Mental Balance. Much has been written about the hand. Artists have depicted its perfoction, physiognomists have interpreted its shape and expression, chirologists and the gypsy queens have tried to prophesy from its markings. But a study of its peculiarities by the inductive method takes one into entirely new fields and shows that to interpret the significance of the hand one must start on quite new lines. There is something perhaps in the fact that the artistic hand has somewhat tapering fingers, but beyond this one deals with uncer tainties, and I recollect an idiot youth whose extremities had the contour of a genius or a Trilby.

If one examines the hands of a large number of persons with a nervous endowment, he will find carious defects in the length and relative proportions of the fingers. The length of the finger is determined by that of the middle one. If the index and medius are closed upon the palm, the ring and little finger being left extended, the middle fluger will reach close to the place where the so called life line runs down, between the ball of the thumb and that of the little finger. It will touch the palm just below the highest part of the ball of the thumb. The middle finger is taken as the standard of length by which to gauge that of others. In a normal hand the forefinger reaches just to the root of the middle finger, the ring finger is longer and should reach nearly to the middle of the nail of the medius, while the little finger should reach to the last joint of the third finger. New, in inebriates, epileptics, neurotics and the degenerative generally these proportions are often not observed. The most common defect is shortness, especially of the third and little fingers, though some times a disproportionate length occurs Sometimes these fingers are unnatural ly slender, or the little finger is slightly bent. The most common abnormality of the thumb is excessive shortness, with a defective mobility. These peculiarities, well accentuated, from what we may call the "decadent hand"-the hand that writes our sensuous novels, the Hauptmann drama, paints symbolic pietures and exploits pure atheism. Such hands may be well formed to the ordinary eye and may be attached to sleader and graceful limbs, but this kind of beautiful hand and arm is found quite as often among the children of alcohol families which have become degenerated | tunity. by vicios vices and vicionus crossing. -Medical Record.

PYGMIES.

Some Information About These Strange Mites of Humanity.

The Greek word pygmy means a measare from the elbow to the hand. The pygmies were a fabulous race of dwarfs about whom many interesting stories have been told. According to Homet, they were so very small that they were attacked every year by the cranes on the coast of Oceanus and were unable to defend themselves.

Writers of a later date locate the pygmies at the mouth of the Nile. We also read of northern regarder in in late at the

country inhabited by these little creatures two whole pygmy armies attacked him while he was asleep. One army fell upon his right and the other upon his left, but the hero easily and quickly rolled them up in his lion's skin.

They were not, it seems, at all afraid of Hercules, for by the aid of a ladder they climbed up his drinking cap and helped themselves to its contents.

Aristotle says: "The pygmies were probably some diminutive race in Upper Egypt who rode very small horses and lived in caves." He did not believe that the stories told about them were altogether fabulous.

It has often been declared that there are pygmy races of human beings in the heart of Africa. Indeed Du Chaillu some time ago discovered a pygmy race in the mountainous country on the cast of the southern great branch of the Ogobai. They are about 414 feet in height and are called Orbongos. They live in the midst of negro tribes of ordinary size," says Du Chaille, "and there is nothing remarkable about them except their diminutive size."-Baltimore American.

A Unique Coat of Arms.

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