

What George Amberson had learned in college:

“He had learned how to pass examinations by “cramming”; that is, in three or four days and nights he could get into his head enough of a selected fragment of some scientific or philosophical or literary or linguistic subject to reply plausibly to six questions out of ten. He could retain the information for such a feat just long enough to give a successful performance; then it would evaporate utterly from his brain, and leave him undisturbed.”

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