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A Seventh House Neptune

By ROSE CAMPBELL STARR.

My dear, you say that you desire

A high, exalted, superfine romance,

To set your heart and pulses all afire

And make you spend your days as one in trance.

You say that he, the object of your fancy,

Should love you with his heart, and soul and mind,

And at no other woman ever glance, he

Must to their charms be deaf and dumb and blind.

He must be witty, handsome, wise and clever,
Rich, fearless, tall and strong as Hercules,
But, unlike that ancient demi-god, must never
Go journeying alone on lands and seas.
He must be kind and tactful, understand you,
Must listen to your every word, must yearn
Forever for your presence, nor command you,
Nor ask that you give one thing in return.

A perfect man you seek with whom to live: You ask for more than man or gods can give!

The Ladder Mystery

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PART II THE TAINT OF THE FIEND

THE LADDER MYSTERY

A Craig Kennedy Novelette

by Arthur B. Reeve

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE: Appealed to by Maria Bachman, wife of Fritz Bachman in the death house for the kidnaping and killing of the baby of Major and Mrs. Whitehead, famous sportsman of Table Mountain, Conneaticut, Kennedy, after an examination of the hososcopes of those involved in the Service." With his friend, Walter Jameson, of the "Star" he visits an uptown saloon frequented by some of the servants in the Whitehead menage. The bartender, Murphy, tips Kennedy off to a sinister visitor, Ramon, who was one who met a servant, Daisy Edge, there before the snatch. A sudden before he escapes. In the pocket of the coat is a birthday card of congratulation not yet mailed clue. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:—

CHAPTER V. SPINNER OF WEBS

Back in the laboratory with the card found in the coat of the man he had surprised in the back room of the saloon, I watched with fascination as Kennedy began with compass and ruler on a sheet of drawing paper to inscribe circles and lines, consulting Astrological tables that looked thorough beyond belief.

"I suppose you got the name of the man to whom the birthday card was addressed?" he asked scarcely looking up.
"Calamita? What of it?"

"The Toad-that's what it means, really.
Toad! Something slimy, evil. There's surely plenty that's malefic in his chart!"
"Malefic?" I repeated. "That must mean of

ill-omen."

He nodded.

"Does the chart begin to show you anything yet, then?"
"I'll say! A complete reconstruction of the

case along lines unsuspected by either you or

your public!"

He paused long enough to point to Bachman's chart and others of the kidnaping.

"Why, in checking with those charts, if you could read them, you would ask first of all: If the person who planned and perpetrated this crime was not the instigator, and if he was acting under orders, who, then, was the Master Mind?"

I showed my interest plainly. He went

"For that you would look to the midheaven

and there you would find Pluto and Cancer!"
"What does that indicate, Craig?" I asked.
"Here in this new chart," replied Kennedy excitedly, "I have the most important clue yet! The birth date of Calamita is the birth date of the King Cobra! His Cancer sign of the right into the pattern! Every sign of the zodiac is symbolized by some form of the to be found in pattern. The ancients life to be found in nature. The ancients Aries, the Ram; Taurus, the Bull; Cancer, the Crab. But there is a deeper significance to these signs than is revealed by this timeworn symbolism alone."

Kennedy paused to impress me. "Each sign has, in fact, a positive and negative, constructive and destructive indication. Although this division is not sharply defined, there is something of each character in both phases.

"For instance," he went on, "Cancer may be symbolized by the Dog, a symbol of undying devotion, loyalty, self-sacrifice. Yet there is another type of Cancer that is symbolized by nothing so well as by the Spider, Nature's Master Builder, a spinner of webs that are masterpieces of engineering skill—yet for what purpose? To trap its unsuspecting prey!"

I nodded. "I see, Craig. Webs of intrigue so soft and silky and harmless in ap-

pearance, but a death trap for unwary feet."
"Precisely, Walter. Meanwhile the Spider sits back in the dark out of sight quietly, patiently biding his time until a tug at the web informs him that the victim has arrived. Whereupon he darts out with lightning-like rapidity- and deadly directness. Under affliction Cancer produces a person who is calculating, secretly scheming, with an ability

to play readily on the emotions and arouse to action. In short, a person not at all to be trusted."

"I think I begin to get you."
"You see, Walter, this man, Ramon, whatever his real name is, was one of two men who met Daisy Edge and her sister, Emma. The other man was this Bufo Calamita—the In the chart of the kidnapping the Pluto man, Master Mind, receives aid from Mercury and the Sun, rulers of the Twelfth and Eleventh Houses respectively."

He was growing more excited as he studied. "For information as to where this crime was conceived we look to the Twelfth House. This is logically the source of this information and the more conclusively so inasmuch as its ruler is Mercury, the Messenger. Mercury is posited in the Fifth House, very close up to the cusp of the Sixth—the House of It indicates that an employe or servant, wittingly or unwittingly, gave the necessary information—NOT TO THE PERPETRATOR BUT TO THE MASTER MIND!

"Mercury does not aspect Saturn, the Perpetrator, but does trine Pluto and sextiles the Moon, ruler of the mid-heaven. Mercury afflicted by Neptune could be mentally so weak that if cornered might, under such circumstances, take the easiest way out—suicide! Neptune itself indicates poison or drowning. But with Neptune in the Earth sign, Virgo, which also rules cleaning preparations and drugs, poison is the most probable. Why, Daisy Edge fits right into the pattern!"

I was taking it all in avidly now. I knew where he was going, even if I did not know enough of Astrology to understand how he

was getting there. "Could it be possible, Craig," I suggested, "that Wiggins was the person who communicated with Daisy Edge, without any intention of aiding her in any crime or even knowing that he had done so?"

Kennedy suddenly grew animated. "There was a conjunction of the Sun and Mercury on Saturday, February 27, before the kidnap! That could have conceivably been the contact that produced the spark that touched it off, started the machinery! Query, Walter: Where was Daisy Edge on the Saturday preceding the crime? Whom did she meet? Or did she receive a letter in the morning mail of that day, February 27?"

"Wiggins?" I hazarded.

He shook his head. "This Sun in Pisces need not have been Wiggins! It could have

been James Parkins-in fact that is much more probable!"

"How can you figure that?"

"Because it was someone whose confidence Mercury had won. This Solar person was not directly in touch with Pluto-the Master Mind. The contact if any was through Mer-cury. This person could have been totally unaware that Mercury had this other connection.

"That Mercury was a tricky customer, foxy beyond belief! When cornered could be smart and would be sure to slip out through that Neptunian loophole-suicide or a sea voyage to some foreign land. The latter was no the last resort in case escape was totally cut off!"

"Reasonable, Craig, to say the least!" I cried. "What else?"

"Mercury in this kidnap chart reveals someone over the border line toward insanity. Probably given to drink or drugs, very selfindulgent, despondent at the time, psychic, sensitive, fond of music and flowers but given to strange, unaccountable moods, nervous, hysterical, generally speaking, a weak sister—an ideal type to be the tool of some stronger will such as the Pluto type in this picture was!"
"It fits Daisy, it fits!" I exclaimed.

"Poor Mercury!" Kennedy nodded. "Baited by promises, dazzled by the beautiful dream conjured up by them, finally hopelessly en-meshed in the web. Then endeavoring to escape by every trick and art of cunning of which Mercury is capable—but only finding the web growing tighter and tighter until finally only one way is left. Poor Daisy!"

"Yes, poor Daisy," I repeated. "Craig, this is the first time I ever had an idea of her that was credible!"

"So often," he went on, "people who follow the misty visions—the mirages of Neptune-are similarly guided to destruction, too late when they find their unwary feet sinking in the quicksands. Perhaps I ought to note also that Pisces is frequently associated with heart trouble such as may be due to faulty valve action, leaking valve, for instance. Daisy Edge had it!"

"What a difference that chart of Bufo Calamita makes!" I exclaimed. "It completes an otherwise incomplete picture. . . . The Toad!" I turned to Craig. "There must be some

picture behind this picture!"

"Yes, Walter, the picture you were inclined to scoff at! The International picture! I'll sketch it for you briefly as I see it now. Old Whitney Morgan, Mary's father, was ambassador to Japan. At the same time he was a partner in the greatest international banking house in America.

"Whitney Morgan incurred the enmity of the Third Internationale in Japan. They never forgive. They never forget. He was the type of the hated capitalist class, he and all his. The Russian OGPU comes into the scene with a brutal Master Mind—this Toad, Bufo." "Craig, I remember now that in the ransom

negotiations a Latin voice on the wire cut in with, 'Shut up!' It could have been Calamita!"

"Yes," he went on, "he probably engineered the sudden and unexpected death of Whitney Morgan. He engineered the threat notes and obscene threats to the family on the Riverwood estate. You recall that a foreigner was arrested in Massachusetts for another threat letter to Mrs. Morgan. Always the threats involved the sum of \$100,000—to Margaret, to Mary, to the younger sister, to Mary's intimate friend at college who was found dead, Alice St. Charles Jones, to Mrs. Morgan herself, finally to the Whiteheads!"

"I get you, Craig. Starting with this Calamita—The Toad—plus the Internationale it is all simple. This Bufo—the Master Mind was always implacably seeking tools to work his will. He knew, you say, all about the family for he went out with Daisy Edge. He knew even this last-minute change in the plans of the Whiteheads the day of the kidnaping night, knew it through her. Is that your contention?"

He nodded agreement. My head was in a whirl.

"But, Craig, who actually is guilty, who did it? Bachman? The Toad? Who? And how?"

"Walter," he replied, "in the vernacular: You ain't seen nuthin' yet!"

CHAPTER VI THE "FINGER"

Early in the morning a boy arrived with a message. Kennedy tore it open, read it, and tossed it over to me. It was from Mrs. Maria Bachman and read:

"I have taken Apartment 4F at 1011 East 98th Street. Please come and see me soon."
"Well," I said as I looked up, "are you going
to tell her what you have discovered so far?"

to tell her what you have discovered so far?"
He shook his head. "I'm not ready yet. I

have too much to do today. But I want to see her. I want you to get the birth dates and photographs of those girls and anyone else. She told that she was coming to see me last night."

"But, Craig, my book!" I hesitated. "I must

have it in the hands of the printer today."
"Run along, Walter. You can do both.
Only be careful. Your daily guide indicates it is a critical day for you!"

Kennedy won.

"Mr. Jameson!" greeted Mrs. Bachman gerly. "Is there anything new?"

Mr. Kennedy tells me that he has found a clue in what astrologers call 'the servants' house."

"Did he get it from his horoscopes?" she

asked quickly.

"Partly. Now what he wants is to know

the names of those who knew you were going to him last night. Were there any others?

"Only Sophie Muller and Agnes Berghaven.
I have thought it over all night. No others." "Don't think it's foolish, but can you give him their birthdates?"

She seemed vaguely to understand. She drew an address book from one of her bags, turned the pages, and finally stopped.

"We exchange presents. Here, let me see; there they are.

I copied them. "Now, have you any photographs of them?"
"Not here. In my own rooms. It will take some time to get them. Will this afternoon do?"

"Send them over to Mr. Kennedy in the laboratory, then, please. Now be sure he'll get in touch with you the moment there is

anything to say."

I had their addresses also from the book. Outside I paused long enough to telephone what information I had to Craig who per-suaded me to take just enough time to look up the two without coming out from under

Sophie Muller, I found, was a friend of Bachman whom he met at Coney Island. As to Agnes Berghaven I could find nothing except that she worked in a nearby hairdresser's. Of the two I had a suspicion more as to So-

Then I returned to my book which kept me most of the day. I felt uneasy about it, so uneasy that I concluded by asking the printer to hold up the plating of the last chapter. I felt I would have to rewrite it. For the first time I felt myself definitely weakening on my own interpretation of the case.

When I returned to the laboratory toward evening Craig had just come in and was wait-

ing for Murphy, the bartender.
"Who is Murphy?" I asked. "A good bar-

keeper, I know. But who?"
"He's no bartender," laughed Craig. "That's his cover. Murphy is a former Secret Service man who resigned a few years ago and got a commercial job up-state. He came to me after Bachman was arrested. He told me how he used to operate as a bartender on

cases when he was trailing counterfeiters."
"That's a swell idea!" I exclaimed. "What a cover!"

Craig nodded. "At the time of the Whitehead kidnaping he took a vacation from his job, went to work where he knew a number of small-time crooks of Bachman's nationality used to hang out on the upper East Side. He seemed to get nowhere and finally went back to work. But when Bachman was arrested last September, and Murphy saw his picture

he suddenly recollected having seen him. "He remembered Bachman years ago in a West Side speak. He seemed to be friendly with shovers of the queer and other smalltime crooks and racketeers. He never had anything on him. Bachman never did anything suspicious in either place. He was just there drinking beer. In the East Side place he remembers that Bachman often met a woman and a man. The man was Irving Deutsch. The hangers-on in the hangouts used to call Fritz 'Captain,' kidding him."

"So." I commented, interested.

There was a noise at the door. It was Murphy. Kennedy let him in and I greeted

him.
"So close to making an arrest—and so far!" laughed Murphy good humoredly when he knew Craig had told me the story. "There I had the man in my mitt—and never suspected him!"

Kennedy pulled out a large manila envelope from a drawer of his desk. I recognized Maria Bachman's writing on the out-

side.

"Ever see either of these women, Murphy?" Murphy frowned as he looked at the picture of Sophie Muller. "No, except that her picture was in the paper as one of Bachman's Coney Island friends. But this other—why, that's the woman who came into the East Side joint with Irving Deutsch!"

"That's enough!" decided Kennedy. "Wal-

ter has her address. We'll hop a taxi, go over and pick her up!"

Agnes Berghaven, dark and uncertain of age, was quite startled at the sudden incursion of three men. But she did not lose her composure in the least. She knew it was something serious and Kennedy did not seek to evade it.

Coming out from under cover was short. Coming out from under cover was short.

"Your friend, Mrs. Bachman," remarked
Kennedy suddenly, "is dead—killed by a pineapple thrown from a car last night!"

"Dead? It can't be!" She was aghast.

"Why can't it be?" demanded Craig.

She remained dumb, but firm.

"No it can't be!" continued Kennedy in his

"No. it can't be!" continued Kennedy in his best third-degree manner. "Now, why did you change the pineapple to a tear-gas bomb? I know you were not in the car that disappeared. But why did you do it? Have you just a sneaking little regard for this woman you've been set to watch so long?"

"You," cut in Murphy in his hard voice, "were in the East Side speak with Bachman and Irving Deutsch! 'Member me? I was serving!"

Terror, a fascination for Kennedy and a fear of Murphy, seemed to grip her. Her lips framed an inaudible "Yes!"

Kennedy, from the charts, just to make it more uncanny, began to shoot strange infor-

mation at her piece after piece.

He was talking, staccato, of the "head man," of "inside info.," of Daisy Edge as "the finger," a thousand and one things that had intimately to do with the snatch and the extortion, not known to the public but fresh from his Astrological readings and recent works.
"Now, Agnes," he shot out, "about your

friend with the sinus trouble. We know. The night the ransom was paid he pulled a handhis nose loudly and tossed the handkerchief over the fence as another signal. It was That's how we know recovered, analyzed. about the sinus trouble. Now there's a man, alias 'Faulkner'—you know him?"
"Y-yes! I KNEW him!"

"What's his real name?"

"Real name? No-no-no! I can't tell! I can't—I don't know! Never saw him since! I don't know! I never knew!"

"But you and Bachman and Deutsch were

at the East Side speak?"
"Y-yes!" She had an eye on Murphy.

Her mind was working fast,

"I don't know a thing about the snatch, so help me!"

"Nor the extortion?"

"N-no!"

"Then while you're being held as a material witness in the House of Detention, Agnes," ground out Kennedy, "we're going to check up!"

CHAPTER VII TWO HECTIC DAYS

If ever I were to write in detail the work of Kennedy in the next forty-eight hours it would take a volume in itself. They were They were two hectic days.

Not only Murphy and myself but a dozen others participated. Only once, true to his promise, did Kennedy see Mrs. Bachman. By

this time she was frantic.

In fact it was not until early evening of the day before the date set for the execution that Kennedy was ready to confront Agnes Berghaven whom he now was able to use

as the key to break the solution of the case. In the House of Detention she had maintained a close-lipped but shaken silence. But now the massed evidence was such that he was convinced that it would break even her.

"Astounding as it might sound to an out-der," began Kennedy when at last she was summoned to the office of the principal matron of the detention house, "there'll be nothing new—to you—in what I have to say, Ag-

She tried not to wince under his glance. "In the first place we started in the East Side joint. Nothing much there—except that your real name is Tresa Rosso!"

She did wince at that, balling and unball-

ing her handkerchief.
"Correct?" he demanded.
Even her lips did not move. She was wait-

ing to see how much he knew.
"It was mostly in the Hell's Kitchen West
Side hang-out of counterfeiters and shovers where I got my story. They knew the Toad!"
That was a blow. The Toad! She knew

he knew.
"First," he raced on, "I am going to tell

you of the preparation for the snatch, then of the snatch itself, finally of the extortion—quite another story!"
What I would have given for a look into

that dark mind!

"Bufo Calamita," Craig resumed, "came to the United States for the ostensible purpose of wrecking American money by a gigantic counterfeit plot. It is not generally known that the Cheka employs a large force of the most skilled engravers in the world, with headquarters in Switzerland. The only thing American in the plot was the shovers, American at least in the sense of living in America.

"The plot went wrong. The Secret Service saw to that. Among the shovers were Bach-man, Irving Deutsch, and you, Tresa, to mention only those in whom we are interested. Bachman, by the way, had been attracted by the Communists because he had been a Spar-

tacist in Germany.

"The question was what to do next to strike at America? Well, with Calamita, there was always the Morgan family."
"Don't forget the fur racket," prompted

"I'm coming to it directly. The favorite method of shoving counterfeit money is in the rackets. For instance up to that time it was the rum-running racket. That was petering out. Fritz Bachman and Irving Deutsch were partners in the cheap fur racket. In fact I saw them over in Connecticut myself one time I was driving back from Yale in October, 1931, I am convinced. One petty racket breeds another.

"Now, there are two vital things that can't be laughed off but must be explained in this case. They are the ladder itself and the handwriting of the ransom note and the extortion notes. On the face of it, it might seem to be a far cry from the shover racket to the snatch racket. It's not so difficult when one considers a Master Mind like Calamita, the Toad, who has conceived the kidnap-murder of a baby to revenge his hatred for the Morgans, the Whiteheads and the bankers."

I was still weighing it. Murphy nodded em-

phatically.

"How to do it?" asked Kennedy rhetorically. "Simple. Calamita knew that he had an inside

avenue through the servant, Daisy. He had but to prepare and bide his time.
"Preparation? Why, through the more avaricious of his shovers of the queer! There were two always ready to pick up a piece of change if there was a minimum of risk, Deutsch and Bachman. He had to have a ladder and he had to have a ransom note to cover the crime.'

He paused to consider the other factors. I prompted. "Let's take the ladder and

the handwriting first."

"Very well, Walter. As I reconstruct this crime, so far, the Toad knew that Bachman looked like and indeed was a German house man,' had a record, in fact. It was a club

over Bachman. Bachman did not want to be discovered and deported. He had married.

Deutsch needed money desperately, too.
"Who would build a ladder? Who would "Who would build a ladder? Who would write the note? Who would be interested in shoving 'hot money'? Why, Deutsch and Bachman, both!"

"But that would make them co-kidnapers and co-murderers," I put in mildly.

Kennedy did not contradict me. not so sure that the Master Mind told the real plot to them. He never told a straight story if a devious one was just as good. He might have told them it was a second-story job; something like that, at least at first. Afterwards, of course, he would have to tell Bachman more, if he was to write the ransom note.

"It was a great triple play-the Toad to Deutsch to Bachman. So, Bachman agreed, for a price. He built the ladder, wrote the note, sure in his dumb way that they never would be able to trace either to him. He was not the Master Mind. The Master Mind had enough on him to make it imperative that he build the ladder and write the note, anyway!"
Fascinated as I was by Kennedy's recon-

struction I never for an instant took my eyes off Tresa Rosso. She was controlling herself

by main force.
"Go on, Craig," I urged, my eyes still on

Tresa.

"All right. At last comes the tip obtained through Daisy in the early afternoon of March 1-and the snatch of the century is on! Daisy had accidentally or otherwise revealed the sudden, unexpected change of the Whitehead plans. Later she knew it. Her only way out was suicide.

"It was nearing nine that night. The ladder was placed at the side of the house un-der the nursery window. There was a forty-mile wind blowing. The ladder was insecure in the wind. It was a light, amateurish af-

fair, no credit even to a dabster.

"Besides, there was a blind in the way. It was out of order. Two sections—or three of the ladder—which should be used? A note must be left on that window in the howling

gale, too!

"The snatcher mounted the ladder. It was then, I believe that it crashed, broke near the top. An anxious moment. No notice from the house. The snatcher on the ground seized the ladder, ploughed through the mud with the broken thing, seventy-five or eighty feet from the house and dropped it behind a hedge, leaving one track of foot prints in the muddy soil. He dropped a chisel.

"Another anxious few moments. Still no notice. There was the goal. The ladder was useless. The chisel was useless. No one was watching. He crept stealthily toward the house again. Ah! a door was unlocked! He could hear voices on the first floor. There was no one on the second. He had seen that in the nursery, before the ladder crashed.

"He knew the topography of the place, the plan of the house, the habits of the family. All that from 'inside' sources. Swiftly, noiselessly he closed the door. Up the stairs in a moment stealthily. Through the nursery door. There was the baby!"

I saw Kennedy transfixing Tresa with his eyes. She was staring stonily, almost stupe-

fied at him.

"I am not sure yet," he sank his voice, "but I would not put it past you, my cool young lady, if you were the unknown woman who an hour earlier purchased a bottle of ether at the Bennington Pharmacy, the other side of Table Mountain—with which to stupefy the baby! Was that to divert suspicion in another direction from New York? I am not yet prepared to say definitely!"

Tresa Rosso was gasping to control herself

as if she were in a paroxysm of asthma.
"No—No!" she cried. "No! That's impossible!" Her feelings were getting the better of her.

Kennedy smiled. He reached into his pocket. From it he pulled another of those charts which had already become uncanny to me.

"No?" he thundered. "The position of Saturn in the chart of the kidnaping, here, shows that the child probably did not leave the house alive! Saturn was in the degree area of homicide on March the first and at 8:45 p. m. was in full control!

"Saturn indicates falls also. If by chance, I am wrong and the baby left by the window and the breaking ladder, it was killed in the commission of a felony, a breaking and en-

tering, nevertheless.
"But I think I am right, even in that detail. For the baby was snatched up, stupe-fied no doubt, with no outcry, carried down the stairs out of the nursery from his crib,

out of the house by the door WITHOUT EVEN A BLANKET ripped off the crib! "The ladder had been carted one way. The escape was in quite a different direction. As the snatcher ran, the sleeping suit was stripped off the baby's body. Its teething ring, secure-

ly fastened, was torn from its ribbon and dropped in that other direction! "So it was that no finger prints were left on the window or the nursery or the ran-som note. Things were handled with gloved hands. The note left on the window sill was left from the inside. That is why the wind did not blow it away. For no one on that ladder could have left the note, held to the ladder and clutched the baby unless he had three hands! The baby could have been dropped from the window, or even tossed. Saturn would provide for that. But there were no such marks outside. No, the sequence that I have indicated is that which best accords with both common sense, the evidence, and the stars!"

Tresa Rosso was trembling as with the palsy. "The getaway," Craig hurried on, "was a matter of seconds. The baby, stupefied and

bashed in the head, was thrown in the car. The sleeping suit, to prevent identification of the body and for fake identification later, was crammed in a car pocket. Across the valley, on the Mount Hyacinthe road, lights and sudden alarm could be seen in the house on the mountain through the night glasses, five miles away. A hasty, shallow grave was scraped in the brush a few feet from the road. The safe flight to New York was under way in a matter of minutes, no tell-tale baby in the sedan!"

"God, Kennedy! But you paint a picture!" Tresa Rosso was clutching her head as if it would burst. The veins on her forehead stood out like whipcords. "You paint a picture!"

"Color it yourself!" he retorted relentlessly. "Now for the third point—the extortion! If Cupid had come into the House of Service before, now it was cupidity that came in the house of Saturn!

"Greed for money, a Teutonic furor for money entered March 3 with the extortion There are those who still believe that the chief intermediary somehow, in some unexplained way, was hooked in with the extortioners. But there is nothing to indicate he was more than one among thousands who deluded himself that somehow he was the instrument chosen of God to restore the baby alive and well to his mother's arms.

"The fact is that the go-between was the Devil's gift to the extortioners!" He tapped his breast pocket. "For the benefit of anyone who thinks he can hang anything on the intermediary I may say that his horoscope places him in the case not earlier than March 8. Now that is the date he placed an advertisement in a local paper that projected him right in the middle of the case. I think that should dispose of that."

Kennedy turned squarely at Tresa Rosso. "I have worked out your own chart, Tresa. I suppose you will recall a time on March 19, a Saturday night and a bazaar and a violin and the intermediary for Major Whitehead?"

She stared blankly.
"A woman who said to him, 'Nothing can be done until the excitement is over. There's too much publicity. Meet me at the depot at Cos Cob, Wednesday, at five p. m. I will have a message for you!"

He paused and waited. Only a sphygmograph

"Well, she was described as an Italian, of dark complexion, wearing a hat with a brim that shaded her face. At the station where he met her she said: 'You will get a message later. Keep advertising until you hear more.' Remember that?"

Still she strove to defeat the truth.

"Nor about the night when the ransom was paid when you walked past and said loud enough to be heard: 'Yes, this is Whitcomb

He paused to give her still a chance. Still

she said nothing.

"Tresa Rosso," he thundered, "you're no Italian; you're a Mexican! You still have nothing to say about J. J. Faulkner?"
She tried to wet her lips. Even her mouth

was dry. She could not even stammer a de-

"No? You prefer silence? Tresa, I have here a photostat of the deposit slip of 'J. J. Faulkner' with which he surrendered nearly three thousand dollars at the Federal Reserve Bank in response to the President's gold order -money that was marked ransom money!

She looked about helplessly. There was no

"I have here a letter we found in your effects. It is signed by a fictitious name. But it is, the handwriting experts tell me, the same hand that wrote 'J. J. Faulkner.' I know you would die rather than take me to him. Unfortunately I have in the same letter the Get ready-I am taking you to him!"

Tresa Rosso with a scream slumped un-conscious in her chair.

She knew the game was up!

The ladder mystery was about to be solved in spite of her!

CHAPTER VIII THE DEATH TRAP

Kennedy's roadster was standing in front of the building No sooner had Tresa been revived than we piled into it, Kennedy and I in the front, heavily armed, Murphy hand-

cuffed to Tresa in the rumble.

We shot across the city. As we neared the waterfront I saw a police radio car parked near a corner. At the next crossing we swerved narrowly escaping a collision with another. I woke up to the fact that we were in the neighborhood of the waterfront in Hell's Kitchen only to catch a third radio car cruising apparently aimlessly about. How many others we missed or did not see I cannot say. The streets in the neighborhood seemed literally teeming with them from Broadway over to the river.

Across from the docks Kennedy parked. "Come on with me, Walter," he muttered.
"Murphy, follow in a minute as if we were not together. Take Tresa as if by the hand. Cover the handcuffs as much as you can. When I pass the place I'll turn suddenly and enter.
... Duck in after us!"

We strolled around the corner opposite the docks. Half way down the block was a thoroughly disreputable junk shop. I would have said it was a clearing house for river pirates, a fence.

We had scarcely passed the place when Kennedy out of the tail of his eye saw that Murphy and Tresa a few yards behind were just approaching the door at the side of the shop. "Now, Walter!"

He wheeled. I was scarcely a foot behind. He whipped a skeleton key from his pocket,

noiselessly working it in the lock. He shot the bolt of the lock back. Softly he pushed the door without even a creak of its rusty

Standing aside he held it open as Murphy and Tresa slipped in. The moment they were off the street I saw Murphy whip out a gat, poke it across in front of him directly at Tresa's heart.

"One whisper out of you and I'll turn on the heat!" he muttered through clenched teeth.
"Do as I tell you!"

As silently as he had opened it Kennedy closed the door. But I noticed that he did not

lock it.

We were in a dark, dank, dingy hallway. The passage ahead was the more spooky in that it had windows. For the windows were so crusted with dirt and grime that even the street lights failed to filter through.

Kennedy took a step, then another, cautiously along one wall. I was close to the other. Murphy and Tresa a few inches behind were in the middle. He dragged her unwilling steps pressing the gat in her breast as if it were a

Was that hall endless?

Step by step, testing gently each board lest

it might squeak.

Suddenly I felt Kennedy's arm reach across check my further advance. My eyes scarcely accustomed yet to the stygian darkness, I realized we had come within a couple of feet of the end. A door loomed before us. "Now!" Kennedy whispered, his hand to

his mouth, as he turned half back to Murphy. I felt him slip a little wedge into my hands. I knew his trick. He always had one. Once that door was opened, even on a crack, the wedges slipped in instantly would keep it on a crack. The forcing would be easier. I bent down on my side, leaning forward to take advantage with the wedge should the instant come. I saw him do the same and make

room for Murphy.

Murphy shoved Tresa forward. "Call him!"

he whispered in her ear as he jabbed harder with the automatic. "Tell him who you are!"

Tresa had no alternative. She knocked. Her hand trembled as she did it. She strove to control her voice.

Knock! Knock! "It's me—Tresa!" Knock!

I expected footsteps, the shooting of a bolt,

profanity.
"Duck!" shouted Kennedy.
There came a blast as if from a machine gun. Without even a groan, Tresa went down. Murphy who was wise had ducked not an instant too soon. He fumbled with a hand-cuff key as he released himself from the body on the floor. I could feel the uncomfortable breeze of the slugs whirling over and past my head.

There was no need of the wedges. blast had shattered the door from the inside. Kennedy straightened, blazed orange red streaks in the darkness from his automatic, retreated and ducked again. I did the same.

So did Murphy.

Suddenly the street door behind us was poked open. The grimy window back of me crashed in. We were surrounded from the rear.

"All right, men!" boomed Kennedy's voice. "He's in there! Have you covered the back-

yard?"

"Yes, Mr. Kennedy-all covered-the second

we saw you slip that front door bolt!"

I realized these were the police some of whom I perhaps had seen cruising around! Craig had taken no chance even of waiting for the wireless to crackle, "Calling all cars!" The cars were there. Outside now I could hear the police sirens. The signal had been given. All were converging on this one focal spot.

Mayhap it had been an arsenal in there. By the crash of sawed off shot-gun and spray of machine bullets it was. But outside the tommy-guns were spitting, too. All the highpowered artillery of the police department

seemed to have come into play.

Suddenly the fire inside ceased. Kennedy looked at me. I looked dumbly

at him.
"Do—do you think it's a ruse?" I mut-

tered.

He shook his head. "The machine gun stopped suddenly first. The other gun kept

barking—then it stopped suddenly. Come on, men! Keep under cover!"

Cautiously as if it were slum guerilla warfare Craig advanced. He flashed a pocket flash. Cautiously he passed the splintered door. He fumbled until he found a light, switched it on. The interior of the room was a shambles!

Sprawled back over a table, blood streaming from his chest, lay the weirdest figure I believe I have ever seen. a man? He was dark with a dirty darkness. But it was not his face or his matted hair, or his glazing eyes or his clutching hands, gnarled and at sight of us venomously but impotently clawing for the machine gun that had clattered to the floor far out of reach.

It was the man's head and shoulders. He

was not a hunchback. His head was literally sunk down between his two shoulders in the oddest, most gruesome malformation I think I have ever seen, a head broader at the base

than at the top.
"The—the Toad!" I could think of nothing else and the words escaped me involuntarily.

To me he seemed actually slimy.
"Yes!" Craig advanced cautiously toward
him, mindful of treachery even in death. "Bufo Calamita!"

The man's eyes glared even as one knew they were becoming sightless. The taint of

the fiend was in them.
"The Toad!" muttered Kennedy, taking my words. "The Toad was 'Faulkner,' a hundred

aliases, Master Mind of every crime on the calendar!"

Even in death those eyes were inscrutable, defiant, merciless, enigmatic-and silence was rooted in that tongue!

The police started a search. "It's no use, men," discouraged Kennedy. "He's too smart and slimy even to leave evidence in his own den!"

Then something suddenly seemed to snap in the brain of the dying man. It was as if, as he lapsed into unconsciousness, some little capillary burst, changed the close-cut silence.

He writhed, he groaned, he muttered. Was he living over some scene in which he was a

second party to himself?

"You sure put the noose right around Fritz's neck with those brokerage accounts when you thought you were just keeping it off your own!"

Laughter seemed to rattle in his throat. It was as though as a second person he was

squealing a whole story, crucial points.

"Ha! Ha! Ha! Deutsch and hot money! He sold his fifteen grand for cold cash enough to die in his old country! Fritz-in the endthe Government could account—\$99,986—all the hot money—and he got the hot squat too! Ha! Ha-a-"

As the weakened voice trailed off there flashed into my mind the outburst of Bachman at the end of the aerial when he was jittery, awaiting the verdict: "I won't go alone!"

No-not alone—the maid, Daisy—Deutsch— Tresa Rosso—the Toad—Number 1 man!

I thought of the damning evidence of the ladder and the handwriting. But they had placed Bachman at Table Mountain that night beyond a peradventure of a doubt. I recalled one day when I selected six pictures at random from the files of the Star and went around among the natives to have them identify which of the six they had seen at Table Mountain that day of the snatch. The highest number had picked Judge Crater! Next on the list was Rexford Tugwell! No, I was ready to admit the State hadn't done so well on their direct evidence.

What should it be-new trial, Federal court.

commutation, pardon, reaffirmation?

I heard a clock in the distance. "Craig! It's nearing midnight! At dawn Bachman dies!"

The body of the fiend before us stiffened. "Yes!" cried Craig. "The Governor!"

CHAPTER IX THE LAST DAWN

It was a mad race in the night to reach Governor Bingman. Would he see us?

We found that the many pleas to the Governor had caused him to give anxious hours to the case. He had given it conscientious consideration already far into the night. Nevertheless in the early morning hours he consented to see us. He seemed to realize the unique importance of the case. It was more than merely one man's life at stake.

In his best manner as a special pleader Kennedy launched into the story as he had developed it, the story of the Toad, of the Cheka, of Bachman, the tool.

"But," interrupted the Governor, "to save

"Ah!" returned Kennedy, fired with the case, "Bachman has a wife and child now. They are hostages to the relentless Cheka. The Cheka will kill if he talks. He is in the grip of the terror!"

He paused merely a second. "Shall I tell what the Attorney General revealed to me only a few days ago?"

The Governor nodded.

"At the time when we were waiting for the verdict that night at Middleton, for the first time since the case began, the State sent someone in to see Bachman. It was a hint

as to a plea.
"Bachman was jittery. He started to talk. A couple of hesitating sentences—and he shut up! Could it have been the thought of those hostages to fate? I, at least, was confirmed in my opinion that he could not then, can-

not today talk!"

The Governor passed his hand wearily over his head. "The appeal has called the trial a Circus Maximus. It has stressed the claim that the state has not placed Bachman in Table Mountain either at that time or any other, the credibility of the witnesses. I have heard all that. Perhaps it impresses me. But not enough to weigh against the other factors in the case."

"I agree with you, Governor," nodded Kennedy. "That is not what I am pleading. May I point out that scientific, circumstantial evidence-the evidence, by the way, that I myself have been building up for twenty-five years—is like placing a modern streamlined body on an old-time chassis? If I may be pardoned, modern complex life no longer fits with the ancient traditional justice. We need a new chassis, too, with all the up-to-the-minute gadgets—some new element, I may say, to go along with this high-powered modern justice that I have for years exploited."

The Governor looked up quickly, inquiringly.

"The sentimentalists continue to sneer at the application of medical science to the problem of crime. They cry out for harsh punishment. There still is no rational system for the protection of society against the men-tally diseased, the degenerate."

The Governor was interested. A light flick-ed in his eyes. "But have you any such ered in his eyes.

system?" he asked quietly.

"I think I have," Kennedy went on, encouraged. "Yes. But it has not been recognized for reasons that up to now have been sufficient. I believe that the time has come to recognize certain facts presented by students of the most ancient and reliable system of character analysis in existence. I mean, of course, Astrology!"

The Governor pursed up his lips. "Astrol-

ogy is not admissible in courts!" he exclaimed.
"I grant that. The findings of the scientific Astrologer are repudiated as a rule even before he offers them. For this state of affairs the Astrologers themselves are largely to blame. It is only in recent years that they have taken up the same methods of painstaking research that are applied so successfully in other fields of scientific investigation. I am not attempting to offer a complete solution of the perplexing problems of criminal psychology. I am trying to add facts to those already accumulated-to clarify!"

The Governor seemed intrigued, as if grasping at anything to clear a perplexing problem before him. Kennedy saw his advantage. He drew his sheaf of charts. Succinct and fascinating, he sketched over his horoscopes of Bachman, of all the principal characters in the

mystery.
"In my analysis of the horoscopes of habitual criminals," he explained, "I have found almost invariably that the mental rulers are badly afflicted without redeeming features. In examining the horoscope great care must be taken to include also the early training and environment. The horoscope is a chart of causes, not effects. The horoscope does not necessarily tell us what a person will do or has done. Nevertheless it does accurately reveal casual

"It may be so." The Governor was regarding Kennedy with tolerance, but not conviction. I could resist no longer putting in a word. "Governor," I said, "my last story on the trial, which no doubt escaped you, was that never again can there be a trial like this. I might go into it but I would like to say that one of my stories that the Star killed and asked me to write a substitute, seems to me, the longer I look back on it, the more true. This, in "No?" He raised his eyebrows politely.
"Then, for what?"
"This," I said slowly, "was a case for a psychiatrist!" view of the character of Bachman, was never

Kennedy nodded vigorously. "My charts show it!" he amplified, rustling them as briefly he emphasized one point from them after

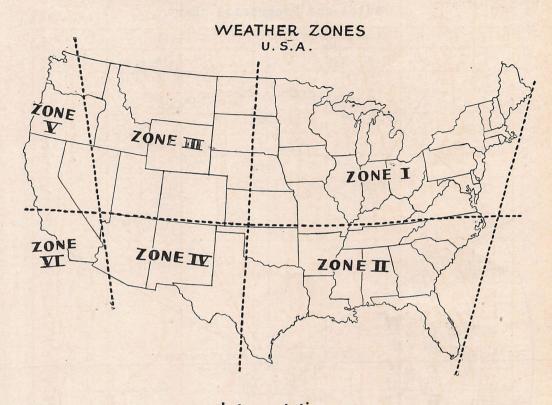
another on the subject.
"But," frowned the Governor. There was no shade of annoyance on his face. He was grasping to understand. "But what, Mr. Kennedy, can be your alternative? Remember, I can take no action without adequate reason, much as I desire to see our system of handling crime take advantage of everything helpful.

Kennedy leaned forward impressively. "Governor," he added, "I have in my files a case of paranoia that bears the same data

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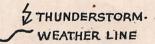
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Interpretation of

WEATHER CHART

RAIN OR SNOW A HAIL FORNADO, HURRICANE





BAD WEATHER

Inclination (tendency) to rainy weather when the weather line is in the column of bad weather (left or shaded column). Copious precipitates when symbols of rain and weather line in the column of bad weather at the same time.

FINE WEATHER

Inclination (tendency) to clear weather when the weather line is in the column of fine weather (clear column).

TEMPERATURE

Increase and falling of the temperature according to the temperature line (line of the

temperature), when she is more in the right column (warm weather column) or more in the left column (cool weather column).

THE WEATHER LINE

When it is between the left and the right column, then the weather will be more *unsettled*, inconstant, changeable, and mean in temperature.

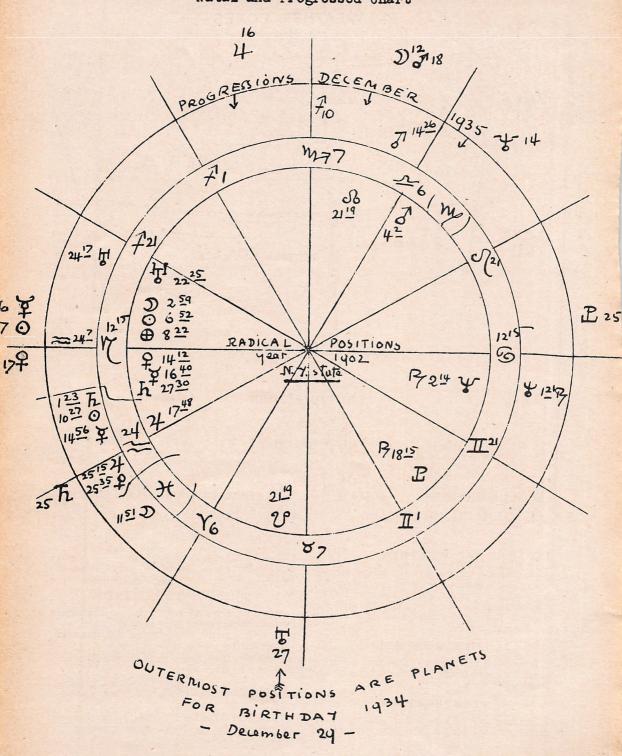
Fine Weather: Few clouds, no precipitation except by thunderstorms.

Bad Weather: Compact cloudiness, precipitation of all degrees (light rain to heavy showers), without sunshine.

Inconstant Weather: Variability or changeableness of the cloudiness, mean sunshine.

SATURN EMPHASIS

Natal and Progressed Chart



A Saturn Emphasis

a psycho-astrological study

By DANE RUDHYAR

The outstanding characteristic of this birth-chart is the extremely strong emphasis which is placed upon the sign of the zodiac Capricorn and upon the planet Saturn which "rules" this sign and, for this and other reasons, completely dominates the native's life. I refer to the "native" in this impersonal way because the real function of astrology is to enable us to take an objective and impersonal view of the sum-total of processes, energies and tendencies which constitute a human being. Astrology is a system of life-symbolism which permits us to consider such a human being as a whole of related parts. Signs, planets and divisions of the space around the locality of birth are the main symbols used, the "leters" which together constitute an "alphabet of life"; understanding which, one can read the significance of situations and beings as life-wholes.

In other words we do not deal primarily with so-called "influences" exerted by planets or stars upon the inhabitants of the earth, but rather with symbolical formulas which enable us to know more about the sum-total of elements involved in either a situation or a human being,—also the inter-relationships linking these elements. If thus I speak of a dominance of Saturn, I do not mean that the planet Saturn is "doing something" to the native. I mean only that the life-process and function which is symbolized astrologically as Saturn is operating most intensely in the native's being, character and destiny. The Capricorn-emphasis likewise means that the majority of her psychobiological processes or faculties operate on the basis of a particular rhythm and involve a particular quality of activity which we symbolize by Capricorn.

Capricorn refers to the winter time, to the winter solstice and the weakest manifestation of the solar life-force. It represents thus a point of indrawing, of inward and hidden seed-being—opposed to the outgoing, blossoming forth, concrete manifestation associated with the summer solstice and the zodiacal sign Cancer. The life-quality symbolized by Capricorn is thus that of "being in the seed-condition"; all the energies being turned toward the building of inner selfhood, the building of an abstract, self-sufficient, spiritual state of being,

Thus we find Christmas at the winter solstice; for the "birth of the Christ" is the formation or incarnation of the spiritual archetype in the midst of earth-conditions—of the Godwithin in the yery depths of the body.

within in the very depths of the body.

Saturn is the power that circumscribes some of the universal energies of life and makes of those a particular human being. It refers to the first process whereby the universal life-force becomes differentiated, limited, particularized as a living cell;—as the initial seed. Such a process of differentiation is the absolutely necessary condition for individual existence, that is, existence as a separate and self-Psychologically speaking, sufficient entity. Saturn symbolizes therefore that process which leads to the realization: I am. It refers to the abstract structure of the ego; to everything which gives birth to form and formalism. It may be the condition for true spiritual self-hood; on the other hand it may mean also self-centeredness, selfishness, separativeness, building one's ego as a fortified castle. Being the symbol of limitation, it may mean crystallization and inertia, utter conservatism and tradition-worship. Being the symbol of separateness, it may mean evil as its result.

On the other hand it alone focuses diffuse

On the other hand it alone focuses diffuse energies and makes them powerful and operative through such a concentration. It brings everything to a steady focus; but it may mean crystallization, laziness, lack of vision or expansiveness, lack of warmth and emotion—a hard common sense, or a political sense of how to turn everything, coldly, to one's own best advantage. It refers to all routine activity, discipline, self-control, but also to automatism and lack of spontaneity; lack of human warmth. Herbert Hoover is quite a good type of a certain type of Capricorian emphasis; but in the native's chart Saturn and Capricorn play a far more dominating part than in Hoover's chart—for weal or woe.

The woe comes from the fact that this dominance of the Capricorn quality is harshly challenged by other planets in conflicting signs; and so we have as the outstanding formation in the native's chart a "cross" linking, through stress and strain, the signs of "activity" referred to as Capricorn, Libra and Cancer: i.e., the two solsticial points and the autumnal

equinox. The native was born a few hours before New Moon, when Moon, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Saturn were in the sign Capricorn, which moreover was just rising in the East. If born 20 minutes or so before, the astrological set up would have been quite different in some of its implications—though it would not affect of course the Capricorn-Saturn emphasis. It would, however, have mitigated its consequences and produced an entirely differ-

ent health condition.

Too much of Capricorn and Saturn is never particularly good for the organic functioning of the body or of the psyche. It slows down the life-processes and brings about a strong tendency to pessimism and melancholy. Fortunately, in the native's case, the presence of Venus just below the horizon at birth helped a great deal to brighten the outlook. Unfortunately both the Sun and the Moon had already risen, and thus are found in a position which is not favorable for physical vitality or even emotional vitality. It may be favorable for other things (such as introspection, meditation, etc.) but it tends to lower the vitality and the outgoing push of the native. This fact combined with the indications furnished by the above-mentioned planetary "cross" (bringing in Mars and Neptune into sections of the chart which are not favorable to health) shows strongly that the native has been very much handicapped by illness, and even more perhaps by general weakness and lack of

I shall not go into an analysis of healthconditions, for such is very hard to perform accurately from astrological data alone; even though I believe these data would be invaluable to the physician. I shall merely suggest that many of the native's troubles seem to have come through the condition of the feminine organs, through certain conditions in the bones which may have caused anemia. It is probable that the native needs an overdose of calcium, and suffers from lack of it. Head-aches, and the general nervous condition, are results, not causes. Very likely the spine, or lumbar region, has been affected—causing pressure through vertebral displacement. The para-thyroid glands might also have to be examined, in so far as they control the calcium metabolism-and thus the general sensi-

tiveness.

From the psychological point of view such a Saturn-emphasis indicates that the father of the native plays or has played a most dominant part in her development. In fact we have here a perfect set-up for a "father-complex"; in this case through a sort of worship-conscious or unconscious—of the father. Saturn symbolizes the father (together with the Sun) because it is through the father that the pattern or structure of the being is received-at least according to ancient tradition, and bar-ring abnormal cases. The mother provides the substance of being; the father the pattern of being. Thus the father is represented by

Saturn, the ruler of the Golden Age in Greek

mythology.

This domination of the native individual life by the "father-image"—to use a modern psychological term—was especially apparent until the year 1925, when the progressed Sun left the sign Capricorn. At that time there was apparently a slight break in the overwhelming influence of the home-life and the family-tradition, especially as received through the fa-The psychological crisis of the years 1922-23 may have had some connection with the father—presumably not in any obvious way, but insofar as deep underlying unconscious factors are concerned.

Much of the difficulty which the native may encounter in any intimate association, or possibly in her earliest marriage life, is, and especially has been due to this "father-complex." The strong father-image was used, unconsciously or half-consciously, as a paragon of excellence to judge any new relationship particularly where men were concerned. Depression and unhappiness were the results of

an unfavorable comparison.

This is putting the matter in its most simple and obvious form, but I think it has pervaded the whole unconscious being of the native, and her greatest task, psychologically, is to free herself completely from this attachment—just as, physiologically, so much of her trouble came from a particular and none too fortunate relationship with her mother. Freedom from the "father-image" is apparently being attained slowly—since the native's marriage and will become increasingly established from now to 1943. During these years (1930-1943) basic factors are in operation which are tending to neutralize the Saturn-emphasis. This summer 1935 brings a particularly expansive and freeing influence to the fore. In fact the general balance of astrological progressions for the next ten years is quite excellent, bringing tidings of increased psychological freedom from the past, of greater fluency of being, of expansiveness, of valuable friendships, and of broadened spiritual vision. This does not mean that everything will be smooth and easy; but merely that the native's physical and psycho-logical vitality will be stronger and characterized by the above-mentioned factors.

What the native should strive for pre-emi-

nently are

1) fluidity, openness, ease of being, warmth and spontaneity of feelings away from set and rigid conventional patterns of any kind, objectivity and sense of humor

3) lightness and the carefree feeling of a

What I mean by "objectivity" is detachment from her own problems and a lack of emotional involvement in her own condition—physical and psychological. The native is born at the new moon, and in such a case the feelings are usually very much involved in subjective being. The solar and lunar forces are, as it were, mixed up. It is difficult for the

native to separate the realm of her personal feelings (moon) from the sphere of her urge to live for a purpose (sun). Thus the feelings and the psychic sensitiveness are magnified and the energies of the real personality are diffused by excessively subjective feelings. There is not enough of perspective on life and self; of "vision."

This is emphasized here by the position of sun and moon, and their relationship to Mars and Neptune. The feelings are at times violent and stubborn, but usually repressed in the unconscious—following a social and conventional pattern of behavior. Also because of ill-health, confinement and the general low-

ering of physiological functions.

Much of this is related to the mother. There is apparently a sort of hidden, unconscious resentment against the mother: a physiological, organic, dumb resentment. It may not manifest much consciously, and it is counteracted to a large extent by the "rising Venus"—astrologically speaking. There is more love and warmth of selfhood, because of the latter, than could be expected otherwise. But this affects the conscious ego more than the unconscious physiological energies which operate none the less at their own organic level.

Now, it seems that this very year 1935 is the time of destiny to face these unconscious energies and to deal with the "complexes" which have hindered greatly so far the development of the native's real and creative personality. It is the time for her to "let go" of the past, and to burn the bonds that bound her by the fire of objective understanding. This will need psychological courage; but it has got to be done—and just now is the time. Her physical condition should be improving progressively and if she supplies her body with the kind of food she needs—also avoid intoxicants, should she use any—she should find herself in a condition to cope with the situation.

Long trips, expansive viewpoints, abstract and metaphysical thinking, and everything which takes her away from narrow walls, crystallized traditions and confining environment... are what she needs. She must break through every crystallization, and learn to be free, happy, and *light*. Superficially she may have a good deal of those qualities at times; but it is with the organic depths of her body

and soul that she must deal.

She must become an individual and cease to be so self-centered and introverted. Until she lets go from the traditions and father-love which she hugs within herself fondly (in secret, if not in her outer consciousness), she cannot reach the real status of individual self-hood. Yet to do it is the great task of her life. The burden of her life is that of spiritual transformation and constant renewal. There is great power in her—too great for her yet to understand. So far it has depressed her, pressed upon her—rather than exalted her. At any rate, it has confused her.

Part of the confusion comes from the strain

and stress of the already mentioned planetary cross formed by Sun-Moon, Mars and Neptune. This configuration, placed as it is in this chart, carries most definitely the significance of regeneration or transformation. It stresses the need for spiritual, "occult" perception; for piercing through the inertia of certain inherited traits and achieving spiritual individuation. What I mean is that the native must face her past and all she inherited—all that was before her birth and conditioned her birth—and transform it, make it her own, fashion it anew according to her own individual rhythm.

But what is "individual"? She may think she is an individual—but is it so? Anyone, ever so little bound to the past, and ever so little clinging to tradition and childhood-relationships—is not an individual. To be an individual does not mean, however, to rebel against everything that was; but it means to examine objectively, intelligently, in absolute inner freedom, the past—one's race, family, traditions, etc.—and to give to these things one's own valuations. It means to face life and every moment in freedom from possessions, attachments and emotional bonds—to face it as a complete, unique, free being and to give it one's own significance. It means to re-create one's world through clear under-

standing and creative activity.

That is the great task of the native. She wants to incarnate into her own body: to make of every moment a Christmas. It has been very hard so far because of her seven-month birth; and I somewhat feel that she has resented the difficulty of it—and to some extent her mother, as the cause of it. Indeed a physiological organic resentment. But she must probe into it; understand it—in order to overcome it. She can, she must do the work of this 2-month gestation which to some extent frustrated her own physiological and psychological development. She can do it alone—now. [The native was a 7-month child, as a result of an emotional shock experienced by the mother.—Ed.]

What it means is that she must learn to take control of her organism and be born into it. The last two months of gestation are largely dedicated to the preparation for the eventual coming down into the body of the individual ego. The body itself is formed, but the power of integration is still very weak. And the result is that the ego, the "I am," finds it difficult to incarnate fully into the body after birth. The energy that would be used then for that purpose has to be used for the consolidation of the over-frail organism. This brings a sort of conflict. The ego, as such, is somewhat outside of the body (figuratively speaking); and the body therefore has to function largely on the basis of what it can get from the outside (racial forces, collective standards, etc.). A tension between the unembodied individual factor, and the too-deeply ingrained collective factors, occurs.

This is especially featured in this chartand the whole of the being and destiny is really crying out for a complete incarnation of the individual self. But it necessitates first of all that the collective, ancestral, infantile tendencies and complexes be dissolved. It is the inertia thereof which makes it so hard for the true individual self to come through.

I would suggest very strongly that the native study very carefully the following books of C. G. Jung: "Two Essays on Analytical Psychology," "Psychological Types" and "Modern Man in Search of a Soul" (in the order named). They may show the path—the path to individuation. This process of individuation requires an absolute frank and candid facing of one's self. It means giving up interior shyness and psychological self-cod-dling. It means great honesty and openness. Secretiveness does not do much good ever; but in the native's case it is positively harmful. She has built up a fortified castle around her innermost self—to avoid being hurt. But she is really stifling within. She does not lack honesty, but probably fear is still very potent within. Over-sensitiveness, fear, a sense of insecurity—lead to depression and neurasthenia or psychasthenia. The being is exhausted defending itself from possible intrusion and encroachment.

What is needed is life in the open, near the earth: a free, gypsy-like life, an uncrystallized life, in which every moment can be faced afresh, as an utterly new birth of selfhood. Every action can be seen as revealing a world of wonders, within and without. Nothing of wonders, within and without. must be worshipped save that living fire at the core of every moment. There must be daring, venturing forth, the plumbing of all depths. Mountain heights should be excellent-not the sea—and life near the living earth, under pines, where there are vast horizons, and vision— everything that is broad, wide, unconfined, idealistic, compassionate, warm and vibrant with the warmth and vibrancy of the mating

of the sun and the earth. . . .
This is indeed the time for this self-renewal and this descent into the earth;-the time for metamorphosis and rebirth. This last year up to this coming late spring was a sort of "wondering what it was all about" and of trying to make up one's mind. After June come twelve months of deep self-search, through which a new life-urge should gain much momentum. Then the twelve succeeding months should be the real transition, the real growth—step by step, towards the new birth. Now is a time of preparation and selfexamination: of regeneration. This very month of March is significant, inasmuch as it reveals a strong spiritual urge and a desire to face the depths of the unconscious. Much will have to be discovered there. This astrological analysis at best merely paves the way. What is needed is much work—psychological, real work. A Jung psychologist, if a good one were available, would be of great help to

the native in this connection. What is really needed is a periodical, frequent if possible, help from someone who can assist the native in getting at much that is hidden and confused within her; -much that she might eagerly deny, would she have it pointed out to her. It is a work of uncovering, of psychological archaeology, I might say.

As far as future events are concerned, the way appears rather smooth, at least for the next fifteen months. There may be a bit of inner upset in the late summer-fall 1936, but this should prove very constructive in the end. A period of tensions will spread over the second half of 1937 to 1939—but even that could be quite constructive, as a definite release of intellectual perspective. It may, however, not seem so nice while it lasts; unless the native has really conquered much within herself during the coming two-year period (1935-37). From the fall 1939 to 1942, another excellent period is observable, which will be particularly significant and should lead to great realizations and possibly bring social expansion as well as inner freedom.

Studied from another standpoint, the native's thirty-third year brings possibilities of inner revaluation and perhaps to some extent strenuous outer changes. Some of the strain may be connected with a rather long journey; some, perhaps, with financial difficulties. It is more particularly that society or the environment is presenting some problems which the native must meet. These may cause a bit of emotional tension and some trials. Most likely, they should be considered as parts of the general process of inner regeneration or spiritual "incarnation" which I described pre-

viously.

The thirty-fourth year (1936) will probably be much more harmonious on the outside; there will be a greater cooperation of society in working out individual problems. It very likely will be a more settled period—especially the first part of it. It should lead to a definite expansion of consciousness and more happiness, more lightness of heart and of mind.

From the point of view of the profession, I do not believe the native should undertake any particular public activity. Her work seems to be the fulfillment of "woman's tasks"—but in a spirit of true dedication; that is, striving to release the creative significance locked in every moment and in every activity, however humble it might seem. This, far from being an unsatisfactory state of affairs, may be the greatest path of release of power. For through such circumscribed activities one may-if one knows how !-bring to a focus great spiritual power. This too is connected with the life-task of "incarnation": the birthing of spirit (i.e., creative significance) at the core of every moment and every activity. To this the medieval mystics referred as the "practice of the presence of God." Every act should be per-(Continued on page 29)

Your Birthdate

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May 11, 1882

Mars in Leo rising at the moment of your birth, and your Personal Ruler, the Sun, posited high in your chart with Saturn and Neptune in the sign Taurus, makes you a natural leader and executive. You have been called upon to take a man's place in the business world. You should have succeeded admirably, for your ability as an organiser is coupled with good practical commonsense, sound judgment and a courage that remains undaunted by obstacles. Venus, your life ruler, makes you good in all activities that demand co-operation.

A tendency to delay, or even sadness, is shown in regard to marriage or heart interests, or you would be inclined to love one much older in years or experience. This is indicated by your Eighth House Moon in Pisces in inharmonious aspect to your Venus, Jupiter, Mercury and Uranus. The Fifth House elements of love, and possibly children or creative enterprises, are needed in your life as a proper balance, for these would tend to fill in the sign and house that is lacking in your chart, and give you a wider and more tolerant viewpoint and understanding of others.

You are very patient and consistent—content to wait until such time as your own will come to you. Relative defense is strong in your makeup. You love to help and protect those whom you love—an inherent Taurean trait.

The period recently past has been quite disruptive and even unpleasant, shown by the progressed Moon's passage through Aquarius, in square or inharmonious aspect to your Saturn, Neptune and Sun. As it nears your Eighth House, a period of readjustment to a new environment has commenced, and there were strong possibilities of partings with a dear one shown. In this department of life such dream ideals as we possess come to crash with stern, stark, often bitter reality. This comes to even practical down-on-the-earth Taurus every twenty-eight years. You have been compelled to experience your individual Gethsemane—to face a new life—or life "as

is"—hard, cold and uncompromising. Here, what adjustments were found necessary by that stern judge who rules over this department (of past actions) are being made, to fit you for a new environment; or at least to assist you in adopting a new state of consciousness toward the old one. When these adjustments are made one may reap the promised Eighth House rewards, and having been truly humbled, may be lifted up to receive that gain (or gifts) of which he has proved himself worthy during the previous twenty-eight years. There is no turning backward here. To do so is to die, at least innerly, or in part. We must face life and change—and often how surprised are we—and everyone else—to find the old outworn purse at our feet that no one else noticed is brimmed full of greenbacks, materially or spiritually, the latter depending of course upon the plane upon which we vibrate.

Your progressed Sun's approaching sextile to your Second House Uranus should begin, during the next three years following 1935, to bring you into an era of unusual financial and business success, in a position of some authority—at least you should be in charge of your own department. We have found that Uranus, under harmonious influences, always injects a slight element of the "bad," or some slight disappointment of a sort may be experienced along with the good he brings, while under inharmious aspects he always mixes a little good with his adverse and perverse actions. In any case, he brings much of what is unexpected, and the surprise element must enter in somewhere. It behooves one therefore who is coming strongly under the influence of this planet as you are during the next several years, both by progression and transit, to "expect the unexpected," and if you expect the worst, it's bound not to happen. Wishes made under this planet's vibration often have an almost uncanny way of coming to pass—but how they come to pass! A lady wished to take off ten pounds recently while under strong Uranian vibrations. She lost the ten pounds all right—following a serious illness.

How fortunate we are that a kind Providence disregards so many of our idle wishes. This is one planet that deals out the unexpected card, and life at least is full and interesting under his ray, which should be for you very progressive although for a time a little disruptive.

April 15, 1882

That you are an active, impulsive, aggressive person is shown in your horoscope. Yours is an agile and alert mind. You should avoid both mental and physical overwork, with Mars in Cancer squaring your Sun and Mercury in Aries. Some trouble in your domestic life is probable, or has been in the past, or through your relations with the opposite sex. You possess a temper of your own and are not afraid to express your opinions, but five minutes afterward you often would like to retract your words. An Aries woman with Mars in Cancer might, figuratively speaking, knock friend husband's teeth down his throat one minute and the next she'd be babying him and saying she was "so sorry".

You are very practical and quite economical in the expenditure of money. Travel is beneficial to you, with your North Node in Sagittarius, also an interest in philosophy, astrology, and advanced thought is shown.

The last two years have been uncertain and possibly disruptive ones for you, which is indicated by the transmitting Uranus in your sign and your progressed Sun in square to your natal Uranus. Unexpected happenings and partings in some form are indicated. Now, however, you are entering into a more settled era. Time out now for a good breathing spell and to regain your old calm and poise. However your consciousness at this time is centered in the sign Pisces, wherein the planet Saturn is now transiting and you must find your peace within yourself. Pisces or the Twelfth House is where atonement is made for past folly, but also where we may reap rewards for work well done, in serene content. Your own natal Moon in this sign makes the next two-and-one-half years important ones, where the square of your progressed Moon to your progressed Sun in 1936 brings you to a crisis and turning point in your affairs of life. In this department one needs must bow humbly to the Will of the Father—
"Let not my will, but Thine, be done." There is pain in the Twelfth House, but it is pain that is akin to joy. Out of it comes the only real crucifixion, followed by true happiness and content, for here we at last learn to separate ourselves from mortal pain and rise above it, unto the peace above that "passeth all understanding"-to immortality and fulfill-

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Your progressed Moon in square to Saturn

and in opposition to Mercury does not exactly favor the added responsibility that another child would bring at this time. It would seem to be better for you to wait until after 1936 before making a definite decision in this regard. You are entering into an extremely Uranian era of your life, shown by the progressed Sun's passage over your natal and progressed Uranus. This influence is exact in 1936. As we have stated elsewhere in this department, this causes the unexpected card to crop up often in the game of life. Be pre-pared therefore, and do not be unduly surprised at anything and be ready and willing to accept any condition that life can give. are secure only when we can stand anything that could happen to us. Under the Uranian influence one often does the things he never did before, and never expected he would do. As your Uranus is well configurated the results of this influence should be favorable—notice we said results. This may not appear so at the time, but afterwards, looking back, you will see that it was all for the best—with a capital B. This influence should bring you freedom from restrictions-from some binding influence that has heretofore fretted you exceedingly. Be sure, however, that you are not blind to the real love in your life, while striv-ing after some "ideal," Perhaps true Love is nearer to you than you imagine, and Uranus could bring this fact home to you in some unexpected and even startling manner. The love that is dearest is always the love we have just lost, through our own folly or blindness. But how tragic and strange that we must lose it before we come to this realization! Not that it cannot be regained—anything can be regained—remember Lazarus was raised from the dead, and lesser miracles happen every day. To perform them Faith is required.

How many of us realize that real love is not the romantic love as in our youthful dreams? It is something that grows with the years—after marriage—and we do not believe anyone can say he truly loves another until he has experienced with that other all of life's emotions—from great joy to great sorrow. True love is accepting your partner as he or she really is, for by faults we can judge of worth. It means true co-operating and unselfish devotion, and the merging into understanding of two selves—not a submerging of either.

As things stand at present, it is hardly fair to your child to bring it into the world while you are in love with a man other than its father (notice we said *in love*, not *love*). Such a situation produces intense psychological complexes in children that could result in conflicts and emotional chaos later on.

The present conflicts in your own nature are the result, astrologically, of the Uranian influence. Who wants what he has when Uranus starts stirring up desires for new fields

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The Stranger Within

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The path of life, which leads into greater spheres of existence, lies by way of transmutation and sublimation of all one's abilities: earnestly desiring to follow this path, makes one ready to advance on the journey, which is an ascending scale. The latent powers needed, must be spiritualized for the attainment of the goal, and the reward, perfection!

That inspiration which would be suited to one person for the unfolding of his creative powers, might perhaps have no effect upon another: certain developments in individuals have placed them in different environments.

As I have explained in other lectures, the twelve signs of the Zodiac gave me the desired plan for the classifying of particular

Each person has a visible instrument, the body, in which he does his life's work. According to his emotions and mental equipment does he function, with the great gift of Free Will to be used for his advancement. You see, this Free Will must be your driving force, rightly used will cause the person to understand, with discrimination, certain gifts which may be used for this upward interest.

The selecting of certain cultural values, or higher forms of expression, as contained within the works of the masters, requires a mental and emotional process: each sign gives the positive and negative natures, so if aspiring, the native will have no time for laziness, he must constantly be on the alert, seeking for that which will transmute his "earned"

powers into still greater ones.

I accord the masters of music an important place, advisedly, because music is not only the most essential element for uplift, but the most universal in appeal. Music is abstract, elusive and mystical, the impressions from it reach to the inmost self, that Stranger Within, first by way of the emotional nature, and if permitted, will combine with the mind, which makes the lasting impression. Mental and emotional combined, the mere intellect can not achieve this result.

The native must not develop just through the emotions, either, as that process would be perishable; why? Because as we go on in evolution, ever reaching up, the development must be uniform, balanced, the mental not divorced from the emotional, a perfect union formed.

It seems advisable here to speak of the attitude of the public towards music and the arts: all admit that music has an effect upon the listener, especially noticeable when there is no effort at what is called "studying" The listener is really learning, but in so different a way, in which you once learned grammar and kindred subjects. One of our public has said, "Music is the language of the feelings as much as words are of thought, and when your feelings are right, your life will be right." Music is of the emotions and has the power to uplift even to the doing of inspired and seemingly impossible things.

Music is powerful enough to banish fear, that obsession which sits near a person now and then. It was the recognition of this esoteric value which caused the Amerind to sing his Death Song. Realizing that his last great adventure was approaching, by some deep, incomprehensible desire for the preservation of his soul, he threw himself into the highest state of mind possible, by the using of this music ceremony. He believed, as we do, that music has a natural magic, and should be used to bring back courage and hope. Music, therefore, is a symbol, as also are all arts. The use of these symbolic values as I have assigned them for different places in the Zodiac, is salutary and will through their acceptance and use, establish a union between yourself and the Stranger Within.

This final union brings lasting peace and places one upon the true path of life. Music is particularly fitted for the one who seeks help, the state of mind and the emotions need lifting, which is repeating the same thing my Amerinds advised centuries ago; it is the state of mind evoked by the use of music and poetry, which is supernally good for the Seeker! Do not court deterioration by according any power to the art expressions themselves!

The Pisces is the sign for the consideration of symbolism. The symbolic character of a work of art or of a sign must not be lost

from sight, for it is the clue to the message for you. A symbol has developed through long periods of time, a combining of experiences, which were replete with beneficial meanings. The real arts have their esoteric values concealed within their individual styles of presentation.

Pisces is sensitive to mysticism, is intuitive, and contains much of spiritual significance. Re-read that, do you perceive how necessary it is for the native of such a sign to search for his symbolic values, which must contain

definite messages for him?

And so, Bach and Dante are two of the masters for you, containing meanings of power which will enable you to open heretofore closed gates, advancing you into knowledge of definite realities, which are contained in other masters, too. Alertness in observation and discrimination, is essential for the Piscean.

Bach is the great master, he has for you simple motifs, heroic motifs, also religious and contemplative ones. There will be lustrous ideas for you, with capacity for noble and vehement expression. Use these impressions, they must irradiate even to that Stranger Within, for only then can we real-

ize the real object of this search!

Pisces is the twelfth sign, is dual, has the symbol of two fishes. The fish has long been the sign of the Initiate, the use of the two fishes divulges a need for the balancing and steadying of the different natures in man. Because of this important symbolism I place it in the first lecture—group—it gives information necessary before certain other signs. The understanding of the Piscean symbolism is similar to that of the Sagittarian where we placed Blake, himself an Initiate. The help from each master and sign will make for the universal concept culminating in the last sign which will be Aquarius.

These explanations may now and then puzzle one, may seem a bit obscure, but the spiritual meaning is there, not sent to you, but made ready for you, if you will but search.

Certain rhythms used by Bach are to signify the idea for brotherhood, as we often find in paintings and poems, not just the sound or the words or the figure, but esoteric meanings embodied within. As in Blake's Glad Day, where he demonstrated his original vision, looking to the future, wistfully perhaps, but realizing there was a creative power stirring within himself. He worked and hoped for a future in which perfect union of all things might be, and he steadily held to that ideal. So must you, though many experiences will intervene before any ideal is attained, and when it is accomplished another is just beyond, "your reach must exceed your grasp." In St. Matthews Passion, by Bach, he employs music figures for the presentation

of spiritual thoughts and they are not so intricate but that all may discover the messages as contained within.

The reason the masters employ these methods for you, is that there are meanings within the arts, which cannot be exemplified in any other way. They reach into secret places of the soul and bring out precious jewels of inspiration for you, lift you above ordinary things, when this condition is sustained, it becomes normal and you are ready for the next step upon the path.

Music and the allied arts speak that universal language which enriches the soul, restores that which is helpful, gentle, brings penitence or forgiveness, as needed, recapturing the triumphant feeling of living.

Do not think the desire to receive impressions from these symbolic messages can be superficial, it must be a vital heart-throb, as necessary as breathing itself, then the result will be restoration of life, confidence, and loyalty to the highest desires, will establish harmony.

Are you Pisces? The part of the year as assigned to you extends from February 19 to about March 20, and is the period where we must learn of the finishing of a divine opportunity, an ending of life's mysteries, and with this Wisdom, one looks for a new existence—as after a finishing of some particular duty, new opportunities are sought.

The symbol in Pisces shows unity, two rulers, one to show us the way to the obedience and observance of divine law; the other endows us (if we so will) with spiritual dis-

cernment.

Pisces has more power for interpretation than for creation, this explains the importance for the native to study critically his characteristics. There is within the fundamental nature, something plastic, an inclination to live upon the thoughts and feelings of others, interpreting impressions rather than creating ideas within himself.

This is a failure upon his part for the need of the native is to go upward in a spiral path, inspired by the infusion of the gift of epigenisis (creative ability) into one's pattern of life.

Chopin, the musician-composer was a Pisces type, existing and producing by the inspiration received from others, his very physical existence for long depended upon his friend, George Sand. We accord him an outstanding place in the music world, but we must remember that every moment of his life, he sought for aid from the outside. The radiance was within himself, but he never discovered that inner independence of spirit as nearly all of the great ones did. I could add to this list of Piscean types, but as you study him, you will know what is meant by a true type.

Bach and Dante! I have insisted always

that it is not essential to have the technic of the arts to gain inspiration. The task is wonderful and amazing in its spiritual significance when one seeks through the concentration of longing. The sense stilled, the Stranger Within is fully conscious of this chance for receiving esoteric help, which will hasten the union of the different natures.

Have you ever been so absorbed in anything that you seem to exist in a different environment than the real one of your existence? I am sure every one has experienced this sensation of being oblivious to external disturbances, quite living in another world, created by some outside influence! So now especially those of the Pisces sign, awaken within yourselves such an intense desire for advancement as this—seek to develop impressions, definite and real, from the correlated arts, as represented within Bach and Dante.

It is not easy to transform an art message without gaining a vision of spiritual values. You see, the arts can hover so entrancingly between the highest expression of living and just a perfect form of composition, that one must be very alert, very vigilant to perceive the service of beauty to be discovered, so closely attuned is the symbolic idea to the means of expression.

Assuring lessons for each sign: impressionistic style for the Sagittarian, explained partially in the first lecture: positive and virile forms for the Libran, because that person seeks balance and poise. So the innate need is discoverable within your sign,

ready for you if you seek.

Primitive man received his impacts from without, and without any feeling concerning the matter, or pondering upon the reason, reacted to them. He erected certain structures to protect and transmit these ideas, known to us in legends, myths, ceremonies, and music, all symbols of truths from his existence. We are advanced and developed sufficiently that it is required of us to seek for our truths from within, where splendor abides in fulness. The symbolism of these early forms are for our continual inspiration, but the understanding of their meaning will be gained from an inner vision. Bach and Dante show an arrival upon a crest of progress in evolution, nothing like a national origin, but universal, as outstanding evidences of human genius; placed at a very definite and suited period for the giving of certain messages to a waiting world. The masters worked in amazing forms of loveliness, something impelling them irresistibly to dedicate their talents to aspirants upon the

Without faltering did the masters go upon their way, working out their destinies as we of lesser abilities must also do. We have their inspirating plans to study, and our smaller purposes are just as important. We have no more gross, stupid or discouraging surroundings to attempt to thwart us, than had they. No matter the sign under which you arrived, the destination depends upon your use of that "gift of the gods," Free Will. Each one must make every effort to rightfully contact the great developing powers, which can be done, if the eyes are open and the ears are keenly alert to discover the significance which illumines the masters' works always. Complicated explanations are not needed, just simplicity of desire, accompanied by spiritual relaxation, and the symbolic lessons are yours, leading to understanding and Wisdom.

We have ben taught that epigenesis must be infused within each one, so in masters of the great import of Blake, will be found for the student-soul stimulating visions, leading one to "converse with Paradise." We must not neglect to learn that Blake asserted the doctrine of symbolism, many, many times before him, such messages were destroyed. Only such outstanding masters as Bach, Michael Angelo, Beethoven, and others, defied opposition, so we have their stimuli.

You see the fearless ones utilized their divine gifts, and were led, or perhaps I should say, directed by higher powers. Blake was a sort of an apostle for us, for that reason among others, he seems adapted to the Sagittarian. The quality of each master will show the student the importance of devoting some time to each sign, in such a manner that no lesson can be missed.

Blake asked these questions: "What is it that builds a house and plants a garden, but the definite and determinate? What is it that distinguishes honesty from knavery but the hard and wiry line of rectitude and certainty in the actions and intentions?"

Then he later explains: "—the great and golden rule of life, is this: that the more distinct and sharp and wiry the bounding line, the more perfect the work of art—leave out this line and you leave out life itself." Seek for a definite ideal (line), the positive always, the activities which uplift, make these all distinctive, so discriminating that there is no possible doubt as to your exalted intentions towards life. Remember it is constructive life, not destructive which we must develop. The masters will bring you additional aid for the more perfect understanding of beauty, which is a requisite for the approach to one-ness with perfection.

The masters as we have them, has each a distinct individual bounding line, which distinguishes one from the other, apart from the crowd. Each one of us can also acquire through persistent effort, some distinguishing characteristics, which will lift him above all negative comparisons and make of him a messenger. The faithful observance of this

proposal would finally accomplish that for which the world has long waited, a race of "supermen." The Pisces is too inclined to be retiring, sensitive, belonging to the twelfth house, is prone to finding permanency within secret places, secluded from activity. The occupancy of "secret places" is to be commended but when a profession or certain material duties, places one there, then there must be no "letting down" of positive desires for accomplishment. "You in your small corner, and I, in mine" but while there keep your eyes upon a star—have you ever read Emily Dickinson? She lived in the tiniest of circles, but was she small spiritually? Discover what she accomplished within her restricted surroundings.

Now, Piscean, accepting the elementary nature of your sign, let me admonish you to be cautious in your dealings with those under you, there is often a tendency to be unfair, even cruel, because you have not acquired that spiritual poise which comes only after complete union with the Stranger Within is

accomplished.

Recall to yourself the symbol of the sign, two fishes, tied together; for peaceful adjustment to living, it is unavoidable that the native must balance the higher and lower tendencies. How? Through the constant seeking for high excellence of thought, act, deed. Express with an upward pressure! Sounds contradictory? Oh, no, if you listen to some one who plays an instrument, can't you feel that there are those who "play with a lift," a sparkle which is contagious in his appeal? That is what I mean, sensitize your real self, and the radiance will appear. That gives you one of my reasons for the selection of certain masters for signs!

The Pisces sign is one that is spoken as "psychic", which perhaps means that the native may possess a gift for comprehending hidden meanings which is denied the other person. This is merely a natural result of my earlier words for you—"mystical and

intuitive."

At the period of the Pisces sign, in nature even, there is a definite feeling of uplift, a recurring of an urge, towards intense activity, from the most unassuming of forms to the most sublime.

to the most sublime.

This truth will take us in the next lecture to Aries, where we find amazingly varied ideas, also a blending of designs for life.

So intertwined are the messages from the masters that I want to refer here to the Browning poem, as suggested for Scorpio.

The poem, Saul, where the healing arts are used; the young lad, David, upon invitation, came to attempt to restore King Saul to a normal condition. Saul was obsessed by an evil "spirit" (negative desires) and David lovingly and tenderly leads him to where he is finally healed.

The complete cure comes only after David

realized that the power came not from himself but from God who gave "the worlds, life and nature" and that the "gates of new life" would open for Saul when the vision of the greatest of all masters had been accepted!

David is described in symbolic language

for you:

"-God's child with his dew

On thy gracious gold hair, and those lilies still living and blue

Just broken to twine round thy harp-strings"

I return to this poem, because of the fine symbolism there, gold of the hair, lilies, living and blue! Can you search for a-while for the meaning? Saul was conscious of healing from within, after that Stranger Within was finally reached, then he felt restored by "powers, unuttered and unseen"—the "stars of the night beat with emotion"—the tumult "was quenched with quiet and holy behest." Is Browning abstruse? He is vibrant with radiant heraldings, especially for those of Scorpion characteristics, but universal at the same time.

I am asked constantly for an explanation as to my selection of masters for certain types: one asks eagerly, if Bach is "so exacting as to form, what has he to do with Pisces?" Bach has been recognized as the greatest of the masters. There is a clearness of pattern in all of his works, betraying

that master-hand.

There was no need for any covering of his designs with embellishments, his ideals were positive and of accurate coloring. Pisces lacks that and understanding this inadequacy, the native knows that a spiritual food, or motive must be added before development will begin.

Where do we find that positive form? In the master, Bach, and in the poet Dante. They blazed paths for those who care to follow. They spoke for the masses, straight to the heart of the people, expressing recognized needs. Creative power must be added to Pisces, then symbolism will contain a more constructive meaning. Have you at present, an imperfect knowledge of Dante? To appreciate him, listen to his lines, without comment, you will feel a distinct shock of poetic intensity which will reveal that genuine poetry, communicates before technical understanding.

Are you trying to comprehend reasons for your existence? Dante had pondered over this mystery too, concluding that "Justice moved my High Maker, what made me, were the Divine Power, the Supreme Wisdom, and the Primal Love" a recognition also of the immensity of the Plan of beauty, time and space!

Dante realized that many would see very little within his vast plan of symbolism, he even feared many would "astray go, from the Path direct." Essential to Dante approach, is a study of the sun-symbol, which will take one into a dazzling system, for long. The philosopher, scientist, artist, find in Dante and in Bach this, that perfect simplicity is the only means by which one can enact this drama of life.

Pisces was neither Dante's nor Bach's sign (Bach just past March 20), do not consider that a master should be of your sign. Gemini was for Dante, to develop, he chose the rose symbol for himself as he advanced in his esoteric knowledge. Inspired by the sun (God) which caused the rose (himself) to open to its "utmost power."

When I referred to Browning's description of David, "illies still living and blue,"

the flowers symbolize an apostle, "virginal blue" Virgo, the Immaculate!-harmonized to lead the Scorpio native to high attainings!

Do you perceive how the essential message can be found within the offerings of particular masters? But we each must do a service for the other, so know not only your own fundamental nature, but the others as well,

for obvious reasons.

No one can live unto himself, no one can advance upon the path of life, if he turns away from the one who is in need of his assistance. We spoke in the Libra lecture concerning the making of the Philosopher's Stone. The way it is made is through service, gross desires must be separated from the pure by "spiritual alchemy." How? Give of inspiration to the other person, fit your-self for this mission by earnestly endeavoring to extract the essence from each symbolic offering. Are you doing this?

Many ask for the negative phases of the sign. I avoid this as much as possible, only when it seems unavoidable do I use the other part. One of the Sagittarians seems puzzled over the "other side of his nature"—let me say here that though those of this sign, are aspiring, the native must guard against slipping into an imperious or dogmatic manner towards others. The Sagittarian has natural confidence, sublimate this above a domineer-

ing tendency.

The Libran must get completely away from emotional disturbances and all indecision, that explains the positive rhythms of Whitman for the sign. This American pioneer in poetic forms, was possessed of sufficient genius to display enough balanced power to direct a development of a new form of expression. This new manner of rhythm resulted in a real "democratic experience."

Whitman found his inspiration, whether consciously or not, I do not know, in the age-old form of the Amerind (American Indian), a pattern which had been used by them for soul-preservation for centuries.

Whitman's singing portrays the same values although lacking much of the Amerind's awareness.

A master has arrived at the place in his journey where he has "earned" an intense poignancy of the soul, and we who seek aid from these offerings must use eye and ear, both spiritual and physical, in the effort to discover affective values for soul-preserva-tion and advancement. The masters were never lost in any wilderness, they knew their way out, and presented hope and courage for the student, discovered, these gifts will enable each one to advance far upon the way.

The Piscean must consciously, almost aggressively, assert himself in the full recognition of obstacles which will constantly oppose him. Struggle should almost take on the nature of a challenge, and the understanding of the symbolism in Bach and Dante will be

of immeasureable assistance.

If you of the sign find any tendency to unfairness, attribute it to your own inability, and immediately analyse every motive, every thought concerning the circumstance: then and then only will you be in a condition to avoid the disturbing effect of such negative forces.

Remember that The Stranger Within will not compromise, but requires an "exact and sharp bounding line" of living.

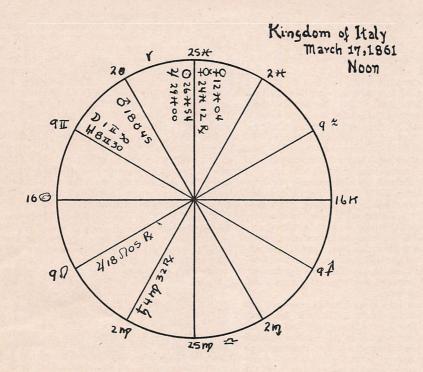
Watch your emotions, there is a marked inclination to not face life's perplexities as one should. The sign is described as common and watery, which shows the need of very pronounced and efficient methods. Bach and Dante both accepted the challenge as Life made it, and without hesitancy stepped forward to present their accumulated Wisdom for those who would follow after.

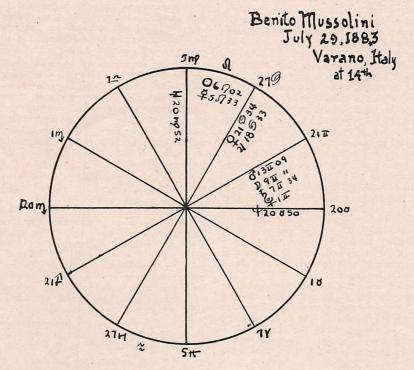
Bach is a master of "peculiar sublimity," far in advance of his time—did you know that over a century transpired before the world deigned (!) to accept one of his most magnificent messages? A master must not question the great plan, neither must we of lesser abilities, but follow the "gleam" that will at last lead to broader vision, with Whitman must we say; "The Truths of the earth continually wait."

Is Bach living today? He is so vital in his sphere of inspiration, that every day, complete programs are from his works. The town of Bethlehem, Pa. answers the question, that he lives more fully now than long ago. Beethoven has said, "The world is a king and will be flattered if it is to show favor; but true art is self-willed and cannot take to any forms of flattery." So has a master told you, and so be "question-asking, that you may pass from the understanding of realities into the purest spiritual knowledge which will be of the abstract.

Do not devote too much time to secondary things, brush unnecessary annoyances aside, with as little attention as possible.

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Mussolini and Italy

A. M. GRIMM

horoscope may be considered and searched from different points of view and thus it is practically inexhaustible as life itself. In order to obtain a first impression and the basic tendency of a horoscope we must consider first of all the ruler of the nativity in respect to its mundane and zodiacal position including the aspects it receives from the other planets. The next thing of importance is the general position of the various planets in the horoscope and in the zodiac, whether they are all above, i.e. above the horizon, or below, i.e. below the horizon, whether they are easterly or westerly, i.e. to the left or to the right of the Meridian, whether they are grouped in one horoscopical house or spread all over the map, whether they are grouped in one zodiacal sign or evenly divided among the various signs. Furthermore we must note if the majority are found in fiery or in watery signs, in fixed or in movable signs, etc.

The various factors that have to be taken into consideration, I will try to bring out briefly in the nativity of Mussolini and we then will be able to judge the horoscope of

Italy accordingly.

First we must consider the ruler of the horoscope. We may consider this to be the planet that rules the rising sign at the mo-ment of birth in this case. The sign of Scorpio ascended at the moment of Mussolini's birth traditionally ruled by Mars which becomes therefore the ruler of his nativity.

Mars gives a fiery, active, positive and impulsive disposition, love for freedom and independence, courage, bravery morally as well as physically. It gives to these people much self-confidence and they are able to defend their points of view very well because they are quick in words, in writing and in deeds. A man thus influenced by Mars-and Mussolini is one of them-is an active and energetic worker and can accomplish much in a short time.

In Mussolini's horoscope we find Mars in the sign of Gemini which according to astrological interpretation means: The martial energy will show itself more in an intellectual way, more in the line of thought. creates an intellectually vivacious person, rapid and definite in speech. This position gives intellectual courage and optimism, positive thought and a certain tendency to argue. These people possess critical abilities and are very capable in writing, talking, debating,

This much about Mars in Gemini. But we also note that the ruler of the horoscope is in the seventh house. Such a position usually brings the native before the public, assists in acquiring friends (also enemies) and acquaintances and focuses the attention of the world at large upon such a person.

Mars receives favorable as well as unfavor-

able aspects which act in the seventh house especially strong. Especially the bad aspects of Uranus and Saturn producing many enemies and many dangers. Its aspects to Sun and Moon however show that he will as a ruler triumph over his enemies though it may be only after hard fighting.

The apportioning of the planets through the horoscope shows the success or failure, the faster or slower ascent in life.

Considering Mussolini's chart we immediately notice that all the planets are located above the earth or above the horizon and that all of them except Uranus are in the west. This has a very special meaning. All planets found above the horizon carry so to speak the native upward, elevate him from the sphere of his birth, and if they are found in the East this then occurs during early years; in the center of the upper half of the horoscope they indicate the rise during middle age and if they are found in the West it indicates the rise during the second half of life. In this case they are found from the Mid-Heaven (10th house) clear over to the Descendent. We therefore can see clearly that the ascent of Mussolini started at the beginning of the second half of his life and that he will retain his post until the end.

The position of the planets in fiery, earthy, airy or watery, respectively in fixed, movable or common signs gives to character and to life a special, though somewhat one-sided trend. But with Mussolini we note a very even distribution of the planets, lending him

great versatility.

Aside of the generalisation of the planets in the above directions we must search the relationship of Sun and Moon, as to their signs in which they are found including the general nature of these signs. Mussolini has the Sun in a fixed sign while the Moon is found in a common sign. This shows witty and satirical tendencies and many abilities latent within him that most likely never will be realized and turned into actualities. The Sun on the other hand is in a fiery sign while the Moon is in an airy sign. This can be considered a very harmonious influence which enables the native to control his feelings and to consider everything from the intellectual point of view at the same time being motivated by high ideals. People with such positions are usually ahead of their contemporaries.

Sun in Leo and Moon in Gemini as we see in Mussolini's nativity bring great activity, but a danger of over-estimating the physical and intellectual powers within oneself, interest in educational work where much can be achieved, also constructive abilities, which are expressed clearly with Mussolini rebuilding Italy gradually but surely.

Let us now inspect the horoscope of Italy, its basic influences and what may be seen for its future.

Italy has always been considered to be ruled by the zodiacal sign of Leo. Since March 17th, 1861, Italy is considered one of the powers of Europe, and strange, on this day Jupiter was found in the sign of Leo.

This is so much more remarkable in that Jupiter is actually the depositor of four planets, Sun, Mercury, Venus and Neptune and at the same time ruler of the 10th house. Thus the choice of rulership given to Leo has a perfect right. It must be brought out that on this historic day the Sun was found in Pisces and thus in reception to Jupiter. If we consider the horoscope as a whole, we find powers at work that are both destructive as well as constructive which can be seen clearly when looking up the history of Italy from 1861 up to the present day. The general development of this country should run now in more favorable paths. Critical times will of course re-occur but they should be easily overcome. Italy is, in fact, a modern country and it has an excellent chance of forging ahead of France, in southern Europe and along the Mediterranean. The development of its power should spread and it will probably grow as very few may expect. However crisis will also approach as can be seen from the fatal aspects of Saturn.

As in Mussolini's horoscope we find nearly all the planets above the horizon, lacking only Jupiter and Saturn. Ascent to new powers is plainly visible in that. This is also demonstrated in the strong occupancy of the 10th house. The planets found therein indicate a rising appreciation of the nation and growth of power for the government.

This is increased through the good aspects of the Sun to Moon and Mars which themselves point to national growth and to favorable influences toward the development of the army and navy.

The critical influences are given through the quadrature of Mars to Jupiter and through the evil aspects of Saturn and Uranus. These may cause disturbances within and without, many of them Italy had already passed through before Mussolini took control.

Comparing both horoscopes, Italy and Mussolini, we immediately see the great influence of Mussolini upon the future of Italy. Mussolini's Uranus in the 10th house, his power to re-organize, is found in opposition to the constellation of the 10th house of the horoscope of Italy. This means reformation, revolution, re-newing the old standards of Italy through him which should be constructive in as much as Mussolini's Uranus aspects Italy's Mars with a sextile. Italy's Jupiter and Mussolini's Sun are found in Leo, the latter in sextile aspect to the Moon of Italy's horoscope, where as the Moon is at the same time the ruler of the new Italy's horoscope. On the other hand Italy's Jupiter favorably aspects the ruler of Mussolini's horoscope-Mars, thus accounting for mutually advantageous developments. It is remarkable that the conjunction of Jupiter and Venus in Mussolini's horoscope comes to the Ascendent of Italy, showing the advantages that come to Italy through Mussolini and at the same time Venus and Mars each form good aspects to this configuration.

When Mussolini marched on to Rome and brought about the turning point in the history and development of Italy, his Sun had just then arrived at the quadrature to Italy's Sun, while at the same time his progressed Moon had reached the Ascendant of Italy's horoscope thus at the same time the sextile aspect to Mars, which really defines the action.

Many other influences and relations between both horoscopes could be brought out, but we note from these most important configurations that Mussolini represents cosmically the Savior of Italy.

In order to see the development of a country as well as of any native we must calculate the so-called progressions. Under progressions we understand the gradual advancement of the planets from the moment of birth according to their own and natural motion. When they pass on their way critical spots of the horoscope they will cause smaller or larger crises, while when passing fortunate points of the horoscope, successful and happy times are to be expected. With some progressions we will now try to show the future of Italy. To calculate all the possible progressions and to define them would be too much.

Favorable and powerful influences can be seen at this time in Mussolini's horoscope that have to do with speeches and political activity and visits. The development of Italy progresses satisfactorily, conditions become

better. Mussolini's Ascendant gets into trine with the Moon in the 11th house, calling for some great political action and most likely including a voyage on his part. This aspect produces growth of power including new friends and favorable alliance.

At all events the time is favorable because Italy's horoscope has also some favorable progressions, at least up to the fall months of 1935, when a crisis is indicated that has to do with a foreign power. Strange though that at the same period Mussolini gets into some unfavorable aspects. These problems should be solved successfully in as much as Italy's path points upward nevertheless. This fact we recognize clearly from the many favorable progressions which I have figured up to the year 1950 and which mark the height in Italy's history. During the years 1937 and 1938 remarkable successes in national affairs are indicated and Italy should devote its energy to peaceful policies. Not that this advises a weak policy however, but rather one that is most energetic and self-sustaining.

The next important point in Italy's future are the years 1944 and 1945, during which time the Sun reaches the sextile to Jupiter and accompanied by other favorable aspects which act strongly towards the value of their money and toward the general economic stability of

Italy.

From these few indications we can see that Italy has a good and favorable future ahead and that under the guidance of Mussolini a large and powerful country should be built. There are few countries of Europe that may

expect such happy developments. In fact some of these other countries are actually on the verge of dissolution.

SATURN EMPHASIS

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Mundane Astrology

A Forecast for August, 1935

By George Fox

July 30 to August 6

Things to Expect—Improvement of work connected with the female sex. Jupiter indicates a favorable week for foreign relations. Marriage rate should show an increase. Public ceremonies, and honors to women are expected. Betting and gambling increase. Murders and crime increase. Riots in California or Mexico and danger of floods in those places. In the western states there are signs of trouble in prisons, and an attempt at rioting or escape may be made by convicts. In England, Germany or France, a serious railway or marine accident is denoted. Deaths of prominent men of the day. Illness or death of a Bishop or Cardinal. A mining disaster or explosion involving many lives.

August 7 to 13

Things to Expect—Along the Chinese and Japanese coast this period will most likely be ushered in with threatening and stormy conditions. Typhoons are indicated in China, Japan or the Philippines. If these storms do materialize they will, in all probability, become terrific, causing heavy property damage and many deaths. August 7th is the typhoon date. Alarm and danger of war in Europe, the war danger may be kept from the press. There is signs of disgrace of a prominent man, probably a politician, who may be found guilty of fraud or political corruption. Venus points to improvement of work connected with the female sex. Venus foretells peaceful relations with the colonies, extention of commercial powers and improvement of trade. Saturn, causes bad weather for the crops, and adversely affects agricultural matters. Public institutions and hospitals will benefit. Illness or death of a writer or publisher in California. Between August 10th to 17th, Mercury, predicts illness and deaths among literary and publishing folks, activity and changes in the Privy Council. A grave accident on a railway or marine. A great fire is impending in New England about Aug. 12th.

August 14 to 20

Things to Expect-Some unpleasant occurrences of a fraudulent nature will happen this week. Unexpected losses and equally as unexpected gains to the national revenue. Danger of a financial crash, and strange and unlooked-for happenings in the stock and share market, and much uneasiness generally in financial circles is likely during the week. Danger of international disputes, disagreements with other Powers. Mars, on the western horizon is a troublesome po-sition for Japan, in regards to foreign affairs, producing awkward and unexpected complications of a serious nature. It also causes much agitation in the country. Labor unrest is likely in England, Spain, Germany or France. Labor unrest in the eastern and western states possibly lead to strikes. Mars at this time foretells that some terrible explosion, causing many deaths is likely to happen in Mexico, California or the Mountain states. Between Aug. 18th to 25th, signs of the passing of a prominent army or military man to the great beyond. In the western states, Mars indicates increase of crime, murders, and may cause unruly behaviour among convicts that may lead to riots and a break for liberty may be attempted.

August 21 to 29

Things to Expect—Venus brings honor to the President of the United States. A marriage in high life and public functions are denoted. Deaths of prominent men. For China and Japan, much military activity, a warlike tone among the people, and a marine disaster is shown off the coast of those countries with heavy loss of life. Mars for the United States shows beneficial alterations in regards to the Army and Navy, and improvement in the National services. Death of a writer, editor or publisher. A mining disaster or explosion in a factory or large building. Saturn is likely to bring obstacles and difficulties to the Government. Bad weather for crops, and adversely affects agricultural matters. A fire threatens to develop into a conflagration,

Reading A Natal Chart

Some Important Considerations

By C. W. L.

Before approaching the subject of this article direct, it seems wise to explain in a few words my object in writing it.

Most astrological students have undoubtedly observed that while the textbooks give fair readings of the influence of the planets in sign, house, and aspect, little is said about the factoral influence of the planets individually. Consequently considerable confusion exists, owing to the fact that no proper discrimina-tion has been made between personality, thought, feeling, will, etc., and the factors in the horoscope which act as indicators of these different points which go to make up the

complete individual.

When you first meet a person what impression do you get? The answer is that the impression you get is primarily that given by the sign on the Ascendant, and not that of Sun, Moon, or planets, unless any of these happen to be ascending. What ordinarily is thought of as the "personality" rests on the with a person the influence of Saturn, Mars, Mercury, etc., may be recognized, but it is the quality of the Ascendant which is first apparent. Necessarily one must be sure that the supposed Ascendant is the true one, otherwise a misjudgment is bound to result. Also, it must be kept in mind that the Ascendant acts both as a primary factor and as a vehicle of expression for the planetary forces as well.

Next, what is a person's emotional trend and how does he react to the stimulation of the senses? Look to the Moon, for it has most to do with our "feelings"—that more or less unstable part of us which responds to outer stimulus. And do not confuse feeling and thought, for while the former comes under the influence of the Moon the latter has to do with Mercury. We all have known people of the Moon in Pisces-Mercury in Aries type—people who were receptive and sensitive emotionally, but positive, opinionative, and impulsive mentally. They "felt" one way and "thought" another.

The planet Mercury in a horoscope has most to do with the mentality, opinions, ideas. and the thought process in general. So if you look to the Moon or Mars or to some other point than Mercury to ascertain the mental trend, you certainly will misread that feature of the horoscope.

Now, where does the will and general attitude toward life come in, for in an individual's makeup they assuredly are something apart from the personality, emotional trend, and thought process. Here the Sun is the vital factor. One may be of a certain type (Sun) and yet have contrasting qualities. For instance: if you have the Sun in Aries your general attitude will be forceful, ambitious, with the pioneer spirit, but if Taurus is on the Ascendant there will be little evidence of the Aries driving force apparent under ordinary conditions. Nevertheless, it will be there, though covered up. Make sure, when searching for something in a horoscope, that you are looking in the right place. The average person, and indeed the average astrological student, is apt to be confused over such points as these, and fails to discriminate between personality, feeling, thought, will, general background and attitude, etc.

Sometimes when a client apparently fails to understand what I am talking about when I differentiate between certain factors in the chart, I illustrate simply in this way. "You might be feeling (Moon) sick or well, happy or unhappy; and at the same time you might be thinking (Mercury) of the weather, or of your horoscope, or of the show you saw last night. But regardless of how you are feeling or what you are thinking you have willed (Sun) to sit right in that chair; from which point I get the impression of your personality

(Ascendant)."

In addition to the factors already considered one may, and indeed should go much farther, looking to Venus to find the trend of the personal affections and love nature, and to Mars to find the particular method of application of the inherent force and energy. No matter what natural gifts a person may have, if there is lack of energy (Mars) or if the energy be misdirected, little is likely to be accomplished. And similarly, if one's personal affections (Venus) back up other trends in a chart, the chances for success will un-

doubtedly be improved.

The influence of the slower moving planets can not be applied so specifically, however, for as a matter of fact their effect on the character, as indicated by sign positions, rarely shows freely until maturity is reached, though house position usually makes itself apparent right from birth. Particularly is this true of

Saturn and Jupiter.

Keeping in mind what has been said in regard to the material involved, now let us consider just what is the best method of approach in reading a natal chart. Some astrologers prefer to consider the chart as a whole, giving a synthetic rather than an analytic reading. Others think it best to make the aspects the basis of the reading. Still others combine various points, such as Ascendant and Sun sign, Sun and Moon, etc.

For myself, after much experimentation and many years of actual practice, I prefer the analytical method, explaining each point in the chart as a separate factor, but in addition linking one point to another. As all astrological students know, most charts are full of contradictions, one factor pulling against another, and without analysis the subject of the chart can get no understanding of this

fact

In making a thorough study of a horoscope I invariably start with a reading of the sign on the Ascendant, for as already explained, the influence of the Ascendant is the most apparent feature of the chart. Then, if there are planets rising I give them my next con-

re planets rising I give them my next consideration, for they serve to accentuate or modify the effect of the rising sign.

Following a study of the Ascendant and rising planets (if any) I turn to the position of the Sun in sign, for regardless of the surface nature, as indicated by the rising sign, the Sun sign gives the backgroundthat is, the general attitude toward life, and the will to DO and BE. Very often the Ascendant does not serve as a good medium for the expression of the Solar forces, and the result is constant clash and misunder-standings. I have in mind a woman with Scorpio rising and with the Sun, Moon, and Mercury all in Gemini. The impression she gives is that of the self-contained, set, positive Scorpio type, while beneath the surface she is anything but that. As she expressed it—"People think I am always so sure of myself and of what I want, when really I hardly ever know."

After treating of the Sun's position in sign I look at its house position and aspects. Next comes the Moon's place in sign, house, and aspects, and following that, Mercury, in the

same way.

Arrived at this point we have a very good idea of the subject's personality, what he is at heart, of his emotional trend, and of his thought process. In addition, through attention to house position and aspects, we should be able to form a fair conception of how these various factors will operate on the mundane plane.

After completion of the above outline I usually turn to the ruler of the Ascendant, for a certain amount of attention will always center around that point. Then follow, either in zodiacal or house position order, the influence of the remaining planets in sign,

house, and aspect.

If the above plan be followed, an excellent outline of the tastes and talents, tendencies and inclinations, and the general trend of the life will be presented. If desired a series of paragraphs of a synthetic character on health, finances, speculation, marriage, etc., may be added. One may of course go still further and note the influence of any fixed stars which may back up important planetary positions, or point out other features not already fully covered.

STRANGER WITHIN

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Keep within your consciousness this wholesome fact, that the essence of stimulation is struggle. Music and the arts are for the purpose of imaging the higher life. I mean true art, that which does not permit of imitation. Non-creative instructors will say, "You must believe this or that," don't do it, be your own self, seek for an inner guid-

The value of that message will depend upon how deep into your soul, the symbolism has gone. The Stranger Within holds for you a kind of mystic light, watch for it, interpret its meaning and you will be enabled to find

all good in abundance.

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Many Things

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"To talk of many things;
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax,
And cabbages and kings."

ASPECTARIAN

Our omission of the Aspectarian from our July issue aroused such a storm of protest that we hasten to apologize for what was not, however, in any sense a wanton disregard of the wishes of our readers and by way of making amends we have with this issue re-instated this service in a slightly altered but much more complete form. See page 70.

We have economized on space by giving only the Eastern Standard Time of each aspect and giving at the top of the page the correction for other localities which may readily be applied by anyone.

We trust that this new Aspectarian will meet all requirements. If such is not the case please let us know at once.

BOOKS

The growing interest in Occult and Spiritual things becomes strikingly evident when one views the great variety and surprising extent of books in this field displayed at The Gateway Book Shop, 30 E. 60th Street, New York City. This shop has an unequalled collection of all the works of the great Seers and Sages, the writers on Yoga, the Chinese Mystics, the Hindu, Persian and Western Christian Mystics, Saints and teachers of Wisdom.

One gets some idea of the vast amount of labor and research scholars have put into Astrological studies upon viewing the thick first edition of Sibley's "ASTROLOGY AND THE OCCULT SCIENCES," or the 1669 edition of Coley's "KEY TO THE WHOLE ART OF ASTROLOGY," or the collection of the works of Wharton, edited by the old Astrologer, Gadbury. These are to be seen at The Gateway, as well as other rare Astrological works, including a 1660 edition of Gadbury's "Natural Prodigies" and a 1549 Italian edition of "THE DIVINE PYMANDER of HERMES TRIMEGISTUS."

Mr. William Gorham, the proprietor, told us that one of his principal pleasures in life is to be able to say "Yes, we have it," to a patron who comes in looking wistful and sort of despairing, and asking for some obscure work.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

From the editorial page of the "Christian Science Sentinel," April 27, 1935.

"There is a superstition against which people have to be on guard—astrology—for it would have them believe that the planets control the destinies of men. What a fallacy is this! God is the sole Creator, the sole governor of the spiritual universe—His universe—including individual man. When man is known by us as God's image, we understand that, reflecting the power of God, he is endowed with spiritual dominion and is not subject to any superstitious domination whatsoverer."

When a false statement is made the falsity will usually be found within the statement itself. The person who makes such a statement must eventually, inevitably, give himself away by revealing the inaccuracy of his thought in the words he uses—if we give him enough rope. This is true of the above quotation. In fact it is such a complete contradiction in terms as we seldom find.

Astrology and astrologers cannot afford to pass up such a challenge. We feel that is a callous injustice for anyone to make such a positive statement about a subject of which he obviously knows absolutely nothing at all, but astrologers, not having any claim to divine illumination, need not necessarily become hot and bothered when anyone questions their sanity. With a patient humility more becoming to our lowly state let our reaction be "come let us reason together." I hope our Christian Science friends have not abrogated "Reason" too—in that case we are sunk.

In the first place let us emphatically state that regardless of what may have been the viewpoint on this subject during past centuries, Modern Astrology does not teach that the planets control the destinies of men. We teach rather that every individual is master of his own destiny and it is our aim to place in the hands of the student of Life information which, if used, will enable him to properly direct his own destiny to the salvation of his own soul and the glory of God. In other words, Astrology aims to substitute intelligent direction based on spiritual understanding and a knowledge of natural law for blind unintelligent belief. Again we repeat what

we have so often stated through the pages of

this magazine:
"All the powers of the universe are potentially in man and every individual is a miniature cosmos with a spiritual Sun-a focal point for the Supreme Power at the center of his being from which proceeds the power to do all things at the right time and the right place. Thus far we are in complete accord with Christian Science as well as with all other forms of spiritual or mental Science. But from that point on our methods differ to this extent in that Astrology teaches that the universe—this plane of physical manifestation— is a structure of natural Law and that the Supreme Power Within must of necessity operate within the limits of that structurein other words it must operate in accordance with the dictates of these Divine Laws governing manifestation! Laws established also by the Creator of all. In this we must be in agreement that such limitation is necessary for it is axiomatic that "manifestation implies limitation" and to attempt to sweep away and deny all limitation—as of Law and Order is to sweep away the very foundations from under our own feet. We then would have nothing left but pure energy and energy must have a form—it must meet with resistance—it must be subject to limitation—in order to produce any tangible results. Even your Christian Scientist admits limitation when he affirms Health or Wealth or Happiness in any form because if he were not conscious of its lack he would not affirm its existence. Such would not be necessary.

This brings us to a consideration of a psychological law that is so frequently ignored by all students of mental science and which accounts for at least 90 per cent of the failures to get results by these methods. This law may be referred to as "The Law of reversed effort." It can best be explained by an illustration. If you, dear reader, found yourself in perfect health but harassed by poverty, and I presented you with two affirmations, one of health and another of prosperity, asking you to choose one—which would you choose? Naturally you would choose the prosperity affirmation and by that very act you would defeat your own purpose. By your rejection of the Health affirmation you would give to your subconscious mind a powerful auto suggestion of good health which would normally tend to perpetuate that condition, and by your acceptance of the Prosperity affirmation you admitted your poverty and gave to your subconscious mind a suggestion that will normally

tend to keep you poor.

Reverting to Hudson's Law of Psychic Phenomena "The Subconscious mind always carries out with perfect fidelity any suggestions accepted by it," the joker in that statement is in the word "accepted." The subconscious mind will not accept any suggestion that is contradicted by facts of which we are conscious. Hence action itself is the most potent form of suggestion and probably the soundest advice

we can give to anyone who seeks relief from an undesirable condition is "Forget it," and act as though it did not exist-if you can. We see manifestations of this Law of reversed effort all around us. Haven't you ever noticed that the fellow who has "Keep Smiling" on his desk is usually the worst grouch in the office? and to my mind the reading of so-called "pep" manuals so freely dispensed in these days of high pressure salesmanship is in fact a prolific cause of the failures that clutter up the highways and by-ways of Life.

However, we must not wander too far afield and to return to the original point at issue, viz -the value of Astrology as an aid in the in-

telligent direction of Spiritual Power.
As previously stated, we believe that all the powers of the universe are potentially in each individual. That each person is a miniature cosmos governed by the laws that govern the movements of macrocosm.

"The same law that molds a tear And bids it trickle from its source That law preserves the earth a sphere And guides the planet in its course.

We believe that through observation of the regular cyclic changes that take place in the solar system, for instance, we may arrive at an understanding of the mathematical laws governing Human Thought, emotion or physical action. The planets thus are merely symbols expressions of universal principle, and by their motions they symbolize regular progressive changes that are simultaneously taking place on all planes of manifestation. There is not however, from this point of view, necessarily any more connection between the individual and the planets than there is between that individual and the mechanism of the clock that wakes him up in the morning. To say that the planets control the Destinies of men is like saying that the Town Clock controls the activities of the citizens of that town. We can, if we choose, ignore the clock, but we get along much better, with less friction and obtain better results, if we don't ignore it.

Thus it appears that modern Astrology would have us believe that the relative positions of the heavenly bodies at the time of the birth of an individual or any enterprise will reveal the specific (individualized) pattern of natural Law within which that form of manifestation must operate for best results.

This is properly the pattern of Destiny for that unit which calls to mind a remark recently passed by our good friend Rudhyar: "A man's Destiny is the sum-total of his limitations."

Now when we have the pattern of Destiny thus charted we may again open the door to limitless progress "within the Law"—natural Law is in truth infinitely rigid but it is also, paradoxically enough, found to be, infinitely flexible. The secret is in an intelligent understanding of this Law, when we have properly understood and formulated a law we are then in a position to, deliberately, so specialize the conditions under which the law operates as to

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Leo

A General Forecast

for those born July 23 to August 23

Note: The position of Uranus in Taurus, is the tenth house of the Leo Solar nativity; together with Neptune in Virgo in the second house, and Saturn in Pisces in the eighth will place the emphasis, during the next year, and even for longer, on business and professional matters, in the lives of Leonians. Uranus in the tenth house will tend to pull Leo natives out of obscurity, and to set them, in some manner, before the public; while the financial status resulting from this prominence is indicated by the positions of Neptune and Saturn in the business houses. This general matrix of activity, or form of the life-pattern, should be borne in mind by Leonians in applying the following General Forecast to their lives.

NEPTUNE

Finances, money, income from business.

The position of Neptune in Virgo, in the second house of the Leo solar nativity, has been dealt with at length and specifically in an earlier edition of American Astrology. This year that transit is activated mildly by the accompanying transit of Uranus in Taurus, and more strongly by the opposing position of Saturn in Pisces, which tends to solidify and crystallize the elusive Neptunian influence, and to bring it into practical line with reality—probably according to the dictates of some powerful partnership or association, or through dealing with the public

in general.

The second house influence of Neptune is, after the manner of Neptune's mysterious and somewhat unfathomable nature, likely to be setting up some confusion in your financial department now. Natally, the second house position of Neptune, if it occurs in a strong sign, and has strong aspects, is likely to be productive of great wealth, especially if Mars and Jupiter add their testimony. In most cases, this second house transit of Neptune is likely to act as a protective bulwark against want; under it, Leonians are not likely to suffer actual want, because, occurring in Virgo, the sign of employment, Neptune here is likely to bring remunerative work which, though it may appear drudgery and somewhat dull, will none the less serve to keep the wolf from the door. The diffi-

culty of Neptune's influence here is that, while he brings protection from any real financial discomfort, he fills the mind with such visionary dreams of wealth and affluence, that the amounts he brings through work seem relatively small; and he therefore tends to fill the native with discontent, that his actual position, though secure, is so far less exciting than the financial status of which he dreams. Neptune here makes it seem entirely possible to you that you might inherit a fortune, win a sweepstakes, buy an estate at the seashore; acquire, man, and cruise in your own private yacht, or do any one of the hundred lavish things that money in large sums can do.

The danger of Neptune's influence here is therefore not a danger of poverty or want— it is a danger of a loss of a sense of reality and of proportion in financial matters—a danger that, through living in dreams in a very glamorous financial world, you will lose the sense of reality with respect to the worka-day needs of your actual world, and thus either work yourself into a state of discontent about what you haven't, when as a matter of fact you ought to be contented with what you have. Neptune of all planets expresses his negative side most easily, on most of us in this state of earthdom; and in the second house in Virgo, the sign of his Fall, he is likely to make you forget things as they are, while you chase rainbows in your dreams—and stumble over your own feet. The business of waiting for something to turn up, or waiting for someone to die that you may inherit a fortune—of expecting to win large prizes, or make a sudden killing through some large and fantastic deal—all these can, under Neptune, obscure from you the reality of your actual prospects; and through making work seem dull, and your income therefrom small, can make you endanger what little you have through thinking so negligently of it, and through your failure to keep up the activities necessary for its preservation.

Under this Neptunian ray, therefore, rest assured that whatever large things may come to you, will come only through your adherence to the acquiring of the small things that are sure. The dream will sit in your lap

only if you are seated firmly on the ground ... while you're chasing rainbows, you haven't any lap for it to sit in. Neptune will protect you from want, if you accept protection according to his terms, and do not insist that it come according to your more elaborate schemes. The sudden acquisition of a fortune is possible under this Neptunian ray-but it is not, in most cases, probable. But security can be made probable, and actual, if you will accept security; and out of security, and the acceptance of earthly reality with respect to finances, will come the large dream, if it is going to come at all. Keep your balance, with respect to money; don't be swept off your feet by glittering possibilities; do the day's work, take your income in the small quantities in which it comes-for out of these small and relatively unimportant beginnings and foundations comes whatever larger plans Neptune has for you and your finances. The hill of dreams has its base on earth; and whatever fortunes Neptune has to build for you can be built only, if at all, through the small beginnings that prepare you, both practically and psychically, for the larger things which, in a few fortunate cases, may come later.

URANUS Position, Standing, Credit, Progress and Advancement

Like the second-house Neptunian influence just discussed, this tenth house Uranian vibration fills the mind with large schemes; and indeed it is true that under this some Leonians will leap to fame, power, and authority. In fact, this transit, judiciously handled by all Leonians, cannot fail to make radical changes in the public lives of all of them, in whatever sphere of activity they move. For as Uranus activates your tenth house, things happen. They may happen constructively, dynamically, as if by magic, to precipitate you into the public eye, and satisfy that inner ego which craves recognition and power, especially in the Leo nature. Or, in other cases—in people who have been less than sensible in the handling of their affairs and their contacts with others, who are in vulnerable positions with respect to position and credit, this may cast them down, and force a tedious beginning-again. As Neptune raises the financial hopes high, so Uranus raises high in hopes of power and fame; and the two working together thus conspire to expand the mind, and the imaginative powers, to an incredible extent. This is strong meat and heady wine . . . and the danger is mental indigestion, and psychic intoxication, with respect to your advancement, and the speed with which it may be accom-plished. You are likely to force things pretty fast in your department of public life and promotion, to expect rapid recognition and

concomitant pay, to become nervous and jittery when things do not go as smoothly, and as fast, as you think they should. Speed, however great it may be, is likely to seem slow to you; income, however good, is likely to seem small; and superiors, however favorable, are likely to seem unsympathetic and retarding, or definitely hostile. A great deal of this, bear in mind, is your own reaction merely—for Uranus here is working to your advancement, if you will accept his methods. He requires work, tact, restraint-and in return for these, lo and behold, he is as likely as not actually to encompass the swift advancement that you wish. But this advancement can take place in your life only after you have accepted the terms that your life presents here. Fame, like genius, is ninetynine percent perspiration, and one percent inspiration; advancement, like both, is ninetynine percent work and one percent luck. Uranus will supply the luck, if you supply the work. In addition to this, he will bring you opportunity for work along constructive lines where the gamble for large stakes is good; and he will enable you to contact people who can be of great—unusually great—value to you. He will not, on the other hand, provide (as you are inclined innerly to think he may!) fairy godmothers or god-fathers who will push you straightway to the top; nor will he tumble into your lap the authority and power of a highly paid job. He is the most personal of all planetshis luck is the luck that is lurking inside you, in your possibilities, not in any mysterious or fortuitous outer world. He helps you, if you help yourself, along lines in which you are fitted to help yourself; he brings rewards of work, of intelligence, of character, of genius, of originality; and as he transits your tenth house, he gives you opportunity to express these traits and these gifts for all the world to see, and for you to reap the reward of both in recognition, and in money, and in position.

These two transits, then—of Uranus in tenth, and of Neptune in second—are fundamentally very hopeful transits for Leo natives. They warn against inflated ideas, misty dreams, large impractical and visionary schemes and plots and enthusiasms; but they do promise opportunity, along lines highly satisfactory to the ego; and they promise also the reward of hard work along the lines laid down by the opportunities. They suggest that you will engage in ventures with large possibilities, entailing at the outset hard and seemingly profitless work—and they suggest that this work conscientiously executed will return to you a reward that will place you high and secure along the road to your ambition. They do not augur well for the Micawbers of the Leo family, who dream and wait for something to turn up; for those things that merely "turn up" under these Uranian and

Neptunian vibrations, are the things that might better not show their heads at all. Under these planets, inertia brings out the worst influences; their negative sides are destructive and subversive to progress and advancement. Under them, people who expect to entertain angels unaware, usually find themselves entertaining very undesirable angels—the kind that were excluded from heaven in the days long past. But those who grasp the opportunities around them, who work along the lines laid down by their lives, will find that their efforts are rewarded by progress, and that their paths are leading upward.

SATURN

Business, Partnership, Unearned Increment

This aspect, working in opposition to the transit of Neptune, is tending now, as Saturn has just reached the static position, to crystallize your income—but to crystallize it at a low and unsatisfactory level. It may bring about stubbornness and lack of sympathy on the part of creditors, and in this way cause you economic worries, which should have passed their peak toward the end of June. The general effect of Saturn's position in your solar eighth house is to give you op-portunities to make money, through associations and partnerships that may seem re-strictive and binding to you, but which have an excellent chance to work out far better than you think they are likely to, if you accept what comes your way, and work along lines indicated by the older, wiser, or more conservative people around you. If there is any inheritance in your life, this may be a time when it will come to you; but don't wait for it, or raise your hopes; for if it comes at this time, it is likely to be a good deal less than you think it. Also, there will be pressure on you here, from outer sources, to take chances financially, to invest or speculate, and to jeopardize what security you have. Under the influence of Neptune, these gambles will seem plausible and interesting; but you should rigidly refuse to indulge in any schemes that profess to bring you money from anything but hard work. Unearned increment is likely not to work out here-it is far more likely to turn into loss than into gain. However, it is more than likely that under this influence, you will form or continue some partnership of a business nature that will prove very satisfactory, and that will work out to your eventual satisfaction. Like any influence of Saturn, this vibration works best and surest when it works slowly, and you cannot force the pace of business here to any good advantage. Psychically, your interests are benefited if you can get others to come to you, if you can resist the temptation to force matters, and if you can so

conduct yourself and your affairs that things and people seek you, rather than your seeking them. Once the opportunity is clear, the goal determined, the partnership formed, the contract signed, the hard work devolves on you; but in the clinching of deals, be cautious, be reserved; do not seem to be too anxious. Your magnetism now, with respect to professional advancement as indicated by Uranus, is powerful, and will well support your most conservative dealings. People will not tire of you—in fact, they will admire and respect you more for your reserve than they would if you were aggressive and arrogant. Make your contacts, seek the paths by which you want to advance—and when you have made the contacts and found the paths, be

reserved in the follow-up.

There is a lot of hard work cut out for you, as Saturn retrogrades from June 22 to November 7; hard work that may seem to be less valuable than the time put on it. But as Saturn makes the sextile to Uranus in September and October, you should be able to see amazing results from the work you have put in. Therefore do not let the months of July and August discourage you, even if you are working hard and getting little out of it. All this hard work bears fruit later. The only thing, during these months, is don't be idle! for in idleness, the good rays are dissi-pated, and when the time for fruition comes, behold, no crop has been planted. Work during the summer reaps a harvest in the fall. Following the turning direct of Saturn in November (November 7) things move forward again; it looks as if whatever rewards have been reaped incline to spend themselves here, for as Saturn works up to an opposition of Neptune again (March, 1936) a re-newal of financial tension is apparent. This seems unnecessary, and can be averted if you are judicious in spending what you have; do not let the illusion of prosperity or wealth during the last months of 1935 and the first two of 1936 go to your head; resolve to save, and to put yourself in a strong financial position, preceding the middle of 1936, when a strongly inflationary movement of the entire country cuts across your profits, and threat-ens to sweep them into the boneyard if you are gambling or speculating at this time (June, 1936). Whatever money comes to you at the end of 1935 should be placed out of harm's way, either in real property which inflation cannot touch (except to increase or decrease the value temporarily) or in sound savings institutions. Beware of sure things—they're sure, all right. Sure losses. But they're sure, all right. Sure losses. But conservative business dealings here will keep your income, whatever it is, secure through this period. Do not therefore be tempted by the swift financial pace and the glittering dreams of January-June, 1936. They are chimera and will o' the wisps merely, and not to be trusted,

Jupiter: till Nov. 9, 1935, domestic matters, base of operations.

Jupiter in Scorpio in your fourth house makes your home your best center of operations here, and gives you a chance to establish, both psychically and actually, a strong foun-dation for your emergence into the business and professional world. You should here stick to home as much as you can; the vibrations there are pleasant, active, and sociable; you are popular, and friends come to you. In these months you may have an opportunity to buy a home, and if you do, you can rest assured that this is a good time for such a purchase. Be sure that you keep your price well down, and do not contract to carry more than you can, for the one danger of Jupiter in Scorpio is over-optimism, and you may find yourself when it is all over with a beautiful house and nothing to buy coal with. But if you stick here to a conservative purchase, you will be happy as a result of it—and, what is more important, secure. This transit of Jupiter, working together with the other transits already dealt with, makes it likely that during these months you will be able to find the constructive and magnetic course; to bring things entered upon to a successful conclusion, and to conduct beneficially the work required by your opportunities. It tends, also, somewhat, to fill you with optimism and grand schemes, and thus works in with the more dangerous sides of Neptune and Uranus. But fundamentally, Jupiter is here your internal bulwark, enabling you to rely on yourself, and to reap satisfaction, strength, and comfort from your home and the people who gather around you therein.

Jupiter: from Nov. 9, 1935, ambition, romance, luck.

If you have worked through Nov. 9, you may expect to have reward as Jupiter enters Sagittarius and the fifth house of your solar nativity. This house among other things represents the wealth of the home, or of the parents; you may find that your parents are now more prosperous than they have been, and that your domestic life is on a firm, even perhaps luxurious, business basis. Children and young people are a source of joy and comfort to married people here; while to unmarried people, romance will flower, and be peculiarly satisfactory and soul-warming. Social matters are active and you are more than ever popular now; the square of Saturn to Jupiter during November merely enables you to take your luck with equanimity, and not allow it to go to your head, but after this square passes (December) be careful that you do not go off the deep end and imagine yourself a millionaire just because you have a checking account. This is a time of maturing plans, and re-wards of work, and you will do well to drive yourself with a cautious and steady hand.

However, in a general way, this is an extremely lucky period of your life, and tends to bring home to roost all the chickens of opportunity that have been flapping their wings under the aegis of Uranus and Neptune—to bring them home not only to roost, but also to lay eggs. Whether they are golden eggs or not depends on the use you have made of your opportunities, the work you have put in, the tact and restraint you have used in dealing with other people. If you have used these qualities well, you should find this transit of Jupiter in Sagittarius bringing you some rare internal satisfactions, as well as enough of the world's goods to enable you to enjoy things without worry.

Zodiac and your houses activates the slower moving planets and their influences which have been dealt with above. The delineations of Mars in your solar houses, which follow, should all be considered in the light of the benefits and dangers which have been indicated to accrue from Neptune, Uranus, Saturn and Jupiter, for Mars expresses in terms of his influence as it combines with these.

Mars in Scorpio: July 28-Sept. 16.

As Mars opposes Uranus (July 28-Aug. 10) the danger from the less constructive Uranian rays is manifest; superiors and domestic associates alike are difficult to deal with; you are likely yourself to be temperamental, and destroy some developing opportunity with arrogance, or through antagonizing some superior. Handle those you are working with with kid gloves. . . As Mars conjoins Jupiter (Aug. 11-31) someone in your environment becomes extravagant, and gets inflated ideas concerning finances; this is the time when you may try to buy the Woolworth tower, and find you have no investment, but a white elephant. Throughout this period (till Sept. 17) avoid domestic friction, and a rift in the domestic lute, which upsets your progress.

Mars in Sagittarius: Sept. 17-Oct. 29.

Sept. 17-30, danger from investment and speculations; don't make them. Watch partners and associates for risky business deals. Work hard; till Oct. 29, a fine period for developing ambitions; social life somewhat too active—resist romance; stick to your knitting; energy high, inspiration strong.

Mars in Capricorn: Oct. 29-Dec. 7.

You're working hard, and reaping the benefits thereof; don't go too hard a pace, or you'l! become nervous and cranky; get plenty of rest and sleep. Avoid friction with servants. Mars here makes good aspects, and brings you satisfaction, and return, for

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Your Job

And Astrology

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II

The fundamental consideration of Saturn's position and the effect of this on your vocational selection is modified first, and most importantly, by Saturn's polar opposite, Mars, his position in the horoscope, and especially his aspect to Saturn, if he has one.

In your personality, and analogously, in your career, Saturn represents the form side; he fixes the mould of things, provides the rigid matrix within which things material and spiritual grow and manifest. In this sense, the limits, and is generally considered a restrictive influence. However, his restrictions are not self-contained in the nature of Saturn, but rather in the combination that he makes with other planets, especially Mars. For, as Saturn provides the mould, the matrix, the limiting possibilities of your life, so Mars provides the energy, the drive, the direction, and the distance of your progress as it manifests within the mould of Saturn. Thus the limitations of Saturn are dependent, relatively and actually, on the ratio between Saturn's mould and Mar's energies. To a person of small energies, low aims, feeble ambitions, to a person, that is, whose Mars is weak—the restrictions of Saturn will never be manifest. His little energies will wear themselves out long before they run into the boundaries set by Saturn; and, spinning around in his own little and unambitious world, he will not be conscious that he is limited, at all, by Saturn or by anything else. To a person, on the other hand, of boundless energies, enthusiasms, and ambitions—to a person, that is, with a powerful Mars strongly placed—the scope of Saturn will seem small and confining, no matter if Saturn were to grant him the whole world to ramp in. He will be as Alexander, regretting at the point of empire that there are no more worlds to conquer-his Mars wants to push on, and even the greatest field of endeavor or conquest is too small, too confining, too limiting.

The vocational problem presented by this consideration of Saturn and Mars is to bring these two vibrations of Form and Energy into harmony, so that the energy of Mars fills the mould of Saturn exactly and without

pressure. It is, in concrete terms, the problem of finding what your scope is on the one hand (Saturn) and how your energies can be made to achieve that scope on the other hand (Mars). It is the problem of teaching Mars how to express himself, under the conditions set by Saturn; and of teaching Saturn how to adapt himself to the energies released by Mars. If the Martian energies are not developed sufficiently, the native does not reach the full capacity of his development and abilities—he is wasted; while if the energies of Mars are released too strongly, along the wrong lines, the native wears himself out, exhausts himself, and eventually collapses because he does not recognize the limitations set by Saturn. It is a problem of balance and proportion, of the interaction of forces, and its laws are similar to the Laws of Energy, Motion, and Force as they are set forth in the physical sciences.

With respect to vocational guidance, it is necessary to relate the positions and aspects of Mars with the positions and aspects of Saturn; and the most important of these considerations is the aspect which exists between Mars and Saturn in the horoscope, if any

such aspect exist.

I. MARS OPPOSITION SATURN

If this aspect exists in the horoscope, its tendency is to emphasize the problem of vocation, as set forth in the house—positions of Saturn (AMERICAN ASTROLOGY, July, 1935). The energies of Mars here fight against the mould of Saturn, seek to be released from it, and seek therefore to express along a line radically different from the best interest of the native, as expressed by the house position of Saturn. They tend to develop the natives career along the easy and fluent lines set forth by Mars, rather than along the more difficult, slower, and surer lines set forth by Saturn. This is true because Mars is primarily the planet of youth, and at the outset of a career, when one is young, he will seek to respond to Mars and his glamor, rather than to Saturn, and his more dour appeal of duty,

reason, and initial hard work. Thus the opposition of Mars to Saturn causes natives to leap to a career opportunistically, without due regard for the future (as represented by Saturn) with the result that when the future comes with Saturn's increasing influence in middle and later life, the career, as likely as not, collapses. The danger of this aspect (and the danger is very great) is the danger of rushing into things, of taking the easy, glamorous, and adventurous course—usually a course specifically opposed to that set forth in the Saturn-indications.

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Thus, with Saturn in the 12th house, and Mars in the sixth, it is necessary (see Saturn's house position) for the native to be independent, and work for himself. But the sixth house position of Mars will bring him the opportunity to work for someone else—perhaps a very glamorous opportunity—and he will incline to take it . . . to his eventual sorrow

take it . . . to his eventual sorrow.

With Saturn in first, the need is for independence. But if Mars opposes from seventh, he will fall into some exciting partnership—with a future!—and not until the future proves to be a future of woe and loss will he strike out for himself, under the needed egis of Saturn.

With Saturn in tenth, Mars in fourth, the native leaps to power, fame, success . . . heeding no warnings to stop and retire—till he is eventually thrown down and retires perforce—the force of Mars.

Thus on through the readings for careers, as set forth in the preceding article on Saturn. The opposing Mars makes it easy to fly to Saturn's opposite—to follow the course which Saturn specifically denies; and therefore natives with this opposition of Mars to Saturn must exercise a rigid self-discipline at the outset of their lives, if they are not to get off on the wrong foot. It looks so tempting, the gamble seems so good. But it never is.

II. MARS SQUARE SATURN

Like the opposition, this aspect creates disharmony between the energy of Mars and the mould of Saturn, tending, like the opposition, to cause the native to reject the basic need of Saturn in his horoscope, and to seek, vocationally, for an easier route to success than that laid out by Saturn. In the case of the square, however, the failure of the career does not develop in the collapse of the career itself, but is brought about by whatever agency is represented by the house position of Mars.

Thus, with Saturn in twelfth, Mars in sixth, the business of working for others collapses because the job itself blows up. With Saturn in 12th, Mars in 3rd, and in square, the native similarly works for others, instead of independently; but his downfall comes not through the career itself but through the agency of a brother, relative, or something

in the nature of a third house influence.

With Saturn in tenth, Mars in fourth, the native plunges onward past the crest to his own destruction; but with Saturn square Mars from tenth to Seventh or Eighth, the native is ruined not by his own plunging, but by the bad judgment of the partner or marriage partner.

The analogy may be carried on through all the houses, applying first the tendency of Saturn, to the opposite of which Mars will cause the native to go if he be in opposition or square; and by reading the house position of Mars in the case of the square, as indicating the agency from which the collapse will arise. In this way the square appears more as an aspect of Fate than the opposition. In the opposition, the native can read backward, from the result, and see how it was brought about by his own actions, to some extent at least. But natives with Saturn square Mars appear to be caught by circumstance; it is difficult to see the combination between their own actions and the results.

Summarizing, then, the action of Saturn square or opposition Mars, with respect to vocation, it appears that when either of these aspects exists, the action of Mars is negative and destructive, tending not to produce a constructive path of his own, and to destroy the constructive path laid out by Saturn. To natives with this aspect, the rule should be Follow Saturn; ignore Mars. action is such as to make following Saturn difficult, perhaps seemingly impossible. But it is precisely in doing the impossible that the "trick in the world" is mastered, and man becomes truly the master of his fate. Mastery of fate is difficult when Mars fights with Saturn-it is by no means impossible; and strict will-power, and the following of the path of Saturn in the original selection of a career will net for these natives unusual results. They will usually have to oppose elders, break away from tradition, carve their own way, at first at a great expense. But as they work out of the Martian years, and into the years of Saturn, the stubbornness of Mars evaporates, and they find themselves firmly foundationed in the stable and permanent occupation of Saturn, with its security and peace which their brothers who have followed the easier path of Mars are missing completely.

III. MARS CONJUNCTION SATURN

This is a somewhat difficult position to analyze, for so much depends on the whole nature of the horoscope, and the aspects which this conjunction receives. In general, it nullifies to a large extent the action of both planets as individual entities, and sets up an influence that is neither Martian nor Saturnine, but a blend of both. In a general way, these natives are likely to have an easy time of life (unless this conjunction is heavily

afflicted) for they are not too aggressive at the outset of their lives, Mars being checked by Saturn, and they therefore do not ordiby Saturn, and they therefore do not ordinarily antagonize people. Their energies are fair, and they give the impression of restrained power which makes for charm; they are not usually careerists, and usually find some private niche, in a personal type of occurrence. cupation, where they can become quite influential. (Father Coughlin's horoscope has this combination, and his tremendous influence, from the sanctuary of the priesthood, is exemplary of the condition that this sets up.) It favors a personal (artistic, literary, religious, social service, medical, professional) type of career, where aggresion is less necessary than tact, willingness to work, and idealism. In extreme cases, this personal type of career may become criminal, if afflictype of career may become criminal, if anietions are heavy, especially to the Moon and Mercury. But in general, these people find their way around the world peacefully enough, the blend of Energy with Scope being natural and easy, from a vocational viewpoint, though frequently not so easy emo-tionally. They follow more or less easily along the lines laid down by Saturn, since the Martian energies tend to be submerged; and they are therefore frequently considered very lucky in early life. Later, their danger is that the necessity for independence finds them unequipped; and wherever this conjunction falls in the horoscope, they should be encouraged to assert themselves somewhat, both in business and in personal life. There is little danger of their becoming too aggressive; if anything, the danger is that they will not be aggressive enough, and therefore be imposed on. But the blend, in general, favors their going through life rather easily,if, perhaps, without sufficient ambition.

IV. SATURN MARS TRINE OR SEXTILE

This, as might be expected, provides the best blend of these two planets. It does not produce the spectacular careers of the square and opposition, but it produces sounder car-reers of longer duration, for the danger of collapse is lessened. The native finds rather easily the blend of his Scope and his Energy, and through this combination builds himeslf a strong house for permanent occupancy. He is likely to be both forceful and tactful, as well as capable, and, depending on the house positions of the planets, generally forges steadily ahead.

These same results may be achieved under Mars square or opposition Saturn, in the case of natives who understand the nature of the aspects, and are on guard against over-reaching themselves, which danger is materially lessened in the case of the trine and sextile. A table of house positions of Mars, with Saturn in all the houses, is given below.

V. SATURN AND MARS OUT OF ASPECT

This condition, of no aspect between these two major planets, is very common, and on a basis of probability, will exist in two-thirds of all the horoscopes in the world. Vocational emphasis in these cases will be placed on other planets and conditions, but nothing can alter the fact that a career based on Saturn follows the energies and directions of Mars, whether they are in aspect or not. they are out of aspect, it will require some conscious intellectual effort on the part of the native to integrate them, and for this reason, the table below is appended. This table is applicable to the horoscopes with Mars and Saturn in trine or sextile, as well as to those horoscopes where Mars and Saturn are out of aspect. With the trine or sextile, the native may simply expect the somewhat easier path to the integration desired. This table must be used in the case of the square or opposition, ONLY after the peculiar conditions set up by those aspects have been carefully considered.

SATURN-1st

Mars 1st-Independent career, professional, artistic, executive.

executive. treasurer, 2nd—Business bookkeeper, teller.

stenographer, 3rd—Writer, salesman, executive secretary.

4th—Social service worker, hospital worker, doctor. 5th—Artist—frequently

doesn't have to work.

6th-Diplomatic career; rises through own efforts. 7th—Critical position—executive; needs

tact. executive, treasurer, 8th-Banking,

fiscal agent, auditor. 9th-Politics, publishing, advertising.

10th-Careerist-soldier, sailor, tician, executive.

11th-Very similar to tenth-personal power.

nurse. 12th-Professional, doctor, writer, artist.

SATURN-2nd

Mars 1st-Salesman, buyer, financial executive.

child—legacy, extrava-2nd—Spoiled

gant. Work of any kind. 3rd—Copy-writer, bookkeeper, stenographer, secretary.

Housekeeper, 4th—Legacy usual budget expert. usually.

5th-Naturally a gambler-but should work for a salary.

6th-Start low, work up; likely to be

imposed on and work for too little-must assert self financially.

7th—Publicity work, sinecures likely; government service.

8th—Fiscal agent — handle other's money; avoid gambling. 9th—Publishing, publicity,

shipping, railroading.

10th-Big-shot position. Business executive, advisor to great.

11th-High ambitions, money important. Salesmen.

12th-Professional career, institutional service, charity work.

SATURN 3rd

Mars 1st-Executive, either secretary, writer, publisher, advertising man.

2nd—Salesman, may rise to executive capacity later.

3rd-Artist, writer, traveler. May be salesman or secretary.

4th-Likely to be in business with the family; helped and hindered by them.

5th-Social prestige-personal or professional career. Teacher.

6th—Advertising, salesmanship, steady work of any kind.

7th-Publicity work, diplomatic career, railroading.

8th-Bookkeeper, stenographer, fiscal agent, treasurer.

9th-Careerist; military, political. Advertising, traveling, shipping, railroading, law.

10th—Like 9th—easy success.

11th-Teacher, writer, artist, strong idealism marks career.

12th-Artist, author. Hemmed in by family ties.

SATURN 4th

Mars 1st-Personal career-power and influence; executive.

2nd—Private enterprises; commission work; salesman.

3rd-Writer, stenographer, bookkeeper.

Many responsibilities.

4th—Move. Get these planets out of here, for a career. Tied up at home; spoiled child, but dutyladen.

5th-Teacher, artist; family responsibility impedes but is needed for ultimate success.

6th-Hard work and low pay-miners, steel workers.

7th-Like 6th, perhaps rising to executive capacity.

8th-Fiscal agent; legacies and rich spouses. Managerial.

9th-Should move to a foreign land. 10th-Like 9th.

11th-Social prestige; white-collar work. Friends help.

12th-Move. Nursing, doctors, charity work-but very confined.

SATURN 5th

Mars 1st-Artist-needs tact. Emotional tension impedes success.

2nd—Gambler, railroad man, worker; may become executive.

3rd-Writer, advertising man, publisher. Teacher.

4th-Miner, steel worker-difficult position.

5th-Introvert-career made difficult thereby. Move.

6th—Diplomatic service, career-man; hard work wins out.

7th—Salesman, executive, publicity agent.

8th-Spectacular, bank executive, teller, treasurer, auditor.

9th—Careerist—personal work; lishing, advertising, politics, law,

medicine, army, navy. 10th—Like ninth—authority comes when personal biases are overcomemust objectify.

11th—Artist—can't manage others and shouldn't try, but will try. Work for others at first; develop slowly. 12th—Move. A secret career if any;

secret service, 'detective.

SATURN 6th

Mars 1st-Subordinate start, rises to executive power.

2nd-Salesman, fiscal executive. 3rd—Traveler, writer, personal work.

4th-Miner, steel worker; work in the home-private enterprises, lance.

5th-Creative powers mature through hard work. Start low.

6th-Subservient nature; develop confidence through working for others; medical man, nurse.

7th-Rises through efforts; superiors help; start small. 8th—Bank work, executive powers, fi-

nancial talent. 9th—Government work, civil service,

law, politics, religion. 10th—Horatio Alger position—small beginnings lead far.

11th—Personal aims develop through work; any job will do—goes far through well-defined personal ambitions.

12th-Move. Restrictive work-institutional, charity.

SATURN 7th

Mars 1st-Cooperative partnership - must learn tact.

2nd-Sales branch of a partnership; profit through public.

3rd—Advertising executive, writer. teacher.

4th-Free-lance; work at home; cooperate with powerful ones.

5th—Artistic career after cooperation is learned. Suppress gambling tendency.

6th-From office boy to junior partner-rise through drudgery.

7th-Partnership; easy career, but be-

ware treachery.

8th-Handle funds-treasurer, bookkeeper, stenographer-rise from this to executive place.

9th—Careerist. Military, political, law, religion. Advertising or publicity executive.

10th-Very like ninth-small jobs lead to authority.

11th—Power through partnership—co-operation in jobs lead to advancement, easy career.

12th-Power-behind the throne typework privately in conjunction with strong associates; advisor to the great.

SATURN 8th

Mars 1st-Get financed in business of own; if impossible, work for someoneexecutive duties develop.

2nd-Treasurer-don't gamble. Salaried job, bookkeeper—quick develop-ment of career—avoid speculations.

3rd-Work for relatives; salesman, advertising.

4th-Like third, but more personal type of work. Private contacts are helpful and should be used.

5th-Overcome excess independencegambling tendencies strong-avoid

details—treasurer, executive.
6th—Financial adviser, auditor, book-keeper; small beginnings; executive endings.

7th—Deal with public through partners-salesman, publicity man for financial institutions.

8th—Partnership usually possible, and profitable, unless badly afflicted. Handle other people's money—

9th—Publicity work, travel; army—in ordinance department; bank executive. Position of influence in

money matters.

10th—Ambitious—power through other people's money-promoter, entre-

preneur—a careerist. 11th—Like tenth. Well defined ambitions, wealth through the public. Sinecures, government posts, corporations.

12th—Private adviser to big interests; power concealed. Work secretly.

SATURN 9th

Mars 1st-Educator, college direction and management, publicity-law, ligion-an extremely powerful position.

2nd—Director—leaps to authority. Start

anywhere.

3rd—Artist, writer, educator; get a good education.

4th—Corporation lawyer; railroads, factories-rises through mines, these.

5th-Creative mind; law, politics, re-

ligion. Professional.

6th-From log-cabin to white housediplomatic career or politicalrises from odd jobs to strength. Advertising.

leader, political boss; 7th-Military deals with the public. Or salesman, rising to executive.

8th-Corporation matters - treasurer, legal advisor; may start as any-thing; gets power through part-ners, and the public.

9th—Magnetic strength through the public—influential. From obscurity to prominence through personal traits. Law, religion, politics.

10th—Careerist—going places fast, start

anywhere.

11th—Friends helpful; strong ambitions

find their own way. 12th—Rise and fall—seek private influence; undercover man, diplomat, secret service, private adviser, secretary.

SATURN 10th

1st—Needs no advice, but restraint. 2nd—Corporation head, treasurer. Start as salesman perhaps, but with good pay and rapid rise.

3rd—Advertising executive, writer—

mental pursuits. 4th—Rise and fall—Skyrocket career.

Restraint needed.

5th—ntrovert, with powerful magnet-ism. Personal, artistic, literary,

advertising career.

6th—Energy in any small job leads swiftly upward. Start as subordinate—gets bosses' job, or better

7th—Independence — difficulty through partners-be a free lance-artistic, writing, creative. Public career such as politics, army navy tempting, but dangerous.

8th-Promoter, entrepreneur, money through the public, get post, civil service, rising rapidly. Treasurer,

9th—Public 9th—Public service, power through 10th them—law, politics, religion, the arts—strongly marked ambition and

11th-Idealism hand in hand impress the

public.

12th—Stay in the dark—public benefactor through influence; medical men, advisors to the great, dan-ger through treachery in high places.

SATURN 11th

Mars 1st-Independent career away from friends-create own influence. Energy in small jobs makes rise.

2nd—Salaried job leads to best success-spoiled child.

3rd—Artistic career, literary, creative. Advertising, secretarial bookkeeper.

4th—Home ties and duties strong; personal or artistic career—piece work, free lance.

5th—Difficult—personal work; education; teacher, artist.

6th-Work for others, but not friends; strangers promote you rapidly.

7th—Publicity work, advertising; manager for others.

8th-Fiscal work, auditor, treasurer, teller, bank work.

9th-Railroading, traveling, publicity work, law, religion, politics-wide influence.

10th-Like ninth, leaps to authority, and holds it.

11th—Career of influence—helps others—social work, charity work, medicine-the altruistic arts sciences.

12th—Occultism marked, astrology, etc. Or private work among the needy. Nurse, doctor, hospital or institution worker.

SATURN 12th

Mars 1st-Work for yourself only, however small the beginnings.

2nd—Salaried job; save; start for yourself as soon as you can. Salesman. Objectify.

3rd-Writer, artist, advertising man-

free lance.
4th—Free lance; piece-work, commission work.

5th-Artistic nature; educational ca-

reer, teacher.
6th—Work for yourself, at anything. Artistic career best, or mental work rather than physical.

7th-Difficult. Treachery from partners-stay by yourself.

8th-Advisor, auditor, partnership dan-gerous; independent promoter of public matters, especially financial Government worker, civil service. 9th-Law, religion - avoid politics.

Travel; advertising.

10th—Up and down—seek influence in private. Advisor to big people. Stay in the background.

11th—Like tenth; strong friends—power behind the throne.

12th-Artistic career preferable to hospital, nursing, or doctoring. Religious career may bring great in-

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labors. Your position advances as a result of details well done.

Mars in Aquarius: Dec. 8-Jan. 14

Avoid quarrels and breaks, with those in authority and public life (Dec. 8-20). Don't be as aggressive as you think you'd like to be; rein in your energies; be tactful. You are strongly before the public, and must use restraint if you're not to seem arrogant and conceited. Environment somewhat tense; relax, and don't be drawn into bickerings or anger, which injure your advancement.

Mars in Pisces: Jan. 15-Feb. 22.

Start of a dangerous inflationary period; keep your money sound and safe; don't speculate or gamble. Deals made now fall through with a great crash in June. Keep out of things of this sort. Don't let partners, or others, invest for you; be stingy.

Mars in Aries: Feb. 23-April 1.

Rapid development of publicity, very favorable. Travel beneficial and active. Seek the public eye; it favors you; write, travel, correspond; things at a distance are in your favor. You can advance your plans nicely here, and for permanent results.

Mars in Taurus: April 2-May 13.

Watch out for temperament in high place, and in yourself (April 2-15). Get through this period by tact and reserve. Following this, your position is helped by partners and superiors, but you should not force matters relax and take what comes; avoid extravagances.

Mars in Gemini: May 14-June 25.

Dangerous financial period; friends expensive; don't invest or speculate; curb partners and associates; avoid romance and gambling. Have property in sound shape, and don't disturb it during this period. No good comes of trying to increase property now.

Mars in Cancer: June 26-Aug. 10.

Private things on your mind; they develop satisfactorily if you keep your head; things can be organized nicely in private till July 18; plans laid here mature well, but slowly; they are sound and constructive. Following July 18, relax, and guard your health from nervousness and worries. Take a vacation.

Farmer's Guide

An Astrological Weather Forecast for United States August 1935

By A. M. GRIMM

Temperatures during this month tend to subnormal generally and may retard the development of warm weather crops con-

siderably.

During the first decade there may be too frequent rains for cotton in the southeast while in the central, great plains, and more east central areas beneficial showers should

Warm weather in southern sections should promote rapid growth in those areas while farm work is proceding satisfactorily

in the more northern portions.

The weather in northern areas may be generally cool but materially harmful tem-peratures are not indicated except that some more or less local frost damage may be noted in parts of the upper western lake region. It should remain generally cool for the season in the northern states east of the Rocky Mountains but the southern states should have warmer than normal weather.

Cool weather should continue during the last decade east of the Rocky Mountains and may materially retard warm weather crops and higher temperatures may be gen-

erally needed.

Showers to generous rainfall may relieve the drought in some of the central northern sections and in the southwest, from Texas westward, showers may be beneficial but in other areas, including much of Texas, it may continue too dry.

During the latter part of the month there may be considerable frost damage to vegetation in some parts of the central northern states, particularly on the lowlands of Wisconsin and Minnesota, with some light frosts

in parts of Iowa.

At the close of the month rain will still be greatly needed in much of Texas and also in most sections from Michigan to Minnesota, but elsewhere east of the Rocky Mountains the soil should be at this time for the most part in good condition with fall plowing progressing rapidly in many

places and some seeding of winter grain

can begin in the west.

West of the Rocky Mountains conditions continue generally favorable especially in the Pacific northwest though moisture may be

needed in some sections.

The threshing of WINTER GRAINS should make good progress under generally favorable weather conditions during the first part of the month and in the spring wheat belt the cool fair weather should provide exceptionally good conditions for harvest.

LATE SPRING WHEAT may be badly damaged by rust in Minnesota and there may be also considerable rust development in some parts of North Dakota but the crops in the latter state should be too far advanced for serious damage to be done.

During the first part of the second decade

During the first part of the second decade rain may interrupt the harvesting in the Rocky Mountain district and unthreshed wheat in the shock may be rather badly damaged in parts of the great plains. In the SPRING WHEAT belt however, cutting and harvesting should proceed satisfactorily.

Toward the close of the second decade more favorable conditions should be experienced and late threshing should make good progress, though there may be some delay by rain in the spring wheat region. The threshing of spring wheat should make good progress in the latter part of the month under mostly favorable weather conditions, with only slight interruption by rainfall. Spring wheat should be mostly harvested by this time, except in some of the late districts. Plowing for fall seeding should advance rapidly with seeding well along in parts of Kansas.

The OAT harvest may be completed during the first decade as far north as Iowa and in the east, well along into Pennsylvania. However, damage by rust may be greater than is commonly anticipated in some parts of the northern plains and may account for some disappointing yield in

some of the interior sections.

RICE harvest should progress favorably and sorghum should be in good condition. although cool weather at the close of the month might retard maturity to some ex-

With regard to CORN, the weather is really too cool for its best development. However, during the first decade and over most of the main corn belt and generally in northern sections east of the Rocky Mountains, it should make fairly good progress. Beneficial rains should occur in some previously droughty areas and in Iowa progress should be quite good where the rainfall is sufficient; also in other states west of the Mississippi, river growth should be very good.

During the second decade moisture conditions should be quite favorable and in Iowa, especially beneficial. Elsewhere the west, progress may be quite satisfactory but it would seem that rain might be badly needed in some of the north central border states and for late corn in the west gulf area; also locally in the southeast.

Because of the continuously cool weather. corn may make slow progress in many of the principal areas during the latter part of the month. The crop appears to be very late at the close and really needs dry warm weather to hasten its maturity. A threat of damage by frost is indicated for some lowlands of the central northern states. In Iowa, the advance of the crop may be fair but conditions vary greatly, ranging from very poor to very good and on an average, about two weeks later than normal.

In the COTTON belt temperatures are generally favorable the first part of the month but there appears to be too much rain in most of the Atlantic coast states and parts of the central belt; also in the northwest. Weevil activity is intensified by showers in the east but the progress of the crop appears to be fair to generally good in the central portions. There may be some complaints of rank growth and shedding in parts of Arkansas and rains may be unfavorable in portions of Oklahoma with conditions in the eastern part of the state de-pendent on weevil activity. The weevil may be held in check in Texas by warm days and abundant sunshine but there is likely to be some shedding and poor development.

During the second decade, weevil activity threatens to increase in the east and also in the central portions where there are local complaints of bolls, shedding and rotting. In Louisiana progress may be poor due to shedding and increased weevil activity. However, in Arkansas, progress should be fairly good except for too rank growth in parts. Growth should continue fair in Okla-homa although the weevil activity is (Continued on page 48)

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to conquer? You need some surprise or shock even to break the deadlocked condition and there appears to be some of that facing you. You may change a great deal as a result of this influence—no one unfamiliar with every phase of your circumstances and life could tell exactly how it will manifest, but, in any event, after its influence is past, life should present for you a smoother, more tranquil and less complicated pattern, and you should thereafter find that the far pastures are no greener—nor half as green—as were your own, and be content with the partner that is given you from that time on, "and forevermore."

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bring about an effect exactly opposite to that which may be produced under conditions spon-

taneously produced by nature.

For instance; in the realm of physical science, Iron is made to float, not by ignoring the law of specific gravity but rather by understanding and complying with it, in other words by an application of the same law that under natural conditions causes it to sink. Similarly we may conceive of a person realizing Health or Prosperity by a specialized application of the same law that under natural conditions might keep him in poverty or illhealth. The problem is the understanding and formulation of the laws governing such matters. The Astrologer is merely a scientist who seeks a solution to these problems through observation of the operations of these laws as expressed in the mathematics of space and through correlation of events and Human experience with planetary movements endeavors to construct an organized body of facts which may then be used to interpret and forecast future developments.

In this Herculean Task Astrologers have admittedly made relatively small progress as yet but we are learning fast and sufficient progress has already been made to establish it as a fact, beyond all shadow of doubt, that we are on the right track. It is comforting to those who devote themselves to this cause that nature is indeed infinitely just. That whatever be the result it must be good because the God who made Heaven and Earth also planted in the consciousness of man a desire to know these things. I for one, do not be-lieve in the existence of the Devil and believe that regardless of appearances or personal opinions, there is in reality nothing evil-this may be un-Christian, or it may be unscientific, but there it is and "If this be treason, make the most of it."

New Mansions for New Men

(continued)

By DANE RUDHYAR

III.

The third mansion through which the individual must pass on his quest for wholeness and operative mastery-is that of knowledge. I know is the natural sequence to "I am" and "I own;" for it is only out of the conflict between these last two elements of being that arises the third: knowledge. It is only as the ego senses the inadequacy of that which he owns—his body and his inherited mechanisms of action-when he attempts to express what he inherently is, that the need to know the whence, how, and whither of

these possessions is made imperative.

Knowledge is ever born out of all fundamental and irreductible oppositions. It is because spirit—the Self—is never adequately expressed by matter-the body and all the ancestral past of any newborn entity—that man becomes the thinker, the knower. And the search for knowledge is endless for there never will be any material aggregation which will satisfy the needs of the spirit. can be no material organism—be it the most cosmic or divine—that ever will be an absolutely adequate vehicle for the "I am" who is to dwell therein. Therefore there will always be "divine discontent" and the need for knowing what could be done about it. There will ever be restlessness and motion and search; and ever new days will have to be devised for the "I am" to operate adequately through what he owns by birthright. And the worlds will keep on whirling; and the demon of speed will dizzy universes and men; and intellects will search feverishly for the eternally elusive secret of perfect adequacy of matter to spirit. Such is the mystery of the third mansion—the eternal Gemini.

The twain will never meet. They will stand

for all eternities like Greek columns, Doric and Ionian-in the frigid ecstasy of knowing that they are inseparable and ever unsatisfied. It is this dualism and this subconscious despair that make minds reel in the search for God—the Integrator, the Harmonizer, the Perfect Solution of the irreductible dilemma. But perhaps there is no Integrator to be called upon or searched for in empyrean loneliness-save it be that one perpetual ef-

fort which links the twain, in conflict, in love, in sorrow and compassion. That effort is intelligence. It is the power to see a situation whole, and thus to make it whole. It is the power to refuse ever to stand still: ever to admit incapacity:—yes, it is even the power to laugh the two stupidly eternal columns facing each other in mysterious inadequacy. For even laughter can be a solution;—perhaps an escape, perhaps also a chant of triumph, as O'Neill has shown in his sublime epic, "Lazarus Laughed," the drama of the confrontation between eternal renewal (spirit) and eternal decay (matter); between the future and the past.

In between these two columns, past and future, something may happen: the present. And the present is "intelligence." Intelligence is the power to bring the past performance up to the new demands of the future—the ideal. Intelligence is the Initiate of old standing between the two columns and by his power bringing to the candidate integration, operative wholeness. And how wonderful these old myths! The Initiate having failed and turned destructive is Samson, betrayed by matter (Delilah), and now, standing between the two columns of the Temple, pushing them apart and hurling death at himself and at

In these symbols rests, for those who know how to read symbols, the secret of the intellect: divine, yet devilish where the would-be is betrayed; -integrating knowledge which projects into every organic behavior the power to improve itself and to cope with new situations, and again disintegrating worship of formalism which turns every creative performance into dead routine and clever

automatism.

In the man of the first birth the third mansion means nerve-coordination and instinctual intelligence. It refers to essentially selfprotective and self-reproductive mechanisms. Man is the creature of his heredity, and lives, a racial being, surrounded by brothers, sisters, and all his blood-relatives. His life-performance is easily integrated and wholesome, for it is relatively adequate to the as

yet feeble demands of the individual self. The latter is barely able to assert itself through taking advantage of the situation provided by communal and tribal living; by playing brother against brother, this against that, he acquires power. At any cost the individual must find ways of asserting itself against the collective, against the parents. The present moment for him is centered round the urge to free the future from the inertial domination of the past. Cunning, restlessness, lies, bribery are the first stages. By constant repetition habits are formed; the performance is improved. Competition, self-interest, cleverness, superficial brilliancy, sophistry are developed. Formalism is the more collective as yet than individual, the forms needed are stable and communal. Individuals perfect the tribe, in the blood.

When man has passed the threshold of the second birth, when he has become ever so dimly aware of his true "I am" and has either revaluated what was his own or acquired new possessions, then there is no longer need for cunning. He is alone now, essentially. And within himself the psychological conflict rages. He is spirit facing a consciously selected or repolarized matter. The inadequacy of the latter strikes him pitilessly. Then is born real "intelligence"—or the defeatist evasions of a soul too weak to face the mental pressure and no longer able to return to the

low-tension field of tribal living.

Then the concrete philosopher, the scientist, the experimenter, are born. Then also, the creative artist; whose inspired works are essentially recorded patterns of integration—as for instance Dante's "Divine Comedy:" in other words tales of successful psychological adjustments. Then the Great Mind is truly the Initiate. He stands between the two columns, his arms upraised. Spirit and matter become for a moment harmonized within him. He dies; but as an Exemplar, he lives in his performance wherever distracted souls cry for knowledge, yearn for that creative intelligence which can open vistas of divine splendor. Through intelligence the past is made into the future during moments consciously and lucidly lived.

Humanity stands today at the crossroads of the mind. The old physiological ideals of the first-birth, the call of the blood in glorification of racial purity and of blood-sacrifices, the tribal instinct—are spasmodically, yet most widely re-energized. They never died, and will not die for ages. The mind of most men today is as yet rooted in their blood; and the blood gets heated, the mind boils and "sees red." The scientist, the artist, the author, the inventor are yet too often like youths in a clan trying by cunning to get the better of their relatives. Their ideal is technical excellency and the formation of more perfect

automatisms to further the ends of their groups. The intellect is used against something: to allay fears or safeguard for the ego his possessions. And so there is no peace among men; for mind is the slave of possessions and the ego is as yet identified with his possessions.

This war is not only between men, but within man the individual; for even though he begins to emerge as an individual, yet is he bound to the sense of power which possessions give to him. And the intellect is a tool to keep, solidify, and increase these possessions. Therefore it is "the slayer of the real"—as occultists say. Because the real is the ceaselessly new and the eternally creative. It is the ever-changing present: that "intelligence" which makes every performance nearer to the ideal of the spirit that is the Self. And in "intelligence" there is no cunning and no fear; but the joy and ecstasy of being born always and anew. For this is the mystery of the second birth, that it occurs in every moment fully lived, in utter freedom from the thraldom of the past and the cravings of the blood.

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spreading. In Texas conditions will hold the weevil in check but for other reasons progress may be slow.

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During the latter part of the month deterioration may continue in some of the Atlantic states because of the weevil, dryness and shedding; in the central areas, progress may be variable from poor to only fair.

In Arkansas progress is only fair while in Oklahoma cool cloudy weather is unfavorable for the progress of cotton ranging from deterioration in some eastern areas to good in the west.

In Texas advance will probably be good in the northwest and portions of the west but elsewhere there may be deterioration because of shedding premature opening and root rot with some considerable damage in certain areas from boll worms and weevil.

Serious drought may prevail in the western upper lake region and at the close of the month rain may be greatly needed over large parts of the Gulf states and in Oregon and Nevada.

POTATOES may be somewhat adversely affected by blight in New York and by too dry conditions in the western lake region. Otherwise this crop should do well generally during the first part of the month, however, toward the close there may be frost injury in the northern portions of North Dakota and Minnesota.

Truck crops are indicated as mostly satisfactory. SUGAR CANE in Louisiana should do well and SUGAR BEETS should advance quite satisfactorily.

Financial Forecast

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STOCK MARKET

The Stock Market for August is indicated as favorable during the early part of the month. The middle month period is likely to see a reversal of trend, with the latter part of the month showing an unfavorable,

or partial recovery trend.

Neptune is in a position to give it more than usual domination in things financial for this month. Its characteristic deceptive action may be expected. When things look the brightest, they are often really at their worst; and when they look their poorest, they are often at their best.

This holds for markets too. The strong, buoyant market is usually the best sale; while the very weak market is usually the best purchase. During the early part of this year, it was very difficult to get people in-terested in the market. And yet that was just the time when their interest should have been the keenest; and for them to take advantage of the research that was made to disclose the best aspected stocks. It is al-ways the darkest just before dawn and the Sun is usually the brightest at Zenith, when it starts down the hill.

It is indicated that this matter of Foreign Exchange may come to the front again this month. This factor keeps recurring at different times in the Astrological picture. This factor is likely to keep coming up until all the nations are off the gold standard. After that happens there are many different opinions as to the next step. Some predict a terrific foreign exchange war and a race to depreciate the different currencies. But another possibility is, after all the nations are off the standard, stabilization. This last seems more probable. This should lend greater stability to markets and improve foreign trade conditions.

Labor conditions are not indicated as being too favorable during August, although much effort to better these conditions is likely to be made, and from an increasing number of sources. It is gradually dawning on an increasing number of people, and groups of people, that this is the paramount question of the day. An increase in mass purchasing power would lend a basic stability to all markets. Stocks mentioned in previous issues of

this magazine continue to be among the best aspected individual securities. During August, however, it may be advisable for active traders to purchase any of them only on or near buying dates at times of general market weakness. A quick trade seems more advisable than a longer play on the

For the investor or long pull trader, August does not seem to be a favorable time to enter the market on the buy side. While these better aspected stocks usually resist selling pressure in a declining market, there is usually a depreciation in their price. It is indicated that investors may have an opportunity to purchase or repurchase these stocks at lower prices before the year is

The indicated minor swings for August are-

Up through the 12th. High for the month. Down through the 20th. Low for the month.

Up through the 31st.

DAILY STOCK MARKET FORECAST

Thursday, August 1-Indicated as a favorable day.

Friday, August 2—Favorable day. Saturday. August 3-Irregular may close down.

Monday, August 5-Favorable day. Tuesday, August 6-Reactionary.

Wednesday, August 7—Some irregularity but likely to be favorable.

Thursday, August 8-Indicated as an up

Friday, August 9-News may cause irregularity.

Saturday, August 10-Unfavorable. Monday, August 12-Up day. Tuesday, August 13-Unfavorable. Wednesday, August 14-Unfavorable.

Thursday, August 15-Indicated as an up

Friday, August 16-Unfavorable. Saturday, August 17-Irregular. Monday, August 19-Favorable. Tuesday, August 20—Reactionary with unfavorable news.

Wednesday, August 21—Unfavorable.

Thursday, August 22—Indicated as a down day.

Friday, August 23—Unfavorable.
Saturday, August 24—Favorable.
Monday, August 26—Unfavorable.
Tuesday, August 27—Irregular.
Wednesday, August 28—Favorable.
Thursday, August 29—Favorable.
Friday, August 30—Indicated as an upday.

Saturday, August 31—Unfavorable.

COMMODITY MARKETS

"It may be well to note the possible effects on the weather of the unusual number of eclipses occurring during 1935. The last year in which there were five solar and two lunar eclipses was the year 1823. As it is difficult to find records of precipitation and temperature that far back in order to make a comparison, we must content ourselves with making a rational prediction without a comparison. And that is that the precipitation during 1935. will be above normal and the temperature will be under normal compared with the means."

Quotation from my forecast on page 36 of the February issue of American Astrology. How correct this forecast has been to date, you may judge for yourself. Commodity markets for August are ruled

Commodity markets for August are ruled by Saturn and are likely to be depressed and irregular. Saturn usually exerts a depressing influence in whatever department of life or business that it becomes a controlling factor.

The first part of the month is likely to be more favorable marketwise than the latter part. The middle month period may see a reversal of trend with the latter part of the month unsettled and irregular.

The matter of foreign exchange is likely to have an influence on the price of our markets and does not seem to be too favorable. It may be that part of the month will see the trade construing some of these foreign exchange developments as favorable to our price.

Labor conditions seem favorable to our crops and while difficulty may be expected in other quarters in this respect there seems to be no difficulty indicated here in this respect.

Aid from the government is indicated, but whether this will be decidedly beneficial to

price or not is questionable.

There seems to be some opposition to the general agricultural position from the aspect indicating general business. This may indicate some difficulty in general business which will slow up the marketing and harvesting of our crops. Velocity is an important factor in crop movement as it is in every other department of life.

The indicated minor swings for the Grain Markets are—

Up through the 12th. High for the month.

Down through the 17th. Low for the month.

Up through the 31st.

The long range outlook for the cotton market does not seem to be very favorable. The monthly swings are indicated for cotton as—

Up through the 12th. High for the month.

Down through the 20th. Low for the month.

Up through the 31st.

DAILY COMMODITY FORECAST

Thursday, August 1—Indicated as a favorable day.

Friday, August 2-Up day.

Saturday, August 3-Unfavorable.

Monday, August 5—Indicated as an up day.

Tuesday, August 6—Irregular, probably close down.

Wednesday, August 7—Favorable close.

Thursday, August 8—Favorable day.

Friday, August 9-Favorable day.

Saturday, August 10-Reactionary.

Monday, August 12-Favorable day.

Tuesday, August 13-Reactionary.

Wednesday, August 14-Indicated as a down day.

Thursday, August 15-Favorable day.

Friday, August 16—Irregular and down.

Saturday, August 17-Unfavorable.

Monday, August 19—Indicated as an up day.

Tuesday, August 20-Unfavorable.

Wednesday, August 21-Unfavorable.

Thursday, August 22-Unfavorable.

Friday, August 23-Unfavorable.

Saturday, August 24—Irregular, may close up.

Monday, August 26—Favorable.

Tuesday, August 27-Irregular.

Wednesday, August 28-Favorable day.

Thursday, August 29-Favorable day.

Friday, August 30-Favorable day.

Saturday, August 31-Unfavorable.

Message of the Stars

A Forecast for August, 1935

Humor is the lubricant of daily life; an invaluable asset in the game of living. oil of joy enables the wheels to move freely, eases all tension, and relaxes the pressure of brain or emotional fatigue.

In any association a spirit of give and take is essential, but if the giving is done with generous gaiety, and the take is accepted with smiling acquiescence, then what otherwise might be a battle of wits, passion or heart-ache, is turned into a cooperative venture with the prospect of a successful issue.

Suppose the person most necessary to your happiness, success,—or, as you may think, even life—starts off on another tangent. Suppose he (or she) apparently disregard you altogether! Certainly that is not the time to begin clamping down on the bonds, to bring that person into line by recriminations, tears, accusations, or general vilification. It is the time for helping him on, and out, if necessary. And this can best be done by laughing with him. Even if one does not understand the motive, the reason, behind such actions or intentions, humor will help to overcome the chasm that might otherwise

yawn—yawn?—Gasp! between two people.

The old saying, that "one should take his work seriously, but never himself," is a splendid rule. To be able to laugh with others and at oneself is a high light of wisdom, and blessed are those people who are born with this sense. However, it can be culti-vated, if people will only look for the funny side; at what ridiculous things they-and others, do and say in odd moments; and how odd those moments can be! Human nature is very contradictory, and those contradic-tions, those incongruities, are the essence of

From the 30th of July to the 8th of August is a period when humor may be used with telling effect. Aside from actual death no stituation can arise which cannot be helped through that touch of "laugh, and the world laughs with you;" that cheerfulness which buoys up hope, re-establishes courage, and proceeds into constructive action with high

The new Moon in Leo at the end of July and the following ten days may create such conditions that the stability which lies in vision and courage will be very necessary. It is a trying period, when the forces of the inner and the outer planets are struggling for

supremacy; when important persons will be in serious conflict with lesser persons; when conditions in human affairs will be chaotic. when nature and the elements may present serious problems, when accidents, earthquakes or even volcanic disturbance may affect many people.

Mercury moves into Leo on the 2nd and a series of squares follow immediately, which may be catastrophic in effect. These involve Mars, Uranus, Jupiter and the Sun, with Mars and Uranus reaching a crashing aspect on the 8th, and probably bringing to a conclusion the matters threatened under the two squares of July. Mars was in square aspect to Pluto at the Leo ingress, and moving as it does from that position to a square of Uranus, this translation of light may bring these two tremendous forces into powerful conflict. Pluto at the ingress was in a degree of darkness and obstruction which may have a further influence in producing drastic

The polarity of the signs during August consists of mutable and fixed; no cardinal sign is represented during the month. This is a picture of business, workers, masses, laboring to achieve an objective, and from the 9th on throughout the month, making much headway. It is also indicative of powerful persons making every attempt not only to hold their possessions, but to build them to a higher level. Mars is in a close sextile to Saturn from the 9th to the 16th; and in orb of a conjunction with Jupiter thereafter until the 31st. This translates an energetic working force of great ability to a financial condition that may mark a boom period, when for-tunes may again mount into the high brackets.

The characteristics of the month are determination, persistence, precision and practical application; with a trend toward tact and ingenuity during the latter part. However there is a definite motion in the direction of skepticism, which is an excellent antidote for the possibly treacherous undercurrent.

Mercury has no less than nine major aspects during the month, and as it moves into Virgo on the 16th the intellectual strength will be marked. Mental effort will be the keynote, rather than the emotions as was the case in July. Mars has six major aspects, so strenuous activity will push matters forward.

The latter part of the month will be marked by some strange adventures. Occultism, metaphysics, and psychic matters will command much attention. Some very weird results may be obtained by investigators, but also some very active developments.

FIRST WEEK August 1st to 7th

The opening gun of the month is heard on the 3rd, and heard is probably the correct word. Mercury squares Mars in 2 degrees of Leo and Scorpio, and resounding thunder may be part of the noise. Following as it does on the eclipse of the 30th, it is evident that that event has brought on an avalanche of talk, fighting talk; action, rash action; of high feeling that resents opposition, and of belligerent retaliation for wrongs, fancied or real. Movement is the mainspring. People, conditions, events, things, change with lightning rapidity. Speech is uncontrolled, ideas are hot, plans are shot to pieces. There isn't any reason, thought or stability embedded in this aspect. But above all papers are involved; battles will be fought over them, storms will rage; contracts, agreements, treaties, anything written may cause the utmost disturbance. Agents of any description, from diplomats to messenger boys, any person or group of persons who represent others, may be defrauded or the cause of fraud.

Persons who have had intimate relationships, either in business or domestic life, will assert their independence with bitter invective. Those employed may go on a strike. Persons who are accountable for money, papers, records, in banks, commerce, or transit, may be at a loss. Children may cause difficulties. Serious accidents may occur.

On the 4th Mercury increases this turmoil by squaring Uranus. People who either are, or imagine themselves to be, the spokesmen of any organization, no matter how small or how great, will increase the intolerance of their utterances, and the heat of their violence. There will be absolutely no quarter as far as tongue lashings are concerned. And absolutely no tendency toward tactful reconciliation. Through the power of Mercury to objectify the imperious self-will of Uranus will show forth its most concentrated form. Minds will dwell only on the fact that they are being opposed; words will be used to express self-glorification on one hand, and reduce the efforts of others to a pulp on the other. The aspect in itself produces large intellectual powers, but it reacts at cross angles; it is not authoritative in its assertions, in fact it may be grossly incorrect, but they will be stuck to with vengeance.

In a mundane sense this may cause a sensational loss by fire. Papers and writings may cause further disturbance. Unusual air

accidents may occur during this entire period. Children may suffer, and there may be much excitement connected with a child in an important position. The bond market will be affected; matter connected with mortgages will be disputed. Commerce and world markets will feel the effect keenly. Agreements and contracts will be torn into shreds. News all over the world will be inflamed; rash statements will emanate from many quarters. It is not a time to take a stand on any matter that cannot be amended in a thoroughly cooperative spirit. Nor to make decisions that require instant action. It is a time to be diplomatic, reserved and detached.

On the 7th the Sun squares Jupiter. No contact of the Sun to that planet is wholly adverse, for they have between them such a community of interests that each fulfills the other. But in this case the aspect takes place among such conflicts that any difficulties they could produce may well come to the surface. Essentially it is evident that attempts are being made to equalize conditions, to establish a better rapport, and to conclude difference, and there may be a too optimistic outlook at the moment over such efforts, for they are not apt to be conciliated very easily.

It is a call for assistance in more than one quarter, and possibly a desperate call. Finances and Governments may reach a crisis. Individuals may feel the pinch of lost credit and financial strain. Shipping of all sorts may suffer, accidents occur in connection with it. A place of amusement may cause loss of life. Hospitals may be unusually busy. Merchants of all kinds will feel the effects of this square; exchange business will react keenly. Persons in high places will be hard put to keep the balance of their power. Again the potential influence of a child is evident in world affairs, and the death of a child may be the torch of revolutionizing the trend of events.

SECOND WEEK August 8th to 15th

The last aspects of this inflamed and violent period occur on the 8th when Mars opposes Uranus and Mercury squares Jupiter.

There is probably no aspect that touches all people as drastically as Mars in Scorpio opposite Uranus. It is an outpouring of tremendous power, of extreme tension, and it requires the utmost balance, the most spiritualized will power, the highest possible coordination, to continue an uninterrupted course through this cyclone. Mars was parallel Uranus on the 1st, so this influence has been tremendously strong from that date. The bitter denunciations of the past week may reach a point of physical attack; emotions may become so over-heated that all bonds of restraint are loosened, and an insanity of rashness may result.

Fire is the signature of this aspect. It is fiery feeling, impulse, decisions, and acts; it may also be literal fire which can cause terrific accidents and losses. At this time it appears that the entire weight of a consuming fire may be hurled against the status of conditions as they are; that people will rise in their wrath to dispose of persons who are antagonistic to them; that the point of the sword may be evident in world affairs. It indicates arguments of a very destructive kind, to overwhelming opposition where none had been expected; to a change of attitude that is dumbfounding. It will sweep away barriers that have been neatly established, and separate persons, and probably countries, in a sensational manner. Volcanoes and earthquakes may be destructive.

This is in fact the conclusion of a long train of events which have been piling up in various countries, in national and international relations, and now explodes. It also sets the stage for future actions that will start off at another tangent; for a new set of conditions that will have to be settled one way or another, and possibly with much suffering, unless they are grounded on truth and

reality.

The square of Mercury to Jupiter will add to the confusion and uncertainty. There will be a tendency on the part of some people to accept statements blindly, and on others to disbelieve everything. Between reports, slanders, and recriminations it will be almost impossible to get at the truth. News will be widely assertive, and more than one country will be involved in riotous action. Extreme nervousness may affect many people. Indiscretions of various sorts will be prevalent; from loose talk—or worse—to loose actions; from imprudence in eating, drinking, to actual illness induced by excesses.

Finances from the largest to the smallest scale may be affected. The gold standard gets another body blow. In banking, the stock exchanges, government action, or in individual cases, there is a very reactionary tendency. Traveling in any way may bring losses. Communications will be distorted or delayed. Naturally the less said or done the better.

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The scene changes on the 9th when the Sun comes to a conjunction with Mercury in 16 degrees of Leo. Here we have the Leonine forces taking possession of the field; of strong forces converging for concerted action. It is an aspect of great power for energizing human hearts and minds, and as it occurs on an explosive degree area, it indicates that very powerful forces will combine to start a new rationale of alignment.

It is a definite turn toward logical thought, decisions and action. It is a gathering up of forces that have been separated, a new beginning looking to a fixed goal. Important persons will act, and they will act with implacable determination. The lines will be taken

up, the course charted, and the way opened for important endeavors. Yesterday will have closed an era, today a new vista opens. Not only is there positive assurance, a large conviction, but the power to organize, control and govern conditions. People will become more ambitious, more persistent, but they will enlarge their ideas, mentally there will be a wider prospect, and they will intensively pursue their goal. While it is a mental aspect of great importance it includes high idealism and consistent faith in the outcome of new plans and actions.

Uranus is stationary in 5 degrees of Taurus on the 11th. This is the beginning of a retrograde movement which will last until January 11th. About the 9th of December it flares into action again, but for the most part this retrogradation gathers force for expression next year. The disruptions of the recent past will be disclosed as foundations in the future.

The Sun is parallel Jupiter also on the 11th, which adds to the prestige and power of the Sun in Leo, and to those conditions that are now moving forward. Persons in high places will have increased authority; while those of any importance will be more fully established.

On the 12th the Sun parallels Mars, which adds physical force, swift action and great energy to the movements now in progress.

Mars is trine to Saturn on the same day. This is a powerful aspect; it will tend to bring the left and right wings into unison, and to amalgamate widely separated forces. Coming as it does after the battles of the recent past, it indicates that the more conservative element will unite with the more radical, that together they will organize, adapt and control tremendous issues, concerning men, conditions and materials. It holds a quality of courageous action of forthright decisions, of enthusiastic enterprise in directing the movement of the world into more orderly channels. Hardship and difficulties will be disregarded, work will be planned and executed, lines will be formed, methods arranged, and forces put in mtoion that can endure any pressure. There is also the ability to be adaptable, to use foresight, to be tactful. Together with the strength, steadiness and action, there will be diplomacy and skill in estimating values, whether of men or things, or opponents or friends.

This trine was operative at the time of the Sun-Mercury conjunction on the 9th. It gave additional force to the mental energy of the plans and ideas, to the formulation of effort, and a determination of intensity that stimulated every action. Individually it gives people the power to express themselves in no uncertain fashion, to go ahead with plans, to dig down to the depths of their foundations and to rebuild a more solid structure of endeavor. It is a very important aspect

for overcoming adverse conditions of all kinds. It has a fixed star influence of beneficence and justice, of strong effort tempered with understanding. It may bring an astrologer very much to the fore in public estimation. It benefits all who do manual labor, who need physical prowess to succeed. It favors all business where large groups of men are employed, especially in mining, engineering, steel metals of all sorts, industrial plants, oil fields, or manufacturing. Further it is on a degree that promotes luxuries, entertainment, mixing freely with people, and should let down the bars between older, more conservative, and younger, more enthusiastic, people.

This trine is followed on the 13th by parallels of Mercury to Jupiter and Mars. Both are excellent indications that mental intensity and action is being focused on the matters at hand. That nervous energy is being used in beneficial ways, that spirits and health are growing better, and that people generally are

more hopeful and cheerful.

On the 14th Mars is parallel Jupiter. This inclines to much generosity, to even an extravagant attitude toward money or enthusiasms. It appears that success may be going to the head a trifle, and that people will feel excessively munificent, whether with reason or without.

As this is also the day of the full Moon these tendencies may have a good deal of latitude in expression. The opposition occurs on 20 degrees of Leo-Aquarius, which does not temper the high spirits of the day; as the degree is one of cheerfulness, humor, or even comedy. The full Moon is always extrovert, therefore it is a day when comedy may develop into horse-play, and roughness overcome the finer instincts. There is a tendency to wastefulness and extravagance of action as well as of spending; of emotions as well as in finance. It may be a cup running over, for it is the peak of an important period. In a world sense it appears that the difficulties and dangers of the earlier part of the month have been absorbed in fast action, in completing organization, in marshaling men and situations, and now there is a breathing space, a let-down of intensity, with a consequent taking-it-as-it-comes attitude.

THIRD WEEK August 16th to 23rd

There is a change in the mental trend on the 16th when Mercury moves into Virgo, which will increase attention to detail, and give a more discriminating outlook.

On the 17th Venus is stationary in 22 degrees of Virgo. This is important both on account of the fixed star influence and the degree area. Both point to strong passions, intense militancy, to an almost insane conception of power or position; to deception

that is prepared to go any length to gain its objective, and to being entirely deluded through love—whether this be love of self or another. Venus can be the planet of softness, of pliability, of cohesion of souls, hearts or bodies; but Venus can also be ruthless in that cohesion—or in the intent to gather all to herself. This appears to be the influence of the moment, and in world affairs it may mean that one person will attempt to arrogate to himself the powers of men and angels. Uncontrolled show of power will result in a smash.

Mercury trines Uranus on the 19th. Important plans will be made, ideas will be threshed out, new viewpoints outlined, and a mental stimulation will be invaluable in opening new avenues of progress. This is an aspect that quickens, fertilizes and activates the logical processes of the mind and greatly increases the intuition. It has, as always with Uranus, an original, inventive quality that discloses new methods, revolutionizes organization, and puts people in the mood for ventures along an unbeaten path. Ingenuity is a component part, the ability to discover new alignments; different sources of information or material, and to put things together in more varied ways.

It indicates that a spokesman will arise who will be popular and admired. That oratory will spread a new flame of propaganda; that a sudden and perhaps exciting moment will propel a possible unknown into the arena of the world. Unusual changes and decisions will be made in important circles. News will clear the way for further

progress.

At the same time the Sun is parallel Uranus, which lends dignity to the changes and decisions. Powerful people will give their support to new plans and ideas; energy and beneficence will add to the accomplishments

of the day.

The way, however, is not so open as it might be for on the 20th forces arise to rebut this flow of wit and intelligence. Mercury opposes Saturn. A stern countenance obstructs the passage of any further ideas until they more nearly approximate the limitation of that authority. In spite of the fact that every force seems to now conspire to develop new plans, to push forward into more glowing success, to disregard older formalities, and to find very wide boundaries for out-rushing expansion, Saturn has other Very imperious gestures may be exideas. hibited at this time by established Powers. Habit and custom demand deference. Decisions from important sources are halted, in regard to judicial, commercial, or political affairs. Papers, writings, agreements, may all be held up; agents, emmissaries, diplomats, need further information. A realignment must take place, a restatement of the case, a complete overhauling of fundamentals, oi

principles and procedure.

The realignment, restatement, or overhauling may be done with ease and rapidity if the new angles now apparent are taken advantage of. This opposition can be the end of a series of adjustments, and a point of

departure for further progress.

Even greater possibilities are conceded on the 22nd, by a sextile of Mars to Neptune. This gives the most far reaching plans and ideas a practical and powerful operative base. This is an aspect of great good fortune in world affairs, business, commerce, banking, financial markets generally, and should be of much assistance to the working classes in establishing their position on a firmer foundation. It is inspirational to a high degree, and will bring a new light to bear on many problems. It will energize all physical activities, as well as emotional response, in a dymanic fashion; all matters relating to pleasures or industry will be benefited. Army and Navy affairs, transportation (especially by air), merchants, exchange of all kinds, or-ganized labor and plans for social betterment will be active and successful. Determined individuals may suddenly reach a peak in their progress. Even the most idealistic or romantic plans are given a positiveness, a foundation of action, that would project them into material form. When idealism and action are united harmoniously, a tremendous step forward is taken, a further horizon breaks.

FOURTH WEEK August 24th to 31st

Mercury continues to be the formulating impulse in the affairs of the world when it conjuncts Neptune on the 24th. The intellectual forces of humanity are awake, the torch is being carried forward. The inspiration of Neptune will now have an avenue of expression in thought and words. The action that was generated under Mars will be announced. News will be exciting, while new projects may be disclosed for the betterment of many classes of people. Organized labor should have a great success, and any opposition under which they have suffered, or thought they have suffered, should be removed by this strength. Socialistic or communistic bodies should have much publicity. Aviation should have much attention and a big stride forward should be made by commercial carries in all countries. A notable flight may be made at this time. At the same time an insidious influence may be felt in the stock exchange, in agricultural matters, especially grains; while very clever brains will be inventing new devices for criminal activities.

As Mercury is parallel Neptune on the same

day the influence is heightened for action. Mentally it is a period of great stimulation, and all intellectual or artistic matters of any nature whatever, should have very large re-Politically it amalgamates people for highly socialized purposes. It decreases the power of any autocrat.

These implications are made all the more powerful and concrete on the 25th when Mercury sextiles Mars and Jupiter. Mentally it is directive, discriminating, alert; a large knowledge is evident, operating fully with physical prowess and endurance, and creating new avenues of wealth. It gives the ability to transmute conditions, to make the desert flower into gardens of beauty, as well as fill the granaries, the storehouses, of the world. Unusual and extended growth is in order.

Organized labor should also be in accord with the Powers that Be. Heads of organizations will work with those subservient to them; people in important positions will be receptive. Industry will cooperate with Intelligence, whether through the psychology of an individual or an organization. Legal matters may be adjusted with success; politics the world over may find a point of unison, an adjustment of ideas, of agreements, of material benefits than has existed for some

Transportation, radio, communications (postal or telegraphic) should receive tremendous impetus. Chemicals, oils and commodities generally should leap forward. Sports of all kinds should have unusual success; racing may produce unusual excitement and large revenues. The financial condition of many countries may be eased and adjusted; commerce between nations will take a much more optimistic trend. Individually people will respond to these influences by work, industry, insight, intelligence, and cooperation. Socially it is an excellent period.

On the 26th the Sun is parallel Saturn, which will give much stability to the influences. There will be a tendency to take all affairs very seriously, to get at the bottom of questions, to understand fundamentals. Digging in will be part of the day's work,

both high and low.

On the same day Mars conjuncts Jupiter. This is an important major aspect. The physical activity, the depth of feeling, the determination of ambition are enormous. There is no half-way business here; it is outspoken, decisive, with absolutely no notion of giving up an objective. Even if this entails argument, disputes, or rebellion, the purpose of either groups or individuals will be pushed with vigor. As the aspect occurs in Scorpio there may be plenty of subtlety involved, maneuvers and countering. But it will be the force behind great undertakings at this time, and will produce unusual capacity to achieve regardless of opposition. As Mars and Jupiter have been within close orb of a conjunction since the 16th and will be until the 31st, these influences will add greatly to the power

of the entire period.

In addition to the purely "follow through" force that is indicated, there is also self-reliance, of originality in formulating new conceptions, of taking them up with enthusiasm and developing new undertakings. gives freedom of expression, of launching out on new adventures with every intention, and every ability, to succeed. Shipping and travel, business, science and the theatre will be particularly benefited. Bans will be lifted, bars will be removed, servitude will be overcome and a sense of bondage will be served. It brings a new focus, a new alignment of international policies, from which a steader outlook in world affairs may evolve.

Mercury conjuncts Venus on the 28th. This makes tangible the result of industry, processes, creative ability, or intellectual effort, by producing money, property or possessions. It is the signature of material success, and it should bring personal popularity and social recognition as well. Money will be obtained through pleasures, entertainment, luxuries; through marriage, friendships, relatives, by writings, wit, or art. It brings the good cheer that is induced by actual demonstration of prosperity, by having the bird in hand!

The new Moon also occurs on the 28th in 4 degrees of Virgo. This indicates a definite trend toward method and precision in thought and acts; it will add order and system to affairs generally; it increases independence and self-reliance to some extent, but it will above all bring in a quality of ingenuity, of intuition, that will be helpful in making the most

of conditions.

While the new Moon is in opposition to Saturn, it is trine to Uranus. Business, labor, politics, and health conditions in the United States should take on a new aspect, renewed vitality and a strong forward impulse during the coming month. Brokers and bankers should benefit. Increased activity in all lines of industry should leap into action, while the financial outlook is excellent. This is really a psychological development; a turn of mass thought to more constructive channels, a movement toward more restrained yet

substantial living. The Sun trines Uranus on the 29th. Here is the diplomatic approach, the ability to secure ends through intuitive insight, of getting at conditions by ascertaining the motives behind them; of thorough understanding. The objective will be achieved by conscious effort, intelligently directed and energetically pursued. It is sound, but original; it shows intensive production, but on a wide scale. In business, commerce and finances this should have an excellent effect; reforms will be instituted, new methods introduced, new machinery installed, and a wide output of goods, merchandise, equipment of all kinds will begin. Any changes, moves, fresh starts made at this time should result most fortunately.

This trine is pointed off by a parallel of Mercury to Venus, which brings the most or-dinary conditions into a satisfactory and happy solution. Domestic life, working conditions, transportation, accumulation, material benefits, personal success and affluence will mount harmoniously.

On the 30th the Sun opposes Saturn. This should complete the series of excellent aspects since the 9th. It should put the finishing touch of formed agreements; it should bring considerable worldly success, and unite more iconiclastic ideas with organization and purpose. It is an aspect of having come through difficulties, of obstacles, and achieving hard earned success. That is, to those who have really worked toward that end; who have been logical, patient and enduring in their progress. To others it may be the end of an experiment in easy living, in allowing the tide to flow out with no effort to draw in their own fish. The line of demarcation is clearly drawn; it points to the saturation peak, to the culmination of older conditions; of situations changing decidedly and swiftly—for bet-ter or worse according to merit. This inter or worse according to merit. fluence may have been felt on the 26th, when the parallel was in force, if so this is the formality of withdrawal, the actual event will already have taken place.

The last aspect of the month is on the 31st when Venus sextiles Mars. This brings the heart and hand into perfect play; the emotions will find an outlet through intensive activity; through normal channels of expression, and through service of the larger sort. There will be no question of temporizing with life, of playing with Fate. It is only to be up and doing that will count, and practically everyone will feel the energy generated under this. Health, spirits, interests, will have increased vitality; courage and kindliness will cooperate to win out in any battle, social affairs and martial matters will be arm in arm with

brilliant results.

Mars in Scorpio is no mean General, and he is the directive head in this campaign. There is skill and craftsmanship in the degree area; the ability to see a long way ahead, and a long way underneath, any situation. There is intensity of effort, and de-termined resistance to any opposition. People will work with vim and intelligence to achieve their own ends. It brings the work that Mars has done during the month to a satisfactory culmination; for while this physical force, this energy in motion and insistence for action that has been prevalent all month, may have been reactionary during the first eight days, from that time on it has built consistently toward firmer ground and more secure foundations.

August Forecast

Day by Day

Thursday 7:06 A. M. Mercury ruler

August 1st: Very spirited influences make this a day to do things; to push conditions and events into new grooves, to move people and things out of ruts into more dynamic paths. People will take up the daily task with vigorous intent, with an ability to accomplish various activities in short order. Business will be attended to, sports will have plenty of devotees. Let's go! will be the cry. There is also an influence of unexpected success, of exhilaration through unusual contacts, and of having conditions more more rapidly and happily than was thought possible. It is a day to arrange personal matters and to "get set" for the coming week. The evening grows rather heavy; if tiredness is a good antidote for insomnia, this should be it.

Friday 8:05 A. M. Mercury ruler

August 2nd: A morning that may bring strange impulses. There is a feeling of unreality, of being on top of the wave, but also a subtle feeling that it is very hollow underneath. The aspects are idealistic, optimistic, and if they are used to further practical matters may be very beneficial, for these may be accomplished with little effort. The afternoon develops slight nervousness; small irritations may occur, small mishaps, errors and losses. It is a time to go slowly, to watch for mistakes, to be careful of sharp words, statements, all writings or communications. Conferences are apt to get embroiled, and agreements be broken. No arguments should be entered into, no sudden changes made, nor rashness in action of any kind ventured, especially as the evening comes on. In a quiet and intimate way the evening can be very happy; domestic affairs go smoothly, social affairs are a success, but it ends on an abrupt and impulsive note, which should be absolutely controlled. Unpremeditated action could bring serious losses, as well as accidents.

Saturday 9:03 A. M. Mercury ruler

August 3rd: A sense of humor might be cultivated today with excellent results, particularly if it were blended with insight, sympathy and patience. All of these qualities may be at a premium. The air is teeming with cut-throat ideas, words, and accompanying gestures. The deeply stirred emotions of the past week have reached a boiling point, with the steam blowing off the top. This is the

center of a devastating period which is piling up mental and emotional tempers and temperament to an unprecedented degree. News will be torrid, orators will be vehement, actions will be rash, and there will be little consideration for feelings or facts. Inferiors will fly in the face of superiors, and physical hurt could result, as well as lost positions or prestige. In addition to the larger emphasis of uncontrolled utterance, the day is full of lesser casualties which are the outcome of impulsiveness, errors, fraud, and imposition. It is a day and a period to proceed calmly in any direction, to make no changes that have not been planned duly, or that may be executed in orderly fashion. Children and health should be guarded, as well as all travel.

Sunday 10:02 A. M. Venus ruler

August 4th: Some good news may simmer in the morning prints, some new ideas may ease the tension of nerves, a fresh outlook may brighten the earlier hours, but it is rather false optimism, and too much weight should not be put on those ideas or feelings. For an even more imperative conflict may darken the air; the forces of mental aberration are stronger. All the dust raised by accusations, recriminations, the verbal brick-bats, and spear-heads of attack, may resolve itself into a sea of mud before it is settled. A voice may be heard crying in the wilderness, and it can be heard around the world. It is a day of tenseness that explodes in words and action through anger; of passions that know no control and of sudden intemperance that may have dis-astrous endings. Nerves will be strained and physical reactions may be serious under opposition. The evening lessens the tension somewhat, but it is still a time to be cautious, discreet and most circumspect in any and all actions.

Monday 11:02 A. M. Venus ruler

August 5th: The movement of today is rather desultory, but there is still a tension in the air. It will be difficult to attend to any serious business with any continuity of purpose. Energy, physically or mentally, is lacking. In any case it is a time to go slowly, to be sure of the road, and to examine the brakes, the gas and oil. There is an unsteadiness of nerves and emotions that may have strange reactions; sudden tightening, a forced stop, may cause loss. Some anxiety may be manifest, worry over health, while any trou-

bles may assume undue proportions. Only the integrity of character can carry on the industries of the time with thoroughness. The evening is quiet. Rest and relaxation should be fully indulged in order to establish a stronger morale, a better health condition ,and a calm mental outlook.

Tuesday 12:03 P. M. Pluto ruler

August 6th: There is plenty of energy today, but it is too erratic, too forceful, and too combative. There are serious tremors of a coming strain, a feeling that the entire earth is being torn between opposing forces. vidually the aspects may react in unpremeditated moves, in speeding toward an objective when it would be much wiser to stand still, or proceed very slowly; while crises may arise among associates. Strangers will not be felicitous; persons met today will be inimical to the best interests. Romance will snap over the smallest jealousy-or demands. Bohemian tendencies may degenerate into riotous actions. The evening should be used to gather together all lines of action, to stabilize the position and the health; to quietly adjust the mental focus, the heart and the soul to that inner strength that is the basis of power-which reacts as inner coordination and outer poise.

Wednesday 1:06 P. M. Pluto ruler

August 7th: Information may be disappointing this morning; news may not be at all satisfactory. Nervousness is still apparent. In spite of this there is a wave of ease, of relaxation and of uplift; but it could be quickly dissipated by the effort to keep going. Superiors and associates are in a mood to dispute anything, while domestic affairs are tangled and unhappy. There will be a tendency to arrange finances, to curb expenses, and to start new ventures, but the influences are too unfavorable for such action to be completed, once they are started. Only routine matters should be attended to. The evening brings much trouble and difficulty over finances, social affairs and important contacts. There is a confusion and uncertainty about people and situations that had best be avoided. Treachery and deception should also be guarded against in all matters.

Thursday 2:10 P. M. Jupiter ruler

August 8th: The end of a series of movement. The high crisis of very far-reaching consequences. Conditions that have been strained, unsatisfactory, or difficult, will now be terminated, or finally adjusted, in a most unexpected and dramatic fashion. Former conditions will be entirely broken, changes may be forced, and a new outlook—mental, emotional or physical, suddenly take the place of the old one. Accidents, violence and drastic situations would be prevented by the utmost caution. Romance may go into the discard completely. The scene is further com-

plicated by the possibility of very grave errors in judgment, much difficulty over finances, and a very treacherous undercurrent. It is a time to make no decision or moves; not to become involved in any altercation, nor to antagonize superiors. Any indiscretion may result in scandal, libel or serious financial embarrassment. All writings, papers, records, should be in order; promises of any kind should be made or received with a very large IF attached. The evening is expensive and boring.

Friday 3:13 P. M. Jupiter ruler

August 9th: The morning will find stiff opposition from implacable forces; high and low they are marshalled against action. Older people will be most unsympathetic, while older conditions will appear insurmountable. Any effort to evade facing the issue will result in very treacherous situations; any attempt to elude persons will only result in falling into a trap set by others. It is an entire day of battling seen and unseen forces. It is no time to start anything, to face each moment as it arrives, and to look for the light. For there arrives, and to look for the light. For there is a light shining, and it is growing brighter; a new radiance that will illumine the way. The Sun conjuncts Mercury and there is a tremendous uplift; it will show how the changes of the past few days may be adjusted satisfactorily. The mind and the heart is freed of heavy burdens a prescript feet. of heavy burdens, a new vista opens, a fresh avenue of success and opportunity is presented. Persons will come to agreements, barriers will be removed. Important persons will cooperate with lesser people to the benefit of all; superiors will unbend to a marked degree. Tonight is the beginning of new efforts. An evening to step up and out.

Saturday 4:11 P. M. Jupiter ruler

August 10th: There are still plenty of knots to be untied, snarls to be unraveled, but they will not be so difficult now. However, this morning is fine to take time out for attending to details, to put the house in order (business or domestic, mental or emotional); and to be undisturbed by fractious people or conditions. There is a tendency to hurry through, to answer too quickly, and possibly too shortly. Family affairs, heart interests, or intimate friends may be disappointing, and disagreements may be sharp. Engagements go wrong, or may be more expensive than they are worth. The afternoon is static, nothing comes to a head, or develops one way or an-A good time to relax and be undisturbed; to quietly pick up the pieces, to find out exactly what is what within your own cosmos, and to reach a point of departure. The evening tends to small difficulties, to disturbed digestion, to social embarrassments that may be due to bad taste.

Sunday 5:03 P. M. Saturn ruler

August 11th: Early morning has a hangoverish feeling; please-do-not-disturb signs should be used freely. But it quickly grows more lively. Contacts personally or through messages give a zip to the feelings, the air clears, the mind comes to with a click, and up and at 'em is the echo. An excellent day for sports, for entertainment, artistic ventures, and also for business if it can be gotten at. Important persons will be most affable, and any connection with leaders in business or society should lead to promotion or elevation. Health should improve, while a feeling of steadiness and poise should carry all matters along. Things begun today should have continuity and show excellent results. It is a day to be made to count in almost every direction. The evening has largesse of fortune through inspiration and effort, through intellectual channels and contacts with persons who can bestow large benefits.

Monday 5:47 P. M. Saturn ruler

August 12th: A strong and enterprising day. The force that is generated is, for the most part, ably planned and well directed. Effort should be put forward with no loss of time; no grass should be allowed to grow under lagging feet. Matters that have been held in suspension, conditions that have not been ripe, should now find the moment for execution. People will be able to get together on almost any subject—politics, business, love, sports. There is an accord that carries everything along to completion. A minor warning says do not be carried away too far with enthusiasm; do not allow courage to become rashness, nor take chances that would endanger health. The evening has a sneaking trail of duplicity; people will say things—or do things—from envy or malice. But the strength of the day is still there and should over-ride any lesser influences.

Tuesday 6:25 P. M. Uranus ruler

August 13th: Rising and shining should easy on the carry-over from yesterday. Affairs should be gotten at early, details attended to, a routine established, plans made and carried out simply and methodically. For the pressure suddenly becomes acute; a small explosion, an accident, a few short words, and life becomes feverish and hectic. The trick of remaining balanced on the track is lost; feeling overturns the rhythm. Movement is much too rapid for calm, cool judgment; emotions are much too hot for an August day. The result could be quarrels, or even further losses through uncontrolled action. The past may rise up like a boomerang, matters that were thought settled, or in process of being settled, may suddenly erupt, causing a good deal of confusion. New conditions may arise that will be just as disturbing. No chances should be made that can be avoided. Discussions and conferences may mark the evening, but great watchfulness should be used in all situations, but especially in those that relate to finances.

Wednesday 6:58 P. M. Uranus ruler

August 14th: The full Moon, which may bring all the excess feeling of the previous two weeks into open action. Underlying influences, emotions that have been suppressed, words that have not been said, actions that have been restrained, may now burst into vivid utterance and complete expression. These can, of course, settle many matters, the storm may clear the air, the cobwebs may be blown away. But it will take some tact and delicacy, true understanding and sympathy to have them resolved into perfectly satisfactory situations now, or into progressive conditions later. Especial care should be taken of words, spoken or written; communications, travel or changes. It is a time when payment will be demanded for promises that have been made; explana-tions will be required for actions that need a good deal of explaining. Finances may be involved to a large extent. The evening may be exciting and adventurous, new plans and ideas may open the way considerably, but secret matters should be left cold.

Thursday 7:29 P. M. Neptune ruler

August 15th: Fast action has a sound foundation and a steady flow that should accomplish wonders. People confer to advantage, unexpected meetings and communications bring excellent information, new plans and a much better outlook. Conditions that eventuated yesterday-no matter what the outcomecan be furthered today with great success. People that were divided, situations that were terminated, may now release energy to be devoted to other interests. These interests will crop up on every hand and they should be taken at their face value, and pushed. There is caution in the air, perhaps a tendency to pull back, not to take the opportunities that arise, but while the caution is excellent as ballast, it should not prevent action. Sports, physical activity, industry, should all progress admirably. The evening needs careful attention to diet, as well as to straightforward, honest motives and actions. Intrigues will rebound very badly. People who are dependable may find some valuable gems right in their hands; their plans should progress finely.

Friday 7:58 P. M. Neptune ruler

August 16th: Keep the road straight before you, is the slogan for today. Something is a little wabbly—maybe it's the Driver! It is no time to start off on a new tangent, nor to try out fresh experiences on either people or things. Just the same routine, careful attention to details, and progress through calm action. Family or domestic affairs need especial emphasis on thoughtful consideration. Demands will be made, wants will be vociferous, but there's no need to get excited. Women may be particularly affected. They will expect very special attention, they will ask very special favors, and they will be very

specially provoked by any lack of either. Business may not go so smoothly, definite opposition may arise between associates and friends. Trivial accidents may occur. The evening may bring contacts with strangers, unusual ideas, or new plans; none of these may work out happily, while any arguments might cause losses.

Saturday 8:27 P. M. Mars ruler

August 17th: A rather negative day. Conditions may move fairly well in the morning, when there is some energy of action in mind and body, but it becomes quite stagnant as the day moves on. A tendency to escape work, to elude situations, or to say things that are not strictly correct may be evident. These errors may be premeditated or not, but they will cause confusion either way. Only the most ordinary things should be attended to, and time out taken for complete rest. Love may make especial demands in the evening, but no one else seems able to withstand the wilted feeling of this night; therefore Love may be left flaming all alone. There just doesn't seem to be anybody around to respond to the ecstasy of Venus.

Sunday 8:59 P. M. Mars ruler

August 18th: Not a very satisfactory day. Although there is enough movement, or attempts at movement. But there is also stoppage, a dead end that gets nowhere. Messages, news, information, are rather annoying. Invitations are only upsetting. A feeling of having missed something—of a lost opportunity—keeps nagging at the mind. But pep arises as the Sun sets, and opportunity may be found around any corner. Kindliness, friendship, generosity once more become apparent. Social affairs should be very successful. However, any suggestion of gossip, jealousy, or any nefarious dealings in either business or love should be instantly checked. Careful of diet.

Monday 9:35 P. M. Venus ruler

August 19th: Here is a day! Things move! And in the right direction, with speed, ease and intelligence. People will find that they can express their ideas and thoughts quickly and accurately; that they will find response in many quarters. Plans go forward with no trouble; news and communications create a fine feeling of getting somewhere. Strangers will prove to be friends, and contacts with older associates will be beneficial. Brand new propositions may make this a red-letter day. Conferences or agreements should move with great rapidity to very fortunate conclusions. It is a day to start things for success, for it not only has power, energy, and determination in completing older plans, but it opens new channels of distribution for ideas and goods; while underneath it all is stability and fundamental soundness. The evening grows slightly

rash under such impetuosity, but in any event it should be romantic and inspiring.

Tuesday 1017 P. M. Venus ruler

August 20th: The agreements of yesterday, the affairs begun, the progress made, should all be signed, sealed and delivered today, and the earlier the better. The aspects show substantial growth, harmony and strong attraction between persons having a common goal; however, it is possible that other persons will not see eye to eye with all this festive progress. Jealousy is easily aroused today, while those who cannot advance by any other means—by staunch attention to business, honesty of effort and application—may try fraud and deception. It is not the day to make a change of plans, ideas or person. Steady on, is the motto. As the day progresses people will have a tendency to become over-strained, nervous and irritable; thus may overturn all the good that has been effected. If these conditions are prevented mental action should become strongly focused and powerfully magnetic. The evening might be spent alone to the best advantage.

Wednesday 11:04 P. M. Mercury ruler

August 21st: A very complex day, and one that may test the innate ability of many people to keep their minds and senses controlled and active. It is one of the most important days of the month, and can create a magnetic current of success in any form of art, inspiration, or even industry. Enormous prosperity can come from the transactions of today; personal popularity may find an audience that sweeps into large fields of activity and great publicity. Mars sextiles Neptune, and pushes forward the limit to the exciting possibilities that may arise from the events now in process. Fate may take a hand in many lives. Emotional stimulation may find a thrilling outlet and happiness be found in an amazing way. But the mental outlook is erratic, nerves are under pressure; speech is far from being controlled, while travel, communications, writings, should have the utmost care to prevent loss. Anything from small spite to wholesale robberies will have leeway. A day to be positive, generous, honest; to enjoy thoroughly, but with circumspection.

Thursday 11:57 P. M. Mercury ruler

August 22nd: Today sweeps forward under the same influences, but apparently the lines are not so sharply drawn between the sheep and the wolves. People who were not affected yesterday become involved, perhaps embroiled, in the swift rush of events. Perhaps there has been too much talk, entirely too many inuendoes, or even actual wrongdoing. It is a time to believe nothing, to say nothing, and to do nothing that is not thoroughly understood by all concerned. The ground is much too treacherous. A sudden and unexpected impulse may plunge people

into abrupt action which might be immediately repented, but alas! it might also be too late; for quarrels, animosities and separations may ensue without loss of time. Conditions are upset, and persons who are not very stable in their emotions will be extreme in their reactions. The evening is not good for social matters, travel or changes.

Friday

August 23rd: Conditions are retrieved to a great extent, a new note is struck, a fresh angle of procedure is presented, and a sudden development pushes situations and people into a different alignment. Work is taken up with enthusiasm and affairs go smoothly toward a A slight tendency to overstrain new success. credit should be toned down. Routine should be attended to with care, and speed should be regulated, if proper thought is taken excellent progress can be made in business, in professional matters and in all domestic affairs. Important people will be interested and inter-The evening may bring strangers together in romantic meetings, unexpected success may crown the efforts of old and young, while mental stimulation should promote all interests.

Saturday 0:56 A. M. Moon ruler

August 24th: A day when everything clicks. When all the pieces fall in place. Bygones are by-gones for the time, and everybody moves on toward the desire of their hearts. Business, if any, should be very successful. Finances are on the up-grade. But the pleasures of life seem to be paramount. There is a steady trend under a wave of happiness, excitement and joy that keeps all mat-ters going smoothly. News and information should be excellent; agreements made or contracts signed should be most fortunate. Artistic matters have splendid influences. Sports are active and successful; social matters important and profitable. Any business transacted in connection with pleasure should bring big rewards. Personal popularity will gain many friends. The evening brings influences that are not so dependable; tempers and temperaments are not under good control; hencetongues wagging.

Sunday 1:57 A. M. Moon ruler

August 25th: People will feel pretty pleased with themselves this morning, and why not? It's a great day. Of course this may not prevent certain jealousies, nor keep some people from being a tiny bit sick because they haven't got as much as others—or have had more than others! But they are a small minority; for the most part everyone will take time by the forelock; write, travel, play, work (if possible); anything to use all the energy of mind and body to get the very best possible out of the splendid influences. It is a powerfully mental day, and all activi-

ties connected with intellectual matters, anything that needs good head work, should be unusually successful. Financial affairs should be most satisfactory. Any agreements reached should bring most fortunate returns. News and messages may be inspiring, leading the way to larger efforts and greater rewards. It should be the beginning of very large operations on a big scale in many ways for many people, and those who take advantage of it should prosper. Some care for duplicity is necessary in the evening.

Monday 2:58 A. M. Sun ruler

August 26th: Small obstructions, unnecessary delays, slight hindrances, may be the minor influences of today. But they should be washed out completely by the major aspect of Mars conjunct Jupiter. This has been in of Mars conjunct Jupiter. This has been in force for several days and as an underlying trend is part of the power sweeping all before it, so this is an important period for objective expression. The difficulty will be to hold conditions in line, not to allow energy to be dissipated in furious effort, nor to plunge into schemes, plans nor action unless they are thoroughly organized and basically sound. "Taking a flyer" may make a one point landingin anything. Extravagance in money, promises, acts or speech may bring drastic failure in short order. Accidents should be most carefully avoided; family dissension should be deleted by good sense. Those who have the ability to keep right on up the big road, to control their actions, can make a killing. Persons who can unite a large viewpoint with active industry; who are not afraid to work for what they get, may start to achieve wealth on a super-scale. The evening is quiet.

Tuesday 3:59 A. M. Sun ruler

August 27th: This will be a test of the soundness of principle, of control in action and of organized planning. For the morning brings short orders: Pay up! Those who cannot produce the goods—in any way, from promises to money—will be on the spot. In fact, all they thought they had yesterday may flee as a bird, or go up in smoke. Fate is playing a trick, and it may seem a very cruel one to those who have not integrity and common sense; to those who know they have to produce in order to receive. In any case this is a day to go slowly, to take it as it comes; to pay, if possible, but in no instance to be filled with pride, nor to gloat over the misfortunes of another. Conditions gradually improve as the day passes; the tension lessens, the accidental tendency is relieved, and conditions become more normal. The evening may bring utter weariness, but at best it is heavy and tiresome.

Wednesday 4:59 A. M. Sun ruler

August 28th: A bright and cheerful day, when most of the human race will respond to

mental and emotional stimulation of the happiest kind. Friends, families, associates will be most helpful and understanding. Partners of any relationship will be mutually beneficial. Money, possessions, worldly goods, will increase very gratifyingly. Things bought today should be a matter of pride for a long time. Parties, gatherings, meetings, whether planned or not, should be keen, witty, charming, and promote the interests of all involved. Social affairs generally will be the means of elevating popularity to a new high. Business of all kinds should be very successful, merchants may find it a banner day. News, communications and agreements should be of a successful nature. The evening may be quite romantic, with a little warning to be discreet.

Thursday 5:58 A. M. Mercury ruler

August 29th: The morning gets off to a rather poor start, some obstacle stubbornly refuses to move itself out of the way. But once it is removed, everything picks up wonderfully, and Luck may drop out of the skies. Any sort of an association that is formed today should result brilliantly. People of large caliber will be looking for persons whom they can trust and promote; strangers will hand out solid ideas of great value; old friends will turn up with money to repay loans, a dividend comes through, and love may be tremendously thrilling. Romance, inspiration, finances, Opportunity like a rolling hoop, all come on the scene as if from a magic wand. Contacts made today, offers, agreements, should all be extremely successful. Social affairs, entertainments, intellectual matters of every sort, should create the most fortunate impression. Big people and big ideas will find the right avenues of expansion. The evening is no less kind, in fact all of these conditions may be brought to a focus and given full expression through the events and situations that arise at that time.

Friday 6:56 A. M. Mercury ruler

August 30th: A time to pull everything together, to gather up all the loose ends, to tie them securely with forethought, insight, wisdom and love. This is one of those peaks of effort, those moments of re-establishing inner and outer stability by taking stock of one's own capacities as well as one's own possessions. From this day on for awhile at least, the pressure is less. Some matters are released, some situations are concluded. Any statements made, records compiled, letters written, or any matters attended to in business, family or personal life, should be accurate, correct, and finished. No depression should be allowed to cloud the activities, and no terminations should be considered as obstacles—or lack—in looking to the future. What is discarded here is better left behind. Money and associations should be handled

with tact but firmness. Leave no loose ends. The evening has a strong note of finality.

Saturday 7:54 A. M. Venus ruler

August 31st: A day of sports, activity, bright hopes, love and happiness. The last long week end of the summer begins under the best possible aspects for mirth, festivity, gaiety, good health and good spirits. Just the tiniest warning is given to be careful of money, either in small losses or in irritations over unnecessary costs. Also the hilarity may become slightly rough in its unleashed movement. With any sort of control, poise, or consideration, this day should bring new friends, associates, playmates together, while families and older friends may join in a joyous playtime. There is inspiration in the air as well as through healthy exercise. There is a feeling of opening avenues of expression, of finding new paths, new loves and new heavens. The evening is more quiet but it may be especially successful in establishing the triumphs of the day. People high and low will respond to its felicity.

LADDER MYSTERY

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as that of Bachman! It is not injustice to deny *liberty* to a man of this type, pending a complete, satisfactory story. But I am sure you would not rest easy in your conscience if death put a finish to a case like this which will probably remain a mystery in the minds of millions until such evidence is found!"

He pressed his hands to his temples. Kennedy was silent. Finally the Governor looked up. "Kennedy," he said slowly, "you may be right. You are right as to my conscience. In view of the errors at the trial—and your doubts shown by Astrology—I believe it will do the cause of criminology a distinct disservice if this man goes to the chair! You have given my mind the one fillip necessary to swing me over. I will commute his sentence to life!"

"Thank you, Governor." Kennedy reached out and grasped the Governor's hand. "Let me congratulate you! I can assure you that you have opened up a new era for scientific criminology!"

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ARIES

The month of August for those born March 21 to April 20

This month can be divided into two periods: the first corresponding roughly to the waxing, the second to the waning of the moon. During the fortnight of the moon's increase a strenuously expansive and somewhat disruptive series of aspects are in operation bringing in conflict Mars, Jupiterthe Sun and Mercury-and Uranus. It is a period of expanded vision, devotional faith and broad realizations in all matters concerning your soul, your home, everything from the basis of which you act. But the danger attending this fortnight is one of mental unbalance, of sharp though largely hidden enmity from your close environment, of misuse of creative power. You are likely to make extravagant claims for divine inspiration and to get a good case of swollen ego. You will court social approval by pushing yourself up in a more or less blatant way. Self gratification is to be avoided and all forms-mostly the very subtle and subconscious ones-of self-aggrandizement.

On the other hand if you can manage to keep your inflationary tendencies in check, it would be a valuable time for intense creative effort, for steady work:—in general for forcing into concrete manifestation a cosmic vision: that which has emerged out of the powerful storm of last month.

The second part of the month, up to the very last day, is much the opposite of the first. It is definitely Saturnian in its trend, even though there is still a strong undertone of Martian-Jupiterian forces stimulating, almost congesting, the intellect and the relation to the immediate environment. As the moon decreases therefore, consolidate your gains-if the waxing fortnight has been constructive; or sober up-if it has been a grand blow-up. It is a time for the development of consciousness on all planes. The main danger to avoid is a mix-up of subjective and objective values. Keep your self and the world separate. In other words, no intoxication.

July 30 to August 7

A week for man, the puny earth-creature, to worship the greatness of the Creator, to expand into His infinitude. This is a tremendous call for prayer. Look up unto the hills whence comes salvation. Look up to the stars. But let not your mind be shaken by the revelation. So much ecstasy may come that you may be overwhelmed. Therefore work; bring the vision outward. Do not lose yourself in meditation. Stick to the earth and the concrete. Your business partners are peculiar: I would not trust them much. Do not sit still, dreaming. Do not travel.

August 7 to August 14

Beware of blowing soap-bubbles, and especially of blowing yourself skyward: the worst bubble of all. Your mind has a tendency to separate into spiritual and personal. The first, a lovely dream; the second, a hectic mess. Keep integrated. Keep sharply concrete and rigidly steady. You can make such a fool of yourself, this week. Finances are excellent: dangerously good, in your present mood.

August 14 to August 21

Your mind has become more active and much more steady. In fact something may have given you a cold shower. It did you good. But you need another one, by next week. You can now express yourself with less chance of overdoing it. Do not listen too much to friends or marriage-partner. Be yourself—but be concrete, precise about it. Common sense is worth gold to you. Restrain yourself.

August 21 to August 31

While there is a new lunation August 29 the cycle runs undisturbed up to an opposition of Sun to Saturn on the 31st. You again tend to swell up considerably: especially intellectually. You must assert yourself mentally; it is true. But keep within good measure. Don't become an intellectual snob. There is much going on through the mails, for and from you. And your husband?

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Aug. 1—ruler Mercury. Magnetic day for quiet private dealings; tension from a distance, and with respect to associates and partners; personal plans go forward.

Aug. 2—ruler Mercury. Ask and it shall be given unto you; you're favored by the world today—go ahead with your plans. Look out for friends with fancy ideas—they mean well but they're geared too high.

Aug. 3—ruler Mercury. Watch the bank roll, for it shows a tendency to roll away. Extravagant social matters cost plenty. Work favored—catch up details.

Aug. 4—ruler Venus. Partners propose unwise investments; good times are costly. Inflated schemes stretch your resources. Watch health;—have a good time, in private.

Aug. 5—ruler Venus. Keep your own counsel today— don't let the excitement around you get on your nerves—keep cool.

Aug. 6—ruler Pluto. Whoopee! Here's energy enough to blow up a battleship. Keep away from the big-wigs—they're full of trouble, and anxious to spread it. Relax; lie low.

Aug. 7—ruler Pluto. Business proposition in your favor—your energy is good, your magnetism high. Go ahead.

Aug. 8—ruler Jupiter. Don't let the Home Blue get you—get away; travel, write, correspond, publicity and things at a distance favor you.

Aug. 9—ruler Jupiter. Excellent day for progress—plan privately for very good development. Things begun today mature quickly and favorably superiors help; seek them out.

Aug. 10—ruler Jupiter. Social tension—keep away from Romance, however luring it looks. Position strong—you can improve it here by attention to business.

Aug. 11—ruler Saturn. Mental tension—good Sunday to take a little trip, and relax.

Aug. 12—ruler Saturn. Finances getting muddled, but this is a temporary worry only. Skip it.

Aug. 13—ruler Saturn-Uranus. A treacherous position is held in line by a strong associate—but watch yourself for over-optimistic plans emanating from superiors.

Aug. 14—ruler Saturn-Uranus. Depressing business here; energies low; avoid personal matters—objectify.

Aug. 15-ruler Neptune. Treason, strata-

gems, and spoils! Don't believe what you hear, and do as little as possible.

Aug. 16—ruler Neptune. Employment and business strong. Money through an associate; watch extravagance.

Aug. 17—ruler Pluto. Secret matters advance your financial interests; keep your own counsel, and your feet on the ground.

Aug. 18—ruler Pluto. Employment matters powerfully in your favor; your environment is lucky—grasp opportunities here.

Aug. 19—ruler Venus. Touch and go! Very jittery influence—hold in the nerves; social tension worrisome.

Aug. 20—ruler Venus. Stick to home and mother—your base of operations is firm; avoid superiors; work!

Aug. 21—ruler Mercury. Haste of speech and action trip you up; be skeptical and silent; guard health from nerves.

Aug. 22—ruler Mercury. Intellectual matters favored; correspondence and conference advance interests.

Aug. 23—ruler Mercury. Seek advice from social contacts—good times advance your interests—friends valuable.

Aug. 24—ruler Moon. Social power! You meet valuable people who will be eager to help you. Women favor you.

Aug. 25—ruler Moon. Something in your career develops swiftly here—keep your head and all goes well.

Aug. 26—ruler Sun. Chance at good sound business proposition, which excites you no end. Sound judgment and restraint make this a progressive day—nerves kill it.

Aug. 27—ruler Sun, Luck camps on your doorstep—and should be invited in. Home visitors bring good news.

Aug. 28—ruler Sun. Business activity excellent—a strong associate is dour, but well-intentioned; humor him.

Aug. 29—ruler Mercury. Start new ventures slowly and with tact; everything pulls for you today—guard your speech.

Aug. 30—ruler Mercury. Sign agreements make contacts; deal privately and with discretion; details assist aims.

Aug. 31—ruler Venus. Financial power through private contacts—work in secret; watch expenditures—there's a lavish influence here which restraint makes profitable. Sell, don't buy.

TAURUS

The month of August for those born April 20 to May 21

The month divides itself into two periods: the first of an expansive Jupiterian nature; the second of a more Saturnian character. The first is however expansive with a vengeance. It is a potentially regenerative type of expansion-something similar to what occurs when wounded tissues heal. They swell up under the inrush of blood summoned for the healing. The same is true psychologically. Psychic functions act almost like tissues. When you try to cure someone of a "complex," everything around the complex becomes stirred up, and the patient feels usually much worse for a while. It is the "healing crisis" known especially to naturopaths. Sometimes you might stand the illness, but die of the healing! But maybe your soul feels so happy, that it does not care . . . -yes?

Last month's regenerative quality is affecting this month too; but the congestive-healing process is added. You are understanding much better what is happening. Now it is almost: "has happened." Friends have very much to do with your life, early this month. They may even have—with your money. I mean, taking it . . . the surplus . . . from you. Of course your and their ideas of a "surplus" may not coincide. Your business partners have been very upsetting too; but it was all for the good of your soul—so they say anyway.

The main thing for you now is not to cling to old limitations or to think that the "new" has no limitations at all. You have to exert yourself in an effort to give true and objective valuations to everything. Do not start the month by being vague and dreamy. If you have any artistic tendencies, make them fructify in every possible way. Great collective vistas and traditions have fascination for you. Forget those. Be an individual. Not through reckless action but in consciousness. Use your intellect. It is in magnificent shape. But use it quietly, with restraint.

July 30 to August 7

You are very much involved in hopes and ideals. They are stirring you to test and to question your traditions, your possessions, your associates. Last month's process is still going on. But your mind is now almost torn by the strain. At the same time, being weary, you would love to dream, to be in a monastery and where there is peace, certainty, and golden bubbles floating around. Wake up from the dream or the meditation. Exert yourself, creatively.

August 7 to August 14

You are awake, I believe. Your ego is more conscious and less introverted. You are still immersed however in a sense of peace and aristocratic beauty, which is a bit too ethereal for normal safety. Your health may be partly responsible for it. Yet, in some way, a peculiar strenuousness is shown in you. Perhaps you are craving for material things now, as a reaction from the spiritual dream, which has withdrawn into the depth of your unconscious.

August 14 to August 21

Watch your health, especially your nerves. Do not withdraw too much within yourself, even if you have to stay in bed or to rest forcibly. Keep active, creative. Exert your sense of individual selfhood. Your past, your traditions, your possessions seem to overpower you. The conservative half of you is up and going; the radical, withdrawing; almost as if defeated. Your home is a better place for you than your office, as the week passes.

August 21 to August 31

It seems now that you are all for inner work. Perhaps by your own choice; perhaps compelled by poor health or unemployment. Stay at home. Do not try to waste energy on public activity—unless it is a new kind of activity which can find its source of power in your home or in your inner consciousness. Try to be very concrete and definite in all you do.

TAURUS-Daily Guide

Aug. 1—ruler Venus. Watch the money-bags—you and those around you are spending fast. Secret matter looks romantic.

Aug. 2—ruler Venus. Private business proposition looks favorable if it's kept in line with reality. Inflation in the air—watch out for the bursting bubble.

Aug. 3—ruler Venus. Very fancy business ideas here—strong superiors provide a much-needed balance; listen to them.

Aug. 4—ruler Pluto. You're wound up tighter 'n an 8-day clock. Quarrels with partners destroy magnetism—be calm.

Aug. 5—ruler Pluto. Young friends make a pleasant day—messages from a distance are helpful. Travel, correspond.

Aug. 6—ruler Jupiter. Old man nerves in your head—avoid tension and strain from trying to do too much. Guard health.

Aug. 7—ruler Jupiter. Secret matters, and correspondence, are helpful to your interests; magnetism strong—your strength lies within—use it judicially.

Aug. 8—ruler Saturn. Romance on the rocks! The love-interest is skittish as a race horse,—and as swift. Hold it!

Aug. 9—ruler Saturn. A partner provides a good financial opportunity—you should grasp this.

Aug. 10—ruler Saturn. Gadflies in the domestic ointment—watch out for the stinger in this. Avoid superiors; relax.

Aug. 11—ruler Uranus-Saturn. Lots of fun in private—have a good time . . . but don't spend all you have on it.

Aug. 12—ruler Uranus-Saturn. Work-aday matters good, whether you like them or not. Catch up on details.

Aug. 13—ruler Neptune. Dynamic proposition from a distance—there's gold in them thar hills. . . . but don't fall over yourself getting there.

Aug. 14—ruler Neptune. Finances still hold the center of the stage, complete with gold braid and epaulets. But all that glitters is not gold—some of this will disappear as fast as it comes—maybe faster.

Aug. 15—ruler Mars. Depressed and confused. Business opportunity, given in private, has large possibilities.

Aug. 16—ruler Mars. A social matter develops that worries you—skip it!

Aug. 17-ruler Venus. Siss! Boom! Ah! A

skyrocket! Look out for the stick! A partner lights the fuse.

Aug. 18—ruler Venus. Employment enthusiasm, domestic confusion—all in all, a high-paced day. For best results, go slow.

Aug. 19—ruler Mercury. Health suffers from nerve strain and overwork—keep your head, and don't rush into things—private matters are very tense, and you will avoid trouble by avoiding aggression here.

Aug. 20—ruler Mercury. Mental tension—a decision is pressing—you can make it today if you stay hardheaded and avoid personal and sentimental considerations.

Aug. 21—ruler Moon. Whoopee! Large social excitement—looks as if the Millionaire Princess were sitting in your lap.

Aug. 22—ruler Moon. Finances active, and coming at you from all sides. Don't let it slip through your fingers.

Aug. 23—ruler Moon. Business develops fast and furiously. Private conferences should show a net profit; agreements favored.

Aug. 24—ruler Sun. The public and the private minds are focused on you—luck at home, opposition abroad—stick to your horse, which is in your own private stable.

Aug. 25—ruler Sun. Sign papers, reach agreements—this is the day when you can sway people persuasively—let 'er go!

Aug. 26—ruler Mercury. A Blue Monday! Associates oppose and you'd better take it and like it. Little good comes of forcing issues.

Aug. 27—ruler Mercury. Seek and ye shall find—this is the time to pry open the gates of opportunity. Your magnetism is strong.

Aug. 28—ruler Mercury. Stick to your private wishing-well today; things develop secretly, but slowly. Don't push.

Aug. 29—ruler Venus. Still you do best by yourself. New ventures started here mature nicely, but they take time. Details of work promote eventual progress.

Aug. 30—ruler Venus. Discussion and secret conferences and agreements should be sought today. Friends are helpful.

Aug. 31—ruler Pluto. Hold everything! you're geared for flying, and must keep your feet on the ground. A partner is jittery; but a sane friend pats your shoulder—allow yourself to be restrained.

GEMINI

The month of August for those born May 22 to June 21

The focus of this month's destiny for you is your profession or your social position. The great line of stress and strain is that of personality and love. Your consciousness and your very selfhood will be pulled apart by conflicting tendencies. There will be something that will furrow deeply your love—your marriage—all intimate relationship. Your personality will bleed. A mighty sweep of emotion will pierce your conscious ego, and out of a death a rebirth may come. And in this rebirth power can be generated for your public life.

But the strain will be hard on your mind and your nerves. At first it may bring physical ill-health; yet it will pass, if it occurs at all. The effect will be more psychological. A pall may seem to cover your emotional life. Yet out of this suffering great power and great wealth of selfhood will accrue to you. Your Soul will grow, concretely, in foundation and depth. Your mind will deepen—unless you follow the line of least resistance and try to seek escape in becoming one with the crowd.

Toward mid-August the pressure will relent and you will face yourself in the silent glory of the full moon. New ideals will come to sway you and intoxicate you. Proceed slowly. Let your mind not soar too high into abstractions or dreams—the easiest thing for you just now. Remain firmly individual, with sober common sense. Draw out of the conflict the spark of fervent consciousness.

Stronger and stronger will your ideals grow. Friends will be a power for you. One may be, whom you loved as a lover—whom now clearly you see as the friend; and the friendship becomes rich, luminous, pregnant with divine significance. Yet do not be impatient. Be strong. Power will come to you; wealth to your partners. You will be one with a mission . . . if you know how to restrain and to transfigure your love.

July 30 to August 7

Be extremely careful in everything regarding your professional life. Both your personality and your conjugal or love life tend to break down your public standing and position. If you push your profession, it will be as an escape from a conflict gnawing at the roots of your consciousness. Stay home. Face your self. Nothing is so bad that it cannot be faced. Your finances are excellent; but beware of spending for whomever you love.

August 7 to August 14

Your true destiny and your life-task becomes slowly more evident to you. A friendship is being strained; you either may be deceived, or fear ot be deceived, or think you are deceived. Quiet your mind. Strive to realize your own self—in the depths of its being. The danger now is mixing up subjective and objective values, seeing as actual what you only dream. Be calm.

August 14 to August 21

Your sense of destiny increases. Do not let it sweep you off your feet. Do not rush ahead too violently in your ideals; even though, abstractly, your creative vision is keen. There is still a load over your emotional life. Let it work its deepening, steadying work. Open your mind to new ideals. Analyze and discriminate. Develop your mind. Study. Write letters in order to clarify a situation.

August 21 to August 31

The significance of the last week is to be extended up to the very last days of the month. A choice is becoming increasingly clearer to you. You feel stronger, surer, a little drunk with new realizations. Your mind is highly idealistic, engrossed in spiritual, fraternal associations. Your vital forces are intensely creative, even though you are still unable to release your vision. It is well. It deepens. It polarizes vast energies. Have patience a little longer. Face your self absolutely dispassionately.

GEMINI-Daily Guide

Aug. 1—ruler Pluto. Nervous as a cat, and jumpy. Hold onto this energy, or it'll run away with you. Avoid friction, socially, and with a partner.

Aug. 2—ruler Pluto. Exciting plans work, things happen around you; a female friend is helpful; go ahead!

Aug. 3—ruler Pluto. Your affairs progress in private; substantial influence at home helps subtly.

Aug. 4—ruler Jupiter. You're under tension, and your health and vitality are lowered thereby. Relax; play.

Aug. 5—ruler Jupiter. Influential bosses support your position—business prospers today—pleasure riles you. Stay away from the romantic paths, and from adventure.

Aug. 6—ruler Saturn. Here's where Delilah cut the hair of Samson, be careful of temperament in those around you finances through a partner secure, but can't be rushed.

Aug. 7—ruler Saturn. Powerful friends and acquaintances come to your aid; correspondence and travel good.

Aug. 8—ruler Uranus. Domestic, financial, social tension. Stay out of harm's way—temperament upsets the apple cart.

Aug. 9—ruler Uranus. Strong associations reap a reward today—superiors favor you; a partner proves a friend, and you don't lose a thing thereby! Push your plans.

Aug. 10—ruler Uranus. Work—don't make decisions or new plans, or indulge in changes or day-dreams. Feet on the ground, and the head will take care of itself.

Aug. 11—ruler Neptune. The doleful dumps are come to hand—rest up, take advice; don't drive too hard. There's plenty of time; get details caught up.

Aug. 12—ruler Neptune. The financial jitters—avoid speculative ventures, risks, and gambles. All that glitters is not gold; to-day it is mostly tinfoil.

Aug. 13—ruler Mars. Social and business optimism prove expensive, but in this maze of hope, a partner has one sound financial plan—try and find it!

Aug. 14—ruler Mars. Focus your aims afar—objectify—the impersonal attitude gets farther than the personal.

Aug. 15—ruler Venus. You are harassed and bewildered and opposed, and feel pretty sorry for yourself. Good day to relax and be alone—you can't fight with yourself.

Aug. 16—ruler Venus. Exuberance of spirits will suddenly collapse, if you try to do too much. Sound advice at home should be followed.

Aug. 17—ruler Mercury. Apparently trivial matter contributes strongly to your position; superiors favor you because of what you do—be sure you do the day's work today.

Aug. 18—ruler Mercury. A decision presses, which confuses you—avoid jumping into anything today; make it wait.

Aug. 19—ruler Moon. Bang! Social excitement of an explosive nature. Hold onto your money—there's recklessness here . . . someone tries to sell you the Brooklyn Bridge.

Aug. 20—ruler Moon. A partner holds you in from getting the financial jim-jams; avoid speculation; friends help.

Aug. 21—ruler Sun. Good luck at home—stick to it; avoid business; don't contact superiors; relax and let things come to you.

Aug. 22—ruler Sun. Exciting advice needs consideration; business active, and decisions press.

Aug. 23—ruler Sun. Sound judgment makes this a good day—lay plans, seek advice, be conservative.

Aug. 24—ruler Mercury. Restrictive partner does a good deal for you—let him—take his advice.

Aug. 25—ruler Mercury. Socially magnetic. but lavish, Sunday. Have a good time but don't bankrupt yourself.

Aug. 26—ruler Venus. The Island Within. Take counsel with vourself and avoid becoming impatient with same. Relax.

Aug. 27—ruler Venus. Radically dangerous financial day—a "sure thing" is sure to be bad. Skip it!

Aug. 28—Venus. Coast through this day—wind up old matters. Plenty of time for new, later.

Aug. 29—ruler Pluto. Start of a new month—begin new ventures, with caution, slowly—they work.

Aug. 30—ruler Pluto. Friendly advice active, and good on the whole; your position is strong; superiors favor you.

Aug. 31—Jupiter. Powerful private forces are around you, pushing you upward and onward. Acceptance of duty, however restricting, lays the foundations of progress.

CANCER

The month of August for those born June 21 to July 22

The symbolic key-note of this month, for you, is: the plumbing and the conquest of the depths. Depths within your own nature; depths within any situation which requires a new foundation, more solid, more secure, less emotionally unsteady. The goal to reach is the broadening of the scope and significance of your public life and profession—also perhaps your active spiritual life.

Your sense of "I am" is being ruthlessly challenged, largely by way of your mind and your capacity for work and for service. It is not challenged by lack of power, but rather by a new wave of expansion which tends to break your mental and egoic limitations. You are brought face to face with the possibility of utterly transforming your outlook as to the meaning of human relationship in the realm of work and devotional allegiance. Things and people strike at you, largely from hidden positions. Your unconscious is stirred by a cleansing, yet vehement fire. It almost intoxicates you at times; and your mind soars, devotionally, stirred by great ideals-humanitarian or mystical-almost lost in the splendour of the vistas beheld.

Your task however is to give concrete, solid, deep expression to these transcendent mental flights: to bring your vision into concrete manifestation. Record it, intellectually, by writing. Do not just enjoy ecstatically what messages you may receive; also, do not be depressed and aroused by these messages, should they appear to emanate from inimical forces-within or without. Be cool, poised, objective. Realize that what is occurring can and must be put to use by you, deliberately, in your public life. All forces are being drawn toward the sphere of this public and professional life. Yet, draw power from the depths, from the home, from the earth. Deepen the basis of your possessions.

July 30 to August 7

The solar eclipse of July 30 is focused upon your professional life, on a degree of expansion, universalization and intense faith. Mars and Uranus make a cross aspect with it, release devotional aspiration, upsetting the relatively narrow ideals you have of your work, putting fire to your subconscious nature. Beware of home disturbance and of jealousy. You have a huge appetite for larger things. Keep it under restraint. Your work is within you. But use your concrete intellect, common sense and the sense of proportion.

August 7 to August 14

This is where your ego may swell up indiscriminately and your mind may think it owns God, because you have seen more of the universe. Do not show off. Do not court social approval. Do not be impatient if your "Master" does not appear in the flesh to you; and, if you think you have seen "Him," be quiet and cool about it. Keep every part of you under restraint. Do not go to court or spend too much money—if you can help it.

August 14 to August 21

The zone of expansion has shifted to the subconscious. You must now work hard, professionally; and increase your possessions and holdings. Do not boss or let yourself be bossed. Do not ask your partners for money; but make your own. A woman friend who has helped you greatly may be about to step into your professional life. and displays great determination.

August 21 to August 31

Everything is moving toward the opposition Sun to Saturn in harmonic aspect to Uranus. Sun and Saturn are like the two rims of a canyon, Uranus the bridge. Saturn brings tokens of great spiritual strength—and even if it is crucified strength. Out of it can be generated vast powers and inspiration to stir your public life to great intensity. Accumulate spiritual and material wealth.

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and romantic person who can do much for mestic excitement but it ought to be pleasant in the main. You contact a magnetic Aug. 16-ruler Mercury. Social and do-

Aug. 17—ruler Moon. A decision is being forced, amid much emotional turmoil. Seek the solidly practical path today.

Aug. 18-ruler Moon. Swift developments

standing. Don't hurry things. in your department of position, credit, and

Sit on the side lines and cheer-but don't place any bets; this pace is too hot to Aug. 19—ruler Sun. Finances, home, and business are running a race with each other.

better than your own impetuousness. ed; accept restrictive advice; it works out Aug. 20-ruler Sun. You're nicely support-

-do nothing-decisions torced through Aug. 21-ruler Mercury. Hold everything

Aug. 22-ruler Mercury. Private matters here carry grief in their wake.

are important today; a secret proposition may have profit in it.

in this, but it needs to grow quietly for a be cagey, and keep what comes to you under your hat. There may be a good deal Aug. 23-ruler Mercury. Catch up details

needs curb. flationary feeling with respect to money Aug. 24—ruler Venus. Plans started today mature surely, if slowly—go ahead with your private desires; avoid spending. Infatigationary feeling

mind. Stay with that one. around you—but one seems to occupy your Aug. 25-ruler Venus. Lots of people

Aug. 26—ruler Pluto. A partner is jumpy, but you can hold him in line—and should. Don't let him run away with you.

ner's enthusiasms descend on von. You're Aug. 27-ruler Pluto. Looks as if the part-

Aug. 28-ruler Pluto. Wind up old matplish much, magnetic; keep cool, and you can accom-

Friends are helpful. ters; get things in line-and solidly secure.

shead, but don't push. Aug. 29—ruler Jupiter. Lay foundations deep today—expect little, keep cool, plan

rallying around you-publicity favorable-a Strong friends Aug. 30-ruler Jupiter.

Aug. 31—ruler Saturn. Emotional and mental tension need a strong and vigilant hand. Publicity still favorable—seek it; business and placeure fail to mix superior gives clever advice.

mess and pleasure fail to mix.

open in all dealings. mestic matters on your nerves—secret mat-ters troublesome and explosive. Stay in the Aug. 1-ruler Jupiter. Personal and do-

Aug. 2—ruler Jupiter, Your position is supported from private sources; yesterday's

nerves pass; contact superiors,

-watch him. get you. A Partner endangers your security Aug. 3—ruler Jupiter. Put romance behind you—and don't let speculative matters

act on impulse, Aug. 4—Saturn. Messages from a dis-tance ease mental tension near at hand. Business worries—don't let them make you

wound up for a broken spring-keep your Aug. 5-ruler Saturn. Things are getting

Aug. 6—ruler Saturn. Dynamite in your business and domestic environment. Arrogence and quarrels injure your interests. head-things move fast.

'papunoj-[]! Optimism changes, plosive Aug. 7-ruler Uranus, Mental tension, ex-Don't believe everything you hear...

listen, and postpone decisions. make this a tricky day. Some strong person supports your position . . if you don't som smack him down. Don't talk too much-liste him down.

... better relax and take a day off. Aug. 8—ruler Neptune. The conclusion of four tense days finds you high-strung

you—your profit through work, and work-Aug. 9-ruler Neptune. Employees help

all right, but they butter no parsnips. Aug. 10—ruler Meptune. Things appear to be picking up financially, but this is a time for easy going. Boom is in the air. Watch the practical side of all things. Dreams are all right but they butter.

have a good time. phere around you—forget your business and Aug. 11—ruler Mars. Nice social atmos-

Don't let him get into your pocket Aug. 12—ruler Mars. An optimistic part-ner gets on your nerves—and vice versa.

think you see the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—don't wear yourself out Aug. 13-ruler Venus. Here's where you

Aug. 14—ruler Venus. You're well supported, and there's good advice around you chasing it.

at home. Take it; avoid overwork.

gambles. Powerful people help today. Aug. 15—ruler Mercury. Your position booms—this is the result of work, not

LEO

The month of August for those born July 22 to August 23

The first part of this month is characterized for you by a most decided urge to expand, to grow wings, to soar mentally, in thoughts and in ideals—and to love and be loved. The god of love is starting tremulous vibrations through your heart. There is a call, a challenge—perhaps even a bit of tragedy, if love does not include discretion, and refuses to be transfigured into an idealistic friendship. Passion will not lead you to much happiness, this month. Passion is to be overcome. Your soul and mind are strong in purpose. Your domineering, emotional ego is seeing the ground fall under him. He must retreat to the caves of the mind, to grow in depth and wisdom.

This may not happen without fireworks. There is a strenuousness in the air. You feel like gasoline in a cylinder after having been ignited. You explode, but everywhere you hit the metal, and willy nilly you push the piston. But in this case the allegory does not apply to a car, but to an engine for producing electric power. Power is generated during the two first weeks of this month; then stored. That is, granted your cylinders have strong enough walls! Otherwise, look out for the explosion; and if so, oh, how all your possessions, your business, your strength of body and soul. would fly off!

Mind is your cylinder. Make it strong and steady. Then all the expansive urge that welled up from your aroused emotions will be canalized, led upward. And your mind will know eaglewings. Feelings and thoughts as one, in intuitive per-cepbe tions of universal truths and principles. New and wondrous ideals will be born. Then you will be able to exert yourself again, to bank on your renewed personality. You will face all human relationships in a new light. You will have been able to draw from the very depths of most ancient unconscious memories a new spiritual vision. In it the past will be fulfilled in a present, which can be eternal and timeless-creative.

July 30 to August 7

Your business situation is rather hectic this week. Either someone is trying to deceive you, or else your mind is definitely not on the job. You brood over something, or your ideals are carrying you off—and your associates are giving you . . . the infernal regions with much Pluto in it! You are somber half the time, and absolutely hectic the other half. Old fellow! you sure are caught. Hot August nights . . . stars . . . eclipse . . . and love, magical love!!!

August 7 to August 14

Was it really love? A peculiar kind. You dream of ancient landscapes, of old cities. It has stirred deep subconscious images. You and the loved one have been together, long ago... You have visions. You receive peculiar mesages—in more ways than one. Friends laughs at you. Your associates think you are crazy. But your mind is exhilarated, restless. You see the beloved in every person you meet. You are even spurred to work. Your career blossoms out. You are hectic, but magnificent.

August 14 to August 21

You get a clearer hold on yourself. At any rate, you should. If you get too absorbed in "the other" it might not be so good. In fact some strong tensions may have come to the surface, and now you are facing the real issue. Yes, it was powerful. Now, use that power—deliberately. Unfortunately your dreams are soaring full speed. Dreams are softer than concrete reality.

August 21 to August 31

During these last ten days you are slowly regaining full (?) control of your life energies. You are slowly mobilizing all these energies for your own conscious and wilful use. You have tremendous powers of inspiration, and of creative realization. But these must be allied to an objective, steady sense of technical mastery. To be a creator is not all transcendent vision. It is as much solid concreteness.

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Aug. 1—ruler Saturn. You're mentally tense and socially on the spot—looks like a display of temperamental fireworks. Personal matters wearing, but publicity favorable.

Aug. 2—ruler Saturn. Write, travel, correspond—your luck comes from a distance today—the mail should be interesting.

Aug. 3—ruler Saturn. Superiors have fancy notions—partners are erratic—hold things in line with tact.

Aug. 4—ruler Uranus. Domestic blow-up jeopardizes your public poise—keep your feet on the ground despite all.

Aug. 5—ruler Uranus. An associate has beneficent financial ideas requiring hard work. Do it and like it.

Aug. 6—ruler Neptune. Restrictions and oppositions make a tense and difficult day; relax, and don't give way to nerves.

Aug. 7—ruler Neptune. Retire within yourself for poise and security—do only what is necessary, and examine the personal basis of your ambitions.

Aug. 8—ruler Mars. Hard work produces good results, while speculative and gambling ventures go on the rocks. Avoid the bombastic financial schemes of a partner.

Aug. 9—ruler Mars. A decision through a social contact should be beneficial—those fond of you help you today—seek them.

Aug. 10—ruler Mars. Environmental tension—an aggressive partner pushes you, much to your discomfort. Resist, but tactfully.

Aug. 11—ruler Venus. Stick to home today—your best support comes there. Social matters active; publicity favorable—seek both.

Aug. 12—ruler Venus. You'll work yourself into a lather today if you don't hold in. Details numerous and irksome—relax—take a day off.

Aug. 13—ruler Mercury. A decision is called for regarding employment and your position. Care and being impersonal will make this a constructive day. But avoid excess speed and optimism.

Aug. 14—ruler Mercury. Strong and favorable influence at home encourages right actions abroad. Publicity strong.

Aug. 15—ruler Moon. You're magnetic, and people want to help you. Social matters very strong, but should not be allowed to absorb the business good here. Advance your plans; seek contacts.

Aug. 16—ruler Moon. Solid financial venture can be entered into here with courage and confidence.

Aug. 17—ruler Sun. Be careful of temperament at home—also of crochetty superiors. You're powerfully supported, if you hold your tongue.

Aug. 18—ruler Sun. You have a hard time getting your ideas across today—better not try; work privately, for later developments.

Aug. 19—ruler Mercury. Whew! Here's where you'll blow off the safety valve and tell the world where to head in at. Better not—the back fire'll get you.

Aug. 20—ruler Mercury. Proposition from a distance, or through a communication, has spectacular financial possibilities. This will bear looking into. It can mean much.

Aug. 21—ruler Venus. Decisions and work have you in a state of nerves; relax—there's no hurry here. Avoid extravagance.

Aug. 22—ruler Venus. Stick to the straight and narrow—be silent and avoid the appearance of evil. Wagging tongues can hurt you—don't give them a chance. Secret romance treacherous.

Aug. 23—ruler Venus. "Things are seldom what they seem" and a proposition from a distance needs a skeptical examination.

Aug. 24—ruler Pluto. Dynamic partner has a good idea for you, if you can stand the pace. But it's going to be a whirl!

Aug. 25—ruler Pluto. Magnetism is powerful, friends helpful—here's where you can cash in on your popularity. Make the most of this day—its opportunities are unique.

Aug. 26—ruler Jupiter. Private matters build a rockbase for progress. You're hitting on all six—go ahead!

Aug. 27—ruler Jupiter. Nerves and rash speech and writings endanger good things; avoid decisions; rely on superiors.

Aug. 28—ruler Jupiter. Friends can be both expensive and helpful—you've got to seem a good fellow to get the most here.

Aug. 29—ruler Saturn. Pressure for a decision; unnerves you—be cold and conservative, despite the whoopee around you.

Aug. 30—ruler Saturn. Clinch deals, reach conclusions, sign papers; this should be a day of satisfactory consummations.

Aug. 31—ruler Uranus. Look out for a domestic flare-up; the pace of things has got on your nerves—hold 'em in check.

VIRGO

The month of August for those born August 23 to September 22

This month holds in store for you great potentialities in the way of occult or ritualistic achievements. By 'occult,' I mean everything pertaining to the establishment in your own inner life of a permanent structure of selfhood and of thought—something enduring, solid, encompassing which is the expression of a spiritual reality. By 'ritualistic', I mean everything which correlates the activities and behavior of individuals dedicated to the attainment of a common objective or goal. Business, if it involves the purposeful and clear-cut cooperation of partners to achieve a definite end, can also be called 'ritualistic.'

Your power is in yourself. Wield it. Much will happen in the way of public or group activities in which you will be directly concerned. It may disconcert you. It may upset considerably the established foundations of your being. Your nerves may feel the strain, and your conjugal life may suffer very sharply from your tenseness and your struggle; or even, this conjugal life may be partly at least the cause of the strain.

Considering these facts, while you must exert yourself, do not overdo it. Do it objectively, deliberately, with "formed power"—not in a series of spasmodic irritations or self-assertions. That is where the 'ritualistic' process comes in. Band yourself with a few companions—and powerful friends will come to you early this month—and remember "All for one, one for all." This however, not in a spur of emotional excitement; but "meaning business."

No, I am not preaching gang technique! What is needed is an idealistic cooperation based on a clear spiritual vision. Great power can thus be generated. It will be needed, if you wish to avoid a tearing down process which might make you break your neck racing between home and office.

July 30 to August 7

Either you will be able to gather together for one purpose all that you have learned through your social experiences, all that has been accumulated by you through various types of human relationships—or else the confusion of life will be so intensified that you will not know where you stand, and you will make big gestures in the air like Don Quixote fighting windmills. Friends in authority are ready to help you. But clean up your business first.

August 7 to August 14

This is your chance to prove yourself and to show how you can handle a strenuous situation. Do not exaggerate anything. Keep cool and the more common sense in your head, the better. You will probably receive a message which will mean much and many release support; but be very conservative in your answer. Plan a reorganization of your business and changes of partnership. Watch an explosive situation at home.

August 14 to August 21

Now is the time to go forth with vision and power. You can accomplish great feats, if you remain strenuously aware of everything that happens inside of you, of every intuition that may flash through your consciousness. Good messages are still coming—from within as well as from without.

August 21 to August 31

The situation should be well in hand now. Beware of being too optimistic, too sanguine in your professional life. But indeed some quite amazing thing is happening. If you have worked in thorough cooperation with others the result may be great. Your mind must remain clear, sober, undeceived. A startling transformation may change the very foundation of your inner nature; of your home. Watch all things quietly, objectively.

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Aug. 1—ruler Uranus. Domestic tension, crotchety, superiors, financial worries—skip it! This is a day to do only what is necessary—and do it with the soft pedal on.

Aug. 2—ruler Uranus. You're helped by a superior—financial proposition looks good; partnership proves successful.

Aug. 3—ruler Uranus. Distant matters glitter like the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Maybe it is . . .

Aug. 4—ruler Neptune. Conservatism make this a very strong day; associates have good ideas for you; cooperate.

Aug. 5—ruler Neptune. Social activities are good—a woman in your environment makes things pleasant. Keep your own counsel.

Aug. 6—ruler Mars. Finances erratic—avoid extravagance, speculations, and gambles; refuse financial partnership propositions.

Aug. 7—ruler Mars. You'll have a good time today; if the cost doesn't outweigh the pleasure. Watch the budget.

Aug. 8—ruler Venus. You're skittish and nervous and opposition irks you. But quarrels will irk you more; relax; submit.

Aug. 9—ruler Venus. Domestic and environmental conditions very favorable; operations progress from a firm base—stick to your friends, and they will stick to you, today.

Aug. 10—ruler Venus. Details of work advance your interests—avoid nerves through over-exertion. Don't worry.

Aug. 11—ruler Mercury. Superiors are not as cruel today as they may seem—don't force issues with them; stick to your job.

Aug. 12—ruler Mercury. Social and domestic matters very pleasant; romance may succeed here, in a very unusual way.

Aug. 13—ruler Moon. A financial decision has you worried—postpone it if you can, for best results. In any case, be cautious.

Aug. 14—ruler Moon. Business activity is strong; de-personalize your aims, and this is a good constructive day.

Aug. 15—ruler Sun. Tempest in the teapot of your domestic environment. Don't let the steam get into public places.

Aug. 16—ruler Sun. A decision is blocked by a partner; let this matter cool off till later; don't force it today.

Aug. 17-ruler Mercury. You're somewhat

confused—avoid public matters, and with-draw to private conference—with yourself.

Aug. 18—ruler Mercury. Your magnetism is strong for subtle and secret matters to-day; be gentle as a dove and wise as a serpent.

Aug. 19—ruler Venus. Looks like the bursting of a financial bubble—be sure your pocketbook is out of harm's way.

Aug. 20—ruler Venus. Friends distract your attention—let them. Business decisions might as well be put off.

Aug. 21—ruler Pluto. Relax! The energy here will chiefly make trouble if you let it out; avoid conflict both with business and personal associates; you're nervous as a cat.

Aug. 22—ruler Pluto. Gossip in the air—be sure it doesn't light on you. A woman is expensive.

Aug. 23—ruler Pluto. Catch up on detail; keep silent, believe little, and force nothing. watch and wait.

Aug. 24—ruler Jupiter. Private matters, solidly based in reality, lay a good foundation for progress. Confer, lay plans, and map out your compaigns.

Aug. 25—ruler Jupiter. Favorable public dealings: a superior advances your interests, and maybe your income. Ask favors.

Aug. 26—ruler Saturn. Social excitement, perhaps pleasant, but in the end nerveracking. Don't try for a speed record.

Aug. 27—ruler Saturn. Friends are costly; avoid social lavishness. Publicity favors you; write, travel, correspond.

Aug. 28—ruler Saturn. Things are developing fast, for a new and important beginning. Jockey them carefully today.

Aug. 29—ruler Uranus. Financial, domestic, and public matters reach an apex of importance; a conservative decision advances everything, but haste and impatience explode into bits.

Aug. 30—ruler Uranus. A contract favors you; sign business papers; the other fellow makes a good proposition.

Aug. 31—ruler Neptune. You can afford to relax today, and let things take their course; be guided by an associate; you're tired, and should lean on someone, rather than force things yourself.

LIBRA

The month of August for those born September 23 to October 23

The first part of the month finds you stirred and swayed by centrifugal and expansive forces. You are ready to burst out of all your limitations, to be reborn into all the new worlds there might be. All confining things, all concrete thinking, all conditioning possessions, even the bonds of matrimony are unbearable. You feel elated by some transcendent or social power. Your business seems to boom. Your spiritual outlook is pinned only on far distant galaxies. This is inflation on all the line. Even old Saturn withdraws and leaves you to enjoy your Jupiterian extravaganza.

If you are spiritually polarized you are living through devotional orgies. Your Spiritual Guide is appearing—or seems to appear!—in front of you. And you fall on your knees in ecstatic rapture. If you are a matter-of-fact person, you are probably going to work yourself sick expanding your business, writing letters which are none too diplomatic in answer to messages which are none too calm or sensible.

By the middle of the month you will presumably begin to sober up. Old hard-boiled common sense will put an end to fanciful psychological manifestations; or if the manifestations were genuine, will bring your exuberant enthusiasm to a more concrete and practical focus. In any case your mind will be the touchstone as well as the field of all the happenings. So keep it cool and well watered lest it take fire; and as the month nears the end do not let it sag by reaction as a half-empty bag of flour.

You have really a great opportunity this month to expand your mind and your point-of-view on almost everything; to contact spiritual realities and people of high rank—in whatever field you are interested in—. But if you race too optimistically at first, you will be despondent later. If you keep your balance, Saturn will be your friend and give you new foundations.

July 30 to August 7

Do not work too hard in any direction. Keep your mind from racing at full speed or your hands from overdoing. There will be more power for you in introspective meditation than in doing things as a sort of psychological escape. Your mind is a bit torn off its roots. It lacks ballast. There may be a great deal about to happen in your conjugal life. It may cost you money. Your profession brings in vast fruition; but will the fruits stay in your hands? I wonder,

August 7 to August 14

The conjugal situation—legal or not—feels like a stratosphere balloon heading for the land of nowhere. There is something peculiarly unsteady about it, diffuse, perhaps ecstatic—certainly not sober. You are both very much excited and worried, or at least confused. Do not travel. Trust your business associates. Do not rush into outer things, strange sensations and psychism. If your feelings are swollen with happiness, do not trust them too much.

August 14 to August 21

This is where your feelings may begin to cool off. Your mind becomes increasingly constructive, and your impulses, while still racing toward yonder glories in the stratosphere, are feeling the earthward pull and obeying it. Friends and ideals are being focused in your vision. More and more is happening in your intimate human relationships.

August 21 to August 31

Develop your concrete intellect and your consciousness on a strongly individualistic basis. This is a time of self-focalization through inspired, yet precise thinking. Yet you will be pulled by many new relationships; complex ones. It is great—if you are great.

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Aug. 1—ruler Neptune. Cooperation makes long strides today; things at a distance, or heard of by correspondence, are distressing; avoid mental tension and nerves, by avoiding haste.

Aug. 2—ruler Neptune. Partnership brings good results; a woman or younger person is helpful; public dealings favored.

Aug. 3—ruler Neptune. Hold onto the purse strings—they tend to come loose. A partner's optimism becomes expensive.

Aug. 4—ruler Mars. Shun the money-marts—they're rocky and treacherous. You're internally distressed over finances and can work out of this by refusing to speculate or even spend.

Aug. 5—ruler Mars. Domestic bickerings confuse you—avoid friction in the home environment; also don't believe all you hear, there or anywhere else.

Aug. 6—ruler Venus. You're running at top speed—don't jump the track. Relax, and refuse to quarrel—opposition is irritating, but you can't beat it today; take it in your stride.

Aug. 7—ruler Venus. A partner has constructive ideas for your advancement; powerful people in your environment help.

Aug. 8—ruler Mercury. Private woes make public trouble through making you arrogant and touchy. Forget the personal matters that are bothering you, and concentrate on objective and business affairs.

Aug. 9—ruler Mercury. Start ventures, especially those that deal with the public or partnership; close deals, make decisions.

Aug. 10—ruler Mercury. First of two sound and conservative financial days. Avoid social matters; stick to business.

Aug. 11—ruler Moon. Social activity of an unusual nature—looks like expenses and fun get all mixed up. Romance rampant—and perhaps quite exciting.

Aug. 12—ruler Moon. Bosses are crochety, and you won't get much out of them today; don't ask. Inspirational influence at home—you can make something out of this.

Aug. 13—ruler Sun. Partnerships become active—look out for business and financial confusion and uncertainty. Postpone decisions.

Aug. 14—ruler Sun. Lots of tongues wagging, mostly to no good purpose. Listen and say little. And believe less.

Aug. 15-ruler Mercury. Good day to

crawl into a cave and stay there. Anyway, don't try to jam anything through.

Aug. 16—ruler Mercury. Private matters better than public—use your magnetism in making secret plans and agreements for later development.

Aug. 17—ruler Venus. Business swift, and financial return likely; details irk you, but there's gold somewhere around, if you aren't too jumpy to see it, or too lavish to hold it.

Aug. 18—ruler Venus. Social and personal tension—you contact a superior who helps you to help yourself.

Aug. 19—ruler Pluto. Looks like the drawn sword of open battle is flashed at you. If you win today, you lose a friend.

Aug. 20—ruler Pluto. A private matter booms your affairs—take counsel in private, and keep what you know to yourself.

Aug. 21—ruler Jupiter. Relax, withdraw; don't seek the public eye, or enter into open arguments. Secret matters best.

Aug. 22—ruler Jupiter. Gossip around you—and maybe, if you're not careful, about you. A letter brings hope.

Aug. 23—ruler Jupiter. Write, travel, correspond, but be careful what you say. Good day for a little pleasure jaunt.

Aug. 24—ruler Saturn. The chickens come home to roost—things that have been developing in private mature nicely today. Powerful friends become materially helpful.

Aug. 25—ruler Saturn. Favorable publicity gives a boom to your affairs; you're favored in high places.

Aug. 26—ruler Uranus. Business matters very active, and can be stabilized nicely here. Watch home friction. Superiors are very powerful, and very helpful.

Aug. 27—ruler Uranus. Tension around you, but this is raising you high; don't let it get on your nerves. You ought to be making long strides; business propositions numerous.

Aug. 28—ruler Uranus. Relax, let things take their course. Wind up affairs for a new start.

Aug. 29—ruler Neptune. Powerful start of a new month, needing tact and caution, but promising far reaching results.

Aug. 30—ruler Neptune. Close contract, sign papers—but watch financial extravagance. It's all around you—and in you.

Aug. 31—ruler Neptune. Do what's necessary—the rest will wait. Avoid investments and speculation.

SCORPIO

The month of August for those born October 24 to November 22

You may begin this month with a somewhat despondent feeling, as if you were lost in a curious fog and could find nowhere any purpose worth striving for. I believe the mist may be due to a sense of hopelessness in regard to human relationship. Some contact, some love has proven deceptive or at any rate elusive. You have not been able to focus your emotions upon the one you thought you loved. You put too much mind and not enough feeling in the relationship, and possibly the whole thing faded out as trees in the midst. It left you quite unnerved and depressed; thrown back upon yourself, and no self available to fall back upon. Thus a feeling of emptiness-yet perhaps also, deep inside, a strange elation, as if you had turned your back against the earth and were soaring free into the azurean world. Alas! perhaps only a dreamworld. A glory, which is but a self-made psychological compensation for your inability to love actually, concretely-and to be loved.

Yet, the gloom will be only temporary. Out of the experience a new certainty should arise. The psychological outlook which has been the result of heredity and early environment is being challenged. You question the value of your old emotional urges, of your mental limitations. The expansive energies of life are very strong; as you will feel, when you find strength to face yourself and your mental processes with cool dispassion and the will to lucidity and objectivity.

This is a month for the formation of new ideals—also of new friendships. Then your profession will demand your attention. A new sense of work will seize you. Your relationships will bear new fruition. But your must remain in control of the situation; poised between extremes of optimism and pessimism; of introversion and extraversion; building inwardly first, then outwardly the image of your new world.

July 30 to August 7

The main center of stress and strain is your mind. The pressure can be made use of in a very creative way, but only provided you are digging for power in your ideals. In fact it may be that what you have to create is a new ideal, new hopes, a new vision. Jupiter seems to challenge you with messages from afar—physically or spiritually—to transform your work and your capacity for relationship. Perhaps you have bossed or allowed others to boss you. Learn a new basis for relationship. Furrow your own nature and sow seeds; but get the old roots out first.

August 7 to August 14

This might look like a war going on. Perhaps you tried the imperialistic stuff. It won't work. Like our European sisternations you have no money for a war; your business partners are most irritating. This is a strenuous time for finances. Your job becomes a bit misty in outlines. Much good can come from your marriage-partner and you must exert yourself toward making new friends. You need them. But never lose faith.

August 14 to August 21

The financial pressure is quite strong; has inflation hit your business? Somehow you must change your attitude toward your possessions. Not much good to stay home and look at what you have. Go out and exert yourself professionally. A new kind of employment may be imminent.

August 21 to August 31

You are liable to mental deceptions and ready to chase after rainbows. Keep practical. But face yourself. There is still much of house-cleaning needed in your mind and soul. You have a good sense of value; but you have a tendency to self-inflation. Life is just teaching you soberness—and at the same time, being most inspiring. Make the most of it.

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Aug. 1—ruler Mars. You can have a good time at work today, if you aren't worrying about money. Avoid expenses; don't let anyone sell you a gold brick.

Aug. 2—ruler Mars. Romance on the job—well, this looks harmless. A partner has good ideas for your finances.

Aug. 3—ruler Mars. You're getting high strung—looks as if the pace of things were on your nerves. Rest, and relax.

Aug. 4—ruler Venus. Bickerings at home—skip it! Curb your temperament—you can fight today, but you can't win.

Aug. 5—ruler Venus. Avoid intrigue and secret dealings—they're brilliant but unsound

Aug. 6—ruler Mercury. Watch your health—worry is going to get you if you don't watch out. A superior helps—this looks like a recognition of your hard work.

Aug. 7—ruler Mercury. Nice influence at home—stick to it: there's sympathy, love, and good advice there.

Aug. 8—ruler Moon. Romance is full of dynamite—this looks like love, but it isn't really. You'll save yourself hurt by avoiding it entirely.

Aug. 9—ruler Moon. Financially sound day—you can invest to good advantage; sound business advice is given you.

Aug. 10—ruler Moon. Small talk is aggravating—don't let wagging tongues lure you from your ideals.

Aug. 11—ruler Sun. Domestic inspiration of an unusual nature—the home fires burn brightly, and illuminate many problems. You'll find the Blue Bird at home today—stick there.

Aug. 12—ruler Sun. Mentally alert, keen, quick—almost inspired; messages numerous and important; things at a distance develop excitingly.

Aug. 13—ruler Mercury. Watch out for confusion, through the opposition of someone around you. Guard health from nervousness.

Aug. 14—ruler Mercury. Look inside yourself today—private dealings mature favorably; you're magnetic.

Aug. 15—ruler Venus. Employment matters present some important financial proposition. An opportunity to be grasped.

Aug. 16—ruler Venus. Friends help private ventures—stay away from the general public—he's cranky and irritable.

Aug. 17—ruler Pluto. Aggressive and active day—you ought to be able to handle things to your own satisfaction. Go ahead,

but try not to antagonize your partners and associates.

Aug. 18—ruler Pluto. Decision regarding your position worries you; stick to the conservative course; avoid agreements or signing papers today if you can. Home tense—get out.

Aug. 19—ruler Jupiter. Work seems to have piled up over the week end—don't exhaust yourself trying to do all at once.

Aug. 20—ruler Jupiter. Advertising, publishing, writing, traveling, correspondence favored; publicity strong.

Aug. 21—ruler Saturn. Romance with a capital R, and plenty of excitement. Looks like a lover's quarrel—friends are kinder than sweethearts today; an inspirational influence may come to you from a friend. Contact powerful; avoid nervous depression.

Aug. 22—ruler Saturn. Business in a tense state; a partner helps. A letter is important to your work.

Aug. 23—ruler Saturn. Details are irksome, but an associate helps your position and pocketbook. Take advice.

Aug. 24—ruler Uranus. Avoid domestic tension; this day is too good to waste in bickering. Employment matters solidify your finances, plan and work here for the long pull. It's worth it.

Aug. 25—ruler Uranus. Excellent and progressive day—news, communications, work, and associates favor you. Go ahead.

Aug. 26—ruler Neptune. The place slacks off—a good day to relax, take stock, and catch your breath. Partnerships good; seek advice from those around you.

Aug. 27—ruler Neptune. Publicity seems to go to your head—good report makes work irksome. But there are still jobs that have to be done, and today is the day to do them.

Aug. 28—ruler Neptune. Wind up old matters—there'll be new and exciting ones tomorrow.

Aug. 29—ruler Mars. Erratic financial influence—curb your own desires, and seek advice from a powerful and wise associate who can help you. Private conferences help here. Shun extravagance.

Aug. 30—ruler Mars. Reach agreements, sign contracts—papers and mental work favored.

Aug. 31—ruler Venus. You're nervous, and adventurous—this looks like the call of the wild . . . and there seems some disappointment at the end of what looks like romance. Better relax, and stick to the beaten track—you'll avoid friction and hurt.

SAGITTARIUS

The Month of August for those Born November 23 to December 21

This is a rather restless month for you; a month during which much will center around the use, and perhaps abuse or overuse, which you will make of your personality as such. Much can come through your personality. Strong creative impulses may well up from the center of your self. You may say "I am" in a powerful and significant tone; but, maybe, your life-long or year-long partner may snap back with "Is that so!" And then where will you be?

All in all, it does not look so terribly peaceful at home. I would suggest that the office and a good mahogany desk (or whatever it is you are sitting in front of) would be a much cooler place. And yet, by some peculiarly human perversity, you probably will feel much like staying home. In other words you may be very much occupied with your own circle, with everything built around you. You may storm in it—or else your mate will—; you may get bad headaches in it—you may even get hit below the belt . . . still you will persist in staying in it.

Have you ever heard of 'mental emotions' or 'emotional thinking'? That is what you should try not to get into. And yet it will be so easy to slide into such hybrid states, in which you may confuse yourself and your dearest companion more than you can possibly imagine. In the end you may strenuously adore each other; probably only to find that love is a very complex proposition. Just when you think it is, well it is not. And when you think it is, then it is not.— Which may or may not be an enlightening statement.

At the end of the month the restlessness reaches a mighty climax; but there is in it something of "divine discontent," something magnificent and possibly highly creative. Genius is in the air. You may find a solution for your problems: the problem, you will find, is: You. Then perhaps you will begin a course or two of self-education; ander old master Saturn.

July 30 to August 7

Your business associations are flourishing this week, but there is an imminent danger of inflation in one way or another. Your mental viewpoint is not reliable. It runs to extremes and gets overheated. Yet you are eager to think, or think you think; and it is not even good for your health. Your emotions are getting stirred up. The best for you is to concentrate deliberately on professional routine and stick to common sense valuations.

August 7 to August 14

This is the great week for fire-works and swelling stunts. But that opposition of Mars to Uranus is likely to puncture many bubbles. If you speculate, you will be sadly deceived, I fear. This is a time during which the strong individual might push forward publicly with giant strides; but not unless he were a master at playing with tension and stress.

August 14 to August 21

The outer world, the sensations it gives you, the thrill of physical companionship pull you tremendously. Even your mind is immolated in physical things, it seems—yet very active, strangely creative, going . . . gone. By August 18 said mind receives a cold shower from Saturn and gets dissolved into mist by Neptune. But up it comes again. An extraordinary month for mental jugglery.

August 21 to August 31

So much is happening in your human relationships that it is hard to keep track of it all. New revelations. New exposures. You have the courage, it seems, to face facts as they are. You are straining yourself to see, to learn. The more you do, the more happens. It can be magnificent time, if you keep steady. If you are a creative artist there is no limit to what you might do. But you need perspective, vision, objectivity. Struggle for them.

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Aug. 1—ruler Venus. You're active and nervous—business and social opposition difficult. Best center is your home.

Aug. 2—ruler Venus. Magnetic day—contact those around you in authority; push your affiairs through others.

Aug. 3—ruler Venus. Plenty of work and some tension thereby; forget your personal troubles and do the task in hand.

Aug. 4—ruler Mercury. Hard work is recognized here—the boss may seem cold, but he has your interests at heart.

Aug. 5—ruler Mercury. Heart interest takes your mind off your work. A pleasant visitor at home makes activity and may bring a good idea with her.

Aug. 6—ruler Moon. Worried over money—keeping up with the Jones's makes a hole in your pocketbook. Don't believe what you hear—it's blarney . . . and you like it.

Aug. 7—ruler Moon. Aggressive business matters need to have their wings clipped—optimism endangers security; budget your income.

Aug. 8—ruler Sun Domestic upheaval of a tempermental nature has loud repercussions in your business judgment. Hold everything today—and don't get confused over finances.

Aug. 9—ruler Sun. Go ahead with your plans, forge ahead; things rest on a solid foundation here; and develop rapidly from it. Things started today mature very satisfactorily.

Aug. 10—ruler Sun. Correspondence and mental matters active—you're high strung, but your judgment is good.

Aug. 11—ruler Mercury. Cooperate: a strong associate dispels a mist, and points you the way to progress. Seek advice.

Aug. 12—ruler Mercury. Things developing from private to public require watching; details irksome, but need attention.

Aug. 13—ruler Venus. Financial inspirations are dangerous; heavy expenses must be curbed—all spend and no save makes worry.

Aug. 14—ruler Venus. Rumors and false reports about yourself and your friends—avoid social matters.

Aug. 15—ruler Pluto. Looks as if plenty whoopee gives a depressing morning after. Avoid anger, quarrels, and touchiness.

Aug. 16—ruler Pluto. Keep your own counsel, avoid discussing plans especially with sweethearts; work quietly and without

nerves; guard health from an attack of the jitters.

Aug. 17—ruler Jupiter. A secret inspiration! This looks good—but don't try to close it today; avoid contracts and decisions, though they will be pressed. Be closemouthed.

Aug. 18—ruler Jupiter. Contact superiors, seek advice—but don't be too ready to clinch things. Let 'em wait—it'll do 'em good.

Aug. 19—ruler Saturn. Personal fireworks, with a large explosion at the end. Look out for internal combustion.

Aug. 20—ruler Saturn. Business superactive—the public seems anxious to sell; judicious buying is favored—but if you sell today, you're likely to get too little.

Aug. 21—ruler Uranus. A superior has fine ideas—get him on the dotted line; avoid domestic friction and social unrest—personal depression can destroy a large good here.

Aug. 22—ruler Uranus. Publicity marked; correspondence bring you a glamorous and exciting idea. Advertising favored.

Aug. 23—ruler Uranus. Publishers, writers, politicians have a field day. Seek the limelight—it's in your favor.

Aug. 24—ruler Neptune. Take advice from a partner—he'll lift the burden of your woe. Forget personal troubles—this is a day to ask, and receive, what you want.

Aug. 25—ruler Neptune. Another dynamic and progressive day. Agreements have a cash value; employment matters profitable.

Aug. 26—ruler Mars. Nervous influence in financial and employment department; guard health; do the day's work.

Aug. 27—ruler Mars. Pleasure on the job—looks as if your work was pleasant as well as profitable.

Aug. 28—ruler Mars. Catch ur odd jobs, clean off your desk—clear the decks for action . . . but don't force it today.

Aug. 29—ruler Venus. Champing at the bit; you feel personally restricted; forget it! You're luckier than you suspect.

Aug. 30—ruler Venus. Social and business contacts alike are valuable; a private matter is jumpy, but important.

Aug. 31—ruler Mercury. Stick at home, do what you have to do without excitement; avoid the limelight. Get personal matters put to rights; you're well supported domestically.

CAPRICORN

The month of August for those Born December 22 to January 19

This month may be considered as a period during which it may be well for you to pause a while and to face the consequences of many things which have occurred before. It appears to be the end of a cycle: a time for the gathering of the fruits of past actions. Also, for the contemplation and evaluation of their significance. Out of such an interior process a new and more encompassing basis for new concrete experiences will be evolved; from which again a new capacity for work along new lines, much broader than heretofore, will grow, step by step—by the inescapable logic of vital processes.

Much will center around the mind; because it is in the mind that such summation processes occur. There will be great intellectual activity-at first an almost automatic, uncontrolled and rather destructive type of activity. The brain will turn dizzily, losing itself in detail activities, worries as to small routine matters affecting the worka-day world and the immediate environment. The emotional creative and outgoing nature will be covered by a shifting fog; ideals will seem misty and blurred. You will fall back on your marriage partner, or on all intimate human contacts, in order to save yourself from this strenuous intellectual whirl, or inner brain-storm.

This first stage will soon subside and you will begin of build a new foundation of consciousness, drawing to your home or your concrete self various and sundry powers, welding them into a new psychological setup. Your professional public activities will be in the background, yet influencing and giving you perspective upon the changes in your own personal circle. Your task is to broaden your outlook, to expand your sphere of employment; yet remaining within steady boundaries. Cultivate common sense as much as 'vision.'

July 30 to August 7

Hold your mind still. It has a tendency to run you instead of you running it. Your nervous system is aggravated by your environment. You fret against the past and internal psychological conditions. Trust your wife or husband; but do not worship her or him. It would make matters worse. Dream, expand abstractly. Try not to work hard, not to disrupt your mind by little constant resentments. Watch your health. Relax.

August 7 to August 14

In order to escape your mental pressure you may have given undue power to the objective world—things as well as companions—over you. It was a normal compensatory process: looking for a redeemer in the woman loved—as Romanticists did so much, last century. This now creates a peculiar condition in your home. Yet you may be on the way to transcendent definite psychological problems. Beware of overdevotional zeal: and save your health, first of all.

August 14 to August 21

A new process of concentration is going on steadily within you. You are reaching for solid ground in every realm. Do not depend on your past possessions or traditions Make for a new goal. Survey your business field. Yet go very slowly. You are not steady enough as yet inside to venture forth very far.

August 21 to August 31

This is the time for genuine rejuvenation. Leave the past and the known behind. With intense faith and devotion explore your new self; the new home you have built. You are stirred deeply, inside. Bring this energy aroused into concrete objects that will challenge recognition. One more step, and you will be ready for a new life-pattern. Enter the new.

CAPRICORN-Daily Guide

Aug. 1—ruler Mercury. Don't follow your secret heart today—private matters go wrong. Bosses cranky. Stick to home.

Aug. 2—ruler Mercury. Pleasant influence at home—a stranger there has good ideas for you. Base of operations firm.

Aug. 3—ruler Mercury. Financial excitement—dangerous nerves create worry over money; don't speculate or invest.

Aug. 4—ruler Moon. Romantic, adventurous, temperamental—avoid extravagance; business treacherous; correspondence active.

Aug. 5—ruler Moon. Social contact may be helpful today; a message is cheerful; seek advice from a younger person.

Aug. 6—ruler Sun. Here's a pretty how d'ye do! Stay away from bosses, and avoid bickerings and quarrels at home. Your magnetism is strong, and you hold things in line with self control.

Aug. 7—ruler Sun. Finances good—a proposition moves forward from here to a good conclusion. Things started develowell.

Aug. 8—ruler Mercury. Mental tension and opposition from a partner excite you. Keep calm; don't tell all you know. Private conference adjusts things nicely.

Aug. 9—ruler Mercury. Keep your own counsel, don't discuss your plans—you gain power by secrecy.

Aug. 10—ruler Mercury. Social matters better than business—financial haste makes waste... and lots of it. Slow!

Aug. 11—ruler Venus. Your friends are helpful—a financial proposition is sound. Watch jittery associates.

Aug. 12—ruler Venus. Development of a private matter advances your position. Stick to business.

Aug. 13—ruler Pluto. Everything at sixes and sevens—looks like a knock down and drag out battle. . make sure you aren't the one dragged out. Keep your temper; you'll need it.

Aug. 14—ruler Pluto. Odd jobs pop up and need attention; guard your health from nervous exhaustion. Relax.

Aug. 15—ruler Jupiter. Depressed by home restrictions but you can make things develop nicely in private; keep your own counsel; stay away from Private Lives; and plan by yourself.

August. 16-ruler Jupiter. Messages are

important today—they hold the key to progress. Decisions called for.

Aug. 17—ruler Saturn. Friends, sweethearts, and social matters are jumpy—stay away from the whitelights.

Aug. 18—ruler Saturn. Financial developments need care and caution—restriction is being overcome in money department; avoid forcing issues today.

Aug. 19—ruler Uranus. Bang! Looks like an explosion on the part of a boss or superior; lie low—avoid this excitement.

Aug. 20—ruler Uranus. Lots of people around you, and you can control them, by restraint and tact, to your own benefit.

Aug. 21—ruler Neptune. An important decision is called for; whatever comes from a distance is best today; avoid domestic tension—those in your environment are confused.

Aug. 22—ruler Neptune. Business and financial matters very active, confusing; an associate helps through this.

Aug. 23—ruler Neptune. Stick to routine; avoid speculation and gambling. Duty is the keynote of progress, today.

Aug. 24—ruler Mars. Powerful secret matter may have important implications; avoid nerves and business tension.

Aug. 25—ruler Mars. Inspirational business notion through an associate—what comes to you here is good.

Aug. 26—ruler Venus. Looks like the headache of the morning after a week-end. Relax, forget your troubles; these jitters will pass.

Aug. 27—ruler Venus. A partner brings home the bacon. Social matters excellent; you progress through them.

Aug. 28—ruler Venus. Don't start new ventures—get loose ends straightened out; guard health from nerves.

Aug. 29—ruler Mercury. Stern superior has your interest at heart; don't be impatient; your base of operations is firm.

Aug. 30—ruler Mercury. A decision presses—your hunch is very likely to be right in this—follow it.

Aug. 31—ruler Moon. Friend of unusual sort is helpful—don't let his exuberance throw you off ballance, but listen to him; you'll hear plenty.

AQUARIUS

The Month of August for those Born January 20 to February 18

The main conflict, during this month, is centered around the relationship between your intense desire for self-expression as an individual and the power which racial ideals, religious or idealistic groups to which you have belonged in the past has over you. Your environment, your ancestral tradition, the demands made by all the things which you call "your own"-all these factors lead you to associate with groups of human beings with a similar social and religious background. You have shared automatically, unquestioningly the ideals of these groups. But now something in you rebels and questions the value and utility of these traditional groups and ideals. You wish to function as an individual; or rather you "would like to"; but it is so much easier to follow the line of least resistance and be a "yes man" to all that your ancestors and your friends proclaim great.

Thus it is a hard struggle. But the expansive energies of your ego and its desires are asserting themselves powerfully, leading you toward new mental conceptions; even though your mind may feel pulled to pieces. To each dear old thing it clings with the tenacity of long-cherished habits; and it feels like plucking hair at sensitive points of the body, one by one—sharp little pains that irritate and make one fly off in all sorts of emotional tantrums.

You can overdo the individualizing stunt. Beware lest you find yourself minus roots! In trying to be "yourself," you may cast away all moorings and find yourself without any place to land. Reality is concrete, in the final analysis; even though there are many levels at which concrete foundations may be built. Be willing to learn from old Saturn, the foundation-builder, the builder of reinforced concrete. Do not build a skyscraper on loose sand. Therefore do not trust yourself too much. Rely more on your close companions. They have a better perspective than you upon yourself.

July 30 to August 7

There is a very peculiar situation involving your finances and all your possessions. You either depend upon them too much and they will break where you put too great a pressure, or else you are doing queer things with them. It looks like a wave of speculation and inflation hitting you—and hitting badly. Run for cover. Be very cautious, even though your job should expand and your salary be increased. Keep cool in love.

August 7 to August 14

This is a 'blowing off' week. Keep very cool, if you sense romance. Friends are friends; lovers are lovers. The twain should never meet. If you have to sacrifice a friend for a lover—well, do the opposite. It is safer and much nicer. Your home is beautiful. Do not spend too much money building a new wing or buying rugs and silk curtains. For heavens' sake, be still. Give your brain some rest. Your business partners have a better sense of finances than you have.

August 14 to August 21

Curb your impetuousness. Do not let your environment depress you. You have thought so much about it that you are fagged out. Forget about your self. You flaunt it too much in the face of things. Your husband or wife should get your undivided attention. There is the source of your best help now.

August 21 to August 31

Your expansiveness and optimism is reaching a head. Your intellect is vague and diffuse—unless you are very much at home in universal and abstract concepts. You seem very busy writing letters; but from the way the answers you get look, I would refrain or use moderation. Much now is about to happen. Can you be at the same time exalted by an intense flow of inspiration—yet very calm and objective?

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Aug. 1—ruler Moon. Mentally tense, but you make a good decision through advice. Shun society—looks as if there are fireworks here.

Aug. 2—ruler Moon. Messages are very pleasant; and social matters promote your interests.

Aug. 3—ruler Moon. Exciting influence in the home sets your teeth on edge—avoid jittery bosses.

Aug. 4—ruler Sun. Partners and bosses with expansive ideas must be watched—they'll cost you money if you let them.

Aug. 5—ruler Sun. Private conferences have good financial results—overcome opposition with tact.

Aug. 6—ruler Mercury. Make no decisions, believe no messages—relax mentally and let things wait.

Aug. 7—ruler Mercury. Advice in private is very helpful—you can reach a secret agreement of far-reaching import.

Aug. 8—ruler Venus. Financial hopefulness nets a loss. Don't speculate, gamble, or invest: Work!

Aug. 9—ruler Venus. Frinds put you, privately, in the way of making money. Excellent advice here; communications important and favorable.

Aug. 10—ruler Venus. Be cagey . . . take your own good time and do things in your own private way.

Aug. 11—ruler Pluto. Inspiration! If you ride the Winged Horse today, be sure you have a landing field.

Aug. 12—ruler Pluto. Publicity favorable; letters from a distance hold something good for you; write, travel.

Aug. 13—ruler Jupiter. Skip out from domestic restriction—the world is wide today . . . and secret business matters important. Discuss things, peacefully, but postpone decisions.

Aug. 14—ruler Jupiter. There's some deceit here—don't believe, or commit yourself.

Aug. 15—ruler Saturn. Depressed, nervous, and still not sure of your ground. That's right, don't be. Sit tight.

Aug. 16—ruler Saturn. Money-worries; a boss has big ideas for you—contact him to-day, and talk things over.

Aug. 17—ruler Uranus. A proposal through a partner seems small potatoes... but they'll grow up—give 'em a chance.

Aug. 18—ruler Uranus. Relax, rest lie in the sun. Too much exercise today exhausts you. Be lazy.

Aug. 19—ruler Neptune. This is a good Monday to be continuing the week end. Quarrels, disputes, upset things at a distance and near at hand . . . Routine matters only are good.

Aug. 20—ruler Neptune. Stick to work, where an associate makes things pleasant for you. Watch your health.

Aug. 21—ruler Mars. Don't invest or speculate—gold-bricks prove boomerangs. Leave 'em to someone else.

Aug. 22—ruler Mars. Good support from intimates. A development in your environment is exciting—watch it.

Aug. 23—ruler Mars. You're stepping along at a fast clip, with plenty of cheers from the side lines. The public and those around you favor you—use their help.

Aug. 24—ruler Venus. Make this day count. Everything is clicking for you. Just hold in your excitement, and watch the things come to you. Associates inspirational for you.

Aug. 25—ruler Venus. Second of two unusual days. Social matters advance your interests materially. Enjoy your popularity.

Aug. 26—ruler Mercury. Domestic and personal matters important; let public progress wait.

Aug. 27—ruler Mercury. Routine matters favored, based in good judgment and support; avoid nerves; guard health.

Aug. 28—ruler Mercury. Slowing of pace here may get on your nerves; don't try to start new matters . . . they'll wait.

Aug. 29—ruler Moon. Decisions necessary—a social or romantic matter gives you a big lift and inspiration.

Aug. 30—ruler Moon. Messages, correspondence, communications, excellent; write and travel; relatives help you.

Aug. 31—ruler Sun. Financial solidification through a superior—rather an odd bird, but he has your interests at heart.

PISCES

The Month of August for those Born February 19 to March 20

This month features for you a sharp conflict between your private and your public life; and there is a tendency to psychological confusion. It is due to the fact that your mind is inclined to be diffused and extremely sensitive to subjective intuitions. A multiplicity of "inner feelings" are trying to rush you into some sort of action. Your possessions and finances have a tendency to ooze out of your bank-account or your pocket book. This is because you have "feelings" that you ought to do something about, a condition which is upsetting considerably your mind. Somehow this "doing something" has to do with handling money, for some social, humanitarian or spiritual purpose. And it is all right, provided you do not push yourself to the fore personally doing it.

This financial business, which in some way involves a completely new set-up for your affairs and probably new partnerships, is pulling your forces together in a very remarkable manner. If you are not 'mediumistic' about it, then you may have most unusual mental experiences-but not without a certain amount of risk to your mental equipoise. You may contact a very peculiar source of supply. But, be that as it may, the point is that it will produce rather stressful effects at home. You will have a tendency to mobilize all that you have gained in the past for some strenuous action, which may either upset the peace of your domestic life or draw out of your soul a vast amount of energy. This energy is likely to be used in unusual public ways; perhaps as a trustee for some spiritual or revolutionary cause.

The end of the month will presumably be the time of great release of power. The expansive forces will be as strong as ever, but the outlook will be more sober and objective. Money, or any type of social power, will be used with much greater vision and wisdom than earlier in the month. There will be real grandeur in your life—whatever your station in life.

July 30 to August 7

You may find yourself in a sort of deep introspective mood, with mental processes going at full speed. You may not be able to control them, and they will color your outlook. But at the same time an emotional stress is shown. Your mental realizations—be they wondrous intuitions or idle dreams—are releasing feelings that compel to self-expression and forceful decisions.

August 7 to August 14

You have a strong tendency to inflate yourself beyond all structural limitations. You may eat too much, love too much, gamble too much. What you own may soon be expended if you keep up at this pace. Rely upon your marriage partner and upon all intimate companionships, rather than rush ahead according to your intuitions or mental whims.

August 14 to August 21

At this full moon you reach the apex of self-glorification. You are releasing all you ever had and "putting it over in a big way." There is vision in what may seem your apparent madness and you are certainly working hard and deliberately. Pluto is dominating you. I wonder what for? You can control any committee you are working with. You see clearly, almost ruthlessly. Do not forget compassion.

August 21 to August 31

Your mental processes and finances are still at the center of the picture. The compassionate or social impulse is now in full swing. Neptune sways mind and emotions. Something is certainly happening in your home. It expands. It is like a birth. Is it the birth of the Christ-child within your soul, O mystic Piscean!—or some exciting real estate operation?

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Aug. 1—ruler Sun. Postpone financial and business decisions, or, if they must be made, be guided by the conservatism of an associate.

Aug. 2—ruler Sun. Good business proposition seems to develop from your home; good surroundings promote your interests.

Aug. 3—ruler Sun. You have secret sorrows and worries—nerves beset you; keep your own counsel, and avoid decisions.

Aug. 4—ruler Mercury. Mental confusion is contributed to by a dour and hardboiled partner. Don't quarrel.

Aug. 5—ruler Mercury. Your magnetism draws valuable friends today—they'll help you. Watch health.

Aug. 6—ruler Venus. Here's where the will to spend becomes dangerously strong. Restrain it; also the instinct to plunge into investments, speculations, and gambles.

Aug. 7—ruler Venus. Friends strong, but may be expensive—hold onto the purse strings. A money proposition merits careful consideration; it may be good, through your caution.

Aug. 8—ruler Pluto. You may win a fight today, but it'll be at too great a price. Peace gets you farther in the end—and saves a lot of wear and tear.

Aug. 9—ruler Pluto. Go ahead with your plans—superiors support you; ask what you want; make plans; reach agreements.

Aug. 10—ruler Pluto. Things at a distance, messages and communications, favor you; write, travel, correspond.

Aug. 11—ruler Jupiter. Meditation, and private matters prove inspirational, and have public and beneficial repercussions later. Things develop for you secretly.

Aug. 12—ruler Jupiter. Strong friends are for you; messages may be confusing, but have good ideas hidden in them.

Aug. 13—ruler Saturn. Nervous, tense, emotional day; avoid social and romantic, as well as financial matters.

Aug. 14—ruler Saturn. Domestic friction, the result of the swift pace of your inner and outer life. Relax.

Aug. 15—ruler Uranus. Your position booms through a stable financial scheme. Avoid confusion by relying on your own judgment; associates are less clear-headed than you.

Aug. 16—ruler Uranus. Personal extravagance is a little imprudent , . . but you'll have a good time through it.

Aug. 17—ruler Neptune. You've got the weight of the world on you . . . imagination. Forget it; relax and avoid extra effort; do what's necessary and let the rest wait. It will.

Aug. 18—ruler Neptune. A pleasant contact dispels worry over private matters. Routine taxes nerves; don't fret.

Aug. 19—ruler Mars. Here's where extravagance blows the lid off, and speculative ventures are tempting and dangerous.

Aug. 20—ruler Mars. Lots of social matters on your mind; powerful friends around, but somewhat confusing. Integrate your ambitions here, but avoid too much talk about them.

Aug. 21—ruler Venus. Confusion worse confounded! Keep your own counsel; relax, especially in business matters.

Aug. 22—ruler Venus. Work builds a firm foundation today—routine matters have an inspirational overtone. Stick to the job in hand, and to your home.

Aug. 23—ruler Venus. Like yesterday, your strength lies within you, in your normal work. Forget private worries.

Aug. 24—ruler Mercury. The harvest day of the crop which patience sowed; ships come in, chickens come home to roost; a plan matures satisfactorily for the long pull.

Aug. 25—ruler Mercury. Mental and social pursuits active and pleasant; a good time at home and abroad.

Aug. 26—ruler Moon. Tension follows the last few days' good. Relax and don't force issues; a decision will wait.

Aug. 27—ruler Moon. Looks as if you're being a spendthrift! Cut down the outlay . . . and avoid adventure and romance.

Aug. 28—ruler Moon. New developments in the air, very dynamic; but should not be forced today. Check your accounts.

Aug. 29—ruler Sun. Business matters active, and laying more firm foundations; avoid the jitters and undue haste.

Aug. 30—ruler Sun Contracts favor you; reach business agreements, sign papers.

Aug. 31—ruler Mercury. You're magnetic, and restrictive-seeming partner will do no harm. Business is strong. A decision made today may result in a good sale for you.

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I stay my haste, I make delays:
For what avails this eager pace?
I stand amid the eternal ways,
And what is mine shall know my face.

Asleep, awake, by night or day,
The friends I seek are seeking me;
No wind can drive my bark astray,
Nor change the tide of destiny.

What matter if I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years:
My heart shall reap where it has sown,
And garner up the fruit of tears.

The waters know their own, and draw
The brook that springs in yonder heights.
So flows the good with equal law
Unto the soul of pure delights.

The stars come nightly to the sky,
The tidal wave unto the sea;
Nor time nor space, nor deep nor high,
Can keep my own away from me.

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