## IV.-RESEARCH.

# THE TIME TAKEN UP BY CEREBRAL OPERATIONS. ${ }^{1}$ 

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## III. The Perception-Time.

We have found the simple reaction-time on daylight for B and C to be about 150 s , and I have given my reasons for assuming that a perception-time is not included in this interval. The per-ception-time can be defined as the interval between sensation and perception (or between indefinite and definite perception, apperception), that is, the time passing after the impression has reached consciousness before it is distinguished. The impression is perhaps in the back-ground of consciousness when it reaches the optic thalami; before it is in the centre of consciousness it must probably travel to the cortex of the cerebrum and excite there changes corresponding to its nature. The method used by Wundt ${ }^{2}$ to determine this time is to let the subject react as quickly as possible in one series of experiments, and in a second series not to react until he has distinguished the impression, the difference of the times in the two series giving the perceptiontime for the impression. I have not been able myself to get results by this method; I apparently either distinguished the impression and made the motion simultaneously, or if I tried to avoid this by waiting antil I had formed.a distinct impression before I began to make the motion, I added to the simple reaction, not only a perception, but also a volition. The method for determining the perception-time suggested by Donders ${ }^{3}$ and since used by a number of others, is to let the motion depend on the nature of the stimulus. It has been thought by Donders, $v$. Kries and Auerbach and others, that if the subject reacts on one of two impressions and makes no motion when the other occurs, only a perception has been added to the simple reaction. This is however not the case, it being necessary after the impression has been distinguished to decide between making a motion and not making it. This question, which has been much discussed, becomes quite simple if we consider the cerebral operations that probably take place. I assume that the changes do not penetrate into the cortex at all when a simple reaction is made.

[^0]When, however, lights of two different colours (say red and blue) are used, and the subject may only lift his hand if the light is blue, the motor impulse cannot be sent to the hand until the subject knows that the light is blue. The nervous impulse must therefore probably travel from the thalami to the cortex and excite changes there, causing in consciousness the sensation or perception of a blue light; this gives a perception-time. In the cortex after the light has been distinguished a nervous impulse must be prepared and sent to the motor centre discharging a motor impulse there held in readiness.; this gives a will-time. I do not think it is possible to add a perception to the reaction without also adding a will-act. We can however change the nature of the perception without altering the will-time, and thus investigate with considerable thoroughness the length of the perception-time.

The object most quickly perceived through the sense of sight is a simple light. In order to investigate the time required I took two cards, one entirely black, the other having on the black a white surface. One of the cards, the observer not knowing which, was placed by the experimenter in the springs of the gravity-chronometer, and the clockwork of the chronoscope was set in motion. The observer fixated the grey spot on the screen immediately before the centre of the white surface (supposing this card to be there), and with his left hand broke an electric current and let the screen fall. The card appeared at the point fixated, and at this same instant the current controlling the chronoscope was closed. The observer either saw nothing, or at the point fixated a white surface. If the light appeared he lifted his hand as quickly as possible, if there was no light he did not let go the key, and the hands of the chronoscope ran on until the clockwork was stopped by the experimenter. Twenty-six experiments were made in a series, the white light occurring thirteen times. Determinations were only made when the light occurred, so the averages in this section are from thirteen reactions (in the corrected series from ten). It will be seen that, as the observer tries to make the reaction as quickly as possible, he may lift his hand when the light is not present. If this happens often the times measured are not correct, but too short, since we may assume that the observer lifte his hand as often when the white light is present before he has seen it, as he makes the motion when no light comes. We must however expect such a false reaction occasionally to occur, otherwise we might assume that the reaction is not made in the minimum time when the light is present. In these experiments such false reactions scarcely happened except when the observer was disturbed, or when the impressions to be distinguished were similar ( E from F , for example). In the tirst case the average is not seriously affected, as the reactions are as apt to be unduly retarded as unduly hurried. In the second case false reactions lead us to suppose that some of the reactions on the stimulus are too short. The method I have introduced of giving
a corrected average eliminates all premature reactions. I give in the Tables the number of false reactions made; ${ }^{1}$ it would have been well if v . Kries and Auerbach, Merkel and others had done the same.

We can now examine the Table giving the time needed to perceive and react on a white surface.

Table XII.

|  | B |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ | R | V | R' | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ |
| 14. 1. | 203 | 8 | 203 | 6 | 239 | 14 | 246 | ${ }^{7}$ |
| $19 . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 217 | 18 | 213 | 12 | 219 | 13 | 217 | 10 |
| 20............. | 222 | 22 | 222 | 15 | 226 | 13 | 226 | 9 |
| $31 . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 234 | 35 | 217 | 11 | 238 | 13 | 241 | 10 |
| 2. II........... | 219 | 21 | 214 | 13 | 215 | 16 | 217 | 11 |
|  | 214 | 30 | 206 | 18 | 216 | 12 | 219 | 7 |
|  | 207 | 20 | 203 | 7 | 256 | 20 | 254 | 10 |
| 25. III......... | 239 | 28 | 234 | 21 | 250 | 18 | 253 | 15 |
|  | 212 | 19 | 205 | 6 | 263 | 22 | 259 | 9 |
| $31 . . . . . . . . . . .$. | 215 | 34 | 205 | 15 | 244 | 16 | 248 | 9 |
|  | 189 | 13 | 186 | 6 | 245 | 10 | 242 | 7 |
|  | 191 | 16 | 189 | 7 | 251 | 11 | 252 | 5 |
|  | 183 | 12 | 185 | 8 | 248 | 17 | 242 | 12 |
| 2. VII......... | 213 | 13 | 212 | 7 | 262 | 7 | 268 | 4 |
|  | 209 | 13 | 210 | 8 | 251 | 11 | 251 | 6 |
| A. | 211 | 20 | 207 | 11 | 241 | 14 | 242 | 9 |

The simple reaction-tome for B and C is about $150 a$, therefore (on our hypothesis as to the nature of the cerebral operations, and assuming, though not without hesitation, that the corresponding physiological processes take up the same time as in the simple reaction) the time needed for the nervous impulse to travel from the thalami to the centre for sight in the cortex and excite the cells there so as to call forth the sensation of a light, and for a will-impulse to be prepared there and sent thence to the motor centre, was for B61, for C 95 . We may suppose that the time of the centripetal and centrifugal progress through the brain is about the same, and that the time used in the cortex is about equally divided between the perception of the light and the preparation of the motor impulse ; at all events the whole time is so short that, if we divide it equally between the processes of perception and volition, the error cannot be great. We therefore set the perception-time for light, where the nature of the light need
${ }^{1}$ After "false," the entire number made during the series given in the column ander which it stands.
not be distinguished, at $30 a$ for $\mathrm{B}, 50$ for C , and the will-time in these and similar experiments at the same.

The reaction was made with the speech-organs in quite the same manner. When the white surface was seen the observer said ' Weiss' and the hands of the chronoscope were stopped by means of the lip-key or sound-key. When no white surface was present the observer said nothing, and the hands ran on until the experimenter stopped the clockwork.

Table XIII.

|  | SOUND-EEY. |  |  |  | LIP-EEY. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | B |  | C |  | B |  | C |  |
|  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ |
| 3. IV... | 246 | 241 | 288 | 281 | 236 | 241 | 276 | 275 |
| 4.............. | 255 | 247 | 302 | 308 | 241 | 246 | 281 | 276 |
| 6.............. | 234 | 237 | 274 | 268 | 233 | 235 | 256 | 250 |
|  | 247 | 244 | 264 | 264 | 243 | 248 | 283 | 263 |
| 7............. | 248 | 246 | 274 | 268 | 244 | 245 | 256 | 258 |
| A. | 246 | 243 | 279 | 278 | 239 | 243 | 268 | 264 |
| AV........... | 20 | 11 | 18 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 18 | 12 |

We have seen that the motor-time is longer when a simple reaction is made with the speech-organs than when it is made with the hand. There is no reason why the perception and willtime found by subtracting the simple reaction-time (Table III.) from the time here measured should not be the same as when the reaction was made with the hand. If we average together the determinations with the sound-key and lip-key we get $65 \sigma$ for $B$, 100 for $C$, which agrees very well with the determinations made with the hand.
If instead of two black cards on one of which there is a white surface, we take two white cards on one of which there is a black surface, and let the observer react only when the black is present, the conditions are sabstantially as before; the perception may require slightly longer, the will-time is probably the same. The results of such experiments are given in Table XIV.

If, instead of black, we place a colour on the white card, the perception becomes slightly more difficalt; it is not quite so easy to see that something is there when it is yellow as when it is black, the will-time however presumedly remains the same. In one series of experiments (to the left in Table XV.) only one colour was used at a time, in a second series (right in Table
XV.) ten colours, the observer not knowing which was to come, but not needing to distinguish it before making the motion.

Table XIV.

|  | B |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $V^{\prime}$ |
| 6. I........... | 250 | 20 | 233 | 15 | 236 | 21 | 233 | 16 |
| 14............. | 227 | 19 | 226 | 7 | 236 | 13 | 234 | 10 |
| 19............. | 245 | 21 | 249 | 13 | 231 | 14 | 230 | 8 |
| 20............. | 215 | 20 | 212 | 14 | 244 | 12 | 243 | 7 |
| 31............. | 227 | 10 | 227 | 7 | 246 | 21 | 241 | 13 |
| A............ | 233 | 18 | 233 | 11 | 239 | 16 | 236 | 11 |

Table XV.


It thus takes a little longer to recognise the presence of a colour (even though the colour need not be distinguished) than of a white light. It is to be noticed that B's times became shorter in 1885 than they were in 1884.

We next determine the perception-time when it is necessary to distinguish the colour. Two cases were considered; in one the colours were taken in pairs, and one colour was distinguished
from the other; in the second each colour was distinguished from ten colours. With blue and red electric lights (the abovementioned Puluj's tube seen through coloured glasses) I got as perception- and will-time $75 \sigma$ for $\mathrm{B}, 109$ for C. ${ }^{1}$ In most of my experiments however, with aid of the gravity-chronometer, I used daylight reflected from coloured surfaces, these exciting the processes with which our brain is occupied in our daily life. Red and blue and green and yellow were taken in pairs, the coloured surface being $3 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}$. The numbers in Table XVI. give the average of six series.

Table XVI.

|  |  | B |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $\nabla^{\prime}$ | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ |
| 27. XI.-2. XII. <br> I.-b. XII........ | Red... | 278 | 22 | 272 | 11 | 322 | 40 | 324 | 26 |
|  | Blue... | 287 | 19 | 280 | 17 | 291 | 24 | 288 | 16 |
|  | Green. | 288 | 26 | 265 | 18 | 313 | 32 | 312 | 21 |
|  | Yellow | 278 | 26 | 273 | 16 | 297 | 31 | 300 | 20 |
|  | A....... | 277 | 23 | 272 | 15 | 306 | 32 | 308 | 21 |
|  | AV.... | 2 |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |  |

Ten colours were further taken in pairs, as indicated in Table XVII., and the time required to distinguish the one from the other determined.

If we average together the results given in Tables XVI and
${ }^{1}$ These are the only experiments described in this section which had been previously made; Donders (Archiv f. Anat u. Physiol, 1868) found the time to be 184a, Wundt (Physiol. Poych., 11, 251) 210 to 250 , v. Kries and Auerbach, working under the direction of Helmholtz (Archiv f. Anat. 2. Physioh, 1877), 12 and $34 \sigma$. I cannot accept the results reached by these latter experimenters. The times seem to be too short to be correct. I do not know where the error lies, the experiments having apparently been made with great care, but the simple reactions are very long, the reactions with perception and volition very short. The latter may have been made unduly short through the frequent occurrence of prenuature reactions (the number of false reactions is not given) ; at all events I consider their method of calculating the averages dangerous, they ignoring what reactions they saw fit. They do not give the number of measurements made in the selies, but in the model series given in the appendix, we find that in one 22 reactions were used, in one on the perception of light only 9 ; we may therefore assume that in the latter series over half of the reactions were ignored. If the mean variation of the reactions used in this series be calculated, it will be found to be 6 (smaller, I imagine, than the mean error of the recording apparatus) ; the mean variation of the corresponding series of simple reactions (from which determinations had also been omitted) is 12a. When averages are made up in this way any results desired can be obtained.

Table XVII.


XVIL, and subtract the reaction-time and supposed will-time, we find that it took B 100, C 110a, to distinguish one colour from another.

In the series of experiments next to be given, I determine the time it takes to distinguish a colour from nine others, that is the real perception-time for a colour. The results of ten series in which the motion was made with the hand, and of five in which it was made with the speech-organs, are given in Table XVIII.

This gives as the time needed to distinguish a colour $105 \sigma$ for $\mathrm{B}, 117$ for C ; respectively 5 and $7 \sigma$ longer than it took to distinguish one colour from another, and 26 and $41 \sigma$ longer than it took to see that a colour was present when it was not necessary to distinguish it.

The results given in Table XVII. (where the reaction was made with the hand) were obtained at the beginning of the investigation; the determinations were repeated after four months of constant practice, and aggain after a pause of three months, the results being given in Table XIX.

Practice therefore shortened the perception- and will-times about $30 \sigma$ for B and 20 for C , and this decrease in the length of the times was not lost by an interruption in the practice.

With the same methods I found the time it takes to see or distinguish a letter. I tried in my experiments to determine the time taken up by those operations which are constantly going on in the brain; the letters chosen therefore were such as we usually have to read (of the size in which this is printed). The time for larger letters is somewhat shorter. In the first experiments it was not necessary to distinguish the letter, only to know that a letter was present ; the conditions were consequently the same as in the first experiments (Table XV.) on colours.

Table XVIII.


Table XIX.

|  |  | B |  | C |  |  | B |  | C |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | R' |  | R | R' | R | R' |
| Red... | 4. IV.... <br> 7. $\qquad$ <br> 8. $\qquad$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 244 \\ & 247 \\ & 270 \\ & 246 \\ & 290 \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 237 \\ & 239 \\ & 258 \\ & 246 \\ & 249 \end{aligned}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 294 \\ 311 \\ 283 \\ 273 \\ 304 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 287 \\ 309 \\ 279 \\ 275 \\ 302 \end{array}$ | 2. VII... <br> 4. <br> 31..... <br> 31 | $\begin{aligned} & 283 \\ & 247 \\ & 264 \\ & 253 \\ & 243 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 267 \\ & 252 \\ & 257 \\ & 257 \\ & 245 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 992 \\ & 277 \\ & 325 \\ & 286 \\ & 267 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} 286 \\ 278 \\ 314 \\ 279 \\ 264 \end{array}$ |
| Green......... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gray .......... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Blue........... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow......... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A............. |  | 259 | 246 | 293 | 290 |  | 258 | 258 | 289 | 284 |
| AV.......... |  | 35 | 13 | 16 | 10 |  | 30 | 17 | 24 | 15 |
| False.......... |  | 5 |  | 2 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |

Table XX.

|  | B |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | R | V | R' | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ | R | V | R' | V' |
| 3. II. | 281 | 31 | 260 | 18 | 298 | 12 | 268 | 11 |
| 27. III........... | 234 | 21 | 228 | 18 | 235 | 23 | 229 | 11 |
| 1. IV........... | 205 | 37 | 194 | 23 | 261 | 38 | 255 | 25 |
|  | 230 | 38 | 220 | 25 | 251 | 24 | 255 | 19 |
|  | 206 | 18 | 208 | 6 | 277 | 23 | 281 | 16 |
| A. .............. | 227 | 29 | 228 | 17 | 258 | 23 | 257 | 16 |

It therefore (making the same assumptions as above) took B 47, C $58 \pi$, to see that a small object was on a white surface.

The next case to be given is where it was necessary to distingaish one of two letters from the other, A and Z being taken. The averages given are taken from six series.

Table XXI

|  |  | B |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | R | V | R | V | R | V | R' | V' |
| 4.-10. XII.... | A ....... | $\begin{aligned} & 315 \\ & 330 \end{aligned}$ | 28 31 | $\begin{aligned} & 319 \\ & 325 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 327 \\ & 348 \end{aligned}$ | 31 29 | $\begin{aligned} & 323 \\ & 348 \end{aligned}$ | 18 21 |
|  | A...... | 382 | 28 | 322 | 18 | 337 | 30 | 335 | 19 |
|  | False.. | 3 |  |  |  | 6 |  |  |  |

It thus took B 142, C 137 $\sigma$, to diatinguish one letter from another, respectively 45 and $31 \sigma$ longer than to distinguish one colour from another.

We now come to consider the time needed to distingaish one letter from all the others; that is the time it takes to see a letter. This is a process with which our brain is constantly basy; the time taken up by it is therefore of special interest. If for example the time is different for the several letters, it is a matter of the greatest practical importance, for those letters which it takes the longest to see might be so modified as to shorten the time. If it takes $20 \sigma$ longer to see $E$ than it would to see a symbol that might be taken in its place, say $\Delta$, it is startling if we calculate how much time is being wasted and how mach unnecessary strain is being put on eye and brain. I have published ${ }^{1}$ extended series

[^1]of experiments, determining the time the light reflected from a printed letter must work on the retina in order that it may be possible to see the letter. These experiments show that there is a great difference in the legibility of the several letters; out of 270 trials W was read correctly $241, \mathrm{E}$ only 63 times. In this case the whole time was short, 1 to $1 \cdot 5 \sigma$, and the difference in the time for the several letters correspondingly small. When however we determine the entire time needed to recognise the letter, we may expect to find the time considerably shorter for a simple and distinct symbol than for one complicated or easily confused with others, just as the time is shorter for a colour than for a letter. ${ }^{1}$ The speech-organs as well as the hand were used in these experiments. Here however a slight complication is added, as we cannot be sure that a difference in the time for the several letters is to be referred only to the perception-time, it being possible that the time needed to name the several letters or to register the different motions may be different. This difference in time can however only be very small, as the observer knew what letter he had to name, so there was no choice between different motions, as in the experiments to be considered in the next section of this paper. Tables XXI.-XXIV. (placed, with others, at the end of this paper) give the results obtained at different times, the motion being made both with the hand and the speech-organs.

A shortening in the time through practice will be noticed in these Tables; if we take Table XXIII., which contains the most determinations and times representing about the average of the three Tables, we find the perception-time for a capital letter of the size in which this is printed to be $119 \sigma$ for $\mathrm{B}, 116$ for C . The Tables contain the results of a great many experiments, but not enough to determine finally the time for the several letters; if however the four series made with the hand on $E$ and $M$ are averaged together, we find that it took B 19, C $22 \sigma$ longer to see E than to see M. The order for the five letters on which four series were made is M A Z B E, which (except the position of Z) agrees with the order of legibility established in the paper referred to.

Similar determinations were made with the small letters, the results being given in Table XXV. It seems from this Table

[^2]that the perception-time is about the same for the large and small letters, which agrees with experiments I have made by an entirely different method (see Mind 41).

We now come to consider the time it takes to see a word, a process with which the brain is constantly occupied. Twenty-six words were taken, and when the expected one was seen the observer lifted his hand. The perception-time so determined is the time needed to distinguish the word from the other twentyfive; the time is slightly longer when it is necessary to distinguish words from others very similar in form; for example, hand from band. Indeed we must remember that perception is not a sharply defined process. As I have shown, we see a letter before we see what letter it is; in like manner a further time passes before we see the letter in all its details, that it is not perfectly printed, for example. The perception-time for a painting by Raphael is indefinitely long. The results of experiments with English and German words are given in the Tables XXVI.-VII.

The Tables give us a perception-time for short English words B 132, C $141 \sigma$; for short German words B 118, C $150 \pi$; for long English words B 154, C 158a. The time was therefore slightly shorter (B22, C 17) for a short than for a long word, and for a word in the native than in a foreign language (B 14, C 9). It will be noticed that the perception-time is only slightly longer for a word than for a single letter; we do not therefore perceive separately the letters of which a word is composed, but the word as a whole. The application of this to teaching children to read is evident; I have already in connexion with other experiments called attention to it.

The only other perception-time we have to consider is for a picture. It takes, we may suppose, about the same time to recognise the picture of a tree as it takes to see the tree itself; this is consequently a process nearly always going on in the brain. I had carefully drawn twenty-six pictures of common objects, tree, hand, ship, etc., about one square cm. in size, the method of determining the perception-time being as before.

We thus find that the perception-time for a picture, and we may assume for the objects we are continually seeing in our daily life, was $96 \sigma$ for $\mathrm{B}, 117$ for C , about the same as for a colour and shorter than for a letter or word.
(To be concluded.)

Table XXI.

|  |  | B |  |  |  | C |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ | R | V | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | $\mathrm{V}^{\prime}$ |
|  |  | Hand. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11. XII. | B...... | 358 | 25 | 354 | 18 | 342 | 28 | 346 | 17 |
| 18.................. | Z...... | 345 | 24 | 350 | 18 | 370 | 33 | 353 | 20 |
|  | A ...... | 327 | 31 | 314 | 14 | 337 | 22 | 342 | 16 |
| 18................ | M..... | 338 | 38 | 345 | 20 | 329 | 15 | 324 | 7 |
|  | E...... | 360 | 31 | 345 | 9 | 343 | 28 | 326 | 9 |
| 17............... | S...... | 333 | 22 | 326 | 11 | 341 | 25 | 338 | 17 |
|  | P...... | 339 | 24 | 332 | 14 | 329 | 32 | 318 | 18 |
|  | T...... | 330 | 29 | 320 | 16 | 323 | 30 | 330 | 18 |
| 18................ | 0...... | 293 | 19 | 297 | 11 | 302 | 25 | 301 | 18 |
|  | L...... | 338 | 15 | 339 | 10 | 350 | 37 | 333 | 16 |
|  | A...... | 336 | 28 | 332 | 14 | 337 | 27 | 331 | 16 |
|  | False. | 5 |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Sound-key. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17. II............ | A...... | 330 | 27 | 337 | 17 | 406 | 16 | 401 | 11 |
| 19.................. | M..... | 336 | 36 | 332 | 30 | 410 | 29 | 412 | 17 |
| 21................ | E..... | 308 | 36 | 310 | 22 | 359 | 35 | 354 | 28 |
| 24................ | P...... | 311 | 22 | 307 | 13 | 321 | 13 | 325 | 8 |
| 26................. | 0...... | 303 | 21 | 307 | 16 | 380 | 33 | 372 | 27 |
|  | A...... | 318 | 28 | 319 | 20 | 375 | 25 | 373 | 18 |
|  | False. | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |

Table XXIII.

|  | Hand. |  |  |  |  | Lip-ker. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B |  | C |  |  | B |  | C |  |
|  |  | R | R' | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | R' |
|  | 13. I..... | 309 | 312 | 323 | 328 | 15. I..... | 288 | 295 | 338 | 332 |
|  | 12....... | 307 | 311 | 353 | 350 | 13....... | 348 | 353 | 362 | 363 |
| C | 17........ | 304 | 308 | 319 | 322 | 17....... | 307 | 310 | 333 | 325 |
|  |  | 342 | 309 | 332 | 341 |  | 320 | 324 | 346 | 354 |
|  | 14....... | 328 | 334 | 341 | 345 | 15....... | 333 | 345 | 340 | 330 |
| F.............. | 17....... | 322 | 324 | 358 | 344 | 20........ | 307 | 310 | 317 | 321 |
|  |  | 326 | 321 | 331 | 327 |  | 309 | 308 | 311 | 309 |
| H..:........... | 19....... | 323 | 320 | 320 | 317 |  | 305 | 308 | 338 | 333 |
| I............... |  | 294 | 293 | 295 | 301 |  | 271 | 275 | 296 | 290 |
| J .............. |  | 329 | 326 | 299 | 288 | 21....... | 342 | 338 | 330 | 335 |
| K... |  | 330 | 335 | 305 | 297 |  | 334 | 334 | 315 | 314 |
|  | 14....... | 296 | 304 | 302 | 299 | 29....... | 320 | 302 | 357 | 353 |
| M. | 13....... | 311 | 316 | 320 | 322 | 15. | 342 | 330 | 373 | 366 |
|  | 20........ | 318 | 317 | 333 | 330 | 21.. | 318 | 321 | 323 | 328 |
|  |  | 263 | 266 | 292 | 288 | 13. | 315 | 319 | 355 | 358 |
|  |  | 288 | 284 | 337 | 326 | 29. | 321 | 324 | 338 | 339 |
|  | 20....... | 317 | 315 | 315 | 319 | 21. | 312 | 314 | 312 | 302 |
|  |  | 311 | 313 | 322 | 317 |  | 334 | 340 | 322 | 315 |
|  | . | 285 | 281 | 327 | 332 | 15... | 318 | 325 | 313 | 313 |
|  |  | 319 | 295 | 310 | 305 | 29. | 318 | 315 | 368 | 363 |
|  | 20....... | 311 | 298 | 329 | 331 |  | 320 | 320 | 335 | 331 |
| V. | 22. | 322 | 330 | 334 | 330 |  | 324 | 327 | 333 | 338 |
|  |  | 278 | 283 | 338 | 332 |  | 312 | 314 | 343 | 345 |
|  |  | 315 | 297 | 349 | 341 |  | 292 | 297 | 362 | 366 |
|  |  | 303 | 307 | 341 | 337 |  | 318 | 313 | 339 | 339 |
| Z. | 12. | 323 | 319 | 347 | 345 | 13... | 350 | 343 | 331 | 324 |
| A.............. |  | 310 | 308 | 326 | 324 |  | 318 | 319 | 336 | 334 |
| AV............ |  | 22 | 15 | 22 | 14 |  | 22 | 14 | 25 | 16 |
| False.......... |  | 13 |  | 13 |  |  | 18 |  | 4 |  |

Table XXIV.

|  |  | B |  | C |  |  | B |  | C |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | R' |
| B.............. | 8. IV.... | 275 | 262 | 321 | 319 | 31.VII. | 307 | 308 | 304 | 306 |
| Z ............... |  | 272 | 273 | 310 | 301 |  | 313 | 314 | 311 | 303 |
| A.............. |  | 276 | 281 | 292 | 288 | 2......... | 295 | 295 | 309 | 302 |
| M................ | 7........ | 293 | 291 | 302 | 306 | 4......... | 298 | 299 | 307 | 306 |
| E............... | 8........ | 316 | 316 | 337 | 331 |  | 313 | 308 | 315 | 319 |
| A.............. |  | 286 | 285 | 312 | 309 |  | 305 | 304 | 309 | 307 |
| A V........... |  | 25 | 16 | 20 | 13 |  | 28 | 14 | 26 | 18 |
| False........... |  | 2 |  | 3 |  |  | 0 |  | 0 |  |

Table XXV.

|  |  | Hand. |  |  |  |  | Lip-mey. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B |  | C |  |  | B |  | C |  |
|  |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | R' |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ |
|  | 5. I...... | 301 | 306 | 314 | 306 | 22. I..... | 313 | 317 | 327 | 321 |
| x.................. |  | 307 | 298 | 324 | 325 |  | 305 | 300 | 338 | 328 |
| a............... | ... | 316 | 320 | 327 | 320 | 23... | 330 | 328 | 313 | 309 |
| mı.............. |  | 310 | 312 | 311 | 313 |  | 310 | 304 | 313 | 315 |
| e............... | 12....... | 337 | 342 | 356 | 356 |  | 331 | 321 | 330 | 322 |
|  |  | 322 | 325 | 368 | 359 |  | 297 | 290 | 338 | 343 |
| p.............. | 13....... | 323 | 320 | 341 | 337 | 28........ | 345 | 345 | 370 | 372 |
| t. ............... |  | 311 | 310 | 319 | 315 |  | 305 | 300 | 346 | 342 |
| o................... | 14....... | 293 | 290 | 306 | 304 |  | 299 | 299 | 335 | 338 |
| 1............... |  | 303 | 300 | 306 | 304 |  | 311 | 314 | 344 | 339 |
| A.............. |  | 312 | 312 | 327 | 324 |  | 315 | 312 | 335 | 332 |
| AV............ |  | 19 | 13 | 28 | 19 |  | 20 | 11 | 25 | 16 |
| False. ......... |  | 4 |  | 8 |  |  | 7 |  | 2 |  |

Table XXVI.

|  | Hand. |  |  |  |  | LIP-KEy. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B |  | C |  |  | B |  | C |  |
|  |  | B | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | R' |  | R | $\mathbf{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ |
| Mind. | 12. XII. | 353 | 352 | 337 | 329 | 13. I..... | 360 | 366 | 374 | 364 |
| Life. | 15. | 348 | 351 | 373 | 377 |  | 368 | 367 | 363 | 365 |
| Time | 16. | 333 | 330 | 375 | 372 | 15. | 311 | 312 | 371 | 366 |
| House. |  | 377 | 366 | 383 | 389 |  | 331 | 324 | 355 | 361 |
| Child. |  | 345 | 343 | 328 | 339 | 17. | 347 | 341 | 370 | 375 |
| Year........... | 18. | 353 | 359 | 369 | 360 |  | 337 | 336 | 354 | 358 |
| Truth |  | 358 | 329 | 376 | 367 | 29. | 302 | 311 | 360 | 353 |
| Name. |  | 341 | 339 | 392 | 393 |  | 313 | 315 | 374 | 380 |
| Light. | 19. | 332 | 328 | 327 | 323 |  | 325 | 332 | 372 | 372 |
| Ship........... |  | 318 | 313 | 338 | 332 |  | 294 | 302 | 340 | 340 |
|  |  | 345 | 341 | 360 | 358 |  | 329 | 331 | 363 | 363 |
| AV... |  | 84 | 13 | 26 | 17 |  | 23 | 18 | 28 | 20 |
| Folse .......... |  | 2 |  | 4 |  |  | 7 |  | 0 |  |
| Education. | b. I. | 331 | 331 | 348 | 348 | 17. I. | 349 | 345 | 382 | 386 |
| Philosophy... |  | 330 | 322 | 349 | 354 |  | 347 | 351 | 376 | 377 |
| Knowledge... |  | 341 | 337 | 368 | 360 | 22. | 353 | 348 | 329 | 319 |
| Architecture. |  | 377 | 375 | 382 | 377 |  | 357 | 355 | 338 | 340 |
| Literature... | 10. | 339 | 320 | 363 | 354 | 23....... | 333 | 332 | 377 | 388 |
| Temperance. |  | 341 | 333 | 399 | 404 |  | 339 | 330 | 377 | 376 |
| Imnorance.... |  | 300 | 297 | 380 | 369 |  | 325 | 319 | 378 | 382 |
| Physician .... |  | 385 | 329 | 380 | 375 | 26. | 339 | 333 | 351 | 346 |
| Enthusiasm. | 18. | 334 | 337 | 405 | 409 |  | 353 | 349 | 409 | 400 |
| Imagination. |  | 321 | 317 | 384 | 375 |  | 342 | 337 | 395 | 391 |
| A. |  | 334 | 330 | 375 | 373 |  | 344 | 340 | 371 | 370 |
| AV. |  | 25 | 18 | 28 | 19 |  | 23 | 15 | 27 | 17 |
| False.......... |  | 8 |  | 8 |  |  | 6 |  | 9 |  |
| Buch | 24. I..... | 290 | 294 | 367 | 363 | 23. I..... | 315 | 318 | 359 | 355 |
| Znhl. |  | 309 | 311 | 380 | 378 |  | 310 | 319 | 370 | 378 |
| Kunst. |  | 307 | 309 | 369 | 374 |  | 310 | 314 | 362 | 352 |
| Welt. |  | 308 | 307 | 361 | 353 |  | 308 | 305 | 362 | 362 |
| Haus .......... | 26. | 295 | 298 | 354 | 353 | 24........ | 299 | 297 | 339 | 344 |
| Licht.......... |  | 394 | 323 | 354 | 359 |  | 330 | 329 | 358 | 350 |
| Kind. ......... |  | 323 | 323 | 377 | 380 |  | 303 | 308 | 352 | 356 |
| Land.......... | 89.. | 309 | 307 | 363 | 365 | 28. | 316 | 321 | 373 | 365 |
| Traum......... |  | 321 | 316 | 377 | 376 |  | 324 | 325 | 368 | 373 |
| Jahr........... |  | 319 | 318 | 365 | 368 |  | 321 | 325 | 374 | 378 |
| A. |  | 311 | 310 | 367 | 367 |  | 314 | 316 | 382 | 361 |
| AV............ |  | 14 | 9 | 20 | 13 |  | 17 | 12 | 31 | 20 |
| False.......... |  | 6 |  | 5 |  |  | 101 |  | 7 |  |

Table XXVII.

|  |  | Hand. |  |  |  |  |  | Sound-key. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | B |  | C |  |  |  | B |  | C |  |
|  |  | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ | R | $\mathbf{R}^{\prime}$ |  |  | R | R' | R | $\mathrm{R}^{\prime}$ |
| 6. IV <br> 7..... <br> 8.. | Mind... | 266 | 269 | 312 | 308 | 14. II. | Mind ... | 311 | 307 | 380 | 391 |
|  | Life..... | 302 | 298 | 340 | 340 | 19..... | Life..... | 338 | 333 | 400 | 409 |
|  | Time... | 307 | 303 | 325 | 330 | 24..... | Child... | 319 | 326 | 360 | 364 |
|  | Honse.. | 299 | 296 | 321 | 317 |  | Truth... | 317 | 318 | 339 | 345 |
|  | Child... | 282 | 284 | 327 | 322 | 26..... | Ship.... | 320 | 328 | 361 | 387 |
|  | A........ | 291 | 289 | 325 | 323 |  |  | 321 | 322 | 368 | 375 |
|  | AV..... | 18 | 10 | 22 | 14 |  |  | 87 | 19 | 25 | 16 |
|  | False... | 5 |  | 0 |  |  |  | 3 |  | 4 |  |

Table XXVIII.



[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Continued from Mind 42, pp. 220-42
    ${ }^{3}$ Physiol. Poych, ii., 247 ff. ; Phil. Studien., i., 25 ff.
    ${ }^{3}$ De Jaager, De physiologische Tijd Bij prychische Frocessen, Utrecht, 1865 ; Donders, Archio f. Anat. u. Phyriol., 1868.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Phil. Studien, ii. 4 ; Brain, No. 31.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ I bave not been able to determine accurately and finally the percep-tion-time for different alphnbets and for the several letters. In these experiments the different letters cannot well be usel in the same series, and further in holf the cases no measurement is made. As the difference in the times is small and the variation of the series not inconsiderable, a large number of experiments must le made before the ditference in the time for the several letters can be determined with certainty. This is however not only a subject of scientific interest, but also of neat practical importance ; it is to be hoped that it will be thoroughly investigated by independent experimenters.

