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Indications of Long Life.

It seems to be generally agreed that every person affords physical indications of his prospects of a long or short life. A long lived person, it is said, may be distinguished at sight from a short lived one. In many cases a physician can glance at the hand of a patient and determine whether he will live or not. The primary conditions of longevity are that the heart, lungs and digestive organs, as well as the brain, shall be large. If these organs are large the trunk will be long and the limbs comparatively short. The person will appear tall while sitting and short while standing. The hand will have a long and somewhat heavy palm, with short fingers. The brain will be deeply placed, as shown by the low position of the orifice of the ear. The blue, brown or hazel eye is a favorable indication. The nostrils, if large, open and free, indicate large lungs. A plucked and half closed nostril indicates small or weak lungs. These are general points of distinction, but are, of course, subject to the usual individual exceptions.—Exchange.

Fooling the Dogs.

In the highlands of Scotland it used to be the practice for each shepherd to take his collie dog to church.

"These dogs," as Dean Ramsay wrote, "sit out the Gaelic services and sermon with commendable patience till toward the end of the last psalm, when there is a universal stretching and yawning and all are prepared to scamper out, barking in a most excited manner, whenever the blessing is commenced. The congregation of one of these churches determined that the service should close in a more decorous manner, and steps were taken to attain this object. Accordingly when a strange clergyman was officiating he found the people all sitting when he was about to pronounce the blessing. He hesitated and paused, expecting them to rise till an old shepherd, looking up to the pulpit, said: "Say awa', sir, we're a sittin' to cheat the dowgs."

Thames Watermen.

The watermen and lightermen of London can trace their occupation back to a very remote past. In a statute of Henry VIII., passed in 1514, for regulating their fares, it is recorded "that it has been a laudable custom and usage time out of mind to use the river in barge or wherry boat." And the annals of the Watermen's company give an interesting account of a dispute as far back as 1283 concerning the charge for the conveyance of passengers from Gravesend to London. The regular fare was one-half penny for each person, but some unscrupulous boatmen charged passengers a penny. So the offenders were taken by the sheriff before the justices of assize, who admonished them and made each waterman give a bond of 40 shillings for future good behavior.—London Graphic.

The Supreme Court.

For the supreme court of the United States there is no exact precedent, either in the ancient or the modern times. In making the great constitution the "fathers" availed themselves of all past knowledge and experience, but it was probably from the French publicist Montesquieu that they got their idea of the supreme court. In his book, "The Spirit of the Laws," Montesquieu, after making a masterly analysis of all forms of government, uses these words: "There is no liberty if the judicial power be not separated from the legislative and the executive." The framers of the constitution knew Montesquieu's book well, and there is not any room for doubt about their getting the idea of the supreme court from that source.—New York American.

Nature.

The best definition of nature is perhaps Mill's in his "Three Essays on Religion." In that work Mill says, "Nature is a collective name for all facts, actual and possible, or a name for the mode, partly known to us and partly unknown, in which all things take place." Continuing, Mill says "The nature of a thing means its entire capacity of existing phenomena. As the nature of any given thing is the aggregate of its powers and properties, so Nature, in the abstract, is the aggregate of the powers and properties of all things."

Where He Balked.

"He has broken with her?"
"So I have heard."
"I hear that he told her he was unworthy of her."
"Pshaw; all lovers tell their sweet hearts that!"

"I know. But she asked him to put it in writing and sign it in the presence of witnesses."—Atlanta Constitution.

Good Advice.

"The man I marry," she said, "must think I am the only girl in the world."
"Don't worry about that," her married friend replied. "He will think it, all right. Just put in your time trying to find out how to make him keep on thinking it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Not Serious.

"I don't care to be taken seriously in my business."
"What is your business?"
"I'm a joke writer."—Satire.

Yes.

The secret of success has been fairly well kept, considering that so many people are anxious to tell about it.—Puck.

The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.—Jefferson.

The White Rhinoceros.

The white rhinoceros is not much whiter than the common rhinoceros, but instead of ending in a triangular upper lip its muzzle is square. The white rhinoceros is the largest animal on earth, with the exception of the elephant. The common rhinoceros lives on leaves, roots and bulbs, which he digs up with his frontal horn. The common rhinoceros is vicious and cruel; the white rhinoceros is calm and lazy, living exclusively on grass and herbage. Though long regarded as a one horned animal, he has two horns. But the smaller of the two, set back of the frontal horn, is so rudimentary that it is not seen from a distance. The forward horn is four and one-half feet in length, and one of its sides is flat. Some of the frontal horns are grooved. The white rhinoceros closely resembles the unicorn of antique legends, whose horns, when used as drinking vessels, sterilized poisons and rendered them harmless.—Harper's.

Waterproof Foliage.

An oriental scholar was giving an address on the philosophy and religion of the east. His English was of good quality, only now and then becoming interesting from the humorous point of view when he attempted colloquial idioms. After describing with fervor the sage—the one who can walk amid the difficulties and perplexities of mortal existence and yet, unaffected by these, retain his perfect serenity—the speaker was looking about for some familiar comparison by which to bring home the idea to his hearers.

"Ah, I have it!" he said, pleased at the recollection that rewarded his effort. "It is an expressive saying of your own language, said to me by a lady with whom I was last evening conversing. Take that familiar bird, the duck. It is possible to pour a bucketful of water upon that duck, and yet the water can never get into his leaves."

The Hat Question in 1790.

The Handel festival was originally given in Westminster abbey, and the official notice of 1790 announced that "no ladies will be admitted with Hats, and they are particularly requested to come without Feathers and very small Hoops, if any." As ecclesiastical law demands that female worshippers shall cover their heads in church, this regulation was curiously anomalous. A suggestion in regard to ladies' head-gear was also made by Sir Frederic Cowen in 1905, when he gave it as his opinion that the ladies might discover in their wardrobe some "extremely fascinating flat hats," which would not obstruct the view. The "fascinating flat hats" were, however, chiefly conspicuous by their absence, owing presumably (we write subject to feminine correction) to the fact that the flat hat was not among the fashions of that year.—London Globe.

Horace Greeley and an Autograph.

In his "Recollections of a Busy Life" Horace Greeley tells the story of how he once dealt very effectively with a persistent autograph hunter. A gushing youth wrote to Greeley as follows:

Dear Sir—Among your literary treasures you have doubtless preserved several autographs of our country's late lamented poet, Edgar Allan Poe. If so, and you can spare one, please inclose it to me and receive the thanks of yours truly.

To which Greeley replied:
Dear Sir—Among my literary treasures there happens to be just one autograph of our country's late lamented poet, Edgar Allan Poe. It is a note of hand for \$5, with my indorsement across the back. It cost me exactly \$5.25, including protest, and you may have it for half that amount. Yours respectfully,

HORACE GREELEY

The autograph was found among Greeley's possessions after his death.

The Lion's Share.

It is really not the male lion, with his terrific roar and formidable appearance, that the explorer fears, but his mate. The male lion is a good looking pouter, but when it comes to business it is his wife who counts, as in the African native. Game is pulled down by the female lion, and then the male beats her off until he has feasted to repletion, when she may have what is left; hence "the lion's share."

Out of Her Line.

The horny handed son of toil, who had just inherited a fortune went to see a manicure.

"Can you do anything with these, ma'am?" he asked, exhibiting his hands.
"Yes, sir," she said, "after you've gone to a surgeon and had those cracks stitched up. I don't meddle with jobs that belong to the regular practitioners."—London Tit-Bits.

The Exceptions.

Mrs. White—And do you mean to say that you and your husband always agree about everything? Mrs. Black—Always, except, of course, now and then, when he's out of humor or pig-headed or something of that sort.—London Answers.

Cynical.

"That doctor is something of a cynic."
"As to how?"
"He says when a man has a maindy it's a disease and when a woman has it it's a complaint."—Washington Herald.

The Work That Tells a Story.

Better the rudest work that tells a story or records a fact than the richest without meaning. There should not be a single ornament put upon great civic buildings without some intellectual intentions.—Ruskin.

You cannot run away from a weakness. You must some time fight it out or perish.



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