

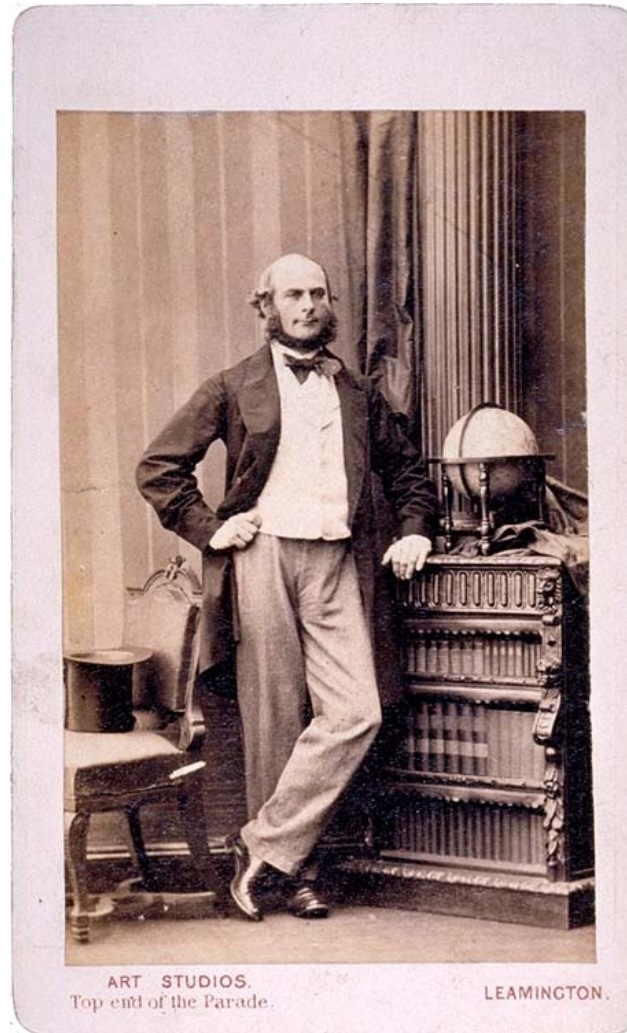
Prologue: Eugenics, Reproduction, and Human Rights

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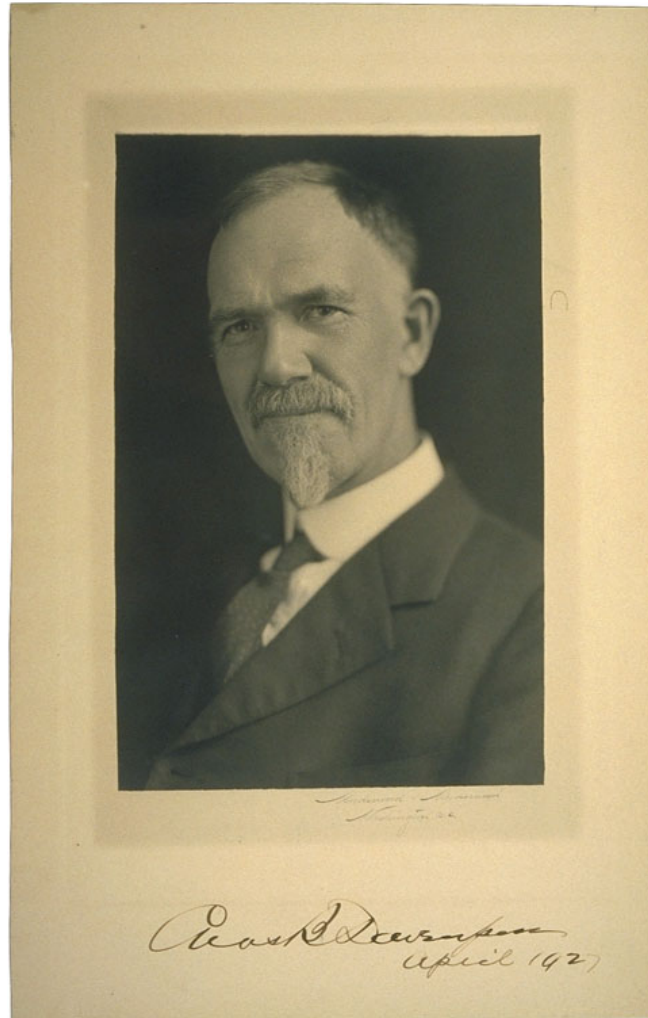
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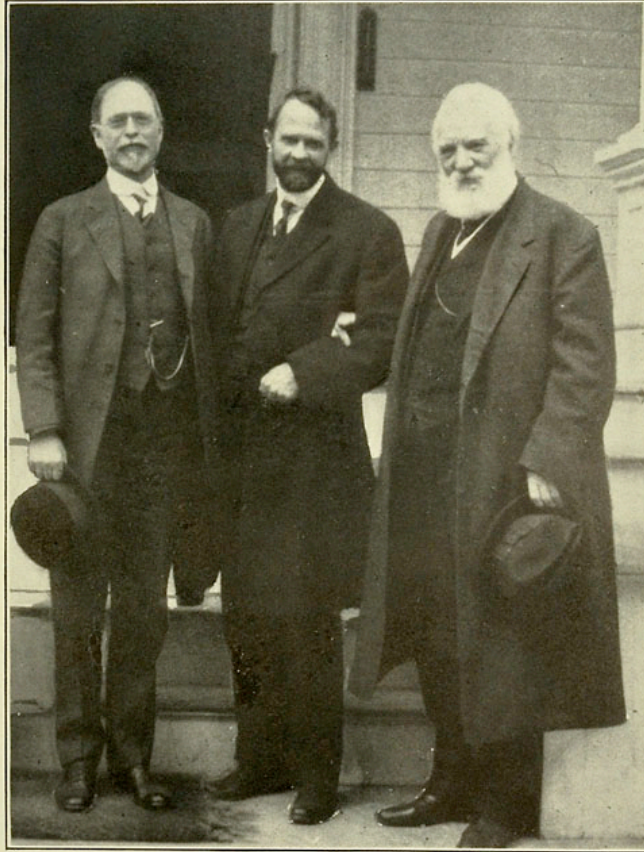


Charles B. Davenport, Eugenecist



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An ERO Board Meeting: Fisher, Morgan, Bell



IRVING FISHER THOMAS H. MORGAN ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL
At a meeting of the Board of Scientific Directors of the Eugenics Record Office, Cold
Spring Harbor, Long Island, April 10, 1915.

Eugenics Exhibit Kansas Free Fair, 1929



Eugenics and Marriage Chart, Kansas Free Fair, 1929

MARRIAGES—FIT AND UNFIT

1. PURE + PURE*—
CHILDREN: NORMAL
2. ABNORMAL + ABNORMAL*—
CHILDREN: ABNORMAL
3. PURE + ABNORMAL—
CHILDREN: NORMAL BUT TAINTED*
SOME GRANDCHILDREN: ABNORMAL
4. TAINTED + ABNORMAL—
CHILDREN: 1/2 PURE NORMAL
AND 1/2 TAINTED
5. TAINTED + PURE—
CHILDREN: 1/2 PURE NORMAL
AND 1/2 TAINTED
6. TAINTED + TAINTED—
CHILDREN: OF EVERY TYPE, 1/4 NORMAL
AND 3/4 TAINTED

* PURE = Normal and Temperamentally Sound
ABNORMAL = Mental or Physical Defect
TAINTED = Carries the Defect


HOW LONG

ARE WE AMERICANS TO
BE SO CAREFUL FOR THE
PEDIGREE OF OUR PIGS
AND CHICKENS AND
CATTLE,— AND THEN
LEAVE THE ANCESTRY
OF OUR CHILDREN
TO CHANGE, OR TO
"BLIND" SENTIMENT?

UNFIT HUMAN TRAITS

SUCH AS FEEBLEMINDEDNESS
EPILEPSY, CRIMINALITY,
INSANITY, ALCOHOLISM,
PAUPERISM — MANY OTHERS—
RUN IN FAMILIES AND ARE
INHERITED IN EXACTLY THE
SAME WAY AS COLOR IN
GUINEA PIGS. IF **ALL**
MARRIAGES WERE EUGENIC
WE COULD **BREED OUT**
MOST OF THIS UNFITNESS
IN **THREE GENERATIONS.**

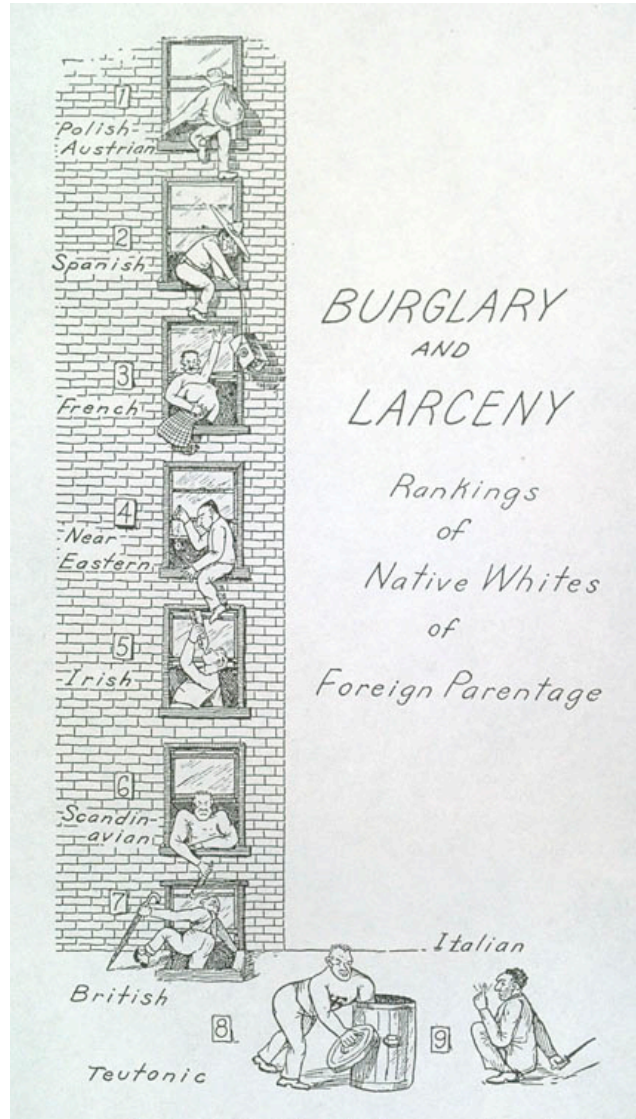
THE TRIANGLE OF LIFE



YOU CAN IMPROVE YOUR EDUCATION,
AND EVEN CHANGE YOUR ENVIRONMENT,
BUT WHAT YOU REALLY **ARE** WAS ALL
SETTLED WHEN YOUR PARENTS WERE
BORN.
SELECTED PARENTS WILL HAVE
BETTER CHILDREN. **THIS**
IS THE GREAT AIM OF **EUGENICS**

Charts used at Kansas Free Fair

The Menace of Immigrants



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The Coming of Supermen

Herald Tribune

Eugenists Hail Their Progress As Indicating Era of Supermen

Scientists, in Congress Here, Advocate Birth Selection, Not Control, as Proper

During the last two decades the new eugenics has risen from a mire of ridicule to the solid foundation of a recognized and important social factor. Dr. Charles B. Davenport, president of the Third International Congress of Eugenics, said last night at a gathering of 200 geneticists from different parts of the world assembled in the American Museum of Natural History.

He predicted that within two decades it would rise still further in public esteem and be regarded as the most important influence in human advancement. The same point of view was expressed in the papers of Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn and Major Leonard Darwin, neither of whom was able to appear in person.

Dr. Osborn's address set forth the theory that the only permanent remedy for present conditions was the improvement and uplift of the character of the human race through "prolonged and intelligent and humane birth selection aided by humane birth control."

It is eleven years since the scientists assembled last, and the progress made during that period was illustrated throughout the day by charts, exhibits

Calls Eugenics Vital Force



Herald Tribune photo—Frank
Dr. Charles B. Davenport

and in the thirty-eight papers delivered by internationally known experts. Birth control, immigration, problems of marriage and inheritance were all discussed at length.

"In application there has been a slow but steady spread," said Dr. Davenport, reviewing the advance of the years in eugenics. "Sterilization as a useful aid in negative eugenics has been adopted in Denmark, largely through the activities of our colleague, Ceven Hansen. England and the Netherlands are considering legislation on the subject."

"The principle of national determination of immigration has become recognized. The seriousness of the act of mate selection is, I think, becoming increasingly recognized partly as a result of more instruction in eugenics given in the schools. Marriage advice stations have sprung up in Germany, and Goasey and Peppine are responsible for an active center in Los Angeles."

Dr. Davenport said he was optimistic enough to believe that young people more and more would be guided consciously as well as instinctively in making marriages that would insure physically, mentally and temperamentally well endowed offspring.

Aims at Supermen

"Can we by eugenic studies point the way to produce the superman and the superstate?" Dr. Davenport went on. "Progress will come slowly. Man is a poor subject for experimental study; still worse to get to apply to himself established principles. But I think we are justified in having faith that the future will bring precise knowledge in human biology, and education will establish the desired mores."

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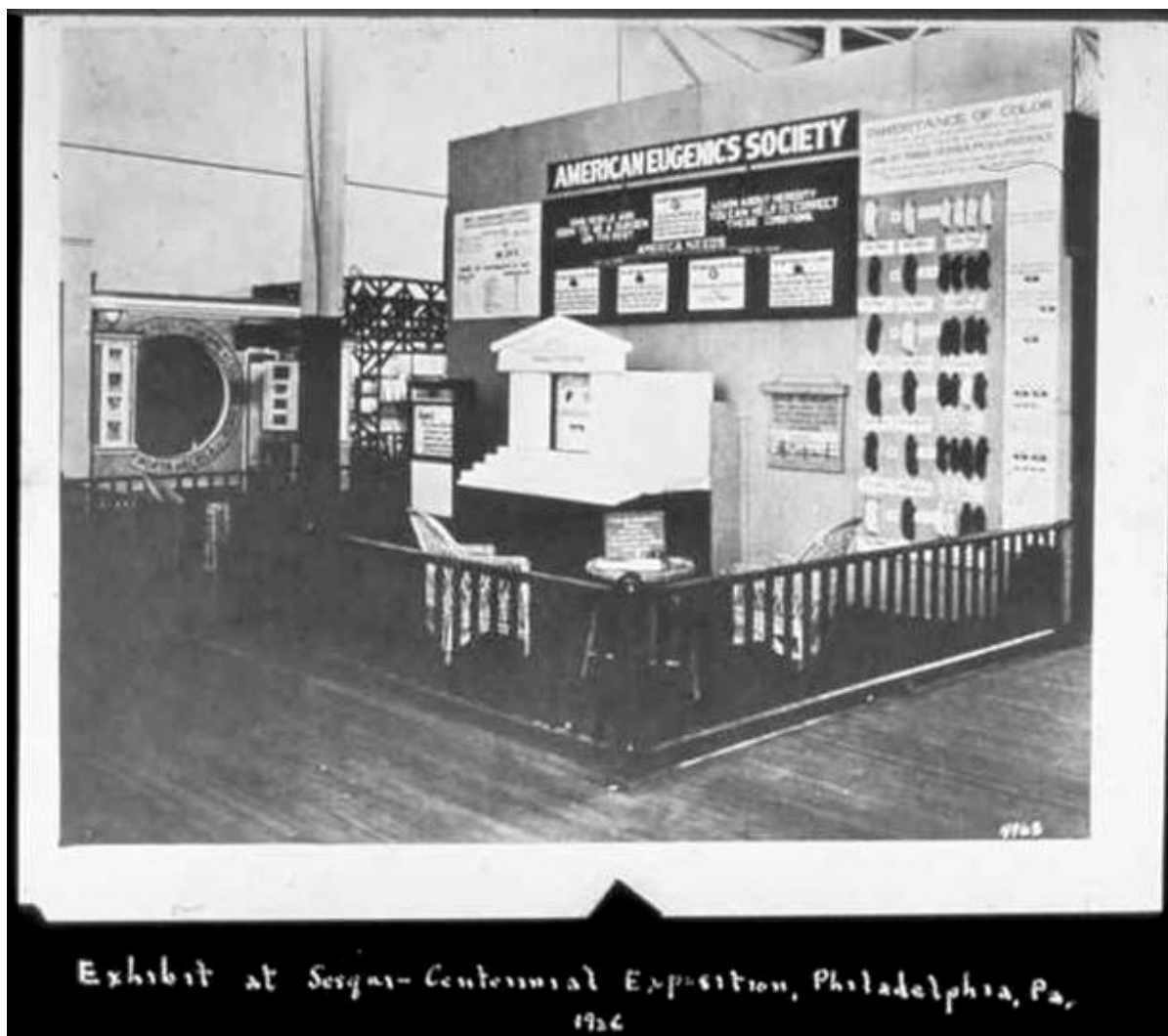
Capper Medal



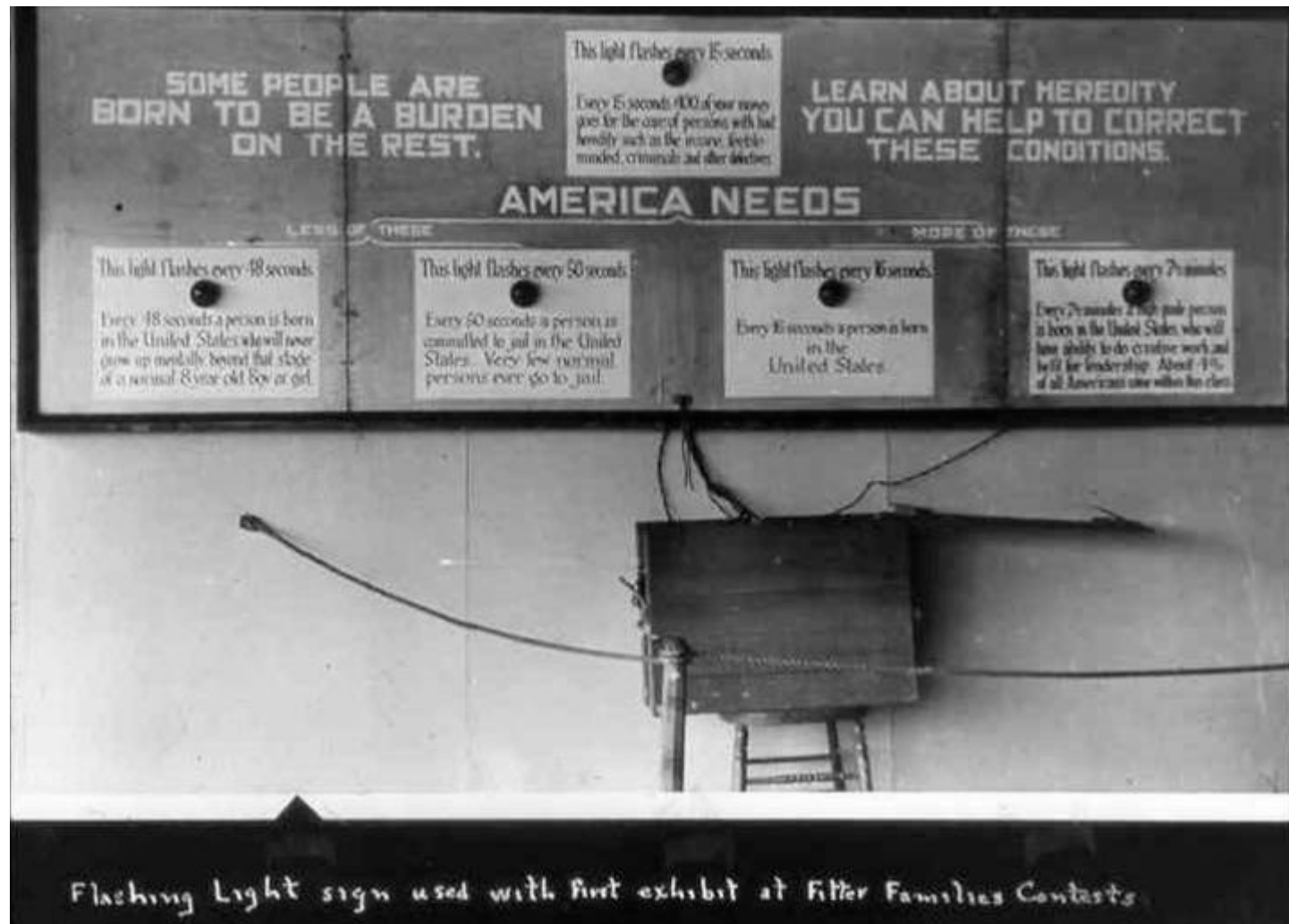
Winner, Large Family, Fitter Family Family Contest, Texas



American Eugenics Society Exhibit, Sesquicentennial Exposition, 1926



Degeneration Counter, 1926



Carrie and Emma Buck, 1924



Carrie Buck
Emma Buck

1924,

Buck v. Bell, 1927

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

No. 292.—OCTOBER TERM, 1926.

Carrie Buck, by R. G. Shelton, her
Guardian and Next Friend, Plaintiff
in Error,

vs.

J. H. Bell, Superintendent of the State
Colony for Epileptics and Feeble
Minded.

In Error to the Supreme
Court of Appeals of the
State of Virginia.

[May 2, 1927.]

Mr. Justice HOLMES delivered the opinion of the Court.

This is a writ of error to review a judgment of the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State of Virginia, affirming a judgment of the Circuit Court of Amherst County, by which the defendant in error, the superintendent of the State Colony for Epileptics and Feeble Minded, was ordered to perform the operation of salpingectomy upon Carrie Buck, the plaintiff in error, for the purpose of making her sterile. 143 Va. 310. The case comes here upon the contention that the statute authorizing the judgment is void under the Fourteenth Amendment as denying to the plaintiff in error due process of law and the equal protection of the laws.

Carrie Buck is a feeble minded white woman who was committed to the State Colony above mentioned in due form. She is the daughter of a feeble minded mother in the same institution, and the mother of an illegitimate feeble minded child. She was eighteen years old at the time of the trial of her case in the Circuit Court, in the latter part of 1924. An Act of Virginia approved March 20, 1924, recites that the health of the patient and the welfare of society may be promoted in certain cases by the sterilization of mental defectives, under careful safeguard, &c.; that the sterilization may be effected in males by vasectomy and in females by salpingectomy, without serious pain or substantial danger to life; that

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is no doubt that in that respect the plaintiff in error has had due process of law.

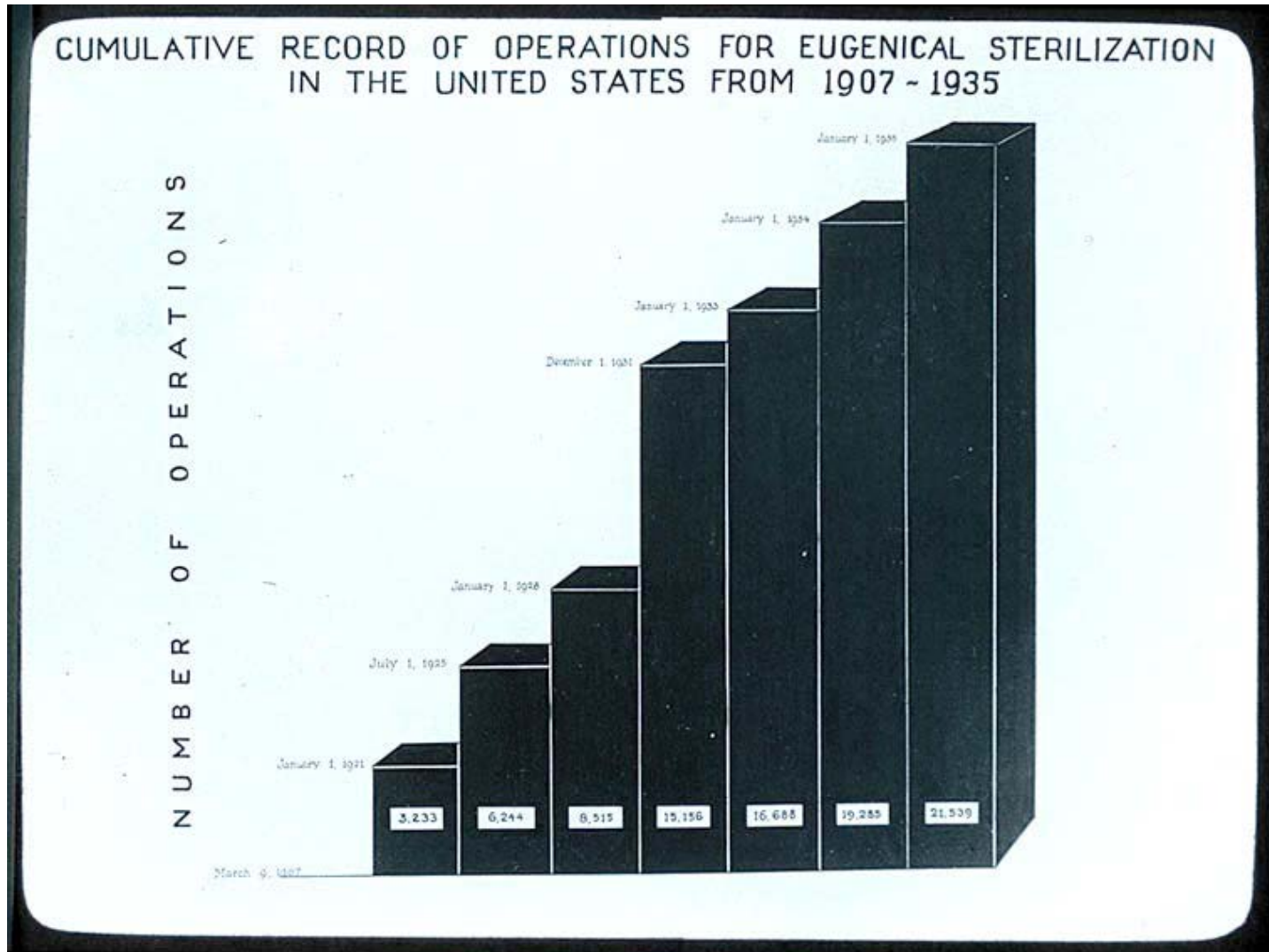
The attack is not upon the procedure but upon the substantive law. It seems to be contended that in no circumstances could such an order be justified. It certainly is contended that the order cannot be justified upon the existing grounds. The judgment finds the facts that have been recited and that Carrie Buck "is the probable potential parent of socially inadequate offspring, likewise afflicted, that she may be sexually sterilized without detriment to her general health and that her welfare and that of society will be promoted by her sterilization," and thereupon makes the order. In view of the general declarations of the legislature and the specific findings of the Court obviously we cannot say as matter of law that the grounds do not exist, and if they exist they justify the result. We have seen more than once that the public welfare may call upon the best citizens for their lives. It would be strange if it could not call upon those who already sap the strength of the State for these lesser sacrifices, often not felt to be such by those concerned, in order to prevent our being swamped with incompetence. It is better for all the world, if instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime, or to let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind. The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination is broad enough to cover cutting the Fallopian tubes. *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, 197 U. S. 11. Three generations of imbeciles are enough.

But, it is said, however it might be if this reasoning were applied generally, it fails when it is confined to the small number who are in the institutions named and is not applied to the multitudes outside. It is the usual last resort of constitutional arguments to point out shortcomings of this sort. But the answer is that the law does all that is needed when it does all that it can, indicates a policy, applies it to all within the lines, and seeks to bring within the lines all similarly situated so far and so fast as its means allow. Of course so far as the operations enable those who otherwise must be kept confined to be returned to the world, and thus open the asylum to others, the equality aimed at will be more nearly reached.

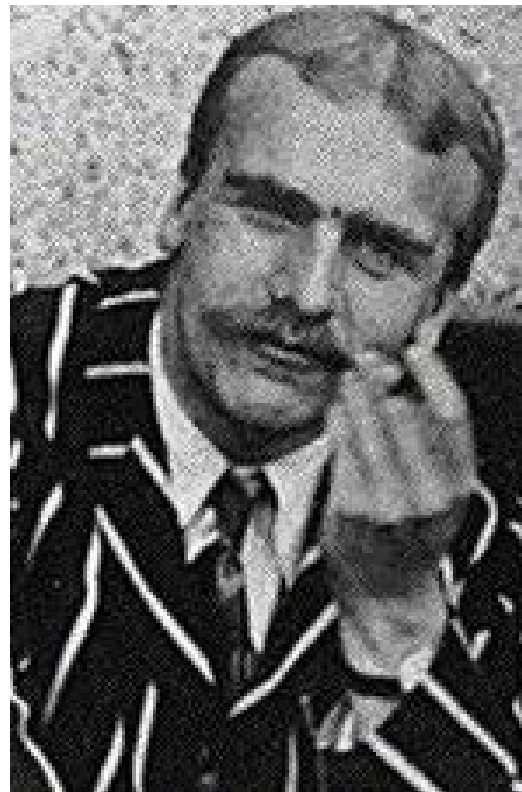
Judgment affirmed.

Mr. Justice BUTLER dissents.

Sterilization Rates, US



J.B.S. Haldane



Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe with Louise Brown



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Meet Louise, the world's
first test-tube arrival

SUPERBABE



Wide-eyed Louise Brown pictured in hospital 18 hours after she was born. Today she's doing well. See Page Three

Louise Brown, with her parents, John and Leslie Brown, 2003



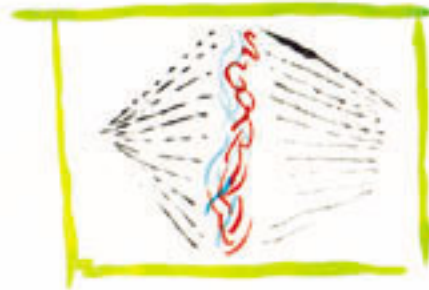
Dolly the Sheep

World's First Adult Clone



Jane Howland, "Recipe of Me"

The Recipe of Me



23 of Him

23 of Her

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ONE INDESTRUCTIBLE DROP

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