

## WHITE LINES IN FINGER-NAILS

German Medical Expert Says They Are an Indication of Degeneracy.

A medical writer in the Frankfurter Zeitung gives some curious particulars about the white lines which cross finger nails. These are signs of disturbance in the organism at the time they were formed. They often form during serious illness.

The proportion of normally constituted persons who have these lines on their finger nails is from ten to 11 per cent., while 46 per cent. of criminals have them, 47 per cent. of the demi monde, 43 per cent. of idiots, and 50 per cent. of lunatics. Sufferers from melancholia show a large percentage, but the largest percentage—75—is among those who are periodically dangerous lunatics.

The writer comes to the conclusion that these lines denote some degeneracy of the upper nervous system; that they are not purely physical, but are connected with physical, moral, and intellectual change.

### Why Nations Wear Colors.

Did it ever occur to you that the bunch of colored ribbons you wear in your buttonhole—or pinned on your dress, if you are a girl—at commencement, or at a baseball or football game, is really a flag? It tells to what class or school or college you belong, or which of these, for the time, has your interest and sympathy. And for somewhat similar reasons do nations wear their colors, says St. Nicholas. At first maybe it was to tell one another apart; but after a while the colors—the flag—came to represent the nation itself; and the way the people acted toward the nation's flag was supposed to show the way they felt toward the nation.

### DROPPING OF A PENNY.

Other Passengers in Street Car Usually More Interested in Its Fate Than the Owner.

Have you ever noticed the interest that money attracts, even if it is only a single cent? The next time that you see a copper coin dropped in a street car just observe, advises the Chicago Tribune. Every eye in the car will turn to the spot where it dropped, and there will be manifested a real general concern over its recovery. Two or three heads are likely to come in contact over the point of its disappearance, and then the owners will draw suddenly back and try to appear unconcerned; but in another second they are again leaning forward.

The man who dropped the cent is usually the first who appears to have brushed memory of the trivial occurrence aside, but just as soon as the eyes in the car have turned from him his own are sure to go back to the floor in the hope that the truant coin will be seen.

When he has gone there is a renewed interest among the passengers for the stage of "finders keepers" has arrived, and those near the spot of disappearance become quite diligent until they are aware they make a center of attraction. But interest in that little coin is not lost while there is a passenger left, and when the car is empty the conductor takes his turn and resurrects the cent.

### A Matrimonial Suggestion.

London newspaper men are afraid that American women journalists are going to crowd them out of business. Why, asks the Chicago Record-Herald, don't they execute a coup by marrying the lady journalists?

### Sending Food Our Way.

Ship loads of potatoes are arriving at New York from Ireland, Scotland and Belgium. Evidently, says the Chicago Record-Herald, all the world doesn't propose to get all its food from Uncle Sam all the time.

### COUNTING THE STARS.

A Task That Will Take Two Greenwich Clocks Three Years to Complete.

Two clerks at the observatory at Greenwich are essaying the extraordinary task of counting the stars. They are attempting in all seriousness a feat which has always been used satirically to typify the impossible. So far they have counted 212,307 stars which, if astronomical calculations be correct, is about one-fiftieth of the total number to be found in the firmament, states the Philadelphia North American.

The method of the tabulation is a new evidence of the far-reaching scientific possibilities of photography. The enumerators do not sit out in the starlight, and strive to count the infinitesimal spots of light outlined against the blue background. Instead, they have made a great photographic chart of the heavens. This chart consists of a number of plates exposed at different times in order to get all the planets and heavenly bodies.

After the entire chart was complete the two astronomers began the work of counting with the aid of microscopes. It is estimated that before the task is completed some three years must elapse, for to insure accuracy the greatest care must be exercised, and any attempt at speed is out of question.

## FEATS OF CHICKEN FANCIERS.

By Intelligent Breeding They Have Produced Fowls of All Sizes and Colors.

The American Standard of Perfection as drafted and copyrighted by the American Poultry association, contains the names of 116 varieties of fowls, 115 of which are due to the development of man. God made only one—a homely, wild thing, which made its home in the jungle along with the rest of primeval creation, says a writer on the Great American Barnyard, in Leslie's Monthly. By intelligent breeding fanciers have produced fowls, of all sizes, from the diminutive bantam to the mammoth bronze turkey; one a tiny bit of feathered vanity, weighing only a few ounces, and the other a bulky fowl weighing from 40 to 60 pounds—as much as a half-grown boy. Results equally wonderful have been accomplished in color effects. There are varieties in red, black, brown and white, with nearly all possible combinations, beside buff and Andalusian blue. The fanciers have shown that they can lace, stripe, spangle or bar the feathers of their birds in any way to satisfy their individual fancy. In fact, about all they have left undone is to put their initials on the feathers of their birds.

## GENIUS IN THE BUCKETSHOP.

New York Operator Got Onto a Fast Wire and It Brought Him a Boost.

"It takes two wide open eyes to keep the sharps from eating you up in this business nowadays," said the bucketshop man, relates the New York Sun. "Only yesterday I stopped a gap that was costing me money every day we had any activity in the market."

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"Suppose you fired the Rochester operator?" remarked the listener.

"Not at all," said the bucketshop man. "I brought him down and installed him in the office here. Rochester is too small a town for the operation of such genius."

### International Telephones.

Great activity is now being displayed in the extension of international telephones. Brussels and London and Paris and Rome are already connected. Negotiations are now in progress between the Russian and German governments to still further enlarge the area of international telephones by a direct line connecting St. Petersburg and Berlin.

### Handkerchiefs for Soldiers.

The Russian government has decreed that in future all soldiers of the empire must use handkerchiefs—heretofore not one soldier out of a thousand has indulged in this luxury—and that all the handkerchiefs must contain pictures emblematic of a soldier's life, both in battle and in time of peace.

### FORGOT WOODEN LEG.

An Absent-Minded Customer Recently Left It in a Kansas City Savings Bank.

Lots of funny things are left by the carelessly disposed in queer places, but about the oddest find of this sort recorded recently is that of Will Webb, cashier of the Missouri savings bank who was, until it was called for, the unwilling custodian of a man's wooden leg, which the owner had left on the bank's counter, says the Kansas City Journal.

"He came in the other day," said Mr. Webb, recently, "and left an elongated package on the counter when he departed. When it was noticed and brought to me it seemed heavy, so in the hope of ascertaining its ownership I opened it, only to find that it was a wooden leg! You can imagine my surprise."

"My first thought was, how could the man have walked away if he left his leg here? But then I remembered that it was wrapped up and concluded that he must have been wearing an old one. So I put it away until I could trace the ownership. Sure enough, next day in came a man who asked the teller if he had left his leg here the day before. The teller was startled, but managed to refer the man to me, and I soon put him in possession of his extremity."

"Lots of funny things are left here; up to then the queerest were a clarinet, on which I couldn't play, and a woman's petticoat, which I couldn't wear. Both were called for later on."

Weekly Oregonian—Heppner Gazette.

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Morrow County is a new country, and like all other new countries, is awaiting development.

Located in the Columbia river valley, and skirted on the South with a spur of the Blue mountains, within the boundaries of Morrow county is a territory 75 miles in length by 35 miles in width, and containing 1,313,280 acres of land. Formerly stockraising was the principal industry, but latterly the fertility of the land is bringing agriculture to the front. Immense wheat crops are grown with little cultivation, the soil being mixed with a volcanic ash which is very rich in wheat-producing qualities. The 1904 crop will aggregate 1,400,000 bushels, much of it from virgin soil.

Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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