

## Mind Test of Teacher Advocated

Report States 1,500 in  
New York Schools  
Are Unbalanced

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Times Special Writer

NEW YORK, April 4.—"More than 1,500 of the schools' thirty-six thousand public school teachers are unbalanced mentally or emotionally, and many are hopelessly insane, Dr. Emil Altman, chief medical examiner of the public school system, declared today." The quotation is from a newspaper.

If there is a job in the world which is calculated to drive the average woman into the ranks of the deranged, it is that of forcing unwanted information about the deltas and digits into the minds of 38.5 million miscellaneous children from 9 to 3 each day. And 38.5 is the average size of classes in New York's elementary schools according to the last report of the superintendent of schools. Some classes have more than fifty pupils.

For there exists a serious disparity, in many cases, between the temperament of the teacher and the requirements of her job.

The problem of keeping 38.5 squirming and energetic youngsters happy and intent on their books for five hours a day requires a strong and forceful personality. Unless a horse knows that the rider is in control of the situation he will not bolt or balk; unless a child knows that a teacher is sure of her ability to keep discipline he will throw paper wads, snicker and otherwise dismiss her.

The worse cases of bullying that occur in any school are those in which the class knows that they have the teacher on the run.

To avoid chaos in the classroom of a teacher should ideally be an aggressive, self-confident woman who is able to make any small ring-leader shiver by a few calm words. But that is exactly the type of woman which the average school teacher is not.

Other occupations, which offer higher salaries and more variety, attract the spirited girl who likes a good scrap. The ranks of the teachers are, very largely, drawn from those college graduates who are scholarly, shy and a little timorous of any tussle.

If you subject 36,000 women of this type to the bevelment of a class of robust girls and boys you must expect some of them to crack under the strain. It seems quite reasonable to suppose, as Dr. Altman's report indicates, that mental and emotional breakdowns are an occupational disease of school teaching as lead poisoning is an occupational disease to painters.

What can be done about it? The first and most obvious step is the removal of every one of the mentally affected teachers from her post, even if its costs the taxpayers a pretty penny for their retirement funds. These women deserve every sympathy of the public and every resource of the state in their efforts to return to normal. But in the meantime we can not afford to expose our children to the authority of women who are in any degree deranged.

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### A Woman's Viewpoint

BY MRS. WALTER FERGUSON

I MAY be old-fashioned," says I a 25-year-old business girl, "but I simply can't get any fun out of drinking parties. All my gang like them it seems, and I often find myself embarrassed by their insistence that I take 'just another little one'. But something inside me rises up in horror and disgust when I feel myself growing thick tongued and the faces of my friend's look like leering apes about me. I'll confess to you that I hate it. What is wrong with me, I wonder? I so much want to be like the other girls."

Now this young lady, I have an idea, has expressed what a good many others feel but never say. The trouble with her is that she's got some plain common sense, and it's clattering to be used.

I should like to assure her of one thing. Heavy drinking is going out of fashion. Just as sure as you're born, there will be a return to sanity and temperance. Already, as this girl's letter testifies, young people are asking themselves what they get out of all this alcohol stimulation.

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### PASSION PLAY TO BE DEAN'S TOPIC

Dean Albert E. Bailey of Butler university, will speak on the Passion play at Oberammergau at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Meridian Heights Presbyterian church at 2 tomorrow. Mrs. H. B. McNeely, 201 Blue Ridge road, will be hostess, assisted by Mrs. M. S. Gosman and Mrs. L. B. Warner.

Dean Bailey will illustrate his talk with slides of the 1930 presentation of the play. Others on the program will be Mesdames S. M. Ford, Sidney Blair Harry and P. A. Kappas. Mrs. John A. White is president.

### PROGRAM OFFERED FOR ADVANCE CLUB

Several members of Sigma Alpha Iota, national professional musical sorority, went to Advance today to present a program at the Musical Club meeting. They are Mesdames Everett Johnson, J. Harry Green, Harold Arnholter, O. M. Jones and Earl Jarrard and Miss Elizabeth Johnson.

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ANN HARDING'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH HER EX-HUSBAND? Other headline stories: "What Hollywood Did to ANNA STEN"; "Will the Jinx of the Jungle Doom This Romance?" and others.

In May 10¢ NEWSSTANDS SCREEN BOOK

Daily Recipe  
BRISKET WITH  
ONION SAUCE  
3 pounds beef brisket  
Soup greens  
Cloves  
Peppercorns  
Salt  
1 egg  
Crumbs  
1-2 cup onions  
2 tablespoons fat  
2 tablespoons flour  
1-2 cups stock  
1 tablespoon minced  
parsley

Wipe meat with a damp cloth. Place in a deep kettle with boiling water or part of the stock. Season with salt. Add bunch of soup greens, some cloves and some peppercorns. Simmer until the meat is tender.

Remove the meat to a shallow baking dish. Beat an egg and spread it over the meat, sprinkle with crumbs and brown in a hot oven. Serve with onion sauce.

Onion Sauce—Cut up onions and brown them in the fat. Make a sauce of the fat, flour and stock. Add onions and parsley and serve with brisket.

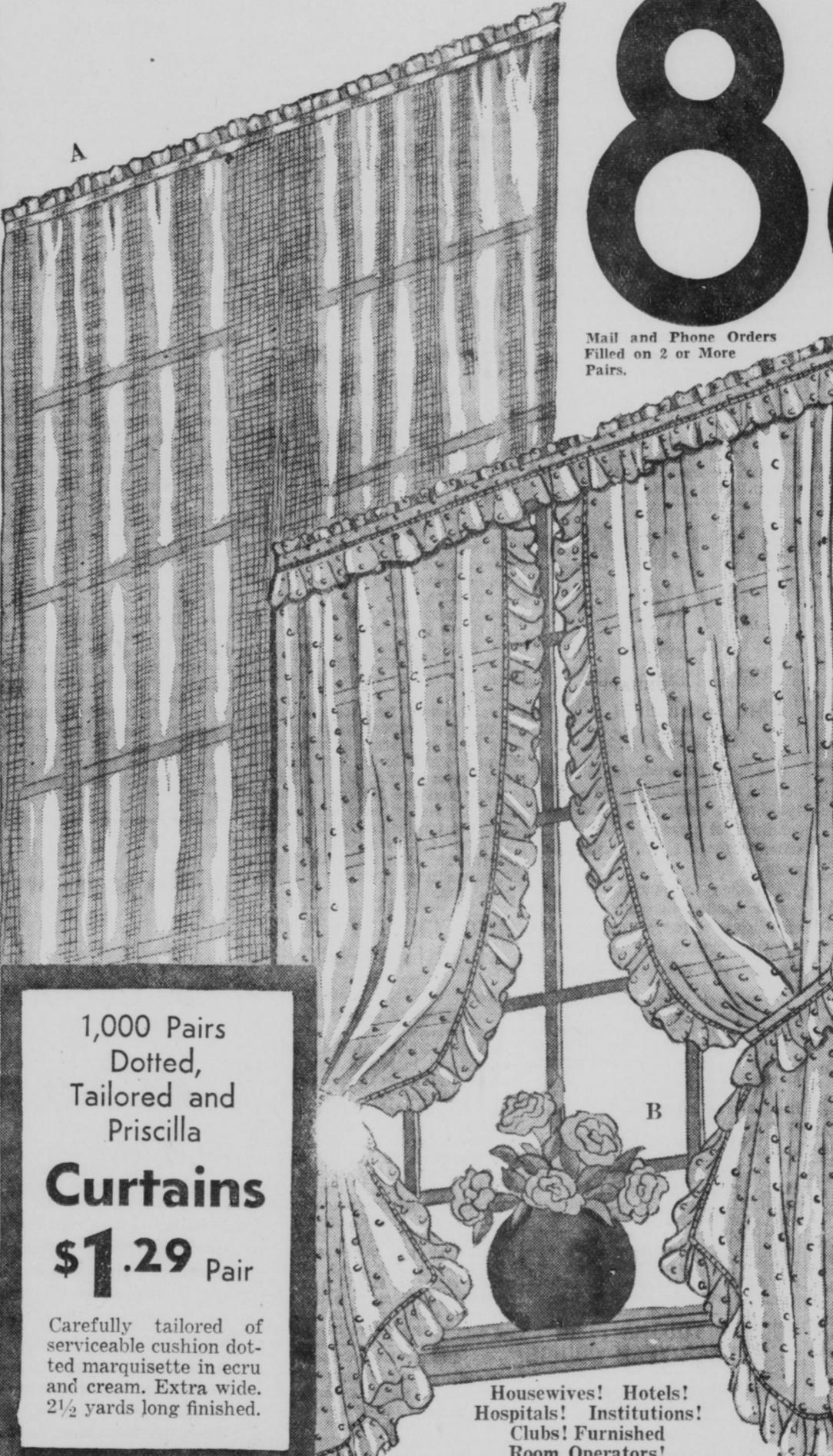
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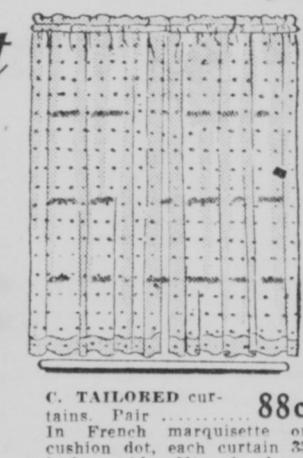
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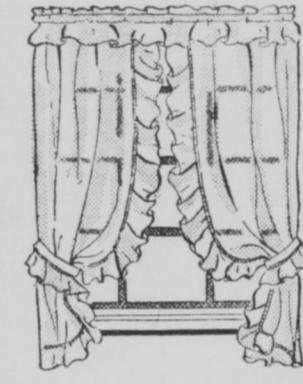
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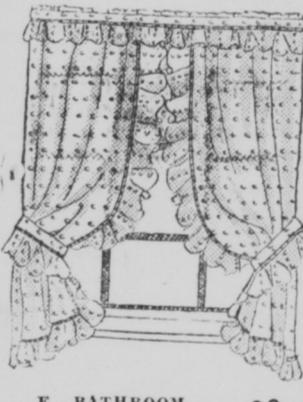
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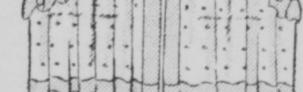


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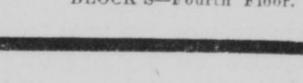
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