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## Defective in Some Way is Every Person

### Discipline in Daily Life

By DR. CHARLES H. PARKHURST.

Those who give special attention to the field of human intellect are having much to say these days about defective. The term is limited to those whose minds show an unusual degree of deficiency. The only point I want to make is that in the general sense of the word we are all of us defective. Not one of us has a mind that is not more or less lame in some one or more of its faculties.



There is no hard and fast line that can be drawn so that those on one side of the line are defectives and those on the other side are not. Men may be very backward in certain directions of mental activity, but correspondingly forward in other directions. That is not what could be called normal, but it is about as good as what we usually find.

I once had as a pupil in the high school a young fellow who illustrated that condition in quite a striking degree. He was the son of a college president. His mind was so slow in Latin as to show almost no sign of activity. I kept him on one of Aesop's fables the entire term in order that he might make a respectable appearance in the presence of his distinguished parents on examination day. But he was as bright in natural history as he was dull in the classics.

He could not properly be called a defective. He had brain enough, only its activities were massed on a single side instead of being distributed all around. Geniuses are of that order. Genius is another name for immense mental one-sidedness.

That is the disadvantage that there is in putting all pupils through the same curriculum. They all have to give the same amount of attention to each of the branches set down for them, with no special opportunity allowed for discipline in the special branch for which they may show special aptitude, and in which, if such opportunity were afforded, they might attain to great distinction. That father undoubtedly did his son great injustice when, upon being asked whether he was going to send his son to college, he replied, "God forbid that I should spend a \$1,000 on the education of a 10-cent boy."

It is unfortunate that children have to be educated in droves instead of individually. Agriculture instructs farmers to study the character of the soil before deciding what seed to put in. And because a particular piece of ground will not yield peaches it is not at once concluded that it is a defective soil and to be turned over to thistles and hardhack. Respect for authority is a moral element that cannot be omitted from character without leaving it more or less mushy. Whatever may be our sympathies in the present war, it must be conceded to the Germans that they learned to obey. Whether among their people or carried to an extreme, and too narrow a margin of self-determination left to the individual, is a question by itself which I have no purpose of entering into. But they obey. They do as they are told.

The obligations of law and government press upon them without any intermission. Each man has his place and expects to be found in it; has his duty and can be relied upon to discharge it. Whether it is due to fear, to conscience or to training, the fact remains, and it means stability in the individual and strength to the government.

It is the prime secret of Germany's year of achievement. Its importance is recognized in Scripture, which teaches that "to obey is better than sacrifice." Jesus taught His disciples that obedience was the nourishment that fed and sustained His soul. It is what iron is to the physical constitution. It is what a plumb line is to the laying up of a brick wall. It is what spine and vertebrae

### Household Economy

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## Japanese Women in American Eyes

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The Empress of Japan in the wedding gown she wore in 1900 when she became the wife of the Mikado.



"A Lady of Japan" a rare Japanese print—much prized possession of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

(From the Christmas Number of Harper's Bazar.)

Mrs. Lars Anderson, wife of the former ambassador to Japan, has recently been induced to put in writing her impressions of Japanese women. Little is known in the western world about the intimate family life in the Flowery Kingdom, and the words of Mrs. Anderson throw a light on this fascinating subject.

For instance, all kimonos look much alike from color and texture, yet in Japan they are subject to changes in fashion just the same as the apparel of the modish Parisienne. In the old days, kimonos trailed upon the ground and were wadded at the bottom. The sleeves were long and loose and were used as pockets.

Today the kimono ends above the ankles and the sleeves are short. Styles in colors vary from one season to another. When Mrs. Anderson was there blue was the popular shade. True beauty in the land of the mikado, says the writer in the December number of Harper's Bazar, consists of a narrow forehead, high arching eyebrows, a small mouth, red lips and pale cheeks. The Japanese have praise for only the delicate and artificial types. A complete costume for the woman consists of a set of three kimonos worn one outside another.

Indoors, the feet are covered with "tabi" of white cotton. Outdoors, the feet are slipped into wooden "geta" or clogs. Ladies as a rule wear crepe kimonos, with their crests woven upon them.

Black is used on ceremonial occasions. White is the color of mourning. A geisha's clothes are much gayer than those worn by ladies and are more expensive, often being designed by artists.

The social position of the women of Japan, as revealed by the way they wear the sash or "obi" and the style in which they do their hair. The Yoshiwara girls knot their sashes behind, but in a style distinctly different from married women. The latter twist the hair in one fashion, girls in another and children in a third. Yoshiwara women and "maiko," or little dancing girls, dress their hair with flowers, the former often using lacquered sticks or ornaments arranged artistically as headdresses.

Women do not take their hair down at night. In order to keep it smooth they rest their heads on little wooden stands instead of pillows. But even with this care, every woman must have a hair-dresser at least once a week.

Consequently, hair-dressing is the favorite form of employment for the women of the lower classes. Many of them are very proficient. To excel in this profession, a woman must know at least twenty ways of arranging the hair, to meet the

four months, at a nominal price, if unfortunate, the original expense of such an undertaking might necessitate, it would be saved in a generation by the lessening of disease and crime and poverty among the masses.

Added to this, every college should be obliged to add a department through which every young man must pass before granted a diploma. The most skilled physicians should be employed as instructors in this department. It is quite as important to the world that young men know what it means to propagate the species as that they become expert athletes.

Many cases might be found, if the annals of the courts were studied, where men who graduated with brilliant honors from famous colleges proved brutal husbands to wives who were expectant mothers. The man's brain had been filled with all kinds of knowledge save that which gave him an understanding of fatherhood and motherhood. However disillusioned or enraged he may become with the woman he has chosen as his wife, there is not one man in a million who would misuse his own unborn child.

What do you know about good fatherhood that will enable you to protect your wife before the birth of your children so that she will be enabled to bring into the world desirable offspring? Do you know anything about prenatal influences?

Do you know how important it is that a child should be guarded and protected before its birth as well as afterward? If you know nothing about these things you are not fitted to become a father.

New York City provides a fund for a large aquarium. The Zoological park is another city institution where young animals are protected before birth and after, and should the male animal indicate dangerous tendencies toward his mate before the birth of the young or afterward toward his offspring he is at once placed where he cannot do damage.

No stock breeder would permit his brood animal to suffer injury at such a period; she is protected in every way in order that her offspring may be strong and well.

Yet all over the United States expectant mothers are left to the careless and ignorant treatment of men who know no more about the responsibilities of fatherhood or prenatal influences than they know of the social conditions of Mars.

In the lower walks of life, where people are crowded in small rooms and obliged to live in close quarters, expectant mothers are forced to endure the odors of cheap drink and tobacco and to hear taunts and insults from intoxicated husbands, who have never been told that a woman is sensitive to an abnormal degree at this period of her life; and in the higher walks thousands of mothers are suffering from neglect and indifference or from refined abuse from husbands who are college graduates and who occupy important positions socially.

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## An Editorial for Women

### "Certified Cooks" A Good Scheme

By DOROTHY DIX

The Woman's club and the Housewives' league of Montclair is grappling with the mighty servant problem, before which all other problems fade into innocuous details, and they propose to settle it by having certified cooks along with certified milk and the other certified commodities that are brought into the kitchen.



This is a step in the right direction. The trouble with domestic service has always been that it has been a sort of Jack-legged trade, undeniably it is because cooking and bed-making have been regarded as manual trades, suitable only for no-wits. Instead of a learned profession in which genius can have its full scope, that they have been held in such low esteem that girls have preferred to starve behind counters rather than fatten before gas ranges.

Therefore, if the Montclair ladies can convince young women that the kitchen offers a fine and almost unexplored field for their activities, and that a master's degree in sauces and soups will draw down a better pay envelope than a master's degree in philosophy, they will have bestowed an inestimable boon upon their despicable day and age.

The first way to elevate any calling is to differentiate between good work and bad work in it, and to reward the good by good pay, and one of the principal reasons why there are so many incompetent servants is because mistresses are not willing to pay for skill.

It is good luck if you get one who is faithful and honest, and knows how to cook. It is bad luck if you get one who is drunken and unreliable, and burns the potatoes and roasts the meat to a cinder, but the mistress expects to pay the same amount of wages to the household treasure that she does to the household junk.

Yet the very woman pays, without a protest, ten times as much for a hat that is a creation as she does for one made by the blundering fingers of the little milliner around the corner, and her husband pays his employees absolutely according to their skill and ability. He doesn't expect to get an expert book-keeper or a crackjack salesman for the same price that he pays to less competent men.

When domestic service is standardized and paid according to its merit, as is done in every other occupation, much will have been done toward lifting it to a higher level. It will inspire ambition and stimulate effort, for every cook will know that every new dish she adds to her repertoire means her ability to command that much more salary, and that the more she improves her technique the quicker she graduates from being a cook into a chef.

And it will be equally advantageous for the housekeeper to get a cook whose wages are proportioned to her ability, for it is a simple matter of mathematics to demonstrate that the servant who never smashes things, nor wastes good food in the preparing is worth many dollars more a month than the journeyman kitchen mechanic who leaves ruin in her wake and fills the garbage can with her unobtainable handiwork.

The suggestion may be made that if servants are to be certified, mistresses should be certified, too; but this is unnecessary. In those households fortunate enough to have a jewel of a cook she is not only treated as a member of the family—she is the boss of it.

## Race Is Heedless of Parent-to-Be and Their Duties

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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If you are an unmarried young man you probably have an ideal of marriage and fatherhood before you. You imagine yourself at the head of a happy home with a lovely wife and beautiful children installed in that home. You are, no doubt, trying to lay up a bank account ready for that occasion and you hope to be the possessor of great wealth to bestow upon your family.

But what are you laying up in the way of good morals, good habits, good health and pure blood to bestow upon your children?

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