

# DOUBLE FACES.

## A PHOTOGRAPHER'S NOTES ON THE HUMAN COUNTERTENCE.

Very Few People Look the Same on Both Sides of the Face—Unfortunate Results of Thumb-Sucking.

Perhaps you are not aware of the fact, but, unless you are entirely different from the rest of humanity, one side of your face is unlike the other, says Napoleon Sarony, in the *New York World*. Doubtless nine persons out of ten would not notice the difference, but it is there, and if you make a careful study of the profiles of your friends' faces you will find it in a more or less marked degree in every instance.

This peculiarity of nature was called to my attention when I entered the practice of photography. Previous to this time I had been an artist and lithographer, and naturally had been led to study the human figure with more or less care. I had discovered this incongruity of nature, if it may be so called, but it was not until I began posing models before the camera and had every line on the face emphasized, that this idiosyncrasy became more apparent to me and I set to work to discover the cause; for, of course, there is a cause for everything, the human face included.

My first discovery was that the difference in outline lay almost invariably on the two opposite sides of the nose. The right side, for instance, might be pure aquiline, and the left show a decided inward curving line. This difference I found in many instances had been caused by accidents, such as had been received in wrestling, falling, being struck by a ball or other misfortunes which youth is heir to. There is an indentation on one side of my own nose, caused by a blow from a ball, and it renders the expression of one side of my face almost entirely different from the other.

But accident is not the principal cause of these facial differences in humanity. Not by a great deal. It traces way back to the cradle. Mothers find their infants will remain quieter when they are sucking their thumbs, and for peace in the household they very often lay the foundation for what becomes a deformity in after life.

Let me explain: Baby lies in her cradle as still as a mouse. Her chubby little thumb is held between her rosy lips, and the forefinger is pressing the cartilages of the nose on one side. It is that little forefinger that is doing all the mischief, for it is slowly, but surely, pressing the cartilage out of shape. If drops of water wear away a stone, surely constant pressure will indent a human face.

Let me cite you an instance: Not long ago a well-known society lady of this city brought her two daughters, aged fifteen and sixteen years respectively, to have their portraits taken. One of them had almost faultless features, while the other, although her eyes were as beautiful as her sister's, had a nose that was depressed on one side and lips that protruded so much that they showed the teeth. I guessed the cause, but determined to satisfy myself. It was a somewhat delicate task to question the young lady's mother, but I did, and she confessed to me that her daughter had been in the habit of sucking her thumbs until she was more than three years old.

A few years ago somebody wrote a book entitled "Shut Your Mouth," in which were explained the evils that followed the practice of sleep with the mouth open. I wish somebody else would write a book urging upon mothers the necessity of breaking their infants of the habit of thumb-sucking. It may seem to be a small thing, but there would be many more symmetrical features if it were attended to.

In posing for photographs another fact that has been impressed upon my observation is that which is known as the part side of the head—the side on which the hair is parted—is almost invariably hard to take. During my career I have found that the three-quarter view is generally the most effective—always, of course, being certain to secure the good side of the face. For, if you secure the wrong side, then no camera ever invented could turn out a portrait that would satisfy the sitter, who, while he could not define the reason, would know that the likeness is not good, that is to say, did not show him at his best, where everybody wants to be shown who goes to a photographer.

One of the most remarkable instances of the difference in the sides of the face was General Hancock. I have seen photographs of him taken from opposite sides and they were so totally dissimilar that it seemed almost impossible to believe they were portraits of one and the same person.

The number of double-faced people people is something remarkable. Not double-faced people in the usual acceptance of the word, but people with real, bona-fide double faces, which, to the photographer, represent not necessarily

the good and bad sides of humanity, but, most assuredly, the good and bad sides of a likeness. And the pity of it all is that much of this double-sidedness might be obviated if infants' thumbs were kept out of their mouths.

### Fur Rugs.

The most superb of fur rugs is made from the skin of the lion. When the lion is five years old his mane has attained its full growth, and he is then ready to be sacrificed at the altar of civilization.

Next in beauty comes the tiger. The graceful, cat like head, and sleek, glossy skin make a truly effective rug—indeed, many prefer it to the lion skin. The bears, and especially the grizzlies, are very popular. The white polar bear is arranged in a very realistic manner, with his great mouth open and formidable claws projecting grimly from the soft fur.

All these animals are displayed with one-quarter, one-half and full heads—that is, raised and stuffed in those shapes. The last style is the handsomest, of course, and the most desirable rugs are the animal shapes with the head arranged as in life. However, there are many other rich rugs made of the skins in oblong shapes, and these are, in many cases, to be preferred, for one of the heads placed by a door or in the centre of a room is likely to prove a general stumbling block.

Very effective rugs are made of the white Iceland sheep; the hair is long and fluffy and perfectly white. Black sheepskin rugs are also seen, some being made of the genuine black Iceland sheep, while others are dyed. Rugs of brown bearskin bordered with black, of black bear edged with gray wolf, of white bear trimmed with black, and of bearskin wholly of one color are much liked, and their long hair gives a room a wonderful air of comfort. The skin of the axis deer is of a tawny-brown color showing white spots, and is not long-haired but very smooth; it is bordered in colored wool seal, making a rug that is especially suitable for the bathroom, since neither of the pelts are affected by water.—*Delinquent*.

### Vanderbilt's New Palace.

George W. Vanderbilt, the youngest of the sons of the late William H. Vanderbilt, is determined, in addition to his well-known palace in New York, to have the most magnificent private park and the lordliest country estate in America. To that end he has recently bought at a cost of \$310,000 nearly five thousand acres lying just outside of Asheville, N. C. Its landscape gardener is already at work laying out and beautifying these extensive grounds at an expense of \$300,000 more. His architect is busy preparing the plans for a lordly pleasure house, like an old style French chateau, which will cost an additional \$400,000. His model stables, which will be scattered over the 5000 acres, for the purpose of housing thousands of horses and cattle of the very bluest of blue bovine blood, will cost, it is said, at least \$200,000 more. So that the estimated cost already foots up the magnificent sum of \$1,200,000.

The shortest distance from the stately entrance gates to the still statelier mansion of the lord of this vast estate will be four miles by a magnificent roadway sixty feet wide, and it is said that there will be more than fifty miles of macadamized roads within the grounds.—*Philadelphia Times*.

### Bogue "Broiled" Steaks.

"Nearly everybody has a prejudice in favor of broiled steaks and fish, instead of fried," said a cook in a restaurant, "but in many eating houses, even of the better class, the customers eat their 'broiled' steak or fish contentedly, and with a relish which they would reject and raise a row about if they knew how it had been prepared."

He said that it is fried notwithstanding the straight, regular marks apparently made by the gridiron. Steaks and fish are more easily and quickly made ready for the table by frying than by broiling, and this is the reason for the imposition. When the steak or fish is put into the frying pan the cook sticks a poker into the red-hot coals. By the time the edible is cooked the poker is red hot. "The steak or fish," said the cook, "is then put on a plate, and the hot iron laid across it, burning in the parallel marks such as would be made by a gridiron, and then the dish goes to the customer's table, masquerading as a 'broiled sirlon' or 'porterhouse,' or a 'nice broiled fresh mackerel,' or the like, as the order may require."—*New York Journal*.

### Fish Charms.

Fish charms have been met with among many nations. The fish called the bull-head is used by some of the Russian peasants as a charm against fever. Many kinds of fish have two hard bones just within the sides of the head, and one species, the maigre, has these bones larger in proportion than most others. These two bones, called colic stones, are regarded to possess medicinal virtues. They were mounted in gold and hung round the neck.

## POPULAR SCIENCE.

A French electrician has found that the electric current retards the separation of cream and preserves the milk.

Professor S. P. Langley's latest researches indicate that the mean temperature of the sunlit soil of the moon is not greater than the freezing point of water, or thirty-two degrees Fahr.

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Many bacteria, states Professor Law, are capable of doubling themselves every hour under the best conditions, a single bacterium giving 16,777,220 in twenty-four hours. In forty-eight hours the offspring from a germ measuring one fifteen-thousandth of an inch would fill a half pint measure, the number reaching 281,500,000,000.

To take out machine grease use rain water and soda. To remove oil and varnish from silk try benzine, ether and soap very cautiously. To take out paint mix equal parts of ammonia and turpentine. Saturate the spot two or three times, then wash out in soapsuds. Paint can sometimes be rubbed out of woolen goods after it has dried.

In observations with kites and balloons Professor Leonhard Weber has found that the atmosphere is negatively electrified up to a height of about 100 yards, beyond which it is positively electrified in a degree increasing very rapidly with the distance from the earth. The negative electrification of the lower strata of the air is attributed to the presence of germs and dust particles.

Observations recently made in Italy in regard to the microbe of malaria show that at a certain period of its development this microscopic creature has enemies to fight in a globe of blood, and that, in order to escape from them it makes use of its flagella or whips, with which it tries to beat off the inimical microbe that is bent on absorbing it and generally ends by doing so.

An American lady who recently visited Count Tolstoi, the great Russian novelist, complains that he is not quite consistent in practicing what he preaches. He holds that there is something degrading in the mere handling of money and property, and accordingly delegates to the Countess the control of the household and the entire management of his pecuniary affairs. She observed, however, that he has a luxuriously furnished study, and horses, carriages and servants at his command—although they are his wife's. On the whole the great man would appear to have been rather a disappointment.

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