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**AMERICAN TYPE
IN FOREIGN STOCK**

Physical Changes Noted in the
Children of Immigrants.

VISIBLE IN FIRST GENERATION.

Descendants of Foreigners Lose Dis-
tinctive Ancestral Physical Charac-
teristics, Say Immigration Commis-
sion Experts—Change in Formation
of the Head Particularly Remarkable.

That the physical form and the
habits of living and ways of thinking
of the descendants of foreigners who
immigrate to America are different
from those of their ancestors is the
conclusion of the Immigration commis-
sion as embodied in the preliminary
report of that body which was recent-
ly presented to congress. The discov-
ery is regarded as of importance in
anthropological science as indicating
the development of a distinct Ameri-
can physical type in persons of Eu-
ropean descent.

The investigation which has brought
this fact to the surface was conducted
in a scientific manner by the compar-
ison of measurements of the bodies of
such immigrants and their descendants
at different ages and under differing
circumstances. The matter was placed
in the hands of a committee composed
of members of the commission, and
Professor Frank Boas of Columbia
university was engaged as expert. The
inquiry was confined to New York city
and so far as the present report shows
was restricted to Sicilians and east
European Hebrews. A later report
will give the details of investigation
among Bohemians, Hungarians and
Scotch.

First Generation Differs.
The report indicates that the de-
scendants of the European immigrant
changes his type even in the first gen-
eration almost entirely. Children born
even a few years after the arrival of
the parents develop in such a way that
they differ essentially from the latter.
These differences seem to develop dur-
ing the earliest childhood and persist
throughout life. Every part of the
body is influenced in this way. Even
the form of the head, which always
has been considered one of the most
permanent hereditary features, un-
dergoes considerable changes.

An official synopsis of the report
says:
"This would indicate the conclusion
that racial physical characteristics do
not survive under the new social and
climatic environment of America. The
adaptability of the various races com-
ing together on our shores seems, if
these indications shall be fully borne
out in later study, to be much greater
than had been anticipated. If the
American environment can bring about
an assimilation of the head forms in
the first generation, may it not be that
other characteristics may be as easily
modified, and that there may be a
rapid assimilation of widely varying
nationalities and races to something
that could well be called an American
type?"

"The investigation is by no means
complete, and, moreover, considering
the importance of the subject, it
should clearly be conducted on a larger
scale and in different surroundings
in various parts of the country, and
perhaps also be checked up by cer-
tain investigations made upon the
same races elsewhere."

Cranial Transformation.
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, and the chil-
dren of the round headed Hebrews
are more long headed than their par-
ents. Similar changes are traced in
the development of the faces. Among
individuals born a long time after the
arrival of the parents in America the
difference is increased, but only slight-
ly as compared with the great differ-
ence that develops at once.

Important Fact About Size of Children.
The commission also has made the
discovery that, as a rule, there is a
falling off in the size of families after
arrival in the United States, and coin-
cident with this discovery has come
the more important revelation that as
the number of children decreases the
size of the individuals increases, this
among the children of the well to do
as well as the poor.

Another result of the investigation is
the development of the fact that, while
removal from Europe to New York has
had a beneficial effect upon the phy-
sique of east European Hebrews, the
result has been the opposite upon the
Sicilians, the conclusion being that
the surrounding in New York are better
for the Jews than in their city homes
in the old world, while the cramped
quarters which the Sicilians occupy in
New York are not so desirable as their
rural surroundings in southern Italy.

Changes in the Bogoslov Islands.
A British gunboat which recently
returned from Bering sea reports
changes in the Bogoslov islands which
were created five years ago by a vol-
canic upheaval off the Alaskan coast.
Two of the islands have now been joined
by the rising of the ocean floor be-
tween them. Vegetation is beginning
to appear on all the islands.

GRAND DUKE MICHAEL'S LIFE.

Nicholaievitch Was Oldest Representa-
tive of Russian Imperial House.
Grand Duke Michael Nicholaievitch,
who died recently at Cannes, France,
was the granduncle of Emperor Nicho-
las and the oldest representative of the
Russian imperial house, having been
born in 1832, the fourth son of Em-
peror Nicholas I. He repeatedly dis-
tinguished himself during his long mili-
tary career, which, like those of other
grand dukes under the old system,
commenced at an early age. He en-
tered active service at the age of four-
teen as a lieutenant and at twenty
had attained the rank of general, in
nominal command of the ordnance de-
partment of the empire.

Grand Duke Michael fought through-
out the Crimean war of 1854 and 1855,
was present at the battle of Inkerman
and the siege of Sebastopol and in
1863 was appointed by his brother
viceroy of the Caucasus and command-
er in chief of the Caucasian army, with
instructions to bring the warlike, un-
subdued tribes of that region under
the Russian aegis. This task he ac-
complished successfully, receiving a
sword of honor and the cross of St.
George for personal bravery under fire.
In the Turkish war of 1877 and 1878
the grand duke commanded the Rus-
sian army operating against the Turks
in the Caucasian theater of the war
and in spite of early reverses was final-
ly able to force the surrender of a
large part of the Turkish forces at
Ardahan and Kars. In civil lines he
was a member of the commission
which arranged the emancipation of
the serfs.

In 1881 Grand Duke Michael became
president of the council of state, and
in spite of his advanced age he made
a point of being present at all the
meetings of the council. At one of
these meetings when Alexander Nar-
ishkin, one of the principal digni-
taries of the court, put forward the
plan that the aristocracy was "entitled
to special prerogatives and privileges,"
the Grand Duke Michael angrily in-
terrupted him and said:

"If I had been in the place of Alex-
ander Alexandrovitch I would not
have ventured to speak of the services
of the nobility to the empire. Where
are the services? The nobles have bled
the peasantry to the very marrow
without giving them anything what-
soever in return, not even the slight-
est attempt to improve their condition
or their education. It is perfect non-
sense to talk of the services of the
nobles to the empire."

Grand Duke Michael played an ac-
tive role in the council's deliberations
until its reorganization in connection
with the establishment of the duma,
when he was named its honorary pres-
ident. In recent years he had lived al-
most constantly at his villa at Cannes,
in France.

ROME'S JUBILEE FEATURES.

Old Tragedies to Be Enacted by Italy's
Greatest Italian Artists.

The program for Rome's jubilee in
1911 gradually assumes form. The fol-
lowing performances, dramatic and
otherwise, have been decided upon:

In the classic open air theater to be
erected on Palatine hill Greek and Ro-
man dramas and tragedies will be en-
acted by the greatest Italian artists
with full chorus and orchestra. All
the theaters of Italy will combine to
make these performances memorable
and to show the grandeur of Italian
art.

A second series of performances will
revive the Italian stage drama of the
fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. There
will be both comedy and drama. Tas-
so's "Aminta" will be performed with
the original music as played in Flo-
rence centuries ago. Signor Salvini is
superintending the literary work con-
nected with these revivals. Duse,
Emma Gramatica, Tina di Lorenzo
and other great Italian actresses will
lead their services.

The musical program will be most
interesting, as many long forgotten
Italian operas and musical pieces will
be revived. The modern part of the
musical program will be furnished by
Puccini's "Girl From the Golden
West"; Mascagni's new opera, "Isa-
beau"; by a new Franchetti opera and
by Leoncavallo's new opera, "Carmia
Rossa." Mascagni and Toscanini will
conduct.

It is further planned that the great-
est orchestras of the world shall com-
pete at Rome's jubilee for the prize
of honor offered to the most perfect or-
ganization.

Vast Forest of White Pine.

Alouzo Jergens and a party of tim-
ber cruisers recently returned to Seat-
tle, Wash., with the news of the dis-
covery of a vast body of white pine
timber in the high altitudes of the
western slope of the Olympic mountain
range. The timber is reputed to be
the heaviest in the world, standing,
according to careful estimates, as much
as 10,000,000 feet to the square mile.
Of this the white pine will average
6,000,000 feet. The stand of white
pine is found above the 4,000 foot
mark. Trees of white pine measuring
five feet thick and 150 feet high were
common, and thousands of trees con-
taining 10,000 feet of lumber were
crushed. The newly found great stand
of timber is 200 miles from a railroad
and in the mountain fastnesses.

Mrs. Hearst to Donate a Museum.
After spending nearly half a million
dollars in ten years in the establish-
ment and maintenance of a depart-
ment of anthropology in the University
of California, at Berkeley, Cal., and in
expeditions into many foreign coun-
tries to secure specimens for a great
collection, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst has an-
nounced that she will build an an-
thropological museum for the exhibits
to cost about \$500,000.

**HOW KERMIT GOT
HIS LEOPARD.**

Incident of Theodore Roose-
velt's African Hunt.

THRILLING TIME IN THE WILDS

Former President Tells How His Son
Finally Killed a Leopard That Had
Been Badly Wounded Three Times.
Pets on Mr. McMillan's Farm.

In the January Scribner's ex-Pres-
ident Theodore Roosevelt in his article
"African Game Trails" describes a
hunt in which his son Kermit played
a prominent part in the killing of a
leopard. Telling of the beats in the
jungle made by Mr. Roosevelt and his
party while they were staying at Juja
farm, the estate of his fellow coun-
tryman, Mr. W. N. McMillan, he says:
"In one of these beats they put up
a leopard and saw it slinking forward
ahead of them through the bushes.
Then they lost sight of it and came
to the conclusion that it was in a
large thicket. So Kermit went on one
side of it and McMillan on the other,
and the beaters approached to try to



MRS. McMILLAN AND HER PET CHEETAH.

get the leopard out. Of course none
of the beaters had guns. Their func-
tion was merely to make a disturbance
and rouse the game, and they were
cautioned on no account to get into
danger. But the leopard did not wait
to be driven. Without any warning,
out he came and charged straight at
Kermit, who stopped him when he was
but six yards off with a bullet in the
fore part of the body. The leopard
turned, and as he galloped back Ker-
mit hit him again, crippling him in the
hips. The wounds were fatal, and
they would have knocked the fight out
of any animal less plucky and savage
than the leopard, but not even in Af-
rica is there a beast of more unflinch-
ing courage than this spotted cat.

Badly Mauled a Beater.

"The beaters were much excited by
the sight of the charge and the way in
which it was stopped, and they pressed
jubilantly forward too heedlessly.
One of them who was on McMillan's
side of the thicket went too near it,
and out came the wounded leopard at
him. It was badly crippled or he
would have got the beater at once. As
it was, it was slowly overtaking him
as he ran through the tall grass when
McMillan, standing on an ant heap,
shot it again. Yet, in spite of having
this third bullet in it, it ran down the
beater and seized him, worrying him
with teeth and claws, but it was weak
because of its wounds, and the power-
ful savage wrenched himself free,
while McMillan fired into the beast
again, and back it went through the
long grass into the thicket. There was
a pause, and the wounded beater was
removed to a place of safety, while a
messenger was sent on to us to bring
up the Boer dogs. But while they
were waiting the leopard on its own
initiative brought matters to a crisis,
for out it came again straight at Ker-
mit, and this time it dropped dead to
Kermit's bullet."

Pets at Juja Farm.

In the same article Mr. Roosevelt
tells as follows of some of the inter-
esting pets kept by Mr. and Mrs. Mc-
Millan on their farm in East Africa:
"At Juja farm many animals were
kept in cages. They included a fairly
friendly leopard and five lions, two of
which were anything but friendly.
There were three cheetahs nearly full
grown. These were continually taken
out on leashes, Mrs. McMillan strolling
about with them and leading them to
the summer house. They were good
tempered, but they did not lead well.
Cheetahs are interesting beasts. They
are aberrant cats, standing very high
on their legs and with nonretractile
claws like a dog. They are nearly the
size of a leopard, but are not ordinari-
ly anything like as ferocious, and prey
on the smaller antelope, occasionally
taking something as big as a half
grown kongoni. For a short run, up
to say a quarter of a mile, they are
the swiftest animals on earth and
with a good start easily overtake the
fastest antelope, but their bolt is soon
shot, and on the open plain they can
readily be galloped down with a horse.
"Then there was a tame wart hog,
very friendly, indeed, which usually
wandered loose and was as comical as
pigs generally are, with its sudden
starts and grunts. Finally there were
a young Tommy buck and a Grant's
gazelle doe, both of which were on
good terms with every one."

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