

Can Eugenics Be Used To Improve The Human Race?

Dr. Clendening Finds Genius Comes From Mediocre Parents.

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Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes in his book "The History of Western Civilization," is pretty cocksure about most things, but he is a little doubtful as to whether mankind is going to improve or not.



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Up to the present man has not improved. "Primitive man, at least during the last 30,000 years, both physically and mentally, was in no way inferior to, or in any fundamental respect different from, modern civilized man."

But such shilly-shallying has got to stop, unless man is going to disappoint Dr. Barnes' expectations, because we are at the "crisis in contemporary civilization," and "it is high time that students of history recognize that all is not well in the modern world, and accustom themselves to the idea of social change." The same viewpoint is expressed by another writer, Dr. C. C. Hurst, in "Heredity and the Ascent of Man."

"If man determines to take a hand in his own destiny, intellectual progress will be rapid and more rapid with each generation. On the other hand, if he refuses to act on the new knowledge, intellectual progress will be slow and intermittent as in the past, since natural selection favors a dominant mediocrity."

That, of course, is improvement not by the imposition of a new social system, but by the application of biological laws—eugenics. And it is when we begin to formulate what we want from genetics that we uncover its theoretical inadequacy. To improve the entire race and create a general advance of intellectual prowess would be ruinous: because one man out of a million population—125 truly advanced men in this country—can furnish us more progress in science, medicine, engineering, industrialization, and economics than we can easily absorb in one generation.

And indeed the examples of families who have maintained a high standard of hereditary selection—the Roosevelts and the Edwardses—show that they have attained merely a higher level of mediocrity. They have produced jurists, physicians, college professors, bankers—in general, neither laborers nor leaders. If we turn to the starry-eyed geniuses of the world—Shakespeare, Dickens, Keats, Lincoln, Pasteur, Newton, Edison, Ford—we find they sprang from parents of just that level of dominant mediocrity that Dr. Hurst sees as the product of our present natural selection.

What eugenics could do, if enforced, would very probably be to cut down the birth of feeble-minded and mentally deficient, which have become an enormous burden on the social structure.

Another plan for saving civilization is that of Dr. Alexis Carrel (in "Man, the Unknown"), who believes the world should be ruled by a Council of Doctors of Medicine to whom the political rulers of the world would come for orders.

"Their silent meditation would protect the inhabitants of the new city from the mechanical inventions which are dangerous for their body or their mind, from the whims of the specialists in education, nutrition, morals, sociology."

At any rate, we might give the doctors a trial. They couldn't do any worse than the politicians.

Coiffures In Vogue For 1936



Some of the new hair styles which will be fashionable in 1936, according to FERDINAND GRAFF, top, well known Hollywood coiffurist, are displayed by these four charming New York models, left to right: VIOLET CARSON, HAZEL BOFINGER, MARDEE HOFF, recently chosen as the girl with the most perfect figure, and ETHEL SUMMERVILLE.

Ishbel MacDonald's Inn Is Busy On Opening Day

Daughter of the Former Prime Minister of Great Britain in New Venture.

London.—United States Ambassador Robert W. Bingham and Mrs. Bingham were among the hundreds of persons who flocked from London to watch Ishbel MacDonald, the daughter of Ramsay MacDonald, the former Prime Minister and now Lord President of the Council, in action for the first time as proprietress of Ye Olde Plow Inn in the heart of the Buckinghamshire countryside.

The little village of Speen had not known such excitement since Jubilee Day, and because of the great influx of visitors the village police force—one strong—had to be mobilized soon after the inn opened to unravel the tangle of automobiles parked outside the 300-year-old building.

Throughout the day more and more cars came over the steep, winding lanes to where the red-bricked and timbered inn lies in a hollow among the Chiltern Hills. By afternoon Miss MacDonald found that her stock of beer was running low and she was beginning to wonder whether she would need to consult her architect brother, Alistair MacDonald, about building extensions to the premises.

But the rush of luncheon guests could not upset Miss MacDonald, who had coped with plenty of emergencies like this while she was hostess at 10 Downing Street in the days when her father was Prime Minister. Wearing a woollen dress with a large silk bow, she deftly and smilingly served dishes of roast beef at lunchtime, swept away empty glasses from tables, scurried from dining room to kitchen to cellar stairs and counted change. She was even busier than any of her helpers.

"There's been rather a rush today," she explained to the guests. "I'm sorry there's not more room."

After luncheon, when a little group of friends tasted her health, Miss MacDonald said glowingly she never had had so good a time



ISHBEL MacDonald.

daughter of Ramsay MacDonald, former British Prime Minister, who has turned innkeeper and is running a busy English inn in the little village of Speen, near High Wycombe.

—not even in the days when she was one of the first ladies of the land and extended hospitality to statesmen and diplomats and to leaders in all other walks of life.

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But the ministry of labor says optimistically, in a pamphlet, that there are at least 76.

The pamphlet, "Some Careers for Secondary School Girls," outlines the qualifications required for all the 76, the cost of training for them, and the salaries girls may expect to earn.

The only career—according to this pamphlet—which does not welcome women with open arms is optical work, where, it is stated, "prejudice exists" and employment after training is "uncertain except for girls who may have family influence in securing posts."

Otherwise, according to the pamphlet, the world is an open oyster to ambitious girls.

They may train for the museum service and earn \$750 to \$4,250 a

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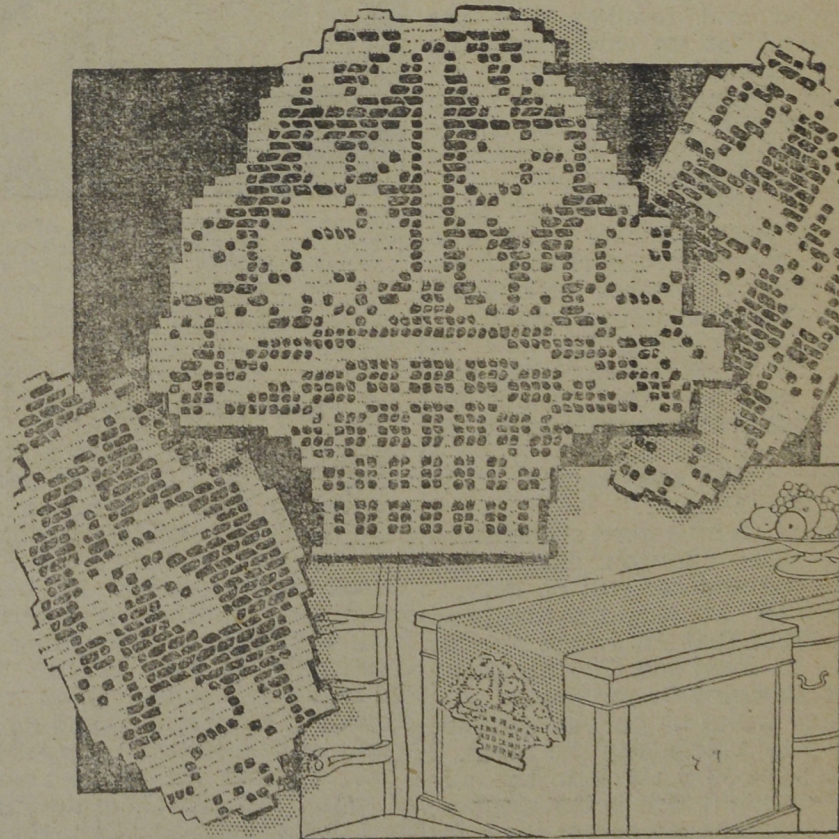


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year, or for occupation therapy, a profession for women still in the pioneer stage, with prospects of from \$350 to \$500 resident or \$750 to \$1,000 non-resident.

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