

mostly owls, ducks, and other large birds, but many if not all of them are specimens of commercial taxidermy. Bird study was Leopold's pastime, not a scientific study. He does show a fair knowledge of birds superficially, but only a nature lover's knowledge and not a scientist's. He is reported to have taught three classes in ornithology and one of these was at a woman's club. These had nothing whatever to do with the university. He probably merely tutored on the outside. Aside from his hobby of bird study, Leopold knew no biology.

Doctor Krohn, the alienist, says that Leopold invalidates his own argument by clearly indicating that he knows he did wrong. Furthermore, Leopold told reporters that he merely spoke thus to make his deed and arguments consistent. He repeatedly asserts that the killing of any animal is repulsive to him but during a meal he brazenly asserted that human flesh was one of the few raw meats he had never tried. He says our tastes in eating are merely matter of habit. In all this big talk and conceit he is simply fighting his conscience and his captor. A taunting reporter ridiculed his notorious epithet of intellectual giant so Leopold began a discourse on mentality and called the five divisions of the brain by their scientific names, thus showing a superficial knowledge. His friend, Miss Susan Lurie, says that he was fond of analyzing emotions and that his usual conversation had morbid tendency.

Loeb, who was obviously a follower not a leader, had an intense interest in crime, according to Miss Lurie and other students. He spent quite as much time on his gin-drinking escapades and on reading the several detective story magazines to which he subscribed as on his studies.

Three university officials, whose names are withheld, attribute the crime to lack of home discipline and religious training rather than to any scientific studies.

FRANKS SLAYERS CALLED RECOGNIZED ABNORMAL TYPES BY ALIENIST

A rational psychiatric explanation of the acts of Nathan E. Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, brilliant and youthful slayers of Robert Franks, would result from a study of these two youths. This is the opinion of Dr. William A. White, noted alienist and superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane, a government institution in Washington, D. C.

Except in their anti-social aspects, the acts of Leopold and Loeb do not differ in grotesqueness and peculiarity from thousands that occur every day and may be observed in institutions for the insane. It is to be expected, Dr. White declared, that when studied their acts will be found to fall into one of the various standard categories of mental disorders.

Noting that both Leopold and Loeb were brilliant young students, and that Leopold allowed his intellectual activities to expand over a wide range, Dr. White called attention to the fact that such intellects that border on genius often go to smash shortly after adolescence.

Land crabs, which are a nuisance to truck growers in Florida, may be exterminated by dropping a small quantity of carbon bisulphide in their burrows.
