

Getting the Blues

- (1) The boss of an American medical company claims he has developed a technique to turn brown eyes blue.
- (2) Gregg Homer, founder of Stroma Medical, says a special laser treatment can remove the brown pigment from eyes, leaving a blue color in its place.
- (3) The lawyer-cum-inventor says this is possible because beneath the brown pigment that covers the iris is a blue-looking orb.
- (4) “Anyone who has brown eyes has blue eyes underneath,” Homer says.
- (5) “It’s covered by a thin layer of pigment.
- (6) We’ve developed a laser that can be fired straight through the clear part of the eye, the cornea, and it disrupts the pigment ... and it removes it from the eye.”
- (7) The new cosmetic surgery will cost around \$5,000 and take just 20 seconds.
- (8) But the American Academy of Ophthalmology has disparaged the procedure, which it says carries unknown risks.
- (9) “We are lucky to have the sensory abilities of vision.
- (10) I’d let someone operate on my eyes if I had a problem, but I wouldn’t go asking for trouble.”

語注

get the blues 憂鬱になる、塞ぎ込む《慣用表現としての意味》

(2) pigment 色素

(3) cum …と兼用の iris 虹彩 orb 眼球

(6) fire 発射する、撃つ cornea 角膜 disrupt 引き裂く、破裂させる

(8) ophthalmology 眼科(学) disparage けなす、悪く言う

(10) ask for trouble 自ら災難を招く