

## HOME ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM

Problems of scientific home making, ranging from "the use of fat in the human body" to "the home maker and the delinquent" will be discussed at the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association, to be held in San Francisco August 1 to 6. One general session will be given over to the relation of home economics to changing social ideals and practices. More than 1,000 persons are expected to attend.

## AMERICAN CHILDREN CLAIMED MORE INTELLIGENT THAN CHINESE

Intelligence tests recently conducted in San Francisco public schools show American children to be superior to Chinese children in the matter of intelligence, says Virginia T. Graham in her report of the tests to appear in The Journal of Comparative Psychology.

The Chinese children used as subjects for the tests were all pupils of the Oriental School of San Francisco, a public school exclusively for Chinese. Only about one fifth of the children tested were born in China, but all were of Chinese parentage and came from Chinese speaking homes. The majority were Cantonese.

The subjects were all twelve years old and as practically all of the twelve year old children in the school were tested, the group was reasonably representative.

Several different types of standard mental tests were used, and in so far as possible tests were selected which would not likely be affected by the difference in language. These same tests had been given previously to a group of American children and the results recorded.

WHAT THE HEAVENS OFFER IN AUGUST

## "NORTHERN CROSS" NOW PROMINENT IN EVENING

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About nine o'clock in the evening, when it is clear, look at the eastern sky, near the zenith, and you will see the constellation of Cygnus, the Swan, better known, perhaps, as the "Northern Cross". Residents of the southern hemisphere are justly proud of their famous "Southern Cross", and greatly resent any aspersions cast on it, but of the two, the Northern Cross is the more perfect. The southern consists of brighter stars, but unlike ours, has no star at the intersection of the upright and the arms. The northern one, as we see it this month, is on its side. The upright consists of three bright stars and a fainter one, which are in a row running almost north and south. At the northern end is Deneb, while the southern one is Albireo; but astronomers scorn these ancient though picturesque names, and call them alpha and beta Cygni, after the usual system, by which the stars of a constellation are called by Greek letters in order of their brightness. The cross-piece runs from east to west, and just