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TALENT FOR MUSIC

Through tests devised by psychologists, many interesting and useful facts have been discovered concerning the aptitude of a child for various pursuits. If the information developed by these tests is practically applied, much time and money will be saved for the activities for which the child is naturally suited.

It is now possible, according to Prof. Sestini of Iowa University, to positively determine the musical talent possessed by any child, even before he begins the study of music. The results, however, are not conclusive, as many others may justly be said.

Practical experiments have demonstrated that a person may have a high sense of pitch, with a poor sense of tone, and so on. Only when the results of these tests are known are we able to find real talent. When these purely musical elements are combined with a high general intelligence the foundation for an exceptional musician is found.

Contrary to the general belief, aptitude for musical training is not innate. It must be induced. A child with a poor sense of pitch at the age of eight will have a poor sense of pitch all his life, no matter how much he may study and practice. The rest, truly, develops that which is possessed at birth. Those who have musical aptitude would have much needless torture for music students and those who must listen to them, facilities for making the tests were available.

Prof. Sestini declares that no attempt should be made to force an untrained child to learn music, as the result must be disappointing to all concerned. He says it is a tragedy to drive an unusual boy to practice several hours a day on a violin, "while at the same time you may be ruining a perfect good mechanic, or architect, or second baseman."

ROALD AMUNDSEN

Of all the heroes who have perished in the Arctic and Antarctic, Roald Amundsen was the most distinguished, and while the date of his death is not known, he may be known, he will be remembered not only as a great explorer, but as one who died in an effort to rescue his fellow-men, one of whom was a former enemy.

Amundsen's death is unique in that he discovered the South Pole, the magnetic pole, and also attained the North Pole. His accomplishments these feats of daring, he referred to his native Norway at the age of 56 to spend the remainder of his life in quiet.

But the flight of Nobile, his companion of the Arctic, across the North Pole, with whom he had a friendly rivalry, aroused the danting Amundsen, who immediately cast his eye to his son to join in the search. While Nobile was rescued by other Arctic men perished. At any event he has not been found, and a bit of wreckage from his plane, found weeks later, apparently leaves no doubt as to his tragic fate.

His record as a polar explorer can never be duplicated so far as pioneering is concerned. He is destined to reach the poles—North, South and magnetic—and although others may in the future attain all three, Amundsen's priority will stand for all time.

The world mourns with Norway for loss of her intrepid son.

HUNDRED BILLION DOLLARS

Of all the "movements" for improved uplift which have utterly failed, the anti-smarette crusade of a few years ago was perhaps the most conspicuous example. At present the only organization against cigarette smoking is the Anti-Cigarette League of Norway.

At the beginning of the present century cigarette smokers were comparatively rare and persons who used tobacco in this form were not generally held in very high esteem. But the popularity of the "fag" or "Coffey-nail," as the cigarette was sometimes called, grew rapidly from that time on, so that

1915 more than 15 billion cigarettes were consumed. Since that year the number of smokers appears to have given an impetus to cigarette smoking, and by 1920 the number used in a year had risen to more than 50 billion. Since that time the increase in consumption has been amazing, the number of cigarmakers during the fiscal year of 1927 being reported as 100,000,000, and the \$750,000,000 world award was more than \$200,000 an acre for some worthless land.

Strange to say, the decrease, in cigar smoking was not very marked during the years in which cigarette showed a great increase. Eight billion cigars were consumed in 1915 and 1920, and in 1927 there was more than 40 billion.

In 1915 the production of smoking and chewing tobacco used to be

slightly over 400 million pounds, while in 1927 it was 361 million pounds.

Argument over the effects of tobacco upon the health has ranged from the one side considering the effects as seriously harmful, the other that its supposed injurious effects have been grossly exaggerated. Even doctors disagree about it, and the American people do not appear to take warning against cigarettes very seriously, anyway, they are smoking more than 100 billion of them every year.

WATCH YOUR MACHINE

Every person who works and operates a piece of machinery is careful to see that it is kept in good condition. This is generally done through frequent inspections to detect unusual wear and tear, so as to have the necessary repairs made before the machine becomes useless.

The most important piece of machinery of all, however, is often sadly neglected. We refer to the human body, the machine upon which all of us live and depend.

It is true that people are more and more getting the habit of having periodic physical examinations, even though they are in good health. By these examinations incipient disease may often be detected before the person examined would feel any discomfort from it. This is particularly true of diseases which attack the internal organs such as the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys.

Every person, especially those getting along toward middle age, should have a thorough physical examination at least once a year. This will not only detect disease or not. If no disease is found, it is a great satisfaction to know that one is sound physically, while a warning of disease in its first stages enables one to obtain treatment which may check its progress and materially prolong life.

Most large life insurance companies now afford their policyholders free medical examinations once a year and this privilege should be taken advantage of by all means. If a physical examination is free, the fee for such an examination is small and may save much suffering and expense in the future. Watch your human machine.

MISSION FUNDS STOLEN

For several weeks the daily newspapers have carried amazing stories of the dishonesty of Clinton S. Carson, for several years the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention. Carson, who disappeared from the board's headquarters in Atlanta leaving its funds short by an amount which may reach one million dollars, and possibly a million and a half.

Any organization's officials could be easily deceived so easily, and this failure to get along with their money is difficult to understand. Another startling discovery is that Carson was an ex-convict before his employment by the Baptist board. This is the season when camp meetings are held in many cases, several women are invited to the camp meetings, at least to the extent of having the services of a gift of money from him, supposedly for the purpose of enabling them to break into the millionaire as movie stars.

The thief of this wolf in sheep's clothing has been a pest to the church for some time, anyone to have unlimited sway in handling large sums of money without a periodical checking up in the most thorough manner.

The honest man will not object to being so checked up, but the dishonest one might be led to believe a large sum.

The loss of its funds will be a great handicap to the Baptist board in carrying out its worthy Home Mission program, or so that Carson was bonded for only \$50,000. The whole affair is most deplorable from every angle.

FARE PRIX SCHEMES

A remarkable scheme for separating the unwary from their money is being worked about both in the United States and Canada, according to a leading business men's magazine.

The plan is to insert an advertisement containing a perfectly simple puzzle which anyone can easily solve, and offer prize for

correct solutions. A favorite prize is a "building block" or a "pencil box."

Of course, anyone who sends in a solution of the puzzle wins a lot, but he is informed that what he will be expected to remit a sum—in one case \$7.75—for the dead and other incidental expenses incurred with the transaction.

The "Fare Prix" scheme would not be just \$7.75 for the privilege of working the puzzle, while his name is passed along to other swindlers as an easy mark.

These are perfectly legitimate prizes offered in various periodicals, but those which require a payment of cash before the prize is delivered are generally fraudulent and should be shunned.

FLYING TAXIS

Following closely upon the organization of a transcontinental airplane service comes the announcement of the proposed establishment of "flying taxi" service, whereby passengers may make trips for fares from one city to another.

The new enterprise is capitalized at \$7,500,000, the financing of which is said to have been completed, and the first step to be taken will be the equipping of flying fields and the organization of a corps of trained and qualified training of aviators are also to be established, probably one in the East, one in the Middle West and the third on the Pacific coast.

The great idea of airplanes for hire is not new, such a service having been operated since 1910, but the present enterprise is on a much larger scale than any heretofore projected.

With greater stability and safety of airplanes being constantly developed, it is reasonable to expect that this form of passenger transport will be greatly extended. The time perhaps not far distant when a large percentage of all travel will be by air.

WITTY AND WISE

There makes no world go round, besides turning a post many ways.

Prayers enjoy music and always listen eagerly for the news.

A man who is clever enough to be at home is also wise enough not to bring about his own destruction by jumping it will be through a correspondence course.

This is the season when camp managers jolly themselves to the bone in right.

A New Yorker was found in a leper colony there.

Members, too, will not be content difficult to adjust themselves to conditions in heaven.

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Justice was probably tempered with mercy at that.

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