

THE SILENT LANGUAGE

BY MOTION OF HANDS.

The art is performed by the twenty-six letters on your hand and fingers, which you must learn, and then you must spell the words you intend your friend should know; the letters are very easily learned, and as easily remembered. I have learned several persons in less than half an hour. You must understand that most of the letters are upon the left hand and made with the fingers of your right hand upon your left hand. The forefinger of your right hand you point to every letter; but sometimes that and the two next fingers make several letters, as you will see. The vowels are very easy to remember being tops or ends of your five fingers upon the palm of your left hand, and T is the table or palm of your hand thus:

Point your forefinger to the end of the top of the thumb is..... A
Point your forefinger to the end of the top of the forefinger is... E
Point your forefinger to the end of the top of the middle finger is I
Point your forefinger to the end of the top of the ring finger is... O
Point your forefinger to the end of the top of the little finger is... U
Two encircled forefingers and thumbs of both hands laid together is B
Semi-circle of the forefinger and thumb on your right hand is..... C
Semi-circle of the fore-finger and thumb to the top and bottom of
your left forefinger is..... D
Join your two fingers of both hands across is..... F
Put your right fist on the top of the other fist together, is..... G
Sliding the palm of your hand down the other palm of your left
hand forward in motion is..... H
Point your forefinger to the end of your middle finger, and then
slide down to the wrist in motion, is..... J
Point your middle joint of the back of the forefinger to the middle
joint of the palm of the left forefinger is..... K
Lay one forefinger on the palm of the left hand is..... L
Lay three fingers on the palm of the left hand is..... M
Lay two fingers on the palm of the left hand is..... N
Encircle the forefinger and thumb to the top of your left forefinger
is..... P