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Dr. Foote's Newly-improved Self Sight Restorer

# DR. FOOOTE'S NEWLY-IMPROVED SELF SIGHT RESTORER,

Price \$3,00, with Directions. To Clergymen, \$2,50.

New York, January 10th, 1866.

Reverend Sir:

In undertaking the more extended sale of DR. E. B. FOOOTE'S NEWLY IMPROVED SELF-APPLIED SIGHT RESTORER, OR "EYE SHARPENER" as he calls it, you have the evidence of my belief in its merits. We have an accumulation of evidence to satisfy any one of its value in restoring impaired sight. I believe it will inaugurate a revolution in a large majority of cases, enabling those who are now confined to the use of glasses to dispense with them. It is many years since attention was first given to the cause and cure of defective vision, and now the former seems to be understood, and the latter discovered.

### THE CAUSE OF FAILING SIGHT.

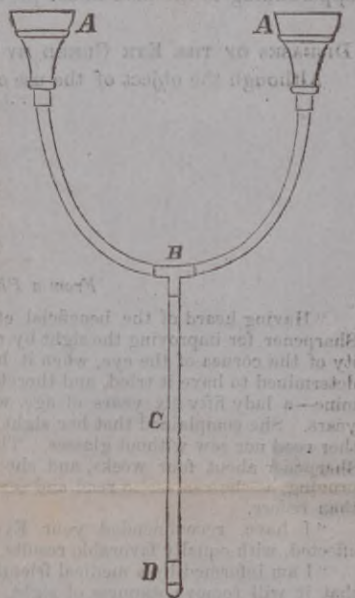
Good sight depends upon the natural globularity of the eye. Bad habits, in manipulating the eyes, gradually flatten the face of them. Nearly every person approaching the age of forty or fifty years, finds his sight gradually failing; books or newspapers have to be held further from the eyes to read readily. Soon spectacles are found necessary, and gradually glasses of greater magnifying power than those first used have to be employed. The eyes are then said to be affected with what is commonly called "old sight," but in the majority of cases, the difficulty arises from no change in the humors of the eye, but simply from the depression of the cornea. From childhood to old age, it is the habit of people, when the eyes become tired to rub them; one almost involuntarily does this. No perceptible effect is produced by doing so once, twice, nor yet twenty times; but, in the course of a few years, the pressure upon the face of the eye, little by little, flattens it, and the adoption of spectacles seems rather to hasten the change, so that at the age of sixty or seventy years, very powerful magnifiers seem to become necessary.

### THE SIGHT MAY BE COMPLETELY RESTORED.

Several years have elapsed since the first instrument for the restoration of the sight was invented, but it was defective, as nearly all first inventions for the removal of physical defects are, still it effected cures in many cases, and drew forth from the celebrated Professor Finney, of Oberlin College, and from many others, the most flattering testimonials. A greatly improved instrument has recently made its appearance, the effects of which are so almost universally successful, that testimonials of its excellence are flowing in daily from all parts of the United States. It is this instrument which I seek to introduce to your notice. The annexed diagram represents the instrument.

A A, are cups of cocoa-wood, made in a conical form inside as well as out. The cups are connected by the rubber tube B, while C is another rubber tube connecting with B at one end and terminating with a metallic mouth piece. The application is effected by placing the cups over the eyes, the lids being closed in the manner represented in cut below. The end of the tube C is placed in the mouth, then by gentle suction the sides of the eyes are pressed, and the centre of the eye slightly drawn forward, giving for the moment undue prominence to the cornea.

Repeated applications overcome the flatness of the cornea permanently, so that a person, after recovering his sight, will only have to use the instrument at intervals of a year or more, to preserve the sight to the most



A LADY USING THE IMPROVED EYE SHARPENER.

advanced age. The cups being placed over both eyes at the same time, and the exhaustion of air made by drawing upon the tube C

the pressure is exactly equal upon both eyes. Moreover, the pressure upon the eyes by this mode of exhausting the air from the cups, is completely under the control of the one employing it. With no greater effort than is employed in the inhaling the breath naturally, a pressure sufficient to hold the cups upon the eyes may be obtained, and when so adjusted, the user can exhaust as much more air as is compatible with comfort in the application of the instrument, and then by placing the end of the tongue against the orifice of the mouth-piece, the suction power may be retained without further effort in exhausting the air. Any person having eyes and mouth can use it indefinitely, and give a light or heavy pressure, as he or she may see fit, and the necessities of the case may require. It combines simplicity, durability, and utility, with none of the objections appertaining to the instrument previously introduced.

#### DISEASES OF THE EYE CURED BY THE USE OF THE INSTRUMENT.

Although the object of the use of the Self Sight Restorer, or-Eye

Sharpener, is to overcome what is called "old sight," many remarkable accounts are received, from time to time, of its curing amaurosis, dimness of vision, mists before the eyes, ophthalmia, and double sight. These cures must be effected by the quickening of the circulation in the visual organs. It will not probably succeed in a majority of such cases, but as it proves effectual in many, and the experiment is a cheap and harmless one, it would be well to give the instrument a trial, even in these troublesome difficulties.

#### IT WILL NOT INJURE THE EYE.

No pain or discomfort need be produced by the use of the instrument. While a grain of sand or any sharp foreign substances, entering the eye, may scratch, irritate or inflame it, pressure upon it cannot do a particle of injury. The membranes of the eye are tough as leather.

## TESTIMONIALS.

#### From a Physician.

"Having heard of the beneficial effects of your instrument, the Eye Sharpener, for improving the sight by re-shaping or increasing the convexity of the cornea of the eye, when it has become flattened by old age, I determined to have it tried, and therefore recommended it to a patient of mine—a lady fifty-six years of age, who had worn glasses over fifteen years. She complained that her sight was getting so bad, she could neither read nor sew without glasses. This lady has been using your Eye Sharpener about four weeks, and she assures me that her sight is improving, as she can see to read and sew better, and her eyes feel stronger than before.

"I have recommended your Eye Sharpener to others, similarly affected, with equally favorable results.

"I am informed by a medical friend, who had tried your instrument, that it will remove dimness of sight, when caused by weakness of the optic nerve, or when the humors of the eye are deficient in quantity or quality.

"This view of the curative agency of your Eye Sharpener confirms the opinion of Prof. Mackenzie, of the Glasgow University, expressed in his work, 'Practical Treatise on the eye.' All learned men, he remarks, 'agree that the cause of decay of vision is owing to a gradual and imperceptible flattening of the cornea; and the reason is, that when the humors which support the cornea of the eye cease to flow with their usual force and quantity, the cornea becomes flattened, and in consequence of this, the light in passing through is not sufficiently refracted, and does not converge on the retina, but would converge at a certain distance beyond it. The result is, that objects appear confused and indistinct, because the picture painted on the retina is imperfect.' I should be glad to hear, at your convenience, whether there are other affections of the eye to remedy which the Eye Sharpener is applicable.

"I remain, yours very respectfully,

"T. R. KINGET, M. D.

"East New York."

#### From a Lawyer, nearly or quite seventy years of age.

"TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—I, Daniel Parish, of the City of New York, certify that my vision had become so far impaired by age or bad habits in using and manipulating the eyes, that I could neither read nor write, nor transact any business that required the agency of them, without spectacles. So great was the inconvenience, that I was glad to have the opportunity of purchasing and testing upon my eyes, the Eye Sharpener manufactured by Dr. Foote; and I am rejoiced to be able to say, that, after the application of it upon my eyes for a few minutes each day, for a time, according to directions, my sight was restored, and I dispensed entirely with the use of glasses, which I always regarded as a necessary nuisance.

And I do further certify that I had been, previous to the use of this instrument, occasionally and severely afflicted with inflammation in my eyes, from which I was and am entirely relieved by the use of the aforesaid instrument.

"DANIEL PARISH,

"Attorney-at-Law, No. 229 Broadway, N. Y."

#### From an Inventor.

"I have for a few years past been afflicted by a rapidly failing sight. Within two years I had changed my glasses from a twenty-inch focus to thirteen. I used the instrument with the rubber bag attachment, and was convinced that it was acting upon my eyes injuriously, so that at a distance objects were blurred. When I read I was frequently attacked with this blurring of vision.

"I have been using one of the instruments now furnished by you with marked improvement. The blurring I have entirely recovered from, so that I now see distant objects nearly as well as ever. I now see well with glasses I long ago discarded, and hope by perseverance in the use of the instrument to attain a fair eyesight again. I will say, for the information of others, that at first I felt a slight irritation of the eye, which soon passed off, and I now use it without the least irritation.

"Yours respectfully,

"HENRY WATERMAN,

"Hudson, N. Y."

#### Letter from a Lady in Belknap County, N. H., to her Daughter in this City.

"Now I will tell you about the Eye Sharpener. It is just two weeks to-morrow night since I got them, and I have used them every night punctually, just as the paper told me, and I am astonished! As Mrs. W. says, I can read coarse print, and thread a fine needle such as we sew calico with, without my spectacles, and certainly I have sometimes tried twenty times, in vain, to do this even with my glasses on. I have used glasses seventeen years; since which time until now, I have not been able to read a word without them. Now I can read coarse print, and thread my needle the first time trying, and this with my own natural eyes! It seems as if I could not possibly believe it myself.

"There is something very curious about the Eye Sharpener. I like to use them, and always go over the ten minutes, I guess, but I don't dare to go much over the time.

"MRS. JULIA A. CLEMENTS.

"South Alton, N. H."

COMMENDATORY EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

As permission has not been asked to publish the following extracts from letters, the names of the writers will be omitted. But here is the affidavit of Dr. Foote, regarding their genuineness:

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } *To wit:*

EDWARD B. FOOTE, of the city of New York, in the county aforesaid, being duly sworn, says: That the extracts of letters which he herewith appends, commendatory of an optical instrument for the restoration of the sight, named and advertised as the Eye Sharpener, are genuine quotations from letters received by mail from the various counties named over each extract, which letters are now on file in his office. And, further, that the said testimonials were written without his (the deponent's) invitation or solicitation, and that they are but a sample of those received by him from all parts of the country, and from people of all classes, embracing physicians, clergymen, lawyers, artists, &c., as well as those in the humblest position in life; and further says not.

EDWARD B. FOOTE.

Sworn before me this 2d day of January, 1866,  
[L. s.] CHARLES W. KIRBY,  
Notary Public, 643 Broadway, New York City.

D. Barnum, Esq., 508 Broadway, New York, is my authorized General Agent, and will supply agents at my lowest prices to agents. He will also sell at Retail.

E. B. FOOTE, M. D.

*From a Gentleman in Beaver County, Pa.*

"I could not see to read or do anything without glasses. I can read quite well without glasses now. I have worn glasses about twenty years. I think your Eye Sharpener one of the greatest inventions of the age."

*From a Gentleman in Bremer County, Iowa.*

"I commenced the use of the Eye Sharpener according to directions. This morning I came into my office, and have read more without the aid of convex glasses than I have done for five years, and am now writing without any."

*From a Gentleman in Wayne County, Ind.*

"Your Eye Sharpener is received, and three weeks or more have operated upon my eyes, on which I find an improvement in my sight, so much so that on the Family Bible print I can read without my spectacles, which I could not do for ten or twelve years last past. Last Sabbath I read the first six chapters of the Book of Daniel without my glasses, and the Sabbath previous, an equal number of the Psalms, in the same way. My wife, too, is using the Eye Sharpener, and seems to have a proportionable benefit in her sight to that of myself."

*From a Gentleman in Howard County, Ind.*

"Mr. William, an elderly gentleman of this place, sent for your Eye Sharpener. I have done the correspondence for him, and have been interested in his experiment. I already see him reading ordinary print without glasses, a thing always remarkable in a person of his age, and especially so when I know his sight has for many years been so defective that he could hardly distinguish a person with whom he was intimately acquainted."

*From a Physician in Tioga County, Pa.*

"DEAR SIR:—Enclosed you will find remittance for the Eye Sharpener; please send it by return mail. I have one now in use in this village. I

am using it on an old gentleman that has been blind in one eye for a number of years; so much so, that he could not distinguish a man from a horse thirty feet from him, and since he commenced using the Eye Sharpener he can see to read print of ordinary size. It seems to be having the desired effect. I have a number of cases in this vicinity of similar character."

*From a Lady in Lawrence County, N. Y.*

"A thousand thanks to you for your Eye Sharpener. This very day I read six long verses in the Old Bible with my naked eyes. I cannot tell you how glad I am. For thirteen long years not one word have I read or needle could I thread without my glasses on. She (my daughter) is as proud as myself, for it is something she never saw before. Doctor, all the blue smoke, as I used to call it, has gone from my eyes. The very flowers look different. O, how I wish I could see you and talk with you. All I can say is, thank God, I can see once more. Thank Dr. Foote, I can see. Why, doctor, I would take no money for mine. Good-bye, for this time, and may God bless you and your work through life, is the prayer of  
E. S. W."

*From a Lady in Grafton County, N. H.*

"A lady in this town told me she had used glasses, and that the glasses were not mates, and they made one of her eyes see things different from what they were. Things would look double, and when she went to church the people would appear double, and look as if there was a great congregation. Your Eye Sharpener has cured that imperfection."

*From a Gentleman in Franklin County, N. Y.*

"The Eye Sharpener you sent me is doing wonders. I am fifty-three years old, and my sight was so impaired that I could not read by candle-light, unless very coarse print. I used your Eye Sharpener ten days, and can now read the finest print by candle-light, and everything looks differently to me."

*From a Lady in Luzerne County, Pa.*

"I could not see to read or do anything without glasses. I can read quite well without glasses now. I have worn glasses twelve years. I think the Eye Sharpener is doing wonders for me."

*From a Lady in Suffolk County, Mass.*

"I have used spectacles for more than ten long years for reading and sewing. I could not tell one letter from another in reading without them. Now I can read quite well in common type. I am astonished myself at what the Eye Sharpener has done for me in one month's time."

*From a Gentleman in Knox County, Ill.*

"I have now dispensed with the use of glasses, after twenty-two years' confinement to the use of them. It seems curious to me that I can now pick up the Testament, hymn-book or newspaper, and read with my natural eyes."

*From a Gentleman in Henry County, Iowa.*

"The Eye Sharpener you sent me has far exceeded my expectations. I am fifty-six years of age, gave up business ten years ago on account of

failing sight. I have been using the Eye Sharpener for four weeks, and find my sight so much improved that I can now begin to read and work without any inconvenience. I cannot close without informing you of the very remarkable cure effected on my daughter's eyes. She had been afflicted for the last five years with what I suppose you would call amaurosis. She has a very fine black eye; it has never been inflamed or externally sore, but a few hours' sewing or riding out in the air or light would cause her so much pain in her eyes and head that she would be unable to leave her room for twenty-four hours. She was in the city with me, a distance of fifteen miles, the day I received the Eye Sharpener, and it was with difficulty she could ride home. She applied the instrument, and in fifteen minutes was perfectly relieved, and by an occasional use of the instrument, her eyes have resumed their former luster, and she is now teaching school, and has not felt a symptom of the disease since the first application. I would not have missed the instrument for five hundred dollars."

*From a Gentleman in Lenawee County, Mich.*

"The article I obtained of you last May brought me to my sight, so that, notwithstanding I am seventy-three years of age, I read the finest print readily, and being in fact honest, I have no difficulty in making folks believe it."

*From a Lady in Henry County, Iowa.*

"I enclose remittance for an Eye Sharpener. Have sent for and received two others, which gave satisfaction, and would not be dispensed with for any money."

*From a Lady in Adams County, Ill.*

"I am happy to state to you that my eyes have received great benefit from your Eye Sharpener. One eye had been affected fourteen years, caused by erysipelas, the other one year. At first it appeared like grains of sand in the lid. There are still inflammatory difficulties about my eyes, but I am delighted to say that I can sit by the light and read, whereas before, I sat in the dark and could not read."

*From a Lady in Caledonia County, Vt.*

"I used it four weeks and found my sight so far restored that I had no use for glasses; I have not used them since. Thinking it a great blessing, and one that may be enjoyed by every one that now uses glasses, I have endeavored to persuade others to throw away their glasses."


*From a Lady in Winnebago County, Wis.*


"I received your Eye Sharpener and have disposed of most of them. The one I got for myself I used about five days, and I laid aside my glasses and have not put them on since, which is a great relief to me. My eyes were also very sore and troubled me exceedingly, so that I could not do anything in the evening with or without my glasses. Now I can see things in the evening nearly as well as ever, and see to read fine print and write. They have done wonders for me, and I shall sell all I can."

## AGENCIES.

By your ordering one dozen or more, I will appoint you or some suitable person you may select, as agent for your town or village, at the Doctor's own prices, from which there will be no variation, excepting that he has consented to allow me to sell single instruments at \$2.50 to ministers only; price to agents, single one, invariably \$3.00, the retail price; will send by mail, postage prepaid, on receipt of this price; not less than one dozen by express, the consignee paying express charges, \$18.00; per dozen, sent by mail, prepaid, \$20.00; not less than six by mail, prepaid, \$13.00. Terms, bankable funds here, on delivery of the goods. None sent on commission.

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