Isrealites being pursued through the Red Sea."
"Where is the sea?"
"Why that's rolled back to allow the Isrealites to pass."
"Where are the Isrealites?"
"They've just gone by."
"Then where are their pursuers?"
"Oh, they'll be along in a minute."

EXCUSE 1001

I am the merry frosh, ho, ho,
Shouting and funning as I go,
Clicking my heels with a noisy din,
So give me a break, prof, let me in.

Jules Verne wrote about "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under The Sea." Baseball must be a popular game down there.

SPASM I

(Loud shrieks of sirens)

On came the train with its fifteen beautiful cars. It rushed down the track as though aided by the foul fiends.

Ah! Gawd, an open switch—no heed paid to it—on, on, on, and on comes the express. Crash! (Cries of entire radio studio, cymbals, drums, etc.)

"Ha, ha ha" says bright little Johnnie Cadman age five, "Johnson's Toys Makes Happy Boys."

SPASM II

"You filthy old thing, you dirty creature, take that, and that! You deserve this; don't deny it now. It's been coming to you a long time. I'll clean you up if nobody else will do it. You're not fit to be walked on. You're too dirty for words. I wouldn't wipe my boots on you."—and so with these exhortations the prof. belabored his genuine Persian rug with his special patent Carpet-Beater.

The last word in airplanes—"jump"

A garlic sandwich is two pieces of bread traveling in bad company.

Ilma Valadoffovichskioffshi: "So Ivan Ninepinski died in battle. You say he uttered my name as he was dying?"
Returned Soldier: "Part of it. He did the best he could."

Photographer: "Do you want a large or a small picture?"
Co-ed: "A small one."
Photographer: "Then close your mouth."

He: "Where is my fraternity pin?"
She: "It's on my chiffonier."
He: "Your chif—Well, don't forget to take it off before you send it to the laundry."

And that's that until next Tuesday.

—Phil J.

Professor Roe
Loomis Stevens

(A Biographical Sketch)

By
BY P. EMIL SEIDELMANN, '31

Roe Loomis Stevens, associate professor of Bridge and Structural Engineering, was born at Vermontville, Michigan, on December 9, 1885. After receiving his preparatory training at the Chicago public schools, and Chicago English High and Manual Training School, now Crane High, he came to Armour in 1904. Four years later he graduated, receiving a B. S. degree in Civil Engineering.

The Integral, or the Cycle of 1908, characterized Professor Stevens as a "shy, retiring soul, and the encyclopedia of his class." He has ever been so wedded to mathematics that it is said of him as a child he went into hysterics when not allowed to play with osculating circles and lemniscates." And further, "Steve became so indispensable to the students that the school deemed it desirable to place him in the faculty lists."

After graduation Professor Stevens spent ten years with the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad as an office engineer, designing buildings and bridge work. Meanwhile he also spent one year as a professor at the University of Washington. In 1921 Professor Stevens came to Armour as an assistant and in 1926 was promoted to associate professor of Bridge and Structural Engineering. In 1912, he married Miss Evelyn Cedarholm. They have three children.

Professor Stevens is an associate member of the American Society of

Black Ray Detects
Forgery of Checks

How the denomination of a check may be marked with invisible ink as a protection against check raisers and the unseen writing revealed by "black rays" recently was demonstrated by Dr. Herman Goodman, of the New York Academy of Medicine. When a "raised check" was placed beneath the rays of a new type of lamp he has developed, the writing glowed, revealing the forgery.

The lamp was a new type for producing invisibleultra-violet rays, otherwise known as "black light." A dark pane of blue-black glass, tinted with nickel and cobalt, effectively cuts off visible light. Certain substances, however, glow beneath the rays, and one of these was used in the invisible ink.

Originally Dr. Goodman developed the lamp to detect skin diseases invisible under the microscope. But he also suggests several commercial uses for the device. One is the possible detection of the source of bootleg liquor. Plants that manufacture industrial alcohol might add a substance to it that would glow red, blue, or white under the ultra-violet rays. One color or would be assigned to each locality. An examination of bootleg liquor would show whether its alcohol had been diverted from an industrial plant.

Civil Engineers. Although his modesty would not permit him telling me, he is held in high esteem among railroad engineers for his knowledge of concrete, in both plain and reinforced design; and will be remembered for many years by his students for his characteristic saying, "Draw a little sketch."

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All Class Officers

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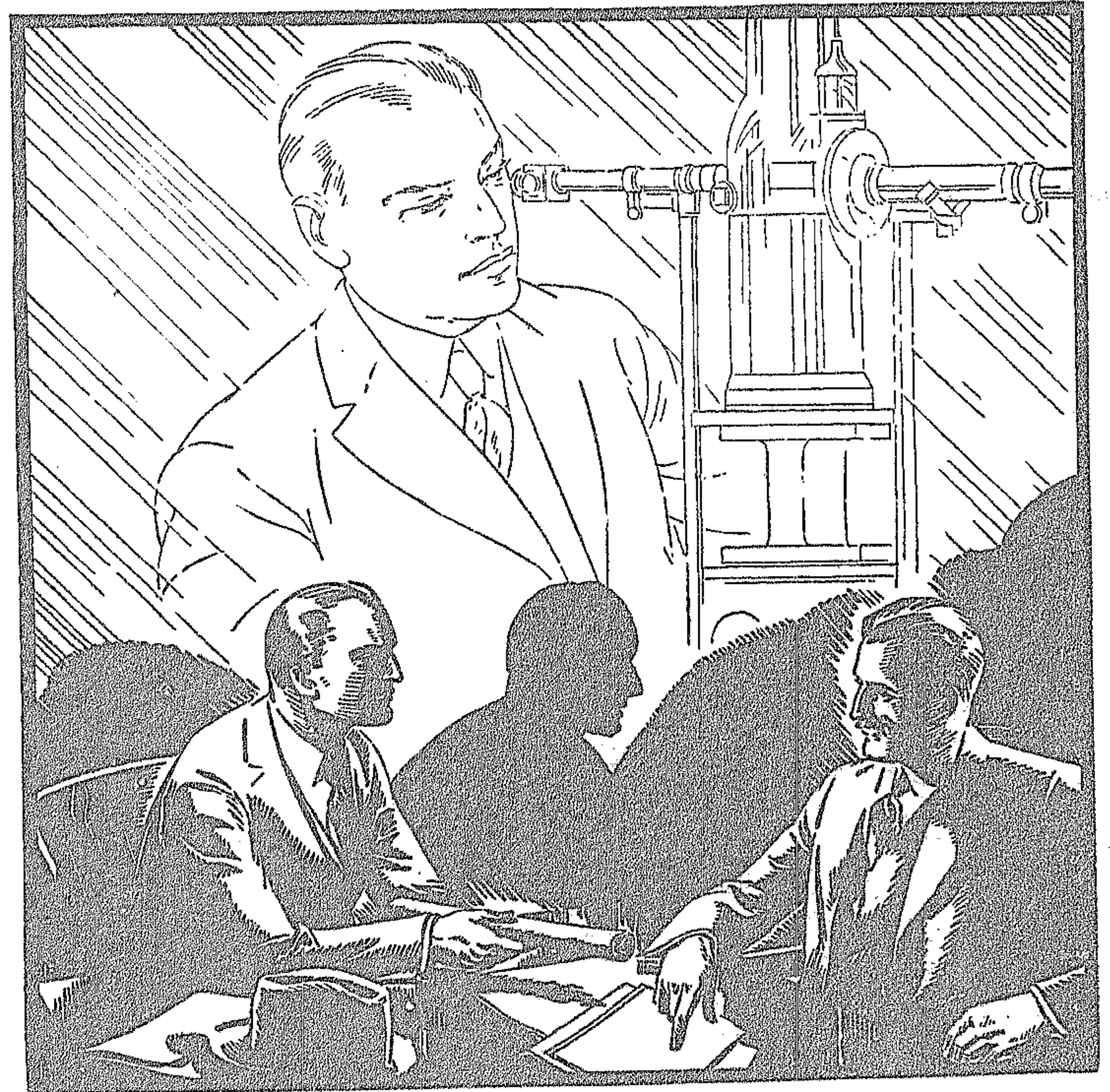
Sergeant-at-Arms
J. Schamp.

The above lists are not final as all petitions were not yet available or checked when the Armour Tech News went to press.

Fred Attwood, editor of the News, attended a national convention of Tau Beta Pi, the national honorary engineering fraternity, during the past week. Attwood went as the official delegate of the Armour chapter.

The football coach at Colby refused to march into a banquet to the tune of the Maine "Stein Song."

STEPPING INTO A MODERN WORLD



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Like every other modern industry, the Bell System requires the combined effort of scientist and salesman. The commercial man has again and again shown the public how to use new products of the telephone laboratory, and how to make new uses of existing apparatus.

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sages over telephone wires are services right now being actively promoted. Scientific selling by long distance is among many ideas originated to increase the telephone's usefulness.

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