

Stray Puffs from a Graduate's Pipe



SOMETIME when you happen to be meandering around a technical school just ask one of the Freshmen—no need to describe the species, you'll know what they are even if you have never seen one before—what he expects to do when he graduates. If he is a healthy, normal specimen he will, in all probability, inform you that his present troubles are sufficient to keep him busy without worrying about the hereafter. Four years are eternity to a Freshman. It is only necessary to repeat the question, perhaps in a little different way, and he will confidentially assure you that he expects to start in on engineering work. "Wages?" Well, he might work for a *salary* of \$1,500 a year for a short time, until he has gained a little practical knowledge. When assailing a Soph. it is comforting to remember that he is not as bad as he thinks he is. In answer to "Say, old man," he slows down from seventy miles per hour, clear track, and 210 lbs. of steam and becomes amiable. But in reply to the same question that was put to the Freshman he will gravely inform you that he has important business on hand; in fact, he is a member of an arbitration committee to decide when and where Freshmen shall be allowed to smoke pipes.

Probably the easiest way to distinguish a Junior is by the number and size of the books which accompany his various wanderings. There are sundry other marks of classification which are apparent to the initiated, but the foregoing is sufficiently accurate. The Junior will invariably tell you that he has several positions in view; he has corresponded with the Terrestrial Magnetism Co. and several other large concerns. He will decide before he enters his senior year and will choose thesis work accordingly. Wise Junior!

Approach the Senior reverently; observe the respectful manner of the Professors when they meet him and do thou likewise. Is he not the Whole Thing? Does he not own the institution? Verily, his ponderous tread doth convey awe to all whom he passeth, and the Freshman payeth trembling homage unto his greatness. Also the Sophomore and the Junior.

But like all other things of earthly origin, even a Senior has a vulnerable point. Offer him seven dollars per week for his valuable services when he graduates and speak in a general way about "prospects." Ten to one he