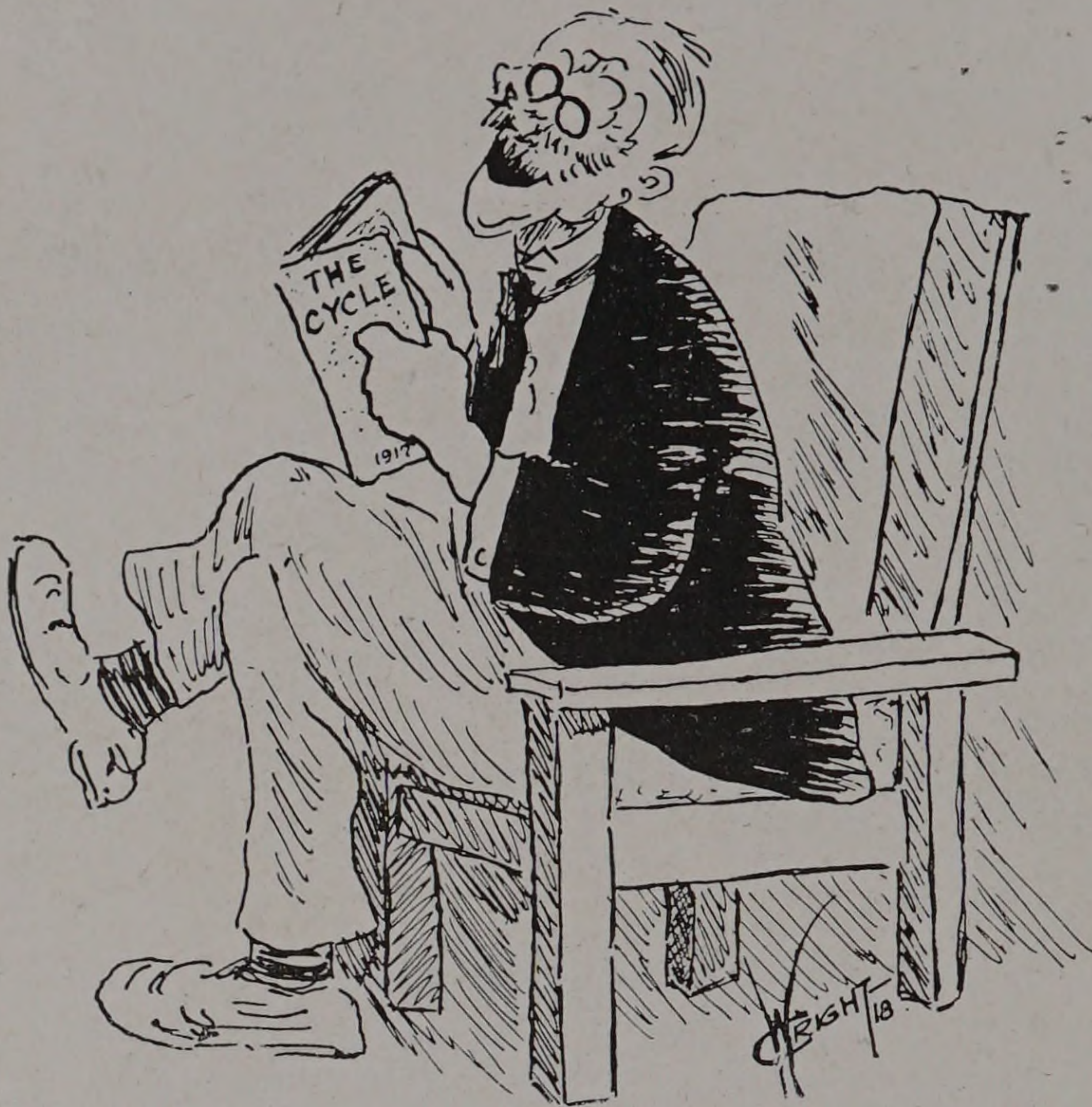


## Ohms, The Defective



I finished my last chapter of Gullible's Travels and closed the book with a bang, which seemed to startle Ohms, who was unusually nervous this evening. He had not said a word in all the time I had been back from supper; merely smoked his pipe which had by now quite filled the room with smoke.

"Come, my dear fellow!" I implored. "What has come over you this night, that you are so sober?"

"The saloons are closed to-day," he replied.

"You do not get my drift—I mean why the gloom? You sit there like your grandsire cut in alabaster."

"On the other hand, Hotsun, I am quite active, although my movements, I will confess, would not portray that fact. While you were out to supper I had a visitor, a professor of mathematics from Armour Institute, who has brought to me, I will admit, a most perplexing problem."

"A problem in mathematics?" I queried. "I was very good in that study in college."

"Wrong again," Ohms answered in his decisive manner; however, it has to do with a problem in Calculus. It seems that two quiz papers which our client was marking bear a striking resemblance to each other.

"And what are your clues?" I asked.

"I have several in the rough, but one which stands out most foremost you will soon know as I hear my client now on the walk below."

The bell rang and Ohms went to the door. "Come in," he said briefly. A tall middle aged man entered, carrying what I first thought to be a cane, but what turned out to be a very fine new mashie.

"I see you are a devotee of golf," ventured Ohms.

"How could you have guessed it?" quizzed our surprised client.

"Wonderful!" I wonderfuled.

"Trim me at golf and you pass the course," I tell my students," he said further, "but the quiz papers. Have you any deductions?"

"I have one question to ask," replied Ohms.

"How far from each other did these fellows sit?"

"They sat next to each other, sir."

"As I thought. The rest is simple. My good man, these fellows copied."

"Impossible," I impossibled.

"I never thought of that," said our client, much pleased at the wonderful deduction. "That is all I want to know. Now, what will be your fees?"

"A new Colonel 31."