

Palmistry.

The most important line is, of course, the line of life—that line sweeping around the base of the thumb from the wrist. Long, clear, direct in its course and well colored, it denotes long life, good health and a good character and disposition. Pale and broad, it indicates ill-health, evil instincts and a weak, envious disposition. Thick and red, it betrays violence and brutality. The ages at which events have happened may be told by the points at which they have marked the line. The shorter the line the shorter the life; and (this is rather startling) from the point at which the line terminates in both hands may be accurately predicted the time of death. A break in the line is always an illness; if in both hands, there is always a grave danger of death, especially if the lower branch of the line turns in toward the thumb. Rays across the hand from the base of the thumb always denote worries, and the age at which they occur is always shown by the point at which the rays terminate. The "line of head," which is the next great line in the hand—it extends from between the thumb and forefinger across to the third finger—should be clear and well closed, without fork, break or ramification. Pale and broad, it indicates feebleness or lack of intellect; but if it is long and strong, it denotes self-control. The third line is the line of the heart—the line sweeping from the forefinger across the hand. If it goes right across, it indicates excessive affection, resulting in a morbid jealousy. If it is chained, the subject is an inveterate flirt. Very, very thin and bare, it is the sign of murder. The fourth great line in the hand is that of fortune, which rises through the whole hand from the wrist to between the second and third fingers. If it starts from the line of life, it shows that one's fortune results from one's own deserts; rising from the wrist, it is always a sign of good luck. Twisted or ragged at the base, it indicates ill-luck in early life. The line of health comes from the base of the line of life. Clearly traced, it seldom exists in a hand; but, when it is found, it is a sign of good health, gaiety and success. There exists, of course, in every hand lines which do not come under any of these rules; but the expert in chirosophy has no difficulty in reading such by reference to their position with regard to the principal lines.

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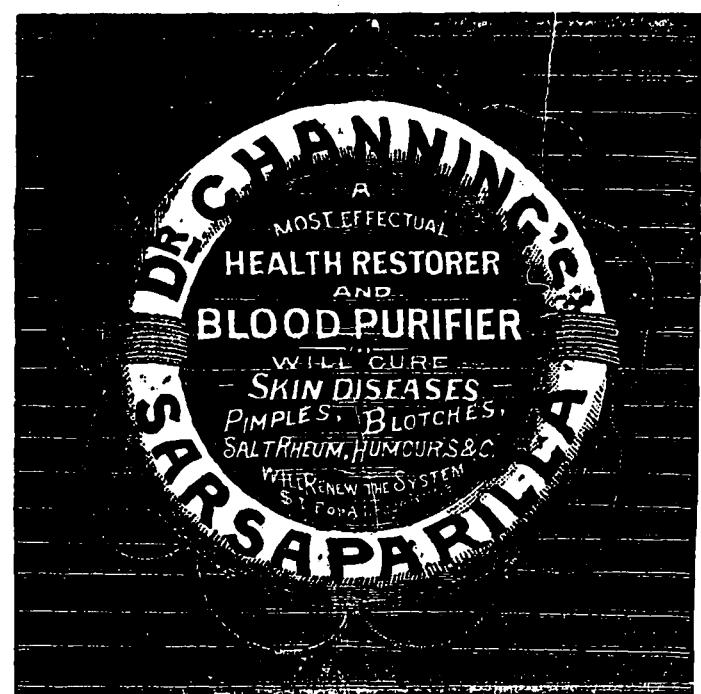
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