

The Greatest Fortune Tellers

Every human being yearns to look into the future. A man may think himself wise and above petty superstitions—but how solemnly and earnestly he listens while some foolish young girl or wrinkled old gypsy talks about the lines in his hand.

He would not listen to such a person or be influenced by her ordinarily, but old superstition makes him give close attention to foolish talk about the future.

This universal interest in fortune telling, an old inheritance, makes us all rather foolish at times.

It might be made a useful thing if we could get into the habit of telling our own individual fortunes, instead of relying upon hysterical or swindling clairvoyants.

You, the young man reading this, should make up your mind to be your own fortune teller.

The usual soothsayer with the itching palm looks at your line of life, your line of luck, your line of fate, etc., and she reads your future according to the length and strength and general behavior of these lines.

But you can tell your own fortune better than she can.

Don't look into the lines of your hand; look into your heart, into your mind, into your ways of living.

It does not matter how long a distance your fate line may run; but it does matter a great deal how long you are able to stick at a thing that you have once undertaken.

Don't believe the gentle witch who tells you that you will fail because your line of fate is broken.

But tell yourself that you will fail because your line of effort is so often broken.

Never mind the life line or its vagaries. That line has nothing to do with your life or your death. Its shape simply shows how you happened to close your hand and form its wrinkles when you were an unborn baby.

But there are other lines that you can read, inside of yourself, and these will tell you some truths about your chances for a long life—or a short one.

If you see in your past life a long line of cock-tails before breakfast—or after breakfast for that matter—you may predict for yourself a not

very long and not very useful life, and be proud of your accuracy as a prophet later on.

If you see in yourself other lines of foolishness—late hours, dissipation—if you find yourself sleepy as your work begins, when you ought to be at your best—you may safely predict for yourself shortness of days and lack of usefulness in them.

The present fashion among fortune tellers and their dupes is what is called "the reading of the crystal ball." The wise old gentleman or lady who makes money out of the foolish ones looks into the crystal ball and then spins a marvellous tale of things seen there concerning the future.

The crystal ball, of course, is a fraud or, at the best, self-deception on the part of the fortune teller.

But every one of us possesses a crystal ball, more or less clear, more or less cloudy. That crystal ball is our own soul, our own consciousness, and in it, if we will, we can read the truth about the future very clearly.

To be your own fortune teller does not require any very great preparation; no hours of fasting or special diet is necessary.

To be your own fortune teller you have only to cast out self-deception.

Stop fooling yourself, and look honestly into your own character. You can read there pretty accurately what is going to happen to you. And, best of all, you can not only tell your own fortune, but you can control it, if you will be guided and warned by the weaknesses that you see in your own personality.

Don't look at this picture in a careless way. Don't read this editorial or glance it over with condescending good nature, saying to yourself, "I know a lot of people that might well investigate their own characters."

Apply the advice that is here given to yourself. Make an experiment as your own fortune teller. Take an hour by yourself, look into your own mind, study your own weaknesses.

Tell yourself truthfully your mistakes, and follow along the lines of your misconduct to their final, inevitable end.

If you are a gambler, you can see in the crystal ball disgrace and failure in the end.

If you are insincere, you can see loss of friends and self-respect.

If you are inclined to drink, you can see a life wasted and withered toward the close.

If you are selfish, you will see in the future the lonely bitterness that selfishness brings.

Try to read your own fortune, and be guided by what you see in your crystal ball. Your time will not be wasted.—New York American.

Six-Year-One Term for President

At a meeting of the executive committee of the National Business league, held in Chicago January 14, 1904, a movement was inaugurated, by unanimous adoption of the following preamble and resolutions, to amend the constitution of the United States, so as to provide for a six-year presidential term, making the chief executive ineligible for re-election:

"Whereas, In view of the vast, diversified and rapidly increasing industries and commerce of the United States, and the multitude of people relying on the successful operation of productive and trade enterprises, which, to be continuously and evenly prosperous, should be unhampered by frequent distracting influences of the public mind; and

"Whereas, The president of the United States of America is, as pro-

vided in section 1, article II of the constitution of the United States, elected to office for the brief term of four years, and thereafter is eligible for re-election as president for a like term or terms; and

"Whereas, A presidential campaign, aside from its frequent recurrence, and by reason of its expensive methods, inevitable political excitement over candidates, new issues and the possibility of a change of policy by new administrations, especially as to the tariff and finances, involves the commercial interests of the country in a condition of unrest and uncertainty, producing a partial paralysis of business activities and delaying promotion of new undertakings for at least one year before and possibly for some time subsequent to, the election of a chief executive; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That, as a measure of the greatest import to the manufacturing and commercial interests, wage earners and the people generally, by reason of a consequent longer period of industrial tranquility and prosperity; also as a means of relieving the president of many annoyances that seriously interfere with the unrestricted discharge of his official duties to the people; the National Business league hereby recommends an amendment to the constitution of the United States, fixing the presidential term at six years and making the chief executive ineligible for re-election; and be it also

"Resolved, That the National Business league hereby adopts the proposition as an important subject of its efforts for the common good, on which its best endeavors shall be directed, until the aforesaid proposed amendment is duly ratified by the states and confirmed by the congress of the United States; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to each member of the senate and house of representatives at Washington, to all manufacturers, commercial organizations, prominent business firms and the press throughout the country.

The Olive Industry in California

The Chinamen, Japs and cholos (Mexican laborers) in southern California are happy when olive picking time comes, and they leave the cities and towns for the olive orchards.

Picking is a large item in the cost of the olive industry in California, and the average price paid for picking olives for making oil is \$77.50 a ton, and for pickling purposes from \$18 to \$20 a ton. It is a picturesque sight to see many pickers at work on high ladders gathering the fruit at the tops of the trees. The general estimate is that a full bearing tree will produce 250 pounds. Many big trees, however, yield 350 pounds, while many bear less than 100 pounds.

Every year the industry shows a great increase, and the man who gives intelligent care to his olive orchard is sure to make a large profit. There are now growing in the state more than 2,500,000 trees, the yield is estimated to be 400,000 barrels of fifty gallons each of the pickled and dried fruit, or about 6,000 car loads, and 1,000,000 cases of oil of twelve bottles each, enough to make 2,000 car loads.—Leslie's Weekly.

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