

PSYCHOLOGY

## **Engaged Couples Found** To Be Like Each Other

Study of 300 Engaged Couples Reveals That on Not a Single One of 36 Traits Were They Opposites

**B**OY loves Girl and Girl loves Boy, not because "opposites attract," but because they are closely alike in conventionality, religious feeling, dependability, breadth of interest and initiative.

Studies of 300 engaged couples, "most of whom have since married" told Dr. E. Lowell Kelly of Purdue University this, through undergoing a battery of psychological tests and allowing their friends to be questioned. Dr. Kelly told the Midwestern Psychological Association meeting in Chicago.

In not one of the 36 personality traits rated in Dr. Kelly's psychological study were the couples "opposite."

Financial support for the study was provided by the Committee for Research

DON'T BE SEASICK! Why Bring That Up? By Dr. Joseph Franklin Montague What to do about Seasickness \$2 142 Pages • Helpful • Humorous Illustrated • and AUTHORITATIVE Home Health Library, Inc. \$16 Fifth Avenue, New York City

DON'T BE SEASICK!

in Problems of Sex of the National Research Council.

Science News Letter, May 18, 1940

### Partially Deaf Aided

PARTIALLY deaf person can un-A PAKTIALLI usar person.

derstand speech much better with what hearing he has left if he has special training, Dr. Louis D. Goodfellow, of Northwestern University, told the

With some individuals, the loss of hearing is for certain pitches of tone only. These can have their defect corrected with amplifier compensated so as to exaggerate the pitches in which they are weak. As training proceeds, this compensation can be gradually decreased until the patient has adjusted himself to his own distortion of hearing.

Subtle, incidental cues such as noises and gross patterns can be used by the individual in "catching" what is said if he is trained to take notice of them, said Dr. Goodfellow, who is director of research for the American Institute for Deaf-Blind. The attitude of the individual toward his deafness is another important factor which, he feels, can be modified by training to enable him to make the fullest possible use of his residual hearing.
Science News Letter, May 18, 1940

#### **Dull Students Fare Poorly**

**D**ULL boys in school are likely to have a hard time getting and keeping jobs later in life, it appears from a follow-up of such persons reported by Dr. Warren R. Baller, of the University of Nebraska.

Tracing the careers of 307 individuals, who when in school were judged to have below-average intelligence, Dr. Baller found that they fared less well than have a similar group in age, nationality and sex, but with average intelligence.

These "dull" but normal persons were no better off in many respects, than another group who were actually deficient, Dr. Baller said.

Science News Letter, May 18, 1940

#### **Democracy Favors Growth**

"DEMOCRATIC" home, free of Adictatorship, allows the children to develop as they should socially, Drs. Mary Frances Hartson and Horace Champney of the Samuel S. Fels Research Institute, Antioch College, reported as the result of a study of 40 children and their parents.

A home in which children are free is conducive to social maturity, they found, whether this freedom is the result of conscious effort on the part of the parents to withhold unnecessary restrictions, advice and assistance, or whether it is due to the parents' being busy with other matters.

Science News Letter, May 18, 1940

# WONDER

By A. HYATT VERRILL

A lively description of common sea life that may be observed by any one, and of the strange crea-tures that inhabit the ocean's depths. Many enlightening drawings and photographs by author.

At All Booksellers

D. APPLETON-CENTURY COMPANY 35 W. 32nd St., New York