

ADVANCES IN INDOOR LIGHTING PRESERVE EYESIGHT, SAYS EXPERT

A human being of today makes his eyes work harder than eyes have ever had to work in the history of civilization. But if indoor lighting is sufficiently powerful and properly shaded, the amount of defective vision, which is now so great, could be cut down materially.

How this situation is being worked out in the American home was described by Dr. M. Luckiesh, president of the Illuminating Engineering Society, who spoke before the National Electric Light Association, at its recent session.

Effective artificial light has been suddenly given to a civilization which for centuries had been used to feeble flickering lamps, Dr. Luckiesh pointed out. "Biologically speaking, we just came indoors yesterday." He added, however, that though the average American home is the best lighted in the world, it is not adequately lighted and "improper use of light is generally prevalent, thus contributing to waste through eye injury, discomfort, cheerlessness, and inefficiency."

An ideal plan for correct use of electric lighting in the home was described by Dr. Luckiesh, who said that a six room house should have 11 convenience outlets, 11 ceiling fixtures, 8 utilitarian brackets, and 8 portable lamps. Compared with conditions now found in the average home, this would mean trebling the number of lighting appliances, with the exception of ceiling fixtures. The number of ceiling fixtures in the average home is now 8. Dr. Luckiesh declared that "one-third of ceiling fixtures now in homes are absolutely obsolete."

Use of higher powered lamps, properly shaded, was urged by this lighting expert.

ANTI-EVOLUTION LAW IS PROPOSED IN LOUISIANA

Evolution is attacked in Louisiana by a bill, similar to the Tennessee and Mississippi laws, which has been introduced in the State House of Representatives by Charles H. Hudson of Union Parish.

The author of the bill states that he believes in evolution so far as it applies to plant breeding and the improvement of livestock, but is of the opinion that the teaching of the doctrine in the state institutions of higher learning is subversive of religion and should therefore be stopped.

In the opinion of newspaper men and other observers in Baton Rouge and New Orleans, the bill has little chance of passage. It has been relegated to committee, where it may be left to die, in spite of efforts to get it to the floor of the House. Anti-evolution sentiment has the support of the Ku Klux Klan, it is stated, and this will earn the bill the opposition of the strong Catholic element in the state, as well as of the anti-Klan sections of the Protestant population.
