

## A Razor's Edge

The edge of a razor consists of innumerable points of 'teeth,' which, if the razor is of good material, follow each other throughout its whole length with great order and clearness. The unbroken regularity of these minute 'teeth' goes to make up the blade's excessive keenness. The edge acts upon the beard not so much by the direct application of weight or force as it does by a slight see-saw movement, which causes the successive 'teeth' to act rapidly on one certain part of the hairy growth. The best razors, according to the microscopists, have the teeth of their edges set as regularly as those of a perfectly set saw.

This explains the magic effect of hot water on the razor's blade—the act of dipping it thoroughly cleansing the teeth of any greasy or dirty substance with which they may have been clogged. Barbers often claim that razors 'get tired' of shaving and that they will be all right after awhile if permitted to take a rest. When in this 'tired' condition a microscopic examination of the edge shows that constant stropping by the same person has caused the teeth or fibres of the edge to all arrange themselves in one direction. A month of disuse causes these fine particles to rearrange themselves so that they again present the heterogeneous saw-toothed edge. After this little recreation each particle of the fine edge is up and ready to support his fellow, and it again takes some time to spoil the grain of the blade.

## The Duke's 'Thirteen Clock'

An ingenious timekeeping arrangement exists to-day which was designed by that famous Duke of Bridgewater who laced South Lancashire with canals, and died a hundred years ago. The Duke was a great stickler for punctuality, and he was annoyed that the workmen on his estate at Worsley did not return to work after dinner as promptly as they left off when the clock struck twelve. When he remonstrated he was told that while the workmen always heard the clock strike twelve, they often failed to hear the single stroke of one. The Duke of Bridgewater quickly found a remedy for this difficulty. He had a clock made that would strike thirteen times an hour after noon, and that clock proclaims one o'clock with a baker's dozen of sonorous strokes to this day. The 'thirteen clock' is one of the curiosities of Worsley Hall.

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