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READING THE FINGER NAILS.

Character as It is Expressed in the Tips of a Woman's Fingers.

Examine her finger nails. If these wear the hue of bereavement—but why suggest anything so odious and impossible? If they are tinged with ink, beware of the learned lady, or perhaps she is a successful novelist, with a fortune at her finger ends. Yet she may be a Sappho, a poet, and she has a distinct impression that a muse may be a perilous person to marry, as in the case of Miss Blanche Amory. And poetry is not a paying profession, and Mrs. Hemans was "too poetical" for Sir Walter Scott. However, these are merely mortal inferences. It needs no "palmist" to tell the young man all this, nor does "the palmist" dally over such inferences.

If her finger nails are wider than they are long, beware! She has her nails not long, but broad. Beware as the sweet singer of America might have said. "A hot temper and obstinate disposition are indicated." This kitten, as in Mr. James Boswell's poem, will grow a cat and cross like other wives.

If the nails are square tipped, rounded next the hand, you may "expect a quick and peppy temper," but not sulks, which is the worst of tempers in matrimony. Remember that when a lady gives you her hand she gives you all that the hand implies—very probably she gives you pepper. It would be very interesting to know what kind of nails Mrs. Carlyle had, and what sort adorned the fingers of Mary Stuart, who notoriously "blew up" her husband, though indeed he richly deserved it. Unluckily portraits are of little service, as the hands too often are fanciful and conventional, especially after Vandyl.

"Almond shaped nails, especially if not too pink, indicate a cheerful, sweet temper" and are also of high aesthetic value. "If the nails are bitten," but we refuse to believe that the nails of the fair are ever bitten. Everybody would shun a maiden who bit her thumb at him.

"If you want a careful, economical wife, look at her thumb." But who wants an economical wife, one that will imitate Mary Stuart when she buys an Elzevir or an engraving? The collector, at least, and the convivial soul of open hand will avoid a lady who lives by the thumb. An extravagant thumb bends back very far when the hand is opened, as all hands should be. "Do not choose a girl who has a soft, fat hand," with fingers held close together. These things indicate selfishness—but it may be selfishness a deus and convenient.—London News.

An Intelligent Cow.

Colonel I. D. McDonald of Columbia City, Ind., tells a good story of animal intelligence. He had bought a lot of stock, including a cow and her calf, which he was driving home. The cow's affection for its offspring had attracted attention more than once.

At length a river was reached, which being unbridged, the cattle had to ford. The water was deep, and as the cattle plunged in they were swept off their feet, the mother cow among the rest. The calf meantime was taken by the current several rods down stream, and when the poor cow regained her footing and discerned this her distress was apparent. Instead of making for the opposite shore, as the other animals had done, she swam down the stream below her calf. The current drove the young creature against the protecting bulk of the mother.

The cow, satisfied at this state of affairs, started for the shore, the calf swimming alongside of her. About midway of the river the swift current, striking the calf in the fore quarter, swept it behind the cow, and again it floundered down stream.

Once more the mother went to the rescue. She had to swim around to the other side of the calf, and this done, she had to steady herself in the stream until the calf was against her side. Her efforts were this time successful, and cow and calf swam safely to shore.—Indianapolis News.

Water Taking the Place of Coal.

One of the most interesting processes now going on is the conversion of water into light, heat and power. The great obstacle in the way of cheap electric lights and power has been the cost of coal and other fuel. But all over the northwest water is being utilized for running electric plants. An electrician who has recently been looking over Montana and the northwestern states finds that everywhere water powers are being taken up and utilized to create electricity. So cheap is this process that the use of coal is out of the question. No light and power can be created so cheaply as that where a mountain stream has been made to do the work. What was an experiment a short time ago has now become one of the most remarkable industrial developments of the time.—Exchange.

Chloride of Ethyl.

A new local anesthetic has been in occasional use in surgery for the past year. Previous to that time it was chiefly used by dentists. The name of the anesthetic is chloride of ethyl, which has a peculiar odor, not at all offensive; on the contrary, pleasant and a sweet taste. It will take the place largely of chloroform and ether, which require considerable time to have effect on a patient. Moreover, it is much safer. It can be used, for example, in the cutting of an abscess or any other slight surgical operation. It is simply a matter of spraying the affected portion of the body. Its chief component is alcohol.—New York Telegram.

How He Did Them.

The man was pompous and had a large sized and viable confidence in the correctness of his manner of doing things. He had finished his meal at the hotel, and as he shoved back his chair he shoved out the magnificent sum of 25 cents to the waiter.

"There, my man," he said, "take that. I don't do things by halves."

"No, sir," whispered the waiter, "you do them by quarters. Thank you, sir."—Detroit Free Press.

The Same Old Fish.

A few years ago the United States fish commissioners liberated in Ipswich bay a number of young codfish, and to distinguish them from the many thousands that might afterward be caught clipped off the small left abdominal fin. William R. Corbett, of Cutler, Me., while fishing off Little river or Cutler harbor the other day, caught three codfish which he says are the identical ones liberated by the commissioners, as they each had the same fin clipped off. They were when caught twenty inches long, being fat, healthy fish.—Boston Herald.

SHE DROPPED HER MITTEN.

And She Was Angry Because the Deaf Old Man Misunderstood Her.

It was just 6 o'clock, and the car was packed with people going home. She carried one bundle, and in her efforts to handle them and save them from crushing she dropped her mitten. She saw it go, but was powerless to stay its descent, and it went down in successive stages in a triangular space between herself, a man who looked over her head, and an individual who was deaf.

"There goes my mitten!" The deaf man leaned over and said, "Eh?"

"My mitten—mitten—it fell down."

"Well, ye can't get it, mum. Y'll have to wait till the car gets to the end of the line, so the conductor kin pull up the floor."

"I'll do nothing of the kind. Besides I ain't goin to have all these people walkin on it for half an hour."

"Haven't ye got another one?" said the deaf man.

"Course I've got another one," and she wiggled the hand incased in her other mitten.

The deaf man saw the movement, and knowing that women often carry car fare inside their hand coverings reached over and pulled her mitten off for her.

Then she screamed.

The conductor was the only man who could edge his way to the scene of trouble.

"What's the matter here?"

"Lady dropped her mitten and can't pick it up," said the deaf man.

"Didn't drop my mitten—dropped my mitten," said the lady with the packages.

"Said she had another one," pursued the deaf man, "but she lied."

"You're an old doorman," said the woman with one mitten.

"Queer how folks go travelin about town with only one nicker," said the deaf man.

"They get along better'n people with no ears," said the woman who didn't drop her nicker.

"Was that all the money yer husband give ye?" asked the deaf man in a tone of sympathy. "He must be a real'n brute."

"If he was here now, he'd eat ye up."

"I 'pose them collars and cuffs she's been doin up and is goin to deliver 'em," said the deaf man to the passengers.

Then the conductor said, "Fare, please," and the woman gave up a nicker that she had been carrying in her mouth.

"Thought it was in yer mitten," said the deaf man.

"You don't know how to think," said the woman.

"Wonder why she didn't carry 'em both in her mouth?" said the deaf man.

"You ought to stuff both your own mittens in yer mouth," said the woman.

"Ain't ye afraid ye'll swallow yer nicker that way some time?" asked the deaf man.

"If I do, I reckon it won't injure my hearin'," said the woman.

Then the conductor got down on the floor and recovered the woman's mitten, and she got off at the next crossing wondering why some people didn't carry ear trumpets.

The deaf man said, by way of enlightening the other passengers, "I guess it was her mitten instead of her nicker that she dropped."—Chicago News-Record.

Woman to Woman.

The attitude women assume toward strange women was amusingly brought out in a New York court a few days ago. A female witness in a case where a young man was accused of slapping a young woman's dress while riding in the elevated was asked by one of the lawyers, "Do you mean to say, madam, that you saw all those tears or cuts, which ever you please, in a lady's skirt and yet hadn't the politeness to tell her of it?"

"I do," said the witness. "I have often told women when their dress was out of order in the street, but I always got snubbed for my pains, and I made up my mind not to do it any more. If a man should tell a woman that her dress was out of order, she would be very apt to thank him, but she never thanks a woman."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Trees Require Good Soil.

Southern soil seems to possess the necessary substances for the growth of all species of trees and plants natural to warm climates. Substances that contribute to the nutrition of plants will act as food for trees, and, as we see the physical properties of the trees themselves, leaves and other matter have a direct share in their nutrition. There are some soils so hard and clayey that the roots of trees cannot spread, and thus they fail to reach the substances which they require for food. Hence the trees become stunted in growth and are soon dead, falling to the ground to become, through its ashes, nutrition for some other frailer plant which can subsist in such soil.

A Good Dressing For Shoes.

When meditating a trip on a rainy day, it is a wise plan to rub the shoes with a waterproof mixture, which will make them soot, pliable and hardy. A very good recipe for this is an ounce of beeswax, an ounce of turpentine, a quarter of an ounce of Burgundy pitch, melted over a slow fire with a half pint of oil. Be cautious with the turpentine. This mixture may be applied often and will be found really excellent.—New York World.

Did You Ever?

Did you ever expect a letter from a dear friend and get instead a cross grained note of complaint? Or confidently expect a check in the morning mail and get an invoice of bills? Did you ever rush with beating heart to get your mail and receive nothing but an advertising circular?—Boston Commonwealth.

"Shop" Expressions.

The curiosities of talking "shop" were never better exemplified than in the case reported by an unloving woman. In a country trip she occupied in a short transit the seat beside the driver. "He told me," she said, "that he had been 'bus-ing' it this winter; had 'back-ed' it all last summer."—New York Times.

A Good Appetite

Is impaired by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which tones the digestion so that all symptoms of Dyspepsia are removed. Mr. Bob W. W. Denver of 23 Franklin St., Long Island City, N. Y., says: "For two years I suffered with dyspepsia, and could find no cure for it. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and in one month I find that I can eat anything I desire. My appetite is now perfectly well." Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, and do not purge, pain or grip. Sold by all druggists. 25c.

DECIDEDLY SHAKY.

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