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Armstrong, better known about Armour by his initials, "R. C.," comes to us from the Otago Goldfields, New Zealand. As the birth records of New Zealand are not at our disposal, and our subject displays a maidenly reticence on the subject, it is with a slight hesitancy that we say that the man with the perpetual smile was born on the eleventh of December in the year 1884. "R. C." is of Scotch-English ancestry. He began his education by reading "The Pilgrim's Progress," "Robinson Crusoe," and the family newspaper. Later he attended the Lander District School, and, when he absorbed all the knowledge they had for him, he returned to the farm. Here he tilled the soil until the desire to see a little of the world and learn things first hand overtook him.

After travelling for many months, his steps were directed, by some piece of good fortune, toward Chicago. It was in the summer of 1908 that our six foot man of smiles arrived in Chicago. Believing in the adage that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, he decided to be on the safe side and set about to accumulate knowledge at the Tech. He chose the electrical course and has applied himself vigorously. He is the star of Prof. Snow's Power Plants class, his position as apprentice operator for the Commonwealth Edison Company enabling him to take first place. He is a cheerful and untiring worker and has employed his time always to the best advantage. He is also noted for his ability to keep a straight face when the occasion demands. He has been working evenings for the past two years as instrument man in the Armour Evening School and has yet been able to devote more than the requisite amount of time to his school work. R. C. is strong on New Zealand stories, and has been known to do a Maori War Dance before a very select audience. He will leave many friends behind him who wish him success, in building power plants in the far off Southern Seas.