

CHARACTER IN THE TONGUE.

Germany's Way of Sizing People Up Available Chiefly to Doctors.

Germany has taken up the pastime of reading character and telling fortunes by the tongue. Somebody has been making a study of the organ of speech and has discovered that it is full of indications.

A long tongue is said to denote openness of character, it suggests generosity and free handedness. Its possessor makes friends and enemies easily but doesn't save money.

When the tongue is long and thick the openness degenerates into a tendency to gossip and scandal. The future of the owner is beset with troubles of his own making. It also indicates flightiness and inconstancy. Short tongues indicate secretiveness and dissimulation. Their owners make good detectives and attorneys.

The owner may acquire some money by economy and guile but has not largeness of spirit to make a great fortune. Thin pointed tongues are found in diffident people who do not succeed in life.

Short and broad ones accompany craft and falsehood; the person who has such a tongue is compelled by it to deceive and betray, whatever effort he may make to keep straight.

The vibrant, quivering tongue denotes the artistic temperament. Brilliant carmine hue is a sign of long life, pale pink tone denotes weakness of character and delicacy of constitution.

"If it's all true," says a German newspaper, "it is lucky that it is only at the doctor and not at our friends that we stuen out our tongues."

BUENOS AYRES.

It is One of the Most Magnificent Cities in the World.

Buenos Ayres is already one of the most magnificent cities in the world. Enormous sums have been laid out in widening the streets and erecting splendid buildings. But apparently the Argentines are not yet content, for the Chamber has just authorized the raising of a new municipal loan of \$2,000,000 "for the purpose of improving and embellishing the city."

This is probably due to jealousy of Rio de Janeiro, for the Brazilians have recently spent a good deal of money in beautifying their capital, and the Buenos Ayrians are determined not to be beaten in the race of luxury.—London Globe.

President Diaz of Mexico, who is past 77, literally takes upon himself a very extensive portion of the administrative work of his Government. He is an early riser, and his day is systematically arranged. Few public men are more kindly and agreeable in private life than the President of Mexico, and he has behind an habitual gravity of manner a very keen sense of humor. He never frets or worries over petty matters, and is always calm and in perfect mental poise in times of crisis and emergency.

Princess Fedora a Novelist. Princess Fedora of Schleswig-Holstein, the youngest sister of the German Empress, is the author of a novel recently published in Germany entitled, "Hahn Berta." She has a romantic history, having declined all offers of marriage since the tragic death of her fiance, Duke Frederick of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who, while in command of a torpedo boat, perished in the Baltic with the entire crew.

New Opera by Verdi. A complete score of a new opera by Verdi, the existence of which has hitherto been unknown, has been discovered in Paris in an old chest full of manuscripts and other papers which formerly belonged to the famous musician. It was the composition of this opera which occupied some of the latter months of Verdi's life.

Greece Rich in Ore. During the year 1906, 89 mining concessions were granted by the Greek Government. A glance at the list of these concessions reveals the richness and variety of the mineral deposits of Greece, as they include copper, lead, zinc, iron, manganese, cobalt, nickel, coal, antimony iron pyrites gypsum and asbestos.

Knew Nothing of Civilization. Knud Rasmussen of Copenhagen who has been studying ethnology at Umanak, North Greenland, has started for Smith's Sound to find an Eskimo tribe which is reputed to have never come in contact with civilization. His aim is eventually to reach the Canadian mainland some time in 1908.

Official Astrologers. The Empress of China, King Menelik of Abyssinia, the Ameer of Algiers, the Sultans of Morocco and Tunis, and the Khedive of Egypt all maintain official astrologers.

Not too good so pretty. He form was nothing great, but she was rather shy on her knees. But oh her figure was immensel! So men came round to wait upon this girl of beauty why whose charms seemed quite a

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HERO WORSHIP.

Schurz in His Autobiography Tells How Sherman Was Applauded.

When he (Gen. Sherman) called himself a "happy man" there was a tone of just exultation in his words. He was, indeed, a happy man. He had won great renown as a soldier and an immense popularity all over the Northern country. This he knew, and he thoroughly relished it. All sorts of societies and public organizations had made him their honorary member, and he appeared among them as often as he could. Whenever he entered a theatre, which he did very often, the orchestra would strike up "Marching through Georgia"; the whole audience would rise and clap their hands, sometimes even singing the tune, and his rugged face would fairly glow and beam with pleasure.

Every social circle greeted him as a most welcome guest, and at receptions and evening parties and other gatherings the pretty girls would come up and kiss him—and how he did enjoy all this!—McClure's Magazine.

Descendant of Confucius. Here is a little sketch of Confucius' seventy-sixth lineal descendant, who lives in a Yaman of China: Duke K'ung received us in his official robes, and was most kind and affable. He is a tall, strongly made man of 35 years of age. The Duke speaks no English. His Highness does not often leave his home, and has only twice visited Peking. The large number of members of his establishment who crowded into the hall to listen to the audience caused me to ask the Duke if he kept a large establishment, and he informed that it consisted of fully 400 souls. His revenue is derived from the villages of the neighborhood for many miles around, one village as far away from Chufou as 400 li (140 miles) paying an annual sum. His Highness expressed friendly sentiments toward foreigners, whom he alleges he is always glad to receive when they visit Chufou. He expressed the opinion that English was practically the official language of China."

Provision for Self-Advertisement. Authorities who have in charge some of England's ancient treasures try to discourage the habit of carving initials on these relics. A fine of \$16 was recently imposed on a man who had chipped his name in letters six inches high on one of the stones in the "Druids Circle" near Keswick. Close to the giant stone globe at Swanage a special slab is provided for the harmless reception of the names of all who are addicted to this self-advertisement. On popular Alpine summits names are left on cards in emptied wine bottles.

Cures Sleeping Sickness. Professor Koch, the great German medical authority, who has been in Africa about 18 months, inquiring into the causes and cure of that strange and widely prevalent malady, the sleeping sickness, has become famous throughout a large portion of the Dark Continent. He has treated and cured hundreds of black men afflicted with the dread disease mentioned, and has, therefore, been given the title of "Great White Wizard."

Emigration Benefits Sicily. Emigration has benefited the working classes in Sicily. Labor is scarce now, and in some places where only 30 cents a day was formerly the wage rate 75 cents in now paid. The emigrants leaving Palermo for the United States last year numbered 48,853.

Gains an Extensive Landowner. Hall Caine is an extensive large landowner, possessing several large farms, having successfully retained tracts of bog land in the vicinity of Suibly, which have been brought under profitable cultivation.

"Birth-day Honors." Four peers, 11 baronets and 33 knights were created by the King of Great Britain on his last birthday. Nominally, the King did it; in reality, the Liberal ministry did it, the "birth-day honors" being one of the perquisites of office.

Celebrating Her Mother's Birthday. A woman 71 years old, accused at Feltham, England, of intoxication and disorderly conduct, said she had been "keeping up" her mother's birthday. Her mother was 98.

"Gentlemen," recently said a German professor, who was showing to his students the patients in the asylum, "this man suffers from delirium tremens. He is a musician. It is well known that blowing a brass instrument affects the lungs and throat in such a way as to create a great thirst, which has to be allayed by persistent indulgence in strong drink. Hence, in the course of time, the disease you have before you."

"What instrument do you blow?" and the answer was: "The violoncello."—Cleveland Leader.

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FOUR INDIAN TRIBES.

The Cherokees Are the Most Advanced in Civilization.

The Cherokees, who tracked De Soto's footsteps for many weary days while he was marching through the Southern forests and swamps and who later welcomed Oglethorpe to Georgia, are the most advanced Indians in civilization and the most eager for education, spending \$200,000 a year on their schools and colleges.

The Chickasaws have five colleges, with 400 students, maintained at a yearly cost of \$47,000. They also have thirteen district schools, costing \$16,000.

The Choctaws have 150 schools, in some of which the higher branches are taught.

The Seminoles, one of the smaller tribes, have ten colleges and sixty-five common schools, with a total attendance of 2,500.

Nests of the Golden Eagle. Every pair of eagles whose habits I have had an opportunity of watching over a period of a few years would seem to have invariably at least two alternative sites for their nests; some have three, and I know of one with four sites. In fact, I only know of one pair out of many which habitually resort to but one place and only one.

The reason for this is, however, apparent, for owing to its situation it has never been disturbed. The nest is in a small cavern on the face of an absolute wall of limestone rock some 800 feet high, at about 400 feet from the summit. Above the cliff is a talus of loose stone at an angle of 45 degrees or so, above which again rise other precipices. To reach the nearest point above this nest would be a long day's work.

The Double Canal on Mars. For the first time the much-discussed double canals on the planet Mars have been caught on a photographic plate. Professor David Todd of Amherst College did it, 15,000 feet above sea level in the Chilean Andes, with his fine celestial camera, made by Gaertner of Chicago, especially for the college telescope, which has an object glass 18 inches in diameter, and is the largest ever used in the Southern hemisphere.

Joke on Governor Hoch. There seems to be a joke on Gov. Hoch of Kansas. He appointed J. E. Wade of Cloud County a member of the Farmers' Congress, "reposing special confidence in his ability and integrity," etc.; but it turned out he was in the penitentiary digging coal. Wade was the defaulting treasurer of Cloud County, but was a prominent and respected stockman when Hoch knew him.

Has the Freedom of Morocco. At least one European has the freedom of Morocco without danger of molestation or capture. Mme. Du Gast, a pretty society woman of Paris, who had visited the country before, was commissioned sometime ago by the French Government to investigate and report on the agricultural resources of Morocco. She has made many journeys into the interior, being furnished with escorts sometimes by Raisul, the famous bandit; sometimes by the pretentious Mulay Mohammed, and occasionally by the Sultan himself.

Rattles of the Rattlesnake. The rattles of the rattlesnake, he might say, it is evident that they must do so, inasmuch as they are but continuations of the backbone. The snake carries the rattles on the ground except when he raises them to sound his warning. This will be evidenced by the fact that in every snake of any size that is killed the rattles are worn through on the under side.

Mr. Jacob A. Rits tells of a little boy who earned his living by blacking boots. Every Sunday he attended a mission school. This school, through its well-meaning teachers, decided to have a Christmas tree. The gifts for the pupils were provided for them by the teachers and some patrons of the school.

Jimmy, the bootblack was there Christmas Eve, but was much disappointed when his present proved to be a copy of Browning's poems. He folded it carefully in the paper in which he received it, and took it home.

The next Sunday the superintendent of the mission school announced that any child who was disappointed with his or her gift could exchange it. Jimmy marched boldly to the front with his.

"What have you there, Jimmy?" "Browning, sir."

"And what do you want in exchange?" "Blacking, sir."

Queen of Siam's Jewels. The Queen of Siam possesses the finest collection of jewels in the world.

The walls of her bed chamber are literally ablaze with precious stones, while in a safe in her Majesty's apartments are diamonds, rubies, pearls and emeralds fashioned into quaint necklaces of fabulous value. One little article alone, intended to serve as a trinket, is in the shape of a lotus flower and is valued at \$15,000.

Only those things that are put into living are learned.

Finding One's Way in China.

It is no easy matter to find one's way about in China, even if one knows the language. So, at least, says W. J. G. ... who returned a little while ago from a journey through the provinces of Shantung and Szechuan. I were are he says, villages every few miles, but the innkeepers seem very ignorant of the places in their own neighborhood.

As a sample of the conversation that took place when he asked the way from one village to another he records as follows: "Is this the way to Tsousheln?" "Are you going to Tsousheln?" "Yes, is this the way?" "Oh, you are going to Tsousheln, are you? Where do you come from?" "From Chingchow. Please is this the way to Tsousheln?" "Oh, you've come from Chingchow, have you? Are you going into the city walls of Tsousheln?" "Finally the native would admit that he did not know the way to Tsousheln. At the entrance to another village an ancient villager was asked what the name of the place was. After a while in turn who Mr. Garnett was, where he had come from where he was going and why he wanted an inn, he considered the original question, when repeated by the patient inquirer, and finally closed the conversation by saying, "How should I know? I am not a learned man."

A Real "Hoss" Race. If you would see a horse strapped, booted, braced, and geared to the limit, you must seek such a track as you see at the old time country fair. Here comes an awkward sea-bitten gray which never went under two-fifty in his life. He is hobbled and checked and goggled, and hitched up sideways, lengthwise, and crosswise until there is more harness than horse. You wonder how his driver ever got him into this rigging, and how he will get him out again without cutting him free with a jackknife. A farmer with a "ray beard and twinkling eye observes to his neighbor:

"Last time John Martin had that plug on the road I told him he had the old cripple overloaded with fast-aid-to-the-injured. Them straps that was cal'lated to hold up his knees must ha' pulled too tight and the critter was yanked clean off the ground. What John was gettin' ready for was a race for flyin' machines lot a hoss trot."—The Outing Magazine for October.

Slavic Women Workers. The number of Slav women working in shops and factories is large. These are mainly unmarried girls, but the Bohemian families in New York City and elsewhere have the reputation of sending their wives and mothers into tailoring and cigar making shops to an excessive degree. The kinds of work at which Slav women are engaged of course vary immensely. In Cleveland, Slovenian girls work in a hardware factory, handling iron parts of considerable weight; at the other extreme are Bohemian and Slovak girls doing the finest of lace work and embroidery for fashionable New York dressmakers.

February 30, 1904. 'Did you ever hear of a February 30?' The Marine Journal says: On a ship voyaging across the Pacific ocean at the end of February 1904, a leap year, an inquisitive passenger found a menu dated February 30. At first he thought he had come across a typographical error, but had to change his opinion. The dinner was given on the Siberia while crossing from Yokohama to San Francisco. A "ray is gained between Japan and America, and as the event happened on this occasion at the end of February, leap year, the date February 30 was right.

Roads to Achievement. There may be no royal road to learning, but there are two roads to achievement. One road runs through the brains. The other road runs through the stomach. Some men carry their stomach in their brains. One of the recently successful men in financial life—starting as a pauper and now drawing a salary of \$25,000 a year—said in an interview that all a man needed to succeed was a stomach "for work." He is right. Without a stomach the brain fags, weakens, dies. Take the furnace out of the locomotive and see how quickly the engine dies.

Boston Fashion Note. A local tailor has made a hit with a large number of customers by inserting a secret pocket in the coats of married men who trade with him. As he broadly advertises the new trick, it is for the purpose of enabling married men to hide their change from their curious wives. Already he is hiring more help.

When the chimneys of the Royal Mint at Berlin are cleaned about \$1,000 worth of gold is taken from the soot.

Some people are like electric buttons. They'll not accomplish anything unless they are pushed.

It is a deplorable fact that one taste of revenge is sweeter than a whole mouthful of forgiveness.

The fellow who is pushed for money is seldom pushed to the front.

Tears are not worth their salt.

Breaking the News.

The non-failure of Pat, a bartender, the centre of the city, has been common knowledge for some time, and it has also been a secret that Pat really does not blame his wife for her impatience with his habits. Pat is in dead earnest when he says that his wife really is too good for him and deserves a divorce, which the self-abasing Pat would gladly grant her if it wasn't so expensive. The good faith of Pat in this respect was, however, never more forcibly illustrated than during the severe attack of pneumonia from which he has just recovered. "Pat, the doctor says you are very sick," said his wife during her visit to the hospital one day. "What do they really say? Don't hurt me by telling me the truth," answered Pat. "Well, Pat, they say that you can't live," whispered the wife, finally yielding to Pat's insistent demand for the truth. "Don't you believe it; doctors make a habit of holding out hopes to the last," drawled Pat in his winsome style. "They are only breaking the news to you gently. I am going to get well."—Philadelphia Record.

The Way They Do it Now. Parents who undertake to assist their children in the preparation of their school lessons encounter some queer difficulties. Long division, for instance, presents stumbling blocks that trip up the wisest minds of a generation ago. In that benighted age youthful students of arithmetic were taught that in an example in long division the divisor was placed at the left of the dividend, the quotient on the right, while the remainder was written at the end of the quotient. Old fogies who have dropped hopefully behind the times now attempt to introduce those antiquated methods when tutoring their offspring but the youngsters scornfully correct them.

"Oh, that isn't right," they explain. "You must put it down thus way." Then according to present day instruction they put the quotient above the dividend and set the remainder in the little crook on the right formerly occupied by the quotient.

Germanic Exactitude. The widow of a German officer presented herself at the office in Berlin for the purpose of drawing the pension due her. She handed in the necessary certificate, when the Mayor of the village in which she lived to the effect that she was still alive.

"This certificate is not correct," said the officer in charge. "What is the matter with it?" asked the lady.

"It bears the date of Sept. 21," was the stern reply. "and your pension was due on Sept. 15."

"What kind of a certificate do you wish?" asked the disappointed applicant.

"We must have a certificate stating that you were alive on Sept. 15," said the officer with great firmness.—Tit-Bits

Beached Blackfish. Seven blackfish, a smaller species of whale, were found dead on the beach near Tarpon Springs one day week before last. Each fish lay with its nose on the beach and its tail pointed straight out to sea. An old whaler who has seen as many as 300 of these fish states that the blackfish takes pleasure in jumping straight out of the sea until it seems to stand on its tail, then falling in such a manner as to fairly churn the water. If in thus falling one of them touches bottom with his tail he takes fright and rushes off in the direction he may happen to be headed and the rest rush after him in a panic. If that direction happens to be landward they will run up so far on the beach that they cannot get back and will die there.—St Petersburg Independent.

A New Anaesthetic. The reported discovery by a French scientist, Prof. Leduc, of a method by which anaesthesia can be produced by use of electricity, without electric anaesthetics, is attracting considerable attention though it is claimed that Prof. Leduc, formerly of Yale University, announced a similar discovery some years ago. Electricity works certain well known effects on brain tissues, and on veins and arteries; and there will be natural conservatism in heralding his alleged satisfactory process until both the method and the result are clearly set forth. The verdict of the scientist is awaited.—Boston Herald.

Workingman and Higher Education. Nothing is more certain than that the workingman who takes a degree in arts or science ceases to be a workingman. Even if the universities are brought down to the level of secondary schools, their curriculum, we imagine, must still be literary or scientific. They are not equipped for the proper training of the working class. They have not yet professors of masonry or shoemaking.—Blackwood's Magazine.

Mechanical Schooling. Education today is nothing but a gigantic piece of machinery, and turns out only machines, more or less unfitted for their square holes.—London Graphic.

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