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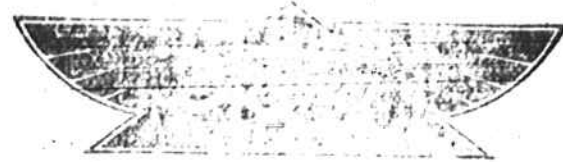
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Some Views on the Inheritance of the Color of the Covering of the Doms.

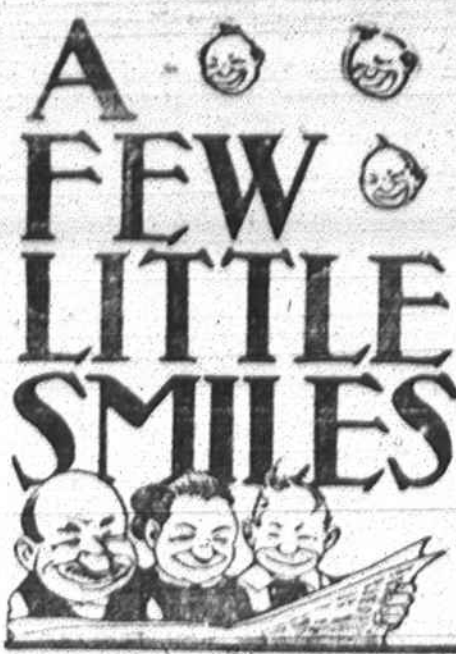
"When examined under the microscope human hair discloses two kinds of pigment, and only two, a reddish yellow and a sepia brown. These two colors are independent factors in heredity and may occur separately or in combination," writes Gertrude C. Davenport in the Independent. "The yellow seems to be a diffuse pigment, but the brown occurs in granules or specks. The size and number of the granules, as well as the intensity of the pigment, vary in differently colored hair. The intensity of the yellow pigment also varies so as to form different shades of red, while a combination of red with brown gives some of the more subtle shades of red hair. When the brown pigment is intense it forms black and if red be present in such cases it is completely covered. Red hair is best seen when brown is absent, and when two bright red-haired people marry all their children will have red hair, for there will be no brown pigment to cover it over. On the other hand, when a black or very dark brown haired person of mixed origin marries another with red hair, none of the children will have red hair, but if the dark haired parent in such a union has red hair in his ancestry, then half of the children will have red hair. When there is red hair in the immediate ancestry of both parents, although both may have dark hair, then a few of the children—three-sixteenths, in the long run—will have red hair."

"In the blond-to-black series we find that the intensity of the hair color in the offspring does not exceed that of the darker parent. Thus two blond-haired parents have only blond-haired children. The parents cannot transmit what they themselves lack. When one parent has flaxen hair and the other light brown, then 50 per cent of the children will have hair of a light brown shade. When one parent has dark brown or black hair and the other light brown, then about half of the children will have dark and half light brown hair—that is to say, half in population of some size. In a family of only two children it would be possible to have one dark and one light haired child, but this would be a very rare chance indeed. The collection and interpretation of statistics of hair color are complicated by the fact that the hair of the young is frequently much lighter than in adult life, while the hair of the adult, when mixed with gray is not infrequently reported as of a lighter shade than it really possesses."

Our Rude Language.
There are great differences between the richness and poorness of words in the different countries. Japan is certainly richer in its words than England. Just for example, we have more than nine words for the word "I." The emperor alone calls himself "Chin," and all his subjects call themselves "Watakushi," "Washi," "Ore," "Boku," "Sessha," "Soregashi," "Ware," "Yo," etcetera, according to the circumstances. The second or third person changes as much as the first person, "I," and all the verbs accordingly. When I started to learn the English, first time, I asked my American teacher, "What shall I call myself before the emperor?" He said "I."
"Then what shall I say before my parents?"
"I."
"What shall I say before my men friends? And before my women friends?"
"I."
"I was quite astonished and said: 'How simple, but how rude is the English language!'"—Yoshio Markino in the Atlantic Magazine.

Red Haired Spinsters Rare.
Though red hair of the Titian that remains at least till middle age, a correspondent points out that until the other day he had never seen or heard of a red-haired old maid.
"I know that real red hair in girls and women is extremely rare nowadays, and anthropological experts say that the red-haired race is fast disappearing. A friend to whom I mentioned my one and only meeting with a red-haired spinster there was not an old maid to be found whose head was crowned with the real red hair."
A member of the Royal Anthropological Institute said, "I am inclined to think that few if any girls with the Titan-tinted hair fail to get married. Men like them and they are quickly married. Nowadays red hair is rare chiefly because only when both parents have red hair does the hair of the child take on the same color. And a man and woman with red hair rarely marry."—London Mail.

Montana Governor's New Home.
Governor McDowell's new house is about the homeliest looking home in town. There is about the place a sort of restfulness, an invitation to come in and make yourself at home and stay awhile. It is a big, rambling, old fashioned house, with tall pillars and flat roof lots of windows and a cheerful front entrance, all suggestive of the grand old southern mansion, the hospitable home.
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Odious Comparison.

"Bella and Grace are no longer friends."
"How did they happen to fall out?"
"They didn't fall out. They fell in, and when each saw what the water had done to the other's complexion and imagined how her own complexion must look, they both got very mad and haven't spoken since."

Ominous Nonchalance.

"I sentence you to two years in prison," said the judge, severely.
"Well, judge," replied Plodding Pete, "I know you are doing this to humiliate me, but I want to remind you that some very wealthy and some very talented people have been going to prison lately."

A Desperate Character.

"This man demands a reduction in his luncheon check. He puts up a strong talk."
"What if we refuse?" said the manager of the fashionable New York hotel.
"Then he threatens to take advantage of the bankruptcy act."

Hard to Explain.

"Miss Perkins says you are a splendid conversationalist."
"I wonder how she got that idea."
"Oh, you're too modest."
"Not at all. I was wondering how she reached the conclusion that I could talk when she never lets me put in a word edgewise."

Rara Avis.

"A likeable fellow, Wigley. Everybody seems to have a good word for him. What do you suppose is the secret charm about him that attracts so?"
"Oh, I dunno. Maybe it's because he's one of the common people and is always so modest about it."

DOES US ALL.



"Oh! you don't cut much ice," she said witheringly.
But the gallant youth was a literal soul.
"I cut as little as I can," he answered; "I'm an iceman."

'Twas Fatal.

His form is still, his eyes are dim,
He's past reproving;
A motor car bore down on him,
He postponed moving.
"You never hear of a wealthy bachelor being run over by an auto."
"That's so, I wonder why it is."
"To a man who is used to dodging mothers with marriageable daughters dodging automobiles is child's play."

Wondering.

"That new suit of hers has me guessing."
"What about?"
"I've been wondering whether or not there are pockets in the tails of her cutaway coat."

Whirligig of Time.

City Business Man—At last I am rich enough to retire from business.
Friend—What are you going to do?
City Business Man—I'm going to buy the old farm I ran away from and live on it.
"Letting Well Enough Alone."
"I am going to make that boy stop whistling!" said the nervous man.
"Don't! If you knew the words of that song you'd be thankful to let him whistle it instead of singing it."

Main Crop.

"There are so many things I was disappointed to find I couldn't raise on my farm."
"I would be satisfied if I could only raise the mortgage on mine."

Note of Alarm.

Landlady—Mr. Snipe, is it true the papers say there is going to be a reduction made in the tariff on prunes?
Boarder (hastily)—I hope not!

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