

With the World's Workers

REVIEW OF PROGRESS THAT IS BEING
MADE ALONG ALL LINES OF ENDEAVOR

Hand Shows Trade

Easy to Identify Occupation of
Worker by Certain Peculiarities.

HABITS LEAVE THEIR MARK

Certain Lines of Work Leave Distinct
Traces Upon Position of Hands
at Rest—Signs of the
Gambler.

Two men were seated on a cross
seat in a street car. The other was
alert, intelligent. The other was
middle-aged, quiet, apparently little
interested in the surroundings.

The car stopped at the corner and
among the passengers who boarded it
was a well-dressed, tall, rather slender
man of about 35, who took the
seat just in front of them and rested
his right arm along the back of the
seat, the hand hanging over the end.

The young man gave the newcomer
a quick, comprehensive look. The
older man seemed scarcely to notice
him. Presently the young man put
into whispered words the thought that
had been puzzling him.

"I wonder what he is."
"Gambler," the other replied laconically.
"Card sharp."

"Do you know him?" the young man
asked with interest.

"No; never saw him before."
"How do you know he's a gambler,
then?" The young man became half
skeptical instantly.

The older man nodded his head
slightly. "His hand."

"Yes," the young man asserted after
a critical examination of the hand.
"I see the fingers are long and tapering
and white, but that might mean a
musician, or an artist, or a profes-
sional man—doctor, lawyer, minister."

"It might," the older man smiled
patronizingly. "If it wasn't for the
way he holds his hand. Don't you see
that the fingers are close together—
they touch, in fact—and the general
tendency is for the palm to be turned
towards the body?" The younger
man nodded, the light of comprehen-
sion dawning on his face, and his
companion continued: "That's why I
say he's a card sharp. Holding the
cards has gotten him into the habit
of keeping his fingers close together,
slightly curved, with his thumb and
part of the base of the thumb folded
over to conceal the cards from every-
one but himself. Naturally, too, he
would hold the palm inward all the
time. When he relaxes, even without
any cards in his hand, the old habit
exerts its influence."

Thought habits as well as physical
habits leave their mark on the body.

Here is a young man who drops his
hand on the table, or his knee, with
the three smaller fingers partly closed
under, the index finger slightly point-
ing out and forming an angle with
the thumb held nearly straight. He is
a clerk or a bookkeeper, a man who

handles a pen or pencil most of the
time during his working hours. That
is a physical habit almost exclusively,
though at times it may be possible
to determine whether he has been
poring over figures for a short time.
The mental effort of concentration
has a tendency to contract the mus-
cles of the fingers somewhat and the
thumb and index finger are nearer at
right angles.

There are certain lines of work
which leave distinct traces upon the
position of the hands at rest.

It isn't often that you can be cer-
tain of the exact profession or occupa-
tion, but you can classify them gen-
erally.

There is a decided tendency among
all of these classes for the hands to
take the position of a loosely closed
fist when they are at rest. Sometimes
it is possible to detect a bricklayer by
the manner in which the ends of the
fingers and thumb of the left hand
are calloused or worn slightly raw
from continual handling of the bricks.
The carpenter and blacksmith is like-
ly to have the muscular part of his
hand between the bases of thumb and
index finger rather unusually devel-
oped. This results from the reaction
of the blows continually struck as in
beating iron, driving nails, or in plan-
ing work.

The right hand of the plasterer

probably will show a calloused place
between the thumb and index finger.
The right hand of the bricklayer may
show the same characteristic a little
more plainly. In some instances the
mason doesn't grasp the trowel han-
dle as he would a club, but extends
the index finger along it and uses the
point of the finger to press down the
trowel slightly. In these cases there
is not likely to be a calloused spot
between thumb and finger, but the tip
of the first finger will be hard.

Another class of workers, such as
clerks, bookkeepers, artists, draft-
men, etc., generally hold their hands
more open when at rest than do the
first class.

Then there is another class of
workers who use their hands—but do
not grasp their tools at all—typists,
pianists, organists. When at rest
their hands usually take the form of
a bridge, with the tips of the fingers
and the wrist resting upon the table,
seat or lap.

Making Sunday School Attractive.

A superintendent of a city Sunday
school endeavored to give the sum-
mer meeting added attractiveness.
Upon a certain warm Sunday in Aug-
ust lemonade was served. At the close
of the service the superintendent an-
nounced that slips of paper would be
passed round and the pupils allowed
to make suggestions as to methods of
making the meetings more attractive.
One of the youngsters wrote: "Put
more sugar in the lemonade."—Red
Hen.

Duke Scrubbed Floor

IT IS HARD WORK, BUT THIS
PROVES IT NOT IGNOBLE.

How His Royal Highness of Coburg-
Gotha Was Made to Clean Up
the Ink He Spilled in
School.

Cases are on record where young
women (also old ones) have objected
to scrubbing floors. There are even
housewives in Chicago and other
American cities who decline to scrub
floors. They say scrubbing is hard
work, and that sort of hard work that
no one of any social position and
standing can be expected to do. As
to the first objection, there is not
much to be said; scrubbing is harder
work than some other things. But on
social grounds no one can possibly
have any objection. Scrubbing is an
art indulged in by such notable per-
sons as his royal highness, the Duke
of Coburg-Gotha.

Of course the duke does not scrub
every day. He has some feeling for
the rights of the public. He does not
wish to take more than his share of
what scrubbing is to be had. But he
has certainly scrubbed in his time.
The first occasion is of interest, for
it occurred when the duke, then a
very young royal highness, was taken
by his mother, the Duchess of Albany,

to Mr. Wesley's school for boys. Be-
fore taking in the royal youngster the
master stipulated that the new pupil
must conform to all the rules. This
was agreed.

One day his royal highness upset a
bottle of ink on the floor. "Get a
bucket of water and wipe it up," said
the master. "But," objected his royal
highness, "you don't mean me to scrub
it up, do you?"

"Yes, indeed."

"But you must forget my grand-
mother is the queen?"

"On the contrary," said the master,
"I remember it very well. Get the
water."

Whereupon his royal highness, the
Duke of Coburg-Gotha, scrubbed. And
nobody has been able since that time
to flout the duke or to make fun of
his social position because of the
scrubbing.

SCIENCE NOTES.

Virginia's coal production is steady-
ly increasing, the state's output of
6,507,997 short tons last year being
far ahead of any previous record.

Telegraph poles have been dis-
pensated with entirely in one Welsh
town, in which the residents have per-
mitted the wires to be strung from
house to house.

A German chemist claims to have
melted metals in a vacuum by focus-
ing the sun's rays upon them without
necessitating the use of a container of
high heat resisting properties.

For both military and industrial
purposes an automobile has been built
in France in which the platform tilts
to the ground to receive loads drawn
upon it by a capstan with which it is
equipped.

The livers of one hundred codfish
are needed to produce a gallon of oil.
The Japanese process of dwarfing
a pine tree lasts about ten years.

More than forty varieties of mos-
quitoes make their homes in New
Jersey.

Nearly 30,000,000 acres of wheat
were planted throughout India this
year.

Two Paris department stores use
storage battery driven electric tri-
cycles to deliver purchases to cus-
tomers.

A steamship line between New York
and Bermuda has equipped its vessels
with an apparatus to take moving
pictures of their passengers for their
amusement.

The world's largest iodine works
are in the north of Chile, having an
annual output of 400,000 pounds.

Both German and British East Af-
rica are rapidly becoming factors in
the world's supply of rubber.

Training the Boy to Work.

One of the dangers that the social
evolution of the day has brought about
lies in the fact that prosperity has en-
abled so many to support their chil-
dren in idleness. Because a man
can, however, is no reason he should.
Many of the most distinguished lead-
ers in the business, social and profes-
sional world believe in work for their
children and, what is more, put their
beliefs into practice by finding useful
employment for them out of school
hours or during vacations. The aver-
age boy will find a greater joy in the
money he thus makes by his own ef-
forts than in a much larger sum given
to him for nothing. Parents hardly
can give too much thought to this
problem of laying the foundations of
character by teaching either the boy
or the girl, no matter what wealth
may await them, to depend upon them-
selves. The discipline of ordinary
work is the best method of accom-
plishing this.

The Matter With Them.

"What is the Matter With Our Pub-
lic Schools?" is the title of a page ar-
ticle in the Sunday issue of the New
York Times. We submitted it to a
high school boy who shall or who
shall not be named, and this is his
answer:

"Too dog-gone many of them ain't
got nobody that's heavy enough to
play center."

ONE OF BEST KICKERS IN MISSOURI VALLEY



Captain Hackney, One of the Veterans on the University of Missouri Team.

BADGER'S "COME BACK" STAR

"Keckle" Moll, After Rest of Year,
Resumes Position at Quarter-
back—Better Than Ever.

One of the sensations at Madison
this season was the return to the
game of "Keckle" Moll at quarterback.
The little fellow's rest of a year
seems to have been a great benefit to
him. He has come back with a de-
termination and willingness to work
that has indicated a conception of that



"Keckle" Moll.

about which so much is heard—"the
true Wisconsin spirit." He has lost
none of his old-time accuracy in pass-
ing and booting while his endurance
is better than it has been since the
days of his freshman year.

DEED FOR ANDERSON TROPHY

Bowl Is Formally Presented to Amer-
ican Automobile Association for
Use in Glidden Tour.

A deed of gift formally presenting
the Anderson trophy bowl to the
American Automobile association to be
used as a prize in the Glidden tour,
was executed at Anderson, S. C., the
other day, and the bowl was forward-
ed to Robert H. Cooper, president of
the association.

It is provided in the deed of gift
that the winner of the trophy, which
is to be awarded for individual excel-
lency, shall furnish a bond of \$2,000
to guarantee the care of the trophy
during the time it may be in his pos-
session, and until it may be awarded
after the tour of the following year.
The trophy bowl was designed by a
Philadelphia jeweler, and cost \$1,000.

POULTRY

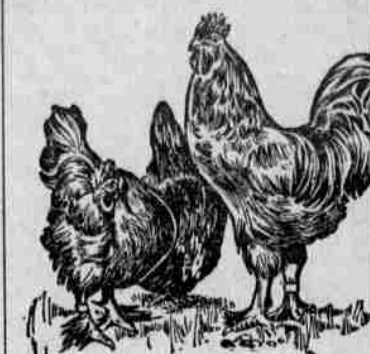
PASSING OF POPULAR FOWLS

Tremendous Demand for Plymouth
Rocks, Wyandottes and Others
Crowding Langshans Out.

The Langshan, or, as its admir-
ers like to call it, "the Lordly Langshan,"
apparently has been losing ground
popularity, like the other Asiatic fowls
it may be that as many Langshans
are bred and sold as ever, but it
very certain that not so many are
hatched as formerly. The tremen-
dous demand for Plymouth Rocks, Wy-
andottes and Rhode Island Reds to
make the demand for Langshans
scarce, relatively, small, white suffer
no actual diminution, says a writer
in the Country Gentleman. Still, as
poultry show is a tolerably safe bar-
ometer, I am inclined to believe
that the demand to some extent
really diminished.

When the Langshan was first in-
duced, it appeared to many fanciers
of Asiatic fowls as an under-bred,
poorly-bred Black Cochins. It lacked
the compactness, full cushion, feath-
ering, small tail and heavy feather
prizes. It was predicted that
it would not succeed as a breed, but
prediction, like many another, pro-
ved worthless. It did succeed. It put
Black Cochins badly in the shade,
became very popular. Its number
came legions.

If we seek a reason for its suc-
cess our search need not be long. It



Black Langshan Cock and Hen

an excellent layer of large eggs.
made a good table fowl, though
white skin and black plumage has
capped it somewhat.

Value of Air-Slaked Lime.
Not enough importance is placed
the value of good air-slaked lime
use in the poultry house and on
runs. Properly used, the lime is
great sanitary value. It will con-
act disagreeable odors. A free
of air-slaked lime on chicken re-
where gaps prevail is exceedingly
beneficial. Its use no doubt also
stroys other germs and bacilli. A
wise poultryman will always have
good supply of lime on hand and
it both inside and out of his poul-
houses.

Cause of Infertile Eggs.

Too many hens with the male b
frequently results in infertile eg
and it is found that germless e
are being produced the number sh
be reduced. Breeding stock whic
the progeny of related parents
usually rather apt to produce ster
eggs; this is one of the several r
sons why it is a mistake to inbreed

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Fresh air and sunshine are the b
germicides.

Do not keep eggs near kerosene
anything that will taint them.

Feed breeding duck a crumbly m
twice a day, morning and evening.

It is not necessary to candle g
eggs before taking them to market.

If any farmer is in doubt concern
his eggs, he should then candle t
The Spanish hen's eggs, weigh
seven to a pound, are the largest
duced.

A warm poultry house tends
make the fowls sluggish and unpr
ductive.

Indian Runners will lay from 150
200 eggs a year while common d
lay only from 25 to 50.

Dandelion leaves freshly gather
when they are procurable, contain
valuable liver stimulant.

A very common mistake made
keeping poultry is crowding the fow
into too limited a space.

Too many poultrymen hatch the
chicks so late that they have not t
to mature for cold weather laying.

A new poultry roost is made of p
forated iron tubing which has be
soaked in a solution deadly to ins
life.

The Pekin is known as the lead
market duck of the world and tak
first place in the American standa
of perfection.

Many a person will give their chic
good care all through the broodi
season and then neglect them wh
they go out on range.

Cold eggs can be beaten stiffer a
lighter than warm ones. Before bre
them, drop in a pan of very co
water for a few moments.

While pigeons are always consi
ered a nuisance by most farmers,
any at all are kept, keep only Home
Carriers, Antwarps, or some pu
breed.