

sided paralysis. Malignant tumors of the tonsil, of the parotid gland, and of the larynx have a distinct predilection for the left side. The larynx, on the median line and in itself symmetrical, presents admirable facilities for prognosis on the basis of locality. Fauvel reports thirty-seven cases of malignant tumors in this region, of which twenty-six began on the left side. In the celebrated case of the late Emperor Frederick the first vegetations and ulcerations appeared on the left side.

Anomalies and irregularities of the teeth exist more often on the left than on the right side. The teeth on the left side are smaller, possibly weaker, and more subject to decay. Displacement of the kidney, as well as cancer or other tumors of that organ, usually occurs on the left side.

Occupation neuroses, growing out of undue exercise and strain of the right side, such as writer's cramp, for instance, naturally find expression on the right side. This is also the chosen territory of muscular atrophy.

The cheiromancers, palm-readers, and all those queer occult people, say that the right hand is the hand of the race or family, but the left is the hand of the individual himself. It is impossible, they affirm, to read his history clearly without studying the lines of both. Health, fortune, disposi-

tion, and personal attainments make furrows in the left palm. But the history of ancestral benefits or struggles is found more clearly in the right. May not this be a rather fanciful way of saying that the vital side manifests the accumulated experience of three, or four, or four hundred generations, and that the left, the weak or personal side—weak as is one against the many, as the individual and his efforts are weak in comparison with ancestors numerically strong and deeds numerically great—is distinctly individual, though less, and the real unit? The right, or race, side is the stronger side, and is always trying to get the better of its weaker fellow. The step of the right foot in both men and women is longer, and the angle at which the foot is turned outward exceeds that of the left by one or two degrees. After walking for some distance—to the extent of unconscious fatigue—there is a tendency to turn toward the left, as if the stronger side of the body were constantly gaining on its weaker half. The unconscious veering toward the left is best demonstrated with the eyes closed.

The lesson to be learned is, not necessarily that we all should become pugilists or violin players, but, that we should by proper physical culture render the whole body as vigorous as the right side usually is.

ON THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE.

BELOW are extracts from an excellent paper written for the State Board of Health of California by Rudolph Hering, Civil and Sanitary Engineer, of New York.—From the Sanitary News.

THE COLLECTION OF SEWAGE.

A complete system of sewerage should collect the foul waters from an inhabited territory and dispose of them in a satisfactory manner.... It is necessary for the health of the community to prevent decomposition of organic matter as much as possible, under circumstances which contribute to the spread of bacteria in our

midst. For this reason the sewerage system should be designed, constructed, and operated so that the waste matter, from the time that it enters the pipes within the dwellings, should be carried swiftly, and with a minimum of opportunities for retention or deposit on the way, until it reaches a point where it can safely be purified. The engineering problem, so far as it concerns the sanitary features of the system, is thus determined.

The design should aim to cause the water to flow with a sufficient velocity, so that the heaviest of the ordinary matter will be carried in suspension to the point of dis-