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They Are Telling Signs of Healthy or Sick Nerves.

"When I went to a nerve specialist first," said a man who was once an invalid to a Boston Gazette reporter, "he told me that one way to judge of the condition of a person's nerves was to watch his thumbs. Ever since that time I have found the greatest fascination in looking at people's thumbs. The doctor said that if they moved involuntarily outward it was a sign that the nerves of that man or woman were not in the best condition. I find myself now like sweeping the thumb opposite me in the car, and if the doctor's test is a good one, there is a surprising number of people in this town whose nerves need looking after. There are few people among the women who do not involuntarily move the thumbs outward at intervals of every few minutes, and when your attention has been attracted to the process of watching their gloved hands grow very interesting. I have found the habit much less frequent among men, but take the average number of women in a street car, and it will be a surprise to you to see how many of them indulge unconsciously in this little habit. I only hope it does not mean anything as serious as it might indicate if that nerve specialist's diagnosis was a good one."

REFORM WANTED.

The question, "What shall we do with our burglars in the intervals of their convictions?" has been partly solved by a man who appeared recently in the columns of the London News, was one of vulgar crime in most of its details. He had been caught breaking into a house and he was now sentenced to 12 months' hard labor. It was particularly well deserved, as he was an old offender. But the police were able to show that since his last release from prison he had been getting a living by reporting inquests for newspapers. No one can cast the first stone at an honorable profession on that account, for was not Mr. Peace a gentleman with a sign of his own and a distinguished medical amateur? The more interesting question is whether the prisoner was well advised in his choice of a department of press work. Inquests must be delicate and a distinguished medical amateur? The more interesting question is whether the prisoner was well advised in his choice of a department of press work. Inquests must be delicate and a distinguished medical amateur? The more interesting question is whether the prisoner was well advised in his choice of a department of press work.

EAT APPLES AT NIGHT.

Statement Which Recommends the Old Proverb About the Fruit.

The apple is such a common fruit that very few persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. The Bulletin of Pharmacy, Everybody ought to know that the best thing they can do is to eat apples just before retiring for the night. Persons suffering from indigestion, flatulency, or other ailments of the stomach are liable to throw up their hands in horror at the vision of dyspepsia which such a suggestion may summon up; but no harm can come even to a delicate system by eating a few ripe and juicy apples just before going to bed.

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The efficient and organized charity associations in this country sometimes take on strange phases, as in the wood-yard, and in the free coffee stands established a few years ago in the east-England village of Broughton-in-Furness. A Canadian who recently visited England tells about a charity he noticed there.

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DON'T SHOOT SOLID SHOT.

Artillery Has Abandoned the Use of That Projectile.

The use of solid shot in warfare has been practically given up. The projectile of today is a conical shell of steel and sometimes loaded with powder so as to explode, or by a time fuse. It is wonderfully different from the shell of twenty-five years ago, says the Washington Post. The old shell was one of two types, one of which was a hollow shell of iron or steel, the other a solid shot of iron or steel. The hollow shell was fired through a gun barrel, and the solid shot was fired through a mortar. The hollow shell was fired through a gun barrel, and the solid shot was fired through a mortar.

LAYING ON THE LAST STRAW.

The Horse May Now Be Seen Led on the Street by a Bicycle.

The horse has been getting the "worst of it" for some time. First he was found to be edible and was made into sausage and canned and sold in steaks and his hide was made into corduroy. Then he took away the work of his old age—pulling street cars. And now the bicycle has further restricted his sphere of usefulness by depriving him of pulling the Sunday young man and carrying on their afternoon drives. Livery, which was his exclusive field, has been adopted by the impertinent wheel, and now, in the next stall to the horse, in the glowing bicycle, which needs neither oats nor bedding. Then, too, he has shared with him and the bicycle the honorable epithet "steed," and the gaudy wheel, with its noisy, rattling rubber shoes, is called the "noble iron steed," etc., ad nauseam. The future of the horse is indeed dismal.

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