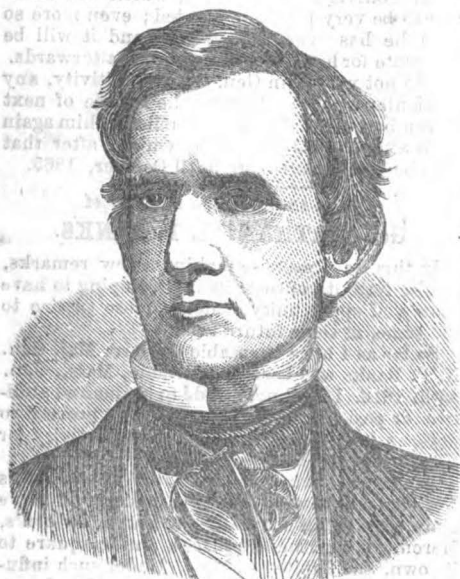


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## THE NATIVITY OF

## Hon. William H. Seward.

The Planet's places for 16th May, 1801, at 2 P. M.

♈ 8 ☉ 25-5	♊ 19-19 ☽ 18-37	♋ 28-13 ☿ 10-31	♌ 17-42 ♍ 5-5	♎ 29-31 ♏ 29-31
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According to various historical documents, which I have examined, Hon. WM. H. SEWARD was born in Orange Co., New York, May 16th, 1801.

After examining his Nativity very minutely, I am inclined to judge, that he was born near 2 o'clock, P. M. If I have ascertained his correct hour of birth, he was born under the planet Mercury, in the sign Taurus; as at the above stated time, 25 degrees of the sign Vergo was ascending with the planet Herschel in the first house, in good aspect to Jupiter in the eleventh, and to the Sun in the ninth; which will describe a person a little below the medium size, well built, but not stout, dark piercing eyes, dark hair, and rather pale or dull complexion.

The above aspects will cause him to be of a very benevolent disposition, but sometimes,

rather abrupt or eccentric in his manners. They will cause him to be of good sound judgment, and of a rather comprehensive mind; but the planet Mercury, having no aspect to the Moon, will show that he is not one that possesses the highest order of abilities. The Moon in conjunction with Mars, will cause him to be of a very independent turn of mind, and sometimes will stand on his own resources, not caring to court the favor of friends; he will bid defiance to the threats of enemies. The above aspects would indicate, that sometimes, he will be hot headed or impulsive, and there is danger of his degenerating into a petty tyrant.

The Moon, first making an aspect to Jupiter, would indicate that he would be fortunate in marriage, and would have much domestic happiness.

In many respects Hon. William H. Seward has a remarkable Nativity, but on the whole, a very fortunate one; it would show, that he is a person that would meet with many difficulties, and much opposition—chiefly brought on by his own eccentric or independent turn of mind—and, although he will appear at times, to be entirely forsaken by his friends, yet he will never come to any real disgrace or misfortune.

In this brief sketch of Hon. William H. Seward's Nativity, I shall not attempt to make the necessary calculations for his past life, but only refer to a few aspects for the present time, and a few years to come.

Near the middle of this July, Mr. Seward will have the war-like planet Mars afflicting Saturn's place, and in evil aspect to the Sun's, in his Nativity. He will be in great danger of committing some serious blunder; which will bring him many public enemies, who will make a great clamor to have him removed from his present situation, and there will be part danger of them being but too successful. His health will not be over good, as he will be likely to be afflicted with some feverish complaint.

Should he remain in his present high position through the month of July, he will begin to be more fortunate in his undertakings, and will gain popularity in August and September, but more especially in the latter month; and he will continue to be rather fortunate until the latter end of November, or the fore part of December; when he will be surrounded with difficulties and evil reports. He will then have aspects that will afflict his Nativity terribly, until the latter part of February, 1864. I look upon it

as next to impossible for him holding the reins of government; or steering the Ship of State, with anything like success, or credit to himself, over February, 1864. Should he have been able to weather the above mentioned storm, there will be some chance of him being more successful in his endeavors, and gaining the good will of the people, until the latter part of August, or the month of September, 1864; at which time his Nativity will be afflicted in such a manner, as to cause him to sink very much in the estimation of the public generally, and I feel confident if he has not been removed before this time, that he will either be displaced, or the government will be in a very precarious condition, or it will be standing on a very tottering foundation. His health will be terribly afflicted, and if he survives over September, 1864, which will be rather doubtful. I do not think that he will become noted or popular again for some years.

Perhaps I may take up Hon. William. H. Seward's Nativity again in some future number of the PLANET READER, and enter more into details.

#### THE NATIVITY OF

### Gen. Ulyses S. Grant.

The Planets places for 27th of April, 1822, at noon.

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6,36	29,5	7,13	41,11	33,23	56,23	48,23	31,18	
8	25	15	8	8	9	3	9	

So far as I have been able to learn, Major General Grant, was born in Clairmont County, Ohio, April 27th, 1822. And I am of the opinion that he first saw light a little before mid-day; if so he was born under the planet Mars, in the Sign Leo, and the Sun in Taurus; which will describe a person of middle stature, well built, or inclined to be rather stout, sanguine complexion, reddish beard; with piercing and sparkling eyes.

From the general appearance of the planets, he appears to have a very fortunate Nativity. In short, he is a person, who will, and must leave his mark somewhere; as he has three superior planets all near a conjunction in a fixed sign—Taurus; and the Moon in her own house, in good aspect to the planets Venus, Mars, and Mercury; all of which are very fortunate positions; and they will cause him to be very bold and energetic in his movements, in short, he will appear to go through fire and water to attain his object. Yet, they would indicate one of a very honorable turn of mind, who will never stoop to low or mean actions.

In this brief sketch of Gen. Grant's Nativity, I shall not allude to his past life; but hasten to notice a few aspects in his Nativity, for the present, and a short time to come.

During the latter part of June, and the whole of this present July, Gen. Grant will have the planet Mars passing a square of Saturn's, Sun's, and Jupiter's places, and over it's own place, in his Nativity, which aspects will cause him to be

generally unfortunate during this July. I look for him meeting with another repulse, or being displaced from his position during sometime of this month; or at least, there is no immediate prospect of his taking Vicksburg. But should he be in command of the attacking forces against that fortification, near the 21st of August, there will be some chance of his taking Vicksburg, as he will have a very fortunate aspect operating in his Nativity, at that time, which will cause him to be very popular or noted; even more so than he has ever been before, and it will be fortunate for him for some months afterwards.

I do not notice, in Gen. Grant's Nativity, any particular evil aspects until the middle of next November, when Mars will be afflicting him again until after the middle of December, after that date he will be fortunate until October, 1865.

#### A brief sketch of the Nativity of

### Gen. NATHANIEL P. BANKS.

In this No. I propose making a few remarks, on the Nativity of Gen. Banks. Hoping to have room and opportunity of doing more justice to the same, at some future time.

So far as I have been able to learn, Maj. Gen. N. P. Banks was born at Waltham, Mass., Jan. 30th, 1816. I shall not allude to his mental abilities, or past life, in this number, but proceed to notice a few aspects operating in his Nativity for the present time.

During the whole of this July, Gen. Bank's Nativity will be very afflicted; and he will have Mars passing an opposition of Sun's, Saturn's, Mercury's, and Moon's places, and in square to its own, and Jupiter's place. Under such influences, Gen. Banks may think himself lucky, if he does not meet with some regular repulse, or heavy losses at this time. In short; there is little hopes of him taking Port Hudson, during this present July. But after the 20th of August, he will have some very favorable influences operating in his Nativity, which will cause him to become very fortunate and popular, for some time alter that date. If he makes an attack on Port Hudson—or any other fortification at this time—he is almost certain of being successful in his endeavors. Gen. Banks will be fortunate for some months alter the 20th of August. But perhaps more of this in our next.

(Written for the Monthly Planet Reader.)

### Ancient and Modern Names of Plants.

The gathering of Herbs, and compound-ing preparations from them, to relieve the sufferings of nature; were amongst the first rudiments of human Knowledge. In those days of Simplicity, the good old Lady, and the Venerated old Herbalist were usual Dispensers of Medicines, all of which were collected in the woods and fields; then it was, that the Virtues of Herbs were more universally known then they are at the present time. Moreover our forefathers gave such names to

plants, as indicated their usefulness to mankind and always in plain English.

But modern Doctors,  
Who have paid a large fee  
To be dubbed M. D.,

Give them Greek and Latin names, for no other reason, than to hide their utility from the poor. What pleasure it must have given the Poor Sufferer in mind and in body; what confidence he must have felt of relief, when he knew, that his good neighbor, who came to bathe his wounds or ease his inward pains; brought with him, such Herbs as, "All Heal, Woundwort, Throatwort, Liverwort, Lung wort, Pile wort, Purging Flax, Toothwort, Speedwell and All Good." Why the very names of such Herbs, would almost charm away the sense of pain.

These good old Herbalists had also their Honesty, and Heart's Ease, and when the poor patient was again restored to health, the worthy matron had "Way Bread, Ox Tongue, Fat Hen and Lamb's Quarters ready for him, and by way of a relish there was Poormans' Pepper Sause, Hedge Mustard, Butter and Eggs;" and for a dessert "Pie Plant with Codlings and Cream. The young Ladies had also their 'Ladies' Love', for him, and after calling him their 'Sweet William,' present him with a Sprig of 'Forget Me Not', and bid him God speed. But says the man of refinement, all these were vulgar names, unworthy of the Progressive People, used only amongst the ignorant and superstitious. Well let us observe how things are done amongst those enlightened gentlemen? Only imagine a Doctor telling a Poor Patient to take a dose of *Chenopodium*, *Anthelminticum*, *Amaranthus*, *Hypochondriacus*, *Chrysanthemum*, *Leucanthemum*, *Apocynum*, *Andrasemifolium*; names the very utterance of which, are enough to dislocate the jaw; but no matter. What business has a Patient to understand anything about the medicine he takes? All he is required to do, is

To open his mouth and shut his eyes  
And swallow without any questions.

Woe be to him if he does not comply with this rule; for when he dies the Doctors will make a Post Mortem examination on him, and revenge themselves for the insult offered to the Profession. Well might Macbeth exclaim

"Throw Physic to the Dogs for me,  
The best composing draught a fee,  
For sinking chest, low pulse or cold  
There's no specific equals Gold.

(Written for the Monthly Planet Reader.)

## Sketches of English & American Herballs.

By Dr. Manty; Medical Botanist.

The most celebrated Herbal published in England, (previous to the one by Gerarde,) was:

"A new Herball; wherein are conteyned the names of Herbs, in Greek, Latin, Dutche, Frenche, and Apothecaries Latin, and some tymes in Italian: wyth the properties and degrees of the same Herbs; wyth diverse confutations of no small errors that men of small learning have committed in the intreating of Herbs of late years: By WILLIAM TURNER, London A. D. 1551,—1568: folio black letter.

The first Edition was PRINTED at Colone by Arnold Breckman.

In 1578, Henry Lyte, translated from the Dutch, published and circulated to Queen Elizabeth.

"A new Herball or Historie of Plants; wherin is contayned the whole discourse and perfect description of all sorts of Herbs and Plants; their divers and sundry kinds, their strange figures, fashions and shapes, their names, natures and operations and virtues; and that not only for those which are here growing in this our country England; but of all others also of Forayne Relme, commonly used in Physic; first set forth in the Dutche or Hlmaigne tongue by that learned Dr. REMBERT DODON, Physician to the Emperour, and now translated by HENRY LYTE, Esquyre; at London by Mr. GERARD DEWEES, A. D. 1578, folio blank letter.

This work describes 1050 species of Plants, and has passed through the following Editions, A. D., 1578—1586—1596—1600—1619, all of which are extremely rare: they are all without Plates, except the first Edition. An imperfect copy was lately offered for sale in England for £2 10s,

## THE ASTROLOGER.

NO. V.

Sun in Libra.

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

"The Sun in Libra causes the childe to be fond of female society, busie, fortunate, especially upon the waters, or things pertaining to the water. Also by sweet spices, precious stones and so fourth. It causeth likewise a comely and nimble body, a pleasant tongue or speech. and a good name, seeking out secrets, but seldom steadfast in promises, although he pretend otherwise. He will be exposed to great dangers and troubles. His first wife shall not continue with him long, he shall also have inheritance of the goods of dead men; and will gain prosperity partly by his own wit and industry. Neither shall he be altogether unfortunate by dealing in four footed beasts. He shall suffer many and great things for women's sakes

and be in danger of being infamed for unlawful companying with them. Also he shall be a good interpreter of dreams, whether his birth be by day or night."

A girl born, when the *Sun* is in *Libra*, shall be friendly, merry, and cheerful in company; delighting in the fields, and in herbs, and she shall travel into foreign parts. She shall marry about the age of twenty three years, which marriage shall be fortunate; the husband will be handsome, of pleasant speech, or tongue, and of good behavior, and she will be greatly promoted by him."

The children of *Libra* are not altogether unapt to letters, or good learning. But let them take heed of scalding water and of fire, for they shall receive hurt by them, without great regard be had."

## THE FATE OF THE NATION,

For the Summer Quarter of 1863.

Nations, like men, who others rights invade  
Of fall amid the havoc they have made;  
And in a brother's freedom overthrown  
Too late find out, that they have lost their own.  
Unwield to man the strange, mysterious cause  
Of those effects derived from Nature's laws;  
Show that the stars, which trim the heavenly spheres,  
Are set for signs, for seasons, and for years;  
Which day by day to man do utter speech,  
And night by night this sacred knowledge teach;—  
That there's a time for all things here below;  
Thrice happy he who such a time can know.

The central orb of our System reaches his greatest northern declination at 3 minutes past 6 o'clock, P. M., on the 21st of June. The 12th degree of Sagittary will be on the ascendant, and 0 degree of *Libra* on the Mid heaven. *Jupiter* is lord of the scheme, and is in the 10th house, in sextile to *Venus* in the 8th, and in trine to *Herschel* and *Mercury* in the 7th; the war-like planet *Mars* is in the 8th, (the house of death,) but forms no aspect; the *Sun* is in the 7th, in sextile to the Moon, and in square to *Saturn*, both in the 9th.

The above signifiers are not anything like so malign for the general Government, as those influences appeared to be, when the *Sun* touched the first point of *Aries*, on the 20th of last March; therefore, I do not look for such a continued streak of bad luck for the Northern army and navy, as there has been for this last six or eight months past.

The benevolent planet *Jupiter* lord of the scheme, and in the mid-heaven, in good aspect to *Herschel* and *Mercury* in the 7th, and *Venus* lady of the 10th applying to a sextile (good aspect,) of all the three planets; all foreshadow that the government will begin to hold up its head again; but that will be chiefly in the latter part of the Summer Quarter; as between now and the latter part of August there will be more repulses to the Government forces, [For which see predictions for July and August.]

The planet *Herschel* afflicting the 7th house and the *Sun*, there also afflicted by a square of the evil planet *Saturn* will show that the South's fortune will fluctuate very much and that they will not be likely to have every thing so much their own way as they have had of late; but on the contrary the Southern Confederacy, this coming September, will be as near like a bursted bubble as anything can be.

Trade and business will generally be prosperous during the greater part of this quarter, and the people generally will be in much better spirits. The prospects of a plentiful harvest cheers the eye with delight, and gives hope and energy to the depressed hearts of the producing classes.

The evil planet *Saturn* so afflicted in the 9th house, I am afraid foreshows difficulties, and troubles will spring up between the United States and some foreign Government, but the Moon's aspect to the *Sun*, I am in hopes will cause it to blow by without war being declared.

I expect very serious loss of life and property in our shipping and railways, and more heavy losses by pirates, which will be very damaging to the Northern merchants.

## FATE OF THE NATION For July, 1863.

At the New Moon on the 16th of June, the planet *Mercury*, *Herschel*, the *Sun*, and the Moon are all in conjunction, in the 2d house, and approaching a square of *Saturn* in the 6th. *Venus* is lady of the scheme, and is leaving a conjunction of *Mars* in the 4th house.

These are very unfavorable omens, for the Northern States, I look for derangement in commercial affairs. Some serious defalcations in business circles occur; and frauds, forgeries, and various delinquencies will be rife; money affairs will be very unsettled, if there is not a panic on account of the fluctuation of gold.

The South is determined to push on the war, and I look for some important battle being fought in which they will gain some advantage; I am afraid that they will make a number of raids into the Northern or Western States.

The President and the Administration is somewhat unpopular, and I look for some more public meetings in favor of free speech and State Rights.

Towards the latter part of the month, news from abroad becomes more exciting, and there is more talk of mediation.

## FATE OF THE NATION For Aug., 1863.

The full Moon from which we make our predictions for August, occurs on the 30th of July. *Mercury* is lord of the scheme, and is in the 10th house, in square to *Saturn* in the 1st, *Venus* is in the ascendant in square to *Herschel* in the 10th house.

The above aspects foreshow that there will be much excitement throughout the Northern States. It may be on account of some very unfavorable news from abroad. Trade and business falls off, and there will be a general clamor against the President and his cabinet. Perhaps there will be some decided change, either in the Administration or the army, or some prominent person will be removed by the hand of death; more especially in the fore part of the month.

Some lady or females will attract universal attention, perhaps on account of some acts of cruelty being perpetrated on members of that sex, or some noted female will depart this life.

In the early part of the month fortune does not appear to favor the Northern arms, but after the 20th, the scale begins to turn in our favor, and some decided advantages are gained by the Northern forces, perhaps the taking of Vicksburg, Port Hudson, or some other stronghold.

After the above date, the President and his Administration becomes more popular, and some general gains universal notoriety, perhaps Gen. Grant, or Banks.

Gen. McClellan's Nativity still continues to be afflicted, his health is not over good at this time, and there will be some more old grievances raked up against him, that will have a tendency to injure his character. Gen. McClellan had best not accept or undertake active service until the fore part of November; if he does, he is sure to bring disgrace on himself and his country; after that date, there is some chance of his becoming the General again.

Gen. Fremont's Nativity is still afflicted, should he commence active service at this time, or any time before next December, he is sure to meet with nothing but defeats, and will bring discredit on himself, and the soldiers under his command.

## FATE OF THE NATION For Sep., 1863.

At the Full Moon for September which takes place on the 23th of August; all the planets are above the Earth except *Herschel* and the Moon. The heavenly monitors promise more genial influences for the general Government and the forces under its command, much excitement reigns among the people, and they are almost intoxicated with the successes of the army. Trade and commerce of all kinds begin to improve, and Government and other stocks increase in value.

Jeff. Davis and his Southern Confederacy begin to be surrounded with difficulties; one misfortune follows another until they are ready to cry out "Shall thy line stretch out to crack of doom."

Near the 10th, and the 18th of this month I am afraid that some remarkable accidents or misfortune will occur that will attract universal attention. The public health below par, and I expect that some epidemic will prevail.

News from abroad is of a more agreeable nature for the United States; if they have not already drifted into a foreign war, there is some chance of steering clear of anything of that kind for some time to come.

Geomancy and remarks on the "Act for the Suppression of Fortune Telling" is crowded out of this No.