

# Notes on Natives.

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Among the careless assumptions of those who want to limit the labour movement to Europeans is the following:

"The native has a different skull from the European; hence he cannot be industrially his equal."

Wherein this alleged difference in skull prevents the natives from doing the same work as Europeans, we are not told. The facts of industrial life go far to disprove this so-called "fact." One need only visit Durban to see native shoemakers and carpenters' helpers doing the same work as Europeans, in the same way.

If "skull" were the test, we should have to draw distinctions between different European peoples. Yet the short-headed Armenian, the long-headed Pole, the broad-headed German, all work in the same factory, doing the same work, equally intelligently, for the same pay. In Constantinople, Jews with large, long heads and Armenians with small, round ones, are both keen petty traders.

Nor is thickness of skull any test. As well judge of the value of a safe's contents by the thickness of its walls! It is pure poppycock to say that a thick skull inhibits the brain's growth. Recent work in the study of the brain has disproven such "biology." It is now indubitable that BRAINSIZE has NOTHING to do with intelligence, once the brain is above a certain minimum size. It is likewise certain that the shape or thickness of the skull does not affect the brain's growth in complexity—i.e., in intelligence.

Let us not *invent* "biological facts" to excuse our remissness in reaching the natives.

