

Women AND THEIR INTERESTS

PHRENOLOGY And Its Effect on Mankind

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There are innumerable ways in which human beings may find something over which to make themselves miserable.

Here is a man who has a low forehead, and he seems to be carefully collecting all uncomplimentary references to low brows and applying them to his own personal case. He says: "All my life I have noticed that when referring to the vulgar and ignorant, to the ruffin and the criminal, writers almost always picture them with low or sloping foreheads—that is, they point to this physical peculiarity as unmistakable evidence of a weak or perverted mentality."

The young man proceeds to state that he has a low sloping forehead. And he resents the idea that he may be relegated to the lists of the mentally or morally unfit in consequence. This young man would find a visit to prisons and insane asylums and homes for the undeveloped of interest. In all those places he would see a large number of "high brows", of men and women with abnormally large heads; with bulging brows, and the "low sloping" foreheads would be there as well.

For, as he proceeds to state, it is the general contour and shape of the head, not the brow alone, which indicates a man's mental development and the moral qualities or lack of them.

He says: "I wish to say that if we are to judge of a man's character by the shape of his head, we will find a much more accurate guide by ignoring the frontal development and observing the back of the head."

"Long and careful study has convinced me that the shape or height of the forehead has little or no bearing upon the mental qualities of the individual. Many unusually foreheads often accompany an exceptional degree of talent and intelligence, while many other high, intellectual appearing ones upon investigation are found to belong to stupid persons, all of which goes to show the folly of attempting to gauge human mentality by the height of the brow."

Phrenology, to be of any value, must be thoroughly studied and understood, and the whole personality must be taken into consideration—not the mere head.

Certain developments of the head and certain peculiarities of features invariably indicate certain traits and qualities in a human being; but these traits and qualities of evil can be lessened to a great extent by careful training and right influences.

For instance, people whose eyes are placed close beside the nose, with small space between, invariably are born with a tendency to take a narrow view of things, and with an inclination to be jealous and shortsighted in their observations. Yet wise education and association with the broadminded and the liberal and the just will enable the individual to control and overcome them.

An extreme width between the eyes almost always indicates decided originality and an impatience with old traditional customs and habits. When accompanied with certain other mental qualities genius often results. Yet it is possible that a person whose eyes are set wide apart may have criminal tendencies.

Before we even mentally decide about such a person we must examine his head entire, and we must know what has been his education and environment. There is a certain broad full brow, with eyes of a direct, clear expression in their depths, accompanied with a refined mouth, which speaks such volumes that one needs not look further to know its possessor is a man or woman of unusual mental endowments and generosity.

The shape of the brow has indeed a great deal to do with the exact type of mentality. But wonderful intellectuality and great genius is often hidden under a low forehead. Extreme development of the organs of the organs of observation often gives the forehead a receding appearance. But the flat, low, receding brow of the idiot is quite another matter.

So long as we are not idiots we have it in our power to greatly add to our mental capacity by using to the best purposes all the powers given us and to develop new ones, abilities by concentration, steadfastness of purpose and a little time given daily to meditation on some noble thought or ideal.

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Cardinals From All Parts of World Summoned to College at Vatican to Take Part in Selection of New Pope

When a pope of Rome dies all the civilized world takes a keen interest in the manner of the election for his successor. The pope is elected for life—once a pope, a pope till death—and even when dead the cardinals do not wield his power. The cardinals do not to the church what the senate of old Rome was to the people and what the senate of this country is to the United States. The administration of the church during the interregnum belongs to the cardinals. The dean of the sacred college is their president. They can undertake no important change in the affairs of the church. The duty that devolves upon them is to elect the next successor to St. Peter.

Every Cardinal in World Called

The dean of the sacred college at the pope's death summons every cardinal throughout the whole world to take part in the election. In the first session of the conclave each of the cardinals takes a solemn oath on the gospels to observe the canons that refer to the election in the conclave. The bulk of the notes who legislated on the mode of procedure in the election of the pope by ballot in the conclave are read aloud to them. The fisherman's ring, being part of the insignia of the papacy, is now unsealed by the master of ceremonies, and the first session of the conclave comes to a close.

On the second day the various officers of the pontifical states come to pay their respects to the cardinals and the next three days are spent in elections to the different offices that are to be filled in the conclave.

On the sixth day the cells that each cardinal is to occupy are allotted to him, where both the cardinal and his secretary are to dwell during the whole time of the conclave.

The Vatican contains 1,100 rooms and there is a very spacious hall set apart and fitted up for the special purpose of the election.

Each cardinal is allowed two rooms, called cells, one for himself and one for his secretary.

When the cardinals assemble in the chapel the bulls are once again read, and again they take the oath to conscientiously observe the canons regulating the election. An address is delivered by the cardinal dean as an exhortation to do their duty conscientiously.

Shut Out From World

Then at the stroke of midnight the master of ceremonies rings a silver bell and all who are not of the conclave retire. The doors are finally and solemnly closed and no one is allowed to pass in or out except the cardinals who, perchance, may be late in coming from foreign countries. Each cardinal is allowed to have two members of his household in personal attendance upon him. These are called conclavists. A number of other attendants are also allowed inside the conclave, viz., a carpenter, a mason, a sacristan, a friar or monk to hear confessions, a number of barbers, eight or ten porters and several other domestics to do common service to the whole body of cardinals.

The word "conclave" comes from the fact of closing the door with a key. "Clavis" in Latin law means a key. The word conclave refers to the cardinals as well as to the body of cardinals in session. All secular influence ceases for good so as to leave the cardinals untrammelled in their work of choosing a successor to the papal throne.

The cells in which the cardinals dwell during elections are twenty feet square and twenty feet high.

Door Locked On Both Sides

There is only one door to the conclave, and this is locked with a double key, one on the outside and one on the inside. The governor, who is a cardinal appointed by the sacred college, holds one key, on the inside, and the marshal, who is a lay official, on the outside, is the custodian of the other key.

There are four apertures in the

GRAMMATICAL ERROR

Little Wendell Holmes Emerson, of Boston, was resting sedately with his book in the park shortly after a picnic dinner. He knew perfectly well he had eaten too much and he was very much surprised and shocked at himself. He prayed fervently that no one would notice his condition. "No, madam," he said, proudly, "I have over-eaten!"—National Monthly.

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