



NELS WILLIAM STRALE

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

Armour Branch, A. S. M. E. Treas. (4) Junior Play

Mandolin Club

Chairman, Freshman Smoker Committee (4)

Have you ever met a man who is always willing to lend a helping hand to everyone even at the expense of losing something for himself? There aren't many of us who are built that way, but yet we run across one of them once in a great while. On April 30, 1890, the fair haired idol of Sweden, Master Nels Strale started in to help someone and the habit grew to such large proportions in his early days that right now it is second nature to him, and he does it unconsciously. When only six months old he used to help his father's hair to grow by grabbing a handful in each little chubby fist and pulling for dear life.

Nels came to Armour in the fall of 1908 and immediately commenced to help the rest of us through descript and college algebra. In his Sophomore year he made himself quite notorious by nearly creating a riot down at Orchestra Hall, at least that is what the Tribune and Record Herald said in their head lines; but Strale said in his usual modest manner, "Aah, Oi'll I did was to keep the fellow from walking all over me." Then last year when it came time for Bill Dunn and his side kickers to produce the Junior Show, Master Strale again proved invaluable. The Marshals of Junior Week were at a loss to know what to do and the First Marshal summoned Dierking and Kimball unto him and with anguish stamped on his features said, "Fellows, where can we get a man who is responsible enough to be property man?" Whom to be sure, but Strale, and Strale it was, and believe me in spite of the fact that he had a thousand places for each hand to be at the same time he managed to see the curtain lowered safely at the end of the last act.

Even now in his Senior year he is forever helping. Early in the fall it was helping the upper classes hand out pipes to the Freshmen at the annual Freshman Smoker. Later on it was collecting dues for the Mechanical Society and now it is helping Beerbaum and Keachie make ice.