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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 Amer-  
ican 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 mil-  
itary 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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