

a people has resided for some length of time. There are sufficient facts well authenticated to remove any doubt that the place of habitation does, after several generations, produce a very perceptible effect upon the characteristics of a family. Let us begin with a statement which most of us may confirm or reject as the result of our own personal observation. Knox, a distinguished English anatomist, in his work on "Races of Men," says:

"Already the United States man differs in appearance from the European: the ladies early loose their teeth; in both sexes the adipose cellular cushion, interposed between the skin and the aponeuroses and muscles, disappears, or at least loses its adipose portions; the muscles become stringy and show themselves, the tendons appear on the surface; symptoms of premature decay manifest themselves."

Now, it is very likely that American ladies will indignantly resent the insinuation that dentistry is an invention for their especial benefit, and will request the learned anatomist to look at home, or be more just in his observations abroad, and in this they certainly have good ground for their resentment; and the lankest of lean libels on providential mercies will vehemently deny that his thinness is characteristic of his tribe, and he will successfully appeal to his numerous plump and portly brothers in confirmation of his contention, but our calm observation will, nevertheless, gather a multitude of facts in support of the learned anatomist's opinion. One, for example, will be the universal caricature of the Yankee, whether within the United States or beyond their domain, as tall and spare.

But, leaving behind what may not be very convincing to many readers, our argument passes on to facts which cannot be disposed of.

America has throughout its history been the home of Negroes, and these people furnish some facts bearing on the point, of a very convincing character. A considerable number of years ago, Dr. Buchanan related that in South Carolina there were some hundreds of Negroes who still retained on their bodies the tattoo marks received in Africa, proving them to be a recent importation, and in these marks were found internal evidence