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HOW TO TAKE A NEGATIVE

From the Plate and Print from either Side.

Photographers are sometimes asked if they can print a negative reversed, *i. e.* showing the picture reversed. The following, from the pen of David Duncan, will be found useful, and being simple and easy of manipulation, is worthy of a place in our little journal :—

I. Prepare and filter the following solution :—

White of Egg, well beaten... 1 ounce.

Water 8 ounces.

II. Take a *clean* glass plate and rub one side carefully with a piece of white wax so as thoroughly to coat the plate, and then rub nearly off again with a clean piece of flannel or cloth. Coat the waxed side with a good plain collodion containing 7 grains cotton to the ounce, when firmly set, wash gently under a tap until the water flows well and smoothly over it. Then pour over it carefully sufficient of the albumen solution, and flow off into the sink and put aside to dry. You can prepare quite a number of plates in this way, as they will keep for a long time.

III. When about to take a picture, take one of the prepared plates, coat, sensitize, expose and develop just as usual. When fixed and thoroughly washed, flow over the film again with the albumen solution and dry.

IV. When dry, place carefully on a levelling stand and cover with plain collodion as above, containing about 8 to 10 drops per ounce of castor oil. When this is all dry run a knife round the edge of the plate, and the picture imprisoned between the two

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