

eventually I got to where I got ~~many~~ maybe half of /them done, but always before I finished the wood would break through hitting it too hard or at the wrong ~~time~~ direction.

It is rather strange I should have been so awkward since my father seemed to have a particular knack at almost anything that he undertook. I understand that he was a good surgeon, and I know that when it came to things around the house he or ~~me~~ on the car, I always had the impression that he could do just about anything he set his hand to.

In childhood games such as hide-and-seek and tag, I believe I was about average. When the children began hitting balls with bats and playing baseball or basketball I soon felt very awkward and was embarrassed about it.

I had a good education. The schools in Calumet were excellent. However, my work was desultory. I would enjoy When I learned long division I enjoyed it and would make up ~~problems~~ problems to do myself. I enjoyed every part of it but I never pushed any part forward to become really expert in it.

A I noticed a very strange, even while I was as low as third grade. If I wondered whether a word how a word was spelled I seemed to be able, on writing the word out, to tell at a glance that it was either correct or incorrect. I have always had this ability. I donot think this ~~shows~~ shows any particular intellectual acumen. Dr. Buswell always said he was a very poor ~~speller~~ speller and ~~that~~ it was up to his secretary to do the spelling. I myself have been as good or better at spelling than any secretary I have ever had. In fact, after I was editor of the college paper I felt that for a time that I could look at a page and the misspelled word on the page was almost like a blot on it. I have always been very good at picking out words, for instance, looking for a word on a page, or for a discussion of a subject I have usually ~~been~~ been able to spot it quickly, and I have been quicker at finding a name in the director in a list than most people.

It is very g strange that I should have this good ~~memory~~ memory for spelling, but not a very good memory for numbers. Even comparatively recently I have noticed that if I had a number to dial on the phone, I would dial two or