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The easiest way to discover what is wrong with our American educational system is to pick up almost any magazine and some articles on American education. It is almost sure to be found. In general their conclusions are so vague as to be just another attempt at refreshing one that has been worn out. It is a sure way to do anything in the future.

An English student who has studied both in England and America is quick to notice the differences between the systems of both countries. He is quickly convinced of the differences in our educational facilities. For instance, one of the first things he notices is the difference between the two universities. He is startled to find that the two universities are on the whole so different in many respects that he cannot help but think it possible that there is something wrong with either or both of them.

In England the education is free. It is a public duty to educate the young. In America the education is a private one. The student must pay for his own education. It is easy to see the difference in two systems which are not at all alike.

MENCKEN EXPRESSES IDEAS ON COLLEGES

"I am thoroughly convinced that our educational system is a total failure. I have been to college and I know what a college is. I have been to college and I know what a college is not."

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