

was true, but then they were two years older than I was. Actually in physical vigor I was probably as good as most of those of my age, although in ability to perform physical actions I have always been somewhat inferior, have always had an awkwardness and had been poor at mechanical and manual things. I have never had much memory for such things. I recall a few years ago when my wife went to Israel for three weeks that she explained to me how to run the ~~washer~~ washing machine. After she explained it I did not remember anything about it. I got her to dictate it and typed it out-- the directions for using it. Then while she was gone, whenever I washed my clothes I would have the directions before me and follow them step-by-step, and three days after she had returned ~~it~~ I did not remember anything at all that had been in the direction.

When I w-s in high school I learned to type and while I never became an excellent typist I believe I was quite successful up to the average in this. ~~xxxxxx~~ Later I had a portable typewriter which I carried with me and when I was away from home typed letters in trains, in trolley cars, on buses, or even sitting on a bench waiting for a bus.

I remember when I was in 7th or 8th grade we the class was sent to the building of the high school, which had a manual training section in the basement. There we were given a number of things to do, ranging from one through 30--I believe, to do with wood. The first of the was a piece of wood about an inch across and half an inch three-quarters of an inch up and down, and maybe 15 inches long. WE were supposed on this to make various cuts with a chisel of certain sizes, like going straight down the two sides and flat bottom, or down at an angle in different directions, and so on. The first one Task number one involved about six such things to be done on the piece of wood. After that there were other stunts using wood and using lat he. It ~~is~~ is my impression that most of the others were ~~more~~ less more difficult than the first. At any rate I kept spoiling ~~pieces~~ pieces of wood as I failed to make the cuts right, and during the time we were there one day a hour a week during the semester I did not ~~manage~~ succeed in successfully completing this first assignment. At first I could ~~not~~ not make even one of the cuts;