



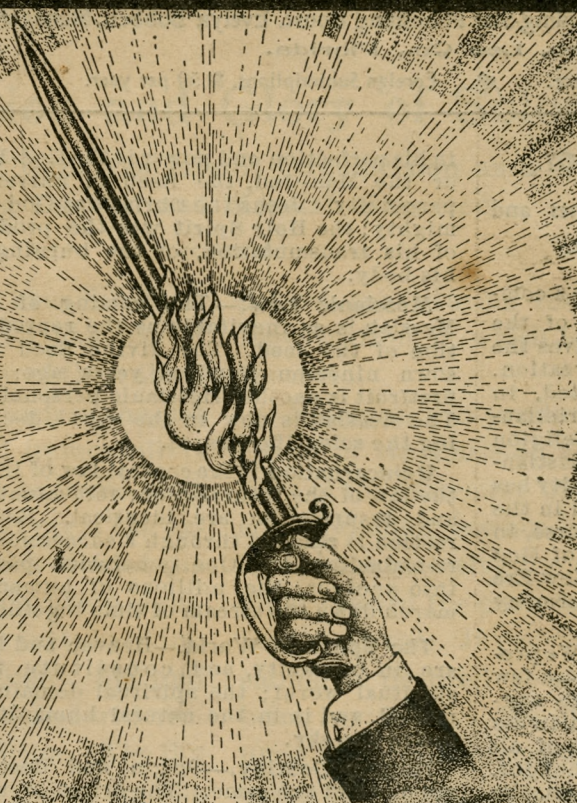
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The Flaming Sword

"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Mission and Glory of Solomon.

The Source of the Power of the Great Genius of Israel; Circumcision as a Factor of Racial Progress; the King Desired and Messiah Expected.

KORESH.

"AND YET I SAY UNTO YOU, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Reference is here made to the lily of the valley, which is a symbol of that divine truth which in the end shall constitute the ultimate science of immortality. Upon consideration and research, it will be found that the lily and the pomegranate were worked upon the extremity of the curtain of the temple, which divided the holy from the most holy place. This separation signified that final flesh which comprises the curtain of immortality, separating between the ordinary life and that eternal sphere into which the Sons of God will ultimately pass and find their peaceful fruition. The lily signifies the ultimate science of immortality, or the science of very extreme ultimates. This may be known by its use on the curtain of the temple. The pomegranate correspondingly signifies the very life in ultimates.

The character of the great Solomon and the forces which conspired to produce such a genius as the king of Israel, must be analyzed before there can be an adequate conception of Solomon's glory. The deepest religious sentiment was wrought upon in the institution of that ceremonial which separated the Jews from all the world as a distinctively chosen people of the Lord God, a people in whom the Lord had planted himself to be reproduced in that generation which brought into the world the only begotten Son of God. He was the only begotten because the first generated, and parthenogenetically conceived as the firstfruits of the Arch-natural order which proceeded from him as the seven

genera, constituting the new church in the ultimates of regeneration, in which is involved the resurrection of the dead.

Solomon was produced by the specific action of the ritual of circumcision. The removal of a particular part of the extremity of the integument conserved the corresponding essence of the thought, because it precluded the necessity for the physiological action of the mind toward the part, for the reason that the part had been removed. It provided that such conserved essence should be devoted to another purpose; that purpose being involved in the character of the promise made upon the rigid adherence to the principle of the law which held its secret within this specific arcanum. The circumcision of the masculine portion of the race, with the promise in its observance that there should come forth a king to the children of Israel, initiated the unification which developed within the nation the fulfilment of their desire. It was for this reason that the first king of Israel should have had the name Saul, which, rendered into English, signifies desired. They desired a king, because they had been taught that glory could only consummate in the fruition of a kingdom which should be the peaceful attainment of their hopes. The fruition only ripened in the third king developed as their inheritance, a promise to be fulfilled in the observance of the rite of circumcision.

The mental essence—which was as substantial as any material of which the spirit is the counterpart—was not only conserved, but pushed forward in the line of their hopes until it reached its aggregation in the

production of the king, whose necessity ordained that seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines should be essential to the transmission of the force which the law of circumcision had concentrated and heaped within him, thus constituting him the apex of the Mount Zion which was the projection of the deepest and most intense sentiment actuated by the religious force of the Hebrew being. The Christian world—which has been educated in and made to believe that monogamy is the absolute of moral attainment and sacramental obligation, so far as marital relation is concerned—cannot comprehend why Solomon should have been approved of the Lord God, in his fearfully wicked attitude in his marital and concubinage profligacy. It was in the purpose of the God-ordained laws, that through Solomon there should be distributed throughout the nations of the earth the blood of the Hebrew, that its infiltration should actuate the various nations of the world; for through his posterity (he having taken wives and concubines from every nationality) his blood (which was the blood of the Hebrew) has been infiltrated throughout the world, and every nation has a line of this infiltration.

Upon the natural plane Solomon was the Savior of the world, because the infiltrated Hebrew blood impules the world toward that final desire which must ultimate in the manifestation of the King of kings and Lord of lords, who will constitute the ultimate of that final focalization in which the Lord appears, whom God will raise up among the people to be ransomed. The projection of the Solomonic product of circumcision was not the highest concentration of the forces of generation, because there obtained a deeper font of emotion than that reached in the desire for the ordinary mortal king. The deeper principle of being was impuled, also, in the perpetuity of the ritual of circumcision. This was also pushed forward in the lines of aspiration toward that supreme ruler of the hearts and souls of men, in the aggregation of spiritual force heaped up again in the manifestation of the Lord Jesus, the Christ of God. Had there been no circumcision there could not have obtained the conservation of that force which resulted in the manifestation of the High Priest of circumcision, which the Lord was declared to be.

It can only be known what character the aggregation of circumcision forms in the man, by an understanding of the great truth that the essences of the mind are the production of spiritual entities which obtain in the mind; and that the projection of the mind forces is the carrying forward of the spirit entities of which the mentality is composed. The spirits of wisdom and those of affection or love are distinctively constituted, and produce distinctive characteristics in personalities in which they are dominantly aggregated. The Lord combined in a balanced product the spirits of

wisdom and love. "He gathered the lambs with his arm, and carried them in his bosom;" these lambs being the spirits of those who had died during the Jewish dispensation, aggregated under the impulse of the ritual of circumcision, and made the spirits of just men made perfect in the bosom of the Lord. It was because of the heaping up in him of the spirits conserved through circumcision, that he was made the High Priest of circumcision; and those who received his life in the operation of the Holy Spirit were declared to be the circumcision.

The reaction of circumcision, or its higher and most interior operation, was to effect those final restraints which made it possible for the Lord to impregnate the world through the church, with the chastity of his own immortal life. The law of circumcision generated the Christ of God. The same law will bring forth the Sons of God in the order of life about to be instituted in the earth through the conservation of the sex potencies, which is made possible through the circumcision of which the Lord Jesus was the High Priest. The specific physiological effects of circumcision remain to be further exposted, though there is in the Koreshan literature a somewhat detailed account of the specific action of the ritual of circumcision upon the physiological character.

Circumcision produces the commercial characteristic of the Hebrew and the Israelite. The commercial nose is the product of circumcision. The commercial character of the Germanic race, especially projected into the Anglo-Saxon, is the result of the infiltration of the Israelite, from the lost ten tribes, into the three nations in which Israel was lost in the intermarriage of the house of Ephraim; these nations being Media, Persia, and Assyria. Because of this circumcision and its infiltration in the nations of the earth, and the projection forward of the desire for the King of kings to be manifest, there will come into the world the final heaping up of human desire in the manifestation of the return of the children of Israel and the resurrection of the Lord God, whom it is declared shall be raised up among them.

Do not confound that fallacious theory of Anglo-Israelism, which supposes that the ten tribes of Israel are already here in the Anglo-Saxon race, with the truth concerning Israel as found in Koreshan Universology. The ten tribes are gathered in the spiritual world in that New Jerusalem which John the Revelator saw coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. The Sons of God to come into the world are the final and projected product of that glory revealed in Solomon, and which constitutes the lilies of the valley, each one of which will have a glory to exceed the glory of the natural Solomon, in all of his royal affluence and effulgence. The Lord, the High Priest, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, has also descended into this same people, thus giving them the power and glory of the life of Christ.

THE SUBTLETY OF THE CATHOLIC PROPAGANDA.

The Efforts of the Paulist Fathers to Reach Non-Catholics in America;
Problem Left for Koreshanity to Solve.

KORESH.

ONE OF THE MOST SUBTLE and insinuating processes for the Catholicization of the Protestant denominations, may be found in the present effort to engage the attention of "Non-Catholics" through propaganda under the persuasive methods of the Jesuitical adjunct to the fostering paternalism of the old scarlet colored beast. Studying the two phases of so called Christianity (the one called Roman Catholicism and the other, Protestantism), from the basis of the claims of both there can be no question of the better claims of the former from every point of view. The Roman Catholic church can trace its progress through all of the vicissitudes of its career, from the time when it was an evangelizing power through the operation of the Holy Spirit, until the time when the Spirit lost its unitizing force as a love principle, and the church parted from its first love to become the adulterous bride of the Lord God in the fall of the church. It never has forsaken its tri-personal doctrine and dogma of the God-head, derived from its adulteration with paganism, which it incorporated when it departed from the pure principles of Christianity and adopted the competition of paganism, and eliminated from its theory and practice the communism into which it was born through the operation of the spiritual influx which moved the early stages of its progress.

The Roman church is an organic force in its ecclesiastical unity, that puts all other phases of Christian propaganda to shame, not working as a Christianizing power through experimental religion, but through the insinuating psychological force of a combined mental polarization, which is ten times more subtle and tremendous than the distinctive phases of experimentalism, which at best are the aggregations of disintegrated and disintegrative denominational potentialities.

There has been issued recently a book called the "Question Box," which attempts to answer every question that may be disturbing the mind of the seeker after the consolations which the Roman church has to offer to any who may be seeking the soul's salvation. The ritualism and religious formula of the Roman church are much more attractive than the inorganic and unsatisfying forms of the Protestant churches, which are not more spiritual because more simple, and with less the form of Godliness.

If the Protestant churches were not the offspring of the Roman church, the fundamental characteristic of the Roman would not constitute the fundamental principle of the Protestant. It might be a question, wherein resides the purest state of the religious doctrine and life; in the mother or in the daughters? But this ques-

tion may be easily answered in the greater tendencies of the mother to conform in application to the traditions and formulas of the paganized old harlot, and of the daughters to depart further from the doctrines and principles which characterized the church before its fall. The book in question is unanswerable from the premises taken,—but therein lies its danger. Like most propagandists, it assumes its premise without so much as allowing one to investigate its subtlety, its deceptive and misleading force.

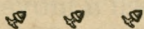
In the preface to the book above noticed we find the following statement: "The Apostolate to the non-Catholics of our country, so dear to the heart of Father Hecker, has proved itself a movement blessed by God in the thousands of converts it has won to the true church. Within the past ten years it has been successfully inaugurated by the regular and secular clergy in over sixty dioceses of the United States, and its future is assured because of the special commendation of Pope Leo XIII. and the American Hierarchy. Although no man can blind himself to the fact that we are living in a period of widespread indifferentism and unbelief, still the hearty welcome given to the Paulist Fathers everywhere in the missions to non-Catholics goes to evidence the intense longing of thousands of earnest souls for the truth of God."

The first interrogation in this Question Box of Catholicism is the old, old one of how to prove to a certainty the existence of God. It is the argument of design which has been handed down from generations; but the unsophisticated child will immediately answer, who made God? Is there not as much design in the existence of God, as in the works of his hands? The Roman church does not settle this question; it has remained for Koreshanity, the fruit of that divine planting which in its dissolution formed the great tree which will ultimate in establishing all things new, to solve the problem. The great weakness of the church, both in its so called Catholic and Protestant phases, is in the want of the recognition of the fact that the tree does not bear its fruit until the end of the season, when the ripening fruit will indicate the character of the original seed; and the character of the seed will insure the character of the coming fruit.

After all of the proof presented along the lines of this old argument, incorporating the assumption that God made all things from nothing, of which there is no Biblical testimony, we are left to imagine that God is an extrinsic force, and that the things of his creation are projected from the constant voluntary action of an extrinsic Deity. While the book is well calculated to lead the inquirer into the Roman Catholic church, it is not calculated to lead to the certainty of the truth for which the malcontent is searching. It is, however, a force with which the Protestant churches must reckon,

and with which it will necessarily come into open conflict.

Some have attempted to assure us that there is coming a union of Protestant and Catholic churches; but the world may rest assured that there will be no compromise of the Roman church with her offspring, the harlots of which she is the mother, according to the Protestant interpretation of that part of Revelation which declares that the mother of harlots is the church of Roman Catholicism, which furnishes the only logical conclusion that the Protestant churches are her daughters. They have gone as much astray in the doctrines and life of Christianity, as the old mother whom the daughters condemn.



THE SCIENCE OF THE ATONEMENT.

The Law of Conjunctive Unity of God and Man as Typified in the Rites of the Hebrews.

KORESH.

THE BODY OF JESUS was dissolved in what is called his translation. Let it be remembered that this was the body which arose from the grave. Another point here to be distinctly understood is, that his presence did not answer or correspond to the ordinary human manifestation; for though his body was buried, it did not go to corruption. It passed through modifying changes after being emptied of the human blood which was spilled from his side while on the symbolic cross; but the body that was in the grave came forth the veritable body which before had been upon the cross, and afterward placed in the tomb. This body passed through theocrasis in the presence of hundreds of his Disciples or followers, and they afterward awaited with longings the coming of the special influences which should proceed from the translation of the Lord.

The disappearance of the body of the Lord Jesus was by a process of dissolution or sublimation, in which the visible manhood was transformed to spiritual substance. This spiritual substance was denominated the Holy Spirit; and its impartation was the communication of the Lord's substance to the church. This Spirit descended into the race by successive degrees, being partaken of and appropriated by those who received it and who consequently constituted the church. In thus receiving the Holy Spirit, which was in substance the Lord's body, his flesh and blood, the Disciples fulfilled the saying: "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." They fulfilled the saying so far as the beginning of the appropriation is concerned. The divine nature being appropriated by the race, it must necessarily decline with the church; for with the prostitution of doctrine and life—God's life, which was the life of the church—it descended

to its uttermost adulteration. It must continue this descent and consequent adulteration until the divine truth is so desecrated that the sensual and animal inclinations of the mind are claimed to be divine by the very church in which the Word was sown, and in and by which the Word is prostituted.

It being true that the Lord's bodily structure, the Divine-Human with which the heavenly Divine clothed himself, and which was glorified for the express purpose of being the archetypical, germ, or seed man, and hence the first man or beginning of the new genus or race of men, descended through the operation of the Holy Spirit into the race, it may be seen how his coming must be through the process of reincarnation, or through a new birth in the flesh; at least it will be seen why the man in and through whom he comes should be born a sinful man, should grow to manhood and put off his sins by overcoming the flesh with all its sinful tendencies. It may thus also be seen how the Jewish type of the pollution and cleansing of the sanctuary can and does apply to the office of the Christ as he dies in the race, and at the end of the age is born in sin and resurrected through reincarnation. Jesus was the tabernacle of God; he descended into the race by the operation of the Spirit, and was made to be sin. Thus man pollutes this tabernacle, which must be cleansed.

The cross of the Christ, or the Anointed, was only symbolized by his crucifixion at Jerusalem. The crucifixion by the Jews, while a reality, only portrayed in symbol the real cross, which was the descent of the Divine-Human into the sensual human with which the real cross was effected. God the Father clothed himself with the discrete substance of human aspiration; it became concrete in the manifestation of the Lord Jesus, and was glorified and made the Divine-Human. This glorified Human became the saving principle of the race. It was transformed by sublimation (dematerialization) to Spirit, the spirit or force of what was the material substance. This Holy Spirit, the real substance of the before visible body, entered into the common humanity, actually flowing into the wills of the humanity by the law of mental or spiritual attraction. The union of the divine with the human spirit constituted the real cross of the Christ, and is described in this language: "And their dead bodies [the two witnesses which constitute the Word, therefore the Lord God] shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

The time being ripe for the coming of the Son of man in "the clouds of heaven," he must first appear as the "Sign of the Son of man in heaven;" that is, in illumination of mind. His being seen in heaven does not mean in the physical heaven, but in the mental heaven, which is in the degree of divine intelligence. Said Jesus: "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that

came down from heaven, the Son of man *which is in heaven.*" While Jesus was in the earth he was in heaven, because in the heavenly state or degree of life; therefore when the Sign of the Son of man is seen in heaven, he will simply be seen to be the man illuminated. This illuminated man must be the Sign, because he portrays or declares not only the fact of the approximation of the Lord's coming, but he must also declare and effect the method. He must therefore be the Messenger of the Covenant (conjunction), the High Priest after the Levitical order. Being the Messenger and High Priest, he is the Eli-jah or *El-yah*, which means God the Lord. He must fulfil the prophetic declaration of Malachi: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant [conjunction of God and man], whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver [truth]: and he shall purify the sons of Levi [conjunction, or those who are to be conjoined to the Lord], and purge them as gold [this is the purification of the affections or desires, loves; or when literally applied, the external life itself] and silver [which is the clarification of doctrine from all errors], that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." This passage has reference to the present coming, when the Christ has passed over from the order of Melchizedek to the Levitical order, the final office of which is performed at his translation, which will be the confirmation of the Sign of the Son of man, and the last act in the cleansing of the sanctuary.

We have so far, in the presentation of the symbol and law of sacrifice, only considered the sacrifice of the lamb or ram, and have shown its relation to the love of offspring. In the Zodiac the ram is the sign of the first constellation; that is, it is the first sign; and when the sign Aries or Ram is in the constellation Aries or Ram, Aries is the head. This head of the series is the point of beginning, the creative or generative point, and necessarily at this point must be the supreme place of the desire to create, which is the desire to beget; for all creation is but the product originating in the supreme center of desire, which is the begetting center. Literally, to sacrifice the ram or lamb is to sacrifice the love of offspring, which in its most perverted state is the mere passion for sex gratification without regard to propagation. It means the consecration of the life to God; for if sensual gratification is overcome through a higher love which takes away the sensual desire, then those forces which are otherwise prostituted and wasted are husbanded for God's use and appropriation. Without such husbanding God's existence could

not be perpetuated, for God is fed from the substance produced in man. This substance of the man can go to supply God's demands only as the waste from man ceases, or as man overcomes. It is through this that we shall be able to offer up an offering in righteousness.

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New Century Studies and Reviews

Lucie Page Borden

MORE STAR DUST.

AN ARGUMENT advanced in favor of a limited universe is presented to the consideration of astronomers, in the supposition that the light from an infinite number of stars would fill the sky with a blaze of splendor, no matter what their distances. This hypothesis includes two important assumptions: one that the stars are all equally luminous; and the second, that there is nothing in space to stop their light. Are the faint stars fainter because of their distance, or because they are intrinsically less brilliant? It is very evident that one star differs from another star in glory. The refraction of light cannot be neglected in the discussion, and the result is that astronomers are not certain what this kind of intellectual see-saw will lead them to accept.

The subject of the stars leads to the further consideration that as there is dark matter or "cosmic dust" in space, it may cause an appreciable diminution in the light of fainter stars. Putting aside these views as hostile to the further development of astronomy because they involve too many speculations without any definite premise, one may find that the cosmic egg or the cellular basis for astronomy has already been proved. A new theory to bolster up the assumption that space is infinite, tries to inveigle the student to believe that the stars thin out on either side the Milky Way, on the ground that this would obviate all difficulty. They may be fewer in number, less brilliant or subject to absorption from denser cosmic dust in this region.

Now what will be the outcome of so much discussion of the same old hypothesis? More dust thrown in the eyes of the mind. In the cellular universe space is limited. So are the tactics of the modern speculative school of astronomers—limited by the truth for whose advancement the way will be cleared. In the limited universe where every substance is emplaced according to the laws of specific gravity, the stars are situated at the junction of the atmospheres above the earth's surface. Here is no subterfuge. To resort to speculations would be futile after proving that the universe is limited. The stars are not, then, great worlds circling away into space, but are all within the compass of the earth's environment. There are three sets of stellar bodies—those seen every night, and others invisible to the eye of man because the refractive power of the different

atmospheres keeps them out of the range of human perspective. They are all controlled and deposited by the solar radiations.

One of the latest mathematical calculations is that approximately five per cent of light is lost in transmission over a distance equal to a million times the diameter of the earth's orbit. Let us look at the assumptions involved in this statement—that the earth is a planet; that it revolves in an orbit about the sun; that the distance from the pole to the centre or the semi-diameter of the earth furnishes the basis for an angle of parallax for computing the distances of the sun and moon, thus supplying a measuring-rod for estimating the distance of stars; and finally that the centre of the universe is not a fixed point. All these speculations depend upon the hypothesis that the earth revolves about a center, and is not a stationary cell with a slow axial rotation. Mathematics cannot lie—upon this axiom respect for modern astronomy is maintained at a white heat. Mathematics may lie if abstruse calculations are built upon primary assumptions.

The Cellular Cosmogony resorts to no hypothesis, but first proves its premise by a direct appeal to the earth's crust, which has been put to a fair mechanical test, which is open to any person or persons disposed to repeat it.

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A POLITICAL CHARACTER IN REVIEW.

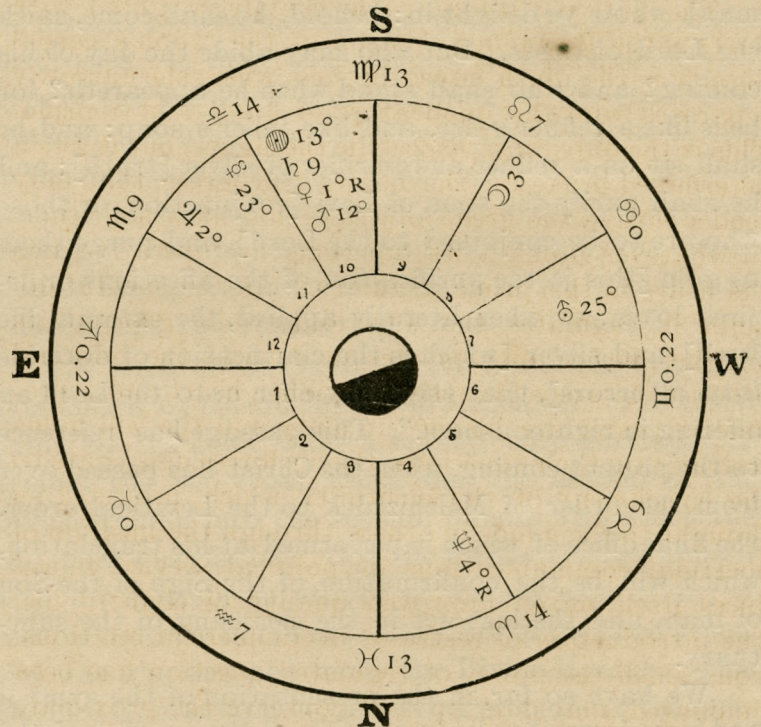
Striking Traits Revealed in the Horoscope of Senator Bailey; the Hunter and His Quarry; Chances of Success.

THE ACCOMPANYING CHART of the heavens merits the attention of the general reader by reason of the prominent position in national politics attained by the native, and more specifically at the present time on account of the active and influential part he has recently played in the debates on the new rate bill. To the Koreshan his individual success, wide popularity, and personal influence are a living commentary on the potentiality of prayer, more especially when operative in the sphere of human stirpiculture; for the subject of our article constitutes the direct response to intense desire on the part of his parents during the pre-natal epoch, for offspring worthy of devotion to the political service of his country.

It is an astrological axiom that when in a geniture more than three planets are found posited in a single sign, a remarkable personality is born. The horoscope of Senator Bailey displays four planets and the Sun in the cardinal sign Libra, the greater light in close conjunction with Mars and Saturn, which with Venus occupy the mid-heaven. Mercury is posited in the eleventh house. With the exception of Neptune, all the planets and the Moon are above the horizon. Six lights are in

cardinal signs and a like number is allotted to the element of air. These are strong *indices* of a character endowed with a marked spirit of independence, self-reliance, and ambitions that ever widen with the circle of experience, and that are bounded about by the horizon of the native's personal conception of human limitations.

Here is a character that waits not the pleasure of emperors, kings, or even of the "sovereign people;" that applies the bellows of his own volubility to the flowing tide of personal success; and that balks at no barrier to his progress that an energetic spring will override or that a well-veiled by-path will circumvent. There is a large degree of the sporting element here displayed, for the first (Jupiterian) decanate of Sagittarius the hunter is rising, and Jupiter, ruler of the horoscope, posited in the subtle sign of the Scorpion, applies to the cusp of the twelfth house, the covert lair of the quarry pursued.



Horoscope of Senator Joseph W. Bailey.

October 6, 1863, 10 a. m. Miss., U. S. A.

Mr. Bailey is a huntsman whose steed lacks naught in the quality of speed, whose nerve is adequate to the demands of all situations, and whose judgment, by checking the fiery zeal of his mount, ever husbands those forces which a less skilled rider would early dissipate.

To be "in at the death" is the true hunter's proud ambition; for victory yields up her palm when the life of the quarry pays debt to the skill and dispatch of the huntsman who, absorbing the vitality of his chase, renews thereby his own potencies. Success in some domain is the pursuit of the foolish as also of the wise; yet to the latter alone is vouchsafed a view of its true objective. The love of life overrides all subordinate desires, and in common to all mankind, it is the quarry pursued in the chase of human existence which, fleet and more subtle than the hunter, lures him to final destruction in the deep recesses of its own lair.

In the sign Scorpion, anatomically related to the

reproductive organs, we find revealed either the science of life, or ignorance and death, its corollary. Its succeeding sign, Sagittarius, denoting the thigh or the outgoing principle of life, corresponds to the impartation of science or doctrine; and in the lower spheres of human activity, it signifies the preying instinct of the hungry hunter. To appropriate the animal life of the quarry is to elevate the victim to a higher consciousness of life, to impart a more advanced quality of being to a lower and debased organism. Hence, in the higher altitudes of human development, the function of the hunter is to advance and elevate the mental status of humanity in both religious and secular domains, through the enactment of the laws of life. Priest, lawyer, teacher, philanthropist, and hunter are severally related to the sign of the Archer, and their office involves identical functions which only the divorce of secular from religious law has rendered distinctive.

The nativity before us is heavily freighted with darts of the Bowman by reason of the Moon's cuspal dignity in the ninth house, in Leo, where she narrowly separates from the quadrature of Jupiter in Scorpio. This is the only cross aspect in the figure, but it sets a determined brake on the native's progress, that may render elusive the great object of his life's solicitude. In whatever domain its functions are operative, Leo the heart is the prime regulator. In the mental domain it regulates the affections, while Scorpio, its antithet, either appropriates or debases the terminal product of its psychic activity. When heart and reproductive center are blended in unity and the will holds restraint on their functions, the life forces aggregate to the enrichment of the mentality which, projected as thought to the minds of others through the medium of doctrinal communications or political service, reproduces itself as an improved quality of civilized life. The introduction of restraint in commercial relations, from which the power of regulated affection has been eliminated, may dam up and conserve the proximate sources of supply; but at the same time it must inevitably cause to run dry the remoter sources of reproductive energy that unite the circle of vital continuity.

In the horoscope under consideration, the affectional nature is at cross purposes with the reproductive potencies. The elevated and dignified Venus denotes a will of exceptional power, dominating forces and faculties of irresistible cogency, a mind equipoised in a consciousness of its own self-sufficiency, coldly calculating in its methods, yet severely abreast of its own standards. The intellectual fires that kindle enthusiasm in the breast of the ardent leader of a new cause and characterize the pursuer of new ideals and lofty aspirations, are quenched by determined restraint on the outflow of spiritual forces that constitute the highest currency in human commercial relations.

The Moon in the sign of the king of beasts, disposed of by Helios, so strongly fortified by the close conjunction of Saturn and Mars in the Balances, bestows on our subject a personality of proud and lofty bearing that should awe into tacit obedience to

its sway, the plastic materials of human negative submission that invariably form the setting of strongly positive and commanding characters. The faculties of expression and repression, of attack and defense, controlled and directed by a mind in which the weft of feline subtlety is closely interwoven with the warp of human frankness and generosity, lend to the tongue a facile glibness as potent a factor in the social intercourse of private life as in the public utterances of political polemics.


In the sphere of political life Mr. Bailey has little or nothing to fear from the open enmity of public characters; for Mercury, lord of the seventh, the house of opponents, is in the eleventh, the house of friends, and trine to Uranus in the seventh, a position auspicious for rapid promotion, quick achievement, and political conquest. If in their quest for a suitable subject for nomination as democratic candidate for the Presidency the party leaders should decide on the name of Senator Bailey, the selection might amply fulfil their expectations; for by direction in 1908, Venus transits the radical Sun, a portent of fair winds and easy sailing, a benefic position; to some extent offset, however, by the conjunction of Mars with the progressed Jupiter, which might tend to mar his prospects of success by introducing a subtle and insidious private enmity to his ultimate undoing.

As a study of the intimate blending of the three reproductive signs, this horoscope affords features of exceptional interest. The temperament so strongly Sagittarian, infuses the ingenuous, open, generous, and impulsive nature, the *bon camaraderie*, gracious courtesy, and ease that frank their possessor to all parts of the social edifice—qualities that Scorpio here so abruptly checks, secretes, conserves, and transmutes to forces that constitute the stock in trade of a nature rendered thereby shrewd, astute, secretive, and subtle in all relations commercial, political, and social. Back in the occult depths of the mind lies an individuality poised on the fulcrum of balanced judgment, of a bloodless refinement, and calm self-possession that rests unruffled by the outer storms that sway the personal emotions, secure in the self-centered consciousness of its own power; an unfurled standard heraldically embossed with the symbol of its own ego.

Forms of Rank Materialism.

KORESH.

MODERN spiritualism, modern Buddhism, and that modern and veritable humbug—so called christian science, with all the other bubbles of opposition to the right of the Lord to the title of Logos, the Word of God, who in the beginning was the Word, the Word that was with God, the Word that was God, will be made to hang their heads in shame and obscurity; for when the whole world shall come to understand the Messianic law, the spiritual hells will be surcharged with christian scientists who deny the Lord Jesus, and with theosophists who do the same, and with spiritualists who, though they profess to be spiritually minded, constitute still another form of the rankest kind of materialism.



In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

SIR OLIVER LODGE, the noted English physicist, has recently discussed the subject of "the divine element in Christianity," and presented his views on the great incarnation, in a London magazine. An American writer commenting on the article says: "It will horrify many; it will bring a welcome ray of light to others. For his faith in the divinity of Christ demands as its fundamental a denial of what many regard as the fundamentals of the Christian creed. In Sir Oliver Lodge's conception of the divinity of Christ it is essential that he should not have been miraculously conceived, that he should not have been miraculously resurrected and that he should not have ascended into heaven. Instead of being the man unique, exceptional, apart, the whole significance of the incarnation lies in what Sir Oliver Lodge calls 'the uniqueness of his ordinary humanity.' We do not take it that Sir Oliver Lodge denies the possibility of the conception of the Virgin, or of the resurrection, or of the ascension. He merely maintains that if such things happened in the case of Christ, they are possibilities latent in humanity, and may yet become the common experience of mankind." Thus it is seen that the noted scientist founds his conceptions upon a denial; he even denies what he admits may possibly have really occurred—in which case, so far from its being confined to *one*, it is possible to all the human race. Thus, according to the scientist who presumes to write on theology, the Christ may or may not have been immaculately conceived; he may or may not have revived after his death; he may or may not have ascended into heaven. But Sir Oliver Lodge's conceptions of divinity rest upon a *denial* that such things occurred! The element of certainty is not seeking lodgment in the mind of Sir Oliver Lodge; for his denials are not in harmony with his admissions of possibility, neither in the case of the Christ himself personally, nor that of the race at large. Yet he does claim that Jesus was a man of great achievement. He holds that man is the highest point reached in the path of evolution, and that Jesus was the loftiest peak of humanity. Whatever He reached may be attained by others. Theologians "level Jesus up to the Infinite. Sir Oliver Lodge levels the Infinite down to man." But to him the terms and declarations of the Apostolic writers on the subject of the incarnation are as nothing. He accepts so much of the Gospels as may suit him. He finds in them that such a man as Jesus lived and wrought wonders; but the records that give him information concerning the man, are held to give false information concerning the source of his origin and the manner of his departure from the world. The earnest Disciples who believed in him, followed him, and suffered for him, who were witnesses of the events of his daily life, are supposed to be parties to a scheme of deception in the recording of events that, according to Sir Oliver Lodge and other agnostics, may not have happened, and in the quoting of words that Jesus may not have uttered. If it be admitted that Jesus lived; that he had a Discipleship and Apostolic sphere of receptivity and action; that he exercised a world-wide influence through

his sincere following, and became through them and his power in them, the greatest and most potent element of progress in the civilized world, it should also be admitted by the consistent mind that the same men who told of the man Jesus in any degree of reliability, should also with the same degree of truth, tell of what he taught, and give more or less accurate testimony concerning the culmination of the career of the Christ in the natural world. If Jesus was not conceived parthenogenetically; if he was not the Son of God as he claimed to be; if he and the Father were not one in the immortal manhood of Jesus; if he did not rise triumphant over his enemies and their efforts to destroy him; if he did not pass through the processes of translation or theocrasis, and both ascend to the right hand of God in the heavens, and descend into the hades of mortal humanity—then there is little use of discussing the character of the man Jesus with any claim to advocacy of his divinity.

THE "BLACK NEBULÆ" have long puzzled the astronomers. Great dark patches appear in the Milky Way. They are not merely patches of sky devoid of stars, for the apparent openings are darker than the sky proper. They are as much a mystery to the modern mind as are the dark lines in the solar spectrum. Fraunhofer's lines are a demonstration of the Koreshan conclusion that darkness is not merely the absence of light, but a substance as real as light. Darkness is substantial, and fills a revolving hemisphere of potent energy in the hollow of the cosmos. The hemispheres of light and darkness, day and night, chase each other around continually, both finding their center of origin in the solar nucleus and limbus located at the earth's center. It is not surprising, therefore, that as the stellar system contains numerous glowing clusters of stars and nebulae, there should be manifest nebulous nuclei of the substance of darkness in the great galaxy girdling the heavens within the great cavernous universe. The problem finds easy solution from the standpoint and basis of the Cellular Cosmogony. But if we should suppose that infinite space surrounded a convex earth, constituting the openness in which the earth and other heavenly bodies might move, we should be as puzzled as the modern scientists to explain the black nebulae. In a little bit of astronomical fiction Professor Serviss, the astronomer to the Hearst publications exclusively, guesses at the cause of the phenomena of the dark patches. Referring to one he says: "It is a hole in the ether. It resembles a bubble in a mass of jelly or an airhole in a crystal. It is a place of emptiness. No light can pass through it, because within it there is no ether to convey the luminous waves. * * It blots out the light of the stars behind it as if it were a solid body, and yet it is the very opposite of a solid body, since, as I have already said, it is simply and purely *nothing*. No vibrations whatever can traverse it. It contains no matter of any kind and is the seat of no energy." As we said, this is a bit of fiction, published as such; but it is as good a guess as that other kind of astronomical fiction which appears in modern astronomical literature. The

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imagination running riot may even produce volumes of scientific fiction that passes for serious truth.

THE DAILY press contains articles showing "how Professor Newcomb will weigh the earth," remarking that "with the aid of a heavy mountain and several stars, scientists will find out just how many pounds of land, water, air, human beings and bugs there are." The processes are described in a general way—that of computing the attractive force of a mountain, as exerted upon a giant pendulum; and then taking the ratio and applying it to the earth and sun, or earth and a few planets. The plan is ingenuous; but even ingenuity is of no avail where the basis is wrong. The emplacement of planets and giant suns outside of the earth is in the imagination purely. There will be no actual weighing of the earth from the standpoint of modern astronomy, for it would be quite impossible to determine the weight of the earth without definite knowledge of the density of the substances supposed to exist in the earth's interior. Koreshan Science proceeds from the basis of a known premise. The specific gravity of various substances is known. By experience we are cognizant of the law of emplacement of matter. We determine not only the relation of the various planes of matter in the earth's shell, but from ratio deduced from known facts regarding the depth of the oceans, the atmosphere, etc., even the thickness of the shell of the earth is revealed. The subject of weighing the earth was broached in ancient times. Isaiah the prophet did not deny the possibility of accomplishing the feat. He did not ask "Who can?" as though it were impossible, but "Who hath?" According to him the waters are measured in the hollow of His hand, in the great concavity of the cosmos; the heavens are meted out with a span, being limited as to space; the dust of the earth is contained in the measure of its form; the mountains are weighed in the scales of laminae of metals; and the hills are emplaced in the giant balance of universal equipoise.

THERE ARE many Negroes in Jamaica, but there is said to be no race problem there. 650,000 blacks do not seem to tyrannize over about 15,000 whites, who are inhabitants of the Island. Professor Royce, of Harvard College, has made a study of the situation in Jamaica, and writes interestingly of the relations of the blacks and whites there. He says that the English administration of affairs has done much to preserve amicable relations between both races. There are good roads, sanitary regulations, plenty of employment, incentives to law and order, with sufficient encouragement to assist in the building up of self-respect on the part of the Negroes. The English know they are superior to the blacks, and the blacks acknowledge it; but the whites do not irritate them by constantly reminding them of it. The government encourages the Negroes, but is reticent on the question of superiority. There is no Negro domination, no public controversy about social or race equality. In the American nation, however, some of the whites seem to think that if they are not constantly asserting their superiority, the Negroes may become not only dominant but successful competitors in various lines of activity. Then, too, many

fear if equality is made too prominent it may lead to race amalgamation. Professor Royce observes that amalgamation in Jamaica as has taken place in the past, has been due to social inequality, rather than to social equality. The large percentage of mulattoes in the United States shows conclusively that the mixing of the races was carried on when the Negroes were completely subject to the power of the whites; but whether the amalgamation was more rapid in antebellum days than since the war, may be disclosed only by careful examination of census records. The American nation might learn a lesson from the administration in Jamaica, concerning the wholesome attitude of a generous white people toward an unfortunate race.

THE SOLID SOUTH of Methodism is on the verge of creed revision. A new statement of faith and doctrinal system in accordance with twentieth century ideas was recently voted upon at the general conference of that body, with a majority in favor of revision. Twentieth century ideas—what are they? They are ideas growing popular among all classes of people—ideas springing not from the church, but from so called scientists, agnostics, higher critics, and free thinkers. Methodism feels the influence of the doctrine of evolution and forms of heresy, and seeks to readjust itself to suit the popular mind. If the church were longer a leader in the world of thought, new ideas would originate with and in the church. The church has struggled with the forces of so called science until weakened in the combat; then after rest in defeat, change of attitude is proposed. The modern church is lowering itself in the eyes of the world; it is confessing in the work of creed revision, that it was wrong on various vital points of theology and principles of faith and practice. The church has no guarantee that the new creeds adopted are right; the old church is no longer the guardian of truth. Its clergymen are not ministers of the Word. Creed revision is creed patching; and garments are nearing the end of useful service when rent and patched until their identity is lost in the confusion of shapes and colors.

"THIRSTING for power" is said by the Ft. Myers (Fla.) Press, to be the ambition of the Koreshans in Lee County politics. Perhaps it may be a commendable aspiration. An article under the caption of the above quotation, seems to infer that it is almost a crime to thirst for power. Maybe no one ever tried to do such a thing in Lee County politics, but many people think there is quite a number of aspirants, even some who usurp power and "influence for their own purposes"—those purposes being selfish and unrighteous. Time will tell the story of the degree of power the Koreshans may attain; but for the present, the attainment of power is not so much the object of our efforts, as is the maintenance of our rights. If we were not on the look out, some of the politicians of Lee County would in time, under various pretenses, endeavor to take away our every right as citizens of County, State, and Nation. Subtle opposition to Koreshan success in Southern Florida is too strong in certain quarters for us to sit idly by and allow men to further encroach upon our rights and invade the field of our liberties. We say the subtle opposition is strong; and we thirst for power to meet every phase of trick and intrigue directed against our progress.

The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

Cosmic Cataclysms and Catastrophes.

"Will you kindly explain how periodic floods are produced? The traditions of every ancient people contain reference to them. What in the anthropotic cosmos corresponds to them? What occurs in the mental world to cause such great catastrophes as the sinking of Atlantis? I suppose that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are caused by the same law. If possible, give me in connection with the periodic floods, also an explanation of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions."

In the course of cycles numerous changes occur in universal relations. The wheels of time move continuously, measuring the circles of duration. The ages of the world are spans of life. If man and cosmos were not related, dispensations of time would sustain no analogy to the church. Humanity is termed a world; the physical cosmos is also designated as a world; and it is also a fact that ages of time are known as worlds. Time, being related to both humanity and the physical cosmos, is the simultaneous measure of days and years, dispensations and ages, the centuries and the cycles in both worlds. Therefore, the events of time occur in both the world of man and the physical cosmos, because progress in the one is related to the other.

Cataclysms in the physical cosmos occur periodically. The word means a washing over, an extensive flood. These may be caused by long periods of rainfall, or the sweeping of seas over bodies of land. At considerable intervals of time, the poles of the heavens change radically and quickly; the effect in the earth is to produce great cataclysms. The shape of the earth also changes. From a sphere it sometimes changes to a prolate spheroid, or it may flatten at the poles. The sudden change of the zones of heat and cold produces expansion of the shell in some parts and contraction in others. There are therefore upheavals, sometimes extensive enough to produce new continents; and in other places there may be the flattening out of continents, even to points below sea level—in which case the continent may be said to sink, and the flood may be permanent. In the shifts

of the seas, temporary floods in certain portions may be produced.

A people related by some bond or tie is called a body of people. A church is a body; a nation is a body politic; the Jews were a body, both consanguinate and religious. A continent is a body of land; a continent is a container. Geographical divisions are frequently named from the character of their inhabitants. Egypt took its name from its founder. We speak of the "dark continent," because the people of Africa are black. The term "dark continent" refers to both the people and the continent or body of land.

Bodies of land are born through cosmic travail; they are brought forth from the cosmic womb, from the cosmic seas. They are subjects of formation. Where land is thrown up in extensive tracts there is extraordinary activity. New sets of electro-magnetic currents are established, and substances are gathered to form organic relations. A body of land has a lifetime. It lives to serve purposes. A body of people corresponding in function may inhabit it.

A people as a body, or a nation, or a race, has a lifetime. There must come an end to everything that has a beginning. A people may pass from the natural, and in time a continent disappears beneath dark waters. Continents die and sink through processes of decay. Underground streams and currents of energies may remove substances to seas and other points of activity; so that in time the continent may collapse and pass away. The law is the law of the passing of all things that are brought forth.

Floods in the human world are floods of mental waters, which may be either pure or muddy. The flood in Noah's time was such a flood. It had a twofold significance: In one sphere of activity it was a flood of truth which destroyed the forms of fallacy; in another, it was a great deluge of fallacy, a submergence of the church. In another sense, the people of the dispensation which closed with the manifestation of Noah, were overwhelmed with sensuality, and there was overpopulation.

Volcanic eruptions occur through vents from the cosmic gehennas, which burn the offal of the system of the physical universe. Volcanoes connect with great burning caverns into which are poured the mercurial wastes from the planetary system, constituting the "bowels of the earth." The volcanic systems therefore constitute the terminus of the alimentary canal of the physical world—or the volcanoes are the termini of the alimentary tract.

Earthquakes find their origin in Vulcan's domain. Explosions are not infrequent causes; sometimes geological displacements or changes cause earthquakes. Expansion of the earth's shell may cause great quakings, productive of great fissures in the earth. The great canyons of the West were doubtless so produced. Electro-magnetic forces agitate the earth, sometimes causing violent tremors.

The earth is in process of change, by way of preparation for the new order; and ere it is introduced, radical changes will occur in coast lines; and correspondingly, agitation will occur in humanity, shocks of various kinds, human earthquakes, and other catastrophes incident to the impending revolution.

The Earth's Shape and Form.

"My attention has been called to an article by J. MacDonald, M. D., of Binghamton, N. Y., in his Almanac for 1906, in which he takes the ground that the earth is a disc, the outer edge being a wall of ice. Of course your survey must stand for that part of the earth where it was made, until mathematically overthrown. But there are several independent thinkers hereabouts who are puzzled at some of MacDonald's statements, and would be greatly interested in your explanation of them.

"Why is not the cold relatively the same at equal distances north and south of the equator? Why is the twilight in the extreme South so much less than that at the extreme North? Why is a degree of longitude on the tropic of Cancer only 40 miles in length, while at the tropic of Capricorn it is 75 miles? Why is the Arctic ocean from 10,000 to 13,000 feet deep, as shown by Nansen, while the Antarctic averages but 426 feet, as shown by Ross? Is the Suez canal a 100-mile level, connecting the Mediterranean sea with the Red sea, the average level of the former being but six inches above the level of the latter?"

We have many times in the past reviewed the so called proofs that the earth is flat. In our issue of November 28, 1905, we discussed the subject at some length, referring to arguments used by Dr. MacDonald, as well as others in the endeavor to support the flat earth idea. MacDonald's ideas are but modifications of the original conceptions of Parallax of England, the main difference being that the modification pictures the discular earth as floating through space, while according to Parallax' system of Zetetic astronomy, the earth with its continents is floating in a vast expanse of water.

The statements of Dr. MacDonald are not at all reliable. Many of them are wholly false; others are very much distorted; while some are foolish and unworthy of consideration. In the first edition of Parallax' work, "the Earth not a Globe," he introduced numerous so called proofs of his theory, and many so called arguments which he afterwards was compelled to abandon. He overdid the matter considerably; he introduced too many "proofs," as some of them were decidedly in conflict. Many of MacDonald's "proofs" prove too much; and the reason they do so is that they are not in keeping with actual facts.

The main reason that it is warmer in given latitudes in the extreme North, is that there is constant circulation of the waters of the Atlantic ocean, around the heads of the continents enclosing the Arctic ocean. The radical difference between the climatic and geographical conditions around the north and south poles, is due not only to ocean currents, but to geographic and geological formations. In the North, the continental heads cluster about the north pole; while in the South there is comparatively little land, the points feeling timidly, as it were, toward the South.

The earth in the south polar regions is in an undeveloped state; it has not the life nor the warmth that exists in the North. The difference in depth of the waters North and South is due to the fact that the so called Antarctic ocean is, so far as at present indicated, a large circumpolar continent, making the two poles opposites as regards land and water.

The twilight proof referred to is

mainly a hoax. Parallax quoted from an old sailor, whose testimony has time and again been refuted by reputable sailors and scientists. Duration of twilight differs in the extreme South according to latitude. Explorers know positively that there are long days and nights in the southern polar regions, from the same basis that they know that long days and nights exist in the North. If those who become confused or puzzled over flat earth arguments would take the trouble to examine files of the Nautical Almanac, they would find satisfactory proofs that the arguments of the flat earth advocates are fallacious. For corresponding degrees of latitude North and South, there are corresponding variations in the length of days and nights.

On page three of MacDonald's article the statement is made that South Shetland Islands are 70° south latitude, contrasting the longest day there (over nineteen hours) with the days three months in length at Hammerfest, Norway, latitude 71° north. South Shetland Islands are considerably north of the Antarctic circle, and are not within the circle where the longest days exceed 24 hours. Their latitude is only about 62°. At 62° north latitude, the days are a little over 19 hours.

The Suez canal is about 100 miles in length. It is practically a level throughout, and the Mediterranean sea is from six to twelve inches above the level of the Red sea. If the earth were flat the surface of the canal would be flat or straight; if the earth were convex, the water level would be convex, with the same relation as to the respective level of the seas. From the basis of the concavity, the difference is merely that the water level is concave. The advocates of the flat earth confuse numerous terms, making level and flat synonymous. From the basis of the etymology of the word level, it is apparent that a true level is a concave surface.

A degree of longitude at the equator is known absolutely, by the most precise measurements, to be a little over 69 miles in length. It is not a fact that a degree of longitude on the tropic of Cancer is 40 miles, nor 75 miles long on the tropic of Capricorn. Accurate measurements of degrees of longitude both north and south of the equator,

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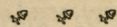
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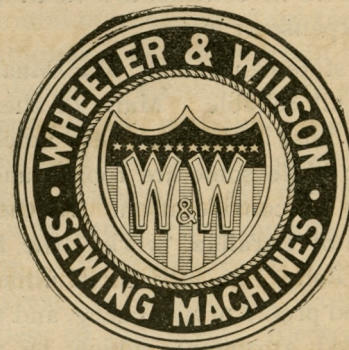


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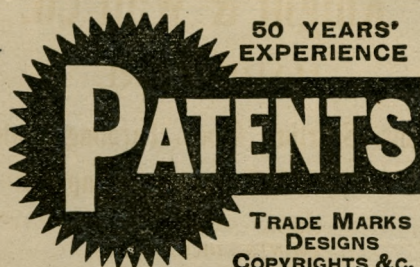
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Books and Periodicals.

Review of Important Publications Received by the Editor of *The Flaming Sword*.

The May Arena.—First and prominent in the *May Arena* is an article by the publisher, Mr. Albert Brandt, entitled "Criminal Wealth vs. Common Honesty," showing that the oligarchy of the criminal rich is the greatest and gravest menace to the republic. Accompanying the article is a fine full-page portrait of Mr. Brandt. Mr. George Warton James, a lover of Nature and an art critic, writes of the work of Mr. Charles H. Grant, marine painter. There are a number of fine reproductions from noted paintings by this artist. Everybody will be interested in "A Primer of Direct Legislation," and other economic papers appearing in the *May Arena*. The Editor's usual departments are full of interest, and the cartoon pages are filled with striking illustrations. Albert Brandt, Publisher, Boston, Mass.

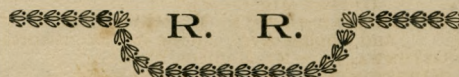
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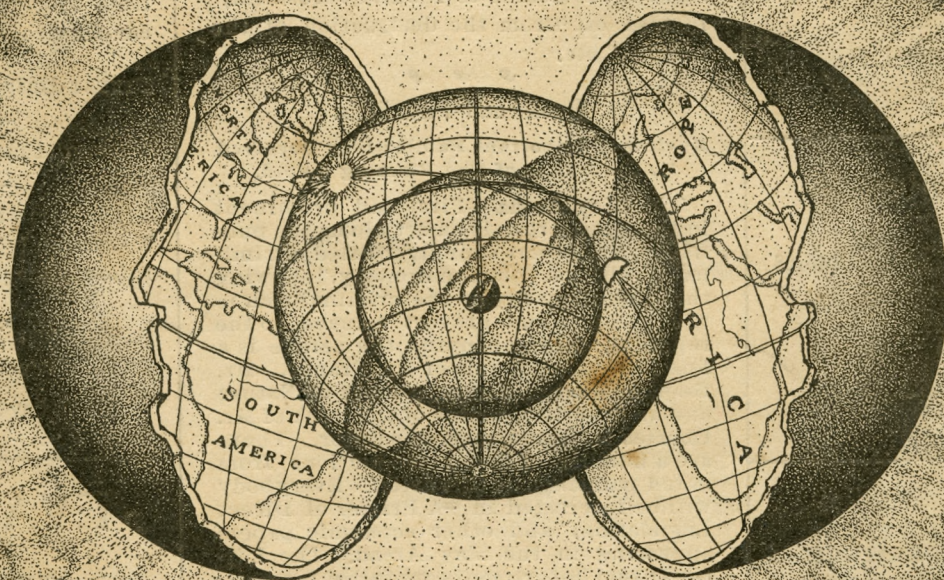
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