

PHOENICIAN RING FOUND IN TOMB IN MALTA

A curious double ring of pure gold that probably was a factor in some of the Wall Street deals of the ancient Phoenicians, has just been found in a rock hewn tomb on the island of Malta. Twelve indentations on each side fit the two hoops together perfectly, it is said in a report to the Archaeological Institute of America, and help form the design of a complete sea-going galley.

Its probable Phoenician origin suggests, since the Phoenicians were the merchants of the early Mediterranean world, that it was used in sending confidential dispatches of a business nature. In those days of precarious communication one-half would probably be carried by a trusty messenger along with important letters to the owner's confidential agent who on recognizing and matching the ring would accept it as the bearer's identification.

URGES QUOTA LAW WAIVED FOR TALENTED IMMIGRANTS

Should the bars of the immigration quota law be let down to admit foreigners of outstanding promise or talent into the United States? This proposal that it might be advisable to ignore geography in the case of unusually brilliant individuals who want to come into this country is made by Dr. Carl C. Brigham, associate professor of psychology at Princeton University.

Dr. Brigham has for some time been engaged in the development of mental tests for use with immigrants. In a report on the progress of this work, to appear shortly in *Industrial Psychology*, he points out that such tests might be put to good use in spotting gifted immigrants, and that by a slight revision of the quota law this country "would be assured of a constant supply of men and women of exceptional value."

The chief problem now confronting psychologists who are devising tests for foreigners is to make the instructions given by the examiner clear to people speaking all sorts of languages and dialects. Experimenters are trying to avoid the use of language altogether in testing the mentality of foreigners, Dr. Brigham states, and are using pantomime instructions only. That language is not necessary in psychological experiments has been proved, he says, by animal experiments which have regularly been carried on without discourse between the human experimenter and the animal he observes.

Sunflower seed oil has many uses.

Nearly half of Idaho is forest land.
