

Oh yes I forgot. I asked Prof Nemur when I can go back to Miss Kinnians class at the adult center and he said soon Miss Kinnian will come to the collage testing center to teach me Spanish. I am glad about that. I don't see her so much since the operashun but she is nice.

March 25 - That crazy TV kept me up all nite. How can I sleep with something yelling crazy things all night in my ears. And the nutty pictures. Wow. I don't know what it says when I'm up so how am I going to know when I'm sleeping. I asked Burt about it and he says its ok. He says my branes are learning just before I got to sleep and that will help me when Miss Kinnian starts my lessons at the testing center. The testing center isn't a hospital for animals like I thought before. Its a laboratory for science. I don't know what science is except I'm helping it with this experiment.

Anyway I don't know about that TV. I think its crazy. If you can get smart when your going to sleep why do pepu go to school. I don't think that thing will work. I use to watch the late show and the late late show on TV all the time before I went to sleep and it never made me smart. Maybe only certain movies make you smart. Maybe like quizz shows.

March 26 - How am I gonna work in the daytime if that thing keeps waking me up at nite. In the middle of the nite I woke up and I couldn't go back to sleep because it kept saying remember... remember... remember... So I think I remember something. I don't remember exactly but it was about Miss Kinnian and the school where I learned about reading. And how I went there.

A long time ago once I asked Joe Carp how he learned to read and if I could learn to read to. He laughed like he always does when I say something funny and he says to me Charlie why waste your time they can put any branes in where there ain't none. But Fanny Birden heard me and she asked her cousin who is a collage student at Beekman and she told me about the adult center for retarded pepu at the Beekman collage.

She rote the name down on a paper and Frank laughed and said don't go getting so eddicated that you wont talk to your old friends. I said don't worry I will always keep my old friends even if I can read and rite. He was laughing and Joe Carp was laughing but Gimpy came in and told them to get back to making rolls.

They are all good friends to me.

After work I walked over six blocks to the school and I was scared. I was so happy I was going to learn to read that I bought a newspaper to take home with me and read after I learned.

When I got there it was a big long hall with lots of pepu. I got scared of



FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON  
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### Progrin rripot 1 march 3.

Dr. Strauss says I should rite down what I think and remember and every thing that happens to me from now on. I don't no why but he says its important so they will see if they can use me. I hope they use me becaus Miss Kinnian says maybe they can make me smart. I want to be smart. My name is Charlie Gordon I work in Donner's bakery where Mr. Donner gives me 11 dollers a week and bread or cake if I want. I am 32 yeres old and next month is my birthday. I told Dr. Strauss and perfesser Nemur I can't rite good but he says it don't matter he says I shud rite just like I talk and like I rite compushishens in Miss Kinnians class at the beekman collage center for related adults where I go to learn 3 times a week on my time off. Dr. Strauss says to rite a lot everything I think and everything that happens to me but I can't think anymore because I have nothing to rite so I will close for today... yrs truly Charlie Gordon.

#### Progris report 2 - march 4.

I had a test today. I think I failed it and I think maybe now they wont use me. What happind is I went to Prof Nemur's office on my lunch time like they said and his secretary took me to a place that said psych dept on the door with a long hall and alot of littel rooms with onley a desk and chairs. And a nice man was in one of the rooms and he had some wife cards with ink spilld all over them. He sed sit down Charlie and make yourself comfortable and rilax. He had a wife coat like a docder but I dont think he was no docder because he didnt tell me to open my mouth and say ah. All he had was those wife cards. His name is Burt. I forgot his last name because I dont remembr so good.

I didnt know what he was gonna do and I was holding on tilte to the chair like sometimes when I go to a dentist onley Burt aint no dentist neither but he kept telling me to rilax and that gets me skared because it always means its gonna hurt.

So Burt sed Charlie what do you see on this card. I saw the spilld ink and I was very skared even tho I got my rabits foot in my pocket because when I was a kid I always failed tests in school and I spilld ink to.

I told Burt I saw ink spilld on a wife card. Burt said yes and he smild and that maid me feel good. He kept turning all the cards and I told him somebody spilld ink on all of them red and black. I thot that was a easy test but when I got up to go Burt stoppd me and said now sit down Charlie we are not thru yet. Theres more we got to do with these cards. I didnt understand about it but I remembr Dr Strauss said do anything the testor told me even if it dont make no sense because thats testing.

I dont remembr so good what Burt said but I remembr he wantid me to say what was in the ink. I didnt see nothing in the ink but Burt sed there was picturs there. I couldnt see no picturs. I reely tried to see. I holded the card up close and then far away. Then I said if I had my eye glasses I could probaly see better I usully only ware my eyeglasses in the movies or to watch TV but I sed maybe they will help me see the picturs in the ink. I put them on and I said now let me see the card agars I bet I find it now.

I tried hard but I still couldnt find the picturs I only saw the ink. I told Burt maybe I need new glasses. He rote somthing down on a paper and I got skared of failing the test. So I told him it was a very nice pictur of ink with pitfy points all around the eggs but he shaked his head so that wasnt it neither. I asked him if other pepul saw things in the ink and he sed yes they magen picturs in the mindot. He told me the ink on the card was calld mindot.

I asked Mr Donner if I could tem to be an aprntise baker like Ernie. I told him I could tem if he gave me a chance.

Mr Donner looked at me for a long time funny because I gess I dont talk so much most of the time. And Frank herd me and he laffed and lafed until Mr Donner told him to shut up and go tend to his oven. Then Mr Donner said to me theirs lots of time for that Charlie. A bakers werk is very imporfint and very complicated and you shoudnt worry about things like that.

I wish I could tell him and all the other people about my real operashun. I wish it would reely work already so I could get smart like evrybody else.

March 24 - Prof Nemur and Dr Strauss came to my room tonight to see why I dont come in to the lab like I am suppose to. I told them I dont want to race with Algermon no more. Prof Nemur said I dont have to for a while but I shoud come in any way. He prout me a presint only it wasnt a presint but just for lend. He said its a teaching mashine that works like TV. It talks and makes picturs and I got to tem it on just before I go to sleep. I said your kidding. Why shoud I tem on a TV before I go to sleep. But Prof Nemur said if I want to get smart I got to do what he says. So I told him I dont think I was goin to get smart anyway.

Then Dr Strauss came over and put his hand on my sholder and said Charlie you dont know it yet but your getting smarter all the time. You wont noise it for a while like you dont noise how the hour hand on a clock moves. Thats the way it is with the changes in you. They are happing so slow you cant tell. But we can follow it from the tests and the way you act and talk and your progress reports. He said Charlie youve got to have fayth in us and in yourself. We cant be sure it will be permant but we are confidant that soon your going to be a very intelligent young man.

I said okay and Prof Nemur showed me how to werk the TV that reely wasnt a TV. I asked him what did it do. First he lookd sore again because I asked him to explane me and he said I shoud just do what he told me. But Dr Strauss said he shoud explane it to me because I was beginning to question authority. I dont no what that means but Prof Nemur looked like he was going to bite his lip off. Then he explamed me very slow that the mashine did lots of things to my mind. Somehtings it did just before I fall asleep like teach me stills when im very sleepy and a little while after I start to fall asleep I still hear the talk even if I dont see the picturs anymore. Other things is at nite its suppose to make me have dreams and remembr things that happened a long time ago when I was a very littel kid.

Its scary.

diffrent. I could probaly do that amazed faster then a reglar mouse. Maybe some day I'll beat Algenon. Boy would that be somthing. Dr Strauss says that so far Algenon looks like he mite be smart perminant and he says thats a good sine becaws we both had the same kind of operashun.

March 21 - We had a lot of fun at the bakery today. Joe Carp said hey look where Charlie had his operashun what did they do Charlie put some brains in. I was going to tell him about me getting smart but I remembered Prof Nemur said no. Then Frank Reilly said what did you do Charlie open a door the hard way. That made me laff. Their my friends and they really like me.

Their is a lot of werk to catch up. They dint have anyone to clean out the place because that was my job but they got a new boy Ernie to do the deliveries that I always done. Mr Donner said he decided not to fire him for a while to give me a chance to rest up and not werk so hard. I told him I was alright and I can make my deliveries and clean up like I always done but Mr Donner says we will keep the boy.

I said so what am I gonna do. And Mr Donner patted me on the shoulder and says Charlie how old are you. I told him 32 years going on 33 my next birthday. And how long you been here he said. I told him I dint know. He said you came here seventeen years ago. Your Uncle Herman god rest his sole was my best friend. He bout you in here and he askd me to let you werk here and look after you as best I could. And when he died 2 years later and your mother had you comited to the Warren home I got them to release you on outside werk placemint. Seventeen years its been Charlie and I want you to know that the bakery biness is not so good but like I always said you got a job here for the rest of your life. So dont worry about me bringing in somebody to take your place. You'll never have to go back to that Warren home.

I aint wond only what does he need Ernie for to deliver and werk around here when I was always delivering the packages good. He says the boy needs the money Charlie so Im going to keep him on as an apprentice to lern him to be a baker. You can be his asistent and help him out on deliverys when he needs it.

I never was a asistent before. Ernie is very smart but the other pepul in the bakery dont like him so much. Their all my good friends and we have lots of jokes and larfs here.

Some times somebody will say hey lookit Frank or Joe or even Gimpy. He really pulled a Charlie Gordon that time. I dont know why they say it but they always left and I left too. This morning Gimpy has the head baker and he has a bad foot and he limps he used my name when he should at Ernie because Ernie lost a birthday cake. He said Ernie for godskake you trying to be a Charlie Gordon. I dont know why he said that. I never lost any packages.

Burt is very nice and he talks slow like Miss Kinnman dose in her class where I go to lern reading for slow adults. He explained me it was a raw shok test. He sed pepul see things in the ink. I said show me where. He dint show me he just kept saying think imagen theres something on the card. I told him I imagen a inkblot.

He shaked his head so that wasnt rite eather. He said what does it remind you of pretend its something. I closed my eyes for a long time to pretend and then I said I pretend a bottle of ink spilld all over a wife card. And thats when the point on his pencil broke and then we got up and went out.

I dont think I passed the raw shok test.

### 3d progrits rport.

March 5 - Dr Strauss and prof Nemur say it dont matter about the ink on the cards. I told them I dint spill the ink on them and I couldnt see anything in the ink. They said maybe they will still use me. I told Dr Strauss that Miss Kinnman never gave me tests like that only riting and reading. He said Miss Kinnman told him I was her besist pupil in the Beekman School for retarded adults and I tried the hardest becaws I reely want to lern I wantid it more even then pepul who are smarter even then me.

Dr Strauss askd me how come you went to the Beekman School all by yourself Charlie. How did you find out about it. I said I dont remember.

Prof Nemur said but why did you want to lern to read and spell in the first place. I told him because all my life I wantid to be smart and not dumb and my mom always told me to try and lern just like Miss Kinnman tells me but its very hard to be smart and even when I lern something in Miss Kinnmans class at the school I forget alot.

Dr Strauss roe some things on a peice of paper and prof Nemur talked to me very serenus. He said you know Charlie we are not shure how this experamint will werk on pepul because we onley tried it up to now on annimals. I said thats what Miss Kinnman told me but I dont even care if it herts or anything because Im strong and I will werk hard.

I want to get smart if they will let me. They said they got to get permissen from my familie but my uncle Herman who use to take care of me is ded and I dont remember about my familie. I dint see my mother or father or my littel sister Norma for a long long long time. Maybe their died to. Dr Strauss askd me where they use to live. I think in brooklin. He sed they will see if maybe they can find them.

I hope I dont have to rite to much of these progris riports because it takes

along time and I get to sleep very late and Im tired at work in the morning. Gimpy holstered at me because I dropped a tray full of rolls I was carrying over to the oven. They got deny and he had to wipe them off before he put them in to bake. Gimpy holters at me all the time when I do something rong, but he reely likes me because hes my friend. Boy if I get smart wont he be seprised.

#### Progrits nport 4.

Mar 6 - I had more crazy tests today in case they use me. That same place but a different littel testing room. The nice lady who give it to me told me the name and I asked her how do you spell it so I can put it down rite in my progris nport. THEMATIC APPERCEPTION TEST. I dont know the first 2 words but I know what test means. You got to pass it or you get bad marks.

This test lookd easy because I could see the picturs. Only this time she dint want me to tell what I saw in the picturs. That mxd me up. I told her yesterday Burt said I shoud tell what I saw in the ink. She said that dont make a difference because this test is something else. Now you got to make up stories about the pepul in the picturs.

I said how can I tell stories about pepul I dont know. She said make beleve but I told her thats lies. I never tell lies any more because when I was a kid I made lies and I always got hit. I got a pictur in my waler of me and Norma with Uncle Herman who got me the job to be janiter at Dorniers bakery before he dyed.

I said I could make stories about them because I lvd with Uncle Herman along time but the lady dint want to hear about them. She said this test and the other one the raw shok was for getting personally. I landd. I told her how can you get that thing from cards that somebody spilld ink on and fotos of pepul you dont even no. She lookd angrey and took the picturs away. I dont care.

I gess I faled that test too.

Then I drew some picturs for her but I dont drawer so good. Later the other testor Burt in the wife coat came back his name is Burt Seiden and he took me to a different place on the same 4th floor in the Beekman University that said PSYCHOLOGY LABORATORY on the door. Burt said PSYCHOLOGY means minds and LABORATORY means a place where they make speatamnts. I thot he ment like where they made the chooing gum but now I think its puzzels and games because thats what we did.

I couldnt werk the puzzels so good because it was all broke and the peices

I dint think pepul would laff at Prof Nemur because hes a stensit in a collidge but Bert said no stensit is a grate man to his colleags and his graduate studnts. Burt is a graduate student and he is a majer in psychology like the name on the door to the lab. I dint know they had majers in collidge. I thot it was onley in the army.

Anyway I hope I get smart soon because I want to lem everything there is in the werd like the collidge boys know. All about art and politiks and god.

March 17 - When I waked up this morning rite away I thot I was gone to be smart but Im not. Evry morning I think Im gone to be smart but nothing happins. Mabye the experimnt dint werk. Maby I wont get smart and I'll have to go live at the Warren home. I hate the tests and I hate the amazeds and I hate Algernon.

I never new before that I was dumber than a mouse. I dont feel like riting any more progress reports. I forgot things and even when I rite them in my notbook sometimes I cant read my own riting and its very hard. Miss Kimian says have pasthens but I feel sick and tired. And I get headaches all the time. I want to go back to werk in the bakery and not rite progrets progress reports any more.

March 20 - Im going back to werk at the bakery. Dr Strauss told Prof Nemur it was better I shoud go back to werk but I still cant tell anyone what the operastun was for and I have to come to the lab for 2 hrs evry nite after werk for my tests and keep riting these dumb reports. They are going to pay me evry week like for a part time job because that was part of the araingment when they got the morny from the Weilberg foundastun. I still dont know what that Weilberg thing is. Miss Kimian explained me but I still dont get it. So if I dint get smart why are they paying me to rite these dumb things. If their gonna pay me I'll do it. But its very hard to rite.

Im glad Im going back to werk because I miss my job at the bakery and all my friends and all the fun we have.

Dr Strauss says I shoud keep a notbook in my pocket for things I remembr. And I dont have to do the progress reports evry day just when I think of somthing or somthing speshtul happins. I told him nothing speshtul ever happins to me and it dont look like this speshtul experimnt is going to happin. neither. He says dont get discouraged Charlie because it takes a long time and it happins slow and you cant notise it rite away. He explained how it took a long time with Algernon before he got 3 times smarter then he was before.

Thats why Algernon beats me all the time in that amazez race because he had that operastun too. Hes a speshtul mouse the 1st animil to stay smart so long after the operastun. I dint know he was a speshtul mouse. That makes it

the pictures of a man and woman but I wont make up lies about pepul.

And I cant do the puzzels good.

I get headaches from trying to think and remembr so much. Dr Strauss promised he was going to help me but he dont. He dont tell me what to think or when i'll get smart. He just makes me lay down on a couch and talk.

Miss Kinnian comes to see me at the collage too. I told her nothing was happening. When am I going to get smart. She said you got to be pasient Charlie these things take time. It will happin so slowly you wont know its happening. She said Burt told her I was coming along fine.

I still think those races and those tests are stoopid and I think riting these progress reports are stoopid to.

March 16 - I ate lunch with Burt at the collage resteraunt. They got all kinds of good food and I dont have to pay for it neither. I like to sit and watch the collage boys and girls. They fool around sometimes but mostly they talk about all kinds of things just like the bakers do at Dommers bakery. Burt says its about art and potalics and riligon. I dont know what those things are about but I know riligon is god. Mon use to tell me all about him and the things he done to make the weird. She said I should always love god and prey to him. I dont remember how to prey to him but I think mon use to make me prey to him a lot when I was a kid that he should make me get better and not be sick. I dont remember how I was sick. I think it was about me not being smart.

Anyway Burt says if the experimint werks I'll be able to understand all those things the studints are talking about and I said do you think I'll be smart like them and he laffed and said those kids arent so smart you'll pass them as if their standing still.

He introduced me to alot of the studints and some of them look at me funny like I dont belong in a collage. I almost forgot and started to tell them I was going to be very smart soon like them but Burt interrupted and he told them I was cleaning the psych department lab. Later he explained to me their mussent be any publiity. That means its a seecrit.

I dont reely understand why I got to keep it a seecrit. Burt says its in case theirs a faleure. Prof Nemur dont want everybody to laff espeshully the pepul from the Weulberg foundashun who gave him the money for the projekt. I said I dont care if pepul laff at me. Lots of pepul laff at me and their my friends and we have fun. Burt put his arm on my sholder and said its not you Nemurs worryd about. He dont want pepul to laff at him.

couldnt fit in the holes. One game was a paper with lines in all derrections and lots of boxes. On one side it said START and on the other end it said FINISH. He told me that game was amazed and I should take the pencil and go from where it said START to where it said FINISH withowt crossing over any of the lines.

I didnt understand the amazed and we used up a lot of papers. Then Burt said look I'll show you something lets go to the sperimental lab maybe you'll get the idea. We went up to the 5th floor to another room with lots of cages and animals they had monkys and some mouses. It had a funny smel like old garbidge. And there was other pepul in wile coats playing with the animals so I thot it was like a pet store but their wasnt no customers. Burt took a wile mouse out of the cage and showed him to me. Burt said thats Algeron and he can do this amazed very good. I told him you show me how he does that.

Well do you know he put Algeron in a box like a big tabel with aild of twists and terns like all kinds of walls and a START and a FINISH like the paper had. Only their was a skreen over the big tabel. And Burt took out his clock and lifted up a slidding door and said lets go Algeron and the mouse snifted 2 or 3 times and standt to run. First he ran down one long row and then when he saw he couldnt go no more he came back where he standt from and he just stood there a minit wiggleing his whiskers. Then he went off in the other derrection and standt to run again.

It was just like he was doing the same thing Burt wanted me to do with the lines on the paper. I was laffing because I thot it was going to be a hard thing for a mouse to do. But then Algeron kept going all the way threw that thing all the rite ways till he came out where it said FINISH and he made a squeek. Burt says that means he was happy because he did the thing rite.

Boy I said thats a smart mouse. Burt said would you like to race against Algeron. I said sure and he said he had a different kind of amaze made of wood with rows sketched in it and an electric stick like a pencil. And he could fix up Algerons amaze to be the same like that one so we could both be doing the same kind.

He moved all the bords around on Algerons tabel because they come apart and he could put them together in different ways. And then he put the skreen back on top so Algeron wouldnt jump over any rows to get to the FINISH. Then he gave me the electric stick and showed me how to put it in between the rows and Im not suppose to lift it off the bord just follow the little scratches untill the pencil cant move any more or I get a little shock.

He took out his clock and he was trying to hide it. So I tryed not to look at him and that made me very nervus.

When he said go I tried to go but I didnt know where to go. I didnt know the way to take. Then I herd Algeron squeeking from the box on the label and his feet scratching like he was running already. I stand to go but I went in the wrong way and got stuck and a little shook in my fingers so I went back to the START but everytime I went a different way I got stuck and a shock. It didnt hurt or anything just made me jump a little and Burt said it was to show me I did the wrong thing. I was halfway on the board when I herd Algeron squeek like he was happy again and that means he won the race.

And the other ten times we did it over Algeron won every time because I couldnt find the right rows to get to where it says FINISH. I didnt feel bad because I watched Algeron and I lerned how to finish the amaze even if it takes me along time.

I didnt know mice were so smart.

#### Progris ríport 5 mar 6.

They found my sister Norma who lives with my mother in Brooklyn and she gave permission for the operashun. So their going to use me. Im so excited I can hardly ríle it down. But then Prof Nemur and Dr Strauss had a arguement about it first. I was sitting in Prof Nemurs office when Dr Strauss and Burt Seiden came in. Prof Nemur was worried about using me but Dr Strauss told him I looked like the best one they testid so far. Burt told him Miss Kirman rekommended me the best from all the people who she was teaching at the center for related adults. Where I go.

Dr Strauss said I had something that was very good. He said I had a good motor-vation. I never even knowed I had that. I felt good when he said not everybody with an eye-Q of 68 had that thing like I had it. I dont know what it is or where I got it but he said Algeron had it too. Algerons motor-vation is the chess they put in his box. But it cant be only that because I didnt have no chess this week.

Prof Nemur was worryd about my eye-Q getting too high from mine that was too low and I would get sick from it. And Dr Strauss told Prof Nemur somthing I didnt understand so wile they was talking I rote down some of the words in my notebook for keeping my progris ríports.

He said Harold thats Prof Nemurs first name I know Charlie is not what you had in mind as the first of your new breed of inlekt. cant get the word \*\*\* superman. But most people of his low weint are nosy and uncoop they are usually dull and apathet and hard to reach. Charlie has a good natcher and hes intrested and eager to please.

operate on my branes like she said if its agensí god. I dont want to make god angry.

March 13 - They changed my nerse today. This one is pritty. Her name is Lucille she shoud me how to spell it for my progress report and she got yellow hair and blew eyes. I asked her where was Hilda and she said Hilda wasnt werkíng in that part of the hospitil no more. Only in the maternity ward by the babys where it dont matter if she talks too much.

When I asked her about what was matírnity she said its about havíng babys but when I asked her how they have them she got red in the face just the same like Hilda and she said she got to take sombodys temperchure. Nobody ever tells me about the babys. Maybe if this thing werks and I get smart I'll find out.

Miss Kirman came to see me today and she said Charlie you look wonderful. I told her I feel fine but I dont feel smart yet. I thot that when the operashun was over and they took the bandilís off my eyes Id be smart and no a lot of things so I could read and talk about impórtent things like evrybody else.

She said thats not the way it werks Charlie. It comes slowley and you have to werk very hard to get smart.

I didnt no that. If I got to werk hard anyway what did I have to have the operashun for. She said she wasnt sure but the operashun was to make it so that when I did werk hard to get smart it would stick with me and not be like it was before when it didnt stick so good.

Well I told her that made me kind of feel bad because I thot I was going to be smart ríle away and I could go back to show the guys at the bakery how smart I am and talk with them about things and maybe even get to be an assistint baker. Then I was gone to try and find my mom and dad. They would be surprísed to see how smart I got because my mom always wanted me too be smart to. Maybe they wouldnt send me away no more if they see how smart I am. I told Miss Kirman I would try hard to be smart as hard as I can. She patid my hand and said I no you will. I have feyth in you Charlie.

#### PROGRESS REPORT 8

March 15 - Im out of the hospitil but not back at werk yet. Nothing is happíng. I had lots of tests and diffírent kinds of races with Algeron. I hate that mouse. He always beats me. Prof Nemur says I got to play those games and I got to take those tests over and over agén.

Those amazs are stoopíd. And those picturs are stoopíd to. I like to drawer

But anyway thats sience and I got to try to be smart like other pepul. Then when I am smart they will talk to me and I can sit with them and listen like Joe Carp and Frank and Gimpdy do when they talk and have a discussen about imporent things. While their werking they start talking about things like about god or about the truble with all the monny the presedint is spending or about the rpublicans and democrats. And they get all excited like their gonna have a rite so Mr Donner got to come in and tell them to get back to baking or theyll all get canned union or no union. I want to talk about things like that.

If your smart you can have lots of friends to talk to and you never get lonely by yourself all the time.

Prof Nemur says its ok to tell about all the things that happin to me in the progress reports but he says I shoud rite more about what I feel and what I think and remember about the past. I told him I dont know how to think or remember and he said just try.

All the time the bandages were on my eyes I tried to think and remember but nothing happined. I dont know what to think or remember about. Maybe if I ask him he will tell me how I can think now that Im suppose to get smart. What do smart pepul think about or remember. Fancy things I bet. I wish I new some fancy things already.

March 12 - I dont have to rite PROGRESS REPORT on top every day just when I start a new batch after Prof Nemur takes the old ones away. I just have to put the date on top. That saves time. Its a good idea. I can sit up in bed and look out the window at the gras and trees outside. The skinney nerses name is Hilda and she is very good to me. She brings me things to eat and she fixes my bed and she says I was a very brave man to let them do things to my hed. She says she woud never let them do things to her briares for all the tea in china. I told her it wasnt for tea in china. It was to make me smart. And she said mabeey they got no rite to make me smart because if god wanted me to be smart he would have made me born that way. And what about Adem and Eev and the sin with the tree of nowege and eating the apple and the fall. And mabeey Prof Nemur and Dr Strauss was tampering with things they got no rite to tampr with.

Shes very skinney and when she talks her face gets all red. She says mabeey I better prey to god to ask him to forgyv what they done to me. I dint eat no appels or do nothing stinld. And now Im skared. Mabeey I shoudn of let them

Then prof Nemur said remember he will be the first human beeing ever to have his intelligence increased by surgery. Dr Strauss said thats exactly what I ment. Where will we find another related adult with this tremendous motivation to lern. Look how well he has lerned to read and rite for his low mental age. A tremendous achievement.

I dint get all the werds and they were talking to fast but it sounded like Dr. Strauss and Burt was on my side and Prof Nemur wasnt.

Burt kept saying Alice Kimnian feels he has an overwheilm" desir to lern. He actually begged to be used. And thats true because I wanted to be smart. Dr Strauss got up and walked around and said I say we use Charlie. And Burt nodded. Prof Nemur skratcd his head and rubbd his nose with his thun and said mabeey your rite. We will use Charlie. But weve got to make him understand that a lot of things can go wrong with the experimint.

When he said that I got so happy and exited I jumped up and shaked his hand for being so good to me. I think he got skared when I did that.

He said Charlie we werked on this for a long time but only on animals like Aigemon. We are sure theres no fysical danger for you but there are other things we cant tell until we try it. I want you to understand this mite tale and then nothing woud happen at all. Or I mite even succeed temperary and leave you werse off then you are now. Do you understand what that means. If that happins we will have to send you bak to the Warren state home to live.

I said I dint care because I aint afraid of nothing. Im very strong and I always do good and beside I got my luky rabbits food and I never breackd a mthir in my life. I droppd some dishs once but that dont count for bad luk.

Then Dr Strauss said Charlie even if this tales your making a grate contribyushun to sience. This experimint has been successful on lots of animals but its never bin tride on a humen beeing. You will be the first.

I told him thanks doc you wont be sorry for givng me my 2nd chance like Miss Kimnian says. And I meen it like I told them. After the operashun Im gonna try to be smart. Im gonna try awful hard.

#### Progris rriport 6th Mar 8.

Im skared. Lots of pepul who werk at the collidge and the pepul at the medical school came to wish me luk. But the lester brd me some flowers he said they were from the pepul at the psych departmnt. He wished me luk.

I hope I have luk. I got my rabbits food and my luky penny and my hushoe. Dr Strauss said dont be so superstitius Charlie. This

is science. I dont no what science is but they all keep saying it so maybe its something that helps you have good luck. Anyway im keeping my rabbits foot in one hand and my lucky penny in the other hand with the hole in it. The penny i mean. I wish I could take the horseshoe with me to but its heavy so ill just leave it in my jacket.

Joe Carp from the bakery brot me a choklat cake from Mt Donner and the folks at the bakery and they hope I get better soon. At the bakery they think im sick becaus thats what Prof Nemur said I should tell them and nothing about an operastun for getting smart. Thats a secret until after in case it dont work or something goes wrong.

Then Miss Kimian came to see me and she brout me some magazines to read, and she looked kind of nervus and skared. She fixd up the flowers on my label and put evrything nice and neat not messed up like I made it. And she fixd the pillow under my head. She likes me alot becaus I try very hard to learn evrything not like some of the pepul at the adult center who dont reely care.

She wants me to get smart. I know.

Then Prof Nemur said I cant have any more sisters becaus I got to rest. I asked Prof Nemur if I could beat Algerion in the race after the operastun and he sayd maybe. If the operastun works good ill show that mouse I can be as smart as he is even smarter. Then ill be able to read better and spell the words good and know lots of things and be like other pepul. Boy that would seprise evryone. If the operastun works and I get smart maybe ill be able to find my mom and dad and sister and show them. Boy would they be seprised to see me smart just like them and my sister.

Prof Nemur says if it works good and its permient they will make other pepul like me smart also. Maybe pepul all over the world. And he said that means im doing somthing grate for science and ill be famus and my name will go down in the books. I dont care so much about beeing famus. I just want to be smart like other pepul so I can have lots of frends who like me.

They dint give me anything to eat today. I dont know what eating got to do with getting smart and im hungry. Prof Nemur took away my choklate cake. That Prof Nemur is a growch. Dr Strauss says I can have it back after the operastun. You cant eat before a operastun. Not even cheese.

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The operastun dint hurt. Dr Strauss did it while I was sleeping. I dont know how becaus I dint see but there was bandages on my eyes and my head for 3 days so - I couldn make no PROGRESS REPORT till today. The skinny narse who wached me riling says I speld PROGRESS rong and she told me how to spell it.

and REPORT to and MARCH. I got to remember that. I have a very bad memory for spelling. Anyway they took off the bandages from my eyes today so I can make a PROGRESS REPORT now. But there is still some bandis on my head.

I was skared when they came in and told me it was time to go for the operastun. They maid me get out of the bed and on another bed that has wheels on it and they rold me out of the room and down the hall to the door that says sergery. Boy was I seprised that it was a big room with green walls and lots of doctors sitting around up high all around the room waching the operastun. I dint no it was going to be like a show.

A man came up to the tabel all in wite and with a wite cloth on his face like in TV shows and rubber gloves and he said rilax Charlie its me Dr Strauss. I said hi doc im skared. He said theres nothing to be skared about. Charlie he said youll just go to sleep. I said thats what im skared about. He patied my head and then 2 other men waring wite masks too came and straped my arms and legs down so I couldnt move them and that maid me very skared and my stomach feelled lite like I was gone to make all over but I dint only wet a littel and I was gone to cry but they put a rubber thing on my face for me to breath in and it smeld funny. All the time I herd Dr Strauss talking out loud about the operastun telling evrybody what he was gonna do. But I dint understand anything about it and I was thinking maybe after the operastun ill be smart and ill understand all the things hes talking about. So I breinded deep and then I gress I was very tired becaus I went to sleep.

When I waked up I was back in my bed and it was very dark. I couldnt see nothing but I herd some talking. It was the narse and Burt and I said whats the matter why dont you put on the illes and when are they gonna operate. And they laffed and Burt said Charlie its all over. And its dark becaus you got bandis over your eyes.

Its a funny thing. They did it while I was sleeping.

Burt comes in to see me evry day to rite down all the things like my temper and my blud preshur and the other things about me. He says its on account of the scientic methid. They got to keep reckends about what happens so they can do it agen when they want to. Not to me but to the other pepul like me who aint smart.

Thais why I got to do these pr-egle- progress reports. Burt says its part of the experimint and they will make forstads of the reports to study them so they will know what is going on in my mind. I dont see how they will know what is going on in my mind by looking at these reports. I read them over and over a lot of times to see what I role and I dont no whats going on in my mind so how are they going to.