

## Varieties,

### CAUCASSIAN CIVILIZATION.

The supremacy of the Caucassian race dates from the earliest historical times. It is the only branch of the human family which has ever originated a progressive civilization. Nay, I believe that if our knowledge of the remote past were clearer, we should find that the civilization of all our races sprung from it, and that the rise and fall of ancient empires were but the successive steps by which it rose. The light of civilization in the course of four thousand years, has been handed from one tribe to another, but it has always remained in the possession of some family. Some scholars talk of accidental advantage. There is no such thing as accident in the divine government of the world. If all history alone were blotted out physiology alone would prove the supremacy of the Caucassian. And the experience of all travellers is, that this supremacy is naturally and instinctively felt and acknowledged by all other races, with the exception, perhaps, of the Mongolian, who are too conceited to allow their inferiority in anything. \*

Captain Cochran, in Siberia, not only travelled in safety among the savages, but was also well paid for giving them his blessing as that of a superior being. I have understood that Barrett, Burton and Du Chaillu penetrated the wildest recesses of Africa, the natural superiority of their character being an invulnerable shield. No one supposes that a Malay, Mongolian, or American Indian could safely accomplish the same.

Whether this development of civilization is occasioned by, or is independent of, climate, we find it, with very few exceptions, existing in the same zone of mean temperature. It has marched from east to west, sending off branches north and south, but not deviating generally in its course from the central portion of the temperate zone every code of moral and social law originated from the same race. Bhud-

ism, Brahminism, the Zoroaster, Grecian Mythology, Judaism, Christianity—the golden mean between the two extremes of heat and cold. It is, therefore, to be inferred that this belt of climate is most favorable to human development and progress.

The Egyptian monarchy was formerly considered as forming an exception to this claim. Later researches prove that they were a branch of the Caucassian family. Even the Ethiopians, down at latitude fifteen, notwithstanding their dark complexion, have straight hair, and are not like the negro race. The complexion of the old Egyptian was brown, the hair straight, and the nose prominent. I saw a mummy of a princess whose hair was a dark brown with a slight auburn tinge.

The color of the complexion may be modified by climate, but the form of features is not changed. Thus, the Arab in the valley of the Nile, is very dark, but he has the same eagle's beak of a nose, the same thin nostrils and narrow jaws.

Egypt lies in the temperate zone, according to geography, but its climate is considered tropical. Owing to the dryness of the air, it has a bracing, vital character which we never find under the equator. During the winter the thermometer falls low enough to make cold very perceptible. I have seen it at Thebes within eight degrees of the freezing point. In January, 1858, snow fell all through the desert, and in the old Arab records there are accounts even of the Nile being frozen over. Thus, while the palm and banana flourish in that country it can scarcely be considered a tropical climate.

We may, therefore, claim that every important triumph since the creation of man belongs to the Caucassian race. And (if we except the Phœnicians, who cannot positively be claimed, because we do not know enough about them) every form of reasonable religion and