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Mr. Cory had died a little before this date, leaving all his property in the hands of trustess for the use of the Council at Kantsaywhere and their successors. He desired in his testament that its income was to be employed in improving the stock of the place, especially of its human breed. The methods of doing so in force at the time of his death, were to be continued, with such future changes directed towards the same end, as experience might suggest. The College was to grant diplomas for heritable gifts, physical and mental, to

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encourage the early marriages of highly-diplomaed parents by the offer of appropriate awards of various social and material advantages, to relieve the cost of nurturing their children, to keep a minute register of results, and to discuss those results from time to time. He laid down the principle with much emphasis, that none of the income of his property was to be spent on the support of the naturally feeble. It was intended, on the contrary, to help those who were strong by nature to multiply and to be well nourished. The practice of charity, in the ordinary sense of protecting the feeble, was to be left to such other agencies as might be formed independently of the College and not disapproved by it.

The 200 inhabitants of 1820 have now become 10,000, partly through natural increase at the full rate of the present population of Russia, where, in every decade, 100 becomes 140. At this rate, in 90 years the 200 would have become 4,000. Immigration accounts for the rest.

of almost all the territory of Kantsaywhere and they exercise a corresponding influence over the whole population. Their moral ascendancy is paramount. The families of the College and those of the town are connected by numerous inter-marriages and common interests, so the relation between them is more like that between the Fellows of a College and the undergraduates than between the Gown and Town of an English University. In short, Kantsaywhere may be looked upon as an active little town, containing a highly-respected and wealthy Guild. So much for the early history of Kantsaywhere.

I had never been so keenly looked over before. It is the way of Kantsaywhere, for everybody is classed by everybody else according to their estimate of his person and faculties.

Let me explain at once that what they are concerned with in one another are the natural, and therefore the only heritable, characteristics. We hear much in political talk of the "prairie value" of land, that is to say, of its value when uncultivated, neither fenced nor drained, ploughed nor planted, only to be reached over the waste, without the help of roads, and having neither houses nor farm buildings. Applying this idea to man, as if he were land, it is the prairie value of him that the Kantsaywhere

people seek to ascertain. He brute value would be a proper expression in the original sense of that word, but "brute" has acquired so many disagreeable connotations that if used the above sense it would be limbted to be misunderstood.

I learnt that I was only just in time to undergo the first of my two examinations. It was merely a "Pass" one, but a necessary preliminary for admission to the "Honour" examination, in which the more successful forward candidates are classed in order of merit. The examination of girls for the year was just over, and the forward lists were to be published that very night. The eldest daughter of the house, Miss Augusta Armbruster, was a candidate, and all the family were keenly anxious to learn the result, for it would have an important effect on her after-life. It seemed tacitly agreed that nothing should be said on this matter until the results arrived, so they were only too happy to have their thoughts diverted upon English topics and on my own affairs.

In Kantsaywhere they think much more of the race than of the individual, and on my expressing a faint surprise, the family argued to the following effect - "Suppose a person to be one of the two parents of four children.

He or she contributes a half share to each, which is much the same as a whole share to two. This process may go me indefinitely in a growing population, so his or her influence on the race would increase in geometric proportion as the generations went on. A person is therefore for more important as a probable progenitor of many others have a length of them.

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I learnt that the object of the first examination was to give a Pass certificate for Genetic qualities.

By genetic is meant, all that is transmissible by heredity, whether it be of ancestral origin or a personal sport or mutation. The refusal to grant a Pass certificate is equivalent to an assertion that the person is unfit to have any offspring at all. By a second-class certificate, that permission is granted, but with reservations, of which more will be said later.

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In reply to my expression of diffidence as regards my own success, I was emphatically reassured by my late scrutineers as to my personal capabilities, which Tom was pleased to rate at "30 at least", a term which will be explained later. But what my ancestral claims might be valued at, was another matter. They assured me that allfancy my sponsor, Mr. Armbruster, had already submitted an outline of them to the examiners in as favourable terms as the information warranted, and that he was quite was Juse that satisfied with them for pass purposes, but thought they (adequate) were insufficiently authenticated to receive much credence from the examiners for honours. Consequently much fewer marks might be awarded me for my ancestry than I probably deserved. They all expressed surprise at foreigners knowing so little with exactness about their grandparents and other ancestors, saying, that everyone in Kantsaywhere knew their own as well almost as if they had been their playmates and comrades, and that they all possessed an abundance of well-authenticated facts about them.

I was told on inquiry, that those who were placed 19 high in the list, as Miss Augusta was, were justified in expecting numerous advantages on their marriage, that as many of them as there were vacancies in the College there were ten in the present year } were elected Probationers, and therefore future recipients of those advantages if their husbands were also adequately diplomaed, but not otherwise. What the girls most thought of, as Tom afterwards told me, was a marriage between two probationers whose joint marks exceeded 200 and who had , of which more will be good later at least 2 stars. It gave the right of having the marriage conducted with special ceremony, and of its being known and recorded as a "College marriage". The offspring of such marriages are reckoned foster children of the College during their childhood, and they and their

"College parents" are helped in many important ways. But Tom added that his sister, in order to attain to one, must marry a man with at least 107 marks and one star, and that very few of such unmarried men are available. I took full notes of what Tom told me of the advantages attached without to a College wedding, or to others which were a little short of having a "joint 20 marks and two stars", but I must get them verified before putting the results into my journal.

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CHAPTER V.

Pass and Honor Examinations.

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March 21st. Tom took me in the morning to the Examination Hall for the Pass Examination, where I went through physical tests, which I need not describe particularly, as Similar to they were much the same as those which all Englishmen undergo before admission into the Army, Navy, Indian Civil Service, etc. Only it was more strict and minute, and In the medical part, it was such as a very careful Insurance office might be expected to make. much questioned about the papers that Mr. Armbruster had sent in, as regards my personal knowledge of the authorities for the facts there set forth. They then smilingly gave me a first-class P.G. (Passed in Genetics) degree, and I had to imprint my fingers on their Register, for future identification if necessary. So I returned to one small portion my host with the first instalment of my load of anxiety taken off my mind.

I heard a little now, but must inform myself more particularly hereafter, as to the fate of those who failed to pass. A Bureau was charged with looking after the unclassed parents and their offspring, and much was done to make the lot of the unclassed as pleasant as might be, so long as they propagated no children. If they did so, kindness was changed into sharp severity.

Labour Colonies are established where the very weakly are segregated under conditions that are not onerous,
except in the single restriction of living in celibacy.

It is difficult to describe the indignation and even the horror felt at Kantsaywhere, at acts that may spoil the goodness of their stock, of which they have become extremely proud and jealous. They look confidently forward to a coming time when Kantsaywhere shall have evolved a superior race of men. As it is, the people who are born there and emigrate, nearly always excel most of their competitors, and return in after life with sufficient means

to end their days in tranquillity near their beloved college.

March 25th. This was the first of the four days to whom 80 be occupied in the annual examination of candidates for Honours, one quarter of them in each day. The examination consists of four divisions. The first is mainly anthropometric, the second is aesthetic, the third is medical, and the fourth is ancestral. Many examiners are employed, and a staff of skilled clerks in addition. The examination is conducted in batches, each batch being assigned a particular hour for beginning, and thence forward being submitted to the four sets of Examiners successively.

My batch had to present itself at 12 noon. At that hour I handed my Pass Certificate to an official who sat in the Hall, by the entrance to a long enclosure of lattice-work, through which everything was easily seen from the outside. The enclosure contained a row of

narrow tables ranged down its middle, on which most of
the measuring instruments were placed, the heavier ones
standing on the ground between them. Such instruments
that as required a longer time for their use than the rest
were duplicated. A passage ran between each side of the
tables and the walls of the enclosure. Five attendants,
each having one candidate in charge, are engaged all
day long in making a tour of the tables in succession.
The candidate emerges and is dismissed at an exit-door,
which is separated from the entrance by a low gate, over
which the official can lean while he sits.

Immediately after entering the enclosure, my attendant made me write my name and impress my blackened fingers on a blank Schedule. It contained numerous spaces with printed headings, which the attendant filled in with pencil as he went on. He took me round the enclosure, testing me in turn by every instrument and recording the results. They referred to stature, both standing and sitting, span of arms, weight, breathing capacity, strength

of arm as when pulling a bow, power of grip, swiftness of blow, re-action time, discrimination (blindfold) between weights, normality of eye, acuity of vision, colour sense, acuteness of hearing, discrimination of notes, sensitivity of taste and of touch, and a few other faculties. Lastly the state of my teeth, which are particularly good, was

The entries to my schedule now and later on were, as

I heard, to be examined and checked by clerks whose business it was to translate the Measures into Marks, according to a definite system. For examples a sheet of paper, ruled in squares, had been prepared for weight and strength, a series of successive weights was written down the side of it, and a series of strengths along the it top. In the square where the line of the one was crossed by the column of the other, the appropriate Mark was written. This was copied out by the clerk for the use of the Examiners. But more will be said later on of their

Measures and Marks.

I was next taken to another part of the Hall and submitted to an examination for aesthetics. I was given both prose and poetry to read aloud before the Examiners. A copy of these extracts had been given to me to peruse beforehand. Then some simple singing was asked for.

After this, a few athletic exercises were gone through, as well as some marching past, and the Examiners noted their opinions on my Schedule. Then I was allowed an hour to write four short essays on given subjects. This was the only literary test.

I should say that they lay much stress on the aesthetic side of things at Kantsaywhere. "Grace and Thoroughness" is a motto carved over one of the houses for girls in the College, and I have seen it repeated more than once in embroidery and the like. A loutish boy and an awkward girl hardly exist in the place. They are a merry and high-spirited people, for whose superfluous energy song is a favourite outlet. Besides, they find singing classes to be one of the best ways of bridging over the differences

of social rank. Musical speech and clear but refined pronunciation is thought highly of, so is literary expression and this examination is intended to test all these. The 'arry and 'arriet class is wholly unknown in Kantsay-where.

I was then medically examined in a private room, very strictly indeed, and much was asked about my early ailments and former state of health. Here again I need not go into details, for they can easily be imagined in a general way, even by a layman. It is wonderful how adroit the skilled medical examiners become in their task. Nothing seemed to escape their sharp observation, whether of old scars or any internal abnormality. My few defects were unimportant, but they were quickly noted and minutely examined. The principles on which marks are to be awarded are fully laid down in printed directions.

papers communicated by Mr. Armbruster were produced and again looked into but much more minutely then before, and

the values of authorities for the facts stated in them were keenly discussed. I lay under a difficulty here. The official records made at Kantsaywhere are so minutely kept, that the requirements of the examiners have grown to be extremely rigorous, as regards the evidences of ancestral gifts and maladies. All immigrants are more or less suspected. Besides this, such evidences as would require little confirmation in England, owing to the public knowledge of the characters of their authorities, may, and do require more confirmation here then can easily be collected at home. I deeply resented my own ill luck in this matter. The examiners told me only what I was fully prepared to hear; but expressed at the same time, much regret that they were unable to give as many marks for Ancestral Efficiency as I possibly, or even probably, deserved. In fact, I only got 5 marks for my ancestry.

This concluded all that I had to undergo. I had spent about one hour under anthropometric tests, and from half-an-hour to one hour under each of the other three, besides the hour in essay writing, or about four hours in

all, exclusive of intervals. Candidates were undergoing examinations in different parts of the Hall at the same time, but not necessarily in the same order. The Medical room was wholly separated from the rest. The Examination Hall was in full use during 6 hours and the day, so with duplicated examiners, more than 20 candidates could be wholly and easily examined in the day. Four such days dealt with all the 80 candidates. The clerks were simultaneously employed, each in copying and in reducing entries and adding up figures, which, after being checked by other clerks, were submitted to the chief examiners. Those gentlemen had also overseered and taken some part in the examinations.

The maximum number of positive marks that could be gained by each candidate is four times 30 or 120. A star * might also be gained in each subject. The marks were totalled, and mostly ranged between +50 and +70.

None of the candidates were given negative marks; for those who would otherwise have received them had already

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been weeded out by the Pass Examination. The names and marks of those who gained 70 marks and upwards are published in the newspaper, together with such brief notes as each case might call for. This part of the publication is offecial and wholly under the editorship of the Registrar.

I learnt that supplementary marks might be accorded for especially good service to the community subsequent to the examination. They had to be proposed by the Board of Examiners, and the grounds for the proposal had to be set forth in their Annual Report. This was submitted to the final approval of the General Meeting, which was almost always given as a matter of course.

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I do not know much in detail about the examination for girls. It is carried out by women examiners who had taken medical degrees elsewhere, and is, I was assured, as thorough as that which I had myself undergone, and was considered to be as trustworthy.

There is a bi-furcation of the Examinations both for girls and boys, part of each of them being intended for

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I enquired minutely whether they could not devise some test for endurance or staying power, which seemed to me one of the most important of those they had to consider. I theard that they had not as yet succeeded in eliminating the effect of practice. Neither were they enabled to examine into character directly and as a separate subject, partly because it was not fully developed at the usual age of examination, and partly because of the them extreme difficulty of estimating it justly, the teachers and the commades of a girl or boy often making sad mistakes of judgment.

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CHAPTER VI.

The Calendar of Kantsaywhere.

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I returned to my host's house, where I was congratulated on having gone through my ordeal. I felt sure of success in the anthropometric part because I was something of an athlete, having rowed in a University race. I was also refinited by good padses to be good in other respects, being so prompt and sure a shot, that I have been urged, in all seriousness, to go to Monte Carlo and compete there for the valuable pigeon-shooting prizes. I knew I was all right medically, and thought I might do fairly in aesthetics. I, however, saw clearly that I was not even yet received with perfect freedom, except by Tom; the others evidently waited to learn how I should be placed, before letting themselves go, so to speak. They did not as yet invite me to accompany them to the houses of their friends, so I had much spare time, and thought the best way of occupying it until the lists stay incloses and to were out, was to make a careful study of the Calendar of

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invited to a succession of parties. The first four were official invitations given to ensure that each probation—

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of the other. The eroup of male probationers is divided

more or less at random into two groups A. and B; the

females into Fand G, then the four official invitations

are to A and F, A and G, B and F, B and G. They have

an amusing old-fashioned method of grouping and re
grouping the guests at these entertainments, in order

that each girl should have a full half hour of conversa
tion with each young man. It approached to romps and

I was surprised to learn from the Calendar, of the large extent of the College possessions in farms, houses, hostels and funds, which were used to encourage early marriages among the most highly diplomaed, I also perceived that the collegiates must look upon themselves, as they did, as a great family community, out of which

banished diffidence.

about one half of the members of each new generation were obliged to seek their living elsewhere, just as it usually happens in English families now. The Calendar contained the names of all who, since the date of the preceding edition, had either received marks exceeding +70 or any special award. The record in the Calendar of their doings was minute. It corresponded in length to the paragraphs of Burke's or Debrett's Peerages, but differed totally from them by containing anthropological facts, and little else. It was a mine of information for enquiriss into heredity, yet it was described as being only a brief abstract of what was preserved in MSS. in the records of the Registrar.

Tom had hinted to me that he thought his sister was slightly chagrined at her marks falling short of one half of those required for the great honor of a College wedding. The number and names of the men amongst whom she must marry, in order to secure one, was very small, and could easily be found from the Calendar. I looked

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for them and found only six, some or all of whom might be already engaged.

The large property of the College consisted, first. of the original endowment, of which the income was now retained in England and had been accumulating during recent years to form an Emergency Fund. Secondly, of the fee simple of the district and all the houses, etc., that had been erected on it since the beginning of the Settlement. Thirdly, of gifts and bequests from former Collegiates, in gratitude for their rearing and in payment for its cost. Fourthly, the annual Eugenic Rates from Kantsaywhere. The inhabitants submitted as cheerfully to as heavy a rate in support of the College, as we do for the support of our Fleet, namely three quarters of £1 per head of the population. We, in England, numbering some 45 millions, contribute about 35 millions of pounds annually to the maintenance of our. Navy. Here, the 10,000 inhabitants contribute £7,500 to the College, and could easily be persuaded to contribute more, if it were really needed.

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In very round numbers one half of the income from the last two sources, from gifts and from rates, goes to the Examining, Inspecting, and Registering Departments, which together form the soul of the place. The other half goes to collegiates who really need help to enable them to give proper nurture to their large families.

This is done very judiciously on the joint recommendations made to the Committee of Awards, by a Board of District Visitors in conjunction with the District Inspector.

The Chief Medical Inspector is one of three High Officials, the Rector and the Registrar being the other two. These are elected by the Senate for a term of three years, and are re-eligible. The Senate consists of all resident collegiates of either sex, who had gained at least 70 marks, and is the supreme Authority, but in quiet times, the above-mentioned three high Officials, together with a Council, star annually elected at the General Meeting, manage matters very

well on the whole, though with occasional small jars, much as those which occur in our leading Scientific Societies at home.

An important Committee of this Council is charged with the care of those who fail to pass the Poll examination in Eugenics. Such persons are undesirable as individuals, and dangerous to the community, owing to the practical certainty that they will propagate their kind if and annoyance if unchecked. They are subjected to surveillance when they refuse to emigrate. Considerable facilities are afforded to tempt them to down, and agents of the College, who are settled in the nearer towns to which they are most likely to drift, are prepared to take charge of Their passage out is paid, small them on their arrival. on the condition of their sums are granted to them at first, but they are never allowed to return to Kantsaywhere. They must renounce in writing all its privileges before they are allowed the cost of deportation. Not a few of these persons

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do well enough, especially when the reason of their rejection is some hereditary taint, and not personal
feebleness.

As regards the insane and mentally defective, suitable places for their life segregation are maintained in Kantsaywhere. With so small and Eugenic a population, the cases are few and easily dealt with.

The Regulations printed in the Calendar confirmed the view I had already formed, that the propagation of children by the Unfit is looked upon by the inhabitants heater of Kantsaywhere as a crime to the State. They are not misled by the specious argument that there is no certainty whether the anticipations of their unfitness will individual be verified in any particular case and that the risk may be faced because they look on the Community as a whole, the results of unfit marriages) and know with statistical certainty, which differs little from absolute certainty whenever large numbers are con-(For instance, they day) cerned, that 1000 unfit couples will assuredly produce a number of children that can be specified within narrow limits, of each grade of unfitness, though they cannot foretell whether these children will be the offspring of A, B, C, or X. This same statistical certainty forms everywhere a large part of the foundation of laws and penalties in them fact of the boundation

ing from that of the offspring of the idiots, insane, and the Feeble-minded, at the lower end of the scale, to whom the propagation of offspring is peremptorily forbidden, whether by forcible segregation or other measures, who to the moderate unfitness expected in the offspring of parents who rank only a little below the average in eugenic worth. The methods of penalizing, taken in the order of their severity, are social disapprobation, fine, excommunication as by boycott, deportation, and life-long segregation. The grade of penality varies from the limitation of the forther to a small number, are to total prohibition of offspring. They say, that limitation of families is now a recognized institution

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Cultured among most of the higher and many of the artisan and in Europe and America labouring classes, and there is no reason why a sentence demanding it for the protection of the nation should not be passed, and the infraction of that sentence punished as a criminal act. As regards fines, if the defaulter cannot pay them, he is treated with severity as a bankrupt debtor to the State, being placed in a Lawork and hard bour Colony with hard fare until it is considered that he has purged his debt. With so small a population as the 10,000 of Kantsaywhere, and with the general high level of breed of its inhabitants, the cases of marked unfitness are not sufficiently numerous to require formal different classification in an asylum. They can be more or less individually dealt with by the Board of Penalties.

ing to the introduction of unfit immigrants. Municipal that the laws have been enacted quite as severe as those in America, and elsewhere, to exclude impecunious immigrants, but here for the purpose of excluding the immigration

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of the constitutionally unfit into Kantsaywhere. Ships, as already mentioned, are only allowed to disembark their passengers subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions. If unfulfilled, the ship-owners are obliged to convey them back to whence they came.

Registered medical men are established at the principal ports from which immigrants arrive, whose certificate that a person has passed the ordinary test for fitness in body and mind, is accepted. It exempts him from the somewhat more severe examination, of which I have already spoken, which is conducted in a building attached to the Gustom House and must be favorable gone through before the in allowed to disembark even for a short residence.

They are required later on, to pass the poll examination which there allowed to reside permanently in Kantsay-where.

The grades of unfitness on the part of those who are married, are determined by the number of their joint marks.

Immigrant parents, both of whom have received positive marks at the Poll examination, may keep their children with them, but not otherwise.

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spring that a couple may propagate in Kantsaywhere, and is based on that of their joint marks. If these exceed +20 the restriction is nil and large families are encouraged. If between +10 and +20 they are restricted to three children. If over 0 and under +10, they are restricted to two children.

If between 0 and -10, to one child. If below -10, off-spring is wholly prohibited to them. The above concessions

were made as compromises, after balancing conflicting claims,

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the advantages of family life, the well-being of the children,

It is thought unseemly for those whose marks are only

CHAPTER VII.

Measures and Marks.

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A paragraph in the Calendar headed "Measures & Marks" greatly interested me in connection with my previous statistical studies. These enabled me to easily understand the methods used in Kantsaywhere, which must seem puzzling and fanciful to others to whom they are wholly new. Such persons will, I them, skip this chapter.

kinds in any specified race or quality. To a measure that is independent of feet, metres, pounds, seconds of time, or any other standard units in which the measurements were actually made. Tallness in a horse and tallness in a sheep or in a mouse, are widely different when expressed in the measurement absolute measure, but it seems almost evident at first sight that the latter admit of being translated into other units of measurement which shall include "For a horse," "For a sheep," or whatever the animal or breed

of animal may be. Such a unit is called in Kantsaywhere a "Var". There are many kinds of Vars which are convertiin every Normal Dress (of which more directly) , just ble into each other, as feet are into metres, by a simple multiplier. The particular Var that is used here is called a "Q-Var." Its value is found, as will be described directly, or rather I should say it could so be found, because the actual process is abbreviated. The last time of revising previous determinations of the Q-Vars at Kantsaywhere was in the year 1900, so the full designation of the present - Kastray where here value of a Q-Var is "Q-Var, 1900."

The principle of the process is this. As many male adults as can be persuaded to attend are measured, just as I had been, in height, weight, strength, etc., then the Accord measurements of all the persons, in respect to each of these faculties, were ranged separately in series, in the order of their magnitude, beginning with the smallest. One quarter of each series was cut off from either end of it. The bounding value of the smaller quarter was called q.1; that of the larger, q.3. Half of the difference between q.1 and

also are the average of all the values contained in the series.

There is justification for this, as will shortly be seen.

Each measure is translated into the middlemost value of the series, plus or minus so many Q-Vars. The quickly increasing rarity of larger values than 30 Q-Vars, and the fear of untrustworthiness in applying them, have led the examiners in Kantsaywhere to limit their measures to a maximum of 30 Q-Vars, in each of the four principal divisions of the Examination. If the candidate obviously deserves still higher marks, they add a star ** with accompanying explanation. Tom's exclamation that I was "at least 30 in personal qualities" was thus explained.

Measurement of Q-Vars, or indeed by any kind of Var, in the case of all "Normal" variables, has the further advantage of affording a principle whereby class-place/may be converted into measurement, or vice-versa, notwithstanding that they run at very different rates.

A Normal variable is one in which the individual variations are wholly caused by the random combinations of a multitude of very small and variable influences, some pulling forwards, others backwards. A formula of the frequency of different amounts of variations, when they are expressed in Q-Vars according to this hypothesis, was first worked out by the great Mathematician Gauss. The variations are disposed symmetrically on either side of the middle-most values, those on the positive side rising and those on the negative side falling at exactly the same rate. It follows that the middlemost value is the mean value of the series. Various Tables have since been computed from the formula.

Observations have shown that most anthropological measurements made of large numbers of persons, of the same race and general nurture, conform to this theoretical law with a useful degree of precision, whence it is reasonably inferred that such faculties as cannot yet be directly measured, but which can be classified by judgment, will do

post, or the goodness of essays written by different candidates, are cases in point. Whenever the objects can be classified, their class-places can be converted into

+) Conversion of Q-Vars into Centesimal Class-Places.

Q-Vars.	- 30	- 20	- 10	0	+ 10	+ 20	+ 30
Class- places. (centesimal)	2	9	25	50	75	91	98

+) See "Natural Inheritance" by F. Galton, 1888, page 205, and Sheppards Tables in Biometrika, 1907.

Measures made in Q-vars are converted into Marks by multiplying them by a factor appropriate to the importance of the faculty measured. Suppose, for sake of simplicity, that only two anthropometric faculties are in question, and that marks have to be given to their measures in combination. Let them be strength and acuity of vision. These are certainly of very unequal value, and must be treated as such. Let us then, as a mere guess, take the sharpness

of vision at only one half of the importance of strength.

Then the first step, in translating these Measures into their corresponding Marks, is to halve the measure of vision. The factor for vision is therefore \(\frac{1}{2} \), or 0.5.

It would be tedious to go farther into detail. The only object at present is to give a first general idea of the operations to be gone through in determining Marks.

Processes that seem tedious in description are wonderfully lightened by the use of appropriate Tables, and the trained clerks are able to deal rapidly with what is submitted to them. The calculations of each clerk are of course carefully checked by at least one other clerk, working independently.

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CHAPTER VIII.

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The lists came out on March 30. I got 17 marks less than Miss Armbruster, i.e. 77, but under the circumstances it was a very fair performance and I at once noticed the change in the reception given to me. It was distinctly more genial and intimate than before, and I was begged to accompany my host's family to half a score of different places to which they were invited. The loss of marks I had sustained owing to an "English" ignorance of my ancestry, became generally known and allowed for.

I will describe in a few words my general impressions of the Kantsaywhere society, to which I was now freely introduced.

I had carefully guarded myself against exaggerated expectations of what might have been achieved by the selective breeding at this place. It is but a small community and though of a high general level, the highest variations

The physique of the girls reminded me of that of the "Hours" in the engracing of the famous picture of "aurora" by Guido, to Rome. It is a favorite picture of mine and I recall to clearly. The simple way of guithering mothers I a noble race. The simple way of guithering the hair in a smooth race, the back of the pead shown in the dancing "Hears" is to father as Kantsay where so more decronally bettered or fathering, then are the fly crowny garments in the proture or fatheries, then may have in a special took that a service took that the series of a personal particles of a personal took that the series of the series of a personal took that the series of the series are true to the theory and the women being thereoned to series as the series of a personal track took that the series of the series of the series of a personal took that the series of the series of

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Again, however far gone a population may be in its decadence, it will retain enough organisation to bring forward its best specimens. When there is a demand for them.

I was greatly impressed by the tone and manner at the social gatherings that I attended, which were at first those of the more cultured class. The guests were gay without frivolity, friendly without gush, and intelligent without brilliancy; they were eminently a wholesome set of young people, with whom one could pass one's life, not only is serenity, but with satisfaction and even a large share of keen pleasure. No petty gossip or scandal is heard in their conversation, but a great deal is said about family histories and the prospects of the coming generation. These subjects occupied almost as

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much of their talk as athletics do at a public school, or as the performance of horses in racing circles. it was genuine intertest too: for they looked upon themas I have mentioned more than once, selves | with obvious pride as a chosen race for the purpose of furthering humanity, and were as suspicious and guarded against unknown outsiders as a Jew against a Gentile, or a Greek against a Barbarian. This gave a prevalent, and not a disagreeable mannerism. It suggested (delagrecable by a constant sense of noblesse oblige, far removed from that "Oxford tone" which implies that the speaker is a superior I think the selection of person to his listener. Kantsaywhere College folk may be rated at as about equivalent to at least the best quarter of that of the population of Kantsaywhere town, which itself has a high level. Collegiate average must be fully equal to the best 12th. Now 1 in 12 is that of the of an English population. foreman of a jury and, unquestionably, the foremen play their parts, as a rule, very respectably. We are accustomed to appreciate bodies of picked men in many ranks of life

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and know well how superior they are. The crew of an are the Sappers and Miners. At a somewhat lower, but yet conspicuous degree of selection, stand the persons attached to those great and well-managed estates, and firms, whose service is so popular that they have always more candidates to choose from than there are vacancies to fill.

Nothing struck me more than the photographic workshops, for besides their immediate interest, a religious parallel was drawn from them, which will be described further on. There is a great demand in Kantsaywhere for composite portraits of families. The material for making these is abundant and excellent, as it has long since become the fashion. now grown into an obligatory custom, for everyone to be at restonable iteroals photographed, both in full face and in profile, under similar and standard conditions of light, in addition to whatever more artistic representation may be desired.

I am a bit of a photographer myself, and was delighted at the punctilious and exact way by which composite photo-(unroknowledge) graphs were made. There was no faking, but the work was strictly truthful throughout the whole process. The object is, I need hardly say, to superimpose the images of many different portraits, all of the same size, aspect and

See Composite Portraits 4 7. Galler, Nature 1878.

shading, in succession for a short time, upon the same photographic plate. The scale of the portraits and their emplacement require much precision. Here the various reductions and adjustments are leisurely made for each portrait and in a separate frame. When the photography begins, the frames are dropped in succession into their exact place, resting on a horizontal board below a

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I saw several beautiful composites in the Studio, of men and women, respectively. Every family desires at least four family composites, one of the Grand-Parental series, including Great Uncles and Aunts on both sides; another of the Parental series, including Father and Mother, uncles and aunts; and another of self, brothers and sisters. Lastly one made from the four grandparents and the two parents, allowing one quarter of the exposure time to each grand-parent that was allowed to either parent.

analogy between composite portraits and their religious imagery, as will be seen from what is now about to be said.

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crystallised into a dogmatic creed is, that living beings and pre-eminently man, are the only executive agents of whom we have any certain knowledge. They look upon life at large, as an organised whole in which every separate living thing plays an unconscious part, much as the separate cells do in a living person. Whether the following views were self-born or partly borrowed, I do not know, but the people of Kantsaywhere have the strong belief that the spirits of all the beings who have ever lived are round about, and regard all their actions.

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general way, a very respectable creed might be deduced. Their superstition certainly succeeds, even as it is, in giving a unity of endeavour and a seriousness of action to the whole population.

They have no fear of death. Their funerals are not dismal functions as with us, but are made into occasions for short appreciative speeches, of for sermons, in the above sense, dwelling lovingly on the life work of the deceased.

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