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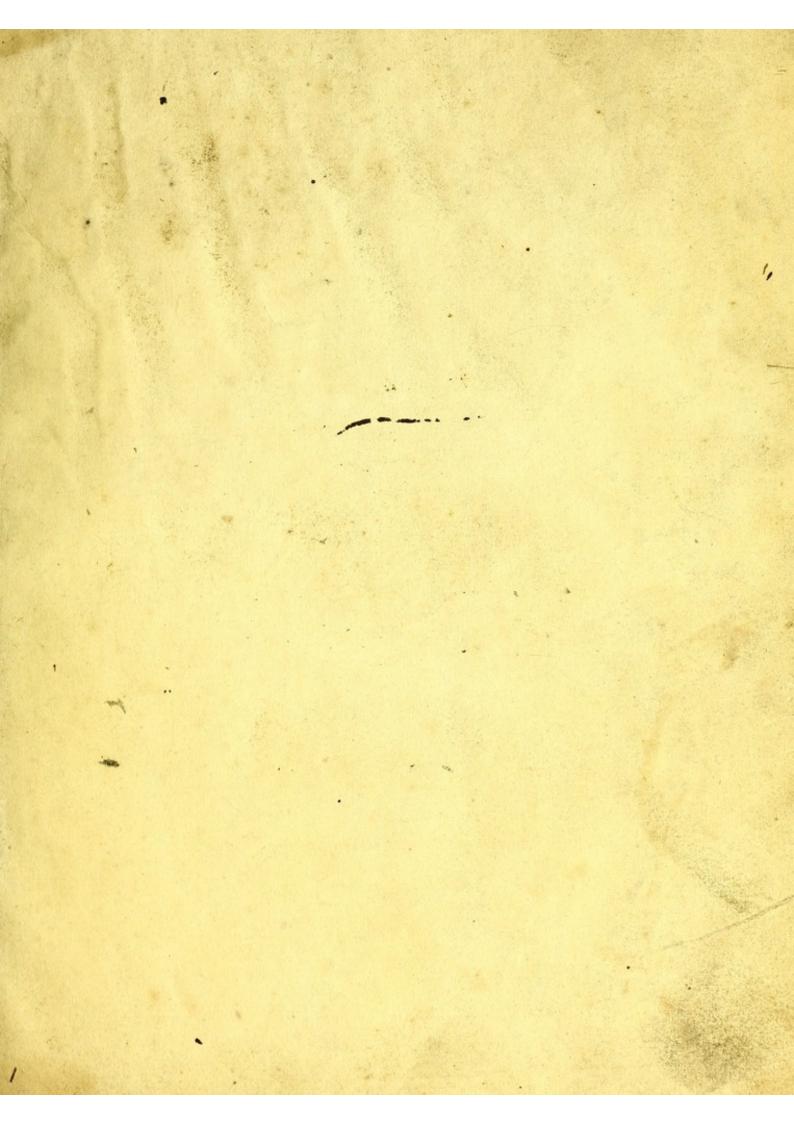
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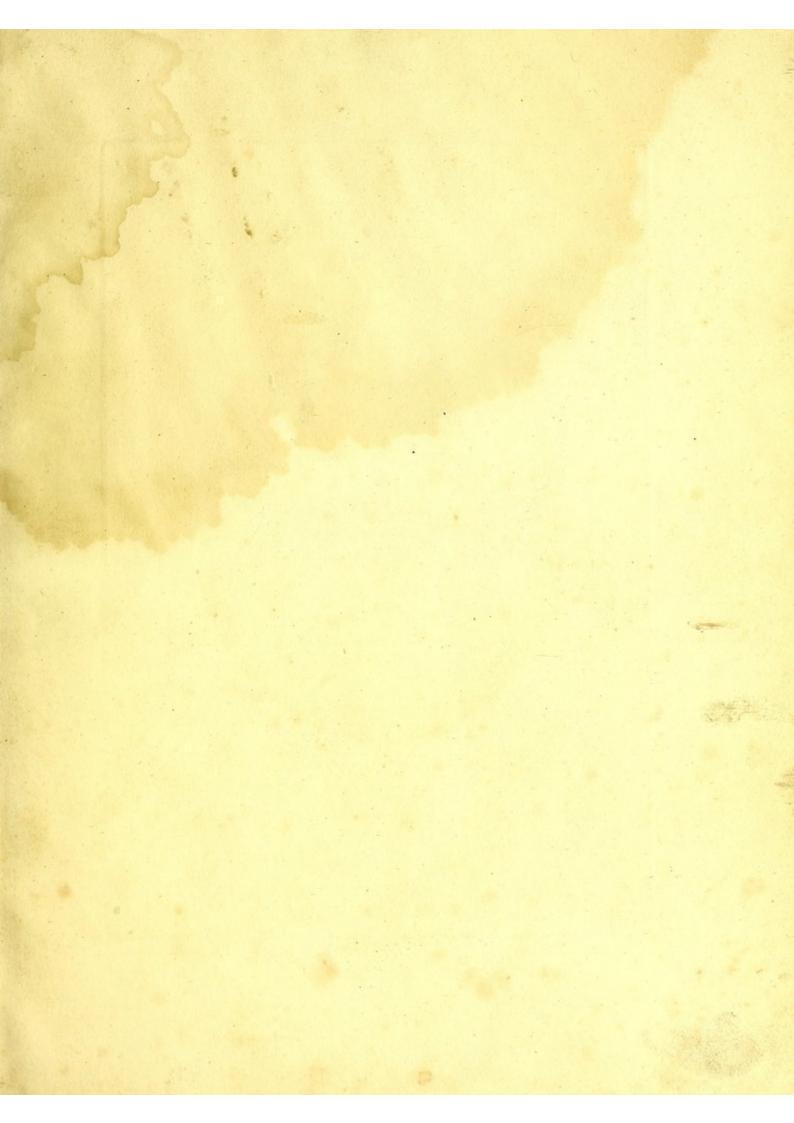
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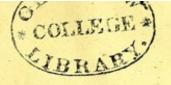




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PREFACE,

By the Translator.

THAT an intimate connexion fubfifts between the different branches of the Arts and Sciences, by virtue of which the one elucidates or reflects a luftre upon the other, is a truth that has never been litigated. The Artift, whofe attention is folely confined to one particular object, and whofe knowledge is as circumfcribed as his employment, may become expert in the mechanic, or operative part of his occupation, but we are not to expect from him any confiderable improvements, or peculiar indications of tafte; nor will he be qualified to propofe rules, by which others might be taught to excel.

To none of the fine arts are those observations more applicable than to those of Painting and Sculpture; for

none require a larger compass of knowledge, or a deeper inlight into Nature, if the Artist means to carry the profession farther than the mechanic delineation of an object that is immediately before him.

As the Painter or Statuary, who has made the human figure the peculiar object of his fludy, has doubtlefs given the preference to the most interesting and the most fublime department; fo it must be confessed, that he has chosen the most difficult and comprehensive. This branch demands great extent of historical knowledge, an intimate acquaintance with national characteristics, great attention to the diverfities occasioned by progreffive years and peculiarities of fex, observance of the effects produced by the passions upon the human frame, in their various combinations and different degrees of force; fuperadded to fuch a knowledge of Anatomy as shall enable him to delineate the general fituation of the mufcles in a placid and inert flate, their action in varied politions, and their influence in defcribing every emotion or paffion of the mind. It is also the branch most exposed to the feverity of criticism; as groffer faults in the reprefentation of the human form are readily detected, and as numbers, prefuming that they have a complete model

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in their own perfons, or competent knowledge from their intercourfe with their fpecies, affect the refined connoiffeur, and attempt to fupport the character by fearching for minuter blemifhes.

The delineation of different animals does not require an equal extent and variety of knowledge; and those who have made this branch their principal study, have in general confined themselves to close imitation; yet the ill fuccess of many painters in this department, the few masters comparatively who have acquired celebrity, and the very few whose works are exempt from gross imperfections, too clearly indicate that there are latent difficulties, which it is not in the power of mere imitation to furmount; and also that the address acquired fimply by attention and practice in the delineation of one particular species, has rather been an impediment than an aid, in attempts to delineate animals of any other species.

Much pains have been taken to remove those various difficulties. Men of fludy and of genius have attempted to introduce certain principles, and to propose invariable rules,

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which they deemed conducive to the improvement of tafte in the higher branches of painting, and precifion in all. Some of the principles advanced, and methods recommended, have been of confiderable fervice; while others, as they were built upon falfe dogmas, are more calculated to miflead than to direct into the right path.

The Work, which is now introduced to the English reader, professes to remove feveral remaining difficulties of no fmall moment; and to propose rules more conducive to facility, grace, and accuracy, than any hitherto offered. These professions are founded upon the discovery of a much more immediate and intimate connexion between the fciences of human and comparative anatomy, and of the natural history of animals, with the art of delineation, than could have been supposed to exist. Every idea in it, that is peculiar to the Author, exemplifies in a very striking manner the truth of our remark concerning the connexion that subsists between different branches of the arts and sciences; by means of which the one may be rendered, in various respects, subfervient to the other. The happy union, in the same perfon, of profound knowledge in Anatomy, with a taste for Draw-

ing, has demonstrated that the minutiæ of anatomical knowledge are much more conducive to elegance, character, expression, and precision, than could possibly have been imagined by any one totally ignorant of, or but fuperficially acquainted with, the science. Whenever the attention of artifts has been directed to anatomical inftructions, it has hitherto been confined to the first feries of muscles, or their operation in the different actions or politions of the body, as marked through the integuments; but we now perceive the great importance of Ofteology, particularly an intimate knowledge of the bones conflituting the cranium, and of their relative fituations in the delineation of national characters, and in the changes made by advancing age; and alfo its ufes in the production of ideal beauty, or in marking the peculiarities which characterife individuals. Neurology alfo, which has not been confidered as having the most distant relation to the fubject, is proved to be of high utility in the reprefentation of the emotions of the mind : an attainment confeffedly the most difficult, as well as the most interesting and fublime.

The acumen with which professor Camper has criticifed

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the labours of the most distinguished painters and delineators of animals; the detection of their errors, and the causes of them; the rules given to avoid these errors, and acquire greater precision in delineating animals of different species, founded upon comparative anatomy, and the natural history of the animal, indicate no less forcibly the great advantages to be derived by these two sciences, which, united, promise to point out an unerring road to excellence.

The Introductory Difcourfe will acquaint the reader with the methods by which thefe difcoveries were made. It will alfo make him acquainted, in a pleafing and fatisfactory manner, with the progreffive hiftory of an inquifitive mind, from early years up to manhood; the diffatisfaction that accompanied increafed penetration and an improved tafte, at the imperfections with which fome modern productions of celebrated mafters were chargeable; the means purfued to avoid fimilar imperfections, and to imitate thofe excellencies in the works of the antients which are the fubjects of univerfal admiration, though the caufes of this admiration had never been invefligated. The reader will further notice, that the principles advanced are not the premature fruits of

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a warm imagination; but that they were gradually formed by the obfervations and experience of a feries of years, until they became the bafis of found criticifm, and furnished rules for accurate execution. It may not be impertinent to add, that the Professor's remarkable proficiency in drawing, though it was fimply the amufement of his leifure moments, corroborates all that has been advanced concerning the fuperiority of his methods to those in common use. Of this proficiency the connoiffeur may form fome judgment from the fpecimens before him, which are faithful as well as elegant copies of engravings from original drawings; the greater part of which were executed under the infpection of the Profeffor, and all of them by the first artist in the Seven Provinces. By this application of his professional knowledge to his favourite amufement, he had acquired fuch a facility and firmness in delineation, as aftonished every attendant on his public Lectures; and artifts themfelves have acknowledged, that his occafional and extemporaneous fketches, exceeded in tafte and accuracy their laboured productions.

The First Book of this Work contains the substance of feveral Lectures, which were read at different times, and

diftant periods, before the Academy of Drawing, established at Amfterdam. Thefe were afterwards revifed and digested into a regular Effay, and carefully prepared for publication by professor Camper himself. It may, perhaps, be thought by those who admit the truth and importance of his leading principles, that the diffinctions given in the first chapter concerning the characteristic differences of different nations, are too general, and not fufficiently adapted to affift the painter in defcribing that vaft variety of national diffinctions obfervable in the different inhabitants of our globe. But we are to recollect, that those are proposed fimply as specimens of a new fludy, the profecution of which would promife the greatest advantages to the national and historical Painter. The grand object was to fhew, that national differences may be reduced to rules; of which the different directions of the facial line form a fundamental norma or canon;-that thefe directions and inclinations are always accompanied by correfpondent form, fize, and polition of other parts of the cranium, the knowledge of which will prevent the Artift from blending the features of different nations in the fame individual, and enable him to give that true character to national figures introduced into a composition, which has always been felt

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as a beauty, and the want of it as a defect, though the caufe has lain concealed. This fubject may juffly be confidered as a new and interefting fludy in the natural hiftory of man, which requires the joint labours of phyfiologifts to furmount all the difficulties attending it. It is alone by forming a very large collection of the craniums of different people, that a difcrimination can be made between what is general, from what is merely accidental; what is perfonal and to be afcribed to the diverfities obfervable in individuals, from that which is national and characteriftic of a particular people*.

The other articles, minutely treated in this Book, relative to a new manner of drawing portraits in profile, according to certain rules deduced from the conformation of the cranium, and the changes made by age, being founded upon indubitable

* Profeffor Blumenbach of Gottingen, is purfuing this ftudy with great affiduity. He has already publifhed two *Decades* of differences in the craniums of different people. The translator has only been able to procure the first; from which he learns, that the specimens in the possibility of this Professor, led him, in fome few instances, to differ from professor Camper, respecting characteristic marks. As each has formed his opinion from the specimens in his possibility those differences manifess the difficulties hinted above, and prove that further invessions alone will enable us to diffinguish between accidental forms and *national* marks.

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principles, cannot be fubject to fimilar incertitude; fo that refpecting thefe, every Student has the means of making great improvement completely in his power. The great utility of the remarks concerning the beauties of the antients will be felf-apparent.

The Contents of our Second Book are the fmall remains of Lectures upon other fubjects relative to drawing; the ideas of which fuggefted themfelves, while the Professor was engaged in the purfuit of his first object. They were collected from imperfect manufcripts and detached hints, found among the Professor's papers after his decease, and published by his Son in as complete a manner as circumftances would allow. Of confequence they are merely to be confidered as Notes and Heads of Lectures, the fubftance of which was given extempore. This will fufficiently explain the reafon why the fcientific introductions appear fo difproportionate to the explanatory parts. It must also be noticed, that at the time thefe Lectures were delivered, the audience enjoyed the great advantage of feeing every part of the fubject explained, by a great variety of extemporaneous fketches, which were fucceffively effaced from the board to make room for others.

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Those communicated to the Public, are the only ones to which the Profession had given permanency; and of these the sketches, illustrative of the passion, were too imperfect to be given as they were found; the engraver was obliged to fupply fome strokes that had been omitted. All the other drawings were sufficiently accurate not to require additions or alterations. We are informed that profession Camper had it in contemplation to extend the subjects much farther, arrange his ideas with more accuracy, form each Lecture into a distinct treatife, and illustrate the positions advanced by a regular feries of drawings. But upon recess from the academy at *Franiker*, public affairs engaged his immediate attention during the political troubles in Holland, until death terminated every sublunary pursuit *.

Although, from the above caufes, the Lectures on the manner of delineating the different paffions, and on the points of fimilarity between Quadrupeds, Birds, and Fifhes, founded upon this fimilarity, are neceffarily imperfect, and have a claim to the indulgence due to fragments and rough fketches; yet they may be deemed a valuable acquifition to

* Professor Camper died at the Hague, in the year 1789 ...

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the Painter. They abound with found criticifm, and furnifh hints which promife peculiar advantage to the delineator of the human paffions, or of objects in the animal kingdom; and they will greatly affift the connoiffeur in judging of the accuracy and merits of a performance in this department of Painting. In a word, the principles and hints advanced, contain valuable germs, the development of which promifes an abundance of rich fruit to the intelligent Artift.

It was the celebrity of thefe Lectures in Holland that made them attract the Translator's notice; and a conviction of the truth and great utility of the principles advanced in them, made him with that the artifts and connoiffeurs in Great Britain should enjoy the advantages to be derived from them. But he had every reafon to apprehend, that they would remain deprived of these, unless the Work was undertaken by himfelf. To a competent acquaintance with both languages, the knowledge of anatomy was also neceffary for the translation of a Treatife of this kind; and through the prefumption that every other perfon in the Seven Provinces, possible for the engaged in more important employments, or be defitute of leifure, he has imposed

the tafk upon himfelf. He has been induced by these confiderations to fubmit to a labour which has not been very agreeable. To translate has always appeared to him like treading, with flow and tedious pace, over another man's ground, after the eye has been fatisfied with the prospect, and with looking at every object composing it. But in this bufinefs he had to work his way through a very intricate fubject, an involved stile (for the Professor's pen is by no means equal to his pencil) and through the ftill greater difficulty of an erroneous edition, where the very numerous faults in the references prefented perpetual embarrasiments. He claims to himfelf fome degree of merit, from this inftance of felf-denial, and urges it as a plea for indulgence to any incidental errors, from which it is fcarcely poffible for a work of this kind to be totally exempt.

Great attention has been paid to perfpicuity, and every idea peculiar to the Author has been faithfully rendered; but the Translator has thought himfelf at liberty to make fome deviations of a trivial nature, in order to accommodate the work to the English reader; of which the following are the principal:

Paraphraftical or explanatory defcriptions are fometimes added, particularly in the references to the five first Plates of the First Book. The Profession had uniformly confined himself to the concise algebraic mode; but this concisents, and a scientific appearance, were frequently purchased by the loss of perspicuity and painful abstractions. Explanations are therefore subjoined, until the reader, familiarized with the subject and with the figures, will no longer require them.

In the Lectures, that complimentary ftile which the Dutch literati ftill retain in all their public harangues, particularly in the exordium and at the clofe, is confiderably retrenched; as it would be difpleafing to an Englifh ear accuftomed to greater fimplicity.

The two first Lectures are, in the translation, comprised in one, fince they related to the fame fubject. As they were delivered, they were of the usual length; but from the causes already mentioned, they were rendered too concise in the publication to require a separation.

In the translation, two publications given at different

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periods, are contracted into one volume, not much larger than either of the original volumes. This has been effectuated by the rejection of an Effay on the Principles of Beauty, which contained the fubstance of three Lectures, which had alfo been read before the Academy, and which the Editor had fubjoined to his fecond volume. This Effay would not have conveyed the fame information to the English reader it might have done to the audience, as Mr. Camper had profeffedly adopted the theory of Mr. Burke; with which we may suppose every Englishman of taste to be familiar. Although it difplays confiderable erudition, yet this is mostly employed to exemplify the fentiments advanced in the Chapter on Beauty. The Translator was therefore unwilling to deftroy the uniformity of a Work entirely of a Practical Nature, and replete with Important Rules, by fubjoining fpeculations which had no immediate relation to practice, and which would have appeared defective to every one who has read the Treatife of Mr. Burke, or the more recent publication of the Rev. Mr. Alifon.

The fubject of the Notes will fufficiently flew, whether they were by the Profession or his Editors, excepting the one

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in the 169th page. Should the remark it contains be impertinent, the fault is not to be attributed to the Professor.

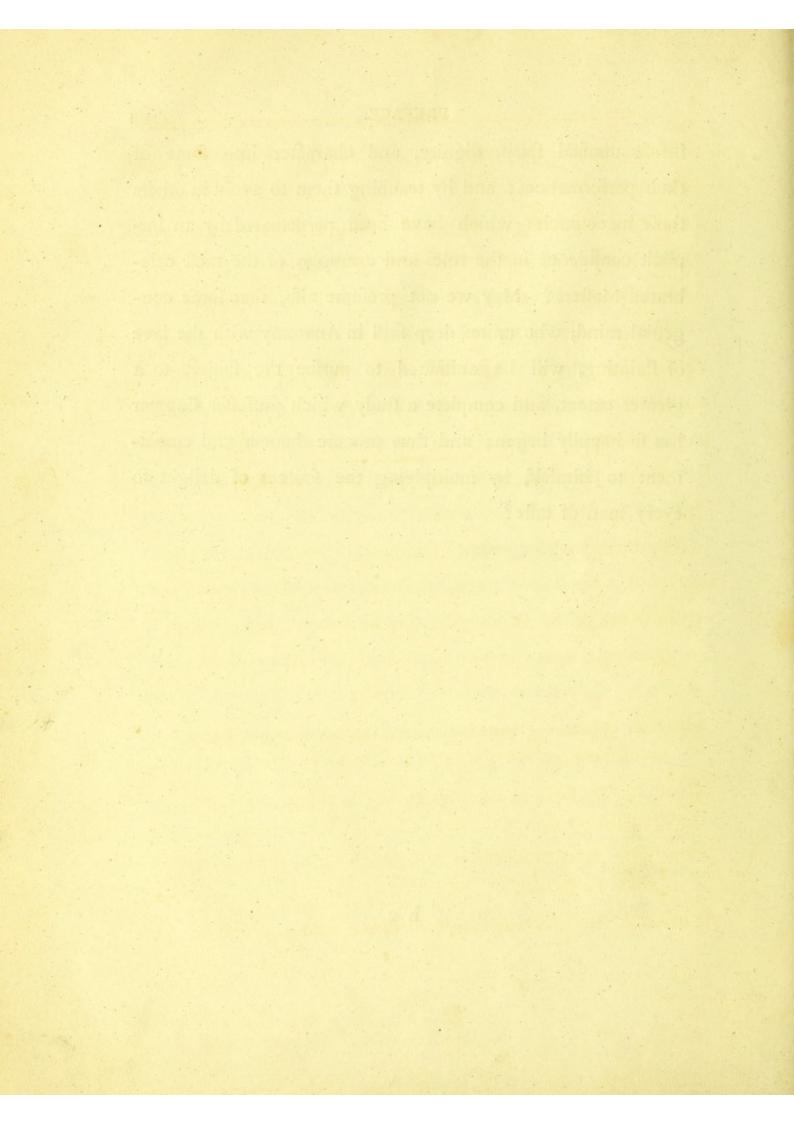
If the principles advanced and illustrated in the following pages fhould appear to English Artists and Connoisseurs as important as they did to their Author, and to his Admirers, in the Dutch Netherlands, the Translation cannot be unacceptable in a country fo renowned for its Painters as Great Britain. They apparently open new fources of improvement, and point out to younger Artifts a new path for generous emulation. It has been acknowledged by those who frequent the many exhibitions of Paintings in the Metropolis, that fomething of a languor is taking place, from a kind of uniformity that threatens to be prevalent. The eye of the visitor is fatigued with viewing a repetition of the beauties of the preceding year; and the most benevolent critic is wearied of repeating the fame accents of praife, in their approbation of excellencies, which, being no longer novel, have lost much of their power to charm. Will it be too fanguine an expectation, if the hope be indulged, that the following Publication will infpire Artifts with fresh vigour, by pointing out to them unbeaten tracts, enabling them to

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infufe unufual fpirit, dignity, and character into fome of their performances; and by teaching them to avoid in others thofe inaccuracies which have been perpetuated by an implicit confidence in the rules and examples of the moft celebrated Mafters? May we not prefume alfo, that fome congenial mind, who unites deep fkill in Anatomy with the love of Painting, will be animated to purfue the fubject to a greater extent, and complete a fludy which profeffor Camper has fo happily begun; and thus procure honour and emolument to himfelf, by multiplying the fources of delight to every man of tafte?

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Corrections to be made in the Plates.

Dotted lines are wanting from G to S, or from the Fore Teeth to the Chin, in Plate I. Fig. 3. Cranium of the Negro, and alfo from a to b, over the vertex, in the lower Figure. The Ear of the Negro is too erect; and the Line from r to s, fhould fall before the Lobe.

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PAINTING, and whatever is relative to the Art, have been my favourite amufements from my earlieft years: and as the characteristic differences in men and animals appeared to me the most interesting objects in nature, I was disposed to pay more than ordinary attention to these. — To draw, and to model in clay, were the recreations of my childiss. As I grew older, I was particularly struck with the figure and colour of the Moors; and with the difference in features and complexion between the East Indianblacks and the natives of Africa.

Whenever I copied after the beft models of the ancient Greeks, — drew the head of a Pythian Apollo, a Venus de Medicis, a Hercules of Farnefe; or placed before me the beautiful figures of Michael Angelo, Quefnoi, and other celebrated mafters of later date, I obferved a very great difference between the faces of thefe and our own. I perceived alfo

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that they were much more pleafing than any of the figures of the Flemish schools, without being able to ascertain in what this preference might confist.

I had learned to make use of ovals and triangles, according to the principles laid down in every treatife on the art of Drawing; and yet when I copied from models in plaster, from paintings, or from life, I always experienced not only a difficulty, but an abfolute impossibility of sketching heads to advantage; nor was I satisfied with the proportions recommended.

At fixteen years of age I began to paint in oil-colours, chiefly after the Flemish masters: but as I was already captivated with the fuperior dignity observable in the antique models, the ftyle of thefe mafters was not agreeable to me. At the age of eighteen, my inftructor, Charles Moor the Younger, to whofe attention and care I am indebted for any fubsequent progress I may have made in this art, fet me to paint one of the beautiful pieces of Van Tempel; in which there was the figure of a Moor, that by no means pleafed In his colour he was a Black; but his features were me. European. As I could neither pleafe myfelf nor gain any proper directions, I defifted from the undertaking. By critically examining the prints taken from Guido Reni, C. Marat, Seb. Ricci, and P. P. Rubens, I obferved that they, in painting the countenances of the Eastern Magi, had, like Van Tempel, painted black men; but they were not Moors. The celebrated Engraver, Cornelius Viffcher, was the only

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one who appeared to me to have followed nature, and to have properly characterized Moors.

As I advanced in years, my attention and penetration increafed; and I imagined that, by a fingle glance of the eye, I was able to diftinguish antiques, and to mark, from the flyle, the very period in which they were executed. The majority of prints taken from the most beautiful engravings on precious stones, of antiquity, were diffatisfactory : fomething of a Gothic tafte was intermixed. This is the cafe with the reprefentations of the Roman Emperors, by Hub. Goltz, published in the year 1645, which is otherwise a fine piece; and in his Gracia ejufque Infularum and Afia Min. Numifmata; although in fome few of them the Greek flyle is more or lefs preferved. In the work of J. Triftan, Comment. Hift. contenant en abrege les vies, eloges, &c. des Empereurs, &c. jusques a Pertinax, the antique is entirely lost, through the unskilfulness of designers and engravers. This observation is applicable to L. Beger, Bonannus, &c. But the Numifmata in the Thefaurus Græc. Antiq. of Gronovius, and those of Sicily, Naples, &c. of Gravius and Burmann, are the moft intolerable of all.

In the works of Mountfaucon, J. Spon, &c. the defigns were made by artifts of very moderate talents; and are accordingly very imperfect. This could not offend the editors, as their attention was totally confined to the hiftorical branch, and they could neither perceive nor relifh transcendent beauty; which, however, did not escape the notice of Baron

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Stofch, notwithstanding that Picart has generally spoiled it by his vicious taste. Count Caylus, though a good designer, has failed in this respect. Barbault has, in a few instances, succeeded incomparably well.

It was not before I had formed the plan of this Treatife, in the year 1768, that I enjoyed the opportunity of confulting the excellent obfervations of Winkelman on the * Imitation of the Greeks in Painting and Sculpture; his ‡ Preliminary Difcourfe concerning the Art of Defigning among the Antients, and his § Monuments of Antiquity. I have fince fludied his works with the utmost advantage, although his notions of ideal beauty have milled numbers. What this penetrating observer terms ideal, is in fact founded upon the rules of optics, as I shall fully show when I treat of the beauty of the human countenance. The differtation of Tenkate upon Ideal Beauty, has great merit; but it does not inftruct us in its true nature or principles. Following Lomazzo, he has been mifled by him. They are both embarraffed by adopting the rules which conftitute the harmony of mufic, and which are not applicable to painting; as the beauty of the latter does not depend upon certain immutable proportions, but on other circumftances.

The excellent letter of my esteemed friend, the profound Hemsterhuys, teaches us the influence of the Beautiful upon

- ‡ Trattato preliminare dell arte dell difegno degli antichi popoli.
- § Monumenti antichi inediti.

^{*} Gedänken uber die Nachahmung der Griekifchen werke in der Mahlereij und Bildhauerkunft.

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the mind; but it does not indicate in what beauty confifts; or propofe rules by which we may trace or produce it in the figure of objects.

I have examined the works of Natter, Mariette, and the cabinet of the Duke of Orleans; and in all of thefe I have remarked Manner, and alfo a deficiency of that $ta \mathcal{E}$ which it is the object of thefe works to infpire. Even Winkelman is defititute of it in execution. So difficult is it to catch the fpirit of the antients, as long as the caufes of their excellencies are not inveftigated, and reduced to principles.

Although Albert Durer was in reality a great mafter (and when we advert to the age in which he flourished, we must allow him to have possed extraordinary merit) yet he has laid the foundation of a bad taste, which has diffused itself all over Europe, not excepting Italy; and which continues to exert its pernicious influence; as is manifest from Lomazzo, who follows him implicitly, excepting in the doctrine of mufical harmony being applicable to painting. It is also obvious that Lomazzo has confulted *Pomponius Gauricus de Sculptura*, and Dolce, as well as A. Durer. Blind at thirty years of age, this man was obliged to feek a substitute by his writings. Hence his numerous publications; most of which treat upon the fame subjects. With what perspicuity he defines the beautiful! Il bello per cossi dire, non e bello, che par la fola fua bellezza*. "The beautiful, fo to express myself,

* Trattato della Pittura. 1584. pag. 196.

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" is merely beautiful by its own beauty." - How extravagant!

To return. I must further remark, that the excellent prints from the works of Rafael, Pouffin, Titian, and Pietra Testa, pleafed me much better than the finest pieces of Rubens or Van Dyck; in both of which, the divisions of Albert Durer, and the imperfections of his oval were very confpicuous. This is particularly the case in the painting of the Holy Virgin and Child, in the celebrated gallery at Dussfeldorp; which is in every other respect an excellent performance.

By frequently modelling in clay, after the fineft heads of antiquity, I learnt that Albert Durer, by looking at the object with both his eyes, had made them too broad; and I alfo learnt that a painter, to excel, must be a proficient in modelling as well as in drawing. This will best enable him to form a genuine idea of the real form of all objects. A knowledge of optics is alfo requisite; as has been fully proved in my Inaugural Differtation *.

In a feparate chapter, on the conftituent beauty of forms, I fhall hereafter flow how much depends upon avoiding a defective manner of viewing the object which is occasioned by the refraction of the rays of light. In order to fucceed, it is also necessary to attend to the excellent rule of Lysip-

* Published in the year 1746. It treats of the construction of the eye, and the nature of vision.

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pus *; *i. e.* To make the head fomewhat lefs, the body more flender and delicate, than they really are, and they will be reprefented to greater advantage than by the most forupulous exactitude.

When I gave lectures in the public college at Amfterdam, as Profeffor of Anatomy, I found, by comparing bodies of various ages that were brought to me for diffection, that the oval was not calculated for the delineation of the features with any degree of accuracy or expedition. With this idea I fawed feveral heads, both of men and of animals, perpendicularly through the middle; and I was fully convinced that the ball of the head forming the cavity deftined to contain the brains, was in general very uniform; but that the pofition of the upper and lower jaws was the manifeft caufe of the moft ftriking differences. The fame obfervation may be extended from quadrupeds down to the finny race : and it has fuggefted hints fufficiently numerous to form a feparate Treatife.

The above examination has also enabled me to difcover whence those changes arise which progressively take place in our features, from infancy to the most advanced age. But I still was unable to explain in what manner it was that the Greeks should have acquired, at a very remote period, that

^{*} Capita minora faciendo, quam antiqui : corpora graciliora, ficcioraque, per quæ proceritas fignorum major videretur : — ab illis factos quales effent homines, a fe quales viderentur effe. PLIN. Lib. xxxiv. Cap. viii. Sect. 19. Pag. 652. § 6• & 653.

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fingular and dignified expression which they gave to their figures; and which I have never seen perfectly equalled. I perceived, moreover, that in the copies taken from these, the facial line did not differ from our own. This will appear by comparing the 5th figure of Plate X. (which is the head of Augustus Cæsar, engraved by Dioscorides) with the first figure of the second Plate.

Having contemplated the inhabitants of various nations with greater attention, I conceived that a firiking difference was occafioned, not merely by the position of the inferior maxilla, but by the breadth of the face, and the quadrangular form of this maxilla. This idea was confirmed by contemplating a considerable collection which I afterwards made of heads, that acknowledged various countries for their parents; or of exact copies from them. Exclusive of feveral fkulls of my countrymen, and of the adjacent nations, I poffels two of Englifh negroes (the one was a young perfon, the other advanced in years) — the head of a female Hottentot, — of an inhabitant of Mogul, — a Chinefe, — a youth of Madagafcar, — a Celebean, — and finally, the cranium of a Calmuck ; that is, of eight different nations.

When I was at Oxford, in the year 1786, I alfo took a fketch of the lower jaw of a native of Otaheite, that had been brought over by Captain King. I have never been able to obtain poffeffion of the cranium of a native American, nor even of an Anglo-American, which has, however, fome peculiarities that were pointed out to me by that celebrated artift

Mr. Weft; of which, as he was born in Pennfylvania, he was the beft qualified to judge. Their face is long and narrow; and the focket of the eye furrounds the ball in fo clofe a manner, that no fpace is allowed for a large upper eye-lid; which is fo graceful to the countenance of most Europeans.

When in addition to the fkull of a negro, I had procured one of a Calmuck, and had placed that of an ape contiguous to them both, I obferved that a line, drawn along the forehead and the upper lip, indicated this difference in national phyfiognomy; and alfo pointed out the degree of fimilarity between a negroe and the ape. By fketching fome of thefe features upon a horizontal plane, I obtained the lines which mark the countenance, with their different angles. When I made thefe lines to incline forwards, I obtained the face of an antique; backwards, of a negroe; flill more backwards, the lines which mark an ape, a dog, a fnipe, &c. — This difcovery formed the bafis of my edifice.

The large and populous city of Amfterdam, moreover, afforded me various opportunities of collecting the fkulls and other bones of the deceafed, in a regular progreffion, from earlieft infancy up to decrepit age. By comparing thefe with each other, my thoughts were directed to the natural difference occafioned by the gradual growth of the parts in youth, and their decay in advanced age; and alfo to the manner by which this difcrepancy of years might be most accurately delineated. Hence arofe the first stage of my edifice: the fecond was formed by a critical investigation of the line which

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ancient maßters preferred, in their best productions. Finally: While I was scrutinizing the utility of the oval and triangle, which are proposed as the furest direction for designing a human head, the examination and comparison of the skulls and maxillæ which had been fawn through, discovered to me a new and more simple manner of portraying any form of head I pleased, either of men or of animals, with a much greater degree of precision.

As I met with few connoiffeurs in painting, and ftill fewer who enjoyed fpeculations of this kind, my purfuits were totally neglected until the year 1767; when, being in company with my much efteemed friend Mr. F. Van Hemfterhuys, at the houfe of his Excellency the Count of Bentinck, Lord of Rhoon, &c. we examined together a number of beautiful Intaglios and Cameos; and I was able to diftinguifh immediately the originals from the counterfeits, the Grecian from the Roman artifts. This induced them to enquire into the principles of my knowledge; which I explained, with the addition of the leading obfervations I had formerly made. The Count, who was a diftinguifhed judge and found critic in every branch of the polite arts, was flruck with the fimplicity of my difcoveries, and urged me, with his ufual politenefs, to arrange and more fully explain my ideas, as they appeared of utility.

Upon retiring to my country refidence, in order to enjoy a relaxation from my academical labours, I undertook this arduous tafk. But numberlefs difficulties prefented themfelves.

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It was not only neceffary to make drawings of the different bones of the face, but to do this with accuracy. This was finally furmounted. The drawings were to be reduced to the fame fcale, and properly arranged. The best antiques, and alfo the prints taken from them, were to be examined and studied. Ancient and modern writers on the Natural History of Man, and on the Principles of Drawing, were to be perufed with attention, digested, &c. &c.

The Work fwelling under my hands, not only became more extensive, but promifed to be more extensively useful. I flattered myself that it would prove acceptable, not only to those who admire the masterly performances of ancient artist, but also to those who are engaged in the study of natural history, and to all young pupils in the arts of drawing and of sculpture. Employing every hour of leisure from other occupations, I finished the sketch of the present Treatife, towards the end of August in the year 1768.

Delighted with my difcoveries, as is generally the cafe, I communicated them to feveral admirers of the fine arts. They imagined that confiderable fervice might be rendered to the fcience of Painting, and particularly to the Academy of Drawing, established at Amsterdam, were I to deliver fome public lectures upon the fubject, before the members of that fociety. These I delivered on the first and fecond days of August, in the year 1770, before a numerous and respectable audience. The prefident and chief patron of the institution,

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Burgo-mafter Huygens, and the other directors, were pleafed to express their approbation of my endeavours, by prefenting me with a golden medal *.

Not lefs than fixteen years elapfed before a convenient opportunity of publishing this Treatife prefented itfelf. Various engagements prevented me from revising it with attention, in order to enlarge or abridge, as might be judged neceffary. The difficulty I had to find out an intelligent and fkilful engraver, was another obstacle. At length, the celebrated Mr. Vinkeles was prevailed upon to engrave the fketches: but the various occupations of this diftinguished artift were the causes of further procrassion. At length it appears, accompanied with the wishes of its Author, that it may meet with indulgence, and give fatisfaction.

* The Medal was prefented after the Author had delivered fome other lectures which completed his plan. They treated of the fubjects contained in the Second Book of this Work. It was the ufual medal of the academy; on the reverfe of which was the following infeription, in the Dutch language: — " Prefented to the learned " PETER CAMPER by the Directors of this Academy, as a grateful Acknowledg-" ment for the ufeful Lectures delivered before the General Affembly in the years " 1770 and 1774."

BOOK I.

PART THE FIRST.

CHAPTER I.

CONCERNING THE CHARACTERISTIC DIFFERENCE OF FEATURES IN THE MOST DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE ON THE GLOBE.

WHEN we obferve a concourfe of people affembled together in a large commercial city, from the different quarters of the globe, we are able to diftinguifh, by a fingle glance of the eye, not merely negroes from white men,—but among the latter we difcriminate Jews from Chriftians, Spaniards from Frenchmen or Germans, and thefe from the Englifh. It is alfo poffible to diftinguifh natives of the fouthern parts of France from those of the more northern, unless they have been blended by intermarriages. The Scots are alfo known from the Englifh; and both from the Irifh. In the cities of Holland national physiognomy is loft; but iflanders retain the original features. The inhabitants of Hindelopen, Molkwerum, and Koudum *, have ftill the fmall face and long chin of their anceftors. Those also of the Bildt * are easily diftinguishable from their nearest continental neighbours, by their short and compressed features.

Each country, therefore, has fome peculiarity which is perpetuated, until the accidental blending of different people renders their diffinguifhing marks dubious, or entirely obliterates them. Wars, colonizations, commerce, navigation, and fhipwrecks, have fo completely intermixed the inhabitants of the most diffant countries, that characteristic diffinctions are only to be found among those of central provinces, that are remote from the access of strangers. In countries that lie contiguous to each other, and in islands adjacent to continents, the change is gradual, and fcarcely to be perceived but by comparing the different extremes.

People are diffinguished according to the grand division of continents, into Europeans, Africans, Afiatics, and Americans. The inhabitants of these principal parts of the earth, including the islanders of the South Seas, inhabitants of New Holland and New Zealand, have never been differiminated from each other by permanent characteristics, or personal indications alone. Some attribute peculiar to the quarter of the world; or the specification of some singular ornament, pecu-

* These are inhabitants of different diffricts in Friezland, on the borders of the Zuyder Sea. They are remarkable for retaining the original simplicity of manners, fingularity of drefs, and rejecting matrimonial connections with any of their neighbours.

liarity of drefs or cuftom, have always been added. Thus, an Afiatic is diffinguifhed from an European by colour and drefs: the African and American, being fomewhat fimilar in colour and drefs, are known by the addition of a crocodile, an elephant, a cargo of tobacco, incifion of the fkin, tatowing, plumes of feathers, &c.

It is, however, a fact, that the inhabitants of Northern Europe (the Laplanders for example) are of a more tawny complexion than those of Java; nor are many of the Persians, or the subjects of the Mogul empire, of a darker complexion than the Spanish. Even the Caffres, although they are inhabitants of Africa, are remarkably different from the Angolese and the Nubians.

Some of the American tribes feem to derive their origin from the northern countries of Afia. The fimilarity of their make, mode of living, manners, religion, &c. render this conjecture extremely probable. The many journies alfo taken from Ruffia, through Siberia, Kamtfchatka, St. Andries, &c. to America; and more particularly the celebrated voyage of the late Capt. Cook, afford additional proofs of the fact.

The poffibility of making the paffage, will be obvious to every one who confults the excellent chart published by that unfortunate circumnavigator, in his last Works; and he will be convinced that it was not difficult for the Laplanders, Samoiedes, Siberians, Kamtschatkans, and the favage nations of Afia, to find their way to America through the fame paffage.

No man who contemplates the whole human race as it is now fpread over the face of the earth, without a predilection for hypothefis, can doubt of its having defcended from a fingle pair, that were formed by the immediate hand of God, long after the world itfelf had been created and had paffed through numberlefs changes. From this pair all the habitable parts of the earth were gradually propagated. The difference of colour is not an objection of moment. This frequently varies, while the contexture of the fkin is uniformly fimilar in all men. I have demonstrated, upon a former occasion *, that it is immaterial whether the colour of our firft parents was black or fair, fince a change from white to black is equally great as the reverfe.

I have in my collection of natural curiofities, feveral fpecimens of the fkins of Moors, Italians, and of the faireft Dutch women, in which the *membrana reticularis* is to a greater or lefs degree of a dufky hue; fo that no effential difference exifts, whichever of the propositions be advanced. It fometimes happens that this reticular membrane becomes as black in our faireft women, during their pregnancy, as that of the blackeft negro or Angolefe. Of this a curious inftance prefented itfelf in the year 1768. The abdomen and breafts of a woman naturally of a fair complexion, had totally changed

* In a treatife on the colour of negroes.

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their colour. The celebrated Le Cat + has also mentioned feveral inftances of a fimilar kind. Darkness of complexion begins also to diminish in process of time: of which I have preferved various specimens in the skins of Moors.

Thus it is evident that the faireft fkin may become black, and the darkest become fair, without our being able to afcertain the immediate caufe. The influence of the fun is univerfally acknowledged; but the above-mentioned changes in pregnant women, to which might be added inftances of white negroes, and of those who are rendered pale through various indifpolitions, manifest that other causes operate upon this membrane, as well as the fun's rays. And why not? Does not the blood throw off dark coloured particles to the inward furface, and to the iris, of the eye, while the tunica albuginea remains perfectly white? Many other inftances might be given, where different parts of the body acquire fuch a furface that they do not reflect the rays of light: that is, they Every Tyro in philosophy knows, that objects appear dark. have no colour in themfelves; and that the idea of colour is excited in us according to the manner in which the rays of light are refracted.

Since we are totally ignorant at what period after the formation of the globe man was created, and the human race began to fpread over the earth, we fhall confine ourfelves to the differences in the human fpecies that now exift. The

* Traité de la couleur de la peau humaine. Edit. Amsterd. Art. IV. p. 130.

great Buffon has anticipated and exhausted this subject, in his excellent differtation " On Man, and the Varieties in the " Human Species *." I shall merely select the peculiarities that refer more immediately to our purpose, and take the Calmucks as a specimen.

The Calmucks, compared with ourfelves, and more particularly with the most celebrated figures of antiquity, are deemed the ugliest of all the inhabitants of the earth. Their faces are flat, and very broad from one cheek-bone to the other; the nose is fo flat, that the fight penetrates into the nostrils; the eyes are near to each other; the lips are thick, and the uppermost lip is long. They refemble the inhabitants of Siam, as described by Loubiere, whose faces are broad across the cheeks, while their foreheads and chins terminate in a point; fo that their form is more rhomboidal than oval. Compare Plate I. Fig. 4. with Plate III. Fig. 3. which reprefent the profile and front face of a Calmuck.

According to Buffon, the face of the Chinefe is broad and round. They have fmall eyes and large eye-brows. The only Chinefe I have ever feen was at London, in the year 1785. The fmallnefs of the nofe did not ftrike me. Upon examining the cranium of a Chinefe, in my posseffion, I obferve that the cavities or fockets of the eyes, are fituated near together, but that they are placed obliquely; nor are they high in the forehead. The os jugale, or cheek-bone, is not

* See Nat. Hift. Part III. pag. 371.

broad, but prominent. The fuperior maxilla, from the bottom of the nofe to the teeth, is narrow; as in the Otaheites, and contrary to that of the Calmuck. Confequently they cannot have a broad upper lip.

The greatest fingularity that strikes me equally in a Celebese, a Chinese, and an Otaheite, consists in the rectangular form of the inferior maxilla. See Plate I. Fig. 4. * V. S. I have also remarked the same in all the women born in Asia of Dutch or English parents. This renders the lower part of the sace much broader than it is in other nations.

The whole form of the cranium of an Otaheite and a Chinefe is fo very fimilar, that I might venture to conclude that the inhabitants of Otaheite and the Friendly Ifles were a colony from China, notwithftanding the greatnefs of the diftance. On examining the cranium of a Moluccan that is in my poffeffion, I obferve that the angle of the lower jaw is not fo large, but that the upper jaw projects more; as in the negro and the Calmuck.

I readily agree with Buffon, that the inhabitants of the northern parts of the Mogul empire and of Perfia, the Armenians, the Turks, Georgians, Mingrelians, Circaffians, and the inhabitants of Europe in general, are not only the faireft, but poffefs greater elegance of form than any other people. I have, however, feen many Armenians whole countenances were not pleafing. The natives of the more fouthern parts of France, particularly the females, ftill retain the femicircular form of the upper maxilla, and that fmoothnels of countenance which is fo ftriking in the Pythian Apollo and the Grecian Venus. Most of the northern French have very small heads and sharp faces, like the Scots and many among us: that is, the os jugale recedes, and does not spread as in the Calmuck. Compare Plate II. Fig I. Q. with Plate I. Fig. 4. Q. This difference is not easily difference by one that is not accustomed to modelling.

But there is no nation fo diftinguishable as the Jews. Men, women, and children, from their births, bear the characteriftic marks of their race. Mr. Weft, the diftinguished painter, with whom I have frequently conversed upon the fubject, confeffing my inability to discover in what this national mark consists, places it chiefly in the crooked form of the nofe. I acknowledge that this contributes much, and that it gives them a refemblance to the Lascars, of whom I have feen numbers in London; and have even taken the model of a face in Paris-plaster. But there is still a fomewhat unexplained. It is upon this account that the famous De Wit has fo ill fucceeded in the council-chamber at the Stadt-house of Amsterdam. He has exhibited in his paintings feveral men with beards, but they are not Ifraelites.

It would be impracticable to delineate all the characteriftic varieties that exift in nature. To avoid an expensive multitude of plates, I shall confider the Calmuck as the reprefentative of all Asia (from Siberia to New Zealand) and also of North America; as it is more than probable that this people are defcended from the Northern Afiatics. We can determine nothing concerning the Mexicans or Patagonians, as they are not aborigines; and are most probably defcended from Europeans.

2. The head of an European shall be confidered as a specimen of all Europe, Turkey, Persia, and the largest part of Arabia, as far as Indostan.

3. The head of an Angolefe negro fhall be fubfituted for all Africa; alfo for the Hottentots (who do not materially differ from the negroes); for the Caffres, and for the natives of Madagafcar. The Moluccans feem to have blended together the characteriftics of the Afiatic and the African.

4. I have prefixed the cranium of the *fimia caudata*, or tailed ape, and of a fmall orang-outang, in order to demonftrate the importance of the facial line, which is applicable to all animals.

CHAPTER II.

THE OPINIONS OF ANCIENT AND MODERN WRITERS CONCERNING THE DIFFERENT SHAPES OF THE HUMAN HEAD, STATED AND REFUTED.

HERODOTUS, Hippocrates, Suidas, Aristotle, Pliny, P. Mela, and many other writers of antiquity, have uniformly maintained that the variety of forms observable in different nations, do not altogether arise from the climate and other natural causes, but also from some original artifice, which finally gives birth to a determined form. This opinion has been adopted by some of the most eminent writers among the moderns; as Cardan, Vefalius, Schenck, and more recently Haller and the Count de Buffon; and it seems to be confirmed by the remarks of numberless travellers. I have controverted the fentiment upon a former occasion*. The whole of the prefent Treatife will manifest its absurdity.

I did not venture to oppofe an opinion uniformly fupported by fuch refpectable authorities, until, about thirty years ago, the foctus of a female negro came into my poffeffion. In this foctus, which was of about fix months, all the features were fo ftrongly marked, that every perfon could immediately diftinguish the negro child, although the colour of the skin was not changed into black.

* See Prijfverhandeling over de natuurlijke opvoeding des Kinderen. Haarl. Verhand. tom. VII. Deel I. p. 374. In the year 1758, I diffected publicly at the anatomical theatre at Amfterdam, the body of a negro lad, about eleven years of age. This afforded me an opportunity of demonftrating all those diversities in the cranium, which nature had effectuated. By nature, I mean the influence of country, nutrition, air, &c.

I do not affirm that artifice has never been productive of When I was at London, in the year 1785, changes. Mr. Cline, Surgeon of St. Thomas's Hofpital, allowed me to take a draught of the cranium of an aged man from St. Vincent (one of the Carribean Islands) of which the whole forehead was flattened, the crown peaked, while the parietal bones remained convex; which gave a very oblong form to the head. Hunauld has defcribed and delineated one of the fame kind: and Winflow mentions another inftance of a fimilar nature. On my visit to Oxford in the fame year, I made a drawing of the cranium of a young man that was brought from Nootka Sound, by Captain King, which was alfo compreffed into nearly the fame form. This is deposited in the collection belonging to the anatomical theatre of Chrift's College.*

If this be a national custom, it is a subject of wonder how fo strange a practice could have been introduced into three countries, so very remote from each other; and it is a still

^{*} Mr. Forfter has observed, that the inhabitants of Malicolo have the forehead very much flattened, without deciding whether this proceeded from art, or was natural. — See Observ. faites pendant le 2d Voyage de Mons. Cook, Paris, Tom. VIII.

greater wonder that it does not prove injurious to their mental faculties. It is most probable that these were fingular instances; for Captain Cook, speaking of the inhabitants of Nootka Sound, in his last voyage*, simply observes, that they have the forehead rather low; without making any other remarks. Mr. Hughes also, who describes the inhabitants of Barbadoes, which is contiguous to St. Vincent, makes no mention of such a custom; and extols the vivacity of the Carribees. But to return to the antients.

Hippocrates + feems difpofed to attribute the particular form of the head to the conduct of midwives and nurfes. He obferves that many perfons, considering the oblong form of the head as the most graceful, prefs them flat during infancy, and that they thus acquired naturally the particular fhape which nations confidered as the most pleafing.

Vefalius fupports this idea, and alfo afferts that fome midwives have been bribed by mothers, to fhape the heads of their children into the form of a ball. He conjectures that the flatnefs and breadth of the occiput in the Germans, proceeds from the manner in which infants are bound in a portable cradle, which the mothers carry on their backs when they travel; and that the more oblong form obfervable in the heads of Dutch children, arifes from their being perpetually placed on the fide in the cradle. Neither of thefe eminent men has

* Vol. II, Chap. 2. pages 288 and 301.
* De Aere & Locis, p. 289

taken into consideration the natural form of the pelvis; which in this country particularly, is frequently fo narrow, that the head of the infant cannot pafs, until the throes of the mother have moulded it into an oblong form, by which the diameter is leffened.

It is therefore not furprizing that the learned fhould have acknowledged the influence of art, or that Scaliger* fhould have confidently afferted that the Genoefe, having derived the cuftom from their anceftors the Moors, fhould prefs the heads of their fleeping children until art became nature, and the whole race was born with heads and minds of a Thersites. Cardanus ‡ exprefsly fays, that among the provincials of Portus Vetus, in the Weft Indies, the people have no necks, but heads of a quadrangular fhape; that this originated from art, it having been cuftomary to comprefs the head between planks; but that nature finally fucceeded to art.

Count de Buffon ‡ relates from Raleigh, that there are nations in Guiana whofe necks are fo extremely flort, and floulders fo elevated, that their eyes feem to be placed upon their floulders, and their mouths upon their breafts. The Count properly compares thefe to the Scythians, and to the Acephali of the antients. It is very probable that the antients confidered apes and the orang-outang as belonging to the

Comm. in Theophraft. Lib. V. p. 287.
De Varietate, Lib. V. Cap. 43.
Nat. Hift. page 505.

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human race; and also the modern travellers, feeing them at a distance, have mistaken them for men.

Pliny, when he treats of Æthiopia*, obferves that the Blemmyi have no heads, — that their eyes, and mouths are placed upon their breafts; and that fome who are defitute of heads, have their eyes placed upon their fhoulders. He alfo advances †, upon the authority of Eudoxus, that in fome parts of India the men have feet an ell long, while those of the women are fo fmall that they have the name of Struthopodes, sparrow-feet; and alfo, that the ears of fome are so long and broad, that they can hide themselves behind them.

Strabo[‡] relates, upon the teftimony of Oneficritus, that the ears of fome men in India hung down to their heels, fo that they could fnugly fleep upon them. However, he allows the account to be fabulous. Pomp. Mela § afferts with confidence, that the Otomegalos had fuch large ears that they could entirely envelop themfelves in them.

C. J. Solinus fays ¶ that there are men in India, meaning the Panotes, who cover themfelves with their own ears.

In the voyages of Captain Cook ** mention is made of the inhabitants of Easter Islands, whose ears are slit through the middle, and hang down almost to their shoulders.

^{*} Lib. V. Chap. viii. page 252. page 1038. Sce Paris edition, 1778, Tom. ii. Pl. 26 and 27.

Count de Buffon enlarges very judiciously upon the causes of the national differences that take place in different people. He reduces these to three: — 1st, The influence of climate; 2d, Of food; 3d, Of manners and customs.

Refpecting the first cause, that the colour depends upon it, does not admit of a doubt; and yet it is a fact, that, in the coldest climates, such as Greenland and Kamtschatka, the natives are nearly as black as in Madagascar. However, the hottest climates yield men of the deepest jet, unless they intermix with the inhabitants of other nations.

The peculiar forms of the eyes, cheeks, maxillary bones, and particularly of the nofe, may fafely be attributed to the influence of climate.

As we are upon the fubject, it will not be improper to obferve, that no great dependence can be placed upon the portraits of different nations given in the voyages of Captain Cook. The painter, Mr Webber, has in most of them, indicated too much of the mannerist: For example, In the women of Otaheite, represented in the 27th, 28th, and 29th plates. However, he appears to have been more exact in delineating the upper eye-lids in the women of New Holland and Diemen's Land, in plates the 6th and 7th. The women of Oonalaska have the fame physiognomy and the fame small eye-lids as those of Kamtschatka. Mr. West informs me that this is a peculiarity observable also in the English that are born in North America. The object of the painter feems to have been to reprefent the heads and countenances of well-proportioned men and pleafing women. This is remarkably the cafe in the young females of Otaheite, particularly in the 28th and 29th plates; to whom he has given the features of Frenchwomen. On the other hand, those animals which have nothing pleafing in their figures, are always reprefented as monsters: as will appear from the 52d plate.

The influence of food may be learned from our own animals, the horfe, cow, and fheep; although there is no great diverfity of climate in the different provinces of Holland. A rich or a meagre pafturage changes the form, the horns, and the wool of animals.

Under the article of Nutrition, I comprehend fluids and peculiarities of atmosphere as well as food. But how these operate, and why the upper maxilla of a negro, and the cheekbone of a Calmuck projects; and why the focket of the eye is lower and more oblique in a Chinese and a Moluccan, cannot be fully explained. To observe and point out particularities is the principal business of the naturalist. Food and climate frequently co-operate; but we cannot suppose them productive of a different race. Black, tawny, and white men are simply varieties; they do not constitute effential differences. Our skin is precisely of the same contexture with that of the negro; but it is not of so deep a dye.

It is probable that the hair becomes long and fraight, or curled or frizzled, according to the nature of the food, chiefly. It is remarkable that the natives of Drent, and of the bifhopric of Munster, have naturally sleek hair; but after they have resided fome years in Amsterdam, it begins to curl. Of this we have many instances.

Manners and customs indubitably operate with great force upon the form and posture of the body. A polished education renders the whole figure elegant. Of this we have daily instances in polished nations.

A particular manner of fitting, of lying, of standing, and walking; various corporeal defects, and other circumstances of the like nature, give a particular caft to the whole body. This is fo obvioufly the cafe, that the countenance of a deformed perfon will become deformed; that is, it finks gradually by the preflure of the brain, which has now loft its equipoife. Thus the focket of the one eye finks lower than that of the other. Of this I have a very remarkable inftance in my cabinet. In a perfon that is lame, the whole knee turns inwards by the twift given to the femoral bone. In those who are formed awry, or are very round-fhouldered, the clavicle is ftraighter and longer. I fhall not mention the pernicious effect of flays, with which fo many of our females spoil the fhapes of their children, without being admonished by their own. We ridicule the Chinefe for maiming the feet of their females in fo forcible a manner, and yet we are guilty of a fimilar folly, as I have demonstrated upon another occasion*. Nay,

* In a treatife concerning the beft form of a fhoe.

we exceed them; for we not only incapacitate the female fex from walking, but we difable ourfelves. The fillets that bind up the hair of our ordinary women, leaves an imprefion in their heads. Garters make a deep furrow under the knee, as effectually with us as with the inhabitants of Brafil, who confider it as an ornament.

Education, employments, and a fuitable mode of living, add a beauty both to the features and to the limbs. They render the whole body more elegant. Such is the difference between perfons genteelly educated and those who have been totally neglected, that it is fearcely credible that manners and habits should be able to effectuate such changes in the same being.

Various endemic difeafes are not lefs influential. The rachites, or rickets, may occafion numberlefs deformities of body. By the way, it appears from the writings of Hippocrates, that the inhabitants of the most falubrious climate in the univerfe were fubject to this difeafe, as well as those of the more northern or fouthern regions, otherwise he would not have been able to defcribe the difeafes which are derived from this fource in fo masterly a manner.

In proportion as the indifpolitions arising from deformity are fubjects for commiferation, ought the cruel and inhuman tafte of the contemporaries of Longinus to be held in contempt. He tells us*, that they took pleafure in keeping dwarfs locked

[®] Longinus de Sublimitate. § xiii. page 233.

up in confined chefts, and in fwathing them with bandages, on purpose to give them some ludicrous deformity. This conduct appeared to him so cruel, that he inclined to doubt the fact; but we learn from Suetonius, that such deformed persons were kept in all the houses of the great. Tiberius prohibited these *ludibria* naturæ; but Alexander Severus, on the contrary, amused the populace with them. In Russia they are still exhibited in the palaces of the nobility.

CHAPTER III.

PHYSIOLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE DIFFERENCE OF FACES IN PROFILE; FROM APES, OURANGS, NEGROES, AND OTHER CLASSES OF PEOPLE; UP TO THE ANTIQUE.

THE affemblage of craniums, and profiles of two apes, a negro and a Calmuck, in the first plate, may perhaps excite furprife. The striking refemblance between the race of Monkies and of Blacks, particularly upon a superficial view, has induced some philosophers to conjecture that the race of blacks originated from the commerce of the whites with ourangs and pongos; or that these monsters, by gradual improvements, finally become men.

This is not the place to attempt a full confutation of fo extravagant a notion. I must refer the reader to a physiological differtation concerning the ourang-outang, published in the year 1782. I shall simply observe at present, that the whole generation of apes, from the largest to the smallest, are quadrupeds, not formed to walk erect; and that from the very construction of the larynx, they are incapable of speech. Further: They have a great similarity with the canine species, particularly respecting the organs of generation. The diversities observable in these parts, feem to mark the boundaries which the Creator has placed between the various classes of animals. The proximity of the eyes to each other, the fmallnefs and apparent flatnefs of the nofe, and the projection of the upper lip, conftitute the principal points of refemblance; and thefe are much exaggerated by our modern naturalifts, by their heightened defcriptions, and embellifhed plates; but they will immediately diminifh in our effimation, if we give attention to the whole body, or minutely examine every part of the head. This will evidently appear by comparing together the different figures of the firft plate.

All the figures in the first, second, and sourth plates are sketched in profile*. In this manner the differences may be more easily and accurately investigated. The bones of the cranium may also be the better contemplated as the basis of the features, which are immediately placed upon and under them.

In each of these figures the greatest accuracy and precifion have been diligently studied. For example: An horizontal line has been drawn through the lower part of the nose (fee Plate I. N.) and the orifice of the car C.; and the four skulls were arranged with care on the line A. B.; attention being also paid to the direction of the *jugale*, or cheekbone Q. Fig. 3 and 4.

In order to preferve the true form and relative fituations of the parts, I did not view them from one fixed point, but

^{*} Pliny calls these fide-drawings catagrapha, and imagines obliquas. He attributes the invention to the celebrated Cimon Cleonæus. — See Lib. XXXV. Cap. viii. p. 690. F

my eye was always directed, in a right line, to the central point of the object, in the manner practifed by mafons andarchitects; avoiding the rules of perfpective, by which particular parts are always difforted and mifplaced. I viewed the object with only one eye.

To facilitate this bufinefs, I invented a machine fufficiently large to receive the largeft fkull. It confifted of an horizontal quadrangular table, upon which was placed a perpendicular frame, that was alfo quadrangular. In the laths which completed this frame a number of holes were bored parallel to each other; fo that threads could be drawn through them, and be faftened in every direction required. By thefe I was able to make horizontal, perpendicular, or oblique lines at any convenient diftance from each other.

The fore part of the fquare table is alfo divided into equal portions, by means of brafs pegs, correspondent to the holes made in the upper part of the frame, that lines may alfo be drawn by means of threads obliquely downwards: thus may the true point of vision be obtained, by placing the eye in such a direction, that the oblique thread may perfectly coincide with the perpendicular one.

The table before me being elevated to fuch a height that my eye became parallel with the horizontal line A. B. I placed the fkulls, by the fide of each other, on the table behind the perpendicular threads of the frame. By extending the oblique threads in fuch a manner as to make them pafs over the principal parts, and by means of the perpendicular lines, I was fecure of all the points requisite to afford me an accurate drawing.

It was in this manner I discovered in all the figures, that the lines N D. and E F. interfect each other in C. before the aperture of the ear; and also the point of contact of the front teeth was at N. and of the occiput at D; by which the fize of proportion of N C. to C D. that is, the relative distances from the extremity of the fore teeth to the aperture of of the ear, and from thence to the extreme part of the occiput, became manifest.

The great utility of this method will fully appear hereafter. I fhall only remark at prefent, that the point C. generally coincides in the human fpecies with the line of gravity of the whole body (fee Plate Second, E F. or E F, e.) and thus in the centre of the head's motion: which is in the place of union of the condyles of the occiput with the first vertebræ of the neck. See P W. in the third and fourth figure of Plate I. or W. in Plate II.

By means of the fame inftrument, the exact height of the heads could alfo be afcertained (fee E F. in all the upper figures of Plates I. and II.) and alfo the proportionate fize of E C. that is, of the head from the vertex or crown, to the aperture of the ear, compared with C F. or the diffance from this aperture to the lower edge of the maxilla: likewife the proportions between H N. and N I. or the relative diftances from the line of the vertex to that which paffes under the nofe; and from this to the lower edge of the maxilla. It alfo marks the fquares H, I, L, K, in which thefe heads were delineated.

Further: As the clofing of the teeth marks the mouth at G. I was able to draw an oblique line from G. to M. along the nafal bone \triangle , and the forehead T. This, upon account of its great use in difference of faces, may properly be termed the *linea facialis*, or the facial line.

The first figure of the first plate represents the exact profile of a *fimia caudata*, or tailed ape. I do not recollect the particular species. It had a flat forehead, which was fomewhat elevated above the rim of the eye-fockets: It had five double teeth, and facculi; fo that it was a native of Africa. The facial line M G. makes with A D. the angle M N D.; which is equal to 42 degrees.

> N C was to C D : : $8 : 2\frac{1}{2}$ or : : 16 : 5. E C : C F : : 7 : 7. that is, E C = C F.

Or, in more familiar terms,

The diffance from the mouth to the orifice of the ear, was, compared with the diffance of this orifice from the bottom of the lower jaw, as 8 is to $2\frac{1}{2}$, or 16 to 5: and the diffance from the vertex to the orifice of the ear, was precifely equal to the diffance of this, from the bafis of the lower jaw.

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The fecond figure is drawn from a finall orang - outang, reduced to one fourth of its natural fize. It is the fame that I had delineated and defcribed in a former Treatife*. It was very young, and had not more than two double teeth.

The facial line M G. made with A B. or N D. an angle of 58 degrees: N C. compared with C D. was as 7 to 4.; and E C. compared with C F. nearly as fix to four.

The high forehead of this animal gives it a greater refemblance to the human fpecies; and the fockets of the eyes are more elevated; which communicates a more animated appearance to the eyes themfelves.

Edwards, who has but imperfectly delineated this fpecies of ape \dagger , gives to the facial line an angle of 55 degrees. This fmall difference may be overlooked, as much greater are perceived in the human fpecies.

The real pongo has been lately difcovered in the Island of Borneo; and a defcription of it is given in the Batavian Tranfactions ‡. This animal is, upon the whole, of a fimilar figure to the other; but it is about twice the fize. I have in my possession the scale of the scale

+ Gleanings of Nat. Hift. 1758. Tab. 213.

^{*} Natuurkundige Verhandeling over den orang-outang. Amft. printed for Ervenand Meyer. Plate II. Fig. 1 and 2.

[‡] Vol. II. p. 245-

in height; whereas the finaller fpecies feldom exceed two feet and a half. This however has lefs of the human form, as its forehead is flatter, the cheek-bones are broader, and the jaw-bone projects farther. The facial line makes with the horizon an angle of 47 degrees.

The cranium of the young negro, reprefented in the third figure of the first plate, immediately indicates the human countenance. He was changing his teeth; as may be known by the fecond grinder and a lower incifive tooth that were fallen out; and the fucceeding teeth were advancing. He had only four teeth on each fide. I diffected the body of this youth publicly at Amsterdam, in the year 1758.

The facial line M G. made an angle of 70 degrees with the horizontal line N D.

> N C compared with C D was as $7\frac{1}{4}$ to 8, or as 31 to 32. EC : CF :: $8\frac{1}{2}$: 5, or as 17 : 1c.

The projecting point of the jugal, or cheek-bone, Q. was in the centre between the mouth and the orifice of the ear; that is, N Q : Q C :: 4 : 4. or N Q = Q C. It is the projecting part Q. which gives the degree of flatnefs to the face. This is ftrongly marked on the medal of Bocchus, King of Mauritania. See Plate X. Fig. 1. and 2.

Albert Durer, having occasionally delineated a Moor, in his treatife on the changes of the facial line in different

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countenances, has made the facial line correspond with that of ours: its inclination being about 69 or 70 degrees.

The antients feem to have paid great attention to the facial line. This is particularly observable in the *Recueil* d'Antiq. of Count Cæylus *. In some of the plates, the head of a negro is represented upon an ornamental lamp, with singular accuracy.

The fourth figure of our first plate represents the head of a Calmuck. As the teeth and under jaw were wanting, I have been obliged to supply the deficiency from the cranium of an aged negro, the fize of which was nearly fimilar.

The facial line M G. made also an angle of 70 degrees with the horizontal line N D. N C : C D. was as 11 :: $7\frac{1}{4}$ or as 44 : 29. and E C : C F :: $10\frac{1}{2}$: 6. or 21 : 12. Q C = 15. And thus N Q : Q C :: 7 : 15. That is,

The diffance from the extreme projection of the teeth to the orifice of the ear, compared with the diffance of this from the extremity of the occiput, was as 11 to $7_{\frac{1}{4}}$, or as 44 to 29. The diffance from the vertex to the orifice of the ear, compared with the diffance of this orifice from the

* See Tom. VII, Pl. li. Fig. 1 and 2. and Pl. lxxxi. Fig. 5. alfo Part V. Pl. xc. Fig. 2.

lower edge of the inferior maxilla, was as $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 6, or 21 to 12. The most projecting part of the jugal bone, from the orifice of the ear, was equal to 15; that is, the distance of the mouth from the process of the jugal bone, compared with the distance of this from the orifice of the ear, was as 7 to 15.

From a large collection of European heads in my cabinet, I have felected the one reprefented in the fecond Plate, figure the first. In this, as well as many other which I meafured with care, the facial line M G. made an angle of 80 degrees with the horizontal line N D. or A B. The proportions were as follow:

N C was : C D :: $7\frac{1}{2}$: $7\frac{1}{4}$, or as 30 : 31. E C : C F :: 9 : $5\frac{1}{2}$. or as 18 : 11. N Q : Q C :: $3\frac{1}{2}$: 4. or as 7 : 8.

It follows from hence, that the angle of the facial line has in nature a maximum and a minimum from 70 to 80 degrees; which defcribe its greateft or fmalleft degree of elevation. When the maximum of 80 degrees is exceeded by the facial line, it is formed by the rules of art alone : and when it does not rife to 70 degrees, the face begins to refemble fome fpecies of monkies. This will be fully explained hereafter.*

To proceed with as much perfpicuity as poffible, I fhall place the facial line M G. erect in the perpendicular line

* See Part III. Chap. ii. of this Treatife.

H I. See Plate II. Fig. 2. The angle is now become 10 degrees larger, and the cavities of the eyes, cheek-bones, &c. are brought forwards and nearer to N M.

Imagine a cranium of a pliable confiftence, and that the occiput could be preffed forwards and upwards; then mult E C. or the diftance from the aperture of the ear to the vertex increase, and again the space E Y.; although the cavities of the eyes, and the eyes themselves, will still remain in the line T U.

The line S V. which marks the oblique direction of the lower jaw, rifes alfo in the fame proportion, until it approaches to D.; until it coincides with D. as in Figure 3. or rifes above it, as in Fig. 4. of the fame plate. On the other hand, the diftance between T X.; that is, between the facial line and the perpendicular line that paffes from the vertex by the orifice of the ear, gains as much as X U. has loft. The head becomes gradually narrower alfo in proportion as the facial line rifes and inclines forwards into the 100th degree; which is the maximum, or utmost that the artificial line will permit. In this cafe the eyes, placed in the centre of their cavities, are exactly in the middle of the head, or at an equal diftance from the vertex and the bottom of the chin. See Figure 4. of the fame plate.

If the projecting part of the forehead be made to exceed the 100th degree, the head becomes mishapen, and assumes

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chofen precifely the maximum, while the best Roman artists have limited themselves to the 95th degree, which is not fo pleasing; as the comparison of the 3d and 4th Figures of this Plate will evince.

The two extremities therefore of the facial line are from 70 to 100 degrees, from the negro to the Grecian antique; make it under 70, and you defcribe an ourang or an ape: leffen it still more, and you have the head of a dog. Increase the *minimum* and you form a fowl, a sinipe, for example, the facial line of which is nearly parallel with the horizon; that is, both the maxillæ will be lengthened, and the lower maxilla will gradually lose its angle C V S. No space is now left for teeth; which explains the reason why fowls are destinct of teeth.

I have fometimes amufed myfelf with making these gradations upon a smaller scale, by sketching them on a long slip of paper; which exhibits a singular appearance. It is not necessary to give a specimen, as they can be easily made by every one skilled in drawing.

If attention be given to the angle M G S. which defcribes the angle formed by the facial line and the lower extremity of the chin (fee the four Figures of the First Plate) it will be immediately perceived that this becomes larger, *i. e.* more rectangular, in proportion as the facial line M G. afcends; it is therefore the largest in a European (as in Fig. 1. Plate II. G I.); and that it projects forwards with the facial line, which it always follows, as in Fig. 2, 3, 4. of Plate II. In this situation the angle of the lower jaw becomes more erect, the distance from I. to F. becomes less, and V. is rounder. It is this which makes the maxillæ of the antique heads rounder and more graceful; as will appear in the 4th Fig. of the second Plate.

The eyes, which are placed nearly in a line with the upper edge of their fockets, gradually recede in an European and the antique; that is, S r. or the diftance from the eye to the ridge of the nofe, gradually becomes greater. See the 2, 3, and 4th lower Fig. of Plate II. This gives a certain elegance and dignity to the countenance of the antique, which cannot be otherwife acquired.

It is plain, if the cavity of the eye remains at the fame diftance from the perpendicular line I H. and the forehead be made to project forwards, that this depth or diftance will increase according to the degree of projection. See the fame Plate and Figures.

If I am not deceived, the fize of the mouth is in proportion to the diftance of the *dentes canini*, or eye-teeth, in men and animals, with only a few exceptions. Or, to fpeak more properly, the angles terminate at the commencement of the first double tooth, or grinder. Many animals have not the eye-teeth.

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In apes therefore, in the orang, and in the negro, the rim or angle of the mouth must be more distended than in an European, as the projection of the upper jaw enlarges the diftance. For the fame reason, the mouth of the antique will be the fmallest.

The central line of the ear is, in all perfons, fomewhat inclined, as I have reprefented it in Figures 3. and 4. of the fixth Plate. It is never parallel with the facial line in white men. It is, however, in the negro; as is apparent from the third figure of the first Plate.

I have placed the central line of the ear perpendicularly in the fecond Plate, that the true diftance of the eye from the ear may be more accurately afcertained.

CHAPTER IV.

REMARKS CONCERNING DIFFERENCES IN THE FACIAL LINE, AND THE CHANGES WHICH NECESSARILY ARISE FROM THENCE.

IN the preceding chapter, I have fimply flewn the kind of angle which the oblique line M G. makes in all the figures of the first and second Plate. Let us now pay attention to the triangle T G S. of Plate I. Fig. 3. and 4. and it will appear that this triangle is not remarkably large in the European, represented in Plate II. Fig. 1. In the second figure of this fecond Plate it is totally effaced: in the third the angle becomes minus; and in the fourth the minus is increased.

Let us now fuppole that all these heads were of an equal fize, and that the nose of each projected to an equal distance from the line or furface **T** S. (Plate I. Fig. 3. and 4.) it is manifest that the nose of the negro and Calmuck will seem to be less, and, as it were, pressed inwards.

The nofe of the European (Plate II. Fig. 1.) will appear fomewhat bent, and alfo to project farther than the upper lip. In the face of the antique (Fig. 4.) the nofe will be nearly in a perpendicular line with the forehead, and project but a little from the lip.

The lower jaw, as well as the upper, is alfo much forwarder in the negro, Caffre, and Calmuck; and therefore it is that these people approach nearer to the figure of an ape In a Calmuck, the upper jaw is very flat before, becaufe the cheek-bone Q. (Plate I. Fig. 4.) being very large, nearly advances to the perpendicular line T T. that is, directly over the middle molaris or grinder. In the Chinefe, Otaheites, and other orientals, the cheek - bone Q. corresponds with the division between the third and fourth grinder hindwards.

In the negro, C Q. is obvioufly florter, and the line falls behind the third grinder. In the European, Q. is behind the fourth grinder; and in the antique head, it comes yet more forwards. Hence it follows that the features of antiques, those of Apollo, for example, must be flatter than ours; and, on the other hand, those of Afiatics and Africans still flatter; and those of the Calmucks the flattest of all.

The diffance from N to G. *i. e.* from the undermost part of the nose to the union of the upper and lower teeth, is greater in a Calmuck than in a negro; and in him greater than in us. On the contrary, N G. is very short in an Assistic. The lips must necessarily be longer and thicker in proportion to this distance; and therefore is the upper lip the longest and thickest in a Calmuck, and the smallest in the antique.

If attention be paid to what may be called the Sufpenfion of the face, *i. e.* the diftance of P F. (Fig. 1, 3, and 4. Plate I.) or the axis upon which the head moves from the line of the lower maxilla IL. in a negro or Calmuck (Plate I. Fig. 3. and 4.) or the European (Plate II. Fig. 1. W.) it will appear that the maxilla and the chin are deeper or lower in the two former than in the latter. The condyle alfo, or prominence on which the head turns, is in the fame line, as the union of the teeth of the upper and lower jaw. See Plate I. Fig. 3. W G. Hence it follows that the neck of a Calmuck is fhorter than that of an European: or rather, that it appears to be fhorter, becaufe the lower jaw, or chin, finks fo much lower. In proportion as the chin is lower, the condyle of the neck fhorter, and the shoulders raifed in confequence of the length of the clavicle (as is the cafe with the orang, and with all deformed perfons) will the head fink more upon the breaft; and the ftronger will be the refemblance to the people who are denominated Acephali; and who are faid to exift in Guinea.

Again: As the for amen magnum of the occiput is not always placed at an equal diffance from the perpendicular line K L. and as the condyles are placed in an oblique direction before and on each fide of the *for amen*, it follows, that the centre of motion of the head will vary confiderably in different people. The line N D. extended from the extreme point of the mouth to that of the occiput, may be compared to a lever, of which the centre of motion is in C. Now, in proportion as the diffance from N to C. is increafed, will the face project forwards, and the neck will appear fhorter.

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The following appear to be the different proportions. In the Calmuck is N C. or the diffance from the extremity of the teeth to the orifice of the ear, compared with C D. or the diffance from this orifice to the extreme part of the occiput, as $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 : or nearly as 2 to 1.

> In the negro is NC: CD:: $7\frac{1}{2}$: $8\frac{1}{2}$:: 15: 17 In the European is NC: CD:: $7\frac{1}{2}$: $7\frac{1}{2}$: 1: 1 In the antique is NC: CD:: $7\frac{1}{2}$: $5\frac{1}{2}$:: 15: 11

The heads of the Calmucks must of confequence incline forwards, and fink upon the shoulders.

The heads of negroes incline backwards, as the heaviest part is behind the centre of motion.

The head of the orang-outang must be more forwards than that of the Calmuck, for the reasons given; and the head of the ape, the dog, horse, &c. still more than either of these.

The heads of the Europeans remain in an equipoife; which gives them fomething of an haughty mien.

In the antiques the gentle inclination of the head, particularly in the statues, communicates the most state and dignity to the countenance.

Since I began to compose this Treatife, I have been able to procure the entire cranium of a Chinese, who died in the flower of his age *. The facial line was 75 degrees. The cavities of the eyes were in breadth, compared with their height, as 12-8ths to 9-8ths $= 1\frac{1}{2}$ d. In the European they are equal. It is not furprifing, therefore, that the countenance of the Chinese should have a melancholy as fpect, and that the chinks or fiftures formed by the upper and lower eye-lids are naturally fo long.

Their fuperior maxilla is narrow; that is, the fpace from N. to C. is very fmall; fo that they cannot have a large lip. However, the lower jaw is of a more quadrangular form than in the European or the negro. In the Chinefe it makes an angle of 110 degrees; in the European, of 120; and in the negro, 125. See S V W. in Plate II. Fig. 1. and Plate I. Fig. 3. The lower jaw of the Chinefe has, upon this account, fomething of the ape, and particularly of the orang, in its form.

I took a fketch of the entire cranium of an Otaheite, who was brought into Europe by Captain King, when I was at

* In the Chinese, the length of the head, from N. to D. is equal to its height E F. The difference between N C and C D, is as 4 to 3. The line E F passes through the condyles of the occiput; fo that N W is equal to W D.

Although the cranium of the Chinese is not delineated in these plates, yet the letters have similar references, as in the first and second Plates. However, it must be remarked, that N C in this place denotes the distance from N to the orifice of the ear C, and N W the distance of C from the middle of the condyles of the occiput.

M. D'Aubenton, Mem. sur les differences de la situation du grand trou occipital dans l'homme & dans les animaux, has many curious and just observations upon this subject. - See Mem. de l'Acad. Roy. des Sciences de l'Annee 1764, imprime 1768. 8vo. p. 935. Oxford, in the year 1785, which has a very great refemblance with that of the Chinefe. The facial line was, however, perpendicular; which may have been incidental. In the cranium of an islander of the Celebefe, are the fame peculiarities as in that of the Chinefe.

In the cranium of a man of the Celebefe, and one of a Macaffaar, which I poffefs, there is a complete fimilarity; more than with that of a Moguller; which has, notwithftanding, much of the Afiatic in its form.

It is amufing to contemplate an arrangement of thefe, placed in a regular fucceffion : apes, orangs, negroes, the fkull of an Hottentot, Madagafcar, Celebefe, Chinefe, Moguller, Calmuck, and divers Europeans. It was in this manner that I arranged them upon a fhelf in my cabinet, in order that those differences might become the more obvious which I have defcribed in the preceding chapter.

To perceive at once the great utility of these principles, let any perfon sketch the profile of a negro, as in Plate VI. Fig. 1. refembling the one delineated in the third figure of the first plate; the outlines of which are marked in the fixth plate by the letters K A, B, H, I, L, M, then draw the facial line of an European along the forehead F E, of 85 degrees; which will direct him to sketch from A to NE and O, and to terminate in I, and he will immediately have the face of an European. Or let the face of an European be first sketched; and by inverting the mode, the physiognomy of a negro will be obtained.

By covering the dotted line A B H, with the tips of the fingers, the European face becomes more confpicuous: on the contrary, by covering N E O, the negro will more perfectly appear.

CHAP. V.

PHYSIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FEATURES, WHEN VIEWED IN FRONT.

THE third plate exhibits, at first glance, the principal differences between the Negro, Calmuck, and European, as copied from Nature; and also the head of a Pythian Apollo, drawn according to the principles advanced, and which will be more fully confidered hereafter.

The orang-outang that was reprefented in profile, in the fecond figure of the first plate, is now placed in front, that the breadth of the jugal or cheek-bones M N. may be more accurately compared with the breadth of the head at P O. and that the small space between the eyes Y Z. may be compared with that in the Calmuck.

In the orang, the length of the head I H. compared with its greateft breadth, at PO. is in the proportion of $19\frac{1}{2}$ to 14: and PO. compared with the breadth of the cheek-bones M N. as 14 to 14, that is, equal. M N. compared with the breadth of the temporal bones X W. is as 14 to $10\frac{1}{2}$.

The reader will perceive that all the correspondent parts are placed upon the horizontal line A B. and that the height of each is also adapted to the scale of its profile. Let us now examine the negro, Plate III. Fig. 2. This head, in length, compared with its breadth, is as 27 to 20: that is, IH: OP:: 27: 20. But OP: MN:: 20: 18. and MN: XW:: 18: 16. The lower jaw UV. is as 12. Thus does the whole face gradually diminish from P. in the direction of MV. to H. and ONUH, retaining much of the oval form. The apertures of the nose are very wide, compared with the length of the nose: fo that EF. is to DC. as 2 to 3. It neceffarily follows, that the pinnæ which are formed to cover these apertures, will be expanded on each fide, and the nose will be very broad.

The diftance of the cavities of the eye YZ. is as 3; fo that the eyes exceed in nearnefs to each other the breadth of the nofe: and the pinnæ, which are placed at the fide of E F. will be at leaft as 4 in breadth.

In this negro, the diameter of the eye-focket from the forehead downwards, was very large: that is, K L. was equal to 6: fo that the eye might have been large. In others I have found the cavities fmaller; as alfo in the Chinefe. There is alfo a great difference among Europeans in this respect.

When I drew lines from the upper edge of the fmall nafalbones at C. over the broadeft parts of the nofe at E F. down to Q and R. the four *dentes inciforii*, and the two *dentes canini*, or eye-teeth, were inclosed between them. Now as the mouth always covers the eye-teeth, Q R. will neceffarily limit the breadth of the mouth. In proportion as the diftance from Q to R. is great, compared with the breadth of the maxilla at V U. will the mouth appear ugly and difproportioned; Q R. is nearly as 8, and V U. as 12.

Negroes have finall ears; but as the mammillary proceffes are the breadth of the cheek-bones M N. they ftand off from the head. This is obfervable in all negroes.

The Calmuck is very differently formed. (Plate III. Fig. 3.) The proportions are as follow:

The height of the head I H. compared with its breadth at O P. is as 16 to 10, or 32 to 20.

O P. compared with M N. the projection of the jugal-bones, is as 20 to 24.

M N. compared with X W. the temples, is as 24 to 19.

UV. the lower jaw, is as 8 or 16.

This face has also fomething of a lozenge or rhomboidal form. It is narrow and pointed towards the crown; becomes broad at O P. is the broadest at N M. and becomes fuddenly fmall at U V. This has been already remarked by La Loubiere.

The apertures of the nofe E F. are as $2\frac{1}{4}$; fo that the pinnæ cannot be very broad; but the openings in the noftrils

The diftance of the eye-fockets Y Z. is very fmall; fo that the eyes ftand much clofer together than in the negro.

The diameter of these cavities at K L. compared with I H. or M N. is also very small; and as the *musculi rotundi* always lie upon the jugal-bone, the fiffure must be oblong; at least must appear so, as the pleats or wrinkles in the smaller canthus or angle feem to lengthen it. In the Chinese the eyefockets are broader than they are high: hence they have long eyes.

The triangle C Q R. drawn in the fame manner as in the negro, defcribes Q R = $3\frac{1}{4}$; that is, includes the four *dentes inciforii*, and the half of the eye-teeth. The other portions being added, the mouth will become = 4 and feven-eighths, or nearly 5.

Since the cheek-bones are remarkably broader than the head; that is, MN:OP:: 12:10. the ears are almost hid behind them; as in apes, and particularly in that de-fcribed in Fig. 1. of this plate, which has alfo a striking refemblance to the Calmuck, in the narrow space between the eyes, breadth of the jaw-bones, and flatness of the face.

Very different from those in the Calmuck are the proportions

observable in modern Europeans; particularly in our own countrymen: for

our faces therefore have the form of an oval, which is fhorter in proportion to its breadth than that of the negro.

The diftance between the edges of the eye-fockets YZ. being equal to the breadth of the nafal apertures E F. our eyes are placed at a greater diftance from each other: and as the diameter of these fockets K L. are = 3, there is space for large eyes. But the pinnæ of the nose are broader than the space between the eyes.

The ears are clofer to the head, in confequence of OP. the parietal-bones being fo much broader than the jugal-bones MN. This will be clearly underftood from what has been advanced concerning the negro and Calmuck.

The triangle CQR. being longer, and the diffance from the upper part of the nafal-bone C. to the junction of the teeth at G. being greater; thus is the mouth QR. obvioufly fmaller; EF. in the European being equal to EF. in the negro; that is, 3. The mouth QR. moreover is to UV. equal to 6, compared with 13. In antiques, the facial line M G. being made to project (fee Plate II. Fig. 4.)—the crown becomes more elevated, and rifes from Y to E. which is equal to the degree of projection at M H. Hence it is that in the fifth figure of this third plate, the head of the antique is made fo high, although it is formed after the fame model. Artifls have alfo made M N. (the jugal-bones) equal to P O. (the parietal-bones) in breadth: the occiput is narrower, the maxillæ fmaller, and the eyes are placed at a greater diffance from each other. In the antique the following proportions are obferved :

> IH: PO::: 33: 20. MN: WX:: 20: 17. MN: VU:: 20: 16.

confequently the face is in the form of a more oblong oval.

The antients divided P O. into four equal parts; one for each eye, and one for the diftance between the eyes; PO = 3 = YZ: whereas it was only 2 in the modern head.

The nofe also inclining forwards, as represented in the lower sketch (Plate II. Fig. 4.) it is proportionably longer (see T h.); and the upper lip becomes proportionably shorter.

The nafal apertures remaining of the fame width as in us, the pinnæ are equal to Y Z. or the fpace between the eyes; and alfo to the fize of the mouth Q R.

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Through the projection of the facial line, the eyes are deeper feated; and the middle line which runs acrofs the angles of the eyes O P. divides I H. into two equal parts at d; but this takes place alone when M G. the facial line, makes an angle of 100 degrees with A B. which is the maximum of its inclination. See Plate II. Fig. 4.

CHAPTER VI.

DIVERSITY OF FEATURES IN THE COUNTENANCES OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE, NATURALLY EXPLAINED-

WE have already enumerated, in the fecond chapter, all the caufes alledged by ancient and modern writers of the diversities of make observable in the human countenance, and we have added our opinion to that of the acute naturalist Count de Buffon, that the climate, under which we include the influence of air, of food, and customs, is of itself fufficient to give fome particular and appropriated form to the bones; and confequently to the foster parts. When we add the different difeases peculiar to fome countries, which cooperate with the above causes, we shall not be furprised that a fimilar diversity soft the globe; as may be observed in plants, fowls, quadrupeds, &c.

It has, we hope, been fully demonstrated, that in the negro, the upper maxilla naturally projects remarkably forwards; and that in confequence of that formation, the line M G. inclining backwards, makes an angle of 70 degrees; as reprefented in Plate I. Fig. 3 and 4. Hence it neceffarily follows, that the fore-teeth must also project; and that, to cover thefe, the lips, particularly the upper lip, must be long, thick, and broad; and the under lip must also be conformable to the other. The nofe advancing farther than the line T S. in a fimilar proportion (fee Plate I. Fig. 3) must appear, from the jutting out of the upper lip, to be prefied inwards. No art is required to produce this appearance; nor was it requisite for mothers or midwives to squeeze in the one, or stretch out the other.

The width of the nafal aperture in the cranium, requires the nofe to be broad; and that the pinnæ, which are placed externally, fhould be proportionate to the apertures in the bony parts. Why have not philofophers and travellers, who fuffer themfelves to be deceived by idle tales, informed us that the negroes made the fides of their nofe fpread, by means of fome comprefs? Their accidentally ftriking them againft the backs of their mothers might, perhaps, flatten the cartilaginous part, but could not enlarge the noftrils on each fide with fuch perfect fymmetry.

The flatnefs of the face depends upon the extention of the jugal-bone, from C to Q. Plate I. and II. Hence it is clear to a demonstration, that the faces of the easterns were not rendered flat by artificial compression, but that they are fo from natural causes; at least they appear flat when compared with our own.

It has also been shewn, that in the negro, the back part of the head is heavier than the fore part; that is, CDE. is heavier than E. T. G. S. P. C. Plate I. Fig. 3. The negro, therefore, naturally throws his head backwards, particularly young perfons; while the neck is protruded forwards, and the loins bent inwards, in order to maintain an equilibrium.

It is from this caufe that they have fmall hips, and that the pelvis is generally narrow. Its breadth, compared with its depth, is in the proportion of 9 to 7; while in most other men, who are well formed, it is as II to 7. As the negroes with whom we are best acquainted have been states and been compelled to hard labour from their tender years, their knees become bent in an inward or outward direction; and hence it is that fo many of them have crooked and misformed legs.

Many other caufes might be added, upon which I fhall not enlarge, as it is not my plan to give a minute defcription of the whole body.

What has been advanced will fufficiently demonstrate, that art has no more influence in changing the features than in changing the colour, or in crifping the hair; and that to Nature alone these differences must be ascribed.

For fimilar reafons is the face of a Calmuck, Chinefe, and Siamefe, flat, the nofe fmall, the noftrils open and exposed. Their lips will be larger or fmaller, according to the fize of the upper maxilla.

Let us admit for a moment, that the fides of their heads were preffed between planks, according to the narratives of ancient authors, whence is it that the jugal-bones fpread out fo much? They also must have been compressed. From what cause is the distance between their eyes fo small? If this proceeded from their being pressed closer together, the upper jaw, instead of being much broader than with other people, must also have become flatter at the states.

As C Q. is fo long (fee Plate I. Fig. 4.) and the back part of the head C D E. fo fmall, compared with its oppofite E T G S C. the head must neceffarily hang over, and the fubject become round shouldered; that is, directly opposite to the form of the negro. The head will also fink between the shoulders, as in the orang, and other species of apes.

The head of the Calmuck is decidedly greater than ours, while their body is fmall. Befides, they cannot walk perfectly upright, and their knees are fomewhat extended in the manner of our porters when they carry a heavy load on their heads. This must render their figure difagreeable in our eyes, who are accuftomed to fee tall perfons 7 or 8 times the length of their heads; whereas this people, the inhabitants of Lapland, of Brazil, and fome other countries, are fcarcely the length of fix heads in their flature. Most of these people fit upon the ground, without using chairs, whence they naturally ftoop more; and not only appear florter, but, according to our ideas, more deformed.

In an European, the inclination of the fuperior maxilla being the fame with that of the facial line, which forms an angle of 80 degrees (fee Plate II. Fig. 1.) the nofe becomes larger. Should we not deem it very ridiculous, if a travelling or philofophic negro, or Calmuck, in defcribing the particular forms of our features, were gravely to affert, that our midwives, mothers, or nurfes, pulled us by the nofe during our infant days, in order to give it the requifite length?

It is observable, that the inhabitants of these Dutch provinces have very broad heads; that is, broad from O to P. Plate III. Fig. 4. This proceeds from the weak state of the bones during infancy and childhood. Hence it is that our foreheads are frequently high, flat, and broad, while the lower part of the face is fmall and delicate. Both the upper and lower maxilla are with us extremely fmall. The hips are broad in both fexes, which occafions a waddling motion, and renders our countrymen lefs agile than those who have fmaller hips. Ancient artifts followed in this refpect the character of their statue. In the Farnele Hercules, the breadth compared with the depth, is made as 12 to 81. In the Pythian Apollo, it is as 9 to 7. In the Antinous, as III to 81. The proportions of Alb. Durer are as 9 to 5. In our females the proportion is as 12 to 7. The Greeks have made it, in the Venus de Medicis, as 11 to 81; that is, they have made the body fmaller, thicker, and more rotund.

In a word, it would be abfurd to acknowledge the influence of art in making the hair ftraight or curled, the legs thick or thin, the head large or finall, among us; and furely it is equally abfurd to afcribe the particulars in the form of other nations to the fame caufe.

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If any doubt fhould remain, the following experiment will demonstrate the truth of my affertions. Sketch the figure of a negro (as in Plate VI. Fig. 1.); draw the parallel lines A C. and B D. and the vertical line C. K.; from the extremity of the line D E. make the line E F. forming the triangle F E D. of 85 degrees; delineate a mouth at E a, and it will immediately appear that the nose of the negro has not been pressed inwards, but that the maxilla projects too far. By a similar process may an European be transformed into a negro; and the figure will fully evince, that the negroes no more compress the noses of their children, to make them smaller and flatter, than we lengthen the noses of ours by perpetually pulling them. PART THE SECOND.

CHAPTER I.

CONCERNING THE FORM OF CHILDRENS HEADS, VIEWED IN PROFILE.

THE manner in which all the profiles in the first plate were taken, has been already explained. I shall merely observe, that the profiles in the fourth plate were drawn by means of the same instrument, and with equal accuracy.

The great difference which exifts between the head of an infant just born, and of one that is a year old, has determined me to make choice of the first and fecond figures. The third figure is delineated after the cranium of a well formed adult. It is the fame that was given in the first figure of the fecond plate. The fourth is drawn from a toothlefs old woman, that the effential differences may become more conspicuous.

In the head of a new-born child, the fkull OGUP. (fee Plate IV. Fig. i.) may be confidered as an oval placed horizontally; to the fore and under part of which the maxilla are affixed. This fhape is not fo uniform as to exclude all variations; but thefe are not very great. The lower part

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of the chin and forehead are placed parallel to the perpendicular line A D.

In a child one year old, the forehead projects beyond the line A D. and the back part of the head is much enlarged downwards. The upper and lower maxilla are alfo enlarged. Q D. was, in the new-born infant, equal to one-fourth; but in this it is much more. See Fig. 2.

The diameter of the eye-focket G H, in the first figure, is one-fifth compared with A D. and fomething more in a child of one year. It is alfo as one-fifth in the head of an adult; but this proceeds from the enlargement of the nose W. and of the maxilla D. These cavities are in reality much larger in the adult than in the child; which manifest that a certain rule is observed, although they are much larger in children, in proportion to the difference of age.

As infants are born without teeth, the upper jaw Q R. is very narrow. In the fpace of a year, it grows nearly as broad again. In the adult, the upper jaw is about three times as large; and, if we include the teeth, it is four times. But there are diversities in this respect, according to the natural strength of the perfon, or national peculiarities.

The upper jaw alfo gradually projects forwards; and the *dentes molares* are completely formed at about the age of twenty years. Q D. or the length of the lower part of the face, is now to A D. as $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2-8ths. In a child it is only

one-fifth, as in figure the first; and three-tenths, in figure the fecond.

The lower jaw undergoes a fimilar change. TK. is not only larger, but the point of the angle K fhoots backwards; fo that it becomes nearly quadrangular with the condyle T. particularly in the Chinese and other easterns.

The chin at the fame time floots forwards, as will beft appear by comparing the third with the two preceding figures. It projects about one-twelfth before the facial line in W. whereas it was about equal with the perpendicular line in the infant (fee Fig. 1, 2, 3. of Plate IV.); the upper and lower teeth fpreading, and growing out of both the maxillæ at the fame time, are regularly oppofed to each other; yet in the beft formed heads, the lower teeth are placed within the upper ones.

In children, the fmall diffance from Q to H. that is, of the maxilla, and the nafal-bones, from the jugal, gives them a flatnefs of countenance, which is well obferved by Flamingo. The antients always made the lower maxilla of children too long, and therefore they did not fucceed in the pleafing, when they delineated children of a tender age.

The nofe may be diffinguished into two parts: the one, which has its basis at W. and which forms the cavity under the forehead O G. and the nose itself, from W to Q. Fig. 2 and 3. Infants just born have no cavity above the nose and the eye-fockets (fee W G.) and therefore they have a flat forehead; that is, the forehead O projects farther than W; whereas in adult perfons the part W projects farther than O; and in aged perfons ftill more, as in figure the fourth. It is for this reafon that the nose of a negro appears to fink fo deep, and alfo that it appears to have been much more compressed in an aged than in a young negro.

The nofe itfelf is fmall in children, making about one-fifth of the line A D. In adults it is one-fourth, and broad in proportion.

The head of an infant is longer than it is high: compare DC. with DF. which is equal to AD. In fome this difference is very great. In figure the fecond, DC. is about one-fifth longer than DF. but this length feems peculiar to the children of thefe provinces, as has been noticed by Vefalius*. We have already obferved, that the occiput is fmaller in antiques, from the great projection of the facial line. J. de Wit, however, although he is juftly celebrated for his painting of children, has not attended to this difference; of thefe he has alfo fhortened the occiput, and raifed the vertex. The real form of the head has not efcaped the notice of Quefnoy; as fhall be fully exemplified when we explain the fourth figure of the fifth plate.

* Lib. I. Chap. 5.

The centre of motion U, is not in the centre of the head; but it is placed more forwards. Hence it is that the heads of our children cannot maintain an equipoife, are prone to incline forwards, and yet more to fall backwards. As foon as the line A D. is exceeded, the middle point is changed; and this inclination of the head, fomewhat forwards, gives it a certain grace.

Alb. Durer has made the facial line of his children to incline forwards, having placed it at 95 degrees; the fame as in the third figure of our fecond plate. Quefnoy and J. de Wit have mostly placed it at 100. In this position the head must be raifed, until U W. become equal to ST. See Plate V. Fig. 3.

The meatus auditorius enlarges alfo very confiderably as the infant advances, as well as the mammillary procefs behind the ear. See Fig. II. Y. While the infant is very young, it is feated about the condyle at U. and is fcarcely vifible; but in adults the mammillary procefs is very much enlarged, and it defcends much lower; as in the third and fourth figures of this fourth plate. This is much more obvioufly the cafe in men than in females, in whom none of the proceffes are fo ftrongly marked.

CHAP. II.

THE FORM OF THE HEAD IN AN ADULT PERSON.

THE form of the head in adult perfons has already been fully explained in the third chapter of the first part of this Treatife; we shall only observe at present, that the growth of the nasal-bone L. (Plate IV. Fig. 3.) gradually communicates a pleasing form to the nose, and in some perfons renders the whole countenance graceful. Negroes and Asiatics are destitute of this grace; and the Greeks have omitted it. Indeed they were compelled to omit it; for as they make the direction of the nose nearly perpendicular, they could not give this elevation without producing a degree of deformity.

The diftance from the fore part of the nofe to the jugalbone HV. being greater in us than in any other people, the nofe appears longer than it is in reality, particularly in thin perfons; and this prevents our countenances from having a very flat appearance. Our noftrils are juft visible, as the bottom of the nose h i. (see the lower sketches of Fig. z and 4.) is placed horizontally, or parallel to the ground.

The projection of our teeth ufually occasions a projection of the lips, and the chin feems to recede. Every other particular may be collected from what has been already remarked, and from contemplating the figures.

CHAP. III.

THE FORM OF THE FACE IN PERSONS FAR ADVANCED IN YEARS.

OBSERVATION induces me to believe, that, in this country, the women generally lofe all their teeth earlier than the men; but as the men lofe them alfo, the fourth figure of the fourth plate is equally applicable to both fexes.

Aged perfons not only lofe their teeth, but their gums; that is, the thick margin containing the *alveolæ* or fockets, in which the roots of the teeth are placed. The roof of the mouth, which was arched in younger years, becomes entirely flat. The lower maxilla alfo having loft both teeth and gums, is no longer fo broad. From thefe caufes is the fpace within the mouth fo remarkably diminifhed, that fufficient place is not left for the tongue. As it can no longer be drawn up and adjusted to the arched roof of the mouth, and not having its usual space, through the failure of the teeth and gums, it is apt to protrude out of the mouth upon the flightest attempts to move it forwards. The tongue appears, therefore, to be longer than it was (as it is in reality) from its being forced out of a curved line.

The nofe having loft its fupport, Q R. (Plate IV. Fig. 4.) bends downwards, and hangs over the mouth: the fall under the forehead W. becomes deeper, while the projecting part is fuller; this renders the furrows, or wrinkles, deeper and more visible. The whole of the upper maxilla becomes more concave, and the fore part Q R. which in younger years projected outwards, now contracts inwardly; fo that the upper lip falls within the margin of the mouth, and the nose appears much larger than it did in more youthful days.

The lower jaw, which had in its external circuit the form defcribed by T K D. of the third figure, is now, by the lofs of the teeth, with their *alveola*, drawn upwards through the action of the mufcles, until the gums nearly meet. The tip of the chin D. now floots beyond the line Q D. to X. Compare figure the third with figure the fourth of this fourth plate.

The diffance of the chin from the nofe is fhorter, by onefixth part of the length of the head: the nofe and chin feem almost to touch each other. This circumstance is totally neglected by Rubens, De Wit*, and other celebrated painters. Blœmaart aims at following Nature, but he has not just ideas of her operations. Laireffe, P. Testa, and the immortal Raphael, have followed her with the greatest attention. J. B. Greuze, the famous French artist, feems to have totally difregarded the peculiarity. This is obvious from the plate *Retour fur foi meme*, representing an old woman reading; which has, in other respects, very great merit.

When the lower jaw rifes to one-fixth, as we have already obferved, the angle of the mouth is drawn downwards, the

^{*} See his Book of Drawings, Plate XI. Fig. 3.

muscular fibres of the neck become visible, and are distended like cords.

The wrinkles of the face always manifest themselves in a direction contrary to that of the muscular fibres; hence they are transverse on the forehead, are radiated round the eyes and mouth, and run across the neck parallel to the course of the lower jaw X K T. By comparing the cranium with the face (Plate IV. Fig. 4.) it will be obvious that the distinguishing marks of age are placed in the bony parts, and not in the wrinkles.

To be convinced of the importance of these remarks, let the reader delineate a head, according to the first figure of the second plate, forming the profile G, H, D, C, L, K. together with the ear, as represented in the second figure of the fixth plate.

Let the projection G, g, h. form the cavity h. above the nofe. By omitting the teeth, the mouth D E. will rife to d, e. Draw from N. the facial line along g, h, O, P. Place a limb of the compass at the point A. and defcribe from A C. the line C c. till it interfects the facial line at O. Defcribe in like manner from the point A. the line B b. complete the chin, and let the under lip prefs upon the upper at d, e. Thus will the head of a young man be changed into the form of an aged perfon. The ear M. must alfo be raifed to m. It is, however, to be observed, that as the skin of the ear in aged perfons becomes relaxed, the ear

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itfelf feems longer. This fingularity could not be noted in the figure.

The experiment may also be inverted, and the head of a young perfon be formed out of an aged one. By alternately covering the dotted and complete lines with the fingers, these different faces will more confpicuously manifest themfelves.

CHAPTER IV.

FORM OF CHILDRENS HEADS IN FRONT.

THE fame heads of children that were reprefented in profile in the fourth plate, are in the fifth plate reprefented in front. Their proportions were taken into confideration in the first chapter of the fecond part.

The eyes of new-born children are very large, which proceeds from the fize of the cavities; and they ftand at a confiderable diftance from each other; but this diftance is not quite the meafure of an eye. The nofe and mouth fufficiently indicate themfelves. The head is very flat, becaufe the back part of the head M M. is extremely broad; which is the ufual form of most children in this country. The different parts of the face correspond with the general proportions remarked in the heads of children.

In a child one year old (fee Fig. 2. of this fifth plate) the eyes are ftill very large; the lower part of the face is longer, and the forehead is higher. M M. through the weaknefs of the bones, continues to increafe in breadth. That neither of thefe countenances are very pleafing, will eafily be perceived. The following proportions are observable in a child one year old. See Fig. 2. of this plate.

The height of the head A B. compared with the breadth at the external canthus of the eye K K. is as 20 to 12.

> A B : M M : : 20 : 19. A B : R R : : 40 : 19.

the breadth M M : K K :: 19 : 12. PO = 5-4ths; fo that four times PO = 5, or one lefs than K K. fuppofing the eye to be made larger than PO. that is as 1¹/₂, that is $4 \approx PO = 6$.

In the third and fourth figures I have placed the facial line as in adults, in the 95th and 100th degree of inclination. See SZ. Plate V. To find the angle of the chin, I have made Z. B. equal to UW. Thus the head gains in the height UW. which is equal to ST.

According to thefe limitations, I have alfo fketched the face, in figure the fifth, in front. A B. is thus equal to 11; and A G. divided into two parts. A D. D G. gives twice D F. in breadth; which is the medium proportion between M M. and K K. of figure the fecond *

The head is therefore only four eyes in breadth, which is the true proportion, and not five, as De Wit has reprefented

The fifth figure is not perfectly accurate : A C. is too high; and D F. rather too fmall.

the heads of his children in his tenth plate. Alb. Durer, his predeceffor, has done the fame; and others have followed their examples. A. Van Dyk has alfo given the proportion of five eyes to the figure of an Infant Jefus.

The heads of Quefnoy's children perfectly correspond with the above rules; but the eye-fockets should have been within the perpendicular line A E. (Fig. 3.) as they project too much; which is not graceful. PART THE THIRD.

CHAPTER I.

ON BEAUTY, PARTICULARLY BEAUTY OF COUNTENANCE.

N O definition is more difficult than the definition of Horace, who has treated the fubject in fo beauty. masterly a manner, as far as it relates to poetry, confiders it in a comparative view, and not immediately and abfolutely. Boileau and Pope have alfo fome excellent obfervations; but these are confined to the elucidation of the style of poetry, by comparing it with painting; or of the latter, by its affinity with the former. Roman, and more modern writers, advife us to take the antients for our models; but I recollect none who have explained in what beauty, in itfelf or abstractedly, Longinus has afforded me the most fatisfaction, as confifts. he has treated the beautiful and the fublime in a more fyftematic manner, and has illustrated his doctrine by pertinent examples.

Croufas, Hutchefon, and Father Andre, have made occafional obfervations concerning the beautiful. The remarks of Hutchefon manifest taste and judgment; those of Andre indicate much learning. Formey has prefixed an excellent preface to the works of Andre. Each of these authors has made just distinctions, and sensible observations, concerning the beautiful; but none of them have informed us what it is that constitutes the beauty of a painting, of a statue, or of a building. Like the preceding, they have merely treated the subject in a curfory manner, or by way of allusion.

In every reprefentation, not. merely of hiftorical fcenes, landfcapes, and fea-profpects, but of fimple groupes, even of fingle figures, it is neceffary to diftinguifh between poetry or inventive, phyfical or natural, and mechanic or operative beauty. The first species is subject to laws which are applicable to poetry in general: the fecond respects the forms of things, the beauty of which it is not easy to reduce to any particular rules. Just ideas of operative beauty, or the beauty of execution, can only be acquired by practice.

Philofophers have proceeded farther: they have enquired, What is it that renders us fufceptible of the impreffion of beauty? What is it that renders beauty the decided object of our choice? But although their inveftigations have manifefted much depth of thought, the refult has not been completely fatisfactory. The celebrated Mr. Burke has clearly demonstrated, in his excellent Treatife on the Sublime, that whatever, both in nature and art, excites apprehension or wonder, may partake of its nature. In this species no rules of proportion can be proposed as the cause of beauty. The flarry heavens, the rifing of the fun, or a calm fea, are pleafing to all. Every one feels a pleafurable fenfation at the fight of thefe objects, and he calls them beautiful. A tempeftuous ocean, a gloomy foreft, or even the darknefs of the night, imprefs us with pleafing ideas of the grand and fublime, as Mr. Burke has demonstrated in a ftriking manner.

The beautiful in works of art is not always diffinguished with equal facility. The more they are complicated, the lefs are their beauties differnible by the vulgar. Poetic, natural, operative beauty must be felt by every one who lays any claim to taste; and he must be able to differiminate what is excellent in works of art, from every mixture of imperfection.

It is alone by fludy, by contemplating the beft productions of artifts, and by forming comparifons, that a genuine knowledge of thefe three fpecies of beauty is to be obtained. In academies of painting, fkilful mafters fhould inftruct their pupils to contemplate, feparately, the poetic or inventive part, the fketch or defign, and the execution; and alfo in the manner of correcting any defects that may be confpicuous.

This fubject is much too copious to be enlarged upon in the prefent Treatife. Our principal object is to contemplate the beautiful, as manifested in the human figure, and particularly in the head. I shall confine myself to the enquiry, Why is a perfon whose height is equal to eight heads, deemed a finer figure than one who is only fix or less than fix heads in height? A Laplander is universally confidered as a less pleafing figure than a Perfian or a Georgian. Is it becaufe the stature of the one will measure eight heads, and of the other merely fix?

It must be acknowledged that this difference cannot be afcribed to any determinate proportion of the parts, simply and abstractedly confidered; for a child whose height is merely equal to four or five heads, is thought as beautiful as an adult equal to eight.

It is, however, acknowledged that the pleafing is often confounded with the beautiful. We are pleafed with the playful vivacity, the perfect fimplicity, the affectionate attachment of a child; we also posses an inftinctive fondness for children; and it is possible that we blend all these circumstances in our ideas with the beauty of perfon. It often happens that the figure of a child, abstracted from these confiderations, has nothing pleafing in it.

The idea of beauty is fometimes excited by a certain conformity or proportion of component parts with each other. For example: We fee with pleafure that the lower extremities, meafuring from the pubis to the feet, are precifely the half of our bodies in length; that the head is one-eighth, the face one-tenth, and the foot one-fixth.

The head of an Apollo, a Venus, a Laocoon, is univerfally allowed to be finer, or more beautiful, than the heads of our best proportioned men and women. Whence does this proceed? Perhaps it is becaufe, in antiques, the eyes are placed exactly in the centre of the head; which is never the cafe with us. When the breadth of the cheek, from the nofe to the ear, is exactly equal to the breadth of two nofes (which proportion was obferved by the antients) it is the most pleafing to us; and we prefer those models to others which make the diffance greater.

To whatever is beautiful in itfelf, and does not depend upon external circumftances, or mere opinion (and of the existence of this species of beauty there can be no doubt) fome relation and proportion between different parts of the subject feems absolutely requisite.

The proportions given by the antients to their figures are not beautiful in our eyes, merely from a weak prepofferfion in favour of all that they have handed down to us, but becaufe they have corrected the defects which arife from the laws of vision. For example:

When the object A B. (fee Plate IX.) is viewed, fo that the obferver fhall always be at an equal diffance in E G. or D. whereby EC = GH = DB = AB. (the height of its furface) the angle of vision will always be larger in E. than in G. or in D.

As objects are measured according to the angle of vision, they will appear the highest or most extended at the point where the line of vision EC. forms a right angle with it;

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that is, when E A C. and E C B. are equal, or rectangular. In this cafe the angle of vision A E B. is the largest angle.

Suppose the eye to be placed at G. then is the angle AGB. fmaller in proportion as the radius AC, AH, AB, is larger; ADB. being equal to one-half of a right angle of 45 degrees.

Thus, as the fecant becomes greater, the angle of vision becomes fmaller in an inverse proportion, and diminishes the apparent length; that is, E A B. G A B. compared with D A B. must become proportionably less, until A D. the line of fection, being infinite, the angle D A B. becomes = 0, or is annihilated; that is, until A D. falls into A B.

Moreover, there is only one point from which an object can appear perfectly quadrangular. For whether the eye afcends along the line DF. above E. or defcends towards D. A E B. become fmaller, and therefore will the perpendicular fide of the object, though perfectly quadrangular, appear broader than it is high.

Hence it follows, that to make the height appear equal to the breadth, the angle ADB. or aDB. must be made equal to AEB. I mean, that AB. must be extended to, or acquire the length of aB.; or, in other words, that the furface AB. which was, we will fay, eight feet in height, and equal to its breadth DB. must be enlarged to 10 feet and three-fifths. Now, as we may suppose a head, or a complete figure, to be formed of quadrangles, it follows, that a similar imperfection in vision will take place, that must be remedied in a similar manner. For example :

Let A. B. divided into eight equal parts, be made to reprefent a flature flanding upon a pedeftal at fuch an height, that the eye of the beholder at D. fhall be in a line with the upper edge of the pedeftal; thefe eight equal parts will appear to the eye under the following angles of vision:

А 1.	The upper part of the head, under an angle of		м. 48		
1, 2.	The fecond portion from above, under an angle of	4	18	58	
2, 3.	The third portion	4	51	52	
3, 4.	The fourth	5	26	27	
4, 5.	The fifth	6	0	31	
5, 6.	The fixth	6	31	12	
6, 7.	The feventh	6	54	40	
7, 8.	The eighth, or loweft	7	7	30	

Hence it is manifelt, that the head in the highest division appears to be of about half the size of that portion of the lower extremities that is contained in the lowest division.

This will explain the reason why the antients sometimes gave more than eight heads to their figures. The Pythean Apollo has eight heads and an half: a proportion which in itself is consonant with all our ideas of beauty. Were the figures always to be viewed ftanding upon the ground, it is eafy to perceive that the apparent fhortening of the lower extremities must be remedied in a correfpondent manner, that the object may appear to be not more than eight feet in height, although in reality it is longer; but when it is placed upon a pedestal, or in a niche, the visual fhortenings of the upper part absolutely demand the attention of the artist.

Vitruvius feems to think the proportions of the human form to be fo perfect, that he deemed no building beautiful that was not conftructed after the model of a well-proportioned man*. He alfo limited the proportions of the human body, and its various parts. Thefe proportions are adopted by A. Durer, P. Lomazzo, C. Van Mauder, and others. Hoogftraaten feems to have allowed only feven heads and an half; which differs a whole head from the proportions obferved in the figure of Apollo.

De Wit gave the proportion of eight heads to all the figures of his own composition, to the Pythean Apollo, to the Hercules of Farnefe, and to the Venus de Medicis, with a very fmall variation. If I am not deceived, there is fomething of a melancholy in all these figures, which is not apparent in his own original paintings or drawings. The figure of a female on the title-page of his book of drawings, is nearly nine heads in length. He seems in this simply to have studied effect.

* I.ib. I. Chap. i. p. 79.

Rubens has fometimes eight, but mostly feven heads in the proportions of his figures; which is the cause of that heaviness that is fo confpicuous in most of his works.

P. Tefta has given the proportions of eight heads, and eight and an half to his figures. Bloemaart, whofe designs are moftly put into the hands of our youth, is fo irregular, that he fometimes gives feven, at others ten heads to his figures. C. Van Mauder has proved, that in fome of the figures of Michael Angelo, the size is equal to nine, ten, nay twelve heads; in order to communicate more grace to a ftooping attitude.

Most of the Italians seem to have made their figures, particularly those of females, too short. Modern French masters render their females more graceful, by giving them the length of eight heads. Watteau began this style. Probably our ladies wear high heels to their shoes, and high head-dress, to produce a similar effect.

The proportion of eight heads pleafes us, becaufe this is twice the length of the trunk. A door is not pleasing unlefs it be twice as high as it is broad. The French make the doors of their houfes more lofty; which adds dignity, without deftroying the effects of fymmetry. For a similar reafon it is that we hold the Corinthian column to be more graceful than the Ionic. Considering the capital, as in the place of a head, the whole length of a Corinthian pillar is eight heads and an half. Laplanders, Tartars, Hottentots, and Brasilians, whofe heads are very large in proportion to their bodies, cannot pleafe us or be deemed beautiful, no more than the Doric column could be called beautiful upon the revival of architecture. Whoever reads De Roy's Defcription of the Progrefs of Architecture with attention, will learn that the columns were gradually rendered more graceful. The bafe, on which they were placed, and afterwards the capital, were raifed until the column, with capital and bafe, had acquired the proportions of the human body.

But to return. It was not my design to enlarge upon the fubject; we must restrict ourfelves to the dimensions and forms of heads; and I shall now enquire what are the proportions observable in the heads of European and other nations.

CHAP, II.

PROPORTIONS OBSERVABLE IN THE HEADS OF EUROPEAN AND OTHER NATIONS, &c. COMPARED WITH THE ANTIQUE IN PROFILE.

IN order to judge with more perfpicuity concerning comparative beauty, in the form of the head, I fhall give a table of the proportions, as I have found them in the beft formed heads. I have divided the height of each into four parts, that the length may be afcertained with greater precifion. The fame letters are placed by each figure, that the differences may be the more obvious.

See the fketches of all the profiles placed under the bones of the cranium. [89]

TABLE

Of the Proportions of all the Heads in Profile.

				Stall and the	1222 2021 12	South Later	35±7257		
	Height a d	Length a b	Diftance of the cyc from the crown. a m	623 1000	Nofe,	Upper Lip.	Chin.	Neck.	Ear.
Calmuck	4	473	I 7 .	2 <u>1</u>	I	6 8	9 10		I ."
Negro	4	4 5	178	24	6 8	5	7 8		I .
European	4	38	I <u>6</u>	23	I <u>1</u>	5	I	I 1/2	I - <u>r</u>
Antique	4	3 *	2	2	I	<u>7</u> 3	2 3	134	I
Child juft born -	4	4-	2 <u>1</u>	24	5-8-	5	I .		I
Child one year old	4	4 8	2 ¹ / ₈	2 ¹ / ₄	7 8	12	5.8		I
An aged perfon -	4	4 ¹ / ₂	I 7	3	I . <u>*</u>	1 5	H 2	II	Is
Apollo	4		2	2 <u>I</u>	I	1 30	3 3	II	
De Wit	4	31	2	2 <u>1</u>	1	<u>т</u> 3	a T	II	I 1/2
Alb. Durer						-		I <u>I</u> to 2	
Vitruvius	4				I				
		-	-			-	-	- george the same	COLOR/LINEARCH

It appears from the above Table, that the antients obferved a medium proportion. For example: From the tip of the nofe to the ear, in a Calmuck, is 2 and 4-8ths; in an European, 2 and 1-8th; in the Antique, 2 and 2-8ths. And the chin nine-tenths, eight-eighths, and two-thirds. The beauty of the face depends therefore upon the relative proportions which the parts have to each other; as 1:4, or 1:3, &c. Thus alfo, when the face is feen in profile, the breadth ough not to exceed the height, as in the Negro and Calmuck: in us they are nearly equal. The form which approaches to the quadrangular, gives a certain flatnefs to the countenance. The antients have removed this imperfection, by making the head higher, which proportionally diminifhes the breadth.

When the faces are contemplated in front, as they are reprefented in the third plate, confiderable differences will be obfervable. For example:

The gr	eatest breadth	of a Negro	's head	is equal	to three-
fourths of	its height, and	d the cheeks	s MN ai	re as	2 3
	In a Calmu	ck, the cheel	ks M N	are =	3
	In a Europe	an -	-	-	2 -
	In the Anti	que -	-	-	2 *
The	breadth of the	e Negroe's h	head PO	is ==	3
		Calmuck's	-	-	3
		European	-	-	3:
		Antique		-	2 1

Hence it appears that the countenance of the Antique is not only more elevated, but that it is confiderably lefs broad in proportion.

From the form of the eye-fockets, it is obvious that the temples cannot be broader than the bony parts, together with the fkin, &c.

Now	X	w.	in	the	Negro is as	2 5
		•	in	the	Calmuck	21
					European	23
					Antique	2

To judge of the dimensions of the eyes, X W. must be divided into three parts within the rim of the eye-fockets. Thus there remains for $X P \bowtie W O$, only one-fourth of the whole breadth P O.

All those who have written upon proportions, as Alb. Durer, De Wit, &c. allow the fize of five eyes for the breadth of the face. In children, Durer has given fix eyes. But I am convinced that the head in no instance can be so broad. The antients have never exceeded four; which corresponds the nearest with the breadth observable among us.

In children, the diffance between the eyes (fee Plate V. Fig. 1, 2. PO.) is equal to one-third from KK, or the temples. Although from the difeafe above mentioned, the head of the child, reprefented in the fecond figure, is five eyes in breadth, [92]

by comparing this with figure the fifth of the fame plate, it will fully appear that the addition to its breadth is no addition to its beauty. Painters in general feem to be much embarraffed concerning the breadth of the face, as appears from De Wit, Alb. Durer, and Le Brun, who never give lefs than the meafure of five eyes. The celebrated Quefnoy has been much more careful and fortunate in giving not more than four eyes as the breadth of his heads. If I miftake not, Tefta has obferved the fame proportion in his children.

The breadth of the nofe is always determined by the diftance of the lateral proceffes of the upper maxilla (fee Plate III.) E.F. in proportion to the diftance between E and F, will be the width of the nofe. It is becaufe the triangle C Q R. forms fo large an angle, that the difproportion appears fo confiderable in the nofe of a negro. In us the nofe is generally broader than the diftance between the eyes. The antients have obferved the fame proportion.

The mouth must completely cover the *dentes canini*, as has been already shewn. It must therefore be broader, as these are placed at a greater distance from each other. But suppose the distance to be in reality the same; that is, suppose Q.R. (in figures the fourth and fifth) to be perfectly equal, yet the mouth will appear smaller when the two fides of the triangle rise high. Compare Y Z. in each figure. In antiques the mouth appears smaller than with us, from the greater depth of the chin. The antients have made the mouth but a little wider than the distance between Y Z.; and the nofe to incline downwards. This position of the nofe makes the upper lip fmall. Thus it curls, as it were, upwards, which gives it a more graceful form. The upper lip of the Calmuck and of the Negro is directly the reverse.

The antients made the neck twice the length of the nofe; but in Apollo it is as $1\frac{1}{2}$; this proceeds from the fize of the nofe; which being longer, the neck has ftill the ufual length.

In children, De Wit has not given more than one-third of a nofe for the neck; Quefnoy, fomewhat more: about the fize of one nofe. De Wit has alfo omitted to give an under or a double chin to his young children; which always takes place, and makes the chin about one-fourth of the nofe longer.

CHAPTER III.

TO FIND THE PROPORTIONS OF THE HEAD.

MOST of the painters and drawing-mafters, who treat of proportions in their publications, take Vitruvius among the antients, and Albert Durer among the moderns, as their guides; and to establish their own principles, they repose upon the authority of ancient statues, without paying any farther attention to the human body, or measuring any particular parts of it with care and accuracy.

The portrait-painters of the prefent day, generally defcribe an oval upon their panel before the perfon to be painted fits to be drawn; make a crofs in the oval, which they divide into the length of four nofes, and the breadth of five eyes; and they paint the face according to thefe divifions to which it must be accommodated, let the proportions themfelves be ever fo much at variance.

I mean not to infinuate that eyes, nofe, and mouth, or the curls of a wig, are to be meafured with precision, which I have feen done by a celebrated master, and with very ill fuccess; for it is impossible to adapt this mensuration to the panel, because every part has a distinct furface, and cannot be brought upon a correspondent furface on the panel. It is fimply my opinion, that every good painter or designer should commence upon the proper basis; that is, should pay attention to the varieties which exist in the skeleton, and particularly in the bones of the head, in national characters, and circumstances of the like nature; and then let him sketch his oval, or any other figure, not according to his own fancy, but according to his model.

Perhaps it would not be improper to make use of the ancient method of drawing, which Pliny has ascribed to the daughter of Dibutades of Sicyonia, and which is now practifed for amusement by perfons of fashion; that is, to trace the shade of any one intended to be painted, by means of a lamp, if the portrait is to be in profile, and then ascertain the precise situation of the principal parts, as eyes, nose, mouth, and chin.

But, in fact, the niceft proportions must in general be obtained by an attention to multitudes, and by imitating the example of Zeuxis, who felected, from a great variety of perfons, fome minuter graces, which enabled him to compose the proportions that were the most pleasing.

As the fkeleton and the cranium ferved my purpofe the beft in drawing a head, it has been my practice first to fketch the cranium with as much attention and accuracy as possible; upon which, I afterwards placed the foster parts. This method has been omitted in the prefent Work, as it would have rendered my principal object more obfcure and intricate, although it would have enabled me to render my figures much more graceful and pleafing. Some of the bony parts are always marked on the countenance; they are never covered fo as to be totally effaced. Such as the rim round the cavities of the eyes, the jugal bones, or Q of Plate I. Fig. 3 and 4; and H in Plate V. Fig. 3, 4.—the elevation above the nofe, and the depreffion immediately under it, the ridge of the nofe or the termination of the nafal-bone. See Plate IV. Fig. 1, 2, 3, 4.

The lower edge of the inferior maxilla, in the region of the chin, and at its foremost angles, manifest themselves, and point out divisions: the temples approach to the cavities of the eyes, which always limit the breadth of the face. The orifice of the ear also gives a determinate point, and indicates of itself the feat of the lobes, which are to be placed immediately under it; and of the ear itself, to be placed immediately above it.

In a word, the bones of the cranium are fimply covered with fkin and a dipofe membrane; and thefe are no impediments to our taking the cranium as the trueft bafis of the intended portrait.

It was in this manner that I obtained the profile of the modern face, in the first figure of the fecond plate. This was very fimilar to many other fine heads that have been diffected by me, in my professional character, and were afterwards fawn through the middle perpendicularly, that I might be able to obtain a perfect profile. I have drawn feveral of these with a pen and thick ink, upon a plate of glass placed over them, and the fketch has afterwards been taken upon varnished paper. It was by those means that I formed no fmall collection; which was of considerable fervice in the course of my Lectures, and of which I have made use in the present Work.

If due care be taken to let the line of vision fall in a right line upon every spot, the above method is much more accurate than the use of a lamp or candle in drawing of profiles; for the rays of light proceeding from one point, diverge in an unequal manner. Yet it must be allowed that a death's head does not accurately refemble the living; and also that by being fawn through, it is less perfect than when intire.

Observing that the *linea facialis* inclined backwards (fee Plate II. Fig. 1.) MG. making an angle of eighty degrees with NC. I have preferved in the fecond figure all the proportions of the under jaw, and placed MG. perpendicularly, forming the angle MND. equal to ninety degrees; that is, a right angle*.

Every part which touches the facial line in the first figure, as TNG. touches it also in the second. The cranium retains its depth; that is, TD. in the second is equal to TD.

^{*} Albinus makes the line 90 degrees. Alb. Durer has made it in a man 88, in a woman 96, and in a child 94. De Wit has made it in women 100 degrees (fee Tab. XI. XII.) in Apollo 94 (fee Tab. XII.) in a man 92, and in a child 96 (fee Tab. X.)

in the first figure; but the space C D. is diminished in proportion as M E. is increased: C D. is now less than N C. although it was much larger in the first figures; and the height C E. is increased from E to Y.

I afterwards made M G. incline five degrees more forwards (as in Plate II. Fig. 3.) fo that M N D. formed an angle of 95 degrees. C D. is still more diminished, and C E. becomes larger; that is, E Y. is equal to H M. the projection beyond the line H G.

The lower maxilla is fmaller, and becomes more under the ear, yet h k, or the diftance from the tip of the nofe to the ear, remains the length of two nofes; and the neck is more graceful. Finally: I let the line M G. fall to 100 degrees, by which the height E Y. equal to H M. was gained (fee Plate IV. Fig. 4.); by these means the line that croffes the eye at m 2, passes exactly over the centre, and gains a proportion correspondent to that of the antique: that is, a form of head which is four noses in length, every other part being in proportion. It is to be remarked, that the external rim of the eye-focket m, remains in the three last figures at an equal distance from the perpendicular line H G.

This projection conftitutes the maximum. Place the facial line more forward, and E Y. becomes too elevated; the head is more than the proportion of four nofes; the upper lip too fmall, and the face deformed. If it be now afked, What is meant by a fine countenance? we may anfwer, That in which the facial line M G. makes an angle of 100 degrees with the horizon. The ancient Greeks have confequently chofen this angle; but whether they have gained the proportions of the different parts from the principles which I have advanced, I am not able to decide. It is certain that fuch a form is never to be met with among moderns; and I doubt whether the ancient Greeks themfelves had living models of the form; for neither the Egyptians, from whom they were probably defcended, nor the Perfians, nor even the Greeks, have ever given fuch a form, when they fimply aimed at delineating portraits *.

This antique beauty therefore is not in nature; but to use the term of Winckelman, it is an ideal beauty. Thus, when the Greeks formed medallions of the Roman emperors, although they were obliged to obferve a refemblance, yet they added fomething of the ideal beauty. This characteristic will easily enable a connoiffeur to distinguish a Grecian from a Roman medal. I have never found this characteristic fo confpicuous as in the *Museum Odescalcum*, where not only the countenances of feveral women, but even the larvæ, or faces of the masks, manifest the line.

As there is a maximum on the one fide, fo is there a minimum on the other. As foon as we recede to 70 degrees,

* See the portrait of Augustus Cæsar, Pharnaces, and others. Plate IX. Fig. 4 and 5.

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we give the countenance of a negro (as in the third figure of the first plate). Lower than 70 gives the features of an ape; still lower, the refemblance of a dog, &c.

The utmost extent that can be allowed for the face of an European, is ten degrees behind and ten degrees before the perpendicular line H I. All that exceed in either direction lose their beauty, and even become mishapen. But the negroes have also their maximum and minimum of comelines. Of these I cannot speak with precision, as a competent number of heads are not in my posses them. However, the facial line must not fink much lower than five degrees; that is, to 65; as the countenance would too closely refemble that of an ape. Thus, if the facial line of the ape was too low, it would approach to that of the dog, &c.

I have obferved, that in all quadrupeds, both genus and fpecies may be diffinguifhed by the polition of the bones of the upper jaw, immediately before, above, or obliquely under the ball of the cranium. I have drawn the heads of many different animals upon the fame line; which exhibits an appearance that not only would be of inconceivable fervice in natural hiltory, but of infinite fervice to the painter. But this fubject is foreign to our prefent purpofe; and to do it juffice, would be to write a volume.

What has been remarked concerning adult perfons, is alfo applicable to children.

In the fourth plate I have faithfully copied after the originals before me. In both, the facial line was perpendicular, which has not been favourable to beauty, or to a pleafing countenance. The fourth figure of the fifth plate exhibits a much finer face, although the eyes are not in the centre; the upper rim of the focket of the eye being about the central point, according to the rule observed by J. de Wit, in imitation of Quefnoy and Fiammingo; only the occiput is too long. Refpecting this article, I have not been able to find out any determinate rule for infants. When the child arrives to the age of three or four years, the lower maxilla fhoots downwards, and the occiput becomes lefs. It does not appear to me that we are under any obligation fervilely to copy this unpleafing fhape in our figures of young children, particularly as in this country it proceeds from weaknes; which renders the heads of children larger with us than in any country in Europe.

When the facial line falls more forwards (fee SZ. of Plate V. Fig. 3 and 4.) the whole form becomes defitute of regular proportions; and the head affumes an hydrocephalous appearance. Therefore, the utmost extent with children, as well as with adults, is from 100 to 80 degrees.

Refpecting the mouth, it is to be obferved that children having neither teeth, nor projecting *alveolæ*, in either the upper or lower maxilla, the tongue cannot eafily be confined within the mouth; fo that they have generally the mouth open; that is, the lower jaw is kept at a diffance from the

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upper; and this gives fomething of an oblique direction to the lower part of the face. (See D B. in the fecond figure, and X E B. Fig. 4.) We may add, that the lower jaw is fhorter than the upper; and as it does not make a large angle with the hindmost part (fee K. in all the figures of Plate IV.) the mouth opens more easily and wider. But still the orifice of the ear (fee I. of Plate V. Fig. 3.) remains the central point, by a line from which to the point B. the inclination of the child is to be limited. Quefnoy has been very attentive to these peculiarities, and he has made the line D B. defcribing the distance from the tip of the nose to the tip of the chin very long. See Plate V. Fig. 4.

The under or double chin is more ftrongly marked by this polition; the neck is fhorter, and the whole is more pleafing. De Wit, on the contrary, has taken his proportions from under the nofe to under the chin, as being equal to onefourth of the height. For this reafon has he frequently given a clofed mouth to his children; which renders them lefs pleafing than the children of Quefnoy *.

In most perfons the ear is of equal length with the nose; that is, one-fourth of the height of the head. It feldom stands higher than the middle line, and the lobe generally finks lower than the nafal line. Alb. Durer makes the nose

* Preisler's figures of childrens heads are taken from Alb. Durer, and have the fame faults. In Table I. Part III. the chin comes too forward, and is too long; this, connected with the general fmallness of the features, makes a mixture of infancy and manhood in the fame face. of an adult about this fize. De Wit makes them larger, and feems carelefs about proportions. In his Twelfth Table, the lower part of the ear is on a line with the nofe, and the upper even with the rim of the eye-focket, and thus more than one-fourth. In Fig. 5 and 6, of the fame Table, the lobes are not placed fo low. In general, he has placed the ear too high, and even the orifice, which never varies, being always parallel with the line of the nofe. Alb. Durer, and all his followers, have done the fame. The propriety of my remarks is demonstrated by the accurate figures of ofteology, in the tables of Eustachius, where the ear is reprefented parallel to the nafal line.

Attention must also be paid to the breadth of the ear. De Wit generally makes the breadth too fmall. The antients have avoided reprefenting the ear naked, as much as it was poffible; in which they are to be commended, as in itfelf it is not a pleafing figure. The cavities, the rim, the lobes, and other parts, are too fmall and infignificant to fuffer a comparison with the countenance. It is therefore adviseable to cover the ear itfelf, and to make the lobes alone visible. However, in fome cafes they must appear totally; as in the reprefentation of a bald head. In this cafe the breadth fhould be equal to half of the height. It fhould be drawn in an oval, the long central line of which fhould be made to incline a little backwards. But if the facial line be made to project forwards to the 100th degree, then should the central line be perpendicular; as, in this cafe, the upper part is already at a greater diftance from the nofe than the lower.

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In Negroes, Calmucks, &c. this line must be made to run parallel with the facial line.

Few painters have attended to the real ftructure of the ear. Almost every treatife on the principles of drawing that I have feen, is defective in this article. The French appear to be the most attentive to it. In the *Dictionnaire Encyclopedique*, the writer of the article upon the principles of drawing, has given a very accurate representation of the ear. In the book of drawing, by Bloemaart, there is not one figure of the ear that is natural: nor even in that by Preisler, notwithstanding he has taken more pains than any of his brethren to afcertain its exact proportions *.

In children the ear is very broad and large, as well as the head. It is therefore beft to conceal it, as has been already obferved, fince the ear cannot add to the beauty of countenance.

In the above difquifitions I have endeavoured to draw from Nature herfelf the conftituent principles of beauty, in the form of the head. I am far from afferting, that a rigid conformity to the rules laid down will always enable us to

* Aug. Carrache disoit que l'oreille etoit la partie du corps la plus difficile a definer; il en modela une plus grande que nature, pour en faire connoitre la structure. Il en fit des etudes infinies, et l'on construisit un grand modele en platre appelle L'Orecchione d'Agostino. Bibl. de Peinture, Tom. II. p. 484.

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catch the beauties which nature is perpetually prefenting to our view.

Horace fays,

Non satis est pulchra este poemata, dulcia sunt.

The pleafing effect, fhould always be our primary object; and in fome cafes it is better to deviate a little from the ftrict rules of proportion, in order to increase the beauty of a piece, than to render it lefs pleafing by a fervile conformity.

APPENDIX to the preceding Chapter.

I T was the original defign of Profeffor CAMPER to give an additional chapter concerning the diffinguishing marks of the antique in flatues, medals, intaglios, &c. But it appears that the difficulty of free access to a competent number of specimens in these provinces, has prevented him from executing the defign. The few coins and intaglios, represented in the tenth plate, though so trivial in themselves, may ferve to corroborate what has been remarked in the Author's Introduction to this Treatife; and also what has been advanced concerning the superior beauty of an antique head; and the explication of the cause of this superiority given in the preceding chapter.

- FIG. I. Reprefents Bocchus, King of Mauritania, in his youth. This was a copper medal. On the reverse was the figure of an Elephant.
- FIG. II. Bocchus, more advanced in years. On the reverfe, the Elephant. This was of copper.
- FIG. III. Alexander the Great. A filver coin, with the Greek infeription AAEEANAPOT. On the reverfe was a Caftle; above it, the Thunderbolts of Jove.
- FIG. IV. Pharnaces, King of Pontus, with the infeription BAEIA ... PAPNAKOT. A filver coin. On the reverse of which was Peace with the Cornucopia, a Dog, Half Moon, &c.

The above coins are in the cabinet of the Prince of Orange. The two figures of Bocchus are about twice as large as the coins, that the contour may be more confpicuous.

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- FIG. V. Is the reprefentation of Cæfar Augustus, mentioned in the Introduction as well as in the preceding Chapter, as an example that the antients, in their portraits of distinguished perfonages, paid attention to the direction of the facial line.
- FIG. VI. The Medufa of Soficles.
- FIG. VII. The Head of Alexander, engraved by Pyrgoteles. It is obvious that, both in this and in the third figure, attention hath been paid to the facial line; and they ferve as inftances of the ideal beauty; which, indeed, is alfo confpicuous in their reprefentations of the Divinities.

FIG. VIII. Thefeus, with his Club; by Gnaeus.

The four last figures are taken from the Treatise of the Baron De Stosch, published in the year 1724, at Amsterdam. Plates 23, 25, 45, 55.

The facial line is too obvious to require further enlargement.

PART THE FOURTH.

THE PROPER MANNER OF SKETCHING THE OUTLINES OF A HEAD.

CHAPTER I.

CONCERNING THE OVAL.

A^{LL} writers, on the principles of drawing, propofe the oval, as the beft method of obtaining a fure hand in fketching heads in every pofition, and of every age. No one has ventured to deviate from the method, notwithftanding every one must have been convinced, from experience, that this figure is frequently defective, and merely applicable in a few inftances. This I fhall endeavour to demonstrate:

Plate VII. Fig. 1. Let the height A B. be divided into four equal parts, AH. H I. I F. F B. Of these take two-thirds, or A F. equal to K L. for the largest dimensions, and describe the circle A K F L. The ears are to be placed between the parallel lines K L. and M N.

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Divide KL. into four equal parts, and take one-fourth for $*_{KI \rightarrow IL}$ the breadth of the temples OP. extending the compafies from $*_{KO \rightarrow PL}$ F to L or to the half of A B. draw from the point F. in the central line A B. the circle B N I M. Complete the oval from K to M. and L to N. Thus is the point L obtained, and alfo the central line of the eyes K L.*

Finally. Divide A B. into four equal parts, of which one is defined for the nofe; and E F. into three, of which the TB uppermost gives the feat of the upper lip Q R.

This method corresponds with the proportions given in the fecond chapter of the third part of this Treatife \uparrow . This oval is a good one, and feems well adapted to all those cases where ovals can be applied with advantage.

But when the features are to be delineated in profile, as in the fecond figure of the fame plate, the manner appears to me totally deftitute of the least advantage. Let I R. be the length of the head, and A B or U V. the height; form your oval as in the other figure. This oval limits nothing; neither the fituation of the ear, nor the direction of the facial line X Y. nor the feat of the eye P. All these must be placed according

* C. Van de Pas has formed the oval in this manner. See page 21. The manner which Alb. Durer followed in his first book of Geometry, is more complex and less perfect. See the Latin edition. Paris, 1532. p. 20, 21.

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to fancy, or by guess. Besides, the cranium itself is not of a circular form ‡.

Books on drawing recommend the oval alfo for a face that is placed fideways, between the profile and a front direction, as in Fig. 3. Well, draw the oval as before, and defcribe the central line A D E B. in the direction of the oval, then divide the oval into four parts, and the lower division into three parts, and you will find the points of incidence in the four divisions, viz. S, D, E, F. in the line A D B. This is the manner laid down by Preifler *.

Most portrait-painters follow this rule, and they always place the mouth on the middle line A D B. which is too near to the ear. It would not be difficult to demonstrate this, or to prove that all the figures formed according to these rules of Preisler are defective. The fame error is observable in the fourth of Bloemaart's tables, and in many other of his faces. And, if I recollect rightly, Goltzius has also committed it.

In order to be convinced how much this method is defective, draw the facial line DQR. upon your oval, according to the third figure of the fourth plate, either inclining or erect, as may be required, then you will find the points of

[‡] It appears from the Author's notes, that he had intended to treat this subject more amply.

^{*} See Part I. Plate V.

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incidence to be D, Q, S, R. Let these be confidered as the middle points, and the countenance becomes natural.

A. Van Dyk has paid due attention to this, and also many of the Italian masters.

It appears, therefore, from the above example, that in fuch cafes the oval is a deceitful guide. Drawing-mafters ought not to fketch thefe lines upon a flate, or any flat furface, but on a ball of wood or clay, properly modelled.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE USE OF THE TRIANGLE IN SKETCHING A PROFILE.

HOET, A. Carrache, and fome others, teach us that to draw the face in profile, an equilateral triangle must first be formed (as A B C. Fig. 4. of Plate VII.); that the foremost line A C. must be divided in three equal parts for the face; that is, the forehead, nose, and chin.

But the point B. is of no ufe, unlefs to place the ear within it. Then, indeed, would the fpace between D and F. be equal to two nofes, meafuring from the lobe to the line interfecting the noftril. But the lower maxilla would be thrown backwards, as in C and F. which is a difproportion never to be met with in Nature.

However, it is allowed that by this method the facial line A C. is admirably well preferved. Thus far is the triangle preferable to the oval.

Some artifts, and particularly Le Clerc, in his copy of Le Brun's figures of the paffions*, have used the small equilateral triangle D E C. When one fide of the triangle lies on the facial line, the point E. will mark the orifice of the

* Tab. I. Fig. 3.

ear with accuracy; fo that the diftance from I. to E. or rather I H. shall be equal to two noses. But he has not applied it in this manner, and therefore it neither marks the proper boundaries of the facial line, nor of the ear. Besides, this triangle only gives half of the face, with the ear. For these reasons I think it of no great use.

J. C. Vifcher, in his Fundamentales regulæ artis pictoriæ et fculpturæ, ufes the larger triangle marked by our A B C. Parizet, in his Treatife, entitled Nouveau Livre des Principes du defin, has adopted the triangle of Le Clerc, and with no greater advantage.

The great uncertainty and imperfection of the common methods, made me defirous of inventing fome other, which fhould promife to be more certain, and more generally applicable. This object had long employed my thoughts, and, I think, with fuccefs.

CHAPTER III.

A NEW METHOD OF DELINEATING THE HEAD.

B EING perpetually converfant with the fkulls and faces of the dead, and having attentively examined them after they were fawn through, for anatomical ufes, in the manner already defcribed; and having alfo diligently traced the growth of the maxilla, and of the nofe, in the heads of infants that were but a few weeks old; an idea fuggefted itfelf, that in drawing or painting of the head, the beft method would be to imitate the procefs of Nature; first to form the cranium or fkull, then mark the facial line in the direction required, and afterwards arrange the other parts according to given proportions.

The fkull is an horizontal oval, of which the hindmoft parts are the largeft, and the fore-part rounded like the fection of a ball or globe. I first draw this oval by means of two circles, the one is S L V E W, which contains about three parts of the head; the other, K U Z. which is in fize eightninths of the other circle. Draw the horizontal line S T. which extends from the centre of the large circle S. to T. the centre of the fmaller; and is one-fourth of the larger circle. From the centre S. I let fall the perpendicular line S Q; this marks the feat of the orifice of the ear, and of its lobe at E.

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2. I draw PG. the facial line, in the degree of inclination required: K. marks the place of the forehead; F. the line of the eye; I. the nose; H. and a third of IB. or IG. the mouth.

3. I complete the oval Z V E. which marks with fufficient accuracy the lower edge of the eye-focket.

4. I take G N. which may be equal to the fize of the nofe, or lefs, according to the inclination of the facial line, and thus I mark the commencement of the neck.

This manner is perfectly fimple, natural, and indicates all the principal parts in the proportions required. Not to obferve that it is eafier to strike an horizontal oval than a perpendicular one.

To delineate a perfon advanced in years, I first draw the oval KLVE. and the facial line PKHG. See Plate VIII. Fig. 2.

2. As in every aged perfor the teeth are wanting, and the *alveolæ* are obliterated, by which the maxillæ have loft about one-third of their fize, I purfue the method recommended in defcribing the fecond figure of the fixth plate, to afcertain the prefent place of the chin, &c.

5. Confidering G. to be the feat of the chin, in its more perfect flate, I place the compaffes in E. and draw from G.

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the curved line g G. and place the tip of the chin at g. which is about two-thirds from I B.

4. I next divide G I. into three equal parts, the upper of which is for the mouth.

5. I also draw the protuberance K F. as this generally projects confiderably from the facial line, in very aged perfons.

6. Finally. I take the length of a note at G N. and fketch the neck N O.

Thus I obtain an aged face, with all its characteristics, in the most perfect manner.

In children, the form of the cranium being fimilar (fee Plate VIII. Fig. 4.) the oval muft be drawn as before, then the perpendicular line $\mathbb{N} Q$. next the facial line PG. Since $\mathbb{L} Q$ children have not the protuberance on the forehead, as has been remarked *, the F. (fee Fig. 1 and 2.) muft be placed within the perpendicular line; whereas in the first figure it touches, and in the fecond it projects beyond it.

2. The eyes are two-fifths of the whole height, measuring from under the chin, and three-fifths from the top of the forehead. This agrees with the proportions of De Wit and Alb. Durer.

* See Part II. Chap. I. p. 50.

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3. The diffance from i. to e. the place for the nofe, is equal to one-fourth of the line L Q. but as the upper and lower jaw are, from caufes affigned already, one-third narrower in young children, as well as in aged perfons, the line a b. muft be drawn from A B. to L Q. and the oblique line c d. as was explained when we confidered the fourth figure of the fifth plate. Thus is the point of incidence g. for the tip of the chin, and G. for the mouth. A a. is now divided into five parts alfo; three-fifths of which will indicate the line of the eye, and two-fifths are defined for the face.

In drawing the fketch, first strike the oval, then draw the facial line PG. let G g. be noted upon the line d c. and then draw a line from g. to h. the origin of the neck behind; and all the principal points will be accurately noted. When the mouth is to be represented more open, G. must be placed proportionably lower and more backwards.

A fketch drawn in this manner gives the most natural representation of a child's face.

To delineate the negro (fee Fig. 3. of the eighth Plate) a fimilar method must be observed. After the oval is formed, draw the facial line PG. inclining backwards, according to the rules laid down in the Third Chapter of Part the First; then draw a line from B. to H. and you have the point of incidence at K. which limits the mouth. Thus you obtain the particular form of countenance. B N. being equal to one-fourth of A B. points where the neck commences.

The other parts, and their proportions, have already been too fully defcribed, to render a more circumstantial detail neceffary.

Thus is the remark of Philostratus verified, that lines fimply drawn with chalk, may characterize the Indian, by a flat nofe, stiff hair, prominent jaws, &c.*

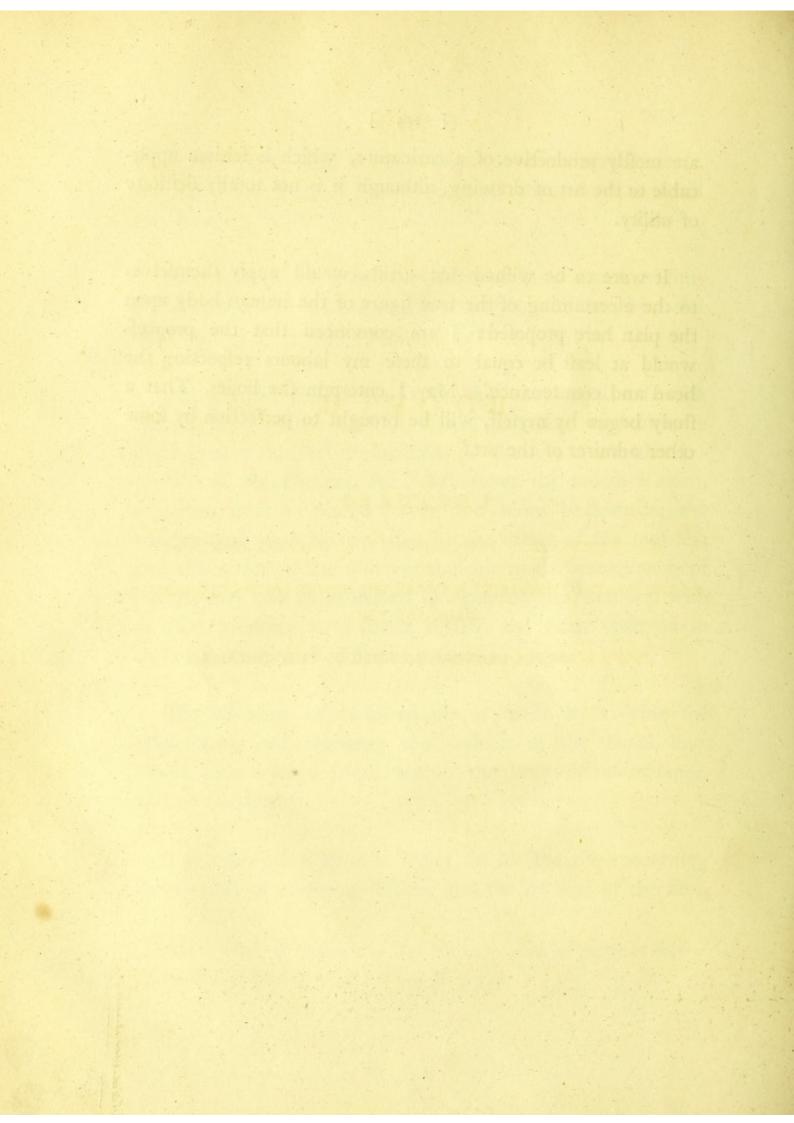
This manner of fketching is acquired with equal eafe with the one in common ufe. It is alfo perfectly applicable to the reprefentation of the paffions of the mind. In the expreffion of aftonifhment, fear, &c. when the mouth is open, the chin must be placed lower and more backwards; the concomitants must be expressed by the action of the muscles; and this action of the different muscles in the excitements of paffion, may also be explained in a physiological manner, with as much accuracy as, I flatter myself, has been observed in these delineations of different nations and ages.

The diverfity of countenances is made by varying the proportions, and changing the polition of the facial line. These give a large scope within the limits of resemblance, and also of beauty.

The rules given by Alb. Durer, in his Treatife concerning the manner of changing statues, and the features of the face,

* Life of Apol. of Thyan. Cap. X. See also Junius, on the Knowledge of the Antients in Painting. Lib. III. Cap. II. p. 259. are mostly productive of a caricature, which is feldom applicable to the art of drawing, although it is not totally destitute of utility.

It were to be wifhed that artifts would apply themfelves to the afcertaining of the true figure of the human body upon the plan here propofed: I am convinced that the progrefs would at leaft be equal to thefe my labours refpecting the head and countenance. May I entertain the hopes, That a ftudy begun by myfelf, will be brought to perfection by fome other admirer of the art?



BOOK II.

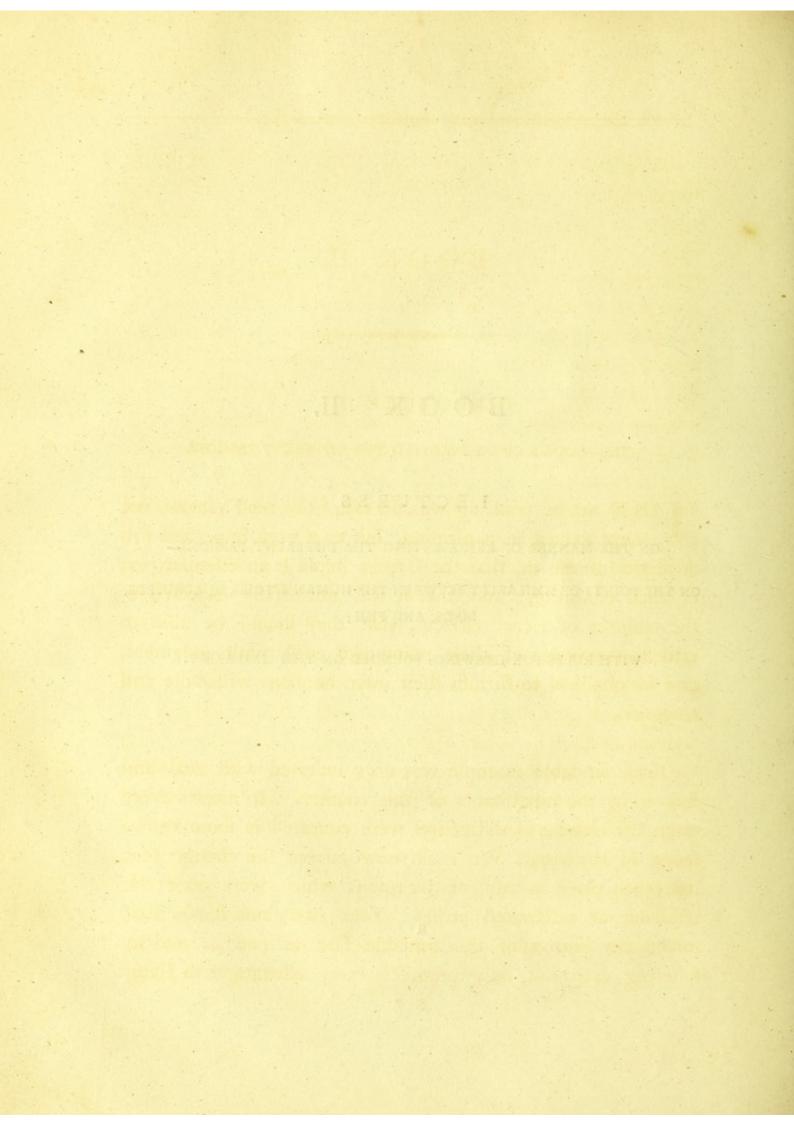
LECTURES

ON THE MANNER OF REPRESENTING THE DIFFERENT PASSIONS-

ON THE POINTS OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN THE HUMAN SPECIES, QUADRUPEDS, BIRDS, AND FISH;

WITH RULES FOR DRAWING, FOUNDED ON THIS SIMILARITY.

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BOOK II.

LECTURE I.

THE MANNER OF DELINEATING THE DIFFERENT PASSIONS.

THE art of painting was, in times the most remote, not only valued as a pleafing, but as a very important art. Aristotle informs us, that the Greeks made it an effential part of their education; and that it was universally expected of the children of richer citizens, that they should be able to criticife the works of their renowned artists with judgment, and be qualified to furnish their own mansions with taste and elegance.

Their laudable example was once imitated with zeal and fuccefs by the inhabitants of this country. In almost every town the citizens of distinction were educated in some knowledge of the arts. We must now lament the change that has taken place in most of the towns which were once the residence of celebrated artists. Your city alone stells to be the patron of this amiable fister of poetry; and its fostering care not only promises every advantage to rising

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youth, but infpires a fpirit of emulation in the bosom of artists themfelves, that has been productive of works which reflect an honour upon the country at large.

I will not expatiate upon the excellent leffons and judicious differtations which have been delivered in this place by feveral members of our fociety, as I fhould offend the modefty of thofe who are prefent; but the great attention that has been paid to my feeble endeavours, upon former occafions, manifefts the zeal of its members, and their predilection for this delightful art. The approbation with which my attempts to fhew the intimate connexion fubfifting between the fcience of anatomy and painting were crowned, have encouraged me to purfue a ftudy which has always been my amufement, and the principles of which I have long defired more deeply to inveftigate.

In the year 1770, I had the fatisfaction of demonstrating before you, with what taste, and with how much certainty, the different features in perfons of various ages and nations may be delineated. In the present Lecture I shall endeavour to explain to you, in what manner the different passions infcribed upon the countenance may be expressed with the utmost accuracy. But as this science is more refined, so are the principles of it more difficult. They require an accurate knowledge of our make, not merely respecting ofteology, or the arrangement of the bones, but also respecting the muscles and nerves, in order to judge with precision concerning the rules I shall propose.

The skilful representation of the passions of the mind, by painting or by statuary, has been admired from the remotest Pliny informs us, that one Aristides of Thebes was times. the first who delineated with fuccess the various emotions of the foul. Although the arms, legs, and different politions of the body co-operate in the expression of certain emotions, yet the face has always been confidered as their principal feat. Cicero terms the countenance the mute interpreter of the heart; and Seneca, who had made great progrefs in the knowledge of the human mind, juftly remarks, that violent emotions, of every kind, cannot escape manifesting themselves in the countenance. To thefe general observations the antients have also added, that the eyes are most expressive of thefe emotions. Pliny, that proficient in all the polite arts, fays, "the mind dwells in the eye." He also knew, that the motions of the eyebrows contribute a confiderable fhare to the oftentive effects.

I must refer you to the Treatife of Junius, on the knowledge of the antients in painting, if you wish to be informed concerning the extent of this knowledge. It is true, the principal performances of their renowned masters are lost; but from the Laocoon alone, we may collect how deeply they had investigated the influence of pain. Not merely does the face, but the arms, legs, in short all the muscles of the body, indicate anguish.

The loveliness of the Venus de Medicis—the dignity of the Pythian Apollo—the deities, male and female, engraved

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on precious stones—the different masks—the sportive fawns, manifest that expression of countenance constituted no small part of the excellency which is so much admired in the statues, paintings, and engravings of the antients.

The fine arts were buried under the bad tafte that prevailed during the middle ages, until from the fourteenth century every branch of fcience began to revive; and in the fixteenth and feventeenth centuries they flourished with fuch vigour, that Europe feemed to require a pause to rest from the fatigues of producing fo many eminent characters.

But to return. Paullo Lomazzo, in his valuable work Dell' Arte della Pittura, published fo early as in the year 1531, defcribes the influence of the paffions upon the mufcles of the face, and ftill more minutely the different poftures and contortions of the body. He relates, that Michelino, a Milanefe artift, had painted two peafants, and two country girls, who laughed fo heartily, that no one could look at them without laughing. He tells us alfo, that to draw laughing features was the great amufement of Da Vinci. But I need not inform you, that, at the period referred to, caricatures were fo much the mode, that at length they became difgufting. Leonardo alfo, who flourished at the beginning of the fixteenth century, very naturally defcribes, in his immortal work on painting, all the various changes of countenance; but, like Lomazzo, he has chiefly studied the different attitudes of the body. Both these great men seemed more attentive to general effect than to particular features.

To the lift of great men who have diftinguished themfelves in this department, may be added the names of Michael Angelo and Raphael, who feem to have made the different expressions of countenance their principal study. I well remember the association of the contemplated the Penitence of Peter, painted in one of the cartoons; and who can remain infensible to the anguish of Proferpine, when forced away by Pluto, as it is chifeled out in stone by Buonaroti!

However, no one has arranged the expressions of the different passions upon the countenance more systematically than Le Brun, who flourished about the middle of the seventeenth century. He has executed this work in some for a manner, that every nation has followed his lessons, and copied his examples. The great Buffon alone has ventured to deviate from him; but not with the greatest fuccess. I shall leave every connoisseur to decide whether I be to blame in placing a much inferior value upon his drawings than upon those of Le Brun.

All the authors I have mentioned, have either confined themfelves to appearances, or, like Le Brun, have reafoned metaphyfically concerning the operations of the mind, without attending to the phyfical caufes of the changes produced by thefe operations. But in my opinion, fpeculations concerning the manner of the foul's working, or concerning the feat of the foul, are of no ufe to the artift. Thefe belong to metaphyficians, who by the way lofe themfelves in a labyrinth of terms, or words with no definitive meaning, without

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having in the leaft explained the action of this immortal principle upon the corporeal and mortal frame.

Pliny, Da Vinci, and Junius, have particularized the principal appearances, but have mentioned little concerning the connexion that there is between the parts affected; and ftill lefs have they particularized the changes which neceffarily arife from the various affections of the nervous fystem. Wattelet alfo has deferibed the passions, and their influence, with much good fense, and in a strain of eloquence. It shall be my object not to speculate concerning the workings of the foul, but to enquire what changes take place in the body, in confequence of its operations. We shall investigate the appearances produced, the uniformity of these appearances, and their influence upon the features of the face.

The first thing requisite, is to acquire an accurate knowledge of the form of the skeleton, and particularly of the cranium; the second, To be well acquainted with the principal muscles of the face, and their action; thirdly, To trace the nerves in their divisions and connexions with these muscles.

A few examples will illustrate my plan, and indicate its importance, however novel it may appear.

An oppreffed, forrowful, and melancholy perfon, lets his head fink downwards, or he fupports it with his hand; the equipoife is no longer maintained by the mufcles of the neck; that is, the nerves belonging to those mufcles are rendered inert. A lively contented laugher, on the other hand, raifes his head, and his breaft is agitated. In the excefs of the emotion, he places both his hands to his fides, as it were to fupport his body. At length his legs begin to refuse their office; and he would fall to the ground if the fit continued.

A perfon in the impetus of rage, beats with hands and feet, stamps till the ground shakes under him; and his face is convulsed in a thousand forms.

Deep reverence makes the tongue to falter, an inward trembling impedes the motion of the body; the most lively and expressive eyes are abashed, and look downwards; the heart flutters; if shame accompany this emotion, as is frequently the case, the face, neck, and breast are immediately painted of a crimson colour.

It would be endlefs to particularize every emotion in a fimilar manner. The obfervation deducible from thefe effects is, that in every emotion of the mind particular nerves are affected; confequently every painter ought to make himfelf acquainted with the conftruction and connexion of the nerves productive of thefe changes; at leaft every one who undertakes to write fyftematically upon the fubject, fhould acquire fuch a portion of anatomical knowledge, as to be able to inftruct his difciples in the general rules that flow from it.

The paleness arising from fear, or a sudden alarm, depends, equally with blushing, upon the action of the nerves. These changes of colour may be accurately expressed by the painter; and in this he has the advantage over the statuary, engraver, &c. But orators and public actors have the superior advantage of giving the greatest force to the expressions of the features, by exciting the requisite movements in the parts themselves.

As diffecting of human bodies has been my conftant occupation, I have had frequent opportunities of examining which of the nerves, communicating with thefe more active parts, muft have been particularly affected; confequently, which of the mufcles muft have been excited to action by thofe nerves; and from the action of thefe mufcles depending upon their origins, infertions, courfe, and connexions, we may eafily learn what pleats in the face, what kind of action in the hands, &c. they muft neceffarily occafion. It is thefe appearances alone that I propofe to elucidate in the prefent Lecture.

It may be objected, that according to the above reprefentation, the antients mult have been acquainted with the anatomy of the paffions; or that they, together with Raphael, Callot, Le Brun, and others, have fucceeded wonderfully without this knowledge:—that Hogarth himfelf, who excelled in reprefenting the paffions, was ignorant of all that I have advanced to be fo neceffary:—that John Steen, who was frequently fo inimitable in the delineation of the paffions, never dreamed of fludying the mufcles ftript of their integuments, or of acquiring an intimate knowledge of those nerves which fo many anatomists themselves know but imperfectly. Notwithstanding these objections, I am well affured that my remarks will prove both important and acceptable to this audience. Tracing the operations of Nature is always an useful employment; you will also fee and admire her wonderful address; and finally, we shall point out a method by which not only youth, but painters themselves may make a speedy progress in this most enchanting branch of the art.

We shall confine ourfelves to the face.

I shall first enable you to recollect the constituent parts of the cranium, its form, cavities, connexions, proportions, &c.*

Secondly, I fhall delineate the principal mufcles of the face, and mark the true fituation of the eyes, that you may be convinced that Le Brun has placed them too much inclining downwards; and that, in his reprefentation of Laughter, he has given an improper bend downwards to the inward angles of the eyes: he has committed a fimilar fault in Weeping.

Thirdly, I fhall demonstrate that the pleats or wrinkles of the face must necessarily run in a rectangular direction, according to the course of the muscular fibrillæ.

Fourthly, I shall exhibit before you fome of the nerves, in order that you may understand the immediate connexion

^{*} Several of these sketches were extemporaneous, and have not been preferved.

which takes place in the action of fome of the muscles in the fame paffion.

The fixth pair, as they were denominated by ancient anatomifts, or the eighth of the moderns, has long been termed the Pathetic. This pair communicates with the throat, breaft, abdomen, and, by the intercostal muscles, with the nerves of the arms and legs.

The fourth pair, or the leffer pathetics, produce wonderful effects in furprife, in love, in dying.

It is by the action of the feventh pair, that we laugh, blufh, or look pale.

Finally. I fhall delineate the mufcles of the eyes, that a just idea may be formed of their motion in the full vigour of life, and in the article of death; and fubjoin fome obfervations concerning the fynchronous and alternate motion of the oblique mufcles in friendly greetings, and in tokens of refpect.

In Dying, the eyes are drawn towards each other; becaufe the power of the will ceafes, and the mufcles act in confequence of the remains of life feated in them.

Such are the principles we fhall lay down; the right fludy and application of which, will enable the artift to ex-

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prefs the paffions of the foul with the utmost accuracy, and in their full energy.

EXAMPLES.*

I SHALL first sketch a Death's Head. See Plate I. Fig. 3. Secondly, The principal Muscles of the Face. Fig. 2. Thirdly, A countenance perfectly PLACID. Fig. 3. Fourthly, Expressing SURPRISE. Fig. 4. Fifthly, CONTEMPT. Fig. 5. Sixthly, COMPLACENCY, FRIENDLINESS, TACIT JOY. Plate II. Fig. 6. Seventhly, LAUGHTER. Fig. 7. Eightly, SORROW. Fig. 8. Ninthly, WEEPING. Fig. 9. Tenthly, VEXATION and WRATH. Fig. 10. Finally, The DYING. Fig. 11.

The quick transitions from one paffion to another, which I am about to exhibit, may not, perhaps, excite lefs furprife than that which the great Ferdinand of Tufcany experienced, when he faw Peter of Cortona working with his pencil at Florence. The painter perceiving that the Duke was particularly ftruck with the figure of a child crying, convinced him that a very few touches of the pencil would exhibit laughter. He then reftored the former ftrokes, and the child was made to cry again; to the no fmall aftonifhment of the Prince. I hope that you will experience fomething of a

* The Profeffor in demonstrating these changes, made the requisite alterations on the same face; and also pointed out the defects of other painters in a similar manner. This had a powerful effect upon the audience, which cannot be produced to an equal degree by diffinct figures.

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fimilar emotion, although it is not a Peter of Cortona that handles the pencil, but fimply a lover of the arts.

Contemplate first the PLACID countenance. Fig. 3. Every feature is at rest; no one muscle is brought into particular action; all are in a state of repose, without appearing relaxed or inert. There is a tranquillity in the eye void of languor, and the lips are in unconstrained contact.

Let us fuppole fomething to prefent itfelf which excites a degree of SURPRISE or WONDER. Fig. 4. The intercoftal nerves are immediately affected, and act upon the third pair; hence the eye-lid is opened, and the eye ftands motionlefs in the focket. The fame nerve acts upon the eighth pair at the fame time; refpiration is fulpended, the free motion of the heart is impeded, and the mouth is opened, as the maxillary mulcles deftined to this purpole are affected; but as thefe act alone upon the lower maxilla, the teeth are not difcovered. The hands are extended, and more particularly the fingers, from the action of their mulcular plexus.

The effects of CONTEMPT are very different. Fig. 5. The fifth pair of nerves are put in motion. Thus are the eyebrows drawn inwards and downwards; the mouth is firmly clofed; but as the lower lip rifes in the middle, it becomes arched. The eyes are drawn fideways, the mufculus abducens and adducens acting together by the force of habit.— By making the head to turn towards the right, and the

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eyes toward the left hand, the paffion is rendered more expressive.

Fig. 6. In COMPLACENCY, FRIENDLY GREETINGS, and TACIT JOY, those parts alone act which have an immediate communication with the feventh pair of nerves. The angles of the mouth must never be drawn up alone, without other tokens of an incipient fmile. Great care should be taken to avoid drawing the eyebrows inwards: an error frequently committed by the French in their portraits.

LAUGHTER. Fig. 7. In laughter all the effects produced by the former affection are greatly increased, and others are fuperadded. The whole countenance inclines forwards, but without the attention being fixed upon any determinate object. The outward edges of the orbicular muscles of the eye are contracted, producing wrinkles and folds around the eyes. The lips are opened by the action of the orbicular muscle, on the external fides; hence the teeth, particularly the upper, are made to appear; fmall wrinkles arife at the corners of the mouth, and the cheeks become fuller, &c.

If you would add an arch, or a wanton look, place the eye fideways, and contract the upper eyelid expressive of a wink.

In a SORROWFUL countenance (Fig. 8.) the fifth pair of nerves are principally affected; the mouth is drawn downwards by the defcent of the upper lip. To add DESPAIR to this emotion, the face must be made to look upwards, and fomewhat obliquely; the brow must be furrowed with wrinkles; and the middle of the eyebrows be drawn upwards.

In WEEPING (Fig. 9) all the mufcles which receive the fifth pair of nerves, act in a very forcible manner. Hence the corners of the mouth are drawn downwards, the lower part of the nofe upwards, the eyebrows defcend, the eyes are nearly clofed, and tears are preffed out of the lacrymal glands.

If ANGER (Fig. 10.) accompanies the emotion, the action of the muscles draws the eyes wide open; the eyebrows defcend still lower, and the teeth are violently compressed together.

DYING. Fig. 2. In dying it is to be observed, First, That all the muscles of the neck open the mouth, and elongate the chin. Secondly, That the pathetic nerves draw the eyes towards each other. And thirdly, That all the other muscles cease to act.

What Le Brun terms Veneration, is not well expressed *, as the eyes are represented drawn upwards by the action of the two oblique muscles alone; whereas the upper and under *musculi obliqui* must act.

* Plate III. p. 18. Plate IV. Fig. 5.

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Accept, Gentlemen, thefe fhort fpecimens, by way of elucidating my principles. To reprefent every paffion and poffible emotion of the mind, would require more time than could be allowed by one who profeffes to be an anatomift, and not a painter. My fole object has been to awaken attention, and excite a fpirit of enquiry; that you may be induced to confult Nature herfelf, without indulging implicit confidence in the rules and examples given by the most celebrated masters, which are frequently imperfect. If in thefe specimens I have not answered your expectations; if my expressions have not been sufficiently explicit; and my hand has failed in giving the requisite strokes of the pencil, I can fill perceive, by the fatisfaction painted upon your countenances, that my endeavours to please you have proved fuccelsful.

LECTURE II.

CONCERNING THE POINTS OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN QUADRUPEDS, BIRDS, AND FISH.

THE object of the prefent and following Lectures, shall be to shew the great similarity there is between Quadrupeds, and the refemblance of these to Birds and Fish; and also to indicate a very easy method of delineating all these animals in the most exact manner.

Should my audience deem the undertaking of little moment, or confider the precife form of animals as beneath the attention even of painters themfelves, I could juftify the defign by quoting the laudable example of the antients. The Greeks, the Romans, and before thefe the Egyptians, were obliged to pay the most minute attention to every species of animals, not merely as emblems of their different idols, but as infeparable from their facrifices, races, triumphs, &c. but these could neither be painted nor represented in stone or metal, without the knowledge of what constitutes the beauty and perfection of the animal creation.

The high value in which this art was held by the antients, will moreover appear from the Dog caft in metal, which Pliny* informs us, was preferved in the Capitolium, as an

* Lib. XXXIV. C. XVII. p. 646. Vol. II.

exquisite piece of workmanship, with so much care, that the superintendents were threatened with death in case of ne-gligence.

We read alfo that Myron * had formed fo beautiful a Cow in metal, that it was not only celebrated by the poets, but copied by the most skilful engravers with equal zeal, as a Venus, or any other fine workmanship, of the greatest masters. Count Caylus † has this cow engraved on a Cornelian; which is no inconsiderable addition to the cabinet of that celebrated connoisser. Canachis acquired no less honour by a Hart, which he had formed in copper, that appeared so light and fwist, that a thread might apparently be made to pass under the feet. Tiscrates is immortalized by his Lion; Simon, by a Dog; Nicias, by his paintings of feveral species of animals; and Androcydes, by his skilful representation of Fish.

Whoever confults the Monumenti Antichi Inediti of Winkelman, and particularly the Introduction ‡, will be made acquainted with the high value which, in the prefent day, is placed upon the Lion in the Capitol; the Sphinx in the palace of Borghefe; and alfo the other animals by the fountain Dell' Aqua Felice.

The Horfe has excited still greater ambition. I shall not mention the story of Apelles, nor of his follower Lysippus.

* Lib. XXXIV. C. XIX. p. 650. § 3.
+ Caylus, Vol. I. Tab. I. Fig. 3. p. 135.
‡ P. 18.

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Their fucceffor Calamis obtained fuch renown for his horfes, that he is not only celebrated by Pliny * and Cicero, but Ovid has immortalized him in his verfes. Pliny fays, that he was unrivalled in his reprefentation of Cars drawn by two or four horfes, notwithstanding that Lysippus, and his difciple Euthycrates, had diffinguished themselves in this department.

The valuable cabinet of Stofch † manifefts how great a mafter Afpafius was in the engraving of Horfes. Hylus has alfo excelled in Steers, and Lucius in Horfes.

Many triumphant cars, with four horfes abreaft, are reprefented in *bafs-relief*, and engraved on precious ftones, in a manner that exceed all imagination. They are mostly reprefented with two, and with four horfes. I have never feen them with ten; though Nero introduced hunting with this number. In the cabinet of Count Caylus, there is an engraving, on Cornelian, of a conqueror with twenty horfes by the fide of each other, which can be minutely diffinguished, and of exquisite beauty.

It would be endlefs to enumerate all those who have acquired celebrity by depicting of animals. Let me recommend to you the Catalogue of Ancient Artifts, arranged with fo much judgment, by Franc. Junius. This will inform you of the number of artifts, who have acquired immortal fame by their reprefentations of various animals.

* Tom. II. p. 654. § 11. + l. m. n. Tab. xiii.-40, 15, 16, 31.

We will now direct our attention to those great masters that were your immediate predecessors, whose admirable performances must have made an indelible impression upon your minds. Who, of the present assembly, does not pant after the immortal fame, so justly acquired by a Van Berchem, a Potter, a Wouwerman, a Wenix, an Adrian Van de Velde, a Houdekoeter, and other great men which this country has produced? So superior and so manifold are the excellencies of these masters, that it would require too much of our time to particularize them; yet I do not recollect that any one, except the indefatigable Crispin Van de Pas, has professed written on the proportions of animals; or has given, to the ambitious student, any rules to forward his fucces.

What Da Vinci has advanced upon the fubject of horfes, is not adapted to give general ideas. All that is communicated by P. Lomazzo, is merely a poetic defcription of the beauty of fome animals. Charles Vander Mander amufes himfelf with trifles; and Laireffe paffes over the fubject in total filence.

My undertaking must confequently appear to you the more bold and hazardous. But although the imperfections of the attempt cannot efcape the obfervation of this intelligent audience, yet I am perfuaded they will find an apology in its difficulties. You will readily perceive that the idea could alone fuggest itself, by my attention to the close connexion there is between the tedious and indelicate employment of diffecting animals, and the most elegant of the arts! To the accidental union of thefe two ufeful purfuits in the fame perfon, may be afcribed all that may be deemed ufeful in the following remarks. I will add, that a very large collection of the fkeletons of different animals, in my cabinet, has given me frequent opportunities of comparing together their fpecific forms. I fhall deem myfelf abundantly recompenfed, if my labours fhould awaken and direct Genius to bring this part of the fcience to the perfection of which it is capable.

I propose to give two Lectures upon the subject. In the first, I shall point out the similarities that exist between quadrupeds of every kind; between these and fowls; and also fish; and, finally, indicate those peculiarities to which the painter, or statuary, should direct his principal attention.

In the fecond Lecture, I fhall point out the refemblance between quadrupeds, fowls, and fifh; and propose an infallible method of sketching all these animals; and shall conclude with demonstrating, that, like another Proteus, we may with a few strokes of the pencil, change a cow into a horse, a stork, or into any kind of state we please.

I will not wafte your time by attempting to delineate animals in the most perfect manner with the pencil of Zeuxis, but rather, like Agatharchus, hastily draw the outlines, and leave it to your taste and judgment to supply the minutiæ which add elegance to a figure. I shall be amply fatisfied if you should be able to discover, amidst these imperfect essays, principles that may ferve as the foundation of more perfect attempts.

No one who holds the art of painting in due effimation, can doubt that it is the grand object of the artift to delineate his figures after the life, and with the utmost accuracy; or to reprefent, by the closeft imitation, the different objects which all-bounteous Nature has beftowed upon us in fo rich an abundance; yet it is highly advantageous, and, to excel, abfolutely neceffary for the painter to acquire an intimate knowledge of all those created beings he wishes to reprefent; and to penetrate, as it were, into the plans and defigns of the great Creator, in the formation of the aftonishing variety which ftrikes us in the animal creation, and which excites within us the pleasing emotions of wonder and admiration!

I fhall begin with Man, whom we will confider as the most perfect quadruped, and gradually defcend to apes, dogs, the yerboa, &c. thence proceed to fowls, and then pass over to the finny tribe.

Perhaps you will confider the undertaking as extravagant, and the expression unguarded; but I hope foon to convince you, that fish and fowls, as well as horses and cows, may justly be deemed quadrupeds, although they are differently formed, that each may be able to exert the requisite movements in the most easy manner, according to its particular station. Each animal differs also in the form of its head, body, set, tail, &c. according to the design for which it was created; yet, extra-

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vagant as the polition may appear, I shall prove that the oyster, bound to a particular spot, contains the first principle of the fishy tribe, these of fowls, these of the dog, and every other quadruped, up to man himself!

I would willingly give you ocular demonstration of the fact, by placing before you a fketch of each; but this would be impracticable, within the limits of the hour. I fhall confine myfelf, in the prefent Lecture, to the clofe refemblance that fubfifts between the different parts of these animals. I fhall therefore delineate before you, the fkeleton of a man, of a dog, an eagle, and a penguin, that you may be convinced of the likeness that fubfifts between them. The fish we fhall referve for the next Lecture *.

You perceive by this general comparison, that man is the most perfect of all animals; not because he walks with an erect countenance, as Plato, and after him Cicero and Ovid, have remarked; as if it was a peculiar privilege in a man to look towards the heavens; for, as Galen has justly observed, several species of fish enjoy this privilege in a more perfect manner. The grand corporeal advantage enjoyed by man is, that he can walk, and even fit, in an erect attitude. I

* The publication is neceffarily imperfect concerning this very interefting article, as the Profeffor's principles cannot be illustrated by the diversity of examples he delineated before the audience; in which he demonstrated the grand points of refemblance, and traced progressively the kinds and degrees of deviations from them. may also add, that man alone is able to repose upon his back; and that, by the centre of motion being placed in the middle of his body, he is enabled to turn himfelf, to bend his body in a great diversity of manners, and to walk with peculiar facility. All these advantages necessarily flow from the peculiar mechanism of his form. He has also many other advantages, which it would be foreign from our purpose to enumerate. To return to the brute creation.

I. Every one that contemplates a fine horfe, is ftruck with the beauty of his neck. When we view a camel, the length of his neck and the fmallnefs of his head firike us the moft. In the elephant, its long trunk, or probofcis, is the principal object of admiration. In the cow, the thickness of its body is most remarkable. In the greyhound, on the contrary, it is the thinnefs of body and flendernefs of the feet that attract our chief attention. In the mean time it is extremely obvious, that these forms of particular parts are a necessary confequence of the ends to which these different animals are deftined. Cicero has given us a beautiful defcription of thefe fingular differences, which manifests his deep penetration into the defigns of Nature. " Some animals," fays he, " are low of stature, that they may the more eafily reach from the earth the food it affords for their nutrition. But those animals which, for wife reafons, are taller (as cranes, and alfo the camel) are affifted by the length of their necks. Elephants are furnished with a species of hand, by which those animals gather their food from the ground; as the immense

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bulk of their bodies renders it impracticable for them to bend or ftoop."*

This idea is exemplified in the fhark; which, although it has long teeth, is defitute of a fnout, which would be ufelefs, as that animal feeks and devours its food while fwimming in the water. Many are the inftances of the neceffity of a fnout in fome animals, and its ufeleffnefs in others; and Nature has wifely made their forms correspondent. Galen has moreover juftly remarked, that in those animals which gather their food from the earth, the neck is the length of the feet $\frac{1}{7}$.

However worthy these observations of Cicero and Galen may be of their authors, and applicable to our present purpose, I confess that I had not an adequate conception of their importance, until my remarks concerning animals were brought to some degree of perfection, and those further discoveries were made which shall be hereafter explained.

That diftinguished naturalist Ray, has, in his Preface to Willoughby's Treatife on Fish, expressed the thought of Cicero in other terms. He has further observed, that fish are destitute of necks; not merely because they have not feet, but because they can procure their food in every part of the watery element without them. Aristotle has likewise remarked that fish are destitute of necks. Snakes are also without them; and in this respect is their form very similar to that of fish.

2. Refpecting the feet, it is to be observed that the wife Creator has uniformly made the fore feet of those animals, whose statute renders a long neck necessary, lower than the hind feet, as in the sheep, the deer, and camel; and in such animals the dorfal vertebræ gradually descend from the hips. The giraffe is an exception, being destined to other purposes.

3. If we attend to the belly, we fhall perceive that it is much larger in those animals that feed upon grass, than in the carnivorous class; and in those which chew the cud, than in those which do not. The reason is evident; the organs of digestion, or, in other words, the intestines destined to convert animal substance into animal substance, need not be so ample and voluminous as those whose office it is to transmute grass into animal substance. In this kind of vegetable, nutritious particles are diffused over a large surface, while it is comprised in a much such such such animal food.

The cow eats a large quantity at once, and afterwards ruminates. The horfe eats continually. The cow must confequently have a much larger belly than the horfe, and this a larger one than the dog, &c.

4. The comparative length of animals is also proportionate to the number of the vertebræ of the loins. Some, as the elephant, have only three; the horfe, has five; the cow, fix; the lion, cat, and camel, have feven.

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5. In animals that live upon gramina; as elephants, horfes, oxen, deer, camels, and in all that chew the cud, alfo in fwine, the feet are horned, whether they be whole as in the horfe, or cloven as in the cow and fheep; becaufe the animals must stand continually to procure their food. All the others are divided into two, three, four, or five fingers, as in man. More than five fingers are never found in any quadruped.

6. In fowls, the wings terminate in fingers. All have a thumb to each wing; in the majority two fingers are fuperadded. Many are furnished with nails; as the oftrich and the spurred water-hen.

The above remarks are fufficient to evince this truth: The more perfectly an artift is acquainted with the nature of animals, and the defigns of their particular formation, the better he will fucceed in his attempts to delineate them.

But as verbal defcriptions may not be fufficiently obvious, we will call in the aid of fketches; the explanation of which will clearly indicate the truth and importance of my obfervations. [. 149]

EXAMPLES.

EXAMPLE I.

THE HORSE. See PLATE III. FIG. 1.

I. Let BCDEF. limit the body and feet of the horfe. For the animal to move itfelf properly, the feet must be as GE. and HD. in length.

2. Trace the courfe of the fpine with its cavity. Let A Y. be the foremost rib; and A. the moveable point of the first vertebræ of the neck. All quadrupeds have seven of these vertebræ.

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1. The neck and head of the animal must be fo long, that he shall be able to reach his food; that is, as A Y - Y Z.

2. When the head is fmall in proportion to the height of the animal, the neck must necessfarily be longer; as takes place in camels, sheep, &c.

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3. When the head is creft, the neck must necessarily be curved; either externally as BOF, or inwardly, as in aged horses; and the neck is more or less in the direction of BEF, in proportion as it finks.

4. In order to fupport fo long a neck, the proceffes of the vertebræ nearest to the prominence of the neck, or withers, must be very long, as in the horse. See A B.

They are of confequence florter in the animals whofe necks are differently formed; and the flortest in the human species, as man carries his head erect.

It is to be remarked, that the horfe is furnished with a large mulcle which runs over SC. to R. and unites with the *Soleus* at Ω , which empowers him to kick backwards with fo much force, and which is peculiar to this animal. The cow being defitute of it, this part of the body is confequently hollow.

By the way, the head of Bourgelat's horfe in the Hippiatrique is too fmall; the length from E to S, or from the extremity of the fhoulder to the extremity of the buttocks, being two heads and two-thirds, whereas it must be two and one-half, as in the painting of Stubbs, and other good masters. In the English model of a horse stript of its integuments, the head is only one-third of the length from F. to S. that is, considerably shorter. Unless these animals were furnished with extraordinary long necks, they would not be able to graze.

The height B E. from the withers to the hoofs, is generally equal to F S. and mostly five feet. I have found the majority of heads to be two feet in length, even in foals; but the necks of these are proportionably longer.

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EXAMPLE II.

THE COW. PLATE III. FIG. 2.

First, Draw the outlines of a horse as before. Secondly, Shorten the feet from E to e. and from D to d.

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In confequence of this confiderable difference in the length of the feet, the neck of the cow need not be longer than from A to Γ . and when ftretched in ftooping to graze, as from A to Y. Hence the neck cannot be arched, as in the horfe, nor is it neceffary, but it gently inclines upwards. The weight of the head always finks it, and alfo the horns, lower than the prominence B. This is always the cafe in that fpecies of cattle that is moftly known in Holland. It is for this reafon that the withers, or prominence B. is not fo elevated as in the horfe. Other peculiarities will manifest themfelves.

EXAMPLE III.

THE DOG. PLATE IV. FIG. 3.

1. Draw, as before, the outlines of the horfe, and the line of the vertebræ.

2. Contract the belly from GH. to GZ. this difference being occasioned by the nature of the food, as has been explained. The neck of this animal is of various lengths, as it frequently eats and gnaws its food lying, as well as in a standing posture.

4. The feet must be made slender, in proportion to the fwiftness of the animal.

5. As the thigh bone from H to n, is longer than in a horfe, the leg n * becomes proportionably fhorter.

6. The tail must be made to fpring upwards.

EXAMPLE IV.

THE CAMEL. PLATE IV. FIG. 4.

1. Sketch as before; but the feet must be made longer, and the belly thicker. In confequence of this difference,

2. The neck must necessarily be longer than that of the horfe; and the head, though it be of equal fize with that of the horfe, will appear fmaller, from the fame cause.

3. When the head is creft, the neck must be made to curve from beneath upwards, contrary to that of the horse; and in such a direction, that the position of the head may correspond with the centre of gravity.

4. In this animal, as well as in the fheep and deer, the line A F. must have only a fmall degree of inclination upwards.

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EXAMPLE V.

THE ELEPHANT. PLATE V. FIG. 5.

I. Draw the horfe as before.

2. Were the neck of this animal to be as in the horfe, from A to Γ , that is, long enough for the mouth to reach the ground, high and prominent withers would become requifite, proportionate to the weight to be fupported. But this form could not take place according to the general conftruction of the animal. Therefore must the neck be flortened, as from A to r. But the animal not being able to reach the ground, a trunk, or probofcis, becomes neceffary.

3. The vertebræ of the breaft and back, must now be made to form an arch.

4. The elephant has only three vertebræ of the loins, and becomes proportionably fhorter.

Other peculiarities shall be left to your own observation.

LECTURE III.

THE SUBJECT CONTINUED.

I T has been obferved in the preceding Lecture, that no one, excepting Crifpin Van de Pas, has given us particular rules for delineating every fpecies of animal, with any degree of precifion. I will now add, that the fkeletons which lay the foundation of the whole fuperftructure, and direct the form both of men and animals have generally been reprefented in fo imperfect a manner, that they are of no use to the painter.

All the fkeletons reprefented by Coiters, are extremely bad; those of Meyer are ftill worfe. Nor is there a fingle one in the coftly, and in other respects, excellent work of Buffon, that can be of the least fervice to the artift. In all of these, as in the productions of Coiters, the *dorfal vertebræ*, or backbones, are in a right line: the fhoulder-bones, with the bones of the fore arm, the bones of the thigh, with the fhanks, are also in a right line. Thus are the feet, in proportion to the length of the neck, fo long, that not one of these animals would be able to reach its food from the ground.

Chefelden, in his valuable Treatife on the Bones, has given us a very large collection of the skeletons of different animals; which are beautifully executed. These have been engraved by Vander Gucht and Schynvoet in a masterly manner; but after imperfect models. Those of the lizard, the turtle, the crocodile, and the eagle, are beautiful; those of the bear, rabbit, and swan, are inimitable. The skeleton of the oftrich may ferve; but that of the hog is entirely useles. Upon the whole, the skeletons of animals left us by Chefelden, are the most beautiful and accurate of any.

You will naturally fuppofe that the skeleton of the horse, which is the most beautiful and most useful of animals, must have been delineated with peculiar care and exactness. But alas! exclusive of those painted by the great master in this department, Stubbs, and engraved after his paintings, I know not of any that deferve commendation.

The reprefentations of Carlo Ruini, who led the way, are ufeful to convey a general idea of the anatomy of the parts; but they cannot ferve the painter. What then is to be expected from the works of Sannier and Snape, and of others, which are merely bad copies from the imperfect engravings of Carlo Ruini! It is a fubject of ftill greater aftonifhment, that in the celebrated Royal Veterinary School at Charenton, near Paris, there is not a fingle fkeleton of a horfe that I would admit into my cabinet, although they were all mounted by Bourgelat himfelf. In every one of them the fhoulderblades and bones of the arms are badly placed. The fkeleton of the horfe given us by Buffon, and that by La Gueriniere, are ftill worfe than the preceding. That of Stubbs is mafterly and accurate; all the parts are properly placed, are in just proportions, and well delineated. In his finished pieces the muscles are represented with an accuracy that cannot be exceeded. In a word, his skeleton of the horse, and his arrangement of the muscles, exhibit such a master-piece, that the author deferves the highest honours that were ever bestowed upon an artist.

If artifts in general fucceed fo ill with the horfe, whofe extensive utility places him perpetually before our eyes, what is to be expected in the figures of other animals that have not been imitated by a Stubbs?

It is acknowledged, that a minute acquaintance with the anatomy of every animal would require fo much time, that no artift could poffibly attain it. Obfervation alfo manifefts, that the most renowned artifts have acquired their celebrity before they were thirty years of age. But an accurate knowledge of the principal parts, particularly of those which I have demonstrated to possible a general fimilitude, is absolutely neceffary, both to sketch the different animals with more expedition, and with a greater degree of precision.

This feems to have been the method followed by Potter, Berchem, Wouverman, Snyders, Castiglioni, and the inimitable Testa, whose works I can recommend for their peculiar accuracy. I shall not mention Reidinger, because all his animals, a few of his dogs and deer excepted, are abfolutely caricatures, and have nothing but the execution to recommend them.

Van Berchem is not perfectly accurate in the disposition of the parts in his cows, affes, &c. The shoulder-blades are mostly imperfect, particularly of those represented in a front position. The heads of his apes are bad. Many of his sheep are ill delineated, though etched by himself. The skeleton is uniformly imperfect; yet his books for drawing are the least erroneous. Those engraved by D. Vischer have the imperfections of their originals; and the hairy covering is much inferior.

In the hunting of the deer, by Dankerts, is a beautiful horfe; but the body of the deer is too flender.

Adrian Van de Velde has well delineated most of the cows, in his Book of Horned Cattle. The bull, in a standing posture, is remarkably well drawn; and also a grazing heifer, although its feet are somewhat too long. In some, the hip-bones are too long, particularly in the walking cows. His eating horse is bad. The head is one-third too small for the height. The prominence on the neck, or withers, is not high enough; and, on account of the some may think that the painter so an unufual length. Some may think that the painter so of grazing, as the extreme length of the distended neck is no pleasing figure. Great address is requissite to make it graceful. A grazing cow, which Van de Velde has etched himfelf, is remarkably beautiful.

Paul Potter has etched a bull, which is much inferior to that of Van de Velde. Many of his cows are very imperfect in their form. He is always embarraffed with the fhoulderblade. This appears principally to be the cafe in those that have been etched by M. de Bije.

But you will enquire, Why then do we confider the pieces of all these celebrated masters as so beautiful? The explanation is not difficult. Our own imperfect knowledge of the exact form of animals, renders us contented with whatever is agreeably executed upon the whole. We are enchanted by a graceful attitude, by a masterly stroke of the pencil, or by the high finishing of the whole; and this conceals our own ignorance, as well as the imperfections of the artist.

The works of D. Stoop are in fome estimation by connoiffeurs; but all his horses are ill drawn. The feet are too clumfy, the heads and necks are too small. All his greyhounds are inaccurate. In short, he scarcely deferves the name of a master.

What shall we fay of S. de Vlieger? His landscapes indeed are picturesque; but his fowls are bad; his hounds are

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imperfect in their shoulders and fore legs. Neither are his hogs or sheep accurate.

Peter de Laer has sketched his goats, dogs, asses, and hogs, tolerably well; but his horses have the same imperfections as those of Stoop; and his cows are bad.

Joan Vanden Hecke deferves no commendation, although he is not unknown to connoiffeurs. His horfes, cows, affes, dogs, in a word, all his animals are badly delineated.

A. B. Flamen has fucceeded very well in his fifnes; but his quadrupeds are very inferior to most others.

Picart le Roman has left behind him a large collection of lions; most of which are ill drawn. Some by Rembrandt are extremely fine; and that by Alb. Durer is beautiful upon the whole; but the heads of all are defective, excepting those by Rembrandt.

Many painters give a difagreeable phyfiognomy to their animals, through inattention to the pupil of the eye. Although the pupil is round in multitudes, yet in all animals that graze, it is oblong in an horizontal direction. In lions, tygers, cats, &c. it is perpendicularly oblong. In dogs the pupil is not in the centre of the eye, but approaching to the nofe. Refpecting the teeth, most artists are guilty of great errors.

Ph. Wouwerman has not only painted his horfes in a very fpirited manner, but with more accuracy than I have observed in most others.

Those engraved by Dankerts, and Joh. de Vischer, I place in the superior class of engravings.

To enumerate every particular would be an endlefs tafk. Let it fuffice, that I have pointed out to you all fuch defects in the greateft and most celebrated masters as might have been avoided, by the manner I am about to explain. But we will first examine what C. Vander Pas has done.

This artift, in the fifth part of his work, page the fixth, has proposed what he deems an easy method of sketching the figure of a horse, without the rule or compass.

He draws a fquare by the eye (fee Plate VI. Fig. 6.) A B C D. This he divides into nine equal parts, fee 1, 2, 3, &c. He then makes three circles; one for the breech, one for the belly, and one for the breaft and fhoulders.

C. Van Mander has alfo recommended three circles; and it is poffible that Van de Pas, who published his work in the year 1665, has copied the method of C. Van Mander, which was published in 1603.

V. de Pas gives a third part of the fourth and fifth fquares to complete the fhoulder, and the lower part of the belly. A tenth fquare he defines to the neck; the diagonal of which limits the length of the neck and head.

To the above method it must be objected, First, That very few perfons would be able to form these squares with fufficient accuracy by the hand. Secondly, The author has not explained the reafon why the centre of these circles fhould be placed on the oblique lines F G. nor how they are circumfcribed. According to this rule the crofs, or crupper b. rifes higher than the withers at H. whereas the latter, according to Bourgelat, should be one-tenth higher; and, according to Stubbs, it is at least of an equal height. This proportion differs also from his own drawings (fee p. 7, of his Treatife). Thirdly, By this method the head of the horfe cannot be one-third of its height; for the height of the withers H. to the bottom of the foot I. is two heads and an half; or rather, the head is equal to one-fifth of the height and length of the horfe. Fourthly, He makes the heel M. and the fore hand N. of an equal height; whereas the latter is the length of one head from the ground, and the former I and I-6th.

Thus it is manifest, that the method proposed is imperfect

and uncertain; particularly when the animal is to be delineated in any other posture.

The proportions given by Bourgelat are not bad; but the head of his horfe is too fmall.

The directions of one Heinrich Lauten Saks*, for delineating the proportions of men and horfes, are highly praifed by Chr. Theoph. Murr. But I have never feen that publication.

Vander Pas, in the twenty-fourth page of his Treatife, gives the following directions for drawing the cow:

Divide the length A B. (fee Plate VI. Fig. 7.) into three parts; twice one-third of which, or four parts out of fix, defcribe the height of the animal, and one-third its thicknefs. The head is made one-fourth of this line. The other parts are not determinate: nor does a cow ever fland with its head fo high. Thus the method proposed is of little use to the artist; for it neither describes the height or shape of the withers, back, or loins, nor does it limit the neck.

The fame author, in his twenty-third table, propofes the following rules for the elephant. He divides a fquare into twelve equal portions, and makes an oval for the rump, without giving any determinate fize. But the whole figure is

* Unterweifung der perspectief und proportion der Menchen und Roffe.

void of proportion. Nor has he delineated the feet in a proper manner. He has made the hind thicker than the fore feet; whereas in elephants, camels, and horfes, the reverfe is obfervable.

The skeleton given by Perrault is very imperfect, and out of all proportion. The same may be afferted of that by Buffon. His representation of the elephant, in Plate I. p. 142, is made after a model that is by no means satisfactory.

I am politive that the model which I had taken of an elephant is accurate in all its proportions: but it was only a calf, and its head was in reality lower than its back. The head of the elephant delineated by Buffon, has the prominence, or withers, higher than the rump. I was furprifed at this difference; but when I was at Paris last fummer, I faw a much larger elephant than that I had modelled, and perceived that the head and withers were higher. This animal was in fize, between that of Buffon and mine. Thus the proportions I have given are only applicable to younger elephants.

In his twenty-fifth table, Vander Pas has delineated a camel, and he has given an oval for the form of its belly. Every other part is alfo badly drawn. The dogs, reprefented in his thirty-first table, are universally defective; and also the rules he proposes for drawing the cat.

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He also proposes in his forty-third table, three circles for the deer; the first fmaller than the second, and the second than the third; but without explaining the reason, or limiting the fize of either circle.

Since this artift is the only one who has attempted to give us rules for delineating different fpecies of animals, and I have demonstrated the imperfection of these rules, though it is acknowledged that the attempt was highly laudable, I shall now proceed to indicate a method that is more simple, and much more certain.

GENERAL RULES,

APPLICABLE TO ALL ANIMALS.

See Plate V. Fig. 8.

RULE THE FIRST.

1. Draw the line A B C. according to the proposed length; or rather, according to the nature of the animal to be delineated; of confequence inclined, less inclined, or more inclined; as in sheep, camels, &c.

2. Complete the horizontal oval A B C D.

3. Draw the line F E. to mark the fhoulder-blade; and CH. for the hip-bone; which, for a horfe, must be made equal to two-thirds of the head in length; and for a cow, equal to the whole length of its head. Sketch alfo the bone of the arm by E G. and that of the thigh by I K. fo that the elbow and knee in a horfe, cow, &c. be exactly of a height, and even with the belly.

4. Complete the fore and hind legs; that is, draw KL, MN, NO, OP; and GR, RS, ST. When R and L are of equal length, the heel M L. naturally rifes higher.

5. Sketch the neck according to the nature of the animal, and afterwards the head, paying attention to the rules already laid down. See the preceding Examples, Lecture II. p. 110.

By recollecting the observations made respecting the different forms of animals, according to their destination; and also the difference in the length of the loins, the above sketch may be made applicable to every case *.

RULE THE SECOND.

By fketching the muscles of the fhoulder and fore arm a, Q, g, t, G, f, R. the form of the fore leg will be obtained; and by fketching c, b, H, c, d, M, &c. the form of the hind leg.

RULE THE THIRD.

The foremost rib is always rectilinear, and covered by the fhoulder-blade. The hind ribs always incline obliquely backwards. In a horfe, they run near to the hip-bone; in a cow, the loins are longer. Hence proceeds the triangular cavity (Plate III. Fig. 2.) E F G.

* See Page 146. No. 12, &c.

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RULE THE FOURTH,

In all animals with hoofs, or horny feet, the arms and legs, from the middle to the lower joints, are the longest. Fig. 8. R S. and M N.

In all animals that fpring forwards, as lions, hares, dogs, &c. the thighs are much longer than the legs. See the Greyhound, Plate IV. Fig. 3.

APPLICATION OF THE ABOVE RULES IN DELINEATING FOWLS.

PLATE VI. FIG. 9.

1. Draw the oval as before, and place the arm in A B. which is now folded up, as the bird is in a flate of reft. Draw, in like manner, CD. which may be termed the hand, and D F. which corresponds with the thumb, and D E. the remaining fingers.

2. Draw next G H. the hip-bone and the rump; I K. the ham; K L. the thigh; L M. the leg; and M. the claws.

3. Draw the neck Q N. proportionate to the height of the body, and complete the head Q R. In fome fowls the upper jaw, or beak, is very moveable, to the extent of R S. as in ducks, &c. 4. If it be a flying fowl, the breaft-bone must be furnished with a large rib, deftined to the infertion of muscles (the offrich and cassowary are deftitute of this) and also with an arched bone (the merry-thought) NO. for the fame purpose.

By filling up with muscles, the form of the thigh, &c. is obtained; by placing the feathers upon these, the whole form of the fowl. Cover first the wings, then the thighs, &c.*

OBSERVATIONS.

I. In order to place the centre of gravity forwards, Nature has formed in all fowls the back very flort, and made them deftitute of loins. Many fowls have only fix vertebræ, and confequently not more than fix ribs on each fide; which is fcarcely more than one-third of the feventeen vertebræ with which the human fpecies is furnifhed. In the frog, in which the centre of gravity is neceffarily thrown backwards, the reverfe takes place. It was neceffarily thrown backwards, the reverfe takes place. It was neceffary that this animal fhould retain the loins, in order to throw the ftrength of the mufcles into its thighs and hind legs. Thus has the Supreme Creator rendered it almost deftitute of a back, and placed the head contiguous to the loins. For the fame reason it is def-

* Belon de Mans has given two fkeletons, the one of the human form, and the other of birds; in which he has reprefented the refemblance of all the bones from the head to the feet, in a very fatisfactory and elegant manner. I had not taken notice of this before the year 1779. See *Hiftoire de la Nature des Oifeaux*, publifhed in 1554. pages 40, 41. titute of ribs, and hence does its body appear fo extremely fhort.

II. Since it has been fhewn that the fore feet of all animals are correspondent with the wings of birds, and also with our arms, it is to the highest degree absurd to give wings to the human form; as is the practice in the reprefentation of angels, Cupids, &c.* In like manner the existence of a centaur is impossible. For this quadruped would in reality have fix feet, double breasts, and two distinct bellies. That neither tritons nor mermaids can exist, will appear from the above remarks concerning the form of birds.

* It is obfervable, that in all the birds which fly, the pectoral mufcles conflitute the principal part of their bulk : peculiarly ftrong mufcles being neceffary to communicate fuch force to the wings, that they fhould be able to fufpend the body in the air, and to propel it forwards. Were the painter to furnifh his angels with thefe mufcles, they would become monfters; without them, he fuppofes an impoffibility. This idea might be extended much further. In the human form, a mafs of pectoral mufcles, infinitely larger in proportion to that in fowls, would be requifite, in order to overcome the weight of man's pofteriors; which being intended to enable him to walk firmly upon the earth, prevents him from fpringing more than a few feet above it. Would not painters therefore do wifely to leave thofe unmeaning fans, and, in their reprefentation of celeftial beings, truft to the lightnefs and elegance of their forms, and divinity of their countenances? If cuftom has fo far confecrated wings, that they cannot be difpenfed with, furely much more care fhould be taken than is generally obfervable, that they be not made to carry a greater weight than is abfolutely neceffary.

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APPLICATION OF THE ABOVE RULE IN DELINEATING FISHES.

PLATE VI. FIG. 11.

The fimilarity of fifh to quadrupeds may be demonstrated in the following manner:

1. Draw as before the oblong oval BACG. as in Plate V. Fig. 8. Since the fifth neither have nor require a neck, excepting those that respire, which are furnished with a short one, place the head DABE. immediately upon the back-bone A.*

2. As the rump has no diffinct and feparate motion, though it is in equipoife with the water, a power is required fimilar to the oar of a boat (fee $\Delta \Pi \odot$ of Fig. 11.) to which the fifth may now be compared. As great mobility is requifite in a fifth, it is obvious that the tail C H. becomes neceffary; and alfo the large transfers bones for the infertion of the muscles. In proportion as $\Pi \odot$, or the tail, is long, will the fifth be able to move itself with the greater velocity.

* In all fifh the head is joined to the first vertebra, through the medium of cartilage, in like manner as the vertebræ are united with each other.

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INFERENCES.

INFERENCE I.

The boat would be the most steady, were the centres of motion and gravity to unite in the fame point. This is impossible in a boat, but it always takes place in a fish. Hence it is that fish are able to fwim in a right line; whereas the fore part of the boat must move from fide to fide. But the fish must keep itself in a straight line, and it is furniss with fins for this purpose, both upon the breast BF. and under the belly at G. Take away BF. and the fish will fall upon its fide.

INFERENCE II.

1. Since fifth are naturally in equipoife with the water, and they all fwim, or row themfelves forwards by means of the tail, it follows, that their polition in the water must be horizontal.

2. The centre of motion will vary according to the weight of the head; and upon this circumstance will depend the length of the tail.

3. Since greater diversity of form can take place in fiftthan in quadrupeds, there is space for a much greater diverfity of species in the first than in the last.

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4. The existence of fuch fea-monsters as mermaids and tritons is impossible, and the idea of them absurd; as these animals must be supposed to swim in an erect position, the tail forming an acute angle with the back; whereas the centre of gravity would unavoidably force them into a right line. But to return.

Since fifh move by means of the tail, they have no occafion for thighs, legs, or feet. Alfo, from the nature of their food, they do not in general require an offified jaw, as in quadrupeds and fowls.

The Natural Hiftory of the Frog affords us a curious and flriking example of the changes refpecting these circumstances, appointed by the wife Creator, in conformity to the exigencies of the animal. The frog is provided with a tail, as long as it is defitute of feet; but when these protrude, and have acquired fufficient force, the tail gradually contracts, until it totally disappears. This fingular phænomenon might be contemplated every spring, were not the animal too common, and deemed too insignificant to attract our notice.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF QUADRUPEDS INTO BIRDS.

PLATE VII. FIC. 12.

To change a cow into a crane.

1. Draw the skeleton of the cow as in the Second Example, p. 151.

2. Raife this upon the rump, as in G C. and the fore feet must necessfarily rife from the ground.

3. As the centre of gravity can no longer be supported by the affistance of the fore feet, the hind feet E.F. must be brought forwards to F I.

4. The carcafe, or body, being raifed fo much higher above the ground, the neck must be extended to G H. and the head must be placed backwards to be supported in H I. the line of gravity.

5. The fore feet not being any longer neceffary, are changed into wings, which are to be formed according to the Fourth Rule, p. 66.

6. As fowls are protected by their feathers, from being teafed by flies, &c. a long tail is not neceffary; for this, a fhort and very moveable tail is fubfituted to affift their flight.

THE TRANSFORMATION OF A QUADRUPED INTO THE HUMAN FIGURE.

PLATE VII. FIG. 13.

In order to avoid a multiplicity of lines, which would create confusion, it is best to represent any quadruped upon its four

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feet; the horfe, for example; and afterwards to place him erect upon his hind feet. The following changes will naturally follow:

1. The hips will be compressed into a right line with the hams or thighs.

2. The fore feet will hang downwards, close to the fides of the animal; hence a clavicle will become necessary.

3. The thighs and legs will now be rectilinear.

4. The head need not be placed upon a long neck, as the animal cannot graze in this polition; and therefore the prominence above the fhoulders, or withers, becomes unneceffary.

5. The back, in confequence of these alterations, is flatter.

6. The brains being of a larger volume, and placed before each other, require the head to be of a rounder form; and the centres of motion and of gravity must unite in the fame point.

7. The maxilla being neceffarily drawn inwards, the nofe projects beyond them.

8. The feet become fhorter, and terminate in five toes.

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N.B. It follows, from the Third Rule, that the thighs and calves, as well as the posteriors, must be made proportionably thick to support the body in an erect position. This has been judiciously remarked by Aristotle, "Homo unus cauda vacat, nates habet, quod nulli quadrupedum datum est. Crura etiam homini femore suraque carnulenta sunt. — Quorum causa una est omnium, quod homo solus animalium erestus est, itaque nates carnosas fecit, et femora et suras."

Thus, Gentlemen, have I accomplifhed the tafk which I had impofed upon myfelf, by pointing out to you the analogy that runs through animal nature. If I have not fucceeded to your expectations, in prefenting the rules fo clear and decifive as might have been wifhed, I hope I have awakened your curiofity, by having made you more acquainted with the general plan of the Creator, in the formation of animals; and demonftrated that a minute acquaintance with this will beft enable the ftatuary and painter to excel in the different branches of their art.

THE END.

