

What effect does stropping the razor produce on it? Stropping the razor sharpens it.

Is the razor in the boy's hand open or closed? It is open.

How is he holding it? His thumb is pressing against the under part of the blade near the handle while his index-finger is pressing the upper part of the blade down, the next two fingers are over the handle while the little finger is under it.

Where is the blade of the razor? It is almost flat against his cheek.

How is it inclined? The back of the blade is inclined slightly outward.

Why is the back of the blade inclined slightly outward? The back of the blade is inclined slightly outward that the cutting edge may do its work of mowing the beard without cutting the skin.

Is shaving a delicate operation? Yes, it is a most delicate operation.

Who are the best shavers? The best shavers are those who can shave alternately with the right-hand and the left-hand.

What is a person who earns his living by shaving called? He is called a barber.

Does the word shaver always designate a person who cuts beard off with a razor? No, the word shaver is sometimes used as a term of contempt for persons who lend money at very high rates of interest, that is to say for usurers.

What have you to say of the boy's right-eye? It is partly closed.

What have you to say of his left eye? It is wide open.

How is he looking at himself? He is staring.

What is the expression on his face? It is a troubled, anxious expression.

Is he an old hand at the shaving operation, do you think? No, I think this is his maiden effort.

What makes you imagine that he is a novice? I imagine that he is a novice because of his expression, and of the quantity of lather to be seen on his youthful countenance.

What clothes has the boy on? He has on a shirt, a pair of suspenders, and a pair of trousers.

Of what is his shirt made? It is made of dotted cotton.

Where do his suspenders pass? They pass over his shoulders.

Do you see his suspenders completely? No, I don't see them completely.

To how many buttons are his suspenders fastened? They are fastened to six buttons, I think.

Where are the buttons? There are two at the back, one on the right and one on the left, and four in front, two at the right and two at the left.

Down the middle of his suspenders what do you see?

Down the middle of his suspenders I see a broad black stripe.

Are his trousers long or short? That I cannot tell.

Why can't you tell whether his trousers are long or short? I can't tell