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RIGHTHANDEDNESS.

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One after another of the assumed specialities of man, and his claims to a distinct classification in animated nature, is being ruthlessly swept away, in the marvellous revolutions of modern science. Hùchel discusses the steps by which he became a biped. Darwin follows down, from "an extremely remote period, his half-human ancestors," transforming the imitative growl of the first unusually wise ape, into the varied tones and cadences of the impassioned human orator. Cuvier's assumption for man of a distinct order, equally apart from *Quadrumania*, and *Cheiroptera*, as from *Brachiopoda* or *Gasteropoda*, has long since been challenged; and as for his *Bimana*, it is less in favour now than his classification of the medieval Devil, by means of the indispensable horns, tail and hoofs, as "a graminivorous animal." The most conceded to his *Bimana* in the levelling process of scientific revolution, is a place in the same order with *Quadrumania*, under a common title of *Primates*. Can anything more definite be made of an order of *Unimana*? Is man, with only rare and purely exceptional cases, right-handed; and does he alone, and invariably, manifest this preferential use of the right limb? The answer to those questions may prove to have a value in relation to more comprehensive enquiries.