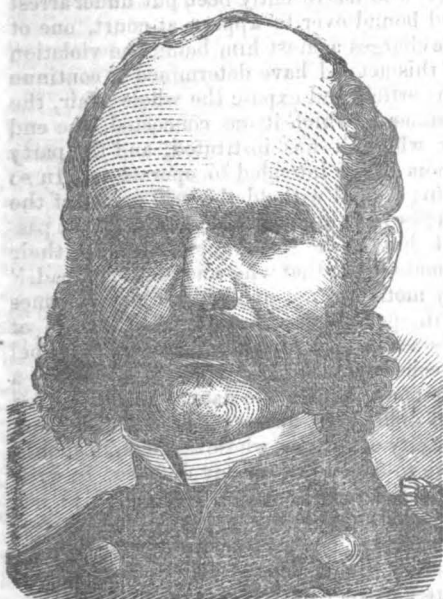


BROUGHTON'S MONTHLY PLANET READER, AND ASTROLOGICAL JOURNAL.

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FREE NATIVITY
OF

Gen. A. E. BURNSIDE.

The Planet's places for 23d of May 1824, at noon:

♂ 2-13	♂ 2-14	♂ 15-26	♂ 27-54	♂ 11-16
♂ 26-22	♂ 14-3	♂ 16-27		

Several publications that I have perused, agree in giving the birth-day of Gen. Burnside as May 23d, 1824; and after examining his Nativity very carefully, I have arrived at the conclusion that he was born about half past 12 o'clock P. M. If this conclusion is correct, he was born under the Planets Mars and Mercury, which will describe a person of full stature, upright body, rather stout and well built, brown hair and good complexion. The Planet Mars in the ascendant in trine to Saturn in the ninth house will cause him to be of an ambitious turn of mind, yet he would scorn to gain popularity by unfair means. The above aspects will also

cause him to be active and energetic in his undertakings, and he will always be governed by honest and upright principles. They would likewise cause him to be fond of war, and warlike implements, and he will generally be successful in both, which would gain him popularity, and bring him profit and honor.

The Planet Mercury in the Sign Gemini, in the tenth house, will cause him to be of uncommon good abilities; active intellect, fond of science; and learning almost everything without a teacher; of unwearied fancy; and there will be but few people that can excel him in grasping and comprehending Political and National affairs.

The planet Jupiter in the eleventh house in sextile to Venus, will cause him to have a great number of friends and admirers; and children yet unborn will love to repeat his name.

The planet Herschel in opposition to Jupiter, will cause him to have evil reports circulated against him, but they will never do him any permanent harm.

On the whole, Gen. Burnside has a very fortunate Nativity, and if the politicians at Washington will only let him alone, and thus enable him to carry out his own plans, I feel confident that he will be a more successful General than any that has yet led the Northern Army, but I am afraid that such will not be the case.

In this No. I have only room to notice a few aspects, in the above Nativity, for the present time and for a few months to come.

NOVEMBER, 1862.

In the fore part of this month Gen. Burnside had a favorable aspect in his Nativity, i. e. the Moon to a sextile of the Sun, (secondary direction,) which caused him to be promoted to his present position, and it would also bring him many new friends.

DECEMBER, 1862. This month opened with the evil planet Saturn transiting an opposition of the Moon's place, which was very unfortunate for him to commence any important movement. This would likewise cause his life to be in great danger.

JANUARY, 1863. There will no particular aspects occur in Burnside's Nativity, this month, but on the whole the planetary influences are rather against, than for him. Let us hope that no forward movement will be made, for if there is, a defeat and disaster will surely attend the attempt.

derstanding and consulting Astrology, previous to undertaking any important movement, and being guided by its principles, the legislature have been busying themselves in passing laws, to fine and imprison *all* those persons, who shall receive any remuneration for making predictions, "*by consulting the movements of the Heavenly Bodies.*" Yet when the Army meets with any particular disasters, on account of violating the laws of Nature, or acting contrary to the principles, and rules of Astrology, the religious people and the clergy ask the President, in solemn mockery, to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. But the God of Nature asks through his inspired volume, Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Knowest thou the ordinances of the Heavens? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the Earth?

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No. 3.

Sun in Leo.

Or Traditions relating to the Fate of Persons born from the 20th of July to the 20th of August.

"The Sun in Leo maketh a stout body, bold, arrogant, eloquent, and proud; a mocker and scorner, unmerciful, cruel, hard, and hard to be intreated; beset with many miseries and perils, out of the which he being escaped, shall obtain some common office; as to be a captain over soldiers; and he will look for benefit at the hands of persons in office. He will be unfortunate in children, and from them sustaining much labour and affliction; prone to anger, and putting himself into many dangers, very ambitious, and promoting himself to honors and dignities, and it bringeth him in danger of fire, sword, and violence of beasts, whereby he shall die out of his own house or place, Howbeit by the help of God he may escape out of all these dangers."

"A girl, born when the Sun is in Leo, shall be stout at the upper part of the body, and slender in the lower extremities, angry, a slanderer and babler, albeit that the softness which is in woman doth somewhat admit and assuage the excess of the same. She ought also specially to take heed of hot waters and fire, by the which she shall be greatly in danger: she shall also be much enclined to the sickness, or gnawing at the stomach. But after the age of twenty or twenty-one years, she shall be fortunate in riches, the which she shall obtain by the help of great men, and the use of other men's goods; also in house-keeping, beauty, and love. Notwithstanding, she shall have but few children."

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THE FATE OF THE NATION,

For the Winter Quarter of 1863:

The Sun touches the first point of Capricorn on the 21st of December, 1862, at 8 h. 30 m. P. M. When 19 degrees of Leo ascends, and 7 of Taurus culminates, Mars is in the ninth house, in opposition to Jupiter in the third, and in sextile to Herschel in the eleventh. The Sun is Lord of the schema, and is in the fifth house, in conjunction with Venus and in square to Saturn in the third house. The Moon leaves a square of Saturn and applies to a square of Mars. These are very unfavorable omens, and the baneful influence of these evil configurations will fall heavily upon all classes. I look for it being a very gloomy Winter; and the poor will suffer severely. The people at large and the administration will be very much at variance, and there will be a general call for a change in the Cabinet. During this Quarter there will be several engagements, both by land and sea, but the North will generally be unsuccessful by the latter.

The news from abroad, this Quarter, will be of a very unfavorable nature; troubles are threatened with some foreign Government, which will produce a general depression throughout the land.

FATE OF THE NATION For Jan. 1863.

The New Moon which occurs previous to the Winter solstice, takes place on the 21st of December, 1862, at 9 h. 3 m. A. M. The conjunction falls in the third house, in square to Saturn in the first, Mars is in the seventh, in sextile to Herschel in the ninth, and applying to an opposition of Jupiter in the ascendant. The aspects during this month are generally unfortunate, especially for the Northern States. I fear stormy weather will cause much destruction to our shipping, and many lives will be lost on our coast, or that some great naval battle will be fought in which we shall get the worst of the bargain. Let us hope that no general movement will be made in the army during this month. If there is, I am afraid that it will result very unfavorably for the General Government.

Trade and commerce is very much depressed, and I look for more losses by pirates. The public at large are very much dissatisfied with the administration, and there is a general cry for a change in the Cabinet.

The French Emperor is influenced by Mars, which will be likely to lead him into quarrels and warlike actions.

Jeff. Davis' Nativity is afflicted; but I look for it afflicting his health rather than his political prospects.

Persons born from the 30th to the 25th of March, June, September and December, in any year, will now feel the direful effects of Saturn; let those take timely warning.

FATE OF THE NATION For Feb., 1863.

The New Moon, from which we make our predictions for February, takes place on the 19th of January, at 11 h. 0 min. A. M. The lunation occurs in the tenth house, in square to Mars in the twelfth, and to Jupiter in the sixth.

The aspects still forbode evil; but it will be much worse for the South than the North. I look for some battle being fought during this month, which will cause widows and orphans to be multiplied. There are still complaints of the Administration, and people are anything but satisfied with its proceedings. Trade and business of all kinds are remarkably dull. I look for bankruptcy being the order of the day, and the Government's and other stocks will decline.

The news from abroad is slightly improving, and if this Government has not already been entangled in foreign diplomacy, perhaps it may be deferred for some time.

FATE OF THE NATION For Mar., 1863.

The New Moon for March occurs on the 17th of February, at 10 h. 5 min. P. M. The lunation falls in the fifth house, in trine to Jupiter in the ascendant. The Government affairs begin to be more prosperous, and some of the people begin to be sanguine that this great rebellion will soon come to an end. Business of all kinds begins to improve. I do not look for any particular battles being fought this month. Burnside's and the President's Nativities are afflicted, yet I should say that it will afflict them more personally rather than the Government at large.

Foreign news begins to be more interesting. I look for large meetings, and perhaps riots both in England and Ireland, but more especially in the latter country.

“Geomancy” and the “Ancient and Modern Names of plants” are crowded out of this No.

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No. 2.

From Raphael's Prophetic Almanac for 1863, London, Eng.

PLACES OF THE PLANETS GIVEN BELOW.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL STATES OF AMERICA.

At page 85 of our Annual for 1862, I gave the time of birth of the President of the Federal States of America (as extracted from a work published in America, entitled the "Monthly Planet Reader," by Dr. Broughton, of Philadelphia) namely, the 12th of February, 1809, at 9h. a. m., and as that is the only source of information I possess, I give it to my readers. I am by no means answerable for its being correct, and therefore deductions made therefrom should be received with caution.

Date as above.

☉	☽	♂	♂	♂	♂	♀	♂
22,49	17,58	9,40	3,8	21,57	25,22	6,44	9,29
♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈

Places of the Planets at the time the Sun completes his 54th revolution from the above date.

☉	☽	♂	♂	♂	♂	♀	♂
22,49	0,0	16,46	4,51	27,21	15,9	7,53	19,16
♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈	♈

It will be observed, that here the Moon was in good configuration with Jupiter, and the Sun with Mars. Jupiter being just on the lower heaven—types of eminence and progress—borne out by his elevation to the Presidency, but there is nothing to indicate mental power; the ruler of the intellectual faculties is weak in his detriment, and close to a square of Saturn. This is always a severe affliction, the only assistance he receives is from the trine of Uranus, which renders him peculiar, eccentric—given to strike out into bold but romantic theories, and of an indecisive character. Furthermore, if Dr. Broughton is correct, Saturn was rising at his birth, which imbueth him with firmness and vacillation, hence great peculiarity of character; and without hesitation, we proclaim that rarely has such an unfortunate selection of a ruler been made. The natural condition of the Americans requires a strong, determined, iron-minded man at the head of the Government. The whole conduct of the President bears out and confirms those stellar deductions, and is another proof of the TRUTH OF ASTRAL DOCTRINES.

In the revolution, the Sun going to a trine of Jupiter will save him, otherwise I find that by secondary motion, the Moon is going to the square of the Sun and Mars. The Sun to the

opposition of Mars and over the square of the Moon's radical place, and even with the saving clause just mentioned, there is danger of disgrace, and his becoming a victim to LYNCH LAW—most unquestionably he will fail in his endeavors to preserve the Union, he has made an injudicious selection of advisors, and does not possess sufficient energy and firmness, or even reflective power, for the great and onerous post to which he is elected.

In our last Annual, we gave the Scheme of the Heavens, for the time the resolution of secession was passed at Columbia, South Carolina, by the Confederate party, and we there predicted that they would succeed in their attempts at secession. The student, who will take the trouble to refer thereto, will readily notice the recent transit of Saturn over the square, and opposition of the places of Sun and Moon at the time of secession, the influence of which has been practically, if not wholly, the cause of the reverses they have suffered, and delay in their recognition not only by the Federal, but by European Governments, and it must be borne in mind, that he (the malign Saturn), retrogrades to the same point during the spring months of 1863, hence further obstacles will arise to the complete and permanent settlement of a government of the Confederation, *but it will come*, and when Uranus leaves the sign Gemini, and not until then, will peace be completely restored, and all animosity and rancorous feelings subside.

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THE NATIVITY OF Gen. A. E. BURNSIDE.

I made a slight mistake in the last Planet Reader, in regard to Gen. Burnside's Nativity; for instance for the month of January I said,

There will be no particular aspects occur in Burnside's Nativity this month; but on the whole the planetary influences are rather against than for him. Let us hope that no forward movement will be made, for if there is, a defeat and disaster will surely attend the attempt.

It appears that he did attempt to make the forward movement in January, and although he did not meet with a "defeat," he met with a "disaster," for the whole army got "stuck in the mud," and that the Generals got at loggerheads one with another, which caused Gen. Burnside to resign.

What with attending Medical College, attending to my regular business, making all the calculations, and predictions, and doing all the writing for the Planet Reader; my health was such, that my mental faculties appeared to give way, and I felt no longer equal to the task; therefore, no wonder that a slight blunder

should have crept into the Planet Reader. I saw that it was evil for Gen. Burnside to make a move in January last, but under the circumstances I could not clearly see that he would resign or be displaced, and as he had favorable aspects operating in his Nativity in February, I predicted both in his "Nativity" and in the "Fate of the Nation," that "I looked for some great battle being fought * * *," which would most assuredly have taken place, with advantages to the North, had Burnside not made the move he did in January, which led to his resignation.

With these few preliminary remarks, I shall now proceed to draw Burnside's Nativity to a close. Gen. Burnside has fortunate aspects operating in his Nativity at the present time, and will have up to next August. In that month he will have Saturn afflicting his Moon's place, which will cause his life to be in great danger, and will bring him difficulties, and may be a defeat. He will likewise have another evil time next November, should he get over both the above mentioned times, he will be fortunate then for some years.

It would have afforded me pleasure to have published Gen. Hooker's Nativity in this No., but I could not possibly get the date of his birth.

"Geomancy," "The Ancient and Modern Names of Plants," and "Echoes of English and American Herbs" are all crowded up of this.

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No. 6.

Sun in Vergo.

Or Traditions relating to the Fate of Persons born from the 20th of August to the 20th of September.

"So likewise, a man born, when the Sun is in Vergo doth make him fortunate, especially in household affairs; witty, true, stout and ambitious. His wife shall die young in life; divers things also shall be taken, and stolen from him, but he shall be revenged on his enemies. Moreover he shall be so given to boasting and babbling, that he cannot hide and keep close his own secrets; he will be fair of face, comely bodied, well featured and of good manners; a lover of women, and delighting to be in the favor of great men and princes. Moreover, just, wise, good, honorable, a patron and defender of his friends; also holy and merciful. Howbeit, whether they be men or women, they shall be wrapped in many perils and dangers.

"A maid born, when the Sun is in Vergo, will be witty, honest and shamefaced, well meaning, circumspect but soon angry; she shall marry about the age of fifteen or sixteen years, and shall bring forth her first begotten of goodly form and shape, and an eloquent speaker."

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AN ACT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF FORTUNE TELLING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Since our last issue there has been one fortune teller convicted for violating the above named act, we allude to Mrs. Cooper, *alias* Madam Semore. In this case, the Judge said "that, as the act did not appear to be known to be in existence, and as the defendant was in bad health, he would impose a mild sentence, in the hope that there would be no occasion to pass sentence upon any others violating the same act of Assembly. If they were brought into court hereafter they would be liable to the extreme penalty of the law, two years." He sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of \$1 and undergo 30 days imprisonment. I shall have occasion to refer to Mrs. Cooper's trial towards the close of this essay.

Dr. Newton, whom we mentioned in our last Planet Reader, as being bound over to appear at court, was discharged.

The Reader will see that we have not commenced any too soon to expose the above named act, that had we delayed any longer we might have been now languishing in a dungeon, instead of sitting in our study, writing this article. Some of our friends may think that we had better be making our escape, while we have our liberty. But no! if we have to suffer imprisonment for professing and practicing what our experience convinces us is true, and in accordance with the laws of Nature and of Nature's God! we are ready for it at any time. The Good Book says that "*The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.*"

In this essay I shall endeavor as near as I can remember the facts, to "state the truth, and nothing but the truth," but I cannot promise to give the "whole truth," as there are certain transactions connected with the above named act that are not fit for publication; but I shall publish sufficient to convince the reader that:—

"Truth is strange,—
Stranger than fiction."

But to begin at the beginning, I shall first give

A BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

ACT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF FORTUNE TELLING,
AND OTHER PURPOSES.

In the year 1848, and for some years after,

there lived in the lower part of Philadelphia, a short, chunky, round-faced woman, whom we will call Mrs. Wanhorn, who made her living by cutting cards, and showing her visitors the likeness of their future wife or husband. In short she was what is commonly called a "fortune teller." Her advertisements were to be seen in nearly all the city "dailies" and "weeklies", and one of them read similar to the following:—

CAUTION!—ASTROLOGY!—LOOK OUT!
GOOD NEWS FOR ALL! The never failing Mrs. WANHORN is the best; she SUCCEEDS when ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED. All who are in trouble, all who have been unfortunate, deceived by false promises, fly to her for advice and comfort. *In love affairs she never fails.* She has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex. It is this fact which induces illiterate pretenders to try to imitate her and copy her advertisement. She shows you the likeness of your future wife, husband, or absent friend. It is well known to the public at large that she is the first and only person who can show the likeness in reality and can give entire satisfaction on all the concerns of life, which can be tested and proved by thousands, both married and single, who daily and eagerly visit her. Come one! come all! to No. * * * * *

Amongst her numerous patrons who visited her, at the above mentioned date, to have a peep into the future and at the same time a peep at their future wife or husband, was a rather tall, slender made man; he had brown hair, ruddy complexion, a big mole on the side of his nose, and a soldier-like walk, in short he had been a soldier in the British army. We will call him William Vakefield.

Whether Mrs. Wanhorn "saw in the cards" that she would marry the above named gentleman, or she took a fancy to the big mole on the side of his nose, or to the nose itself, I cannot state, suffice it to say, that after the performance, that is the "card cutting" was finished, and she came to the second part of act, that is to let the gentleman have a peep at his future wife, Mrs. Wanhorn instead of placing a small daguerreotype of a light complexioned or dark complexioned lady, as the case might be, in the little brass tube, which her visitors had to look in, to have a sight at their future wife or husband. In this particular case, she placed a small Daguerreotype of herself in the tube, after the gentleman had gazed some time at his intended wife, he took the little tube from his eye, looked at Mrs. Wanhorn and said, "*why this is you,*" Mrs. Wanhorn said "*if it is me, then you will have to marry me.*" And that was the beginning and the end of their courtship, as they were married shortly after.

As Mrs. Wanhorn had done all the courting and in short married him, instead of he marrying her, it was settled between them, that he should change his name to Mr. Wan-

horn instead of her changing hers to Mrs. Vakefield, and likewise, as Mr. Vakefield had not any means to support them when married to Mrs. Wanhorn, it was agreed between them that he should learn Astrology, and should go into business along with her, and she would find means for him to commence with.

My Brother, M. A. Broughton, had newly arrived from England, when the above occurrences took place, and Mr. Vakefield or rather Mr. Wanhorn, (as he had now changed his name) came to consult him on taking a course of lessons in Astrology. Mr. Wanhorn agreed to give forty dollars, cash down, for a course of lessons, which my brother accepted.* But Wanhorn made but little progress in learning Astrology, as he appeared to be fonder of the bottle than studying, for when he came to take his lessons, he was seldom what we might call sober. However he managed to get a smattering of the science, enough to deceive people or make the public believe, by his advertisements,

* When Mr. Wanhorn visited our house, he often talked and laughed about Mrs. Wanhorn shutting his eye up, with showing him the likeness of his future wife. From his own statement, it appears that he really believed at the time, that Mrs. Wanhorn possessed some supernatural power by which at any time, her "little fairy spirit" could "shuffle off this mortal coil" and creep into the little brass tube, (like old witches used to creep through the key-hole of the door,) and there present her pretty round face to his admiring gaze. While on the subject of showing the likeness of the future wife or husband, I will here give the philosophy of the whole affair. The fortune teller, who practices that business, first procures a little brass tube about one inch in diameter, and four inches long; one end of the tube is open, and the other is closed, but the closed end can easily be screwed off or on. The fortune teller then goes to a Daguerreotypist and procures a number of small likenesses; one is fitted in the inside of the end of the tube, then it is screwed on, and the visitor puts the end that is open to his or her eye. For a short time the person looking in cannot see anything, it appears all darkness; similar to a person going from where the Sun is shining, into a room with the window shutters closed; for a short time they can see nothing distinctly, until the pupil of the eye is dilated, or it has had time to accommodate itself to the small quantity of light in the room, then they can begin to distinguish the furniture around them, and recognize the pictures hanging against the wall; so in like manner a person looking into the brass tube cannot for a short time see anything in it, but when the eye has had time to accommodate itself to the small quantity of light in the tube, they then can begin to distinguish the little picture at the far end, and on account of the person not being able to see the likeness when he or she first began to look in, it appears to have come into the tube in a supernatural manner. This is the whole secret of showing the likeness of any person's future wife or husband.

I have published the above secret chiefly for the information of those persons, who sometimes come to our residence, and the first thing they ask is, "Do you show the likeness?" and when we say, no, they walk right out again.

Those persons who read the above secret, I think will not ask us if we show the likeness, for fear of having their "eye shot up," like Mr. Vakefield.

Some of our readers may think, that if Astrology is examined into, that it will turn out like the above likeness showing. To all such we would say examine for yourselves, for though Astrology, like all other useful sciences has suffered from ignorant pretenders, notwithstanding it has stood the test over four thousand years, and is destined to remain

"Forever firm as the rock,
 Till time shall be no more."

that he was an *Astrologer*; but in reality he could not cast or erect a Map of the Heavens correctly, as I shall proceed to show in a future No.

The reader may, perhaps, begin to ask what all this has to do with the History of the act for the suppression of Fortune telling and other purposes? We say wait until our next issue and they will learn.

(To be Continued.)

THE FATE OF THE NATION,

For the Spring Quarter of 1863.

Now fiery Mars and Herschel join,
And spread their influence malign,
Upon the Earth; the Blast of War,
Shall resound both near and far.
Bloody battles there shall be,
On the land and on the sea.
Hatred, Discord, Party Strife,
Throughout the Northern States, are rife;
Europe shall the South befriend,
Before the present year shall end.
Many changes we shall see,
Ere the close of sixty three.

The great orb of day touches the first point of Aries, this year, on the 20th of March, at 9h. 32m., P. M.; when 10 degrees of Scorpio will ascend, and 15 degrees of Leo will be on the mid-heaven. The evil planet Saturn is in the eleventh house in opposition to the Sun in the fifth; Venus and the Moon are in conjunction in the sixth, and they are both in opposition to Jupiter in the twelfth, and in sextile to Herschel in the eighth. The war-like Planet Mars is lord of the year, and he is on the cusp of the eighth house, (the house of death) in sextile to Saturn, and in square to Mercury, and applying to, a conjunction of the Dragon's Tail, the violent star Aldebaran, and the planet Herschel in the sign Gemini. According to Ramsey, (an old Astrologer,) Mars in a human sign so situated "causeth many slaughters, and effusion of blood, quarrels and wars and that chiefly as or towards the latter end of the year, and in those places ruled by the sign where he is." Now the sign Gemini rules the United States, and the war-like planet Mars being so posited, I look for this being one of the most bloody years this country has ever known, and those persons who imagine the war is at most over will be woefully deceived.

The significator of the people, in the house of death, fore-shadows great sickness, and much mortality, both among the soldiers and the people generally; perhaps some epidemic will visit this country this summer or autumn, that will carry thousands to their long homes.

The Sun being ruler of the tenth, which denotes the President and the present administration, and applying to an opposition of the evil planet Saturn, I fear will cause some great national calamity, or that some persons in office will be hurled from their present high positions, either by the people or by the hand of death. Time must unfold the nature of the event; I have my forebodings.

Trade and business of all kinds will be very dull, both during this spring, and the greater part of the year in short I am afraid that this will be one of the gloomiest years, this country has ever known.

The Lunar Eclipse, of the 1st of June, 1863, falls in the President's ascendant, and in square to Mercury, and near Saturn's place, in his Nativity. I am afraid it will afflict him terribly during this summer, but in what manner, I leave it for time to unfold.

The same eclipse falls within one degree of the Sun's place in Jeff. Davis' Nativity; he sits very insecurely in his Southern Presidential chair, especially about next September; he will then be surrounded with difficulties and troubles, and afflicted with sickness. He may resign, be removed, or perhaps die, near the above mentioned month.

The Pope of Rome will have an eclipse fall on his sun's place, on the 17th of May, (his birth day) 1863, I look for his temporal power being destroyed, or his going the way of all flesh before this year goes out.

News from abroad continues to be of an exciting nature troubles are brewing both in London, and on the Continent of Europe.

FATE OF THE NATION For April, 1863.

At the New Moon on the 19th of March, Mars and Herschel are both rising in the sign Gemini, (which sign rules the United States,) and in square to Mercury in the 10th house, which planet is lord of the scheme. These are uncommon evil aspects, and under their influence I look for some great and bloody battle, or battles being fought during this month, in which the North will gain but few advantages. The President begins to be unpopular and there will be a general call for a change, either in the cabinet or army.

Trade and commerce begin to grow dull, and the government's and other stock depreciate in value.

News from Europe still continues to be of an exciting nature, Louis Napoleon's Nativity is afflicted, he will be roused to action, and be in danger of committing some great error. Let us hope that he will let American affairs alone.

FATE OF THE NATION For May, 1863.

The New Moon from which we make our predictions, for May, takes place on the 17th of April, at 10h. 4m., P. M.

The influences are not so malign as they were for last month; yet the South will maintain their own, although there will not be any remarkable battles fought this month.

The aspects point to some attempt being made to have this rebellion terminated by compromise, about this time; and that some foreign powers will endeavor to use their influence to accomplish this object.

The people generally are in much better spirits; trade and business begin to revive, and the public health improves.

News from abroad is of a more agreeable nature; yet though are in a very unsettled condition on the Continent of Europe.

FATE OF THE NATION For June, 1863.

The New Moon from which we make our predictions for June, occurs on the 17h of May, at 11h. 47m., A. M.

The conjunction falls in the tenth house, in aspect to Saturn in the second. The aspects are generally evil, especially for the general government. The people are anything but satisfied with the doings of the present administration, and perhaps to satisfy them, there may be some change made in the cabinet or army.

Both the North and the South are getting tired of the war they are both watching one another's movements, or trying to compromise, rather than fighting any remarkable battle.

New York feels the evil effects of Mars in Cancer, its ruling sign. It looks for large fires, large meetings, riots, or perhaps some notorious murder occurring in that City.

Trade and business of all kinds begin to grow dull.

The proceedings on the Continent of Europe attract more attention about this time.

TO THE READER.

With this No. we enter upon the fourth year of our little "Planet's" existence, and we have every reason to hope, that it will continue to spread its cheering and warning light, at the fire-side of its numerous readers for many years to come. We have much to encourage us, and cheer us on in our endeavors to instruct and amuse our readers. But at the same time we have much to contend with; the leaden foot of prejudice and bigotry, is still endeavoring to trample the useful and delightful science of Astrology, in the dust, but

"Truth is mighty and must prevail."

The circulation, of the Planet Reader, is more than three times the number that it was a year ago, and its tendency is still upward and onward. Those readers who have shown our humble "Journal" to their friends, and have got them to become subscribers for it, have our warmest thanks, and if each and all our readers would "go and do likewise," we may safely predict that the circulation of the Planet Reader will have increased to three times its present number by the 1st of April, 1864.