

A Talk with

Professor Kroll



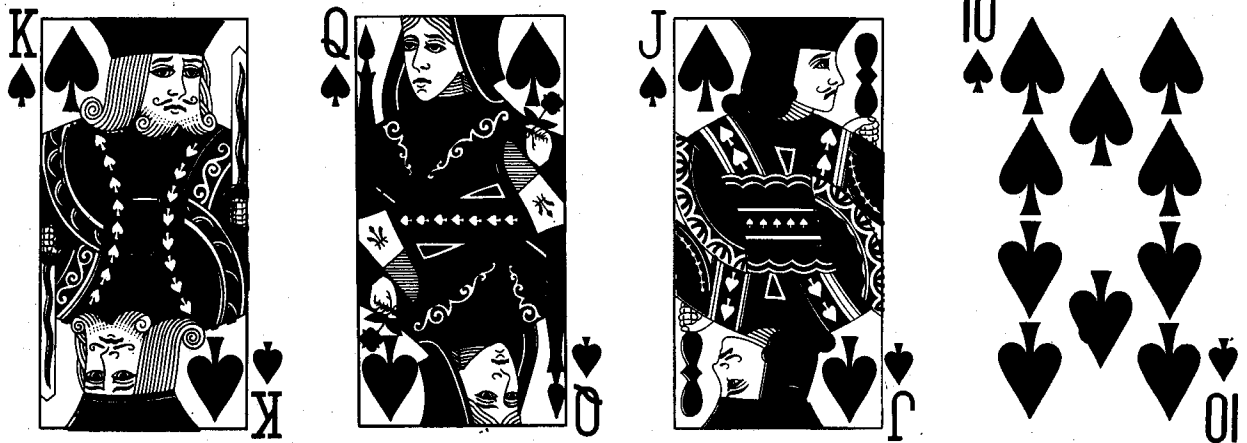
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By the time he finishes his "theoretical Physics" course, Dr. Kroll, the most senior professor of our department, will have taught in our University for thirty three years and is going to retire. Being great age yet mentally alert, he teaches in low voice, but with great eagerness in his classes.

He seems a little bit awkward outside the fields of physics since he has devoted himself to the wonders of physics. The only hobby that he has is reading detective stories. In the fields of physics, he likes Statistical Mechanics best. When asked why, he said that he feels it very interesting. He emphasizes that "I feel it very interesting" is a very important point when one is engaged in something especially in study. "Nowadays, there are too many students in universities and there are too many classes for a student to take, which makes a university more like a school." "In my time in Germany, a college student might take the classes he likes only, thus he could put more devotion on what he likes." He also said that the number of students who really want to study physics remains the same, so, most of the students coming in addition are "bad" students and this is a serious problem of the college in Taiwan.

He was born in Greifswald which once belonged to Germany is now a Polish territory. From two little facts can we understand Dr. Kroll better: Being disgust at Hitler, he left his nativeland and exiled himself to Japan



definitely. He hates War, Army, and Politics because he is a man of kind-hearted. Though he loves his country, he loves Truth better! About his religious belief he said that in Germany, most people are Christians, and he has baptized when he was only a child. He argues that his baptism does not mean anything. Till now he does not believe in God, but he is not against Christ either. When asked if the Christianity is a civilization invasion on China from the West, Dr. Kroll said, "You may say so, but, if you really want to believe you may believe, Jesus Christ has said that he has come for everybody. "Don't you think he is a man of periteticism?"

When we asked him what the appropriate courses for physics students in the four years are, he said that he had not considered it carefully, but he thought that Mechanics, Electromagnetic theory and Statistical mechanics are the most important courses for students of physics. In his opinion about the development of physics of our days, the most important and essential direction is the fundamental particles, because it deals with the most original and radical knowledge of the world.

In classes, Dr. Kroll never smiles, yet in home, he is very gentle and kind. Do you believe that he has a good sense of humor and a very charming smile? Dr. Kroll is a man of ideal, he pursues it through striving: Happiness must be achieved, freedom must be won, and faith must be sought. A happy life is one which is in accordance with its own nature. A happy life consists of a mind which is free, upright, undaunted and steadfast beyond the influence of fear or desire. Although he seldom smiles, he is happy! Although we do not have much communication with him, we all have great thanks and hearty wishes to our Dr. Kroll!