



JULIUS CASPAR BLOOMFIELD

Chapin Club

Junior Play, Class 1911

A comedian was born in Chicago on January 28, 1890. His name was Bloomfield, to which was prefixed "Julius Caspar," and then the whole subsequently shortened to "Bloomy." He spent several years of his earlier life cracking jokes at the Washburn Grammar School and the Medill High School, and then read up on a brand new line and came to Armour where, in 1907, he registered as an Electrical.

During the following four years, he exerted himself to the utmost to make life endurable for the other unfortunates at Armour. Without him, the class of 1911 would certainly have been deprived of a large part of the fun it enjoyed. Besides his reputation as a joke maker, he was also well known among his classmates as an indefatigable "bluffer." There was nothing so difficult in McAllister or Sheldon but that Bloomy could talk upon it half the period without a minute's warning or preparation. It has often been recorded that he has interrupted himself in the midst of telling a good joke to show Freeman just where he was wrong. As an actor in the junior play "Professor X," he "brought down the house."

In athletics, his strong point is tennis, and, any day during summer school last year, when it was not unbearably hot, he and Nachman could be found having it out over at the Armour Square courts. Of course, this may have been his way of getting through his draughting, but we doubt if it helped much, for, while they were the best of friends on the tennis courts, a little later when they returned to the top floor of the main building, it was instructor and pupil again, between whom absolutely perfect friendship is impossible.

Bloomy finished up at Armour last semester and we have all, especially those who frequent Chapin Club, missed his continual joking and his unruffled good humor.