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Thesis: *Production of Alcohol from Whiskey Slops.*

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Perhaps he doesn't look it, but here is the baby of the chemical department. He will not even be able to vote at the next election. Sidney Kahn was inaugurated into Chicago March 4th, 1892 and has remained here ever since. He has been attending school at 33rd and Armour for so long that he can hardly remember when he started. No, he's not a flunker, dear reader, it's this way: he entered the Armour Scientific Academy in 1905 and graduated in 1908. He became so attached to the place that he decided to stay awhile longer, so he entered the "Tech" in September of the same year. He has never told us what induced him to become a chemical but he probably thought that this was the best field for a man of his bluffing capacity. Kahn has a record of never having said, "I don't know," to any question asked him. He would scorn such a hackneyed expression, because Sidney Kahn is always original. He has another way of saying the same thing. He will say "well" in a sharp decided way as if he had made a life study of that particular subject, and then talk fluently on something entirely different, ending up by saying, "I don't think I quite understand your question." This habit has caused many to spell his name C-O-N.

Nevertheless, Kahn has plenty of push and go in him and his perseverance is shown by the fact that he worked for two weeks trying to get sugar from molasses and would certainly have succeeded if the sugar had not already been taken out. He once declared that he was all bone and muscle but has demonstrated to our satisfaction that he also has brains. For thesis, Kahn decided to make alcohol from the residue of whiskey distillation and has succeeded much better than with the molasses. He says he'll put John D. out of business by substituting his product for gasoline.