

CRIMINALS JUST LIKE OTHER FOLK

Differences Not of Kind, but
of Degree, Says Expert.

NO CRIMINAL TYPE EXISTS.

Dr. Goring, Medical Officer of English Prison, Gives Results of Twelve Years' Study of Wrongdoers—Criminals Are Defective, but Only by Contrast With Normal People.

"As individuals criminals possess no characteristics, physical or mental, which are not shared by all people. The only difference is one of degree." Such is the conclusion reached after a remarkable statistical investigation based upon measurements of prisoners in Parkhurst prison, England, which began in 1901, now set forth by Dr. Goring, the medical officer of the prison, in a monograph which is of extraordinary scientific and human interest.

Dr. Goring's measurements shatter the theory propounded by Lombroso that there is a definite criminal type and that it is even possible to know the various kinds of criminals by their faces. The nose of the thief is not, as Lombroso taught, "short and large," the eye of the homicidal "hot glassy, cold and fixed." Crime does not reveal itself in a man's outward visage.

The general characteristics of the English convict are those of a defective. He is defective in physical strength, weight, stature and mental capacity. It is found that in height and bodily weight he is very markedly inferior to the general average of the population. This is the only solid fact ascertained which might suggest the existence of a criminal type.

Highbrows and Lowbrows.

One venerable superstition laid to rest by Dr. Goring is that a low forehead connotes criminality and a high forehead intelligence.

The different classes of criminals, he shows, do not differ markedly among themselves or vary much, except in height and weight, from the standard of population, while hospital inmates who are quite free from crime, but of weak physique, in many characteristics signally resemble the malefactor. Thieves and burglars, it is true, are unusually puny, while fraudulent offenders are commonly as tall and heavy as the average man, but this is because the fraudulent offender is drawn from a higher class of the population than the thief.

The remarkable inferiority of the criminal in height and weight is explained very simply. Stature and physique are endowments which enable a man readily to obtain an honest occupation. "We might easily produce statistics," says Dr. Goring, "to show that, all other things being equal, the poor man's physique serves frequently as the casting vote determining whether he can easily find employment or be unemployed." It is for this reason apparently and no other that crime is to some extent hereditary, low stature being transmitted by parents to their progeny.

Causes of Criminality.

The criminal's health appears to have no effect upon his proclivity to crime, nor is it true that drink is the cause of crime, except in the case of violent offenses against the person. Social inequality, often paraded as the true cause, appears to have even less to do with making a criminal, but a low standard of intelligence, often amounting to mental deficiency, has been found in the vast majority of criminals.

Dr. Goring concludes: "The chief source of the high degree of relationship between weak-mindedness and crime is probably beside the fact. The thing which we call criminality and which leads to the perpetration of many if not most anti-social offenses today is not inherent wickedness, but natural stupidity."

The volume is epoch making in that it is "the first attempt to arrive at results in criminology by the statistical treatment of facts, which in a crude form are without scientific value."

FORMS A ONE MAN TRUST.

Philadelphia Carpenter Incorporates Himself For \$2,000,000; Partly Water.

Benjamin F. Roberts, a carpenter of 924 Cumberland street, Philadelphia, has sent to Harrisburg papers incorporating himself for \$2,000,000 as a one man trust.

Roberts said that he was watering his stock somewhat, as he might not be able to pay dividends upon the \$2,000,000 stock issue which he purposes to sell to friends or other interested parties, but he contended he had as much right to inflate his personal stock as any other corporation.

Brilliant Signs Lure Hawks.

Maurice Willen of Georgetown, Del., has a new scheme for killing chicken hawks which he claims proves that hen hawks have an artistic sense despite their ferocity.

Maurice secured a number of large advertising signs brilliantly painted, which he set in his poultry yard, the pictures luring the hen hawks down for a look, when Willen, hiding with a gun, shoots them.

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MAKE PETS OF SNAKES NEW JAPANESE HOBBY.

Slant Eyed Belles Now Carry Striped and Spotted Serpents.

To make pets of snakes is the latest hobby of Japanese society, according to recent dispatches from Tokyo. Fashionable women are cultivating a fancy for small live serpents. They have about them the harmless spotted keel backs and striped snakes, which are easily tamed.

The man who has done more than anybody else to establish this hobby is Kinjiro Nakamura, who has been engaged in the snake business for more than twenty years and who has a wonderful assortment of reptiles.

The most productive districts for snakes in Japan are certain mountain sections near Tokyo and Nikko. Here they are caught in large numbers. Japanese snake catchers drink sake before starting out to hunt large serpents, so that they will not be stupefied by the "poisonous breath" of the reptile.

A real combat occurred recently between three men and a serpent twenty feet long. The snake poised its head about six feet above ground, knocked two men down with its tail, rendered another unconscious with its "poisonous breath" and then escaped.

But Mr. Nakamura has found other uses for snakes. He says they are popular as tonics for the digestive organs and that some are used successfully as a remedy for pulmonary consumption. There is the food question too. Nakamura says that the Japanese viper is splendid as a stimulant either in powdered form or eaten with Japanese soy. In the districts around Nikko rice with snake fricassee is considered a most royal dish. The viper is also good as a cure for stomach trouble if taken soaked in Japanese sake.

British cheeses are all made from cow's milk without any mixture, save in the case of "loaf" cheddar, which is sometimes flavored with sage leaves.

Cruel Tail Docking.

Horses in Italy are docked in a cruel and disgusting fashion. Several of the caudal vertebrae are amputated—it is a kind of crippling—and the plague of flies in Italy, against which the horse is rendered helpless, is of a kind never known in America.

Sewing by Machine.

The earliest attempt at sewing by machinery of which there is any authentic record was in 1775, in which year a machine was patented in England by Charles F. Weisenthal.

BIGGEST DAM IN WORLD BUILDING

To Impound 4,000,000,000
Cubic Feet of Water.

WILL BE 305 FEET HIGH.

Giant Structure Thrown Across the Yuba River Is Expected to Double California's Water Power When Finished—Expected to Be in Operation by Jan. 1, 1914.

In a few months there will be partly completed in California a dam which, when entirely finished, will be the largest in the world. It is expected that the structure will reach a height sufficient to allow it to be put in operation about the first of the year, but later on the work will be carried through to the full extent of the magnitude contemplated. The finished project will result in more than doubling the horsepower available in the state, which on Jan. 1, 1912, the records of the agricultural department showed to be 450,000.

This enterprise is part of the hydro-electric development of the Golden State. The dam referred to is being built in a narrow gorge of the south fork of the Yuba river, commonly called the South Yuba, just below Lake Spaulding, one of the largest of a chain of storage reservoirs owned and operated on the Sierra range by the largest public utilities corporation of California. The capacity of this lake today is about 250,000,000 cubic feet, but the new dam, which is to be 305 feet high, will have the effect of raising the waters to such height as to give the lake a storage capacity of just sixteen times that amount.

Installing Power Plants.

Six power plants are also being constructed along the entire length of the valley country between the Sierra Nevada mountains and the Sacramento valley. These plants, when installed to their full capacity, are expected to add not less than 100,000 horsepower to this company's electric generating and distributing system.

An appropriation of \$10,000,000 was made for this great enterprise. Work was begun immediately upon the approval of the engineers' estimates in July, 1912, and before the winter season stopped operations the foundation of the big dam had been constructed to the extent of lifting a breast wall to the waters of the South Yuba at a height of thirty-eight feet above bedrock. From the site of this dam the water is to be conveyed by a mile long tunnel bored through solid rock, which at the other end discharges into what is known as Bear river valley, and down which, at the distance of nine miles from the lake, stands the Drum powerhouse, nestling in a gorge of the Bear river underneath a precipice of 1,375 feet, down which two pipes will convey the waters from the ditch above to the waiting wheels. Work on this tunnel was carried on through the winter, and on May 1 last the gangs of workmen, laboring from either end, met in the middle, and the tunnel is now fully completed.

Origin of Project.

The project had its origin in the purchase by the California Gas and Electric corporation of the properties of the South Yuba Water company, which owned a number of storage lakes, canals and ditches that were originally constructed for the benefit of the mining industry in the days before the hydraulic monitor was put out of commission by California's state law. This purchase was made in 1905, and only a few months later the company's engineers went over the ground and selected Lake Spaulding as the best available site for a storage reservoir that would be larger by far than anything ever before conceived, let alone executed, in that region.

Then came the San Francisco fire and the 1907 panic, and it was not until the Pacific Gas and Electric company took over the property and franchises of the California Gas and Electric corporation that the great dam and its collateral work became practicable. The Pacific company has been serving with gas and electric power an extensive region in California, and the new project will vastly enlarge its facilities.

PIGEON'S RECORD FLIGHT.

Bird Flies a Thousand Miles in 26 Hours 30 Minutes.

One thousand miles, air line distance, between Abilene, Tex., and Fort Wayne, Ind., in 26 hours, 30 minutes and 6 seconds actual flying time was the remarkable flight of a homing pigeon belonging to O. Anderson of Fort Wayne during the latter part of July.

The records, sent to President Carney of the American Racing Pigeon union in Pittsburgh for verification, have just been officially announced. Forty-seven birds contested in the race from the Texas city, and the record made by Mr. Anderson's bird is a world's mark.

The second bird to arrive in Fort Wayne from Abilene belonged to J. Schilling. It had been on the road 36 hours 51 minutes 47 seconds actual flying time. The speed of Mr. Anderson's bird averaged more than thirty-eight miles an hour.

Minute "Movies" of the News Right Off the Reel

A brand new dance, the "pussy snook," comes from Ouset, Mass.

Statistics show that the United States is the greatest meat eating nation in the world.

The Balkan government has advertised in the German newspapers for 3,000 artificial legs.

A lumberman in Wisconsin, eighty-three years old, just married, has a bride of the same age, and they have courted fifty years.

A prisoner serving a life sentence in Jefferson City, Mo., applies for a pardon, and witnesses swear the man he was convicted of murdering is still alive.

In the spring of 1841, when William T. Osborne of Newburg, N. Y., was twenty-nine years old, four doctors told him he had consumption and could not live long. Recently he celebrated his one hundred and first birthday. The four doctors are dead and have been many years.

Our Suffragettes.

The ladies who are so anxious for suffrage ought to be reasonable enough to see that there are not half enough offices for the men.—Houston Post.

No wonder the western suffragettes are clamoring to be appointed elevator "boys" in the federal buildings—it isn't every job that enables a lady to stand up in front of a mirror all day long with all the men taking off their hats to her.—Boston Transcript.

Train and Track.

Of 74,000 locomotives inspected last year by the Interstate commerce commission over 48,000 were defective.

The rounded roofs of modern sleeping cars have been found to provide purer air than the older styles of decked roofs with windows in the sides.

Schemes for the construction of a 3,000 mile railway through Central Africa, at a cost roughly estimated at \$50,000,000, have been revived by the termination of the war between Italy and Turkey.

A Mermaid.

I'd love to be a mermaid.
And with the mermaids stand,
A-grooming of my golden locks,
A mirror in my hand;
Clad in a sinuous one piece suit
Of shining silvery scales,
But I would never wish to wear
Their regulation tails!

"Wouldn't be picturesque, methinks,
If stranded on the beach
To wriggle through the shallow waves
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Tails in the briny are au fait.
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