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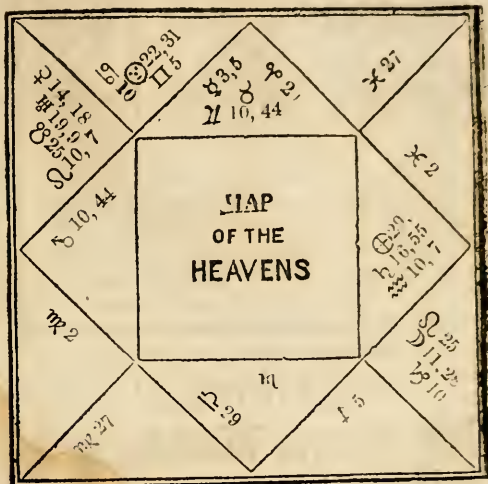


THE NATIVITY OF

## General Winfield Scott.

In the "Planet Reader," for last July, we published "A short Sketch of the Nativity of Gen. Scott." And in that No. we stated that after examining his Nativity very closely, we were of the opinion that he was born about 20 minutes after 8 o'clock in the morning. We might here state that we have looked over this Nativity with some degree of care since last July, and we have watched the aspects that have taken place in his Nativity, to see how they corresponded with the events that have happened to him, and we are still of the same opinion, that is, that he must have been born about 20 minutes after 8 o'clock in the forenoon, on the 13th of June, 1786. In our July No. we stated that,—If we have ascertained the correct hour and minute of birth, he was born under the planet Mars and the Sun; which will describe a person of tall stature, well proportioned body, sanguine or sunburnt complexion, large blue eyes, short limbs; of a thoughtful turn of mind, but inclined to be cheerful in company, fond of recreations, and warlike exercises, as shooting, riding and fighting; loves decent apparel, and is generally beloved. In disposition, noble, free spirited and endeavors to please.

"Lieut. Gen. Scott has a very remarkable Nativity, as there are all the planets above the earth except the Moon, and they are all in as-



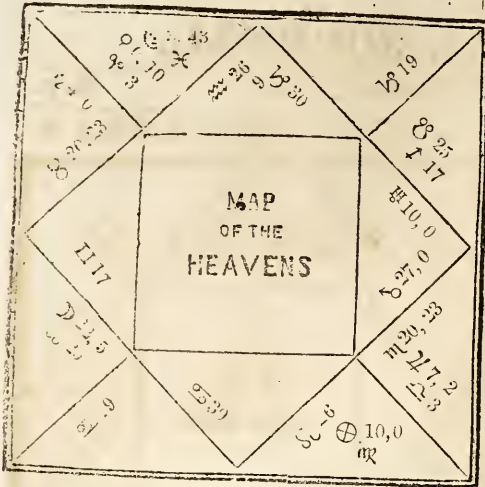
pect to one another except the Sun. The Sun is the Giver of Life in this Nativity, and it not being afflicted will show that he is of a very strong constitution, and I should say that he will never die in Battle, or be killed, but will die a natural death. Yet the planet Mars in the ascendant in opposition to Saturn in the seventh house, and both in square to Jupiter in the tenth house, and the Moon in the sixth house, in opposition to Venus in the twelfth, will indicate that he will be liable to receive severe wounds, that will often cause his life to be in great danger, and the above aspects will cause him to suffer in his old age, from sickness of a Rheumatic and Feverish nature. The most dangerous time for him to get over for a year or two to come, will be next November or December, 1861, but I should say that he will live over that time, yet he will suffer very much from sickness this next winter."

We learn from the daily papers that General Scott's health has already begun to fail, if that be correct, we are afraid that there is much danger that he will not live over this next December, 1861, or January, 1862, as he will have the evil planet Saturn passing a square (an evil aspect) of his sun's place, which aspect will affect his health very much, as the Sun is the giver of Life in his Nativity, and it will be a very unfortunate period for him generally, and for those under his command, if he does not retire.

To be continued.

Gen Washington's Horoscope;

Born February 22d. 1732. at 10 h, 0m, A. M.



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THE NATIVITY OF  
Gen. George Washington.

First President of the United States.

The time of Gen. Washington's marriage would be when he was near twenty-seven years of age, at which age the planet Jupiter was transiting over the tenth house, in good aspect to his own place, and I should say that that would be a fortunate time for him generally.

We have not room in the Planet Reader to notice all the fortunate and unfortunate periods in his life, but we might mention that when he was ten years, and when he was fifteen years old, were both unfortunate times for him; but when twenty years old it was a fortunate time. But the most fortunate time was when he had Jupiter passing over the ascendant and over the Moon's place, besides several other fortunate aspects; and that was when he was fifty-five years old,—the time he was elected President the first time. Leo a barren sign being on the cusp of the fifth house (the house of children) and Virgo another barren sign, being intercepted in the fifth house, and the Moon in Gemini, another barren sign, all these would indicate that he would not have any children to live.

On the whole, Gen. Washington's Nativity is one of the most remarkable Horoscopes we have ever examined, and if we had room in our "Monthly," to make a full calculation, and trace them through his whole life, and see how beautifully they agreed with the events that happened to him: it would go further towards proving Astrology to be a true Science, than if volumes were written in its favor.

Perhaps we may take up Washington's Nativity again at some future time, and make all the necessary calculations in it.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in Virgo.

The conjunction or mutation of Saturn and Jupiter is the meeting of these orbs in any point in the heavens, in which they appear to occupy the same degree in the Zodiac.

This grand and remarkable Congress appears to attract the attention of the most eminent astrologers of the present day. Indeed, these meetings of the two superior orbs, Saturn and Jupiter, have attracted the attention of the students in celestial philosophy, or predictive Astronomy, from the remotest periods; and their portentions and observed effects on the affairs of kings, nations, communities, families, and individuals, have been the subject of peculiar solicitude. These form a peculiar and prominent feature in the department of predictive science, called *state astrology*.

These meetings are periodical, and are found to happen, from astronomical mean computations, every 7,251 days, 3 hours, 23 minutes, 24 seconds, and 17 thirds. These congresses are made uniformly in each of the 12 Zodiacal signs, in a retro grade order, at the distance of 120 degrees, a Trine, aspect, or a third part of the circle of the Zodiac. For instance, if a Conjunction of Saturn, and Jupiter took place in the fiery sign Sagittarius, the following Conjunction would happen, after the elapse of the afore-mentioned period of nearly twenty years, in the sign Leo, and the next after that would happen in Aries, and the fourth congress would take place in Sagittarius, again; and thus they would proceed, for the space of about 200 years, in the same quality of Signs.\*

\* Fiery Tripletty or Trigon, Aries, Leo, Sagittarius, influenced by the Sun, and Jupiter. Earthly Tripletty or Trigon, Taurus, Capricorn, Scorpio, influenced by the Moon, Venus, and Uranus. Airy Tripletty or Trigon, Gemini, Libra, Aquarius, influenced by Saturn, and Venus. Watery Tripletty or Trigon, Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, influenced by Mars.



iffering about 3 degrees in longitude from the place of each other, till, after ten conjunctions, made in the same triplicity, commencing with Scorpio, and thence passing to Capricorn, and on to Taurus, and after the round of 200 years in the earth's triplicity, would then pass into the airy triplicity, &c., &c.

(To be Continued.)

## Fate of the Nation, FOR NOVEMBER, 1861.

At the Full Moon on the 18th of October, the planets Saturn and Jupiter was on the cusp of the eighth house, in square to Herschel, retrograde in the fifth; Mars is in the ninth, in sextile to Venus in the tenth, and Mercury is on the cusp of the tenth house. The full Moon falls in the third house unaspecting by any planet except the great light. The above aspects will indicate that the public health will suffer very much this month, and there will be a great many deaths among young children, and some old persons very prominent in National affairs, will be either very sick or carried to his long home. let us hope that it will not be *General Scott*. The President is assured of the friendship of some Foreign nation, and things will begin to brighten up for a short time in Government affairs. But business continues very dull among the working people, and there will be many heavy failures among speculators. I look for some favorable news for the northern State, by some Naval expedition being very successful against some of the Southern cities, and the South being very much humbled by it. But I do not look for any particular engagement by the land forces during this month, but at the same time there will be a number of slight skirmishes.

News from abroad looks more favorable, the good aspect of Jupiter and Mercury will produce a better understanding between this country and Foreign nations.

\* \* \* FULFILMENT OF THE PREDICTIONS ON the Weather when the Great conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter took place on the 21st; we predicted that there would be some remarkable changes in the weather from the 17th. of October, to the 24th was it not so? yes; on the 21st. the day the conjunction occurred, the Thermometer fell some 20 or 30 degrees, and there wa. snow some four or five miles out of Philad lphia. Likewise when the last conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, previous to this one, took place, which was on the 26th of January, 1842, the Barometer fell near half an inch in about two hours in London, England, and a dreadful hurricane occurred in Liverpool, and much damage done, SKEPTICS, if the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter did not pro-

duce the falling of the temperature in both those cases—*pray tell us what was the cause?*

A misprint; It was stated in our last issue, that the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter would take place on the 3d. day, and it should have been stated the 21st. day.

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## THE WAR COMET of 1861.

### The Great Comet of 1858,

And the Brilliant

### METEOR OF 1850.

We have endeavored to prove that blazing Comets and Meteors have always been the forerunners or harbingers of great changes and remarkable calamities. to those countries and nations over which they have chiefly passed, or to whose inhabitants they have been the most conspicuous; in substantiating our arguments we have not made use of any fine spun Theories, or vague fancies, but we have endeavored to prove by well authenticated facts, and by referring to history both Ancient and Modern, that remarkable Comets and Meteors, &c, when they have made their appearance, *have always brought with them, and left behind them the seeds of blood and slaughter.*" We are aware that it is very difficult for any person to conceive how blazing Comets can have any thing to do with portending civil war, and great alterations of things on our earth, or by what laws they can produce these strange and remarkable events, when those comets are known to have no solidity, like the heavenly bodies, but are only composed of a kind of vapor. But as Lord Bacon teaches in his *Novum Organon*, that "we are not to deny the existence of a cause in favor of which we have a unanimous agreement of strong analogies, though it may not be apparent how such a cause can produce the effect." The same author likewise says, that;—Man is the servant and interpreter of nature, he understands and reduces to practice just so much of nature's laws as he has actually experienced, more he can neither know nor achieve." We think that we have succeeded in gathering a large amount of experience from both an-

cient and modern times, that blazing Comets and Meteors have always been the forerunners of remarkable changes and great calamities, and whatever the modern skeptics may have to say about science, seizing and scrutinizing comets," and "the people having found out what harmless things these jack 'o lanterns of the skies are;" yet we are not aware that it has ever been proved that Comets have lost their influence, in "portending dreadful events, or foreshadowing great changes; nor shown from history that Comets and Meteors have ever been in any sense of the word "harmless." But on the contrary, as the learned *Milichus* observes, "there is good grounds for the usual behaviour of men to comets; for they have reason to gaze at them with so much terror and astonishment as they do, because it hath been proved, by a large induction of experience and observation, that they denounce great slaughter to the world, sacking of cities, subversion of kingdoms, and other public disasters."

It now remains for us to make a few remarks on those two Comets that have lately made us a visit, and likewise on the great Meteor that attracted so much attention in the evening of July 20th. 1860.

We have already stated that a short time before the *civil war* broke out in England, there was a large comet appeared in 1680, and another lesser one in 1682, and a short time before this *civil war* broke out, a large comet appeared in 1858, followed by another lesser one in 1861, and there was a large and brilliant Meteor passed over the Western States, and when it had gone a certain distance it separated, indicating that if the people went on as they were doing, that this Great Republic would be divided in twain.

But instead of the people being admonished and called to repentance, so as to avoid the threatened evil, by such premonitory signs of their approaching ruin, like the Jews of old, they passed them by without heeding, and even some of the leading Journals made fun of them and called them "fogies," &c., and that the wise people of our days had seized them, and by some conjuring or other, they had made them completely "harmless." But we are afraid that before this CIVIL WAR is ended, that the people will find out that these two last Comets and the Meteor of 1860, have not altogether changed their nature, nor been de-

prived of their influence in portending dreadful events, and foreshadowing great changes; and perhaps when some future historian comes to write the history of the United States, he will lament over the blindness and willfulness of the American people, like Josephus of old did over the Jews; and perhaps he will say that when we were pre-admonished by signs from heaven of our approaching ruin, we did not so much as heed them. But on the contrary, we enacted laws forbidding persons from noticing them, and to *fine* and *imprison* all persons that should take any remuneration for making any predictions "by the movements of the heavenly bodies;" forewarning persons of any threatened evil, that they might guard against it. To be continued.

### Sketches of English & American Herbals.

By Dr. Manty; Medical Botanist.

DR. BROUGHTON, Dear Sir:—

As many of those who peruse your Monthly Planet Reader: are Herbalists, who prefer gathering their own Medicines

"In the Woods and Fields."

To being drugged to Death with Calomel and other mineral substances,

"Which learned Doctors use,  
In Powder and in Pill"

I purpose giving a few sketches of the useful English and American Herbals, (or Books on Medical Botany), such as the Title, name of Author, date of publication and value: Thus enabling the Astrological and Medical Botanist to choose works of general utility.

The first Herbal printed in England, was in the reign of Henry 8th. of which but few copies remain; an imperfect one was advertised a short time ago, in London for £2. 2s. the title of which is

"The grete *Herball*, whiche geveth knowledge "understandyng of all manner of *Herbs*, and "their gracyous virtues, which *God* hath ordeyned for our prosperous Welfare and Health, "for the hele and cure of all manner of Dys-eases and sickness, that fall or misfortune to "all manner of creatures of God *Created*:"

"Practysed by many expert and wise Masters "as *Avicenna*, and others, and it giveth full perfyt understandyng of the Book lately printed "by me (Peter Treveris) named the whole "perienis of the virtuouſ handwarke of Chyrurgery: Imprinted at London, in Touthwarke, by me *Peter Treveris*; dwelling in the "Tyn of the Wodows, A. D. 1526, the 27th day "of July."

The above mentioned *Herbal*, is a curious old Black letter folio; containing some very rude wood cuts of Plants which Botanists of the present day, would be very apt to sneer at; it is only useful as a Book of reference,