

Deep Decay Has Eaten Into Study of the Classics In America

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DEEP DECAY HAS EATEN INTO THE STUDY OF THE CLASSICS IN AMERICA—and widespread consciousness of it. I was struck by the general sense of regret for the lost inheritance.

The decay is in part due to Dr. Eliot's policy at Harvard. He abolished compulsory Greek. It was an experiment which should have been tried in a laboratory less noble than Harvard.

America is educating a vast democracy with SPLENDID PUBLIC SPIRIT AND SUCCESS. The general effectiveness of the education and the public zeal for it impresses one deeply. I can see quite well that circumstances demanded that a quick, cheap, business-like education should be given to meet the needs of the immediate moment.

IT SEEMED A WASTE OF TIME TO GO TO THE MARKET PLACE BY WAY OF ATHENS, BUT I THINK A TIME HAS COME WHICH DEMANDS DEEPER, MORE SOLID AND THEREFORE SLOWER EDUCATION.

Great insurgent forces are at work in the United States, and CITIZENSHIP WILL REQUIRE IN FUTURE FINER TRAINING AND VISION THAN IN THE PAST.

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Study For a Minute a Painting With a Number of Figures and Objects in It and Then Endeavor to Describe It and the Result May Surprise You.

"Seeing is believing" is an old saying which is in a fair way to lose its force. Modern psychology is proving by experiments that people do not see even a fraction of the things they confidently believe they see.

The picture test was first demonstrated in America at Clark university by the pioneer in this field, Professor William Stern of the University of Breslau. At this time two unusually intelligent children, a boy and a girl in the upper grammar grades of the Worcester schools, were shown separately for the period of a minute a colored picture entitled the "Bauerstube," giving the interior of a German peasant's home. Among other details is seen a table at which a man and a boy are seated, while a woman is standing.

The man has removed his coat, and his bright red vest is clearly exposed to view. The boy is sitting on a bench, his bare feet not quite touching the floor. The woman wears a brilliant red skirt, over which is a blue-green apron. She has a yellow shawl over her shoulders.

Near by is a cradle of the same striking blue-green as the apron. At the rear of the room is a bed, and over it hang three pictures. These pictures depict landscapes, and in one is a long avenue of trees. At the foot of the bed is a window through which nothing is visible except a branch of a tree. Near the window is a clock with the pendulum swung to one side. The hands point to exactly half past 12. All of the details of the picture are extremely clear.

The children examined by Stern had an opportunity in the minute allowed for the examination of the picture to study it in some detail. They knew that they were to be tested immediately on what they had seen. Had not the audience that witnessed the demonstration been able to follow the details of the testimony by means of a reproduction of the picture thrown by a lantern on a screen at the back of the children they would have been impressed with the remarkable clearness and apparent accuracy of the testimony, particularly with reference to a certain cupboard which both testified stood near the bed.

This cupboard was described minutely with substantial agreement as to the details. The fiction of the cupboard was developed by a few suggestive questions ingeniously put, such as the following: "Is there a cupboard in the room?" (The reply was "Yes.") "Where is it?" "How many drawers does it have?"

Professor Colvin of the University of Illinois, writing in the Independent, says that he has carried on the same experiment with a score of subjects, both adults and children, and has not found one who could give a completely accurate description of what he had seen, even in the direct testimony, while under the influence of the questions the witnesses have all shown extensive falsification in one or more particulars.

Scarcely two witnesses have agreed as to the time of the clock; some have not observed that it was going (a fact clearly indicated by the position of the pendulum); several have described the shoes of the boy in detail (he is barefooted); four have seen the cupboard; several have said that the lawn is visible through the window and have embellished it with fountain and shrubs; some have seen a road winding beyond the lawn and lined with an avenue of trees, taken bodily from one of the pictures on the wall; a non-existent tablecloth has been described as torn; the woman's apron has been given all the colors of the rainbow, but seldom the right one; the sleeves of the man's coat, nowhere visible, have been described as worn at the edges; the brilliant red waistcoat has generally been overlooked. But, most remarkable of all, the entire twenty witnesses have taken their oaths that the cradle is not blue, but a red or a reddish brown.

The results of this picture test are all the more remarkable when we remember that the witnesses in this experiment are in a much more advantageous position for giving an accurate report than are the witnesses of ordinary events. In trials in court the witness is ordinarily called upon to relate what has occurred only after a considerable lapse of time. Meanwhile he is subjected to various questions, often by interested persons. He talks about the occurrence with neighbors and friends, and then he is placed on the witness stand with the injunction to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth." Under such circumstances the wonder is that there is any resemblance between the testimony and the actual facts.

A reader of this department asks whether it will damage blue grass to apply air slaked lime on it. If scattered thinly it would do no particular harm. Neither would any benefit result unless the soil were inclined to be wet and sour, in which case the lime would serve to sweeten it and correct an acid condition. Usually where this is the case, the grass is thin or does not grow at all, while sorrel is likely to

CURIOSITIES OF PAIN.

A Cramp in the Toe May Indicate a Disordered Stomach.

Pain sometimes behaves in a curious fashion. There was a soldier in London after the Boer war who complained of excruciating neuralgic pains in his right foot.

This very much amused his friends, for he had lost his right leg, and both leg and foot were long buried near Ladysmith.

The explanation was that the pain happened to be in the trunks of those nerves which had sent branches to the foot. Sometimes a patient comes to a doctor complaining of pain in the knee, and he is greatly surprised when the doctor tells him that the site of the affection is not the knee, but the hip. We are all familiar with the pain under the shoulder blade which comes from an afflicted liver.

The stomach, too, can produce pain in many parts of the body. A disordered stomach will give us pain as far away as the head, and when one gets a cramp in his toe it is often due to acidity of the stomach. Swallow a pinch of soda and the cramp will disappear.

An aching tooth will produce neuralgic pains in the face, and very often a violent pain at the back of the head is due to the faraway kidneys, which themselves may suffer no pain at the time.

FEAST OF THE VULTURES.

Magic of a Tiger's Carcass in the Open Air in India.

The vulture is seen at its best when a dead tiger, brought into camp to be skinned, is exposed in the open. Overhead is a cloudless sky and not a bird to be seen in that great void by the human eye.

The tiger's body is thrown from the pad to the ground, and before the skin has been removed there above one and always nearing the earth are the vultures circling, poisoning like things of air, now a dozen of them, in a few minutes a score or two and then a hundred strong. Then, when the flayed carcass of the tiger is left by those who skinned it, the vultures descend.

Down they come like feathered thunder out of the sky, and from east and west and north and south, the very embodiment of power while they whirl aloft and in their quick descent to earth, and now, as they wadde around that carrion beast, misshapen ghouls, whose only apparent strength is that of the ravening jaws which tear and gorge the tiger's flesh until within the hour naught of that splendid brute remains but a clean picked skeleton.—Sir Edward Bruden's "Thirty Years of Shikar."

Followed Suit.

This curious incident comes from Suhr, Switzerland: An inspector of schools, without any previous warning, visited the village school and found the elderly teacher asleep at his desk and the children departed, having apparently taken French leave. To give the teacher a great surprise and a bad quarter of an hour the inspector decided to wait until he awoke and seated himself on a bench in front of the culprit. The hours passed, and the inspector himself went to sleep. The teacher, on awakening and seeing who was sleeping before him, quietly left the school for home. Without entering the schoolroom the concierge locked up the school and the slumbering inspector. Several hours later the concierge heard a great noise and, arming himself, opened the door and was greatly surprised to find the angry inspector before him.

Three Million Wires to an Inch.

Gold has been hammered out to thin sheets whose thinness is beyond imagination, so thin a pile one inch high would doubtless contain 300,000 if all were as thin as the thinnest one. But a platinum wire has been drawn to a diameter so minute that 3,000,000 side by side would occupy one inch. The method was to surround platinum with silver and draw the mass into finer and finer wire. Then the silver coating was dissolved off with nitric acid, leaving the excessively thin, insoluble thread of platinum. Particles of gold have been seen in the new ultra violet light, dark ground reflecting microscopes so small that a row containing 250,000 would be one inch long. And there are animals as small.—New York American.

And He Lasted Sixty Years.

Roger Crab, the hermit and astrologer, almost solved the problem of how to live without eating. About 1641 he began to restrict himself to a vegetarian diet, avoiding even butter and cheese. From roots he got to a vegetarian diet of broth, thickened with bran, and pudding made of bran and turnip leaves chopped together, and he finally resorted to dock leaves and grass. He drank nothing but water and lived for nearly forty years on 3 farthings a week. He died in London in 1680 in his sixtieth year.

A good many reform movements are run on a good deal the same line as cutting dandelions out by hand when ad joining lots are allowed to mature duffy heads by the hundred for the wind to scatter hither and yon. It is a pitifully inadequate adaptation of means to ends.

Before transplanting the tomato, egg, pepper and other plants from the hot-bed, they should be hardened by reducing the amount of water used in sprinkling them and by keeping the sash off. When they have had time to get used to the outdoor conditions they may be taken up.

American Woman Has Driven the Servant From the Home

Democracy Is Lacking

Old World Methods Employed



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NO other honest work so BELLITTLES a woman socially as housework

world's ease. Being imitations and not natural growths, they, of course, cannot be.

performed for money. It is the only field of labor which has scarcely felt the touch of the modern labor movement; the only one where the hours, conditions and wages are not being attacked generally; the only one in which THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION OR STANDARDIZATION, NO TRAINING, NO REGULAR ROAD OF PROGRESS.

It is the only field of labor in which there seems to be a general tendency to abandon the democratic notion and return frankly to the standards of the aristocratic regime. The multiplication of livery, the tipping system, the terms of address, all show an increasing IMITATION OF THE OLD WORLD'S METHODS.

Unhappily enough, they are used with little or none of the old

More serious still is the relation which has been shown to exist between CRIMINALITY AND HOUSEHOLD OCCUPATIONS. Nothing, indeed, which recent investigation has established ought to startle the American woman more.

Contrary to public opinion, it is not the factory and shop which are making women offenders of all kinds. It is the HOUSEHOLD.

THE AMERICAN WOMAN IS A VERY POOR DEMOCRAT, AND BY HER UNWILLINGNESS TO DEMOCRATIZE HER HOUSEHOLD AND HER LACK OF INTEREST IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS AFFAIRS SHE HAS DRIVEN THOSE WHO INSTINCTIVELY FEEL THAT HOUSEHOLD LABOR WOULD BE THE BETTER TASK WERE NOT THE COST OF PERFORMING IT TOO GREAT INTO THE SHOP AND FACTORY.

BRIEF NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Engelien may be expected to have a prominent place at the Salem State Fair. A plan is now under way to show in each town boys and girls under one year, under two years and under three years. The prizes will be awarded on points rather than that of doll-like beauty, and the best children will then be taken to the State Fair and entered in a statewide contest.

Managers of the Pendleton Round-up expect an attendance this year of 50,000 visitors. The show will be bigger and better than ever before, with more varied attractions than last year. The dates are September 23-28.

Oregon has a good chance to win the national prize for advance in earth education this year. The state committee has under way an exhibit showing how 75,000 boys and girls of the state have been interested in the new competitive gardening contests and how 10,000 Portland school children were enlisted in similar work in that city. Perhaps no other state ever gave such liberal support to this movement at the outset. The next step, it is expected, will be to make this industrial education an integral part of the state school system.

For the first time in its history the famous battleship Oregon is to visit its own state. During the Elks' reunion, the historic old fighting ship will be brought to Portland harbor, where it will be much admired by all loyal Oregonians. Naval officials have at last given their consent to the request that the Oregon be brought here.

ELECTRIC ROADS TO GRIDIRON VALLEY

A gridiron of electric roads throughout the most fertile parts of the Willamette Valley, costing \$8,000,000, is announced by the Southern Pacific. Yamhill, McMinnville, Corvallis, Asea, Albany, Eugene, Molalla, Salem, Falls City, Canby, Aurora, Lebanon and many other points are to be reached by this new system of roads, which will develop the country reached as nothing else can. With these big improvements going on and the biggest crop in its history to be harvested, the state has nothing to fear from the usual blighting effects on business of Presidential year.

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