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FOLLY OF MENTAL TESTS

The value and efficiency of mental tests has yet to be proved. Throughout the country mental tests are being given to the children of the public school system to determine their standing as compared with other children and other schools.

It is a well-known fact that when the Binet-Simon tests were applied in one of our western states to the farmers of that locality, farmers who had been considered of high intelligence and men of great success, that they failed utterly in the examinations, or, according to the tests, were of extremely low mental efficiency.

It has been found that where tests have been given in grade schools on mathematical accuracy and speed, and on spelling, that the brightest children in ordinary class work made some of the lowest marks in the tests.

This does not mean that the usually slow children were after all those of highest mentality. It simply means that the tests were given regardless of the child's training, without a knowledge of his physical condition, without an appreciation of whether or not he could see well, and without any thought of his environment, worries, or family troubles.

But there is another side to the question, and that is a question of the kind of training to be given after the tests have been made. Although the tests probably do not show whether or not the child is mentally capable, they are usually an indicator of the trouble which exists in the child's condition.

When children who always act the same, or practically the same, as a group of very bright children, or a group of those who are obviously imbeciles, are examined by mental tests, some accuracy results for the children are practically on the same plane, and should be able to pass the same tests.

The Health Campaign among University women has this regulation regarding eating: "Meals taken regularly. Nothing

between meals but plain food such as bread, fruit, butter, milk, ice-creams, plain ices, crackers and malted milk. For ourselves we would like some "fancy food," such as beefsteaks, roast pig, or lamb chops.

The tickets on the sidelines at a football game are like those on the sidelines of life; few of them could get in the game themselves and kick goal.

THE REPUBLICAN CHANCE

Never before in the history of our country has a party been given the opportunity for service that faces the Republicans today. Men may disagree on the significance of the election but one fact remains undisputed. The country desired a change and in expressing its general dissatisfaction with existing conditions it placed in the hands of the Republicans the power necessary to accomplish any reasonable program of legislation.

Before us lies an unrivaled field for constructive legislation. The war is a memory but we have no treaty of peace. Careful and far-reaching must be the settlement of our international status.

The most pressing of domestic problems is financial. Billions of dollars must be raised to pay the interest and principal of our debt. The debt itself must be pooled and a future policy set for taxation.

Reconstruction days are trying periods which require rare judgment and an unflinching program. For two years the legislative part of our government has been closed by the treaty fight. Partisanship so intensified men's outlook that they seemed unable to agree on any procedure. We are now in a political armistice. The sportsmanship of America demands that the victors be given an opportunity to prove their worth.

The incoming party has its great chance to fulfill its election promises. Four years from now will come another test of public opinion when the Republicans will have to carry before the voters a record of their accomplishments. But greater than the hope of reelection should be the desire for public service, the real test of a party's worth.

THE OPEN COLUMN

A Visitor Impressed. Editor of the Missouriian: A visitor in Columbia, a spectator at the Missouri-Kansas Aggie football game, remarked to several sports fans of the Daniel Boone Tavern Sunday night that the Columbia Evening Missouriian deserved both the praise and support of Columbia.

The visitor said that the promptness of the Missouriian's news service can be equaled by few small papers and cannot be excelled by the larger ones.

The visitor stated that he was one of the first persons to leave the football grounds on the way to the tavern. Before he reached the hotel an Evening Missouriian was given to him, containing two and one-half columns, describing the game by quarters and giving every detail to the last minute.

Objects To Rabbit Stunt. Editor The Missouriian: May I not ask your influence in cultivating among the students of the University a feeling against cruelty to animals?

Last Saturday the pleasure of the football game was marred by an attempt at a so-called stunt, in which a cowed and half-frightened dog and a terrified rabbit were used. Spectators were subjected to the sickening sight of a student wearing the uniform of the United States shooting a defenseless rabbit in the attempt to make it run.

Cruelty to animals is an offense to all right thinking people, and is against the laws of many states. Missouri included. I am told, and rightly so.

May I quote (from memory) an English poet on the subject: I would not rank among my list of friends, Though graced with polished manners and fine sense, yet lacking sensibility, The man who prettily sets foot upon a worm.

An inadvertent step may crush the small that crawls at evening in the public path. But he who has humanity, forewarned, will tread aside, and let the reptile live. For they are all, the meekest things that are. As free to live and to enjoy their life, As God was free to form them from the first. Who in his sovereign wisdom made them all.

Abroad In Missouri

This is a fast age, says the Sturgeon Leader, and in proof points out that we have winter ice on the Fourth of July; spring vegetables at Christmas; we buy straw hats in February and felt hats in August; we get our Sunday papers Saturday night, and our magazines a month ahead of time.

The Ashland Bugle raises an objection to any ordinance which prohibits driving a motor car with one hand, arguing: "Such legislation is clearly unconstitutional because of the higher command, 'Love one another.'—Miss Lella L. Sneed in Missouri Notes in Kansas City Times.

A brass band was one of the features of the funeral of Henry Young, a well-known negro citizen of Jefferson City, who died this week. Henry had been a cornet player in the band for years and was its leader.

A drunken man, asleep on a vacant lot in the Aylor addition, in the south suburbs of Carthage, was brought to town one day last week by the marshal. So rare is a case of intoxication that Marshal Harkins feared the man was suffering from some ailment that had caused unconsciousness. A medical diagnosis, however, revealed that alcohol was at the bottom of the trouble and the man was locked in the city jail to get sober.

An unusual number of reports showing outbreaks of rabies are coming into the office of the State Board of Agriculture, according to Dr. D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian. Physicians in several counties have during the month administered the Pasteur treatment for rabies to persons bitten by "mad dogs" and the treatment has also been successfully administered by veterinarians for the prevention of hydrophobia in dogs.

The Near East Relief commission has just issued a handbook of information for speakers and workers. Copies of this book have been received by the Eastern Missouri District, whose offices are at 1423 Chemical Building, St. Louis, and will be sent shortly to ministers, county chairmen and four-minute speakers of the seventy-four counties composing the district. The book shows total gifts from all sources last year of \$12,694,857.85, of which amount Missouri gave \$252,281.80.

The following statements have recently been issued by William H. Lewis, Commissioner of the State Bureau of Labor Statistics: Boots, shoes, slippers and other footwear valued at \$142,383,215 were manufactured in Missouri during 1919 by 55 factories. While St. Louis is the center of Missouri's footwear manufacturing, extensive factories employing many men and women are also located at St. Joseph, Hannibal, Jefferson City, Louisiana, Columbia, Carthage, De Soto, Poplar Bluff, Cape Girardeau, Brookfield, Moberly, Kirksville, Mexico, Union, Herman, Washington, Marshall and St. Charles.

The total value of Missouri made footwear has made a jump of 172 percent since 1914.

THE NEW BOOKS

"At Random." Caroline A. S. Creevy, in her latest collection of stories, essays, fancies and more serious musings, which she modestly entitles "At Random," scores many bullet-points.

Eg. (A note which concludes a little story of Willie Peep-toes, the boy whose family seldom saw money in larger denominations than pennies and nickels): "Dear Mister Nap: You are going to lend me your dollar and a half, instead of the house, to be a pair of slippers so the boys can call me Willie Peep-toes any more, and love to pay you with services on the margin. For value received Yours respectfully Willie Peep-toes."

An essay on Jane Austen tempts one to buy a set of the Grand Old Maid's books and begin mauling through every volume. More cannot be said of Mrs. Creevy's (Hamm's) charm as a writing commentator.

An essay, "Mother," makes the reader certain that the author is, or would like to be, a deep-bosomed, baby-cuddling stay-at-home mother. Another, "Hereditarily," reveals her belief that "blood will tell." "Habits of Some Famous Writers" holds an amazing variety of interpreted gossip about Scott, Shirley Brooks, George Eliot, Walt Whitman, Balzac, Renoult, Tennyson, Anthony Trollope, Freeman, Gray, De Quincey, Fenimore Cooper and a dozen others. The essay on "Truth" is not pretentious or inflated with an air of finality. Therefore it has value as a human document in the back-setting Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty.

"At Random" would make an appropriate gift from an understanding man to an understanding woman, or from one nature woman to another mature woman. It will not be old at the second reading. Oh, to give a positive opinion: "At Random" is a book worth owning, as its author must be a friend worth having.

(G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London; cloth, 231 pages, with a preface; \$1.50 net.)

CIGARETTE CASE A HANDICAP

Must Bear Autograph of Seller and Friends in Latvia. In Latvia, one of the Baltic states, it is customary to autograph the cigarette case of the person you get your cigarette from. It is, according to the Chicago Tribune, a social obligation to have a sugary scribble on the case of your friend or your case. This custom seems to work a hardship on American Red Cross officers, because they seem to have the only cigarettes in Latvia.

As a result of this custom, the Americans have their cases covered with weird names. The case also comes to serve as a passport.

Between Columns

"For a walk today with Viola, 6 years old. We had commented on the flaming sunset and the cloud birds, and had wished on the evening star. Then the grown person, 'Look at that cottonwood by grandma's house. How tall it is!'"

"Yes," said Viola, "why it looks like it touches the sky! Then, in tones of disgust, 'But goodnight! I'll bet it's seven feet yet to the sky!'"

The grown person laughed, but after all, isn't that childish conception of space comparable to man's childish conceptions of infinity and eternity?—From a diary.

A high school teacher asked her freshman composition class to write a letter to a certain firm ordering a stated number of each of several kinds of shoes. The next day, she asked them to write a letter from the firm to themselves, saying that the order was being shipped, but inasmuch as one class was out of stock, they were substituting another which they hoped would be satisfactory.

"One resulting letter began as follows, 'Beans we have no shoes.'" The beautiful country home peeping out from among the trees looked the ideal which we had dreamed. When we reached it we discovered that the pig sty on one side made its presence conspicuously recognized and the chickens pre-empted the attractive porch. We were introduced to the hospitable owner and his wife about whom we have heard so much—and we found that the man smokes all the time he is not chewing, in the house or out, and that the woman wears a kimono for a house dress.

"No matter what happens, one can always read," said Mary Ella's mother, who reads novels. "Yes," agreed Mary Ella, "or have a date." They were tracing the curate's baby with long words. "Say Mississipp," they urged. "Sister Sippit," piped the curate's baby.

"Know thyself" said the Greek philosopher. Rather, forget thyself. Prolonged introspective thought is intolerable. It leads to that inordinate selfishness that concentrates upon being paid. Do good, and you will be good, and in being good you are happy. And if one is happy, of what consequence is his piddly?—THE WAYFARER.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA GROWS

Girls in Home Economics Class Serve Hot Lunches at Columbia H. S. The cafeteria of the Columbia High School in outgrowing its present quarters. Before long the kitchen will have to be moved back to make room for the increasing number of students who are availing themselves of the opportunity to eat school lunch. This is the fourth year of the cafeteria. It is a self-supporting concern; no profit is made, the idea being to break even, after necessary equipment is bought from time to time. From a hundred and fifty to two hundred students buy their lunches there. A number bring lunches and buy something hot in addition. Only 5 cents is charged for each article. Regular meals are served in cafeteria style, including soup, meat, vegetables, two kinds of sandwiches, dessert, ice cream and milk. The effort has been made to get the students to drink more milk. Until this year they have not responded with any enthusiasm. Candy is also sold in the cafeteria.

The buying, which is in charge of Mrs. E. W. Henderson of the home economics department, is done by wholesale. Mrs. Henderson also makes out the menu and has general charge of the cafeteria. A cook, an assistant cook and two maids are employed.

Hot lunches are also served at the University High School on a different plan. The girls in the home economics classes prepare the meals under the supervision of a girl from the home economics department of the University, who is doing practice teaching. It has been a regular part of the class work at the high school for almost four years. At 9 o'clock in the morning everyone who expects to eat in the cafeteria gives his order for the day. No more than the amount ordered is prepared.

Not much of the food is bought at wholesale. The cafeteria is run on a cash basis. About one-third of the enrollment buy lunches regularly. About fifty or sixty lunches are served.

34,000 PASSPORTS PER YEAR Is Average Number Issued by U. S. in Last Eight Years. A recent report from Washington states that the passports issued by the Department of State have averaged 34,000 a year for the last eight years. The peak year during this period was 1919, following the armistice, during which year more than 90,000 passports were issued.

The number of passports issued for the current calendar year probably will exceed all records. This year is the first since the entrance of the United States into the war to show a normal curve for the number of passports issued during the different seasons when travel is either heavier or lighter.

TO BUILD FIELD MEMORIAL Recent Effort to Complete Fund Have Been Successful. According to the Kansas City Star announcement was made in Chicago on November 4, twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of Eugene Field, that funds for a Field memorial monument had been collected. The children of Chicago have been saving their pennies for the last twenty-five years with the intention of accumulating a fund of \$25,000 to pay for this monument. They had saved \$9,920.25 when the trustees of the art institute decided to complete the fund at once the amount lacking.

Models for the memorial have been submitted by two New York sculptors.

HOW MANY MOUTHS ARE YOU FEEDING? Are you paying for the excess appetite of your heartier-eating neighbors? Do you help pay for food to suit your neighbor's plate and not your own? If so, your neighbors are practically eating off of your meal ticket. At the "Caf," you pay for what you eat and no more. You order and get what you want and nothing else.

The Commons "On the University Campus"

WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE A LOSS IN PROFIT BUT THERE WILL BE A GAIN IN THE FRIENDS MADE FOR THIS STORE. These few words are a recompense for the financial loss, that we are taking in all the lines of merchandise we carry in the Barth Store. Suits, overcoats, Stetson hats, Manhattan and Metric shirts, underwear, gloves, hosiery, and in fact every line in this store has been remarked at prices far below the prevailing market prices. Of course you know this store sells only standard makes of merchandise. Let us show you. "We hold no Clearance Sales. We are watching the markets closely and any reduction in any lines of merchandise that we carry, our customers can be assured that they will reap the benefit."

Phi Mu Alpha Presents Eddy Brown, Violinist University Auditorium Thursday Evening Nov. 11, 8:15 p.m. Single admission lower floor \$2.00 Balcony (unreserved) \$1.00 Tickets on sale tomorrow, 8:30 a. m. Missouri Store—Allen's—Taylor's. Phi Mu Alpha Fourteenth Season 1920-21

Big Wool and Silk Hose Extra Special \$1.95 This is a Real Treat—Don't Miss it! Miller. Come in now—Hear this famous NEW EDISON "The Phonograph with a Soul" We guarantee it to sustain the test of direct comparison with the performance of living artists. That makes it the phonograph you want to give the family for Christmas. This Official Laboratory Model has won the championship for realism. Its perfect realism has been tested over 4000 times. More than fifty noted vocalists and instrumentalists made these tests. They compared their living performances directly with the Re-CREATION of those performances by the New Edison. The result was no difference between the two. Four million people said so; they heard the tests. Parker Furniture Company