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THE USE OF THE MAPS ;

OR

HOW TO READ A NATIVITY.

We have a few more remarks to make respecting the figure of birth, which we feel somewhat compelled to make before going into any of the methods of working up the directions, &c., in order to find out at what time of life the events promised by the figure of birth may be expected to take place.

In making these few remarks we will endeavour to be as brief as possible, in order to get at this important matter, which numbers of our readers are so anxious about.

Now in order to continue and to conclude our comments respecting a person's birth figure, let us again fall back upon the nativity of General Boulanger. The next feature that claims our attention in this figure is the prospects and facilities the native inherits from his birth, and which will consequently develop themselves in his life and existence.

This, as we said before, is the basis, the foundation, the ground work, the very fountain from which a person derives his whole attributes and resources. Man is a subject of universal law, brought into existence by the ordinances of that law, and by it he is governed all his life through, and is no more a free agent than any other animal in creation. Of course his freedom is greater than that perhaps (at least in

most respects) of any other of the animal world, he is anything but a free agent nevertheless. It is very fortunate that it is so, for what on earth would become of the human race, if every man had absolute control of himself and his own affairs, not taking into consideration the command and control of each other? The scenes that would at once be enacted we must leave our readers to imagine.

The doctrine of man's free agency, as it is taught by theologians and teachers of this cultivated ignorant age, is nothing less than a fraud and a delusion of the darkest and most superstitious kind. One of the greatest mysteries of the day is, how intelligent men have so long been deluded by it. The only thing we can adduce to account for it is man's extraordinary degree of presumption and ambitious desire to be something that he is not, or ever possibly can be. There is no such thing as any person obtaining that which nature has not presented to him, neither in one respect or another. He may cultivate and improve, or he may abuse to a certain extent that which he possesses, but what he has not he must for ever remain without.

Again we fearlessly assert that it is an utter impossibility, and altogether beyond the power and ability of man, to work out for himself a successful and fortunate career in defiance of and contrary to the laws and ordinances of heaven, which laws and ordinances can only be read and understood in this respect from the horoscope of birth, no matter what men may say to the contrary. The natal figure of the General fully bears out this argument, so also does that of the Emperor of Germany.

In observing the source from which the General is supplied with faculties to succeed and rise in life, let us again refer to the Sun. According to astrological rules, a person born with the luminaries, particularly the Sun, in an angle, more especially in the first or tenth, the native will be of a bold,

resolute, determined, ambitious nature ; and if the solar orb be at all favourably aspected, then the native receives power and ability to overcome most of his difficulties, and to go ahead in spite of whatever may come in his way to oppose him. Of course much depends upon the sign the Sun is in, and how it is aspected by other planets.

In the figure now under consideration we find this King of Kings and Lord of Lords, only one degree five minutes from the cusp of the first mansion or asc., hence what could we expect it to produce but a person corresponding with the general rule as above stated. Uranus, lord of the eleventh house of friends is near the cusp of twelfth, in friendly—sextile—aspect with Sun. This figure and the circumstances of the native's life we think proves to a very great extent the superiority of mundane aspects over Zodiacal ones, for in this native's we find both Mars and Jupiter in Zodiacal square, but in mundane trine to Sun on the asc., which according to the general rule endows the native with a considerable amount of success and good fortune, by which he will be raised step by step to an exalted position. The friendly aspect of the Moon to Venus, ruler of the figure, also contributes to the native in this way. It is said if Jupiter contributes his benevolent assistance the native receives presents and high honours, if Mars be in friendly aspect it gives power and command over armies, and popularity through military exploits. There are various other aspects and positions which might be noted, but we want to hurry on, and must therefore pass them by. We cannot help but observe, however, that the map, when viewed from an astrological standpoint, stands out as a most distinct and positive witness in favour of the chief of sciences, and is qualified to rout every atom of theological reasoning that can be brought against it.

The natus of the Emperor is quite another thing altogether. Had this man been born in humble life

he would never have made his way upward ; no, not a single step would he ever have been able to take in that direction. Born as he was on the very highest pinnacle of popularity and fame it is impossible for him to climb any higher, so far as position is concerned ; but there is a vast difference in the abilities of Kings and Emperors as well as in common people. Their position by no means exempts them from the rule, for God and nature have no respect for persons. Those who are expecting any great exploits, honour, and renown to accrue to the German nation under the ruling power of this man will be greatly disappointed, for the heavens declare that such cannot be.

The Prospect of the Native's Marriage and of his Married Life.

These are not of a very bright or promising nature. The planet Saturn in the seventh describes the wife. Moon in good aspect with Mars and going to conjunction of Uranus, and at the same time to sextile of Sun, indicates marriage, but Saturn causes some delay, if not disappointment, before that most important event would take place, while Saturn in Scorpio in the seventh, in opposition to Sun on the cusp of first brings us to the conclusion that it would have been almost as well for both parties concerned if it never had taken place ; and doubtless they are both fairly well aware of it long before this.

In the Emperor's figure the wife is described by Uranus in Taurus, there being no planet in the seventh, and that is the first to which the Moon applies.

Friends.

The Moon in the house of friends not afflicted, but separating from a good aspect of Venus, ruler of the figure, and applying to a good aspect of Sun on asc., indicates many friends, and much assistance from them, and as the lunar orb is representative of the

general public, and especially the common people, it gives much help from that quarter. Were the same orb afflicting the asc., its ruler planet therein, or were it afflicted in the house of friends, the result would have been accordingly.

See the Emperor's natus, Uranus in eleventh, to which Moon ruler of the figure is applying by opposition, he will not have much to thank friends for. Jupiter is there, but helpless, being in Gemini, its detriment.

Enemies—Public and Private.

The public ones are denoted by Saturn, it being in the seventh, and at the same time in opposition to Sun, giving very bitter, sullen, and powerful enemies of a public nature, such as challenge him to open debate, combat, or antagonism. They will be very revengeful and blood-thirsty too, of the nature of Saturn in Scorpio.

Private enemies he has nothing to fear from, for Uranus on cusp of twelfth in sextile to Sun on the asc. will produce benefits rather than injuries from this class of persons, even if any exist, and the native can always afford to laugh at the acts and plottings of these, for whatever they do will work out to his advantage, and instead of doing him harm as they expect. they will be doing him good, and assisting him to accomplish his ends.

Not so with the Emperor; his private enemies are denoted by Mercury, lord of twelfth, which is placed in the sixth in Capricorn, showing his private enemies to have but little power to do either good or harm.

Travelling.

In this respect the figure is not very productive. Five planets in the fixed signs, and only two in movable, neither are the movables on the third or ninth, which do not speak of very much travelling. Of course the circumstances with which a person is

surrounded, and the position to which his nativity brings him, must be taken into consideration, for to a person born in a high position, surrounded by luxurious circumstances, or he who rises to a high position, travelling becomes a common necessity. The extent of travelling then indulged in may seem in excess of what the figure of birth denotes, and a great deal more than a person in humble life, with the same configurations, would ever think of. The native now under consideration will doubtless travel somewhat, which position his horoscope has placed him in will naturally necessitate, but he will not become a great traveller, nor will he travel more than circumstances compel him, or at least necessitates him to.

[We think we may now conclude our remarks on the figure of a person's birth, at least for the present. Our next step will be to note the time when the events denoted may be expected, and when the person whose nativity may be under consideration is under fortunate or unfortunate influences.]

GEOMANCY : WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO USE IT.

Geomancy is an art that was once in very great repute, and practised almost universally. Like all other arts and sciences, some persons acquired a much better knowledge and understanding of it than others, and also like many other things, religion and Christianity not excepted, it became very much abused. It seems to be the nature of man to abuse everything he has to do with; even his own person.

Geomancy is put down by many of the wisecracs of modern times, who know nothing whatever about it, as something of a superstitious, dark, benighted, and Devilish nature; now we think we shall be able to prove by demonstration that it is nothing of the kind. A good deal of superstition doubtless has been connected with it, but what is there that it has not? and what is there to-day that is not strongly tinged with it, particularly all things of a religious nature. To conceive anything more superstitious than the theological teaching of the

Church of Rome is next to impossible, yet enlightened, educated, refined, and polished Englishmen and women rush after it, and even parsons and bishops will suffer martyrdom for it. These things seem incredible, but there they are, a living fact which cannot be denied. Consequently all the other branches of fashionable religious sects, being offsprings of the one parent (Church of Rome) it is only natural that they should inherit a good proportion of their mother's nature, which they certainly do. We think when Geomancy comes to be examined, it will be found to be much more free from superstition or evil than it has been stated to be.

It is now a well recognised fact that there is a sympathetic and an antipathetic force running through all creation. The millions of suns and solar systems that inhabit the immensity of space, our own Sun, every planet it rules and governs, every particle of matter of which they are composed, whether animate or inanimate, is thoroughly impregnated with these forces. The sympathetic is good all the world over, the antipathetic is evil all through the same, hence the origin and fountain-head of good and evil.

The ancients were somewhat acquainted with these forces, and practiced Geomancy upon the earth, supposing, as they did, that these forces, which they choose to call spirits of the earth, would guide their hands aright, hence the name Geomancy, pertaining to the earth's Geology. There may be something feasible in this for anything we know; but we know that a piece of paper and a lead pencil, a slate, or a piece of wood, all answer for the same thing. Whether there be any truth in it or not, or whether it can be relied upon for giving a truthful answer in all cases and under all circumstances we are not going to assert, our only object being to give the necessary instructions for working it, and leave our readers to judge for themselves. Like Horary Astrology, doubtless much depends upon the importance of the question under consideration, and the state of the mind at the time of operating, for unless the question be a somewhat important one, and the questioner sincere, a satisfactory answer can hardly be expected. There is no doubt but the same occult influence that makes the table rap to the requirements of the sitters, the Bible to turn upon the fingers of the holders, that gives instinct and intelligence to every animated peice of matter according to the capabilities of its construction for receiving it, is the prime mover in this, and whether we call it spiritualism, magnetism, mesmerism, or any other "ism," it matters not. These forces have a universal existence, and are ever bringing to our notice phenomena which cannot possibly be accounted for by the profoundest of philosophers, without a recognition of the existence of these universal forces, mostly called by us, owing to our want of knowing them better, occult influences.

The foundation, then, for the practical part of Geomancy consists of marking sixteen rows of dots, short strokes, or dashes, upon the ground, a piece of wood, slate, or paper, without counting them, but during the time of this operation the mind should be steadily fixed upon the object of inquiry. When the whole sixteen lines are made, they should then be counted, commencing at the top and counting each succeeding row downward. If the total number in a row is found to be *odd*, one mark must be put down to denote it ; if the number be *even*, two must be put down. See the following

EXAMPLE.

<p>1.</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p>
<p>2.</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p>	<p>4.</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p> <p>0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0</p>

Now by counting the top row in No. 1 we find the total is even, therefore we put down two marks to denote it, see figure 1. The next line contains an even number also, which mark just below the first two. The total of the next row is odd, therefore one must be marked just below the last two. The fourth line in No. 1 is also even, therefore two are required to be marked below the last *one*.

The first figure is now complete, the other three require to be treated in precisely the same way ; see below.

EXAMPLE.

Fig. 1.	Fig. 2.	Fig. 3.	Fig. 4	Fig. 5.	Fig. 6.	Fig. 7.	Fig. 8.
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0 0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0	0
0	0	0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0
0 0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0	0 0

We have now obtained four figures, the product of the first process, namely the sixteen lines of marks. We have now to construct other four from these, and for the sake of easy understanding we will mark them 5, 6, 7, and 8. Figure 5 is obtained by the top row of 1, 2, 3, and 4. This row must not be counted

as with the others, but merely set down *as they are*, with only the position reversed to a column. See above figure. Fig. 6 is obtained from the second row in the same way, 7 from the 3rd, and 8 from the 4th.

We now require to construct other four from these eight; this is done by taking 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8. two figures together, just in the same order as before, namely, the top row in 1 and 2 is even, the second is odd, the third is even, and the fourth is odd. By taking the whole eight in this order we obtain four other figures, exactly like the following, viz :—

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	0	0	0 0	0

From these four construct other two in the same way :—

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0	0
0	0 0
0 0	0

Now from these two we construct another, and the figure is complete, and should stand in the form now given :—

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.
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*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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REVOLUTIONARY FIGURES AND TRANSITS.

(Continued from page 221, vol 2.)

If Jupiter or part of fortune be found in the second of revelation, the native may anticipate a fortunate year, that is in pecuniary matters. His business transactions will turn out satisfactory, and various things will occur of a beneficial nature. Of course the amount of benefits must be expected just in proportion to what the nativity promises.

The part of fortune is an imaginary point in the heavens, or more properly speaking in the Zodiac, where the rays or magnetic currents of Sun and Moon are supposed to meet, and from that point these combined currents are transmitted to the earth. Whether there is any solid foundation for this supposition or not we are not going to discuss, but that many professors put great confidence in it, while others think little of it, and others discard it altogether, there can be no denying. As our business is neither to prove or disprove its existence, we will simply give instructions for finding it at any given time, then leave the matter for students to decide for themselves—at least for the present.

To find the Part of Fortune at any given time.

In the first place, add together the longitude of the ascendant and Moon, then from the amount obtained subtract the longitude of Sun, the remainder is longitude of part of fortune.

EXAMPLE.

In our Revolutionary figure page 219, we find longitude of ascendant is 6 signs, 15 degrees, 48 minutes. Count Aries 1, Taurus 2, Gemini 3, Cancer 4, Leo 5, Virgo 6, and Libra 15 degrees, 48 minutes, is on the ascendant, which, as above stated is 6 signs, 15 degrees, 48 minutes, or 195 degrees, 48 minutes. The longitude of Moon is found in the same way, which in this case is 8 signs, 7 degrees, 35 minutes, or 247 degrees, 35 minutes.

These added together thus:—

195 deg. 48 min.
247 .. 35 ..
<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 448 .. 23 ..
307 .. 15 ..
<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 186 deg. 8 min.

Amounts to 448 degrees, 23 minutes, from which the longitude of Sun must be subtracted. This is found to be 10 signs, 7 degrees, 15 minutes, or 307 degrees, 15 minutes, subtracted

from the above leaves 136 degrees, 8 minutes, or 4 signs, 16 degrees, 8 minutes. Counting again from Aries, we find the place required is Leo 16 degrees 8 minutes, very near a conjunction of Saturn in the 10th house.

To make sure the proper place is found, see that it is the same distance from the ascendant as the Moon is from the Sun, if not so, some mistake has been made in the calculation.

If the lord of second in the birth figure be found in the 3rd of rev. it brings benefits through things ruled by that house, such as short journeys, kindred and neighbours, letters and correspondence. If the ruler of the 3rd be strong, and forms a good aspect, all the better with the above. If lord of 2nd be a benefic, and in good aspect with lord of 4th, then benefits are promised to result from the father, buildings, lands, gardens, and such things as are ruled by the fourth mansion.

If so situated in relation to lord of 5th, then gain by lotteries, betting, gaming, schools, children, &c.

If lord of 6th, then benefits may be expected from servants, tenants, lodgers, small cattle, aunts, uncles, &c.

The same if the lords of first or second are found in these houses strong and well aspected. The same rule applies to all the other mansions. In whatever mansions the lords of the various houses in the nativity are found, benefits or troubles may be looked for to result from such things as are governed by that house or houses, and those just in proportion to the strength or weakness of these lords.

The lords of houses in the nativity must always be considered the radical lords, those of the rev. only local or casual.

It is considered a good revolutionary figure, if the same sign ascend as that ascending at birth ; or if the same planets that were lords of the houses at birth are lords of the same in the revolution.

If any of the planets in the rev. are in good aspect with the places of either Sun, Moon, Venus, Jupiter, or Part of Fortune in the nativity, benefits may be expected to occur therefrom ; but if the aspects are evil, particularly evil planets, much trouble, difficulty, and annoyance will be experienced.

A revolutionary figure, though ever so good, can do but little to counteract the evils of an unfortunate nativity, nor a bad one to counteract the beneficial effects of a good one ; what they do accomplish either way is but temporary, and passes off in a little time.

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CHOICE APHORISMS.

114.—When the infortunes signify any evil, see whether Jupiter or Venus cast friendly rays thither; if they do, they mitigate the evil and so much the more if it be with reception.

115.—Consider much upon what a fortune promiseth, unless he be either in his dignities or received by another fortune, for else he is like a man that would fain to do good but wants the power.

116.—Saturn and Mars peregrine are malicious beyond measure, but they are not so when they are essentially dignified.

117.—In a question when fortunes and infortunes are equally weak and illseated, defer the judgment till the heavens are better disposed.

118.—When a planet promising any good in a question is either combust, or in opposition to the Sun, the quesited never performs his promises.

119.—The lord of the ascendant and the Moon peregrine, shew the querent is out of all hopes of obtaining his desire.

120.—The significator of the question in a fixed sign shows the thing enquired after will be slow or tedious in doing; if in movable signs it soon comes to pass, but if in common signs it changeth from one state to another.

121.—In all questions see whether the ascendant or his lord be in the degree of any eclipse at hand, for then, though the matter were in ever so fair a way, it will receive prejudice unexpected, and scarce ever be concluded.

122.—The lord of the horoscope in square or opposition thereunto, or if the Moon be opposite to her house or exaltation, the querent is careless of his business.

123.—If the significator of the thing demanded be impeded, consider what planet impedes him, and from the house he is in and lord of, you may find the cause and persons hindering the business.

124.—The nearer a significator is to an angle the more good is to be expected from him ; if in a succedent house, less ; but if in a cadent, little or nothing, unless the question belongs to the cadent house he is in.

125.—In any thing promised by an aspect, consider if there be any frustration ; if there be, there will be impediment by the persons signified by the planet frustrating.

126.—In every question consider Part of Fortune for if that be well dignified the querent gains by things or men signified by that house it is in ; but if ill dignified, let him expect loss from such ; the same may be said of Jupiter and Venus.

127.—Beware of men and things belonging to the house where the Dragon's tail is, for it is seldom but the querent receives loss, damage, or scandalous slanders by men or things signified by the house.

128.—Consider the principal significators whether they be with fixed stars of or against their own nature, for the one much increaseth, the other as much retards their significations.

129.—A radical figure resembles either the nativity or the revolution of the nativity of the querent.

130.—In a question truly radical there is real sympathy between the matter propounded and the position of the heavens at the time of asking, and this is the most absolute way to judge of the radicalness of a figure.

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HORARY ASTROLOGY.

HOW MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE BROUGHT TO PERFECTION, AND HOW FRUSTRATED.

The first thing after setting up a horary figure is to see that it is a radical one, and qualified to be consulted on the matter in hand. In this the querent or operator cannot be too particular, for many errors arise through this not being sufficiently observed. The next thing, after being satisfied that the figure is safe to judge, is to see if the thing enquired about is to be or not to be. This may be known from the applications of the significators one to the other ; thus, the thing will be brought about if the significator of the querent and that of the quesited or matter under enquiry are applying to each other by conjunction or good aspect (sextile or trine) without any interruption, that is, without meeting the aspect of any other planet first, for when this is the case it is called a frustration, for the thing or person represented by the planet thus applied to, hinders the object from being brought about or causes it to be altered and brought about in some other way. If this planet be an evil one, or in evil aspect to the significators, the business takes an unfavourable turn, and but little hope need be entertained of a successful issue ; but if the application be by good aspect, and to a fortunate planet, the matter will take a turn, and be brought to perfection by the person thus represented, or it may be brought about in a way quite different to what was either expected or intended.

Then, again, matters are brought to perfection at times when the signifiactors are applying by square aspect, that is, if they are angular and in their assential dignities, but not without.

Things inquired about are also brought to perfection by translation ; thus, suppose the two significators were separating from a conjunction or aspect, or if not aspecting each other at all, and at the same time another planet is leaving a friendly aspect of one and applying to conjunction or good aspect of the other, and that without meeting the aspect of any other planet first, then the business is brought about by the intermediate party thus represented.

Matters are also brought about by what is called collection. This is when the significators have no aspect with each other, but both are in good aspect with some other planet ; then if this magnetic body be strong and fairly well placed, the person it—the sign and house it occupies—represents brings about the business that is under consideration.

If the figure contains none of these testimonies, nor any similar ones, there is not much probability of the thing turning out satisfactory.

It should also be remembered that anything shown to be brought about by configurations in the first house, or any of the angles, will be so speedily; if in the succedents a longer time will elapse, and if in the cadents much longer still.

A figure may be considered radical if it fairly well describes the person inquiring or the business inquired about; more so if it describes both, and points out the positions of the marks and moles the querent has upon his body. It is seldom a question is fit to be judged when the last two or three or the first two or three degrees of a sign are rising, under these circumstances the description should be very definite. Neither is it safe when the Moon is in the latter degrees of a sign, and particularly if void of course, then great caution should be exercised. Also when the sixth house is afflicted—containing evil planets—or lord of seventh afflicted, not being a significator in the matter. Under these conditions the reply seldom gives anything like satisfaction to the querent, and is therefore best left alone.

We hope students, one and all, will pay particular attention to these rules, as Horary Astrology is a branch which, if judiciously used, may prove of much value to those who make use of it; but if abused, and used carelessly or injudiciously, by setting up a figure for any trifling matter, a mere passing thought, or any simple unimportant thing that may be reported, then many serious blunders may confidently be expected, the querent will become disappointed, and the science disgraced.

The science of Astrology is rapidly spreading, and students are multiplying very fast, a great number of whom are enraptured with this particular branch. Many are under the impression that money and even riches may be made out of it by using it in certain ways and for certain purposes. Let us, however, by way of advice to one and all, say, "Be not deceived." There are a few who may succeed in this way, but unless the ability to do so be given by the magnetic effects of the configurations formed in the horoscope, with disappointment will be the result.

If anyone wishes to speculate in racing, or any game of chance, let him consult his figure of birth; if that shows he has ability to gain and profit in this way, then let him watch for his most favourable opportunities, and speculate only then; carefully avoiding all evil or unfavourable times. Every person has these, no matter how fortunate or unfortunate he or she may be. All find there is much variation of their fortune or misfortune, or, as it is sometimes called, the ups and downs of life. This kind of thing does positively exist, and no sensible person can deny

it; but why it exists, how it is, and what is the cause of it, nothing but Astrology and a judicious observation of the planetary configurations going on in the heavens, and acting upon the positions held by the magnetic bodies at the time of birth, can account for, or scientifically explain.

A person who has not a very promising nativity may sometimes gain by the instrumentality of another who has, but the two figures must be in sympathy. Thus, one who has but a poor prospect of gaining by following his own judgment may be able to profit much by acting upon the judgment and advice of another, it may be his own wife or one of the family, a friend or a relative, or it may be a comparative stranger. A consultation of the figures of birth is in all cases of the utmost importance, and ought to be referred to in preference to any thing else.

ASTROLOGICAL ADVICE TO GARDENERS, FARMERS, &c.

The best times for all propagating purposes during the present month are the 4th, 5th, and 6th, from 7 to 9 a.m., because the Moon is then near the asc., and on the increase in the fruitful sign Cancer. No sensible gardener will neglect to put in his seeds during these three days, unless prevented by illness or something very serious.

On the 12th and 13th the Moon is in Libra, and is near the asc. from 3 to 5 p.m.

Let all who are sceptical on this point try the experiment we mentioned in our last.

MEDICAL BOTANY; OR, EVERY MOTHER HER OWN DOCTOR.

Collect all herbs, &c., that are required for medical purposes during the month at the times here given, or if that cannot be done, choose the planetary hours as given on page 210 and 211, vol 2. The best times, however, are for those of the Moon, May 5th, from 4 to 5 p.m.; of Mercury, 12th, 22nd, and 26th, from 12-30 to 1-30 p.m.; those of Venus, 31st, from 9 to 10 a.m.; of Mars, 11th, from noon to 1 p.m.; of Jupiter, 9th, from 7 to 8 a.m.; of Saturn, 16th, from 10 to 11 a.m. For those of the Sun, August will be the next most favourable time.

How often has it been found that the most common and most simple means possible have had the best effects in the cure of diseases, and not unfrequently the very worst forms of disease to which the human frame is subject; hence it is no marvel that in numerous cases, after the most elaborate skill and the most complicated of medicines have totally failed, a few simple herbs, recommended perhaps by a neighbour, a friend, or perhaps by someone who happened to call at the door—a gipsy woman, perhaps—have effected the cure without any trouble or ceremony. We have known several cases, some of them very severe ones too, where the patient has been perfectly restored through following out the advice given by these people. We remember also a gentleman calling upon us to see if we could do anything for a lady who was very bad indeed with yellow jaundice. The family doctor, he said, had failed to render any benefit, and a physician was now attending her three times a week, for which she was paying him five pounds a visit. This is the third week, said the man, and she is no better yet. Now if you can do anything, do it, and you shall be well paid. We packed him up a bottle of medicine, prepared chiefly from the bark of the barbery tree—quite a common thing—and an ounce of the crude bark, with instructions, for which we charged altogether two shillings. The next thing we heard, a short time after, was that the bottle of medicine alone had made a perfect cure. Such cases as this, or very similar ones, are constantly occurring.

There is said to have been a new discovery recently made in the virtues of common celery for the cure and total eradication of Rheumatism from the system; in fact, it is said that if the vegetable be boiled and eaten freely as an ordinary cooked vegetable it is impossible for the disease to exist. Of course we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the truth of this, any way it is cheap enough, and cannot do any harm. If it does no good at all to the sufferer it is inferior to no other vegetable, either in nutritious or palatable properties, consequently is well worth a trial.

BRIONY, OR WITCH VINE.

This is also a very common plant, found in almost every hedge-row. The root is the part used; it is very large, and very white internally. It is a very violent purge, and therefore requires to be used internally very cautiously. The active principle or medical part is called Bryonin. The concentrated tincture thereof is called Bryonia, and this is really the safest and most effectual preparation of this most wonderful plant. Externally the root may be applied to swellings, sores, and painful places with wonderful effects. The Bryonin and Bryonia are used with marvellous effects in cases of rheumatism, bronchitis, asthma, &c. It is under the rule of Mars.

HYDRASTIN AND HYDRASTES.

The former is the active principle of the ordinary Golden Seal or Tumeric Root, and represents that principle in the form of a highly concentrated powder; the latter represents that powder in a liquid form, which to our mind is the handiest and most convenient to administer, because then it may be dropped from the bottle, and the dose thus measured out to a nicety, but with the powder it is more difficult. The dose of this tincture varies from five to fifteen drops, according to age and requirements. It is perfectly safe, and an over dose will never do any harm.

This preparation should be kept in every house and by every adult person, for it is adapted to a very wide range of usefulness, being almost a specific for diseases of the digestive and biliary organs, which almost invariably are the causes of an innumerable quantity of very disagreeable and distressing symptoms, and which a few doses of this simple, harmless article in most cases will effectually remove. It has recently been found one of the best remedies ever applied to cancer and cancerous swellings. In America it is called the "Golden Remedy."

The following are a few prescriptions received from a correspondent, which we have no doubt are very good, and may prove of much value to some of our readers.

LIVER PILLS.

Podophyllin.....	‡ grain.
Hyoscyamas.....	2 grains.
Colocynth.....	1 grain.

This quantity makes one pill. Of course more than one can be made at the same time but this is the proportion of each. It must be borne in mind the Hyoscyamas is a poison, and must be cautiously treated. The quantity here prescribed is perfectly safe, that is if the crude herb is intended, which the term seems to indicate; but if the active principle—the concentrated powder of Hyoscyamas—is intended, even then the quarter grain is safe enough, but great caution must be used in mixing the powders, and being sure that they are well incorporated, in order to prevent any one pill from containing an overdose.

RHEUMATICS.

Iodide of Potash.....	1½ drachms.
Wine of Colchium.....	2 drachms.
Cinnamon Water sufficient to make 8 oz.	

† Dose, a tablespoonful 3 times a day. The Wine of Colchium should be used cautiously.

FOR INDIGESTION.

Compound Tincture of Gentian.....half-oz.
 Compound Tincture of Cardamons ... half-oz.
 Aromatic Spirits of Ammonia.....2 drachms.
 Chloric Ether.....1 drachm.
 Water to make 6 ounces.

Mix well, and take a dessertspoonful three times a day after eating.

LETTERS TO EDITOR.

1, Fern Cottage, Keighley,

March 12th, 1889.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. J. Thompson's letter in last month's "Astrologer," I am authorised by the Keighley Committee to say that we shall be very glad indeed for the head-quarters of the Astrological Defence Fund to be the office of the "Astrologer," and that the Keighley Committee are very much obliged to him for his suggestion, as the office of the "Astrologer" is certainly the natural head-quarters of such a fund.

The expenses incurred in my police case were £7 15s., including fine, expenses of court, and lawyer, towards which there has been subscribed £3 12s., leaving a deficiency of £4 3s. yet to be subscribed to cover the cost of the trial. I may also say that the whole of the £3 12s. has been subscribed by my own friends, within a radius of 20 miles of Keighley (to whom I am much obliged), with the exception of 5s. from Mr. Dawes, of Bourne-mouth, who no doubt saw the appeal which appeared in the "Astrologer" at that time, thus showing him to be a true friend of the science.

We therefore wish to leave it entirely in your hands, Mr. Editor, and we hope you will accept the responsibility, and we wish that all further subscriptions for the Defence Fund will be forwarded to the office of the "Astrologer."

Personally, I am much obliged to Mr. J. Thompson for his well timed compliment. I certainly have had to stand a great amount of slurs and scorn from an unenlightened and prejudiced public, besides "the unjust and tyrannical persecution." But I do not care so much for those things; the fact is I am proud of being called an Astrologer, because I know positively from experience that Astrology is the truest, and grandest, and noblest of all the natural sciences, still it would have made it

much pleasanter to bear if all the expenses had been subscribed by the friends of the Science.

Yours fraternally,

On behalf of the Keighley Committee,

DAVID LUND.

P.S.—I think there are a few typical errors in your letter of “fortunate days in the week,” given in your last issue. The days of the week are derived from the names of the planets which rule those particular days. Thus, Mercury rules Wednesday, and therefore the Moon in Virgo would give Wednesday for its fortunate day. For the same reason, Libra gives Friday; Capricorn and Aquarius give Saturday, and Pisces gives Thursday, &c. D. L.

We are really pleased that this change has taken place, not that we have or even want any personal interest in it, but that a centre is found for the science, to which all its students may resort. There are many, we have been told, who objected to contribute to Mr. Lund’s expenses on account of, as they said, there being no head centre, and that perhaps no report would be made of the amount received. However, this obstacle is now removed, and we hope that friends of the science will now rally round our worthy friend, and assist him to bear the unjust burden an unjust law has laid upon him.

We do not wish for this for the sake of the cash. The money is not a great object, but a hearty response speaks a great deal, and generally it means a great deal more.

We are now open to receive any contribution, no matter how small or how large, so long as it does not more than cover the balance. We would particularly advise our friends not to do that, because we should only have the trouble of returning it.

Well, now, putting all jesting on one side, we assure our readers one and all, that every penny received by us for the purpose above referred to shall be handed over to our friend, and duly reported in the “Astrologer.” We hope, also, they will send their names, noms-de-plume, or whatever they wish to appear with such contributions.

61, Heaton Park Road,

Newcastle upon Tyne, Feb. 18th, 1889.

Dear Mr. Editor,—Referring to mine of November, 27th, 1888, which appeared in your February issue respecting the “Dividing of the Heavens,” you appear to have misunderstood me. What I wished was *not* the various methods of judging a figure, but an examination of the various systems of dividing the heavens, to

see how far each would bear the test of a mathematical investigation by Spherical Trigonometry, for it is undoubtedly of the utmost importance to be able to find the pole of any house or planet accurately.

It will make a very material difference in a zodiacal arc, of direction whether we use, for instance, the method of Regiomontanus, advocated by Lilly, Coley, and Andreas Argol (astrologers of no mean order), or the Placidian method, generally used by Raphael, &c.

If we do not properly divide the heavens, we cannot possibly hope to foretell events with any degree of confidence or accuracy, no matter how perfect our method of directing may be.

This question of "dividing the heavens" has so long been an unsettled point amongst astrologers that I feel confident, Mr. Editor, with your usual forbearance, you will not only find space and time to work out each system mathematically in the "Astrologer," but that the result of your labours will be to clear away the mist, and thus unite astrologers under the *one* system which shall have best withstood the investigation,

Allow me to remain,

ever your well wisher,

ELEUSIS.

Our friend "Eleusis" is quite correct with respect to our misunderstanding him in his former remarks. We now, however, quite understand him, and highly appreciate his suggestion; but the question with us is, how can we best serve the science and the public? Those who have obtained a sufficient knowledge to enable them to enter into these complicated calculations are but comparatively few, while there are millions upon millions who are in total darkness respecting it, and we think, for some time yet at least we can do better by acting as a pioneer, pushing forward into the ranks of the enemy, and endeavouring to break down the blind prejudice that exists among them, and to accomplish this we must of necessity remain among the simples.

Wilsden,

April 2nd, 1889.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad to find someone amongst your readers has been investigating the map, or Horary question, viz., "Is Barrett guilty, or not guilty?"

My fellow student, and your correspondent "Puzzled," makes a wrong statement when he says that I said he (Barrett) would be acquitted without a stain on his character. If "Puzzled" will kindly look at the article again, in the "Astrologer" for

March, he will perceive it is the Editor and not I who makes that statement. This being the case, if I were to answer it I should be committing a breach of etiquette, therefore I shall leave it to our Editor.

Just allow me to say, sir, that the figure has answered all my expectations.

Yours truly,

ALBERTUS MAGNUS, M. E.

Our friend "Puzzled," and readers generally, will please observe that Saturn is significator of the person in question; Jupiter being lord of the 10th, is representative of the law or judge. Now Jupiter is very strong by sign, being in Sagittarius, and well supported by nearly all the other planets. This was quite sufficient evidence to warrant us in making the assertion we did. But there is also another testimony, namely, there is not an evil aspect formed in the figure. Mercury, true, is applying to square of Uranus, and Moon to opposition of Saturn, but the exaltation of Jupiter, and the support it receives from the other bodies, over-rules these applying evils, which evidently denoted the re-arrest and the overthrow of the evidence brought against him.

EDITOR.

Barnsley, March 18th, 1889.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your correspondent, "Stability," as to my authority for the time given of Mr. Gladstone's birth, I got it some years ago from a friend (a fellow student) who from a figure erected for this time was very intently watching the transits at the time of the introduction of the Home Rule Bill by Mr. Gladstone. I have since lost sight of him, though he would have some authority no doubt. He was a student of many years' standing, if that may be said to have any weight.

One can scarcely accept a time which would place Saturn in the 11th, when we remember his friend the Duke of Newcastle gave him his first seat. Moreover Uranus must be in the 9th, hence his Church Reform, which was the cause of the eventual loss of his seat for Oxford University.

It will be remembered that in Napokon's Natus Saturn was nearer the cusp, and in square to the Moon, and lord of the Asc., but here he lacks all his power.

A FRIEND.

Walsall.

SIR,—As a student in Astrology, I should be glad if you, or any brother student would oblige me by answering the following queries in the "Astrologer." Raphael in his private lessons says—If Uranus afflicts the Moon in a male nativity, and

Jupiter or Venus meet the ray of the Moon before Uranus, the marriage will not be altogether unhappy, but he will lose his wife suddenly. Now suppose the aspect of Moon and Uranus was past three or four degrees, would it have the same effect then, and will the affliction of Moon and Uranus have this effect independent of any other aspect or position that may be in the figure?

Again he says, when Uranus is in the 7th house, and the Moon applies to Jupiter or Venus, the native loses the marriage partner by death suddenly. Would it have this effect if Jupiter or Venus were in the 7th as well as Uranus?

This, I think, will be interesting to other students. Hoping I have not taken up too much of your valuable space in the "Astrologer," to which I have been a subscriber from the first,

I remain, yours faithfully,

LEO.

Male born January 18th, 1839, at 6 a.m., lat. 53 north, has a very serious affliction of the left eye and cheek. Can any brother student account for cause of same astrologically? T. S.

Pme Villa, Shafton—2—Gates, Barnsley,

March 12th, 1889.

SIR, —Come, Uranus in the 7th, own up. She did not leave you precisely on the account stated. Vanity and conceit predominate in this nativity. Whilst admitting his abilities to be of no mean order, instead of asking, "Will she return?" he should ask, "How can I make myself less objectionable to her and others?" Mars 10th, Jupiter lord of asc. square, Venus in asc. (these have most power) when showing chief rule. Then the opposition of Uranus and square of Saturn to Venus. Whilst the square of Jupiter and Saturn to Uranus will, it is calculated, considerably enhance the evil of an unhappy marriage. He may also be said to be of a nervous temperament, with 'distempered fancies.' These latter will not conduce to happiness in marriage. The rashness shown by Mars in the 10th is somewhat counteracted by Saturn and Jupiter in 9th, as Saturn, too, has power in the first house. Some may ask, What has Mars to do with this gentleman's marriage? placed as we find him in the 10th, and no power in the 7th house of marriage. Well, every student must admit that Mars in the 10th has great power in the formation of one's mind and disposition. Here we find him in his detriment too, hence his disposition may be said to be objectionable in many ways, not only to his partner but to many others.

All this power for evil is fully portrayed to proceed from Mars and Uranus in the wife's nature (see Sun square to Mars and Uranus). Some would say from the square of Sun and Uranus in the wife's nature.

Some member of his own sex may have brought his magnetic influence to bear on the case. Here one cannot be too discreet. One must bear in mind that in spite of the adverse rays of Saturn to Venus and Jupiter, and Uranus' evil ray, enhanced by Mars' position, there is powerful counteraction to all this, by that all powerful and noble orb the Sun, nobly posited in the asc., his exaltation.

Uranus jointly rules his "Uranus in the 7th" second house, badly attacked by Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn, so marriage may be said to be the worst luxury he can indulge in, from a pecuniary point of view. Saturn is also joint ruler of 2nd. This anarchist here condescends to patronise the Moon, she in her detriment, consequently afflicted. He can expect little from this. He must look to Mercury conjunction to Moon to sextile Jupiter, benefits by changes, studies, science. Here one must note Jupiter and Moon both in their detriment. Good and very indifferent friends are here shown.

The angelic disposition which he supposes attracts the love of the opposite sex emanating from Venus in asc., all this is simply annihilated by her Venus having too many afflictions.

Referring to possible return of wife, I almost felt tempted to indulge, but found so very many contradictions from the radox itself, I feared it would not enhance my reputation in the science by indulging in rash predictions, as if, forsooth, one's repute as a prophet depended on the enormity and plurality of his predictions, which emanate from him day by day, the absurdity of which contribute so largely to the degeneration of Astrology, this apart from the subtilty of those who hide behind Hieroglyphics.

GEORGE WILDE.

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All letters must be of general interest and advantage to our readers. No letters in the form of advertisements will be inserted. Writers may use their own names or a *nom de plume*, but their correct names and addresses must be sent to the Editor, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith. Write on one side of the paper only.

We would particularly ask correspondents to forward the exact time of an event, birth, or horary sign they may write upon, that students may be able to verify the same, as without this the subject may lose its interest.