

## ALIENS PRODUCE AMERICAN TYPE

Marked Departure in Physique of Immigrants' Children Noted by Commission

### CHANGES OF SHAPES IN HEADS

Effect of Climate and Environment Evident Almost from Landing—Children of Sicilians Not So Long-headed, of Hebrews Not So Round-headed.

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Sam quickly makes Americans of the children of immigrants. Even what have been deemed the most enduring racial characteristics are rapidly changed.

So the Immigration Commission states in a preliminary report presented to Congress. The statement is regarded as of importance to anthropological science, for it indicates the development of a distinct American type in persons of European descent.

The investigation was conducted chiefly by Prof. Boas of Columbia University. The inquiry has been confined so far to New York City and to immigrants from Sicily and from the East of Europe and their children.

Prof. Boas's measurements go to show that Uncle Sam gets busy at once to make his children from abroad as much like his native sons and daughters as possible. The report shows that the amalgamation is most rapid during the period immediately following the arrival of the immigrants.

The difference in type between parents and children manifests itself almost immediately after their arrival here. Among individuals born a long time after the arrival of the parents in America the difference is increased, but only slightly as compared to the great difference that develops at once.

It is shown that the American born children of the long-headed Sicilians and those of the round-headed East European Hebrews have very nearly the same intermediate head form. The children of the long-headed Sicilians are more round-headed, the children of the round-headed Hebrews are more long-headed than their parents. Similar changes are traced in the development of the faces of these types.

The commission finds fewer children are born to these immigrants after they arrive here than blessed them in the old country. The children of Sicilians are not so healthy in New York as they would be among the island's vineyards and groves. But the children of people from Eastern Europe are far sturdier than those who remain in the Ghettos.

### SHOTS WELL WITH GLASS EYE.

Sportsman's Instinct Strong Enough to Kill Rabbits.

Sayville, L. I.—Raymond Stryker was out gunning when a rabbit set up about fifty yards away in a clump of pussy willows. Stryker, who has been wearing a glass eye for a couple of weeks, leveled his gun at the cottontail, then shut his good eye and blazed away. When he opened the good eye the rabbit was dead. He did the same with three other rabbits.

"I am so used to cocking that eye," said Stryker when he returned to town with his bag full of game, "that I just forgot the other eye was a glass one. You can take it from me that I saw those rabbits with my glass eye. Else how could I have hit 'em? My idea is that the sight of those rabbits jumped into the glass eye for a second or so. Why, I could see them as plain as day. There's no doubt about it."

### FUR HELMETS NECESSARY.

Also Automobile Goggles to Officers on Board Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

Washington, D. C.—Officers on board the torpedo boat destroyer Flusser whose duties expose them to the elements, have been equipped with a fur helmet, in which is placed a pair of automobile goggles. On her trial trip the Flusser made about 22 knots an hour. The fur helmets are necessary not only to protect the officers from the wind and spray but also from smoke and sparks from the funnels, which on this type of vessel are very short. It is probable that the use of these helmets will be extended to other torpedo boat destroyers. The Flusser is the swiftest vessel in the navy.

### Fishing for Squirrels.

Rising Sun, Md.—A unique method with which to capture squirrels was successfully demonstrated at Farmington when William J. Reynolds caught four with hook and line. Reynolds saw several enter a hole in a tree about thirty feet from the ground. He procured a hook and a string to a high knob levered the fishing tackle into the hole. Finally the hook caught in the hole, when he gave violent pulls and fished out all the squirrels in the hole. Several other hunters will start on extensive hook-and-line squirrel expeditions.

### Chicago Newsboys Seeking Nitch.

Chicago, Ill.—Half a million dollars was represented at the ball given in Chicago by newsboys and former newsboys. Tom Burns, a former newsboy, is worth \$100,000, and several, until a few years ago, paper sellers, are worth \$50,000.

## GRANGE.

### About Diagnosing Tree Ailments.

Many of the requests for information in regard to trees and their ailments that are received by State Zoologist H. A. Surface, Harrisburg, Pa., are not definite enough, and it is difficult to give the proper remedies in consequence of not having sufficient information.

A manufacturer of Hanover, Pa., wrote to Professor Surface, inquiring what to do for the trees in his garden—pear, plum, cherry, quince and apricot,—which are suffering, and apparently dying. Following is the Professor's answer, and it will be well for those intending to write for information concerning their trees to observe the instructions given:

"Replying to your letter as to what to do for your fruit trees, I beg to say that the remedy depends upon the kind of disease or trouble. I would strongly suspect that your trees are infested with San Jose scale, but I am not sure of this. The scale attacks all varieties which you mention, and it will certainly make them look sickly, and whose within a very few years. If you will send me some twigs from your trees, I can examine them, and if the trouble be San Jose scale I can let you know exactly about this. I can then tell you just how and when to treat them. You are at liberty to write to the Orchard Inspector for your county, asking him to stop and see your trees at any time when he is in your neighborhood. He will doubtless let you know when his business will take him there.

"If I am passing that way soon, I can come personally to see your trees, but I think the first thing is for you to send me some of the twigs, and if they have scale, or any evidence of plant disease, which can be detected by an examination of them, I can give you the diagnosis and outline the remedy. This will answer the same purpose as though I, or one of my inspectors, would take the time to come and see them. Please be sure to put your name on or in the package, which may be sent to me by mail."

### Cost of a Spraying Outfit.

The Master of a Grange, located in Jefferson county, wrote to Professor H. A. Surface, the State Zoologist, Harrisburg, Pa., for information as to the cost of a spraying outfit. He mentioned a double-acting sprayer with 25 feet of hose and a ten-foot extension pole, as about the kind of an outfit that the members of his Grange would want. As different members had determined to procure the necessary apparatus for spraying their trees, the information was requested to be given before the next meeting of the Grange.

The cost of spraying apparatus is a question which has agitated quite a good many farmers, some of whom have deferred caring for their trees and permitted the San Jose scale to do great damage, because of the idea that an outfit is expensive. The letter of Professor Surface, therefore, in reply to the one received from the Grange, will be of general interest. Following is a copy of the letter:

"Replying to your recent letter, I think you can get a spraying outfit such as you mention for about fifteen or sixteen dollars. I would recommend the following as a complete outfit with the pump: two 12½ ft. sections of hose (making twenty-five feet) with hose connections complete; a 10-foot pole, or extension rod; a stopcock or shutoff at the pump, and another between the hose and extension rod; an eighth-turn to go on the far end of the extension rod; a "Y" attachment which will carry two nozzles; and two good large nozzles of the "Mistry Jr." or "Friend" or "Brown" type. I believe that the upright lever sprayer will prove more satisfactory than the ordinary barrel pump. It will not cost much more, and will give higher and even pressure, with less labor. You can buy such apparatus from various firms, as, for instance: The Goulds Mfg. Co., Seneca Falls, N. Y.; The Deming Co., Salem, O.; The Field Force Pump Co., Elmira, N. Y.; The Spray-Motor Co., Buffalo, N. Y.; Morrill and Morley, Benton Harbor, Mich.; E. C. Brown and Co., Rochester, N. Y.; F. E. Myers & Bro., Ashland, O.; and other reliable firms who are advertising in the various horticultural and agricultural papers. I would recommend that you communicate with each of these immediately and obtain prices, and, if possible, get Grange Club prices, which will doubtless give you very considerable discount.

"Any agricultural or horticultural organization can obtain from those companies giving them, the Grange discounts mentioned above."

### "JUST A LOT OF WATER."

Boy Would Not Advise Taking Trouble to See Niagara.

You think that perhaps so much talking about Niagara has kind of dulled the edge of your appreciation of it. I don't believe it. The first man that saw it probably said: "What's to hinder?" and didn't stare at it very long. Nothing to eat there, and it looked spooky, and anyhow standing where it was so damp would probably give him rheumatism. It tells in the guide-book how a man in the early days went to see the place, but it was a very cold night, and the tavern was comfortable, so he sent a boy to see if it was worth while. The boy came back and said it wasn't much; just a lot of water falling, and it was colder than all get-out, and he wouldn't advise it.—Eugene Wood, in McClure's Magazine.

### A Sensational Report Shown Up.

The sudden death of George Hobson at West Grove, Pa., was alleged to have been due to eating grapes which were sprayed with arsenate of lead, or some other poison. John Wilson, the grower of the suspected fruit, insisted that the vines had not been sprayed at all. Nevertheless, the report was sent broadcast that poisoned grapes had caused Hobson's death.

Prof. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, wrote to the West Grove postmaster, requesting that a sample of the suspected fruit be sent him for analysis, and further stating that a report like this had a hurtful effect among fruit growers, as it tended to check necessary spraying, which is entirely harmless.

The analysis showed that there was no cause to attribute Hobson's death to having eaten grapes which had been sprayed with an arsenical poison, and, in reference thereto, Professor Surface wrote to the postmaster at West Grove as follows:

Dear Sir: I beg to say that I duly received the box of grapes which you sent me, and had them tested by a chemical expert, and found no trace of arsenical or other poison present. I can not believe that they were injured by poisonous sprays. There is nothing whatever to substantiate the theory. Had there been any poison present it would have been there on the grape berries and stems. Thanking you for your interest in this feature, which I consider but calumny against the justifiable art of spraying, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,  
H. A. SURFACE,  
Economic Zoologist.

### Mustard a Mouth Sexp.

For chronic dark brown nauseous taste a pint of lukewarm water and a teaspoonful each of salt and ground mustard—green bee of household emetics. Cleansing, toning and antiseptic to coats of the stomach. Ground mustard is good for hand and mouth soap.

### He Doubted It.

"Your tickets were complimentary, were they not?" "Well," replied the man who had seen a painfully amateur entertainment, "I thought they were until I saw the show."—Tit-Bits.

### Criticisms.

Of all the canes which are canted in this canting world—though the can of hypocrites may be the worst—the can of criticism is most tormenting.—Leopold Starna

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H. C. JACKSON, Pres't.  
PERRY A. CLARK, Sec'y.  
Honesdale, Pa., Dec. 19, 1909.

### Information from a Melon Grower.

Is there any way for a person to tell a good melon, without cutting and testing it? That is exactly what an expert melon grader is expected to do, to judge the flavor of the melon as well as the size.

The best external indication, is a netted gem and melons of similar type is a golden greenish color, the melon being deeply ribbed and thickly overlaid with rather coarse gray netting, the edges of which rise perpendicularly from the surface. The melon should be heavy. There should be no ragged or broken stems to indicate that the melon was torn from the vine before it was ripe enough to part freely.

If one follows these points he is pretty sure to get the perfection of melon produced by the quantity of the seed planted. If the seed has come from a tasteless melon the result will be disappointing even with thorough culture and the best care in picking and shipping.

### Why Pity the Farmer?

Mr. Mann of Geuda Springs loaded a large, fat hog into his automobile and took it to market in Arkansas City, where he got a good price for the porker. It took him a mighty short time to get the hog to town and get the cash for it. A few minutes' scrubbing fixed the auto so that it did not smell like a baryard, and the hog probably enjoyed the ride. What's the use holding meetings trying to improve conditions of farm life?—Witchite (Kan.) Eagle.

### Jamaican Women Want Ballot.

The latest part of the world to be reported as making a commotion in favor of giving women the ballot is the British West Indies. In Jamaica the other day the legislature killed the bill enabling women to vote by the slenderest of margins. Instead of being discouraged, the women of Jamaica declare their willingness to fight a hundred years or longer for their rights.

### Telephoning Without Wires.

Wireless telephony is making advances in various countries. More recent than the successful experiments in America, Denmark and France, are those of Professor Majorana in Italy, who has succeeded in transmitting words very clearly over a distance of about 37 miles, between Monte Marco and Anzio. He employs a hydraulic microphone, actuated by a persistent train of electric waves.

### Bells.

Bells are understood to have had their origin in China, but at so remote a time that no precise date can be given. Their first use was to clear the air of evil spirits and to drive off the storms. Old European records tell how the tolling of bells kept the devils from assaulting believers; hence their connection with churches. Bells may be traced in Europe back to the sixth century, but were not generally introduced into the western church much before the eighth century.

### A Premier's Qualifications.

"The life of a cabinet minister," said Mr. Bright at Birmingham in 1855, "is one needing very strong health, a very excellent stomach, a conscience which does not trouble him. It is a position which no sensible man would for a moment envy."

### And AM It Implies.

"O for the men of old!" sings a lady poet in one of the current magazines. It is our impression that the men of old demanded a good deal of submission on the part of their wives.—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Name of the Same Color.

In a certain store in Chicago there is a salesman named Green. Small Clarence learned his name and said: "Say, Mr. Green, there's a man living two doors from us who has a name the same color as yours!"

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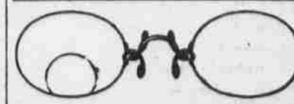
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