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## Editorial

Being born in February 1902, we are now 40 (tho we have died several times since), and we are fat this year (as we are every year that Jupiter is in Gemini). We were bemoaning this extra avoirdupois to a Mohammedan reader of this "infidel" magazine, and he, being ever the philosopher, consoled us with the idea that while we may now have less chance of finding that red-headed millionaire who will pay all our bills for whom we have looked for years, Mohammedans like female editors to be fat. So now we must start looking for a rich Turk instead!

We are in a quandry. Vegetarians cannot go in the garden and eat worms, so what to do? The building we are in is sold, and we must move as soon as possible, if not sooner. Your prayers and good wishes for our finding an almost non-existent place mid-season will help; if any student is prepared to loan us \$600-\$1000 (to be secured), to buy a lease on an income-producing property which would assure our rent also, we will be glad to go into details **AT ONCE**. Was it not true that "Jesus had no place to lay his head"?

Grandma was right about many things. In feeding ashes of burned sponges for goiter, an extraction of needed iodine was secured. The giving of sulphur and molasses is now scientifically justified as it is revealed that molasses is rich in iron, calcium and B-complex.

It often takes Science several centuries to arrive at the wisdom of intuitive old ladies. And unfortunately, often Science has in its position metaphysical knowledge which it will not admit to general knowledge. Science now knows that it is possible for solid objects to be moved instantly across the earth (so why not the projection of humans?), and that one solid can pass through another. Scientific knowledge of the duration of time, in which past, present and future are one, (and when the present is changed the past and future is also changed) offers interesting corroboration to the Occultist who declares that the past is entirely obliterated and no longer exists.

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One of the most distressing and far-reaching activities of the present war situation is the scientific(?) Blood Bank being accumulated.

The Occultist recognizes that the Life is in the Blood,--the first verse of the *Koran* declares that the Lord created man from clots of blood. Although the more honest and more informed medical man admits that not all persons are fit to be blood donors, blood for this Bank is accepted indiscriminately from any willing donor, including all races, criminals, etc. The mingling of different racial strains, and of different mentalities, cannot but bring confusion to those into whose blood the transfusions are made.

Recently we had a report from a student in the West who had given a blood transfusion direct to a dying man in the hospital. He did not see the man afterwards, but went through strange periods of illness, almost dying at one time. Later, in checking up on the actions of the man to whom he had given the blood, he discovered that the periods of his own illnesses corresponded to those had

## THE DANGER OF THE MAGIC CEREMONY

A. A. Voyz

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Right here it is well to remark that there is nothing inherently wrong with Matter. The evil wrought by Matter is due to our misinterpretation of its function. Matter can, and in most people does, occupy minds to the exclusion of other just as significant factors in life. So common is the grip of Matter that we have come to deny any other reality! We are materialists because of the hegemony of material concerns in our thinking. So long as we regard Matter fetishistically, we will remain where we are on the Path.

It is solely to overcome the unwarranted dominance of Matter in our lives that the Magic Ceremony is advised. The Ceremony brings about a condition where the proper value may be placed on Matter. Once Matter has been stripped of its usurped power, we are then in a position to determine our True Will or role in the Universal Process.

Unfortunately, in the past, the Magic Ceremony has at various times been employed to gain control over Matter itself, rather than to control Matter's influence on us. The results are to be found under the heading Black Magic. The perversion of the Magic Ceremony is the hallmark of the Black Magician.

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