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Superior Children to Live

Who says that a child who is too smart will not live? Who says that learning how to write, dance, play the piano, spell and tell stories adversely affects a child's brain?

It seems to be quite a widespread belief that intellectual precocity is pathological and that exceptionally bright children are usually unhealthy and are likely to become physically or mentally wrecks if their intellectual interests are at all stimulated.

Evidently the neighbors are worrying the life out of our inquiring friend: "I have three children, all girls. The oldest is now 5 and is very smart. People tell me she will not live. When she was 22 months old she went to the store for bread, milk and cake all alone. When she was 3 years old she got the lunch for my wife and baby for a week while I was working and wife was sick in bed. At that age she knew forty-six Mother Goose stories. Now she can spell 105 words.

"She wants to learn how to write, dance and play the piano. Is it too much for her? I am told it will affect her brain?"

No, my good friend, it will not, provided, of course, she is also interested in fresh air, good food, sleep and play. There is a fallacy that children of exceptional intellectual ability are likely to have little interest in play. In a study made by Dr. Terman of superior children he found thirty-eight out of fifty-one children were described by both teachers and parents as entirely normal in their play, seven of the others were said to play less than the average child, but to play normally when they did play.

Mother Goose stories, spelling 105 words, learning to write, dance and play the piano will not affect adversely your child's brain. Studies which have been made of gifted children do not disclose the pathological symptoms popularly supposed to accompany exceptional intellectual ability. This will disappoint the neighbors and postpone indefinitely any "saying it with flowers."

While we are about it, let us quote from Dr. Terman some conclusions being reached in his study of superior children:

1. That intellectually superior children are apparently equal to the average in general health;
2. That in the vast majority of cases their ability is general rather than special or one-sided;
3. That the superiority is especially marked in moral and personal traits;
4. That "queerness," deficiency in playing, and marked lack of social adaptability are the exception rather than the rule;
5. That, while superior children are likely to be accelerated on the basis of chronological age, they are usually two or three grades retarded on the basis of mental age;
6. That their school work is such as to warrant promotion in most cases to a grade closely corresponding to the mental age;
7. That the superiority tends to show early in life, is little influenced by formal instruction, and is permanent;
8. That superior children usually come from superior families.

We hear a great deal about defectives and the edu-

cational and social problems with which they trouble us. Gradually our public schools are making special provision for the intellectually superior—they are just as numerous as the dull, and their development is far more important to civilization. The dull gets lots of attention because of their maladjustment. Children of superior ability are often buried alive amid the deadening mass of the dull.

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BUCHAREST, Rumania, July 27. (AP)—Queen Marie has decided to visit the United States again. She hopes to start soon after the period of mourning for King Ferdinand is over, she told the correspondent for the Associated Press today.

In a conversation with the correspondent, the queen, who is gradually recovering from the first shock of Ferdinand's death, said that she wished to travel next time as a private person so that she could go where she pleased, do as she wanted, not be a burden to the state and municipal authorities and avoid quarrels among her followers.

"There are a thousand and one things I omitted seeing on my last journey, and legions of people I wanted to meet."

"I want to see one of your national political conventions and if time and my duties permit next summer it is possible that I shall be able to leave here in time to see such a gathering."

The queen also told the correspondent that she hoped to find time to write a book of her impressions of the United States and the American people. "I carried back a thousand pleasant memories of my stay in your country," said the queen, "but there were also some mistakes which can be rectified on the next trip."

URGENT FRANKLIN MEMORIAL. PHILADELPHIA, July 27. (AP)—The originator of "Poor Richard" probably never dreamed of a \$10,000,000 memorial to his memory. Yet such a memorial may be built. A movement has been started by the Poor Richard club, an organization of advertising men, to spend that sum for a structure to honor the memory of Benjamin Franklin.

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SAN JOSE, Calif., July 27. (A.P.)—Success of the California Cooperative prune merger, embracing 14 packers, the California Prune and Apricot Growers association, and the newly organized prune producers association, joining forces to stabilize the prune industry, looked dubious early today, with thousands of acres yet to be signed into the pool to enable its operation campaign.

headquarters in its posted. Efforts were being made today to bring the total acreage signed to 32,000, the minimum required by this date to comply with the packer-growers agreement. A total of 65,000 acres must be signed by August 17 in order to control 90 percent of the state prune crop. The Sacramento clearing house association wired approval of the merger headquarters here and pledged its support to the campaign.

HAPPY STUDENTS HERE NEW YORK, July 27. (AP)—I urge upon professors, who are hungry, writes Elton B. Whipple, associate professor of journalism at New York university, in offering an anthology of features by his class. The book is believed to be an innovation, since every class member contributed. The professor said the class "laughed its way" through the course and learned more from jokes and criticisms than from lectures.

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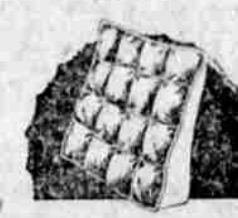
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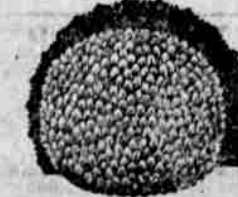
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