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(By PROFESSOR J. ARTHUR THOMSON.)

Man has a long ascent behind him, but is he still on the way up? Is he continuing to evolve as an organism? Does he show any organic racial change in definite directions? It is plain that his external or social heritage is changing, but is man himself changing? He suffers dints and he puts on veneer; he fattens himself and makes himself lean; he develops Sandowian muscles and dulls his sense of smell; but are these and similar changes more than superficial modifications? Do they in any direct way grip the race? It does not seem easy to prove that man as an organism is evolving either up or down, either progressively or retrogressively. It seems as if animal species often took a rest after a period of marked variability and progress. Perhaps man is one of these periods of stability. Perhaps human evolution has passed from being mainly organismal, as in the days of primitive man, to being mainly outside the body—that is to say in the social environment.

## How to Prove Active Evolution.

We can prove the reality of continued evolutionary change in a race of domesticated animals or of cultivated plants when we have definite records of the state of affairs at successive periods. We are sure that dogs are continuing to evolve—for the worse as well as for the better. We are sure that wheats are still evolving; finer and finer races continue to emerge. Similarly in Wild Nature, if we measure a set of characters year after year under similar conditions of life, and find an emphatic increase or decrease in certain measurements, we may safely conclude that the species is moving in a certain direction as regards particular characters. The difficulty of doing this for man is that a human generation means a long time, and that the habit of taking exact measurements is very young. The anatomist knows well that little variations are always cropping up in man's body, but it is another thing to prove that any of these is taking racial grip.

## Why Man is Slow to Change.

It is easy to suggest theoretical improvements in man as an organism. His thirty feet or so of food-canal is probably far too long for the requirements of civilized dietary. The appendix vermiformis seems a troublesome relic which might be dispensed with. The teeth are often inconveniently crowded, and as a matter of fact the wisdom tooth often fails to cut the gum. The little toe does not seem to be of much account. Now it may be that some of the desirable improvements are going on at present

but so slowly that their advance is hardly to be discerned. There is not, however, much convincing evidence that man is adding any marked way to his bundle of adaptations, as an evolving organism should do.

Man is an antiquity, the long result of time; he is in many ways highly specialized; and a high degree of specialization tends to limit further evolution—the balance of an intricate organization will not admit of any great change. No doubt there are some parts of man's body that are not of taking exact measurements in very some parts of man's body that are not highly specialized, the hand being a notable example. It is a generalized hand compared with a horse's hoof, or a bat's wing, or a mole's shovel, or a whale's flapper. Why, then, should we not find signs of evolution in man's hand? The answer must be in part this, that for man's purpose a generalized hand is far and away the best. It is a universal tool with which man can do a hundred things well.

## How New Departures Are Treated.

In the ordinary course of Nature advantageous variations or novelties have a good chance of persisting. When they come, they come to stay. Professor Punnett has calculated that "if a population contains .001 per cent. of a new variety, and if that variety has even a five per cent. selection advantage over the original form, the latter will almost completely disappear in less than a hundred generations." This is in Wild Nature. Why does it not continue to occur in mankind? Because man has rebelled against Nature's method of drastic sifting for health, vigor and efficiency.

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By many artificial devices, he has brought it about that valuable new departures (in artistic talent for instance) do not find their due reward whereas deteriorative changes (extreme short sight for instance) are not visited with their natural penalties. This is probably the deepest reason for the sluggishness of organic evolution in mankind.

## Two Open Doors

The probability is that some improvements in adaptation, such as a shortening of the food canal and immunity to certain diseases, are in slow progress in mankind; but even if this be so, there must be put on the other side of the account the likelihood that disadvantageous changes, such as short sight and neurasthenia, are taking racial grip because of the inadequacy of the sifting processes that remain at work.

Two lines of possible evolution seem to be particularly promising. The first is an increase in the com-

plexity of the inter-relations amongst the 2,200 millions of nerve cells in the cerebral cortex. The size of the brain has not increased since the days of the Cro-Magnon men, who lived some 20,000 years ago, but without increase of size there might be increase in complexity; and that would mean the improvement of intelligence. The second possibility is an extension of the youthful period and an abbreviation of the time of senescence. That might come only by variations in the endocrine or regulative system of the body.

Man stands apart in his reason and language and morality, but also in the degree to which he enregisters the gains of the past in the social heritage. This is only incipient among animals, and in the permanent anvil of the heavier village; it means half of evolution. To the enrichment and increased utilization of the social heritage no limits can be set. But there is more than that. Every vigor-

ous animal that is an agent does in some measure share in its own evolution; and so it has been a fortiori for all men who have been swimmers, not drifters, in the stream. But there is more than that. To modern man there is coming a growing awareness that he can, in ways previously un-

dreamt of, control not only the individual life, but racial evolution as well.—John O'London.

## Fads and Fashions.

Novelty braid trims a plain wrap-over frock with the smart pillar silhouette.

All-over Chinese embroidery in dull colors is used on a coat-frock of heavy black silk crepe.

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