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Thesis: *Test of a Three Ton Refrigerating Plant.*

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When Prof. Gebhardt sends out upon the unsuspecting world his present Senior bunch of embryonic mechanical engineers his conscience may hurt him in a few places but he can always feel better when he thinks that there was one at least who deserved his B. S. That man is our hero, Mr. A. J. Beerbaum. Upon him lies the future hopes of his professors for somehow they all seem to feel that he just can't help but make good and they are right ninety nine times out of a hundred and this isn't the odd time either.

A. J. is a natural born engineer in spite of himself, for, at one time he went to the Chicago Business College and took up "Friendzied Finance." It didn't take him very long however to find out that he was cut out for an engineer and not for a "postage stamp licker" and in six months he left the business world and took up draughting at Haustein's Drawing School. Then he came into his own and, in April 1903, sixteen years after his advent into this land, he started to prepare for college in the Association Institute of the Central Department of the Y. M. C. A. Here he learned to draw many wonderful and intricate pieces of machinery and made such pretty pictures of Corliss valve gears that Perry had to give him credit in Junior engine design. My, but how the other Junior mechanicals did envy him.

Then Arthur succeeded in convincing the Arnold Co. that he was a draughtsman and he did it without even getting a credit from Mr. Reid. He was with them for three years and during that time he finished his preparatory course at the Y. M. C. A. night school. In 1908 he came to Armour and started to tinker around with all sorts of superheaters and condensers, etc. He proved to be such a good student that in his Junior year Tau Beta Pi allowed him to wear a bent.

This year he inveigles men to come out and talk to the Mechanical Society of which he is president. He manages to get away with it to. As a pastime he goes over on Dearborn St. and makes ice and we presume he is going to give it to the Charity Association to distribute this summer.