

A Husband—WANTED AT ONCE—A Wife.

New York Scientists Offer Money Prizes to Any Man or Woman Who Fulfills Their Ideas of Soundness of Body and Mind and Who Will Agree to Marry Each Other and Make a Practical Test of Eugenics

**\$500 for Your Wedding Gift
\$500 for Your First Baby**

Send In Your Name and Photograph to the Editor

To the Editor:
In the experiment in eugenics which the Medical Review of Reviews Sociological Fund desires to make there will be no discrimination against any applicant. The lists are open to any man or woman who is willing to be examined physically and mentally and to facilitate us in searching his or her ancestry for physical or mental blemishes.

We welcome the wide publicity of this newspaper in making known the needs of science in this matter; and any names of your readers, accompanied with photographs and statements of their qualifications in mind and body, we shall be glad to have turned over to us as applicants for the reward we have offered.
FREDERICK H. ROBINSON,
President Medical Review of Reviews Sociological Fund.

SCIENCE has found the laws of Nature which enable us to grow bigger and better beef cattle, horses and poultry and more attractive, delicious and perfect fruits, vegetables and flowers. The secrets of the animal and vegetable world hold true for human beings. Eugenics is the name of the special science which aims at the development and improvement of the human race. Science has now arrived at the point where it desires to make practical experiments in breeding improved human beings—in scientifically mating men and women who have especially high qualities of body and mind in the hope of producing children which will be still finer specimens than their parents. Is there any reader of this page who would like to be the father or the mother of the eugenic baby which scientists are eagerly waiting for?

What Science Hopes to Do

A MOST interesting proposition is now put before the people of America. It is to find a man and woman, practically perfect, who will marry with the object of producing eugenically perfect children in accordance with the precepts of the new science of eugenics.

Eugenics, a term derived from the Greek word "eugenos" meaning "well born," is, it is scarcely necessary to explain, the science of breeding a fine race. This science has lately come to occupy a foremost place in the minds of social reformers as well as of scientists on account of the alarming growth of feeble-mindedness and the wide-spread signs of physical degeneracy seen in the great centres of population of the world.

The proposition now under discussion is a preliminary experiment in eugenic science in America. The Medical Review of Reviews of New York, representing a committee of well-known scientists and social reformers, offers prizes to the eugenically perfect man and woman who will marry after they have been approved by the committee.

A prize of \$500 will be given to the ideal man and woman when they are selected and marry, and a second of \$500 will be given when the first child is born.

Scientists and Social Leaders Interested.

The author of this project is Frederick H. Robinson, publisher of the Medical Review of Reviews. He is a leading member of the Sociological Fund Committee, founded by this publication, and his fellow members are Norman Hapgood, chairman; Eugene Brieux, Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Rev. John Haynes Holmes, Dr. Frederic C. Howe, Mrs. Charles H. Israels, Dr. Abraham Jacoby, Dr. E. Helen Knight, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Dr. William H. Robinson, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., Dr. James P. Warbase, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Dr. Ira S. Wile. It is not yet certain that all these distinguished persons approve all the details of the project, but that will be no bar to its execution. The actual selection of the successful candidates will be made by a jury of men and women doctors.

This newspaper will be pleased to assist in carrying out this interesting project. All our men and women readers who are eligible for the contest and wish to enter it may send their photographs to this newspaper stating their name, address, age, weight, physical measurements, condition of their health, color of their complexion and hair and so forth. They must be free from all bodily defects and all disease, inherited or acquired.

The scientists will no doubt require that the ancestors of the successful candidates shall have been strong and healthy. They should at least be able to prove that their parents and grandparents were physically sound and free from constitutional disease, defect or abnormality.

Qualifications of the Ideal Parent.

The photographs and information will be promptly turned over to the committee. The candidates must, of course, be prepared to furnish whatever further information is required by the committee. The candidates should be reasonably young. The ideal age for marriage has been defined by some eugenic authorities as between twenty-five and thirty years for a woman and between thirty and thirty-five for a man.

Physical comeliness will be given due consideration, but this will not be a beauty contest in any ordinary sense. First consideration will be given to the physical health and measurements of the candidates, since it is established as a general rule that when these factors, which include brain and nervous system, are good, then the mental and moral development of the individual will be good. Certainly the committee will take care that the successful candidates have a good mental equipment, a good moral character and a good family history.

Some criticism has already been aimed at the scheme because it appears to disregard the beautiful sentiment of love and make the marriage of a man and woman subject to the cold-blooded calculations of a body of scientists. This objection is an-

swered by Mr. Robinson. He points out that the selected candidates must meet one another and desire to marry. This, he thinks, is equivalent to saying that they are in love with one another. Scientists have argued that love in the best sense is a natural affinity between the germ-plasm of two individuals of opposite sex.

In the present state of eugenic science it must be admitted that there are many views of nearly equal authority as to how it should be applied and how far it should be carried. Thus the proposal to prevent feeble-minded persons from having children finds many distinguished advocates and also many opponents. The proposal to mate selected persons of fine physique must also be the subject of strong controversy.

The idea behind the plan under discussion is that persons of fine physique should be mated in order that their good qualities may be preserved and intensified in their descendants. To this it may be objected that if all finely endowed persons marry one another the inferior ones will be left to create a race of degenerates.

This objection, however, does not affect the ultimate aim of eugenics, which is to create a fine race. With this every good citizen must agree, and it follows that he must support any plan to encourage a finely endowed individual to marry early and leave descendants possessing his or her qualities.

We can look over the genealogical records of the world and see how the fine qualities of one individual have been transmitted and reproduced for hundreds of years during almost countless generations.

Dr. Charles B. Davenport, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, a leading American expert in heredity, has traced the descendants of Elizabeth Tuttle, a Massachusetts woman of great beauty and brilliant attainments, who married in 1667. From her have descended over thirty Americans of high intellectual gifts, including Jonathan Edwards, Timothy Dwight, General U. S. Grant, President Cleveland, Chief Justice Waite and Winston Churchill, the American author.

Society's Burden of Bad Marriages.

Strange to say, Elizabeth Tuttle had distinctly criminal traits, but, her husband being a man of good character, her fine qualities have predominated in her descendants.

On the other hand, science can put its finger on one feeble-minded individual of a few generations past and show that he has left hundreds, perhaps thousands, of defective dependents who are a constantly growing burden and menace to society. There is, for instance, the notorious case of Ada Juke, a feeble-minded woman living in New York State, who, in three generations, left forty-five feeble-minded and criminalistic descendants as a burden to the community. Her sister Bell left a similar heritage. At the present day their defective dependents are said to number thousands.

The good qualities of some dead individual, fortunately preserved because he made a suitable marriage, are responsible for the most valuable men and women in public life throughout the world. We can find whole families in which all the members are exceptionally tall or very handsome or remarkable for intellectual activity.

An interesting case is that of Mrs. Mary Washington Bond Morosini. She is a great-granddaughter of Samuel Washington, the elder brother of George Washington, and a great-grand-niece of our first President. Mrs. Morosini counts in her ancestral stock, not only the Washington family, but practically all the best families of Colonial Virginia, a stock of fine physical and mental endowments who married usually in their own class.

Coming of good old English stock and reared in the free life and favorable conditions of old Virginia, these ancestors should, according to the laws of eugenics, produce children of exceptional gifts and attractiveness. This law is well exemplified in Mrs. Mary Washington Bond Morosini. Never has a more finely developed specimen of American womanhood been seen.

She has a superbly developed



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The Lovely Mrs. Mary Washington Bond Morosini, a Descendant of George Washington's Brother and the Best Families of Old Virginia, Who Would Be Chosen by Eugenists as an Ideal Mother of American Stock.

And the Countess of Warwick, with Two of Her Children, an Ideal English Mother, One of Five Sisters Who Have All Inherited Beauty and Fine Physical Development and Transmitted These Qualities to Their Children

physique, a beautiful face, a ruddy, yet delicate complexion, and blond hair, verging upon red. She embodies the best traits of the old English and Virginia stocks. She is a woman whom the eugenists would select to perpetuate the American type. Her husband, Mr. Morosini, comes from an old Italian family and represents a distinctly Italian type. This is a union which many of the eugenists would not approve, as husband and wife represent such very different types. They have one little girl who is of attractive appearance.

Many European aristocratic families offer good opportunities for eugenic study, as the family records have been kept for so many years. A remarkable case is that of the Countess of Warwick, the former English society leader who now devotes herself to philanthropic work. Lady Warwick and all her four sisters are remarkable for personal beauty and fine physique. The sisters are the Duchess of Sutherland, the Countess of Westmoreland, Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox and Lady Angela Forbes. They are all very tall and of the same physical type. Their qualities have evidently been inherited through their mother, since two of the sisters had one father and three of them another. This predominant physical type has invariably been transmitted to the children and grandchildren of the five sisters.

This fine type has been preserved, because the individuals belonging to it were of the wealthy classes and able to marry early with all conditions favorable. The eugenists tell us that when such individuals are found among the poorer classes of society they should be encouraged to marry at a suitable age and raise families.

It would clearly be possible to breed a race of giants by selecting parents of great height in whose families this has been a marked

trait for several generations. We might, perhaps, breed a race of men averaging over seven feet in height by mating the Russian giant Ivan Machnow, who is 7 feet 9 inches high, with one of the many giantesses now before the circus-going public.

Scientists assure us that these exceptional giants are victims of a disease, and therefore it is not desirable to perpetuate the type. Nevertheless, great stature is within certain limits an advantage, and most people think that it adds to a man's attractiveness. There is a former New York policeman named Archibald Taggart who stands over 6 feet 5 1/2 inches, who is one of six brothers and five sisters, among whom all the men are well over six feet. Eugenic science assures us that if these men should mate with correspondingly tall women who have inherited this trait their descendants would tend to be as tall as themselves.

There is, in fact, a vast mass of evidence indicating that the qualities of mind and body may be transmitted and intensified by inheritance, and that undesirable qualities may be similarly transmitted or perhaps eliminated.

It has been eloquently pointed out by the leading American eugenist, Dr. Davenport, that the qualities of our most valuable men, such as the late William James, Benjamin Altman and hundreds of others, are lost through the lack of a suitable mating, while the number of inefficient persons brought into existence through unfit mating continues to increase. The number of defective persons born in this country, according to Dr. Davenport, is literally appalling.

"It is a reproach to our intelligence," says Dr. Davenport in his latest work, "that we, as a people, proud in other respects of our control of Nature, should have to sup-

port about half a million insane, feeble-minded, epileptic, blind and deaf, eighty thousand prisoners and one hundred thousand paupers at a cost of over \$100,000,000 per year. A new plague that rendered four per cent of our population, chiefly at the most productive age, not merely incompetent, but a burden, costing \$100,000,000 yearly to support, would instantly attract universal attention. But that we have become so used to crime, disease and degeneracy we take them as necessary evils."

Eugenic experts seek to lay down rules as to who are fit to marry, who should wait until they are certain that ancestral defects will not develop, who should be prevented altogether from marrying, how good traits may be preserved, and how bad ones may be eliminated.

They say they have proved that the transcendent ability of one individual may, by suitable mating, be transmitted for unnumbered generations, while, by an unfit mating, it may be entirely lost to the world.

Those who feel that they have beauty, talent and other fine qualities are now urged to transmit them to posterity and save them to the world. They are asked to do so under the vigilant eyes of science and under conditions that will be extremely instructive to the whole world. This is a remarkable opportunity to be useful to mankind.

All readers of this page—any man or any woman—who would like to be selected as the husband or the wife in the eugenic marriage may send in a photograph, with name and address and brief description of their condition of health and such other facts as they may desire to state.

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