

# WHAT THE HAND DENOTES.

### ODD THEORIES ADVANCED BY A PROFESSOR OF PALMISTRY.

#### Telling People's Characteristics by the Shape of Their Hands—Importance of the Thumb.

"Chromancy or the science of palmistry," said a professor recently to a reporter for the New York Mail and Express, "is of very ancient origin." It is a science which enables us to divine character, past events and destiny from the shape, the knuckles and the lines of the hands. It is generally acknowledged that bumps on the hand indicate certain characteristics of human nature. The color of the hair and eyes, the form of the mouth and nose, the shape of the eyes and ears, are infallible indications of temperament. We therefore claim that character can be read just as easily from the marks and lines on the hands. No two persons' hands are alike."

"You claim, then, that the lines on the hand are not formed by folding them or by work?"

"Certainly. Nature places them there as she does the lines on the forehead. Palmistry is divided under two heads—chirognomy and chiromancy. The former relates to the hand and its markings, the latter to types of hands. By chiromancy we tell the dispositions, proclivities, characters and occupations of those with whom we are thrown in contact by the mere shape of the hands. All hands are divided under seven categories—the elementary or large-palmed, the necessary or spatulate, the artistic or conical, the useful or square, the philosophical or knotty, the psychic or pointed and the mixed hand. If the palm of the hand is meager and narrow, it shows a weak disposition, wanting in versatility. If it is supple and of a thickness and size in proportion with the fingers and the rest of the body, it denotes aptitude and brightness of idea. If, though still supple, the mould and general developments are too marked and gross, it denotes sensuality and egotism, and if it is too big and too fat, it indicates a character void of refinement."

"Do the fingers denote any particular character?"

"Yes. They are either smooth or knotted. If your second joints—those nearest the nails—are developed, you have a well-ordered mind; if both joints are developed, this orderliness and method are more pronounced. With both joints developed, you will be tidy, punctual, systematic and methodical in your course of action. If neither joint is developed, your natural tendency will be toward art and your course of action will be rather inspired than reasoned out; you will be guided by fancy and sentiment; good taste belongs to knotted fingers, natural grace to smooth. All fingers have the third phalange, that which bears the nail, either pointed, conical, square or spatulate. Take two hands, both spatulate; both will appreciate things real and physical, but one will succeed by inspiration, and the one with knotted fingers by calculation. Take a subject having smooth fingers ending conically, like a thimble. You will find the fine arts—sculpture, vigorous painting, imaginative poetry, or love of the beautiful and love of independence. If the hand, instead of being smooth, be knotty, you will find the same tendencies, but with more moral force and character. If the knotted fingers have the outer phalange square and pointed, they indicate love of the stern truth, poetry of reason, logic. That is what we call a philosophical hand, more theoretical than practical. A hand having the third phalange very pointed and drawn out indicates idealism, religion, poetry of soul and heart, adoration of the beautiful, desire for love and liberty. We call this a psychic hand. A hand that is hard and stiff, and has a difficulty in opening to its full extension, indicates obstinacy and stubbornness. A large hand indicates love of detail, a medium hand takes in details, but also appreciates entirety among musical people. The most correct and learned physicians have square fingers. Instrumentation, whether it be the art of performing or composing for instruments is invariably found in spatulate fingers, while singers nearly always have the third phalange knotted."

"What of the thumb, Professor?"

"The thumb is the most essential part of the human hand. Without it the fingers would be comparatively useless. It is the thumb that constitutes the great difference between the hand of a man and the foot of an animal. In the thumb lie the indications of a man's will and intellect. People who are born idiots come into the world either without thumbs or with their thumbs quite abortive and useless. A baby, before it can exercise its will, it is always observed, keeps its fingers closed over its thumb. A reasoning man invariably closes his thumb over his fingers. If the second or outer phalange of your thumb be narrow, mean and short, your will is a weak one, you are prone to be guided by others. Large thumbs indicate independence and a tendency toward despotism. Any one with smooth fingers and a small thumb has an inherent tendency to poetry and art, though he may not have talent to cultivate them."

"Will you explain to me the peculiarities of the various hands you have mentioned?"

"The elementary hand is the first. The characteristics of this hand are thick, stiff fingers; a short thumb, generally turned back, large, broad and thick palm, very hard. This is the hand of a laborer or stevedore. Such subjects understand nothing but the grossly material aspect of things; they are inaccessible to reason. Such a hand betrays heaviness of soul, a sluggish imagination and complete indifference. The spatulate hand denotes resolution. The spatulate hand possesses the instinct of self-preservation highly developed, and it rules the world of beings material by natural intelligence. People with spatulate fingers make excellent colonists, for they are not rendered flighty by tastes for poetry and art. The artistic hand has three tendencies. They are the supple hand, with small thumb with a medium palm, indicating love of beauty, particularly of form; large, short and thick, with a large thumb, which betrays a desire for riches, fortune and greatness, and the large and very firm hand, which denotes tendency to

sexuality. The useful hand is of medium size, but inclining to large, the joints of the fingers are developed and the outer phalange square; the thumb is large and developed at the root; the palm of medium size, hollowed and firm. Perseverance, forethought, order and submission to rule, all qualities conspicuous by their absence in the artistic hand, are particularly the characteristics of the useful hand. The philosophic hand has the palm of medium size and pliable, the fingers knotted and the third phalange an obtuse cone verging on the square, having a sort of oval clubbed appearance; the thumb is large. The distinguishing characteristic of this hand is an innate tendency to search after, a love for, the absolute truth and reality of things. The rarest and most beautiful hand is the psychic hand. It is small, the palm is of medium size, the fingers with out knots, the third phalange long and pointed, and the thumb small and well-shaped. Those who have these hands are guided by the ideal, by the sublime, by the soul. They worship at the shrine of beauty and imagination. The mixed hand is a name given to a rather common and confusing type and a name given when the hand belongs to two or more types."

### WISE WORDS.

It is more from carelessness about truth than from intentional lying, that there is so much falsehood in the world.

It is tasteless to seek admiration by adorning one's house with stucco; let us adorn our characters by the charm of amiability.

"Improve your opportunities," said Bonaparte to a school of young men; "every hour lost now, is a chance for future misfortune."

Inviolable fidelity, good humor and complacency of temper, outlive all the charms of a fine face, and make the decay of it invisible.

Let no one overload you with favors; you will find it an insufferable burden. Very intelligent people carry a large share of their brains in their faces.

An inward sincerity will, of course, influence the outward deportment; but where the one is wanting, there is a great reason to suspect the absence of the other.

He who, when called upon to speak a disagreeable truth, tells it boldly and has done, is both bolder and milder than he who nibbles in a low voice, and never ceases nibbling.

Nothing is more silly than the pleasure some people take in "speaking their minds." A man of this make will say a rude thing, for the mere pleasure of saying it, when an opposite behavior, full of innocence, might have preserved his friend, or made his fortune.

**A Millionaire's Luxurious Bed.**

A Parisian millionaire, M. Lang, has recently had made for him a wonderful bed, which is certainly one of the most luxurious pieces of furniture we have yet heard of. If it could only become universal what a boon it would be to early risers! The description makes one envy the fortunate possessor. The bed itself is a model of comfort, and the following devices have been adopted to render rising from it as little unpleasant as possible. When it is time to get up, a chime of bells rings. The occupant continues to sleep. Suddenly a candle is lit by a clever mechanical arrangement. The sleeper rubs his eyes and an invisible hand proceeds to divest him of his night-garment. By means of electricity a spirit lamp with coffee-roasting apparatus affixed next begins to burn. The water soon boils and the smell of coffee fills the room with a delicious fragrance. Luxuriously reclining in a crowd of agreeable sensations the occupant, now just beginning to awake, is soothed by sounds proceeding from a very costly musical box. At length the bells ring out another merry peal and at the foot of the bed a card with "Levez-vous" ("Get up") inscribed on it appears. If this invitation is without effect a powerful mechanism lifts the occupant bodily from his bed and deposits him on the floor.—Chicago Tribune.

**The Future of Medicine.**

In my opinion the practice of medicine will be revolutionized within the next few years. We will live to see the student and the successful practitioner of to-day retire altogether from the actual practice of medicine, and establish himself as a consulting physician only. The learned physician or surgeon of the future will devote more time and attention to the prevention than to the cure of diseases. It is no great trick to learn to set a fractured bone or prescribe a dose of salts. Such things will be below the great doctors of medicine, and will be relegated to a class of practitioners about on a par with what are now called nurses. Hygiene and sanitation will be the study of the physicians of the future. Of course he must have a knowledge of drugs, anatomy, physiology, and such matters, but his office will be that of a consultant. The bone-setters and drug prescribers will lay their cases before him, and he will advise them, pretty much as the adviser of an old established counselor at law, sought by an attorney. The great questions of the future will not be so much the cure as the prevention of diseases.—Dr. Montrose A. Pullen.

**As Seen by the Deaf.**

I have learned from a dear friend, says a New York correspondent, that persons who see without hearing, though they are alert and expert in interpreting soundless scenes, are often quite unable to discern the truth of visibility. For instance, as he avers, neither the facial play nor the action of one intensely earnest speaker in ten indicates whether his animation is angry or amicable. Again, he asserts that many readers will be likely to dispute, that the artistic notion of "atmosphere," that quality which painters try to put into their landscapes to indicate particular seasons of the year, is all both. He says that if you were to be awakened from months of insensibility and gaze out from a warm room upon a garden so deceptively composed of artificial plants that the sham could not be discerned, while for a fact the temperature out-doors was zero in winter, you would believe it to be a summer day if the sun shone brightly.

# NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Card trimmings flourish for costumes.

Both round and pointed bodices are fashionable.

Bonnets have Fanchon, Normandy and cape crowns.

Shoes and boots are less pointed, but not square-toed.

Hooks and eyes are again used on the bodies of dresses.

Dark blue satens come with varied and elaborate borders.

Even the chevrons come in all the new-fangled embellishments.

Skirts of street suits are made longer and barely escape the sidewalk.

There is a woman in Florida who is the mother of forty-two children.

A Georgia woman has in the last eleven years pieced and quilted 169 quilts.

Overshoes for women's evening use are of white fur tied with satin ribbons.

Guimpes and plastrons will be worn with dresses of every sort of material.

The popular Gretchen dress will be worn during the season by little girls.

French cashmeres are much worn and very generally smooth-surfaced goods prevail.

Fine curduroy will be used for cuffs, collars and revers for woollen dresses for children.

Tartan ribbons of velvet are used to trim felt bonnets for wear with tailor-made costumes.

Mrs. Mary E. Campbell, grandmother of Congressman J. E. Campbell, of Ohio, is 100 years old.

Table covers are large once more and the embroidery is all over, and not confined to the border.

Jet will not go out of fashion, whatever may be the fate of bead ornamentation generally.

The brims of new spring hats are neither wider or eccentric. They are narrower in the back than in the front.

The husband may boast of "holding the reins," but it's generally the wife that says where the wagon is going.—Life.

Fichus of surah and lace crossed at the bust have sailor collars. Those of crepe have broad bands of embroidery in rich colors.

Miss Jennie Lind Goldschmidt confesses that she has kept her vocal organs in tune for twenty-five years by yelling at her children.

Veils are now worn under bonnets, not to cover them, as the trimming is quite spoiled in effect, but the result to the eyes and eyelashes is somewhat more disastrous.

**PLAIN QUESTIONS FOR INVALIDS.**—Have the routine medicines of the profession done you no good? Are you discouraged and miserable? If so, test the properties of the great Vegetable Specific, Dr. Walker's California Vinegar Bitters, the finest invigorant, corrective and alterative that has ever seen the light, and you will find relief.

A human life is lost for every 50,000 tons of coal mined in the anthracite region.

I was an old oriental doctrine that women have no souls. More enlightened philosophy considers that they have purer, finer, more exalted souls than men. But they are too often contained in feeble, suffering bodies, which hamper and retard their full development. For all those painful ailments incident to the sex, Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" is the best specific in the world, and is sold under the name of Dr. Pierce's "Vegetable Compound." It will do all that is claimed for it. Price reduced to one dollar. By druggists.

MAN is so constituted that even a smile or a word of friendly recognition enables him to bear up under the most grievous burdens.

**Do Not Be Alarmed**

at the raising of blood from the lungs. It is one of the very delicate symptoms of consumption, and only shows the healthy efforts of the system to throw off the scrofulous impurities of the blood which have resulted in ulceration of the lungs. Dr. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription" is a positive remedy for consumption at this stage. If taken faithfully, it will cleanse the blood, heal the ulcers in the lungs, and build up and renovate the whole system.

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Walking advertisements for Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy are the thousands it has cured.

One firm in Western Massachusetts, last year, made 130,000 drums.

Why continue the use of irritating powder snuffs or douches? Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy of application and a sure cure for Catarrh and cold in the head, can be had for 50 cents, at druggists. It is easily applied with the finger, safe and pleasant and is curing the most obstinate cases. It gives relief at once. We will mail it to you. Dr. Sage, Lowell, Mass., N. Y.

I had a severe case of catarrh of the bladder, and became so deaf I could not hear common conversation. I suffered terribly from a roaring in my head. I procured a bottle of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and used it as well as I ever could, and now I can cheerfully say to all who are afflicted with the worst kind of catarrh of the bladder, that one bottle of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy will cure you. It is worth \$1.00 per bottle to any man, woman or child suffering from catarrh. A. E. Newman, Grayling, Campbell Co., Mich.

FOR DYSPEPSIA, INDIGESTION, depression of spirits, general debility in their various forms, also as a preventive against fever and ague and other intermittent fevers, the "Ferro-Phosphated Elixir of Calceola," made by Cassell, Hazard & Co., New York, and sold by all Druggists, is the best tonic, and for patients recovering from fever or other sickness it has no equal.

The farmers, in their swamps, we're sure, could find the root that does the cure; if by their knowledge they only knew.

For just the disease each one grows, Take care to send for Hood's Sarsaparilla—(For kidney, liver and bladder complaints, and as this remedy you can rely.)

Hop Plasters are a New England production from fresh Hops, Burgundy Pitch and Gums. One Hop Plaster will kill pain quicker and is a better strengthener than a dozen other kinds.

If a cough disturbs your sleep, take Piso's Cure for Consumption and rest well.

# Scrofula

Lurks in the blood of nearly every one, in many cases inherited. Its severest form is that of running sores on the arms, legs or feet. Bunches in the axils of the neck, pimples, cancerous growths swollen joints and thickening of the upper lip are other symptoms. Hood's Sarsaparilla has had wonderful success in curing scrofula. It thoroughly eradicates the humor from the blood and gives it new vitality and richness.

Albert Easton, 25 East Pine Street, Lowell, Mass., had been troubled with scrofula for over twenty years, and in the summer of 1884 had a large run: it sore on his leg. On taking Hood's Sarsaparilla the sore gradually disappeared and he has had no indication of the humor since.

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Beware of worthless imitations of Dr. Jones' Red-Clover Tonic. The genuine cures head-ache, piles, dyspepsia, agria, malaria, and is a perfect tonic and blood purifier. Price 50 cts.

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