

PALMISTRY.

What Sort of Temper Has Your Sweetheart? Sure Guide as to Hereditary Tendencies Toward Disease.

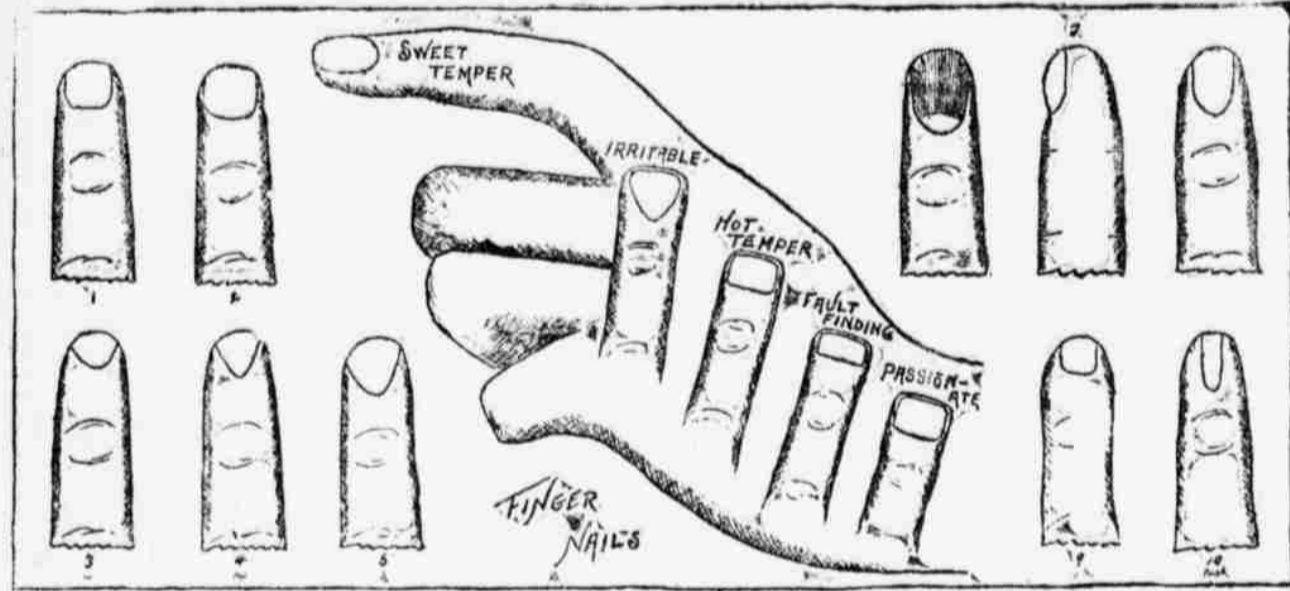
BY THE DISTINGUISHED YOUNG PALMIST, MARTINI.

Written for The Tribune. In the following article I may be allowed to state that the modern physician, be he homeopath, allopath, or eclectic, has long admitted that color, heat and consistency of the palm, as well as the shape and thickness of the nail, are essential points that he cannot afford to overlook when forming a correct diagnosis of the patient's state of health.

In what I try to reveal about the nails I have found to correspond with most recognized medical works treating upon the same subject. Of course, in describing the size and shape of the nail I simply refer to that portion of the nail which extends from its incipency to the tip of the finger; the portion above that is left to the fancy of the individual, although I have found and proved that finger nails kept short by constant biting, is an invariable indication of an irritable, worrying, nervous temperament,

at the edge, the possessor would be a fit subject for paralytics. Nail 6, if long, ribbed and fluted, indicates weak lungs, consumptive, even if the subject does not actually suffer from the lungs or chest, a little inquiry will soon disclose the fact that such a tendency has been in the family somewhere. It matters not how strong the individual may appear, it is well for such a person to take great care in all matters relating to pneumonia, cold, etc.

Nail 7, when much curved both from the top back toward the finger and across the finger, indicates scrofula and consumption, and to this day this diagnosis is accepted as correct. Nail 8, if long, is a sign of a comparatively weak physical nature, especially so if thin. As regards temperament, long-nailed people are less critical than those with the short nails; also more even and gentle in temper. Nail 9, if short and square in shape,



and in many cases deceitful. I think the habit is filthy, degrading and just a degree or so above morphomania. Medical men all over the world, have lately taken up the study of the nails with great interest. During my visit in San Francisco, two of the leading physicians consulted me as to the study of the nails, their shapes, forms, characteristics, etc. I hold some very flattering testimonies from them as to the practical value they gained from the study of this branch of chiromancy. Scientists of recognized capacity have often said that the nails are nothing but the electric fluid within us, hardened by exposure to the air, thus becoming a kind of intermediary substance between the fluid mentioned above and the human skin and flesh.

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Nails 1 and 2, if of moderate length, fairly broad and brittle, indicate a tendency to throat trouble, such as inflamed throat, laryngitis, asthma, catarrh and bronchial affections.

Nails 3, 4, 5, if triangular, thin, flat and sunken into the flesh, denote nervous diseases and a tendency to paralysis. This same nail if short, flat, shell-shaped and inclined to lift or curve out

a defective action of the heart, generally heart trouble. If short, square and pale, falsehood and cunning. Short and wide, with skin growing far up, pugnacity, dominating spirit, love of order pushed to the extreme. Nail 10, if narrow, curved and long, threatens weakness of the back and, if very narrow, spinal trouble.

Short nails in general denote perspicacity, self-possession, quickness of intellect; the nail of the clever reporter and the lawyer, ever ready with a witty retort; also the mocker who wittily spots on the nails I have found caused from nervous strains, or worry, the spots, however, only appear after a strain or illness. I have noticed them in cases where a sudden and sudden demand upon his nervous force, for instance, to appear before the public, or to fulfill some responsible position. When the nails are covered all over with white spots is a sign that the system has been run down through nervous worry and anxiety.

A 'perfect nail' ought to be naturally polished and white (needing little of that odious manicuring), slightly pink and not brittle, transparent but not too thin; length normal. Nails shaped such indicate good spirit, correct taste and tact, and generally refinement.

Nothing but Remnants Left. 'Well,' inquired the minister at the court of the most august son of heaven,

the Emperor of China, 'how's business progressing in China?' 'Rather dull lately,' replied the imperial secretary. 'We had a little spurt in naval bases this morning, and parties from Europe are now looking over our line of spheres of influence, but business generally isn't near so active as it was earlier in the season.'—Freck.

Lightning Rod Man As War Correspondent

Cap Town, Africa, Dec. 1.—It is learned at a terrible risk 2 yure speshul korrespondent's life that Pretoria is filled with konstermahsh and British troops. Later—a native runner has just arrived in an exhausted condition and a breach cloth with the startling information that Pretoria is evacuated by sum of the British Troops & that Genero Konstermahsh is in full kommand. As news is hard 2 get this report cant be veridic, but is important if tru. 'Delaid in transmahsh—The nativ runner did or hart fallure at 6.30 p. m. This is the 1st detsh so far in the Transvahl War. He will be berried with appropriate serimonia, & his wite dots just an the son goes down Toosday. 'War is Hell.' (That kwotashun is not original). His last words was, 'Tell the editor I don the best I cood.' He used a terrible grammer but he was a hero. Honey Nest Kloof, Transvahl, Dec. 1.—It was roomed last nite that Lombardk was 2 be removed from the force 4 caws, but there is litel or no troob in the statement. He was on dooty last nite, as usual, & when I woke him up 2 kweshun him he respide, 'Well, you can get yet a little more out of me, you think I cant either, see?' I ashrud him that there wasnt the slightest dots about it in my mind & we parted friend. It will be perveed by the intelligent

reeder that politiks run on the African plan are not dissimilar from those in the home of the free & the land of the West. I interviewed the President of the Selekct council in regard 2 the matter & he respide most mofattly that Lombardk was a go. 'But,' sez the korrespondent, 'the intimated 2 me that if he was fired he wood present a Black Art show at which several hideous skeletous wood 'emerge from the closet of both branches of the konvint.' 'Did he?' replide the President in an intently interested tone. 'He certinly did, so I replide. 'Oh, well,' sez the Prez, 'if he iz going 2 get mad about it I suppose we kin elect him 4 another term.' Later—Lombardk was found at an early our this a. m. stabd in the pith between the curbstone & the hitchin-post. The wound is necessarily quite serious. 'War iz Hell & Politiks iz sumtimes jest as fall. (This improvement on the former kwotashun, I am happy 2 say, iz original).

Later Still—Lombardk dide from his wounds this a. m. as a koincidens. 'In the midst of life we are sumtimes stabd 2 deth,' awise. 'There iz more ways 2 drink whiskey than out of a bottl,' likewise. 'There iz several ways 2 remove kops from the force.'

Makfing, Dec. 1.—Lady Smith gave a Pink Tea yesterday 2 her soshul peers. Peter Maritzburg, who took Heketa at the door, refused 2 admit Oom Pawl with the excuse that he needed a horse, but it iz leard from a trusty source, whose identity I dissent divulge, that the abuv reason was a bare faced lie. The fact that Mr. Kruger was no dress soot. Oom Pawl left in a rage & a barrosh foaming at the mouth.

Lady Smith iz prostrated, in fact she iz so ill that it haznt bin leard, as yet, whether she is indisposed with grief or joy, but the fact is, Army officers are laying odds of 100 too 100 that it iz the latter with few takers. The town iz in an uproar & a detly stillness pervades. The feeling iz intents in spots. Sum claim it iz the camm be 4 the storm.

Unless the greatest cawshun iz used by the diplomats there iz libel 2 be blood shed. Later—Oom Pawl haz challenged Peter Maritzburg 2 a duile. Peter asserd him, saying, 'Go git a reputashun.' The Tea gived a repashun. 'A Pink 1 but a yellow 1. Swinkspan, Dec. 1.—Awtho I havent seen him persnally I understand that Rootsh has returned, having 2 Clery Jubert, Snyman, Methoon, Estcoot & Cronge are missing. The town iz up in arms & the wildest excitement iz rampant. No trace of the missing men can be leard & I have worn out 2 pair of shoes running down false stories. Diamonds has gone up 18 & 8 cts. a carat. Later iz still rising. Menny bridjes hav bin swept away by awful chures are being prest in 2 servis as temporary hospitals. Ham sandwiches are 35 fennis each & you buy custard 4 a luv not a luv. A famin iz feed & the natives are eating crackers off the ends of whips. Later—Oom Pawl & the rest of the bunch hav returned, having bin playing poker on the banks of the Moon far away. Later (Delaid in transmahsh)—Mr. Kruger denize that he was playing poker & sez that his game was penuckle. He also brings grave charges against the British Generals, claiming that they can in frapped cards (cold dex). If he can prove the charge it will undoubtedly become an interesting kontroversy. Peepil well up in tictax say that the event is unprecedented in internashunal warfare, & the outcome iz awaited in breathless silents. From the abuv it will be reddly gathered that the principal loss was sustained on the Boor side, since the hub-bub, since Hildans Stashun, Dec. 1.—The town iz filled with restless & unseetled roomers. This wood be a grate town 4 sumbuddy 2 stay a loding house & corral the roomers. Yures, on the 2nd. A. Klidder.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm Cures Others, Why Not You? My wife has been using Chamberlain's Pain Balm, with good results, for a lame shoulder that has pained her continually for nine years. We tried all kinds of medicine, and doctors without receiving any benefit from any of them. One day we saw an advertisement of this medicine and thought of trying it, which we did with the best of satisfaction. She has used only one bottle and her shoulder is almost well.—Adolph L. Miller, Manchester, N. H. For sale by all druggists, Matthews Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR. (Concluded from Page 1) power may be known and placed in position involving responsibility and authority. Without some such process in time of peace the selection has to be made after war has commenced, at the expense of treasure and of life, and sometimes of temporary failure and humiliation. Such a process of selection will necessarily at the same time afford an incentive to exertion and a reward for professional attainments and effective service, while stimulating the development of the capable officer and bringing to the front the most able to bear responsibility and perform the difficult duties to be confronted in actual hostilities. Fourth—The exercise and training of the officers and men of the army in the movements of large bodies of troops by brigade, division and corps under conditions approaching as nearly as possible those to be anticipated in executing the plans devised for their action in war. Officers who have never seen a corps, division, or brigade organized and on the march can not be expected to perform perfectly the duties required of them when war comes. The collection of large bodies of men presents, not the same difficulties presented by a small body, multiplied or increased in degree, but entirely new difficulties which only experience can qualify men to meet. The sanitation, the care, the discipline, and many of the duties are new to the man who has dealt only with a company or a regiment. The highest efficiency under these conditions can be attained only by giving experience approximating as nearly as possible to that which will be encountered when the war machinery is required to do its proper work. Recommendations. I think the following steps may be taken to advantage: (1) That an army war college should be established, which shall be composed of the heads of the staff departments, properly so called, and a number of the ablest and most competent officers of high rank in the army (including, of course, the major general commanding), these officers to be detailed for service in the college for limited periods, so that while the college shall be continuous in records, character, and performance, it shall continually and gradually change in its personnel and its methods. It should be the duty of the body of officers to direct the instruction and intellectual exercise of the army, to acquire the information, devise the plans, and study the subjects above indicated, and to advise the commander in chief upon all questions of plans, armament, transportation, mobilization and military preparation and movement. This college should have combined with it, reinforced and enlarged in its scope and effectiveness, the present division of military information of the adjutant general's office, where its records and its conclusions should be preserved. It should not supersede, but should incorporate, continue, and bring under the same general management the present service schools, supplementing where it is necessary their courses, which now, so far as instruction is concerned, largely cover the ground. Its instruction would, at the outset and perhaps permanently, be given through these schools, but it should give unity, influence, authority, and effectiveness to military affairs to the work and thought developed in them, aside from mere instruction, and a weight and utility to their records of the efficiency and merit of their pupils not hitherto accorded, and by a law making the high character of the work they have done. (2) That every officer of the army below the rank of field officer, and not already a graduate of one, aside from some fixed period during his service to receive instruction at this college in the science of war, and the duties of the staff, and in all matters pertaining to the application of military science to national defense; that provision should be made for the continuance of such instruction by correspondence after the expiration of the period of each officer's detail, and that all officers should be invited and entitled to present, by written papers and reports, as a part of the regular course and for credit upon their efficiency records, the results of their investigations, explorations, and experiments in military and scientific work, and upon such special subjects as may be prescribed by the college. (3) That all staff appointments should hereafter be made from the line of the army for a fixed period of, say, four or five years, the holder to return to the line at the end of the period, and not to be eligible to reappointment until after at least one year's service in the line, and that after the expiration of a reasonable period the selection of staff appointments should be made on the basis of proficiency and fitness, as shown in the War college (or hereafter in the service schools), including as elements for consideration both the work done during the period of detail, and the post-graduate work. Excepting, however, that such appointments should also be permitted for gallant and meritorious conduct in the field, shown by recommendations of commanding officers for brevet promotion made during the progress of a war, and excluding the line of the army, and scientific branches of engineering, ordnance, and signal service examinations should be continued; that all promotions in the staff itself be upon the basis prescribed for original appointment, combined with efficiency of service in the staff. (4) That the present system of promotion by seniority should be modified as to all officers now or hereafter below field rank, by making a specific proportion of the promotions to each grade for seniority, and a specific portion on the basis either of efficiency records in the war college, or hereafter in the service schools, including both elements of work done during actual attendance and subsequent promotion, or for gallantry in the field during war, or both, accompanied in each case by evidence of faithful performance of the arduous duties of the line. (5) That all selections of candidates for staff appointments and for staff promotions and for line promotions, should be made for seniority, and examination for that purpose, upon an examination and estimate of the efficiency records exhibiting the grounds for appointment or promotion above stated. Nothing can be more important than that the officers of the army shall feel that their rise in rank depends upon what they do, that ability, intellectual activity, faithful performance of duty, and gallant conduct are more certain claims to preferment than seniority or political influence. A system of promotions which is divorced from the efficiency record is not merely unjust, but it destroys ambition and checks the effort of the army. The way

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