

A. Herbert. Packer.

Electrical Engineering.

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There are some members of the noble Class of 1911 who are conceded to be the bright particular stars, and one of them, as far as the Electricals are concerned at any rate, is A. Herbert Packer. At all stages of his career he has shown such a consummate mastery over any subject in which he chose to interest himself that there can be no question of his true ability. We expect him to add to the renown of Armour when he leaves to become a real engineer.

This infant prodigy first saw the light of day on April 29, 1889, in the city of Toledo, and in the home state of many U. S. Presidents. The reform atmosphere of Toledo was too much for Packer, causing a removal to St. Paul. Here his natural bent for activity led him to engage in business, both as a newsboy and a cigar clerk. He attended the Mechanic Arts High School at St. Paul and later the University of Minnesota. He entered Armour in '08, and—this is the wonderful part of it,—WITH CREDIT FOR THE PHYSICS LAB.

Packer has continued to distinguish himself ever since he embarked on the perilous waters of a course at this institution, and he accomplished this without ostentation. No one has ever heard him cuss even under the most trying circumstances. Silent, studious, efficient is Packer. It was a considerable jolt to the Tau Bets when Packer wore the little brown ribbon, so fervently coveted by many, for a while and then ruthlessly discarded it. But then that is his self-reliant way. Besides he has not been especially active around the school. He is an expert pianist and plays the mandolin with the Mandolin Club. Last fall A. Herbert had designs on the School tennis championship, but the demon McMullen (of the Faculty) beat him to it.