

points, still presents to many in our profession a constant source of interest and information. The following are a number of clear-cut indications for reading this most virile organ, and which we credit to the Jour. of Med. and Surg.

"The perfect tongue is clean, moist, lies loosely in the mouth, is round at the edge, and has no prominent papillae. The tongue may be furred from local cause, or from sympathy with the stomach, intestines, or liver. The dry tongue occurs more frequently in fever, and indicates a nervous prostration or depression. White tongue is diagnostic simply of the feverish condition, with perhaps, a sour stomach. When it is moist, and yellowish-brown, it shows disordered digestion. Dry and brown indicate a low state of the system, possibly typhoid. When the tongue is dry and red and smooth, look out for inflammation, gastric or intestinal. Sharp-pointed red tongue will hint of brain irritation or inflammation, and a yellow coating indicates liver derangement. When so much can be gained from an examination of the tongue, how important it is that the youngest child should be taught to put it out so that it can be visible to the uttermost point in the throat."

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