

hair, or soft, shiny curls do not promise as long life as hard, coarse hair, or hard, coarse curls.

"Early baldness means nothing as to longevity; neither do early gray hairs. Indeed, some of the longest lived have turned gray in early youth. But if the hair be soft and fine, and with it baldness premature, it is a sign of short life. If the upper part of the body be very hairy, it is a sign of short life; but if the thighs and legs be very hairy, it is a sign of long life.

"The stature is not very significant, though either extreme is unfavorable.

"Those who are short-bodied and long-legged live longer than those who are the contrary. Those who have very broad shoulders and are slender downwards, do not promise as well as those who are the contrary in their form.

"Leanness where the affections are settled, calm and peaceable, also a more fat habit of body with a temper stirring and peremptory, signify long life. Corpulency in youth foreshows short life; in age it is a thing more indifferent.

"Firm flesh, a raw-boned body and veins lying higher than the flesh betoken long life.

"To be long and slow in growing is a sign of long life.

"A large head is unfavorable, as is a large, short neck. Wide nostrils are favorable; likewise a large mouth, a gristly, not fleshy ear, and strong and contiguous teeth.

"A broad breast, but not one projecting forward, roundish shoulders, a flat belly, a large hand with but few lines in the palm, a short, round foot, thighs not fleshy, are all signs of long life.

"Persons born in winter are likely to live longer than those born in summer."

BOOKS.

The newspaper is the most wonderful book which we have. It is a book more read than any other; one of the great levers of the world's progress. It is the history of daily life. We often think them a nuisance and sometimes they certainly are, but we cannot get on without them. The difficulty appears to be that there is no way to bring to bear upon them sound and pure criticism, and it is not for the public good that a public organ should be above criticism. Editors sit in their chairs as on a throne, and reporters are free with their criticisms, distorting facts and giving wrong impressions. A limit should be given to the time spent in reading them, that they may not keep us from reading other books.—[Rev. Canon Brigstocke.

MISCELLANY.

There is many a silent, throbbing corn beat beneath a nice dress-look.

Publisher Weekly Hoodoo.—I see you have prophesied an early winter in today's paper. Editor.—Yes; the paragraphs are sending in Christmas jokes already.—[Puck.

Inside Information.—Teacher—"How many bones are there in your body?" Little Girl.—"203." "Wrong, there are only 207." "Yes'm, but I swallowed a fish-bone today."—[White Mountain Echo.

An Earthly Future.—Queerics.—I wonder why all the girls in our choir sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" with such fervor? Cynicus.—They're trying to induce our unmarried dominie to propose.—[N. Y. Herald.

A farmer sent half-a-crown for a lightning potato bug killer, which he saw advertised in a paper, and received by return mail two blocks of wood with directions printed on them as follows: "Take this block, which is No. 1, in the right hand; place the bug on No. 2, and press them together. Remove the bug, and proceed as before."

A DELICIOUS MORSEL.

Take the hind quarters of any number of frogs; no other part should ever be used.—Scald them in salted water and rub off the skin. Heat a frying pan, put in a lump of butter and melt it, next put in the quarters of the frogs. Turn them occasionally. They will be fit to serve in less than ten minutes. (Always heat dishes for this purpose.)

Hints on Cooking Vegetables.

Be very careful in washing beets not to break the skin, as much of the goodness will be lost in the water if this is done. Parsnips are best boiled and served with a butter sauce poured over them, after being cut in slices lengthwise. In seasoning squash and a little sugar, if it does not taste sweet. A little soda is a great help in cooking peas or beans of any kind; it not only softens them, but helps to preserve the color.



1892 is coming; so is Christmas. We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.