

which, in conjunction with the sun, we suppose sufficient to modify the diversity of colour among different nations? Even taking into account the geographical position of a country, the elevation of its peopled districts above the level of the ocean, the soil and productions, with those habits of life which may have long characterized its inhabitants as a separate or individual people, how are we to reconcile the colour of the *Negro* with the milky whiteness of those people termed *Albinos*, whose complexions, almost from the moment of birth, remain alike unchanged amid the sultriness of the climate? This branch of physiological science, how interesting soever it may be as connected with the history of human beings, is as yet involved in much doubt and obscurity. The many difficulties, indeed, which we have to surmount in attempting its elucidation, are almost sufficient to discourage the pursuit of our inquiries.

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