the fourth year some time is given to laboratory tests on the strength of building materials. The course as arranged at present is for undergraduates, but it is hoped that graduate students who have completed the regular course in Architecture will find in the Engineering Option an attractive field for work.

Celtic Wit.

Pat met Mike on the street the other day, and immediately Pat cried out, “Pfwhy, Moike! Pfwhat in ther name uv hivin hez happund to yer faice?”

“Aw!” said Mike, “’twuz a quare thing. Yer see, I wint to ther widdin of Miss V-andergilt and ther Juke uv Borrermore ther other day. Oi wuzn’t invoited, but Oi pfwalked roight in aft’ set mesilf down noice an aizy-loike in wan o’ thim fitherbid peyews. All to wonst, a man who wuz a-showin’ off his big biled shirt, comes up to me an’ sez, ‘Pfwhat biznis hev yez ter come in here?’ Oi answers bowldly, ‘Oi’m in the arkertek-chural biznis.’ ‘Leave the buildin’!’ cries he. ‘Oi wuzn’t er goin’ to take it,’ sez Oi. Thin he gits mad an’ cries, ‘Get out, you loafer!’ An thin ’twuz Oi that got riled, an’ Oi up and Oi yells, ‘Who ther divil are yez, anyphway?’ ‘Oi om ther bist mon!’ sez he, jumpin’ forminst me, an’, begorrar, he wuz!’

“LYTULS.”

Freshman Themes.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF A ROPE.

It is both instructive and amusing to watch the passage of people under a rope stretched some six and a half feet above the sidewalk. First, perhaps, comes a man six feet tall. He bends his head cautiously as he goes under the rope, although he could not possibly have struck it. Next, a lady with an enormous hat gracefully bends her feathered burden as she passes under the rope, which, at most, might have come about five inches from the topmost feather. Then a fellow, possibly five feet in height, carefully stoops to avoid the obstruction a foot above his head. Does not all this show the tendency of humanity to imagine itself much greater than it is?

W. A. D., ’02.

ONE OF ADMIRAL DEWEY’S TRAITS.

One of Admiral Dewey’s leading traits is a strong aversion to anyone who comes up to him introducing himself as an old acquaintance. This trait was well shown one day on board the Olympia in Manila Bay. A man came up to Dewey, who was standing on deck, and said: “I bet you don’t remember me, George.” Admiral Dewey replied only, “You win,” and walked away.

A. E. L., ’02.

Book Review.


In the preface Professor Holman says: “Engineers and members of the other technical professions will find here, it is hoped, an aid to clearer thinking in their practical dealing with the subjects treated. Now, as never before, correct views of energy, force and work are essential in these professions, through the progress of the application of science to the industrial arts.”

Institute men, without exception, will find in this book a valuable addition and supplement to the instruction obtained in the lecture room. Besides the presentation of the fundamental physical concepts, the vortex-atom and other theories are dealt with, without going into their abstruse mathematical side, so clearly and concisely that they should be appreciated by everyone.

With a regret born from a long experience, but with a feeling of regard akin to love for the ancient and historical associations of Technology, we beg leave to record the official inauguration of winter with the laying of our too familiar board steps at Rogers Building on Thursday last.