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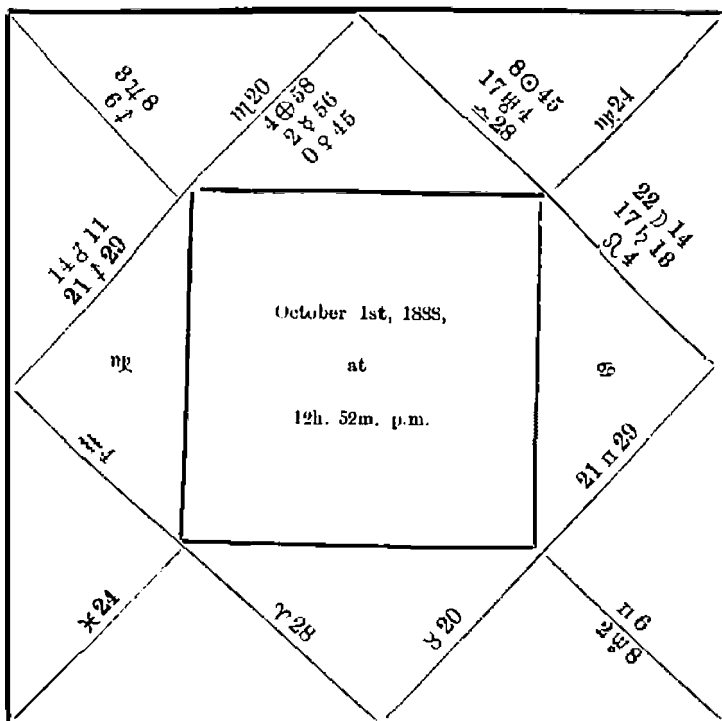
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## HORARY ASTROLOGY.

WHO IS THE PERPETRATOR OF THE WHITECHAPEL  
TRAGEDIES ?



AFTER reading a report in the *Yorkshire Post* of the above date which narrated at some length the horrid crimes that had been committed some time during the night previous in Mitre-street, London, we became intensely anxious to have some idea, if possible, as to what kind of demon or inhuman monstre had been let loose upon mankind.

We therefore resolved to erect a figure of the heavens for the time of our reading that report, and of our great anxiety respecting it, which time is stated above in the centre of map.

The above figure illustrates the face of the heavens as it appeared to us at that precise time from our latitude of the earth. Students will please observe in this, as in all other horary figures, the ascendant represents the querant, while the party enquired after being no relation to the querant (thank God for that) is represented by the seventh mansion, and the crime, or rather crimes in question are represented by the twelfth.

Thus, then, by taking the seventh to represent the quesited, or the person in question, we first observe what planet is lord or ruler of that mansion, and in what sign of the Zodiac that planet is placed. When, in this map, we find the sign Gemini is placed on the cusp of the seventh, it at once shows us that the planet Mercury is lord thereof.

This lord or ruler we find is placed in the zodiacal sign Scorpio, therefore Mercury in Scorpio describes the diabolical person, whose description we find to be as follows, viz., rather below the medium height, broad shoulders, rather stout and stilly made, of a dark swarthy complexion, dark brown hair, which most probably is a little curly. He is of a subtle, malicious, and murderous disposition, this his general expression as well as his actions and the above figure fully portray. He is also much addicted to the opposite sex, and particularly to those of a low and disreputable class; and not only to females of this class is he so particularly partial, but, generally speaking, he is fond of loose and low company. He is false, cunning, and deceptive to a degree, very reserved, and careful of exposing his actions or his circumstances. No one will know his business from his personal information.

It is thought by some that he must be a madman or someone insane, but allow us here, however, to remark that from the configurations of the above figure we are able to assert he is nothing of the kind; for we find Mercury ruler of his first house and of his intellectual faculties, disposed of and afflicted by Mars. The moon also is applying to a square aspect, which represents a person endowed with all the unenviable attributes above named, but by no means mad or insane. On the other hand, we may safely say he is very intelligent, possessing, as he does, an active penetrating mind and good intellectual abilities, but which are extremely ill used. He is one that may be considered a very clever, ingenious, and inventive person, fond of drink, and also of debased and abominable acts of any kind.

After these few brief remarks by way of describing the general appearance of this outrageous creature, also his intellect and

disposition, the next question that arises in our mind, and doubtless also in the minds of many others, is—to what gender can this uncommon and monstrous animal belong? On this question, however, we think there is no necessity for us to dwell upon. The pronouns we have already made use of in our foregoing remarks most unmistakeably show that we are fully satisfied it is of the male kind, which, as our figure declares, really is the case.

We might go into a lengthy article here in pointing out the why and wherefore of our assertion, but space does not permit. However, we might just remark that Mercury being ruler of the seventh, therefore the representative of the quesited, declares a male person.

Now here is something most astounding in connection with this figure. All astrologers are, of course, aware that the sign Scorpio rules the generative organs of both sexes, while Venus, being placed there, shows that those organs of the female sex are denoted. Venus in Scorpio represents females of a low type, thus the very sex, the kind of person, and the particular parts or organs that chiefly suffer are wonderfully portrayed.

As to the age of the villain, we should judge from the position of Mercury, his significator, that he is between the age of twenty-five or thirty.

But perhaps it would not be out of place if we were, for the instruction of students, to give the reasons why we arrive at this latter conclusion.

Of course there is no method at present known by which a person's age can be definitely found out by astrology, but to find it within a few years, when the figure is a radical one, may always be done. When the planets Uranus or Saturn are significators they represent a person advanced in years, unless they are in the beginning of a sign, then such person is somewhat younger, about fifty. Jupiter represents one about forty, Mars one about thirty. Mercury indicates male persons of various ages from childhood up to thirty, according to its situation in the heavens. The Moon and Venus represent females; the Moon those of various ages according to its age and situation, while Venus represents those of various ages up to about twenty.

Mercury in this figure being the significator, and being, as it is, placed in the tenth mansion in the sign Scorpio, we confidently affirm that the person is not over thirty years of age, but we fully expect he is somewhat younger, as we before said from twenty-five to thirty. We should have mentioned when describing this child of fortune that he is an individual of respectable appearance and manners, that is, he appears to be to

all who know him, one that is not at all in needy circumstances, and one who at present is not at all suspected.

The next problem that arises in our mind is—Are there more than one concerned in this fiendish work ?

From the position of Mercury, the significator, we take it for granted there is but one, at least so far as the crimes on which our figure is set is concerned ; but the sextile of Uranus and the trine of Saturn to Mars, which latter represents his diabolical business, most distinctly show that there are others connected in some way with that business, if not with the actual crimes. Venus is with Mercury it is true, which seems to favour the idea of some young female being connected with it ; but as we before said Venus represents the poor unfortunate creatures who fall into his hands, and being in the sign Scorpio, the very organs of those females that he operates upon are thus notified.

In the above figure it will be seen that at the time the figure was drawn Mercury, the said significator, had just passed the conjunction of Venus and semi-square of Mars, showing the crimes had just been committed, and as Mercury had also just changed signs, it is evident the villain had just shifted his quarters, and had gone a little more south.

Another question now arises in our mind, which is this—What trade, business, or profession does this extraordinary inhuman monster follow ?

This is another rather difficult matter to deal with, for there are such a vast number of trades and branches of trades that are so near akin, and so much resemble each other, that it becomes almost impossible to define the particular branch or profession to which a person belongs. The most that can be accomplished in this way by the knowledge we at present possess is to note the general class of business or trade to which one is attached. In the figure before us we observe the fourth house of the map is the tenth of the quesited, because the seventh is his first. The sign Aries is on the cusp of this house, therefore Mars is lord thereof. This planet is found in the twelfth house of the querant, and in the sign Sagittarius, which clearly denotes a person who is in the habit of using sharp instruments of some kind ; also that his particular trade or business is something uncommon and out of the ordinary run of trades is very evident from the fact that Uranus is in good aspect with Mars. Again, his profession is something of a deceptive, cunning, malicious, secret, and cruel kind, as is distinctly shown by the trine aspect of Saturn to Mars, while Mars occupies the twelfth, the house of treachery and crime, and Saturn is in the eighth, the house of death.

*These coincidences are remarkably striking, and cannot fail to rivet the attention of every student of the Astral science, and also everyone who has the slightest knowledge of the same.*

Another and very important question might here be investigated. It is this:—What marks or moles has this infernal manifestation upon his body? This is unmistakeably a question of great significance, and one that may be answered very correctly and to the point.

In order to do this, let us again consider the fact that the seventh mansion represents him, and on the cusp of this house we again note that the sign Gemini is placed. This shows a mark or mole on the right arm; and as the last face of the sign is there situated, the mark or mole is therefore on the lower part of his arm, towards to the wrist. He has another on the right side of the back, towards the side and above the loins. Another one he has upon the lower part of his body, on the right hand side, and another on the left thigh, at the front and upper part thereof.

*This pointed definition of marks or moles may seem very strange and incredible to some of our readers, to those who know nothing of the science, and may, perhaps, be much discussed and disputed by them; but we guarantee that when the vagabond is caught, if an examination is made, there will be the marks on the places named.*

Another and last question respecting this dishonourable son of humanity is:—Will the rebel be caught? In again casting our eye over the figure in quest of a reply to this query, we observe the Moon in the eighth, the house of death, is separating from a conjunction of Saturn, sextile of Uranus and trine of Mars, but is immediately applying to a sextile of Venus and Mercury. Perhaps, for judicious reasons, we had better say but little here on this part of the subject, but students may observe the above named configuration and watch the results that follow; they should also observe Mercury is here swifter in motion than Venus, consequently is separating from that planet, and will ultimately reach the square aspect of Saturn.

Although this figure is only a horary one, yet there are some intensely interesting and important significations from which students may gather an immense amount of most valuable information, simply by observing the progress of events connected with this abominable affair, and comparing them with the declarations given by the said figure.

There are two other extremely pithy points to which we wish to direct the attention of students, the first of which is that Mercury at the time the figure was set, as we have before remarked, was separating from Venus, but in a short time begins to move slower, and Venus overtakes it, and hence these two planets meet again in the same sign and the same house.

Now let us bear in mind the sign that is thus occupied. The next is, when Mercury does reach the square named it will be also in semisextile with Uranus and quintile with Mars.

We must now conclude our remarks on this very suggestive, comprehensive, and most remarkable figure, and also of the uncommon and extraordinary person, as well as the astounding events they portray, leaving our readers and those opposed to the mother of sciences in their criticisms to remember first, that the map here given was drawn at the time specified, which was immediately after our reading the report in the paper at the time stated.

The question for which we erected the map, was expressly for the Berners-street and Mitre Square tragedies, and those are the only crimes to which we have alluded, although there is not the slightest doubt in our mind that all those of a similar nature recently committed have been accomplished by the same person. However, our calculations were made for these two only.

Now, in order to prove whether we are speaking the truth respecting the figure or not is a matter that any student can easily and very soon put to the test, simply by drawing another one for the same time and latitude, which he will find to correspond, and which could not possibly be the case if our statements were not correct.

However, we do not know that there is any necessity to spend our time, and to occupy our space in trying to persuade or convince critics or sceptics, as to the genuineness of the matter; there it is before the public, all are welcome to investigate it. This we respectfully and cordially invite every intelligent and sensible person to do before he decides, either for or against the chiefest and best of sciences—Astrology.

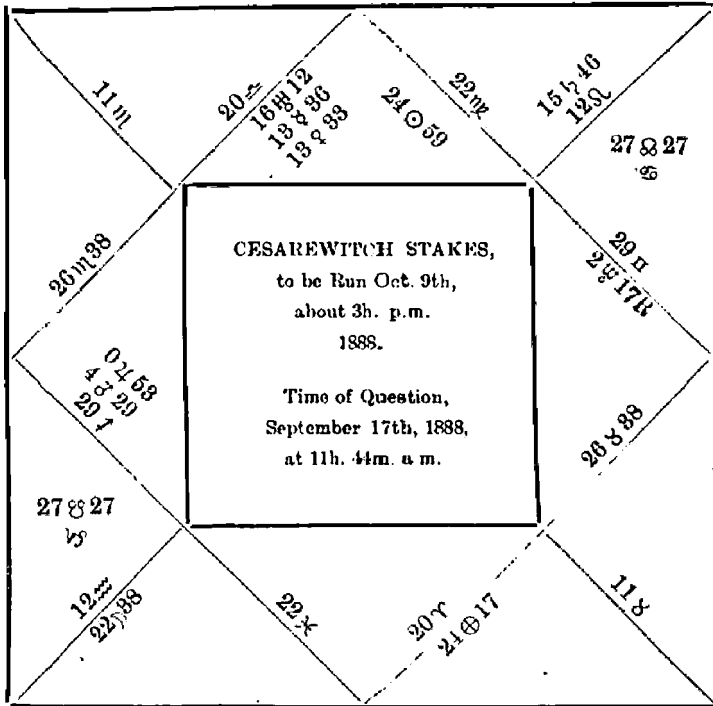
## ASTROLOGICAL ADVICE TO GARDENERS.

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All trees, shrubs, or plants which it is found necessary to remove during the present month, if they are required to grow, and that successfully, should be removed on the following days and at the times named:—8th, from 7h, 40m, to 9h, 15m. a.m.; the moon is then rising in Scorpio. 15th and 16th, from 3h, 30m, to 4h, 15m, p.m.; the moon is then in Pisces and rising. The above are also the best times for sowing seeds, those that require to be put in this month.

Herbs, the roots of which are required for medical purposes, &c., should be planted when the moon is in an earthly sign and at the full, or a day or two after full. In the present month the moon will be in Taurus on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd, and rising from 1h, to 3h, p.m.

## THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.



## QUESTION ASKED.

I have backed Tenebreuse to win the Cesarewitch. Shall I gain by the transaction?

Jupiter ruler of 2nd strong in the 1st house. Mars ruler of 1st, 5th, and 12th house. 12 is for the horse, and Jupiter in conjunction with Mars in the first, Moon sextiles the Earth, the Earth in 5th, ruler of 6th and 7th. ruled by Venus in 10th in sign Libra, and leaving the sign Libra before the day of the race. The 12th house is for the horse, and the 6th house is for the field, or all the other horses that are in the race.

ANSWER GIVEN.—You will gain by the above speculation.

## RULES FOR WINNING.

The following may be relied upon, provided the above instructions are adhered to.

- 1.—Rulers of the 1st and 5th, or both the 1st and 2nd strong.
- 2.—Venus or Jupiter in the 1st, 2nd, or 5th houses.

- 3.—The Moon or ruler of the 1st and 2nd unafflicted.
- 4.—Luna in Conjunction, or good aspect with the Earth, Venus or Jupiter, in the 5th house.
- 5.—The earth in the 1st, 2nd, 5th, or 10th, unafflicted by the ruler of the 1st or 2nd, or by the malefics.
- 6.—A benefic ruler of both the 1st or 2nd or the 1st and 5th, or the 1st and 5th both ruled by one planet.
- 7.—Ruler of the 7th in the 5th, received by the 5th.
- 8.—Ruler of the 5th better dignified than ruler of the 7th.
- 9.—The Dragon's Head in the 1st, 2nd, 5th, or 10th houses.
- 10.—Jupiter or Venus ruler of the 5th or 2nd, in conjunction, sextile, or trine of the ruler of the 1st, 2nd, or 5th.
- 11.—The ruler of the 1st, in conjunction, sextile, or trine to the lord of the 5th.
- 12.—The lord of the 2nd separating from the lord of the 5th, and applying to good aspect of Venus, Jupiter, Dragon's Head, or the Earth.

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#### RULES FOR LOSING.

- 1.—Rulers of the 1st and 5th or both the 1st and 2nd weak.
- 2.—Uranus, Saturn, or Mars in the 1st, 2nd, or 5th, or rulers thereof.
- 3.—Luna, or rulers of both the 1st and 5th, afflicted any way.
- 4.—The Moon in square or opposition of the Earth, Uranus, Saturn, or Mars.
- 5.—The Earth in 1st, 5th, 7th, or 10th, afflicted by the rulers of the 1st or 2nd, or the malefics.
- 6.—A malefic ruler of both the 1st and 2nd, or 1st and 5th.
- 7.—Ruler of the 5th in the 7th, received by the 7th.
- 8.—Ruler of the 7th better dignified than ruler of the 5th.
- 9.—The Dragon's Tail in the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 10th, or 12th houses.
- 10.—Uranus, Saturn, or Mars in the 2nd or 5th, afflicting the rulers of the 1st, 2nd, or 5th.
- 11.—The ruler of the 1st afflicted by the ruler of the 7th.
- 12.—The lord of the 5th separating from the lord of the 2nd, and applying by conjunction, sextile, or trine to the lord of the 8th, or to Uranus, Saturn, Mars, or Dragon's Tail.

JOHN STORY.

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Students will please observe the time for which the above figure was drawn, at which time judgment was given as to the



success of the above named animal. What the ultimate result was of course we have no need to mention.

Some of our readers might however suggest that the map might have been erected since the race came off, and dated back for that time; but allow us to remark this is an utter impossibility, for no map erected for any other time could possibly find the planets in the places here found, as remarked in our figure for the Whitechapel Murders.

We do not approve of this racing business ourselves, and should advise all to shun it as a very dangerous speculation indeed, and the less it is tampered with the better. There are those, however, and not a few, whose natural ambition leads them this way. In all cases the nativity of the native should be well examined, and if it shows success in this line the most fortunate times should be taken advantage of. If, on the other hand, there is no success denoted in the nativity, it is most unwise for anyone to think of making himself rich by this means.

There are, no doubt, times in which almost any person might benefit himself in this way, if he only knew those times and how to use them. They may be few and far between in many cases, and more frequent in others; but in all cases if the mind is really anxious concerning any particular race or any particular competitor, a Horary figure similar to the above may be depended upon to reveal the fact whether such a person or animal will succeed or not, that is, where one figure only is erected, which should suffice for the time being; but where a number of figures are drawn by the same person on the same race the matter becomes conflicting, and not at all reliable. We therefore suggest that a person anxious about this matter, should put the question. Shall I win if I put money on —— race? and not —— such a horse win? When this is done let the one answer suffice, whether good, bad, or indifferent.

We might just say, we have had no intention of inserting an article on this subject in "The Astrologer," but we have been time after time earnestly requested to do so by numbers of our correspondents, that we have felt it our duty to throw aside all prejudice, and use our best endeavours to oblige them.

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Oct. 3rd, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I forward you a continuation (see page 92 of the October number) of "A Few Hints on Astrology," which I hope may prove of interest to the young student, and also to the numerous readers of your valuable little work on this noble science.

## MARRIAGES.

Should the Sun be Oriental, or between the tenth and seventh, or between the fourth and first, women marry early in life, or to men younger than themselves.

Should the Sun be Occidental, or between the first and tenth, or between the seventh and fourth, women marry late in life, or to men older than themselves.

Sun applying to a conjunction of Jupiter, Sun applying to a trine of Saturn, Saturn in parallel to Uranus, Moon applying to a semisquare of the Sun, these positions and aspects denote widowhood and plurality.

Sun applying to a trine of Uranus, Sun applying to an opposition of Saturn, Sun in parallel to Uranus and Saturn, Sun applying to a sextile of Jupiter, Saturn in sextile to Uranus, Mars in parallel to Jupiter: these positions and aspects denote widowhood and plurality.

Sun separating from a trine of Uranus, Sun separating from a conjunction of Saturn, Sun applying to a conjunction of Jupiter, Sun separating from a parallel of Saturn, Sun applying to a parallel of Mars, Sun in parallel to Jupiter, Saturn applying to a trine of Uranus, Moon in parallel to the Sun: these positions and aspects denote widowhood

Sun applying to a square of Saturn, Sun applying to a trine of Jupiter, Sun in semi-square to Mars, Sun applying to a parallel of Saturn, Sun separating from a parallel of Uranus, Sun applying to a parallel of Mars, Saturn separating from a parallel of Uranus, Mars applying to a parallel of Saturn: these positions and aspects denote widowhood and plurality.

Sun in Gemini applying to a parallel of Uranus, Sun applying to a parallel of Jupiter, Sun applying to a parallel of Mars, Sun separating from a sextile of Mars, Sun applying to a square of Saturn, Sun applying to an opposition of Uranus, Saturn applying to a square of Uranus, Mars in parallel to Uranus: these positions and aspects denote widowhood.

Sun in Gemini applying to a square of Saturn, Sun applying to an opposition of Uranus, Saturn applying to a square of Uranus, Sun applying to a parallel of Uranus, Sun applying to a parallel of Jupiter, Sun separating from a parallel of Mars, Mars in parallel to Uranus, Moon separating from a conjunction of the Sun: these positions and aspects denote widowhood and plurality.

Sun in Sagittarius applying to a sextile of Mars, Sun applying to a conjunction of Saturn, Sun applying to a parallel of Jupiter, Sun separating from a parallel of Saturn, Sun separating from a parallel of Uranus, Saturn separating from a parallel of Uranus, Moon separating from a square of the Sun: these positions and aspects denote widowhood and plurality.

Sun in Pisces separating from a sextile of Saturn, Sun applying to a trine of Uranus, Sun applying to a square of Mars, Sun applying to a trine of Jupiter, Saturn in parallel to Uranus, Saturn applying to a sextile of Uranus, Mars in parallel to Uranus, Moon applying to a square of the Sun, Capricorn and Saturn rising in the ascendant: these positions and aspects denote the woman will leave her husband and live with another man unmarried.

Sun separating from an opposition of Saturn, Sun separating from a semi-square of Uranus, Sun separating from a parallel of Saturn, Sun applying to a parallel of Uranus, Saturn in sesquiquare to Uranus, Saturn applying to a parallel of Uranus, Moon separating from a parallel of the Sun, Mars applying to a trine of Saturn, Mars separating from a trine of Uranus, Libra and Venus rising in the ascendant: these positions and aspects denote separation, the woman will cohabit with another man.

Sun separating from a conjunction of Mars, Sun applying to a semi-sextile of Saturn, Sun applying to a square of Uranus, Saturn applying to a trine of Uranus, Saturn in opposition to the ascendant, Moon applying to a parallel of the Sun, Mars applying to a semi-sextile of Saturn, Mars applying to a square of Uranus: these positions and aspects denote separation, the woman will cohabit with another man.

JOHN STORY.

## IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE ?

SUN, MOON, AND STARS :

THEIR INFLUENCE UPON THE ESTATE OF MATRIMONY.

The widespread interest awakened by Mrs. Mona Caird's peculiar views concerning matrimony demonstrate how vital and important this topic always is. This unterrified writer does not assist towards a satisfactory solution of the great social problem of mating and marrying. There is nothing new in her repulsive free love theories. Both the faith and the practice have been exemplified among us with proselytizing ardour, and to-day Woodhull and Claflin have a much larger *clientele* in Gotham than most church-going people suspect. The question of a perfect bond of sympathy—which alone can insure happiness in matrimonial life—between man and wife has ever being a problem of the highest and last importance. The lack of such a harmonious bond has filled the pages of history with instances of connubial infelicity and domestic tragedies. Socrates did not find in Xantippe that fine co-ordination pictured by Shakespeare in the "Merchant of Venice"—

Whose souls do bear an equal yoke of love,  
 There must be needs a like proportion  
 Of lineaments, of manners, and of spirit.

The same master hand has portrayed for us in inimitable language and dramatic force in "The Taming of the Shrew" some of the miseries that result from a rash alliance with an unsympathetic, capricious vixen. That the ancients made a serious attempt to prevent the evils arising from persons being unequally yoked is manifest from the observations and aphorisms of Ptolemy, which he has handed down to us in his *Tetrabiblos*. Among the higher caste of Hindoos to this day before the betrothal of young persons the astrologer is consulted with the view to determine whether there is a complete sympathy between the position of the Sun, Moon, Venus, and Mars in the respective nativities, and if their relative positions are not found to agree, the projected match is broken off. To all outward appearances, Hindoo couples are happy and constant. Instances of quarrels and separation among them are admittedly rare. Just here somebody will be likely to interpose the objection that the comparative absence of connubial infelicity among the high caste Hindoos is not so much due to harmony of the relative positions of the luminaries and their configurations with the "fortunes" in the nativities of married couples as to their primitive style of life and their almost Arcadian simplicity.

Ptolemy, and writers on astrology who have followed him down to the present day, taught that "love at first sight" is generally due to the harmonious configuration of the luminaries and the concurrence of the benefics in the nativities of the parties so enamoured of each other. Frequently Mars in the one nativity is in the place of Venus in the other. The beauty and fascination of the eyes, to which "love at first sight" is so frequently due, are very frequently produced by the position of Venus in the ascendant or in configuration with the ascending degree on the eastern horizon. Shakespeare has beautifully limned the fascination of Juliet's eyes and the effect produced on her enraptured lover. Charles Lever sings:

And as sages wise of old  
 From the stars could fate unfold  
 Thy bright eyes my fortune told,  
 Lady, lady mine.

Yet with this "love at first sight," if the benefics do not partake in such harmonious relations, while the malefics intervene by quartile rays, the "course of true love" does not "run smooth," but, like Romeo and Juliet, they become "a pair of star-crossed lovers."

In a recondite paper by Mr. Trent on "The Soul and Stars," printed a year or two ago in the *English University Magazine*, occurs the following:

It must not be supposed for a moment that the influence dominating at birth is in any respect a matter of accident. It will usually be found to stand in the nicest relation to the character of the individual as determined by his parentage, while, from the nature of the case, it can never be precisely the same. Good parents, as a rule, bring forth children under good aspects, and *vice versa*. This marvellous harmony is of itself a sufficient proof that Nature is the incarnation of the highest reason, not a jumble of conflicting atoms, and that the Cosmos we behold is not the mere outcome of a struggle for existence. Such a Universe might live, as it were, from hand to mouth, but could exercise none of that foresight and precaution which the adaptation of the conceptional to the natal influence implies. One simple and beautiful provision may be briefly noticed. It will usually be observed that persons having two or three of the planets on each other's places, or in friendly aspects, become attached to each other, so that, when they are of opposite sexes, intimacy ensues, and the children that result from their union are affected accordingly. One of the most remarkable examples is afforded by Queen Victoria and the late Prince Consort, the Sun, the Moon, and ascending degree of the former being all on the same place as the meridian of the latter. An even stronger instance is that of the late King of Denmark and Countess Danner. Frederick VII., as is well known, was most unhappy in marriage, and divorced two queens in succession, but having become attached to a milliner, whose acquaintance he made on the occasion of a fire in his capital, he ennobled her, espoused hermorganatically, and lived most happily with her until his death. Upon examination of the times of birth, it appears that the Sun in one nativity was upon the place of the Moon in the other. The same familiarity occurs in the case of Metternich and his confidant, Gentz, while, in that of Ratel and Vamhagen von Ense—a rare instance of an extremely happy marriage where the wife was 14 years older than the husband—both the Moon and Venus are upon the same places.

More to the point still, because the field of investigation is wider, are the affinities between the poet Goethe, the woman he loved and forsook, the woman he loved and married, and his child by the latter. In his autobiography Goethe says: "On the 28th of August, 1749, at mid-day, as the clock struck 12, I came into the world at Frankfort-on-the-Maine." Frau von Stein, according to Professor Pearce, was born December 25th, 1742; C. Vulpius June 16th, 1764, and A. von Goethe December 25th, 1789. Frau von Stein has Mars in the sign Virgo exactly in the place of Goethe's Sun, while her Sun is in Capricorn within two degrees of the place of his Mars. Christiane Vulpius has the Moon in Virgo on the place of his Sun. Young Goethe has Jupiter and Mars upon his father's Sun and his mother's Moon. This does not look like mere coincidence. The

same phenomena are repeated in the case of Novalis and the girl of 19, for whom he conceived the intense attachment that has puzzled his biographers. Novalis was born May 2nd, 1772; Sophie von Kuhn March 17th, 1782. Now mark: Sophie's Venus was in the exact place of his Mars, while her Moon was close to his Sun.

Ptolemy laid down some very clear, rational, and concise rules on the subject under consideration, which, however, are too long to quote in the limits of this article. Briefly, he advises persons about to marry to have a care that the luminaries in their respective nativities are in concord. Persons contemplating the most important step in their life should see to it that the places of the Sun and Moon in the one nativity are in sextile or trine or conjunction with the places of the luminaries in the other. Astrologers of all ages have considered that it is the happiest kind of an augury when the Moon in the groom's nativity happens to be in favourable aspect to the Sun in the bride's nativity. On the other hand, the quadrature or opposition (90 degrees or 180 degrees) aspect formed between the places of the luminaries in the two nativities is too often indicative of matrimonial strife and eventual separation, and the worst results will follow if the malefic planets afflict the luminaries in both nativities. Ptolemy says that if Venus be with the malefics the separation takes place because of unfaithfulness. Some nativities are so evil with respect to marriage that destiny apparently prevents the native from ever meeting with a horoscope whose positions sympathize with his or her own. When in a man's nativity the malefics are situated in adverse familiarity with Venus, while the positions of the Moon and Sun help to intensify the evil, he almost invariably has abnormal impulses and is not a proper subject for matrimony.

Women who have the Sun on the western angle afflicted by Uranus, Saturn, or Mars at birth should never enter wedlock. When they do so under these conditions misfortune and misery are sure to result. Speaking from a reincarnation point of view, there are male spirits and impulses in male bodies. Female in the flesh, there are those in whom the masculine principles, intellect, and selfishness, predominate, while there are likewise men living in whom the female principles, love and intuition, predominate. The positions of the planets in a nativity very clearly indicate those anomalies, and explain why some women and men never find mates, for if there is one thing more disagreeable than another to the majority of men it is a masculine woman. We like a woman to be a woman—down to the utmost recesses of her being—in look, voice, gesture, language, feeling. Her charm and her power all depends on this. The two sexes were manifestly intended to re-act on each other. The one is strengthened and the other softened by social and nuptial

relations. Charlotte Cushman was born July 28rd, 1816, under the sign Aquarius with Saturn ascending. She had a large mole on her face, as Ptolemy predicts of the position, and was of a saturnine temperament, thoughtful and reserved, very close with money and much given to despondency. The Sun was in close conjunction with Mars and in opposition to Saturn, and she never married. The late Adelaide Neilson was born March 3rd, 1839. At her birth the Sun was in close conjunction with Uranus, and Venus was afflicted by Mars. She made a bad matrimonial venture, and lived a very shady, irregular life. At the birth of Queen Elizabeth Saturn was in the western angle, and she never married. Queen Isabella of Spain had the same planet in the same position at birth. Tennie C. Claffin was born October 26th, 1844, at 11.30 a.m. The Sun in her nativity is greatly afflicted, being in square to Saturn, opposition to the Moon, and in bad aspect to Jupiter. We do not need to hunt up Tennie's record. Hundreds of instances might be adduced were such a proceeding necessary or desirable.

While this is advanced for the consideration of thoughtful readers, the writer does not deny the existence of many difficulties and anomalies. It must be admitted that astral science is incompetent to explain the divergencies of human constitution and character without a free use of the doctrine of heredity. But the two theories seem to complete each other, the latter accounting for the element of stability, the former for the element of variability. It will be conceded that there is nothing occult or mystical in the line of argument so far pursued. Appeal has been made throughout to the testimony of facts, partly the notorious and indisputable facts of history and biography, partly astronomical observations derived from no more recondite source than the ordinary ephemeris. Any one can verify or disprove these observations by the same process. Any one who will be at the trouble to search for examples can investigate the subject for himself.

In conclusion, then, a mutual harmony of horoscopes is the true affinity and the only safe solution of the matrimonial problem. This speculative theory, verified by such an array of facts as might be produced, and carried to its legitimate consequence, would produce a more momentous revolution in human thought than all the discoveries of this wonderful age.

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The above article contains a fund of valuable information, and we think will not fail to be of much interest to students generally. It has, we believe, appeared in one or two English papers recently, but originally it appeared, partly in the *New York Mercury* and partly in the *English University Magazine*. However, we consider it well worth a place in "The Astrologer," for the use and study of its readers.

It is qualified to throw an immense amount of light upon the question that has been so much discussed of late in the *London Daily Telegraph*, under the above heading.

*It has been forwarded to us by a correspondent, to whom we wish to return our sincere thanks.*

## MEDICAL BOTANY.

The best times for collecting roots for medical purposes during the present month are, those under the moon, 16th from 8h, 30m, to 4h, 30m, p.m. ; those of Mercury, 11th, from 1h, to 2m, p.m. ; of Venus, same as above ; Mars, 19th, from 3h, to 4m, p.m. ; Jupiter, 9th and 18th, from 2h, to 3m, p.m. ; Saturn, 9th, from 8h, to 9m, a.m.

### REMEDY FOR TAPE WORM.

Bark of Pomegranate Root.....	half ounce.
Ethereal Extract of Male Fern .....	one drachm.
Powdered Ergot.....	half drachm.
Pumpkin Seeds . .....	half drachm.
Gum Arabic .....	half drachm.
Croton Oil .....	two drops.

The latter must be used very cautiously, as it is a very violent purge, and any mistake or carelessness in its use might lead to serious results. There is no danger, however, in using the above prescription for an adult or person of strong habit, but for young persons or those of weak habit we should suggest, Croton Oil, one drop, instead of two.

### DIRECTIONS.

Thoroughly mix the Oil with the Male Fern and Gum. Bruise well the seeds and bark, and boil in eight ounces of water (to which the Ergot has been added) for fifteen minutes, when cold strain, and add the other ingredients.

A dose of salts, or some other purge should be taken at bed time, and no breakfast the following morning, and as soon as the previous night's physic begins to operate this mixture should be taken in one dose ; after which the worm will pass within two hours, in nine cases out of ten the head will pass also.

The above treatment should be applied when the moon is in a watery sign, Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces, the latter being the best.



## THE BAROMETER.

### ON THE PRACTICAL USE OF THE BAROMETER TO FARMERS AND OTHERS, WITH RULES FOR PREDICTING THE WEATHER.

The proper use of the barometer as a means of judging of the weather is not generally known, or its great practical value would be more extensively appreciated, more especially by farmers. It is only necessary to be well acquainted with the nature of its indications to form a tolerably good, and mostly a correct, estimate of the impending weather. For this purpose, it is here proposed to embody the most approved rules relative to the barometer; and it may be remarked, that if all persons, affected in any way by changes in the weather, will but consult their barometer daily, they will soon be sensible of the great advantages derivable from such practice.

It should first be well understood that the principal criterion of the kind of weather to be expected is the relative motion of the mercury in the tube, and that its absolute height is only of secondary importance, when atmospheric changes are to be anticipated. The words engraved on the register-plate should not be much regarded, as they cannot always be relied upon to correspond with the state of the weather, and, in fact, would show different indications at the top and bottom of a lofty house; but much greater dependence may be placed in the rising and falling of the mercury. For this reason the words are more deserving of notice when the mercury has just moved from "Changeable" upwards or downwards.

The absolute height of the mercury is a safe prognostic when it is unusually high or low; and the following observations upon it may frequently be found to be extremely serviceable.

1. All appearances being the same, the higher the barometer is, the more likely is the weather to be fair. When the barometer is high, it will be found that very dark and dense clouds pass completely over, and that there is very little probability of immediate rain.

2. When the barometer is low, it sometimes rains almost without any appearance of clouds; and though the sky may seem to promise fair weather, it may be depended upon that the appearances will not continue long: the face of the sky changes very suddenly on such occasions.

Also, when the barometer continues low, there is seldom much rain, though a fair day is very rare: the general character of the weather at such times is short, heavy, and sudden showers, with squalls of wind from the W., N.W. or S.W.

3. The barometer is highest of all during a long frost, with a N.E. wind; and it is lowest of all during a thaw following a long frost, and accompanied by a S.W. wind.

4. In all places nearly on a level with the sea, rain may be expected when the mercury falls below thirty inches.

To judge rightly of the changes to be expected in the weather, we should especially ascertain whether the mercury is actually rising or falling. This will be always seen by regularly adjusting the index of the barometer; or, we may observe—1. If the surface of the mercury be convex, standing higher in the middle of the tube than at the sides, it indicates the rising; if the surface be concave, it is falling; and if it appear level, the mercury is stationary. 2. If, on shaking or rapping the barometer, the mercury ascends higher than it stood before, it indicates the rising; but if it descends, it indicates the falling.

The following rules have been laid down and amply confirmed by long-continued experience, and may be generally relied upon.

1. The rising of the quicksilver generally presages fair weather; the falling generally indicates rain, snow, and, if the fall be great, high winds and storms.

2. When bad weather *quickly* succeeds the falling of the mercury, it will not be of long continuance. Similarly, when fair weather *soon* follows the rise of the quicksilver, we must not calculate on its continuance for any length of time.

3. On the contrary, if, in bad weather, the mercury rises considerably, and continues in an advancing state for two or three days before the fair weather sets in, we may expect a continuance of fair weather. And if, in clear weather, the mercury fall remarkably for two or three days together before the rain sets in, it is then highly probable that it will be succeeded by much rain, and perhaps high winds.

4. In winter, the rising indicates frost; and in frosty weather, if the mercury falls three or four divisions, there will certainly follow a thaw; but if it rises in a continued frost, it will always be accompanied with snow.

5. In hot weather, the sudden falling of the mercury portends thunder.

6. If the earth continues moist, and water stands in hollow places, no trust should be put in the clearest sky.

Of all persons, the farmer and the sailor are those who can generally, from constant observation, form the best judgment of the atmospheric indications of weather; but while to the latter the barometer is of the utmost importance in indicating that a sudden change is at hand, to the former it will be found equally useful, if he is a constant observer of it, by showing him, pretty accurately, whether or not any particular change of weather is likely to be of some duration.

## PROGNOSTICS OF APPROACHING RAIN.

The hollow *winds* begin to blow,  
 The *clouds* look black, the *glass* is low,  
 The *soot* falls down, the *spaniels* sleep,  
 And *spiders* from their *oozwahs* creep.  
 Last night the *sun* went pale to bed ;  
 The *moon* in *halos* hides her head.  
 The boding shepherd heaves a sigh,  
 For see a *rainbow* spans the sky !  
 The *walls* are damp, the *ditches* smell ;  
 Closed is the pink-eyed *pinperuell*.  
 Hark, how the *chairs* and *tables* creak !  
 Old *Betty's* joints are on the rack ;  
 Loud quack the *ducks*, the *peacocks* cry ;  
 The distant *hills* are looking nigh.  
 How restless are the snorting *swine* !  
 The busy *flies* disturb the kine ;  
 Low o'er the grass the *swallow* wings ;  
 The *cricket*, too, how sharp he sings !  
*Puss* on the hearth, with velvet paws,  
 Sits wiping o'er her whisker'd jaws ;  
 Through the clear stream the *fishes* rise,  
 And nimbly catch th' incautious *flies* ;  
 The *glow-worms*, numerous and bright,  
 Illumed the dewy dell last night ;  
 At night the squalid *toad* was seen  
 Hopping and crawling o'er the green ;  
 The *whirling wind* the dust obeys,  
 And in the rapid eddy plays ;  
 The *frog* has changed his yellow vest,  
 And in a russet coat is dressed.  
 Though June, the air is cold, yet still ;  
 The *blackbird's* mellow voice is shrill ;  
 My *dog*, so altered is his taste,  
 Quite mutton bones, on grass to feast.  
 And see yon *rooks*, how odd their flight !  
 They imitate the gliding kite,  
 And seem precipitate to fall.  
 As if they felt the piercing hail :  
 'Twill surely rain ; I see with sorrow,  
 Our jaunt can not take place to-morrow.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

DAUGHTER OF MARS.—We are sorry we cannot now reply to your queries through "The Astrologer." At the time you name we were answering questions of this kind, but they came upon us so thick and fast that we could not attend to one half of them. We were constantly receiving letters from anxious enquirers, some of which were not very pleasant, we therefore thought it better to discontinue the replies altogether ; on this account we must of necessity decline to reply to your queries in their present form, we should be pleased however to do so according to our present rules.—Yours sincerely,  
 EDITOR.

## LETTERS TO EDITOR.

KINGSWINFORD.

DEAR SIR,—I have been most highly pleased to read the remarks in the September number of "The Astrologer," of our friend in the science, H. Pershous, with regard to some distinguishing mark being worn by students, &c., in Astrology. I think there should be something thought of for the ladies also. I know several females who are studying astrology. I am pleased to say that I am a student and firm believer myself, and shall ever try to induce others to investigate it for themselves. I will ask to be allowed to propose that a brooch be got up for the ladies, and a scarf pin for the gentlemen, to be made in silver or gold. All our friends in the science might not be able to purchase the gold signature, as some are not wealthy. I suggest that they be engraved with the planets Mercury and Uranus in the sign Aquarius, Mercury signifying wisdom and knowledge, and Uranus as the emblem of astrology. I hope this will not be to late. I cannot get the Magazine till the second and sometimes third week in the month. I hope we shall find a great many believers in the science when we get the signatures.

I remain respectfully,

A WORKING MAN'S WIFE.

[We quite agree with our Lady friend. There has been a good deal said about scarf pins and one thing or another, but not much has been said about a token for the lady students, of which there are a good number to our knowledge. The above, we think, is the first lady who has written us on the subject; we therefore take the opportunity of saying that if our lady friends think well to go in for a token of some kind, as well as the gentlemen, we should be most happy to render them all the assistance that lies in our power ]

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BRISTOL,

Oct. 1st, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—Respecting the Thyme you speak of in the May number, page 263, the following may stimulate many others to try some of the very valuable and simple remedies recommended in your work, "The Astrologer," from time to time.

I know a gentleman who went to Weston-Super-Mare for four days during the month of August. When there, he lost his voice entirely, and had bronchitis very bad indeed. He returned home to Bristol, had medical advice, the medicine taken causing vomiting immediately after taking it.

I made the remark to him, "I know a remedy that will cure you, and a very simple one too; will you try it?" "I will," was the reply.

I went to a herbalist in this town, and asked for fourpenny-worth of Thyme, and said what it was for. I was immediately told it was Wild Thyme I must have for that. I was told it was a splendid thing for the complaint mentioned. The person in attendance said, "May I ask how you know of it?" When I showed her The Astrologer, she asked, "Will you get me one for next month?" This, I need not tell you, I gladly did, and the order will be continued.

The gentleman prepared the thyme as directed, viz., put two-pennyworth in boiling water, (a quart is the proper quantity), and boiled for fifteen minutes, then add half an ounce of salaza juice (this I believe is a valuable addition); when quite cold strain, and take two or three wine-glassfuls each day.

I tell you, sir, as a witness to the fact, in less than one week the gentleman here referred to lost his distressing cough, is now quite well, and is recommending the remedy to many others. He has also sent the receipt to London.

The thing is simple, inexpensive, and harmless. Kindly allow me to ask all your readers who may be afflicted by this complaint to give this simple but valuable remedy a trial.—  
Yours truly,  
J. J. G.

[We have the original of this letter, and will be pleased to forward the correspondent's address to any genuine enquirer, and we have no doubt he will gladly reply to any reasonable question concerning either the case or the cure.]

244, MULBERRY STREET,

NEWARK, N.J.

DEAR SIR,—In your last number, on page 68, H. Pershouse recommends that students of Astrology should bear with them some distinguishing mark. About eight months ago, at the suggestion of some medical men, the discussion how physicians should be distinguishable has been going on without any decision having been arrived at. Among all the different suggestions with reference to the adoption of some distinguishing mark—a medallion button  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter, the ground of white enamel and bearing on its face the "Red Loop" in red enamel, with a letter in the centre, black or gold, to distinguish the school of practice of the wearer, and to be worn on the lapel of the coat, seems at present the idea which will finally be enjoyed. Will some of our astrological friends suggest a proper insignia for a button. For my part I should say, let us have a star in the centre of the button.—Yours, &c.

DR. MECKER.

NEW YORK, N.J., Sept. 10th, 1888.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Watson, seems to be very sanguine about his ideas of matrimonial couples. He does not take a very broad view of this subject, which is very important. This letter savours of rashness, and lacks prudence; this to emanate from one who poses as a light to light and guide benighted mortals.

When we are told that it requires a great deal of experience to erect an horoscope the climax is reached, as it were. We really must give way to laughter, even before we reach the vicar and the bishop. What a coincidence: My grandfather was a vicar, and so is my uncle. Read this, ye muses; even astrologers are but mortal, even they have their weaknesses. Alas that I should so far forget myself as to ridicule the only mortal in existence who has actually rubbed shoulders with Oriental seers.

Let us ask Mr. Watson if he has ever calculated the number of persons of both sexes with their luminaries in evil aspect to ☿ in England alone, and the number of persons in addition who possess ♃ or ♁ 7th?

Can Mr. Watson find a lady a husband who will be happy, she having ☉ □ ☿? I know a gentleman with ♃ exactly placed would yoke these together, yet it would be nonsense to say never marry. Note, those evil rays are not at all counteracted by good aspects of any other planet.

I happen to have a friend who has ♃ in ♄ in 8th,  $\Delta$  ♃, ♃ ♂ ♃. An Astrologer predicted him money by marriage. He has never had a penny for marriage. He was to marry ♃ ♄ or ♃ ♃ see ♃ \* ♃ ♃  $\Delta$  ♃. He married a ♃ in ♃ kind. He was born 16th April, 1860, at 11-30 p.m. The only thing three Astrologers have told him truly is a lot about travelling short journeys. He is in great trouble now. Can you, Mr. Editor, describe it? He is anxious about his literary work. Will he succeed in his studies?

Yours, &c.,

ELDON STREET, BARNSELY.

A. WILSON.

[Perhaps some of our correspondents would be interested in making the necessary calculations to oblige Mr. Wilson. Our time is now very much taken up, and we should much prefer students corresponding with each other on these points.—ED.]

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96, ST. HELENS ROAD, LEIGH, MANCHESTER,  
Aug. 15th, 1888.

SIR,—I accidently met with the July number of "The Astrologer," and I am so pleased with it as to order the coming numbers from our newsagent. I wish to ask some fellow Astrologer, who has an Ephemeris for 1840, if he would kindly send me planets' places on January 29th therefrom.—I am, sir, yours truly,

JOHN BEAL.

GOSPORT, 1888.

SIR,—On the 17th July last, I planted some radish seed according to the time given in "The Astrologer," Moon rising in Scorpio. The seed was up in two days, and within a month I pulled the most extraordinary radishes one ever saw, measuring from seven to nine inches in length and from 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter. In fact I "take the cake" for radishes.—Yours faithfully,  
RALPH ANDREWS.

[We do not for a moment suppose that all our readers who follow our advice with respect to seed sowing are quite so successful as Mr. Andrews; but that it makes a wonderful difference to the growth of crops and plants, there can be no denying. Some people, however, are very fortunate in this respect naturally, while others are quite the reverse. When a person who is thus naturally fortunate takes advantage of the most fruitful times, as given in our pages, the results are in many cases really marvellous. There may, however, doubts arise in the minds of some of our readers as to radishes being grown to the enormous size here named; but doubtless our friend Mr. Andrews will be able to prove his assertion to any respectable enquirer.—Ed.]

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DEAR SIR,—I am always remarkably fortunate in planting all kinds of seeds or plants, particularly flowers. My good luck in this respect has long been a recognised fact, and to further test it a friend and myself this year bought a stock of flower seeds at the same time, of the same sorts, and at the same shop, and planted the same day. Mine have come up a perfect mass of luxuriance in spite of the bad weather, every seed must have taken, while my friends' are few and poor, though her garden possesses agricultural advantages. To what planetary influence would this be attributable? I have more than once had my horoscope drawn, but this trait has escaped notice. Should you deem this of sufficient general interest for insertion, your readers may possibly like to know the position of the heavenly bodies at birth. My time of birth is July 2nd, 1839, at 7h. 14m. a.m., latitude 51 degrees, 32 minutes north.—Yours truly,  
G. M.

257, MARK STREET, HACKNEY, LONDON, E.

SIR,—In view of our ignorance of the effects the planet Neptune's positions and aspects have in nativities, it is time to ask how long shall we be content to remain without information as to the phenomena of this dark sentinel's vigil on the outposts of our system?

May I suggest that every one of the small but mentally well-equipped army of students who devour "The Astrologer," note well the positions, &c., of Neptune, enter them on ALL future schemes they may erect for any purpose whatever. The habit thus formed of observing our distant neighbours' moods and effects in divers circumstances would tell quickly in favour of our science.

In cases where the nearly equal dignities and debilities of antagonistic significators leave the issue in doubt, a knowledge of Neptune's nature and the nature of the affairs committed to the charge of his angels would often suffice to turn the scale of evidence on one side or the other, where now our ignorance of where to look for the casting vote prevents judgment being given. A friend informs me that Neptune's house and habitation are in Pisces, and his detriment and fall in Scorpio. Can any student add anything pro or con to this ?

In conclusion, sir, I think great good could be done to Astrology, and to the innumerable host of outsiders who walk through the valley of the shadow of ignorance, if we had for distribution AMONG THEM a leaflet after the nature of "Our Twenty Reasons Why." They, through the medium of "The Astrologer," should possess themselves of the heaven-sent master-key to the cream of knowledge—Astrology.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

J. T. CAMPBELL.

[This is undoubtedly a capital hint of friend Campbell's, and we hope students will take the hint and act upon it; for it will, we feel sure, do much to improve the science.]

## SIMMONITE'S MEDICAL BOTANY:

OR

### HERBAL GUIDE TO HEALTH.

Students in the Astral Science should always be in possession of a work like this, as it would enable them to judge of Diseases, whether curable or not, and so advise the unfortunate sufferer to the terminus of his affliction. This small Work will enable him to render those necessary remedies and mode of treatment found therein, so as to relieve at a small expense, which ought to be a desideratum with all Medical Men. It explains that natural Pathology, the Character, Symptoms, Prognosis, and Morbid appearance of Disease, fully; simply, and correctly, thus making every man his own Physician. 1s 6d. free by post, 20 Stamps.

#### TESTIMONIAL.

SIR,

BIRMINGHAM.

In April I was recommended to purchase from you "Simmonite's Medical Botany," and I must say that, as I am thought among my neighbours to be rather knowing in herbal application, I am often applied to, and I am happy to say, being guided by this cheap little book, I seldom fail in performing a cure.

**JOHN STORY, 157, Lansdowne Road, Sheffield.**

N.B.—A large Catalogue of New and Scarce Books and Ephemeris on Astrology, etc., will be forwarded on receipt of stamped address.