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SIFTING THE MINDS OF MEN.

"The greatest American obsession is the habit of going to school," said J. B. Johnson, dean of the University of Minnesota, to a group of school superintendents.

He was not talking about the attendance at primary schools, but of the quest for "higher" education. Many who knock at the doors of the colleges and universities are unfit to be admitted. Experience at the University of Minnesota has proved this. Of 80 freshmen picked at the beginning of the curient year as certain to fail, all have failed to reach even the lowest mark that would permit their going ahead with their courses. In four years 409 students have been picked as probable failures, and only nine of the group have attained even the lowest mark for graduation. All the others have failed.

In these cases the prediction is based on the work done by the student while attending high school, and on his general habits and his response to mental tests. Dean Johnson's contention is that hoys or girls who do not show capacity for assimilating education should not waste time in trying to acquire it. All are not capable of absorbing knowledge. He says:

"The only way to do justice to these students of low ability is to educate the public to understand that there are things other than going to college which are worth while and satisfying and honorable, that to go to college requires a peculiar type of personality, that to encourage unqualified persons to go to college only wastes public resources. discourages the youth themselves and steals away the facilities which the capable students could use, and that this waste could be avoided by frankly facing the facts.

dain for work, for labor.'

Elementary schools are not to be disturbed, but beyond them minds are to be winnowed. Time will not be spent to pound into a dull brain information it can not grasp. Educators are working to the end that intellectual misfits are to be kept out of the way of the competent, that the cause of learning may be advanced and not retarded by the adoption of too low a standard. Experience at the University of Minnesota may not be conclusive, but it is at least significant of the need of a thorough examination of the problem.

SPRING FEVER.

It is an epidemic that knows neither age, color, sex or previous condition of servitude. It enters the hovels of the poor, the mansions of the rich, paralyzes the energies of the normally industrious and devitalizes the usually obstreperous youngsters dawdling over the desks of the schools. It slows up the mental processes of the thinker and the student, sets the worker to dreaming and obstructs the flow of commerce and trade.

Medical science has sought in vain for drug, herb or essence that will counteract its effects or prevent its annual recurrence. It eludes the diagnostician and thumbs the metaphorical proboscis of the dietician. It refuses to yield to pills or potions. There is but one cure for it, as scientists will attest, and that is to play truant from the job, get out into the open, tramp the woods or seek to lure the finny tribe from the pellucid waters. It rises through the human anatomy coincident with the rising of the sap in the trees and can only be allayed by communion

It is useless to strive to avoid it. It sneaks in like a thief in the night to steal away ambition. It is unwise to combat it, and wise to follow only the impulses it raises in mind and soul.

It is nature's method of restoring mental and physical balance. It is the balance wheel of the seasons. It is a blessing to mankind only if allowed to pursue its natural way. The lackadaisical eye, first symptom of its attack, is soon followed by a keener look, a sprightlier step and a renewed ambition. It is the physical low barometer pointing to storms that are easily avoided. It is something to be welcomed,

not something to condemn. Those who have never been afflicted with spring fever are to be pitied. Such have never felt the urge for the outdoors, for the first song of the birds, the first glimpse of the green of the trees, the first scent of the newly turned sod.

"WHAT HAS FORD WROUGHT?"

"Maiden Dearborn," which name suggests a habit of somebody to play on words, "roared its way" into Chicago, according to dispatches, carrying a cargo of 1,000 pounds of Ford parts. It was the first Ford-built flying machine, off on a typical Ford mission. Not just to test out the machine as to its capacity for substantial flight, but to serve a useful purpose. If the result is satisfactory, then Omaha may expect to hear one or more of the machines roaring across the Missouri river. For the first fleet is to be engaged in carrying parts to Ford assembly plants, and the one in Omaha is putting together more cars every day than the one in Paris, which is getting much attention.

What airmen are most concerned in is the practicability of Ford's idea of lessening the cost of airplanes. He certainly did succeed in putting a very serviceable car on the market at a cost none of his competitors has ever been able to meet. Can he do

the same for the machine that uses the air for its course? At present the government is paying around \$25,000 for army planes, depending on the type. The big single item in the cost schedule is the \$10,-000 or more for the engine.

Ford talks of a plane to sell for \$4,000. Whether this will be for army use, or for commercial purposes must yet be developed. But if the predictions that are now freely made as to the use of airplanes in commerce come to anything, the end will be hastened by reduction in cost promised by Henry Ford.

Wicked World," is rather passed that the Now I wonder if he really does think Now I wonder if he really does think manufacture of cars. Time will tell. The advantage will be with the maker who can produce the to take from his neighbor anything better ship at the smaller cost.

AN OLD-FASHIONED MAN.

Somehow or other we greatly fear that Bill Jardine is going to be a misfit down in Washington. As in secretary of agriculture he isn't going to devote his time to evolving a lot of schemes whereby the farmer Does not the fact that people have may pull himself up by the boot-straps, and that sort things prove that the world is getting of thing is calculated to make him non persona grata better?

We deplore the increase in the use down there. And Bill shows so many symptoms of being an old-fashioned sort of fellow; one who is not lose sight of the fact that there disinclined to hit the social pace and intent only on is an increase of population as well. Nor should we lose sight of the fact doing the job entrusted to him.

Why, Bill is so blamed old-fashioned that he actually believes work is good for boys, and he still clings to the antedeluvian notion that parents ought boys with cigarets, and in which all to realize their responsibility for the proper training conventions and restrictions were reof their offspring. He even expresses disbelief in we see the comparative safety of life the popular theory that the only thing needed to correct an evil is to Pass a Law against it. Bill is really unique. He admits that when he was a boy he would willingly have paid for an opportunity to above all, when we remember that play football, and now he can't undestand why boys have to be babied into playing it by the offer of gaudy sweaters and trips in Pullman sleepers.

above all, when we remember that he who said, "Ask and ye shall receive," has also taught us to pray, "Try Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we must

Bill Jardine is so far behind the times that many people will be inclined to classify him with the dodo, the three-toed horse and the saber-toothed tiger. But there are others who will incline to the belief better preaching is "a waste of breath." We would not commend the that Bill is just the kind of man needed to leaven the intelligence of the captain who, when Washington lump. It is possible that he will be abl- his men had taken the outer trenches. Washington lump. It is possible that he will be able tried, "Retreat!" It's no use. We to jolt a lot of people into a realization of the fact haven't settled the whole war. What that this old world would be greatly benefited by a would have been the fate of mankind return to some of the homely virtues that produced I have been teaching and preaching. men like Bill Jardine.

men like Bill Jardine.

Bill may be an object of curiosity in the east, but he strikes westerners as a pretty good sort of a man for now they will kill the Son of God." to tie to.

A PALPABLE ERROR.

The newspaper that misquotes the Bible is in for grief. Of course no newspaper will intentionally misquote the Book of Books, but in these days of typesetting machines and composing room hurly-burly, mistakes will creep in. One such error, and a most ticle published in the Norfolk News, under date of April 8, relative to the palpable one, crept into The Omaha Bee's Easter under date of April 8, relative to the establishment of a federal game sanctuary in Cherry county. tion Morn." The word "asleep" appeared in place of the word "arisen," as written, and now the letters are pouring in, as might have been expected.

"And if Christ be not arisen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain," wrote Paul hunt in this territory every season to the Corinthian brethren. The word "asleep" in place of "arisen" destroys the whole context. The enterprise really desires the federal editor of The Omaha Bee is fairly well acquainted government to purchase these lands with the Good Book, but he would not dare to at- grounds in the state under federal tempt quotation in print without verifying the quotation word for word before turning the copy over

allay the fears of The Omaha Bee readers that this It would then be time enough to take newspaper is trying to "improve" upon the Bible, the matter up to the national convenand incidentally to stop the flood of letters coming the project through congress. in to call attention to the error.

siss that always comes along with the fadeout of a along the lower stretches of the Platte movie, probably because they have never been river, but what about the sportsmen privileged to participate in a similar fadeout with of northwestern Nebraska and other the screen hero or heroine.

Now that they have started padlocking New York cabarets we may expect to see the establishment of correspondence schools in padlock opening, with the name of Houdini featured.

The Valentine chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is opposed to this presumptuous proposition. We don't need federal control of our hunting and fishing grounds. If we need in an experimental state establishment of the presumptuous proposition and the presumptuous proposition and the presumptuous proposition. with the name of Houdini featured.

The University of Chicago announces that it could make good use of \$17,500,000. We know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few know several people who could get of the few knows and the few knows are eral people who could cut off the five ciphers and and tell our sportsmen where to get use the balance to good advantage.

Now they are arguing about the year golf was introduced into the United States. It will be settled about the time we settle the year of the English sparrow invasion.

In picking out a democrat to apprize of his forthcoming visit to Omaha, Senator Norris at least steered clear of complications with any republican

"Great poems do not have to be correct in detail," declares the Louisville Courier-Journal. The same thing applies to successful politicians, evidently.

It is said that a woman member of congress served two years without making a speech. If that s true, why in the world did she go to congress?

If Hindenberg expects to be elected president of Germany he will have to have a better political line-up than the military line he boasted about.

Homespun Verse By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie.

THEY DIDN'T BUY 'EM DIAMONDS WHEN FATHER WAS A LAD.

No, they didn't buy 'em diamonds when my father was So it was that he advised the other day;

And he acted rather strangely like he was a trifle mad, And he said a lot that I would never say.

He informed me that the wealthy, even, very seldom Sparklers for their sweethearts long ago. I would hate to tell Eliza half the awful things he

thought

When I asked him for the necessary dough. I advised my loving father that the times are different, And that custom won't be changed for anything,-That the only true endowment and befitting sacrament

Of engagement is a precious diamond ring. He is much opposed to spending as they were in days And he calls it just a fancy-What's a pearl,

Or a diamond, or a ruby set up in a band of gold Got to do with one's engagement to a girl? It is wholly artificial, thinks my father; I can't buy

And such a foolish trinket, I now know;-

But I still am somewhat solemn, and as yet I wonder why, But there isn't any use to tell him so.

a shame that father wasn't in his prime in Fashion's day. I can't figure what to tell my 'Liza true:-But they didn't buy 'em diamonds when my dad wa

young and gay-I am puzzled, I am awed and I am blue.

Letters From

Our Readers NUW I'M GOING TO All letters must be signed, but name will be withheld upon request. Com-munications of 200 words and less will be given preference.

"As a Man Thinketh." Albion, Neb .- To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: Does it not seem as if L. H. Monroe in his letter, "It Is a it was counted no wrong for a man he coveted, from his herd to his wife. children or castle-if he were strong enough to take them. Once a man was considered a nincompoop who could not "get drunk like a gentle-man." Once people saw nothing amiss ministers of the gospel smoking

that we are in the trying years after But He did not say it. Instead he said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." and if there are more sinners in the world than formerly there are also more saints.

Not Seeking Federal Control. Valentine, Neb .- To the Editor of

tentious scheme takes in about five wnships, and includes about all of the best fishing lakes in Cherry county. Thousands of people, coming from all parts of the state, fish and If Congressman Howard and other gentlemen associated with him in this and place the best fishing and hunting ntrol, would it not have been better to have referred this matter to the regular meeting of the state division of the Isaak Walton league and let This explanation is made to order, if possible, to the sportsmen of Nebraska thrash this

If the best part of Cherry county is turned into a federal game preserve Many men and women object to the lingering at Columbus and some other towns sportsmen who come here to fish and

game sanctuaries, let the state estab-

Incidentally, we wish to advise Con-gressman Howard that we have in our district a very efficient and highly esteemed congressman, Robert G. Simmons, who is quite capable of looking after our interests at the seat of government. He is a big man, from a big district, and has the honor of representing the best people on earth, who live in the Big Sixth.
R. R. BROSIUS, Secretary.

LISTENING IN On the Nebraska Press

"Whether you consider the world round, square or croked depends upon the part you bumped against," chor-tles Fletch Merwin of the Beaver City

The Neligh Leader insists that Nebraskans have been entirely too mod-est in advertising their state, and should begin at once to do the right thing. The Leader has always done

The Pierce Call insists that so long as Senator Norris was elected by re-publican votes, republicans have a right to tell him what measures they would like to have him support. Our idea of a real optimist is the editor of the Pierce Call.

Abe Martin



"Oh, it jest got so we hardly ever used it any more," said Mrs. Lafe Bud t'day, when somebuddy asked her why she sold ther home. Ther's few things as gabby as th' feller we pick up an' haul downtown.

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TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

(It is currently reported that William Jennings Bryan has made a million or more in Florida real estate deals.)

How well do we remember, Bill, those flery days of old When you feared we'd be crucified upon a cross of gold. When with an eloquence sublime you fought the toiler's fight And whipped the Money Devil till it sought relief in flight. How well do we remember, Bill, we paused with bated breath When you could corner "Capital" and talk it most to death. Them was the good old days, dear Bill, when you thought of

But now you have deserted us and joined the millionaires. How well do we remember, Bill, the days when work was done-When we would go to hear you talk about sixteen to one; And how we'd r'ar right up and cheer, and then sit down and

When you would deftly pull apart the Money Octopus But, Bill, it seems you've thrown us down and grabbed the firstest chance

And Bill, when we think of the tears you shed in our behalf, Then see you with a million-well, b'gosh we gotta laugh. The cross of gold is laid away, no more the crown of thorns You talked about in days of old the brow of toll adorns. At least you ain't a saying much about 'em, are you, Bill? And Wall Street don't concern you now-at least you're keeping

About the Money Devil and the Unearned Increment That used to fill us both chuck full of grief and discontent. Gone are them good old days, dear Bill; things have gone wrong I haven't changed so gol-darned much, but you've a million now.

"Why didn't you stop and help the man you knocked down?" asked the judge.
"I didn't dare stop, your honor. I saw a parking place just ahead and I wasn't taking any chances on losing out."

Rev. S. Parks Cadman makes a plea for "moralized intelligence in the press." Not to be outdone by our clerical brother, we hereby make a plea for sensible sermonizing in the pulpit.

A London scientist has fabricated silver that will not tarnish. We are not interested. What we want is silver that will not vanish.

We are woefully short on psychology, and we are an absolute vacuum when it comes to spiritualism. Our admiration for advancement in medical and surgical science is unbounded. But if we had a wart and wanted to get rid of it we'd go down to the old home town in Missouri and get an aged colored aunty to charm it away.

Somehow or other we can't help feeling suspicious of the man who admits that his automobile isn't as good as ours.

In the old days the Easter bells pealed. Now the Easter belles do the most peeling.

Geraldine Farrar says the champagne found in her private car was only near beer. Tut, tut, Geraldine! The idea of a woman trying that. We pulled one like it nearly 30 years ago and haven't heard the last of it ye

with a record-breaking salary. But what we are honing to see is a motion picture actress who breaks a record by earning whatever salary she receives.

In our anxiety to prevent the enactment of some foolish laws by the last legislature, we neglected to Pass a Law calculated to restrain the tree butcher. The tree butcher chops off the limbs of trees, regardless. He exercises about as much judgment as a sheep. He mutilates trees instead of pruning them. He is a nuisance that should be suppressed.

WILL M. MAUPIN.

Spice of Life

"Did Liza Jane git a good man when she ma'ied down in Memphis?" "Sho' did. Ma'ied him right outen fail house. He didn't have no time to git in no trouble."-Legion Weekly

Customer-How can one tell imitation pearls from the real ones?
Salesman—Ah, madame, one does not tell; one keeps it to oneself .-Boston Transcript. The genius whom I once admired, To blame I now begin.

His great inventions make me tired
When monthly bills come in.

—Washington Star. Tramp-Your dog just bit a piece of he tells it to Peacock Feathers. flesh out of my leg, mum.

Woman-Glad you mentioned it. I was just going to feed him.-Nabor

A friend meeting up with Mozart Wombat, asked: "What are you doing now, Mozart?"
"Working for a composer."

"He can't write music."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hub-Did you ask the new maid if she has had any experience with Wife-Don't need to. I could tell by the way she glowered at 'em that she had .- Hartford Courant.

Maybe.

Distracted Wife (at bedside of sick husband)—Is there no hope, doctor? Doctor—I don't know, madame. Tell me first what you are hoping for.—Lord Jeff. "I say," said the Englishman as he

was about to hand over the ticket which entitled him to see Channing Pollock's popular play. "I say, there is nothing personal intended here, is "Beg pardon, sir?" said the bewil-

red doorman. "Well, it's all right. I suppose." murmured the other, but the ticket says: 'The Fool-Admit One.' -Bos ton Transcript.

Almost Right.

Teacher-Tommy, does this world of ours move? Tommy—I should say it do! Teacher—How do you know it

Tommy-My father is a traffic cop-

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