

THE EXPRESSIVE HUMAN HAND.

Strength of the Fingers is an Index to Mental Balance.

Much has been written about the hand. Artists have depicted its perfection, physiognomists have interpreted its shape and expression, chiropodists 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 uncertainties, 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 curious 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 middle are closed upon the palm, the ring and little finger being left extended, the middle finger 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 middle, while the little finger should reach to the last joint of the third finger. Now, in imbeciles, 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 sometimes a disproportionate length occurs. Sometimes these fingers are unnaturally 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 "degenerate hand"—the hand that writes our sensational novels, the Hauptmann drama, paints symbolic pictures and exploits pure athletics. Such hands may be well formed to the ordinary eye and may be attached to slender and graceful limbs, but this kind of beautiful hand and arm is found quite as often among the children of alcoholics and among those highly cultivated families which have become degenerated by vicious vices and vicious crossing.—Medical Record.

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