

Just recently a little agitation started on the subject of caring for subnormal people and it is possible that the agitation may increase until some steps are taken to care for these people whose care we have shirked so long.

Why do we force these subnormal boys and girls to spend so many years in public schools when their brains will not permit them to grasp book knowledge and the years are but wasted?

Why do we not, when the boy or girl is found to be subnormal by a proper medical test, put them in schools or institutions where they will be taught manual training; where some one branch of industry can be given to them for a number of years until their poor under-developed brains are able to grasp it and they are equipped for the struggle for existence instead of trying to force upon them a knowledge of a number of things that will be valueless to them if they do not possess a knowledge of any particular industry?

Why do we not give them a knowledge of even one industry that would enable them to live by its practice and would take from them the necessity of resorting to crime or prostitution for maintenance?

I believe that if we would awaken to just this much of our responsibility toward these people, we would then be ready to go still further in not only caring for them, but in protecting ourselves from the results of what is today our criminal neglect of an appalling condition.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor Day Book: Dear Sir—Friday evening, May 9, at 7:40 p. m., at the corner of Lincoln street and Chicago avenue, my father was struck and killed by a street car.

At the coroner's inquest the motor-man said he did not see the man until he was twenty-five feet from him. When he first saw him he was

directly on the track, did not know which way he came from from, but was going south, and he just hit him with the corner of his car.

At the same inquest the policeman in charge of the ambulance said he knew nothing of witnesses. He supposed the doctor or motorman got them.

The claim agent who represented the street car company at the inquest says he is willing to settle the case, as they do in most cases, by paying funeral expenses. He also says, and is willing to bet a new Dunlap hat, that in case suit is brought, that the judge will not let the case go to a jury, but will throw it out of court. What I want to know is, has the street car company a perfect right to kill anybody if they pay funeral expenses.

According to their representative, this is correct. And he will bet a new hat that the judge will not let a jury decide it and he seems to know what he is talking about.

What kind of a combination are we up against. The verdict at the inquest was an open one. It read: "Struck by a street car and died from injuries."

The company says they have eleven good witnesses, but they did not have them testify. The police that removed him had no witnesses at all. And now the company through their agent says: We will pay funeral expenses, or we will bet you a new Dunlap hat that the judge will not let a jury decide whether a street car company can be sued if you refuse funeral expenses. John Kinsella,

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Miss Henrietta Hoegh, first secretary of the Norwegian legation in Mexico, is said to be young, pretty and well up on international law.

What sounds like a cackle from a man's own wife is rippling laughter if it comes from some other man's wife. —Cincinnati Enquirer.