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A NEW METHOD OF TEACHING LAW

A number of peculiar things have taken place in Germany since Mr. Hitler took charge of the nation, one of which has been the installation of a community camp for young lawyers. The idea seems to be that these young men must retain their characters as human beings, and not permit their legal studies to convert them into "mental" entities. Seventy young men who were about to take their final examinations for the bar were collected and shipped off to a community camp for a three-week period, where all distinctions, social, intellectual and otherwise, are supposedly dissipated by a budding communal spirit. They were obliged to follow a prescribed routine day after day. They arrived the same day and lost in a few moments everything that distinguished one from the other in a material way. Clothes were taken from them and they were required to wear gray linen suits and diminutive caps, and to live in a large building which served as a dormitory.

Their rising hour is 6 A. M. followed by a strenuous half hour of setting-up exercises and road work before breakfast. Later come the lessons in craftsmanship, nature study and gymnastics, and their day is so completely filled that few have time to think about the stiff oral examinations before they can become full-fledged lawyers.