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J.C.'s talent was evident even at eight years old, as he enthusiastically drew and painted. No blank surface was safe; he drew on oilcloth from his mother's kitchen and in his schoolbooks. His family was supportive of his art, and saved what they could from their modest income toward a formal artistic education. But this wasn't enough, and so at sixteen he found an apprenticeship with J. Manz and Co. Engraving House of Chicago. At first this was work without pay, but it did give him a chance to begin to learn, between his errands and other tasks, the art business. He spent any free time he could with the artists, carefully observing and drawing.

After six months, his employers were impressed enough to offer him his own desk in the artist room, for a salary of two dollars a week. With this income, he was able to enroll at the Chicago Art Institute with John H. Vanderpoel, with whom he studied for the next five years. Vanderpoel's "The Human Figure" is a

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