

SHAPE OF THE HAND.

The Reason Our Fingers Are Not All of the Same Length.

There is no known reason why our fingers should be of different lengths today. In fact it is thought by some people that the hand would be stronger if the fingers were all of the same length, says the Book of Wonders. Certainly, however, the hands would not then be so beautiful and might not be so useful.

The human hand today is perhaps the most versatile thing in the world. You can do more things with the hand than with any other thing in the world. The probability is that the shape of the hand today and the length of the fingers are the result of the different things the human being has called upon the hand to do during man's development up to the present time.

WHERE THE MULE FAILS.

He Doesn't Relish a Battle With the Artillery Gets Active.

More nearly impervious to heat than any of the other domestic animals, including his own ancestor, the mule has played a prominent part in the development of our southern states. On the sugar plantations and in the cotton fields he is without a peer.

His traditional endurance renders him almost invaluable to the quartermaster's department of armies in the field, but the experienced artillery officer uses horses instead for handling artillery in action.

A mule doesn't enjoy a battle. He doesn't relish its excitement and its terror, that metamorphosis that changes men alternately into politicians and demagogues.

Under a sustained artillery fire a horse becomes unusually docile. He turns instinctively to his master as to a creature of higher power, and his very terror renders him gentle.

But the mule displays no such faith in humankind. In the turmoil of battle he suddenly becomes arbiter of his own acts, and he either bolts or balks. A mule disapproves all that he does not understand, and it is traditional that he is not amenable to reason.—Los Angeles Times.

No Wonder He Wouldn't Sell.

Captain Amundsen told an amusing story of one of his arctic expeditions. Several of his dogs having died, Captain Amundsen asked one of the natives in his best Eskimo if he would sell him a few dogs. To his surprise the request was promptly refused.

The explorer and the Eskimo had a long argument, the explorer pointing out that he must get dogs somehow and the Eskimo replying that they never sold them.

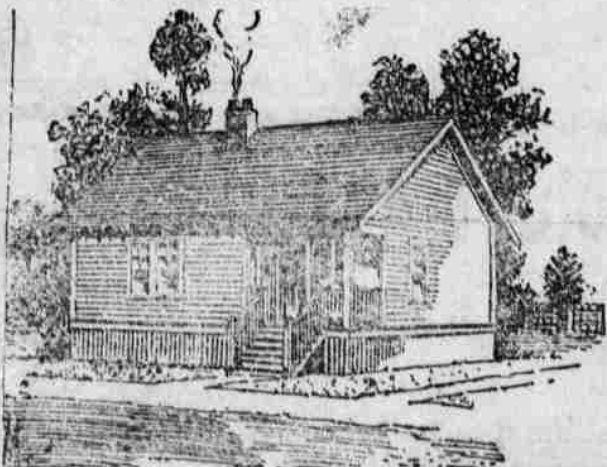
"Nonsense!" Captain Amundsen exclaimed. "I have often bought dogs."

The Eskimo seemed immensely astonished, and at the end of another argument Captain Amundsen discovered that instead of using the Eskimo word for "dog" he had been asking the man to sell him some "children."

Russia's Parquetry Floors.

Most flooring put down in Russia is parquetry, and it is generally oak. Even in the unpretentious houses and flat buildings this parquetry is to be found. In some cases, of course, the finish is not so fine as in others, and in ordinary buildings the designs are not so elaborate. One of the most noticeable features of a Russian house is that rugs and carpets are used for wall decorations instead of floor coverings. Floor polishing by professionals, who come regularly once every week or ten days, is considered a part of the regular routine of running a house.

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23 Years Ago.

[From the Press of July 27 1894]

Ira Crofutt, a former merchant of Weston was in the city Saturday last with a load of melons from his Milton fruit ranch.

A field of wheat near Walla Walla which was threshed last week yielded an average of fifty two bushels to the acre.

Miss Minnie Lieuellen returned to her home in Pendleton Saturday after a long visit with friends in Athena and vicinity.

Hugh Thompson has been appointed assistant marshal. He assumed his duties as such, on Saturday evening last.

A little difficulty between Louis Estes and a fellow named Yarker occurred at Lew Shaw's saloon Saturday evening. The matter was settled to the satisfaction of all concerned in three rounds. Mr. Yarker came out second best, and Louis carries the belt.

Frank Mansfield, one of our leading farmers, informs our reporter that he had 80 acres of wheat that threshed 61 bushels to the acre. The wheat is very plump and hard.

The road between this city and Weston is very badly cut up. This could be remedied by very little work in a short space of time, by turning out and straining it.

The La Grande Daily Chronicle now takes the associated press report. Judge DePeatt's family are enjoying an outing at Bingham Springs.

Chas. Willert, who has been working in Sloan's shop at Pendleton for some time, spent Sunday and Monday with his family in Athena.

At a meeting of the board of school directors, held last Monday the following teachers were elected: R. O. Hawks, principal; L. H. Liston, Mrs. McKinley, Mrs. Irene Freeman, and Miss Mary Taylor, assistants.

There are several boys in this city who are liable to get into trouble if they continue to shoot at persons passing along the streets in carriages, with slingshots. One evening recently a gentleman was out driving when one of these kids took a shot at him, whereupon he swung his whip around, giving the boy a sharp whack, which served him right.

Ed. Cox left on last evening's train for Berkeley, Cal., where he will attend college for another year.

Born—To the wife of Paul Bushman August 4, a boy.

Born—In Athena, Monday, August 6th, 1894, to the wife of Max Lewin, a boy.

Born—Near Athena Sunday, August 5th, to the wife of Adam Raymond, a girl.

Dr. Sharp reports Mrs. Hank Vaughn to be quite sick at her home on the reservation.

The road on the Wild Horse has been completed and shortens the distance between Adams and Pendleton five miles.

L. A. Githens is again at work in his old position as bookkeeper at the Mosgrove store, corner 3rd and Main street. "Gith" is an expert bookkeeper, and has a host of friends among the boys.

Mrs. C. A. Barrett came down from Saling's camp Tuesday after some supplies. She says the population of that resort is about one hundred now, and that every one seems to be having an excellent time. Her party have developed such appetites since going there that it was found necessary to replenish their larder.

H. McArthur has moved back from Pendleton and will occupy his residence south of Athena.

B. D. Banister's separator was burned near Weston Saturday. The threshing machine power and the wheat in the vicinity were saved.

Rev. Fancher, pastor of the M. E. church, South of Weston, preached a highly interesting sermon at the Baptist church in this city on Sunday last.

The warehouses and elevators in Athena are just at present the scene of much bustle and hard work. The boys are standing it all right, though.

Hull, the colored barber at the St. Nichols shaving parlors, is quite an expert checker player, and affords much amusement for lovers of that game. He always has a large audience on the sidewalk, in front of the shop.

Lehman Springs correspondent to the East Oregonian: A young lady from Athena was wagered 75 cents that she dare not jump into the deepest place in the bathing pool in ordinary attire. She won the wager.

FILLING OUT A CHECK.

It is a Good Rule Always to Write the Stub First.

In a big store a woman was paying with a check for some goods she had just bought, and she was carefully filling in the stub of her check book first. "Oh, don't stop for that!" urged her shopping companion, who was in a hurry. "You can do that when you get home."

Unmoved, the careful woman finished the stub with a special care, then wrote the check, gave it to the salesman and said to her impatient friend: "Before I was married I took care of some of my father's accounts. The first time he ever asked me to fill out a set of blank checks for him so he could sign them he told me: 'One rule you must always observe—write the stub first. Make a vow to yourself, like unto the vow of Jephthah, that you will never write a check until the stub is filled. If for any reason you should fail later to write the check it would be a simple matter to cancel the stub, but if you write a check and leave the stub blank you open the door to a hundred chances of mistake. No one's memory can be trusted on that subject. Never try to trust yours. Let the law of 'the stub first' be to you as the law of the Medes and the Persians.' I have always found it perfectly easy to follow that rule, and that is one reason I have a bank account today. My husband is never afraid I will make him any trouble with it."

HEED BAD ODORS.

They May Warn You of Places Where Disease Germs Lurk.

Even a bad odor has its uses. Scientists say that the offensive smell which comes from decaying and disease breeding matter is in reality one of nature's measures of preparedness and of prevention.

Offensive odors indirectly prevent the spread of epidemics by calling attention to the breeding place of the disease. They give warning that something is wrong, and they persist in this warning by becoming more and more offensive until the wrong is righted.

The odor does not convey the germ or communicate the disease, because in most cases direct contact is necessary to do this, or the infection is communicated by some substance taken into or brought in contact with the body. But it does tell where the disease exists or is likely to exist. It also gives warning of tainted or unfit food, as the nose is intended by nature to be one of man's chief allies in the fight for health.

Some have even gone so far as to state that mothers should not discourage or forbid children smelling their food before they eat it. The tendency to do this is said to be a natural one. The nose is not placed above the mouth by accident. It was designed in primitive man as a guidepost for his stomach, and it is still a good guide.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Looking Glass in Fiction.

All battles have shown by their stories how the looking glass is regarded as ministering to vanity. The ancient Greeks depicted Venus with a mirror and even described her chamber as lined all over with mirrors, so that whichever way her eyes turned she could behold her beautiful self. But Minerva never used a mirror. Pass to West Africa and we find a native story which begins with a magic mirror that possessed the power of speech and always said, "Mistress, there is none," when its owner, a woman called Maria, asked it, "My mirror is there any other beautiful woman like myself?" But one day Maria's daughter entered the forbidden room where it was kept, asked a similar question and got a similar answer. A tale of maternal jealousy and vengeance follows.—London Spectator.

Sunlight and Germs.

Here is an instructive experiment made by scientists to show the effects of sunlight. Some germs of the terrible disease anthrax were sown on two plates of gelatin, and while one plate was kept in the dark the other was placed in the sunlight. The germs grew, and at the end of ten minutes there were 300 colonies or groups in the sunshine plate and 400 colonies in the dark plate.

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Early Opportunity.

"We came to this country and took the innocent red man's land away from him." "Yes," replied the man who has been having trouble with real estate, "and in some cases the innocent red man was lucky to unload just when he did."—Washington Star.

A Classy Youth.

"What classes is your boy in at college?" "He's in the 300 class at baseball." "Yes?" "And also in the ten second class in the 100 yard dash."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Boring Wells.

The art of boring wells was practiced in the east more than 4,000 years ago. Abraham's servant encountered Rebekah at a well in 1820 B. C.

Improve the Setting.

Howell—How can a man get his wife in a pleasant frame of mind? Powell—Just see that the frame is gilded.—Town Topics.

High Prices.
In San Francisco in 1840 clerks in stores and offices had munificent salaries. Five dollars a day was the small stipend even in the custom house, and one preacher was paid \$10,000 a year. Laborers received \$1 an hour. A pick or a shovel was worth \$10 and a butcher's knife \$20. At one time the carpenters, who were getting \$12 a day, struck for \$16. But it should be noted that prices were exceedingly high also.

When Youth's Life is Shaped.
"The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world?" Nonsense. It only handles the material. The time of the shaping of life is from twelve to eighteen years old. That is the formative period. All great educators know that. Professor Earl Barnes.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.—Emerson.

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