

or grey, or green, to a more or less dark brown. Fair hair, and blue, green, or grey eyes, are never found except in conjunction with a white skin. The yellow hair reported as seen in some countries in conjunction with a dark skin, is the result of the use of a bleaching agent. Light eyes may occur with dark hair and a fair skin, and dark eyes with a fair skin and fair hair. The great majority of mankind have dark eyes, dark hair, and a more or less dark skin, and Huxley's *Xanthochroi*, or the blonde whites of Northern Europe, are the race that departs farthest from the common type.

According to Professor Huxley, there must once have been somewhere an unmixed blonde white race, by mixing with which the Australioids of the Mediterranean region and Great Britain became blanched to their present hue. There is not, however, what one would think there ought to be on that theory, any country or part of a country inhabited only by blondes. Probably the country with the greatest proportion of fair whites in it, is Southern Sweden ; but here there is no inconsiderable admixture of men of the dark white race. On the contrary, there are countries inhabited solely by *Melanochroi* or dark whites. Such for example are Persia and Northern Arabia. These facts, namely, that there is no tribe or nation of unmixed blondes, while there are some of unmixed brunette whites, would seem to indicate, that the fairness of the people in the native country of the white race, is due to climatic causes, which produce their maximum effect in those parts where there are most blondes.

At first sight nothing appears plainer than that complexion is a result of climate.

The very dark races are near the equator, the light-colored ones in the temperate zones. The explanation seems to be at least as old as Homer that darkness of skin results from the intensity of the sun's rays. In his poems the term *Æthiopes*, meaning burnt faces, the root of our word *Ethiopian*, is used to designate an African tribe. But a very slight extension of our knowledge shows that this theory does not explain the facts. Side by side in the same country, as, for example, India, we find races of differing color who, apparently, have occupied the same soil for many centuries. On the forty-fourth parallel of latitude, which runs a little north of this city, we find, in the old world, the European brunette, the blonde Circassian, and the yellow Mongol, while on this continent we have the brown reddish