

three numbers and then look at the number to find out what the next two or three were. I never had much confidence in my ability to remember a whole string of numbers. When I was in 8th grade I heard my father telling a cousin about the Loiset system of memorizing in one part of which included having letters stand for figures. I learned this ~~quickly~~ quickly and since that time, if I wanted to remember a number I resorted to this. Thus when we came here our home number was 855-4376, and I found this impossible, and I had great difficulty in remembering it. When I was away once I dialed 885 instead of 855 and had to look at the paper in my pocket to find out my mistake. I saw therefore looked for a way to put this into words and got the words "filial room cash," in which the consonants represented the ~~numbers~~ numbers of this word. During the next months, if I wanted to know the home number I would/ ~~immediately~~ immediately think of "filial room cash" and quickly translate it into numbers. One time I visited Phillip Vivian in Chicago and a ~~friend~~ friend in Los Angeles had asked me to phone a friend of theirs his hers in Chicago. I told Phil I would like to call, and gave him the seven-digit number. He immediately dialed the number for me, and I then dialed the number and the friends invited us there to call on them. Phil and I went there and had a very pleasant evening. I forget their names; let's call them "Jones," which was not their name. A year later I visited Chicago and on arrival Phil said to me, "Are you now going to phone?" and then he gave the seven-digit number. ~~Oh,~~ "Oh," I said, "do you remember that number?" ~~Oh,~~ "Oh," I said, "you remember the number!" I had no idea what it was. I said, "Do you remember the number? Have kept up contact with these people during the year?" He said, "No, I have had no contact whatever since that evening you and I were there." He said, "Nor have I had occasion to think of the number, ~~but~~ but" he said, "I remember that's the number you called." Thus he had a good memory for numbers which I never had, though, as I said, I had a most excellent for spelling, and usually a very good memory for facts and for names, though an extremely poor one for faces or for colors, or for the appearance of buildings, trees, etc. In recent years I have frequently remarked to ~~somebody~~ somebody whom I have met for the first time