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itics, in judging the ability to vote. We must not let the word "democracy" run away with our head. Pauperism is in the same light. Don't think that taboos of today will save the generation of tomorrow.

Combine good genetics with good environment,—start now. See that the former is used to reduce the unfit, the latter, to develop the products of the former, or the next generation will hold you to account.

And so ends "Heredity and Human Affairs," by East.

It is really worthwhile reading, easily understandable, and suggestive to thought. Whether one believes as East or not it brings out another side to many ancient questions. Seemingly, the geneticists want to do something but they aren't quite definite; they are on the wrong foot. In fact, there is a diverse opinion among all social sciences on exactly what sized shoe will make the corn on the foot quit aching.

### A SHORT HISTORY OF WOMEN

By JOHN LANGDON DAVIS

"In principio muliere est homines confusio," and the author goes to great length to prove that this is so only because of man's imbecilities and mistakes. Indeed he makes it very logical and uses the trick of decking his ideas out as known facts so that they will seem so obvious that the reader will think that he is an imbecile and is making a mistake if he does not agree with the writer.

The great truth is expounded that the curse of God in condemning man to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow is no curse at all for women and women are happiest when they have work, all the work they can possibly do, to fill up their waking day.

As a fitting close for this history there is a prophecy, a rather interesting prophecy for it states that the hand that rocks the cradle and rules the world will, in the next hundred years, due to the combined influence of education and birth control, cease to rock and continue to rule.

Fortunately this process of un-manning the male will be somewhat of a painless extraction and the progress of it so gradual that the poor hero of a hundred years hence will never realize that he should be the one that is wearing trousers and short hair. Which only shows that the he-man along with the American is a vanishing race.

Mysticism is a term applied by pseudo-scientists to any form of belief that has not as its basis a critical type of mind. It matters not if the belief were once as radical as possible and has now, due to the rise of newer beliefs, become conservative. The fact remains, as they see it, that there is not a constant seeking after change (advanced knowledge) and so they apply the term to imply stagnation.

Mysticism has been defined until no two men can conceive of it being what any other two men do. Another definition can not possibly do any damage therefore:

Mysticism is a tendency of man, when in contact with the unknown, to dismiss it by saying it is unknowable. It is the ideal lazy man's philosophy, calls for no mental ex-

ertion and, due to a twist of the mind that attributes any thing unknown to an unknown divinity for its origin and explanation offers a seemingly sound foundation for the erection of a state of mental peace; the scientists stagnation.

And mental peace is stagnation for the man who holds up peace of mind as an ideal toward which he will strive, upon investigation will find that the less mind the more the peace and will arrive ultimately at the idiot as an ideal. Therefore it is not beyond the realms of reason to say that the mystic is in the embryo stages of idiocy and has committed a crime against society by taking the advancements of society to arrive at and maintain his position of mental peace and idiocy and not, following his own natural doctrine, picking a mother who was capable of making an idiot of him in the beginning.

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