

PALMISTRY IN CHINA

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DETECTION OF CRIMINALS

Origin Assigned to Prehistoric Times. Legal Documents Often Bear in Addition to Signatures the Finger Imprint of the Whole Hand. Each Finger Significant.

With the Chinese palmistry is a branch of an ancient art which includes physiognomy, phrenology and general inspection of the human body. Its origin has been assigned to prehistoric times—the third millennium before Christ.

The object of this art is two-fold: (1) to ascertain the mental and moral characteristics of persons, and (2) to foretell happiness or misfortune, success or failure, disease and death. An instance is given of a young lady of the tenth century A. D. who had no brothers and was obliged to perform some of the mourning ceremonies before the image of her dead father.

The presence of lines in the hand may be compared with the grain of wood. If the grain of wood is beautiful that wood becomes known as excellent material, and if the lines in the hand are beautiful that hand is obviously well constituted.

The Chinese examine carefully the lines on the back of the hand, thus making "cheiromancy" a better term than palmistry.

In conclusion it may be pointed out, in simple justice to the Chinese, that the wonderful system of identification by finger prints, which is forcing the modern burglar to carry on his trade in gloves, was in force in China many centuries ago before it was heard of in Scotland Yard.

What every nation should have is a standing army that no other nation is able to sit down on.

MEN'S QUEER EYES.

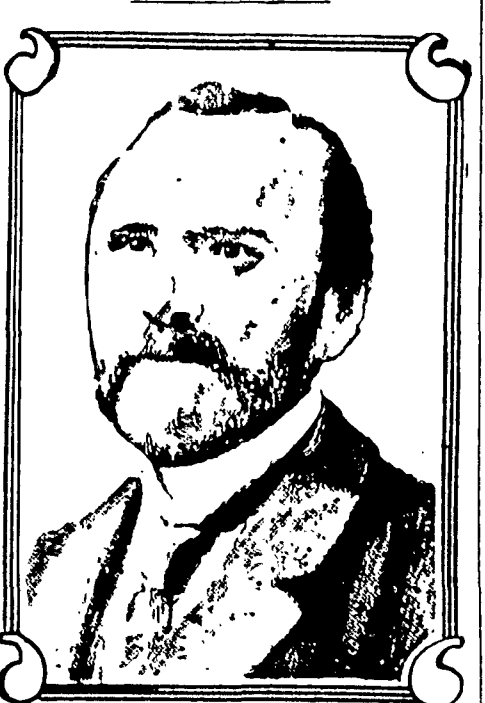
Painters Found Some of Them Useful as Models.

Some men possess "animal eyes," which defy disguise and which are always liable to prejudice their own or's chances throughout life.

At least three men who have come under the writer's notice (and there are possibly many more like them) earn a precarious livelihood by sitting to animal painters.

The two other men with peculiar eyes who earn a living by sitting to animal painters are also expatriated Englishmen.

In 1895 there was employed as hall porter at Oporto a middle-aged individual who claimed to have been a Roman Catholic priest in the early days of his life.



The \$1,000,000 given by Henry Phipps, the steel man and exponent of "light and air for all," for the construction of tenements for New York families of workmen will be used to give sanjary and well kept flats at the lowest price.

Week Old Tea. The tea drinkers of Australia rival those of China and Japan, not however, in quality, but in quantity.

On Monday, without removing yesterday's tea leaves, he repeats the process, on Tuesday the same; likewise on Wednesday, and so on through the week.

Composition of Human Body. Some one has figured that the normal human body has in it the iron needed to make seven large nails.

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BACKGROUND OF THE EYE.

A European Physician Has Succeeded in Photographing It

According to a German Exchange the assistant of the university clinic of the Royal Charity Hospital, Dr. Walter Thorne, has succeeded in solving a problem which has received much attention from many eyes before him, but with little or no success.

The fact that all attempts to photograph the interior of the eye had remained fruitless so far was due to the peculiar construction of the eye. It is difficult to light up the interior to such an extent as to enable one to take a photograph of it and even in the use of strong sources of light the exposure would require so much time that the eye would have to be fixed, which would greatly inconvenience the patient.

No Chances in Amazon Region. United States Consul Ayme at Para, Brazil, sounds a note of warning for the benefit of those who think there is a golden field for exploitation in the Amazon region of South America.

Causes of Insanity. An alienist and a publicist were dining together. "What would you imagine to be the chief cause of insanity?" the alienist asked.

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COAL OIL A CONSUMPTION CURE.

It is Also Said That Crude Oil is Not Bad Tasting. If we only knew it, Providence has provided for us a panacea for all the ills of life.

English Milk Drying Machine. The Just Hatmaker milk drying machine is extremely simple. The cylinders are heated by steam to a surface temperature of about 230 degrees Fahrenheit.

Passing of Dynamite Guns. After ten years of experience the War Department has decided that the so-called dynamite guns which at one time formed a picturesque feature of certain harbor defenses are obsolete.

Richest of the Aborigines. Though the American Indian is dying out, what is left of the race manages to be comfortable. The Osages of Oklahoma are among the richest people in the world.

Courtship by Handkerchief. Whenever a single woman, among a powerful tribe in the Persian mountains, wishes to get married, she simply sends a servant to pin a handkerchief on the hat of the man of her choice.

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Anatolia. During his recent journey in North Syria a coin of pure silver, excellently preserved, was offered to him, which, on examination, proved to bear a perfect Aramean inscription of Panammu Bar Rerub, king of Schamol, who reigned 800 years before Christ.

Fish by the Billion. One no longer speaks of hatching thousands of young fish by artificial means, but of millions and hundreds of millions. The number of eggs, fry, fingerlings and adult fish distributed by the United States Bureau of Fisheries in one year aggregated 1,500,000,000.

Largest Map of the World. The largest map in the world is the Ordnance survey map of England, containing 108,000 streets, and costing \$1,000,000 a year for twenty years.

Business Tattooed. Some of the Japanese tradesmen in the smaller towns of Nippon have a curious way of advertising their business. On their right forearms they tattoo figures—the shoemaker a shoe, the woodcutter an axe, the butcher a cleaver.

Pauiperism in London. Do we appreciate the condition of London's poor? In one week 110,405 persons had to apply for charity, besides the regular army of vagrants numbering 1,296 able-bodied and crippled privates.

Discolors Bruises. To prevent a bruise from becoming discolored, apply to it a cloth which has been wrung out of water as hot as can be borne comfortably, and change it as it becomes cold. Supposing hot water cannot be procured, the next best thing is to moisten some dry starch with cold water and to cover the bruised part with it.