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## Your Guests This Month

**S.** P. B. MAIS is, besides being a famous writer, a very popular personality at the microphone. His homely talks, which are often radiated by the B.B.C., readily find a wide following... Enjoys writing about the English countryside, some of his most successful books on this theme being *England's Pleasance*, *Round About England*, *The High Lands of Britain*, *Week-Ends in England*, etc... Another favourite subject is English literature, of which he has written a *History* and several other works... Then he has over a score of novels to his credit... Recreations: walking and cricket.



**CHARLES KINGSTON**, who tells in this issue how a murderer was unmasked through a dream, has made a life-long study of Criminology, on which subject he is an expert... This interest is reflected in the titles of some of his books: "*Dramatic Days at the Old Bailey*," "*The Great London Mystery*," "*Poison in Kensington*"... Charles Kingston is a nom de plume, the author's real name being O'Mahony... Born at Mitchelstown and educated in Dublin, he now lives in a cottage at Esher, Surrey.



**SIR DUDLEY BORRON MYERS** has devoted much time and effort to voluntary public service, as the following extract from "*Who's Who*" shows:—He organised the European Association (of India) on an All-India basis, 1912-14; was First President of the Association, 1913-14; did war work in England, 1914-1920; was attached to the Government Commission for providing occupation for Belgian Refugees (awarded King Albert's Medal), 1915; became Hon. Secretary, Employment Bureau, Queen Mary's Convalescent Hospital for the Limbless, Roehampton, 1915-19; attached to the Conservative and Unionist Central Office, 1922-1933; Joint Hon. Secretary, Conservative India Parliamentary Committee, 1924-32; Hon. Member of the Committee, 1932-35. Sir Dudley was Adviser on Indian Affairs to the Conservative Central Office to date of his retirement in 1933.



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### —THE POLICY OF "PREDICTION"—

"With an absolutely open and impartial mind, we address ourselves to the occult world. If there be truth here, let its champions disclose it. If there be chicanery, let it be unmasked. Whatever facts we discover, let us seek to find their implications for ourselves as individuals... The function of PREDICTION is to explore these subjects that have too long been exploited, in the belief that if there be any truth in them, it will yield to patient and reasonable inquiry."  
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# Editorials with a

## PUBLIC OPINION ON SURVIVAL

**W**HAT does the man-in-the-street really think about the Occult? Is he baffled? Or sceptical? Or convinced? Or just "not impressed"?

Modern research is supplying us with the answers to these questions, and, for the first time, the answers are reliable. Public opinion can now be measured so accurately that the margin of error is rarely more than three per cent.

That, in fact, is the figure quoted by the British Institute of Public Opinion, which regularly takes samples of "what Britain thinks" on vital issues of the moment.

### A Survey on Survival

A little while ago we published figures showing the extent of public interest in Astrology. There is, however, no more widely representative subject, on which to check popular reactions to the Occult, than the question of life after death.

Until now it has not been possible to say with confidence where the average man takes his stand with regard to this problem. He has been classed both believer and agnostic.

But this month we are able to reproduce statistics which take the matter beyond further speculation.

Proceeding on a strictly scientific formula, the British Institute of Public Opinion set the question "Do you believe in life after death?"

49 per cent.....answered.....Yes  
33 per cent.....answered.....No  
18 per cent.....answered.....No opinion.

### WHAT BRITAIN THINKS

Question: "Do you believe in life after death?"

	YES %	NO %	NO OPINION %
TOTAL .. .. .	49	33	18
MEN .. .. .	43	38	19
WOMEN .. .. .	55	28	17
AGE 21-29 .. .. .	42	39	19
30-49 .. .. .	47	35	18
50 and over .. .. .	53	28	19
HIGHER INCOMES ..	54	21	25
MIDDLE ECONOMIC	53	29	18
LOWER ECONOMIC	45	37	18

These results of a recent test of public opinion are published by courtesy of the British Institute of Public Opinion, and the *News Chronicle* newspaper.

These figures reveal a deep cleavage of conviction. Roughly speaking, one out of every two persons is a believer in human survival.

The non-believer may be either a thorough-going agnostic or he may be merely a doubting Thomas (i.e., have found it impossible to make up his mind one way or the other).

That half the population of Great Britain is fully convinced of life beyond death is, we believe, a discovery of the utmost significance. It testifies to a growing awareness of spiritual realities.

### A Change of Heart

Unfortunately there was no instrument for scientifically weighing public opinion in the days of Huxley and Tyndall. But it is reasonably certain that if a census had then been taken, it would have disclosed a vastly different result.

Then materialism was rampant. Matter was the great reality, and science framed a popular picture of life without spirit. To-day there is less scepticism; and those who believe in life beyond death are no longer a minority.

In a word, this scientific test of public opinion is one more proof of the collapse and decline of the old, cocksure agnosticism. It still exists, but it is not the power it used to be.

## CONTRASTS IN THE SEXES

**I**T was only to be expected that women should outnumber men in admitting to a belief in survival.

Woman has always shown a greater sensitiveness to the Unseen. Her intuition and her devotional nature are more pronounced than in the case of the male sex.

What is surprising, however, is that the percentage of men believers should be so high. Only ten per cent. more men than women answered the question with a "No."

Ministers of religion have repeatedly deplored the so-called materialism of the male sex; for Church congregations are composed mainly of women.

### A Fallacy Dispelled

However, this survey of public opinion exposes a fallacy. The average man is not without his mystical moods, though he may be indifferent to creed and ceremony. The exigencies and stress of commercial life may shape his mind in a materialistic mould, but he is not wholly blind to unseen realities.

In fact, the difference between the two sexes is almost levelled-up when we examine the two groups of "No opinion" percentages. Men are inclined to boast that their outlook is more detached, more impartial than women's. But only two per cent. more men than women hold judgment in abeyance on the question of survival.



# Message

## THE APATHY OF YOUTH

**W**HEN the results of the British Institute's canvass are broken down into age- and wage-groups, the figures become even more illuminating.

The number of persons who believe in survival increases considerably with advancing years. In the youngest group, aged from 21 to 29, only 42 per cent. believe. With middle age, the proportion expands to 47 per cent. And among those aged 50 and over, belief rises to 53 per cent.

What does this mean? We suspect that the explanation of the scepticism of youth is nothing more than apathy. But as life moves on to its final and inevitable stages, there is a growing interest in the possibility of survival.

### The Will to Believe

Whether this change is due to anything more than wishful thinking, is a point upon which the survey throws no light. Still, it seems a reasonable assumption that alongside the increasing desire for survival, there is developing an ever more intense search for knowledge and conviction.

Wishful thinking inspires an *interest* in something which, during earlier years, was given little or no attention.

But whence comes the increased *conviction*? We believe that the fruits of Spiritualism and Psychical Research play no small part in explaining the ascending belief in life beyond the tomb.

Young people do not read psychic literature. To them the name of Sir Oliver Lodge conveys no thought of demonstrating survival. It is the name of a man who pioneered wireless.

And that is as good an illustration as any other of the way the mind of youth works.

## SPREAD THE PROOF!

**F**INALLY there are figures which illustrate how belief is distributed among the main groups into which society is divided.

The lower economic class yields only 45% of belief; the middle economic level registers 53%; and the so-called "upper" class rises to 54%.

Thus, an examination of the percentages shows that belief in survival declines with income.

It reaches its apex among the rich; not only does conviction there soar to 54 per cent., but the percentage of agnosticism drops to 21 per cent.—the lowest in any group. Furthermore, the proportion of those who have

reached the half-way house of reserved judgment is higher in this class than in any other.

### The Basis of Belief

Let us examine this. Considered part from the evidence of Spiritualism and Psychical Research, belief in a life beyond death is almost wholly dependent upon belief in the bounty of God.

This is clearly confirmed by the fact that survival constitutes the preamble of all religions. Without it, there would be no religion; for who could summon a faith in the goodness and mercy of a Divine Creator whose nature was expressed in all the harsh brutalities and crass injustices of this world?

Of course the rich find it easier to believe in a loving Father than do the unemployed and down-trodden! The world of the one is comfortable and fair; the world of the other is sordid and oppressive.

### Lesson for Occultists

There is here an object lesson for Occultists. 33 per cent. of the public of Great Britain disbelieve in survival. That scepticism is possible only because a third of the people of this country are ignorant of the fact that there is *evidence* for survival. To them it is still a religious speculation. Personal temperament—not facts—dictates what view they will hold.

The British Institute's census proves, therefore, that while believers outnumber dis-believers, there is still plenty of work to be done by those who possess positive proof of survival. And it is supremely important work.

## WHY BELIEF IS IMPORTANT

**C**ONSIDER how much turns upon a man's reactions to the question of life after death. Disbelief tempts him to mal-treat his fellows, for (he reasons) "if to-morrow I die, who is to blame me for selfishly exploiting my every opportunity while the breath of life lasts?"

Only a firm belief in a spiritual world, where this life's injustices may be redressed, can encourage mankind towards a higher life. There are, indeed, some forthright souls who, holding a materialistic belief, are yet ready to sacrifice their own ends out of love for their fellows. But they are remarkably few in number.

### Why War is Possible

Materialism, for the masses, means each for himself, and an end to love and brotherhood. It influences not only the small but the largest issues in life. Take only one instance of this. If there were not still so much materialism in the world, we would not live under the constant threat of international conflict. No Dictator, who really believed in survival, could contemplate for one moment the responsibility of a world war.

The British Institute of Public Opinion has shown us where belief and materialism stand in this country. Its analysis of public opinion on survival after death tells the Occultist just how much work he has yet before him. There is reason for satisfaction that so many are believers; reason for renewed efforts, because so many are still without hope.



## OUR PEACE PROPHECIES

**R**EPEATEDLY, both before and during the crises of the last few months, PREDICTION has published forecasts of a European Peace. Below are extracts from some of the messages printed in 1939 :—

*Not only will there be Peace for you in Europe throughout 1939, but also through 1940, and for some time to come.—Abduhl Latif, in PREDICTION for February.*

\* \* \*

*Watch, then, in 1939 for a change in the world outlook. National antipathies will for some time continue at fever height. The Dictators will shout as loudly as ever. Crisis will follow crisis. But there will be no war. Moreover, in the background there will be a new alignment of power in Europe: a union that will advance the interests of the peace-seeking Governments.—James Leigh, discussing the Numerology Chart for the year 1939, in PREDICTION for February.*

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*The Chart we are examining is not a war chart. It confirms my reiterated prediction that there will be no major war involving Britain in 1939-40.—R. H. Naylor, discussing the Horoscope for the Astrological New Year, in PREDICTION for April.*

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*I repeat again, there is to be no world war during the next few years. Though there is economic war (in other words, fierce trade competition), you are not going to have a war of arms. Put the idea of bombs dropping on London and the big cities out of your head—it is not going to happen.—Geraldine Cummins, in PREDICTION for March.*

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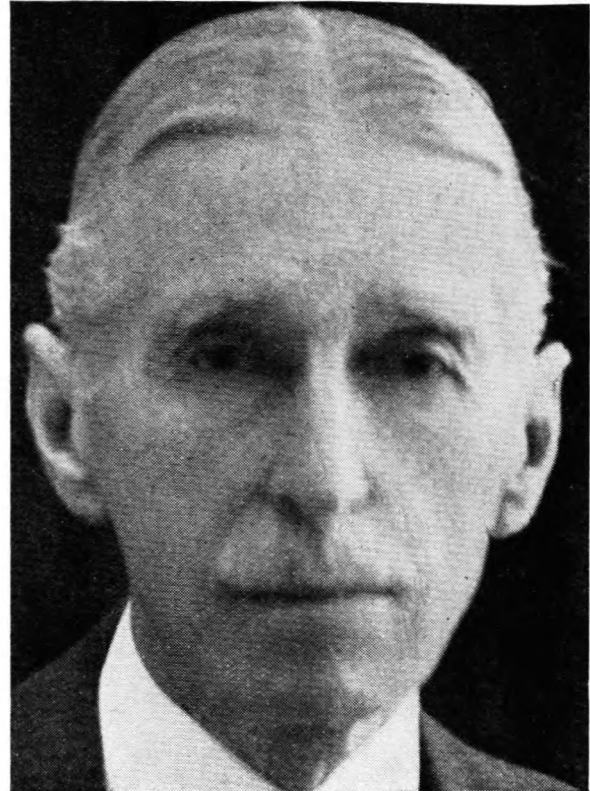
*We are in the midst of a complete re-organisation of the life of Europe . . . Out of the crucible will come a more settled and remodelled world. I give you a decade to bring all this about, during which time, though there will be repeated talk of war, there will be no world war.—Frank T. Blake, in PREDICTION for May.*

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*This is a period of upheaval and change which are necessary if the peace which is coming is to be lasting. There will be no major war in Europe.—Abduhl Latif, in PREDICTION for May.*

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*You will not be engaged in war . . . The time is coming when the armaments race must cease. The nations will then disperse what they have insanely built up.—W. T. Stead, in PREDICTION for June.*



Sir Dudley Myers

## The DOOM

**T**HE anxious times in which we are now living caused me recently to solicit an expression of opinion from my Guide on the political situation with which we are at present faced.

This has resulted in a message of great interest and importance which was transmitted to me on April 12th through my faithful friend and fellow-worker "Melchior".

As stated in my book *Spiritual Forces*, my Guide was, in his last incarnation, the spiritual ruler of Tibet; that is to say, the Tashi or Grand Lama. He was born in 1738 and died in 1780. The name with which he signs himself is that by which he is historically known.

### Many Accurate Prophecies

A year ago, in writing my book, I gave various instances of the accuracy of prophecies made to me from time to time from the Other Side. Since then, we have had to face a succession of alarms and crises.

On August 3rd I was assured that the Czecho-Slovakian trouble, then causing much anxiety, would not lead to war. The same assurance was repeated to me on the eve of the crisis; that is to say, on September 8th.

It is thus in a spirit of complete faith and confidence in this forecast that I ask *Prediction* to give the publicity desired by my Guide to his weighty pronouncement.



By

# Sir Dudley Myers

From various points of view, it affords much food for reflection, and the objective answer to the question "Peace or war?" may, indeed, be given even before these words are printed.

The message runs as follows :

I WANT you to send this message out to your nation in the way that you can best reach the greatest number of people.

The question that you are all asking is whether there is going to be a war. The thought that war is inevitable is wrong; and it is a wrong method of dealing with the difficult situations that are continually arising. Understand this clearly—that neither of those two States, Germany and Italy, wish for a war with any nation such as yours.

*Their methods are only intended to keep the democratic nations in a condition of nervous tension. They have not the slightest*

*intention of plunging themselves into a major war, as it would be ruination to countries such as they are—economically insolvent.*

Their methods are those of the bully and braggart. My advice to your people is to take no notice of it. Carry on with your work, and the work of making yourselves so strong and so united that this very achievement will keep the peace of the world. The people of Germany and Italy are full of discontent, and this fact will gradually undermine the power of the two Dictators.

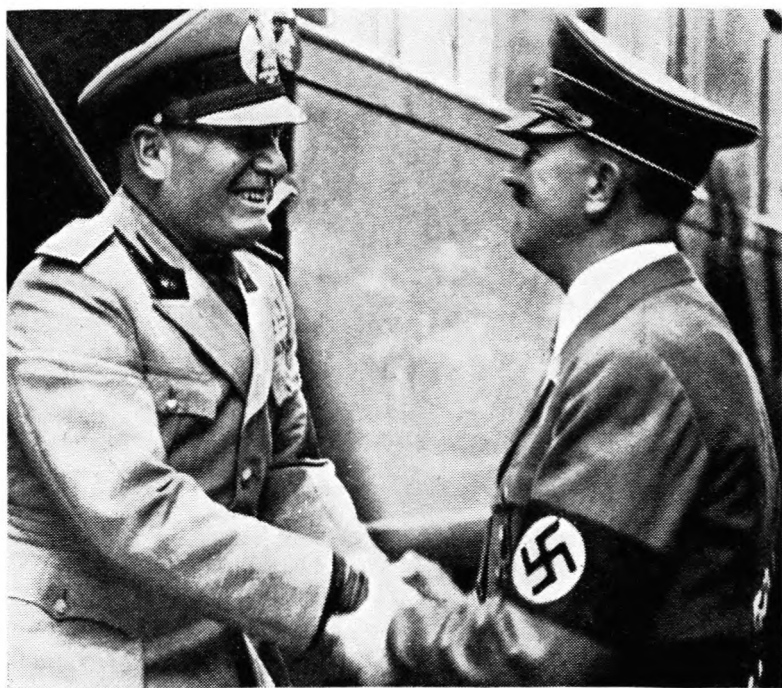
What is of greater importance is the lesson that it conveys to you. You, as a nation, were getting too much pleasure-loving and lazy in your acting and thinking: too selfish in your outlook. These conditions have arisen as the result of your bad method of shelving your responsibilities. It (the lesson) is to make you more united and energetic to uphold those principles of freedom which are so necessary to democracy.

## The Future Lies with Democracy

Democracy is the future of nations. True democracy is individuality in unity—that is, when the individual fully realises his responsibilities to the State, as he *is* the State.

So line yourselves up side by side in strength, ready to give yourselves for those principles of freedom; and, above all, be just, knowing that each nation has a right to its place in the sun, and the right to express itself more fully and truly.

# of the DICTATORS



*"The two Dictators will pass away like wisps of straw in the wind"*

The two Dictators will pass away and these two countries will again attain their freedom. The Infinite Justice will settle these questions without recourse to war. Look upon your armaments as a source of strength and unity of purpose, and your lesson will be learnt.

The little autocratic rulers will pass away like wisps of straw in the wind, but they will, in other lives, have to pay back in blood and tears to those nations they have wronged and the peoples they have injured in the misuse of their powers.

## Press Freedom

Your Press is very much at fault with all its false alarmist rumours, and does much more harm than good. It could achieve so much, and yet does so little. They cry loudly of the freedom of the Press, but do not realise what true freedom really means. True Freedom is the knowledge of the sons of God of their Divine sonship.

All the Great Beings in the Invisible work for you. Will you not realise this, and work with *them* with thoughts of Strength, Love, Justice and Peace?

Peace be with you!

PALDEN-YE-SHE



# BLIND SEER FORETELLS

**C**YRIL HOLMES, the blind seer of County Rutland, is "absolutely certain there will be no war."

When Lady Barbara Seymour addressed a National Service meeting at Rutland, she was astounded by the apathy of the village people. One speaker after another told her that war talk was futile, and when she inquired the reason for their optimism, it was explained that "Cyril Holmes had said so."

Who is this Cyril Holmes?

He is a young man of twenty-four years, who lost his sight when an infant. At an early age he began to see visions and hear voices, and in course of time he has acquired for himself a considerable reputation as a prophet.

He advises local farmers on their cattle and crops and every day sees him busily employed giving interviews to people who travel miles to receive his friendly counsel.

Cyril's Peace Prophecies reached the outside world when Lady Barbara Seymour told reporters of her experience at Rutland.

Then an astonishing story came to light. Cases were described where the blind boy's amazing clairvoyance had been proved beyond doubt. For example, he foretold that a young woman missing from her home would be found dead "within the next twenty-four hours, and within two miles of her home." He described the people who would find her and declared that she was actually living at the moment of the interview.

Events like these, happening exactly as foreseen, soon spread abroad the news of Cyril's clairvoyance. It was to ascertain his psychic impressions on future developments in world affairs that I sought an interview with him.



CYRIL HOLMES

## Peace: Another Crisis: Cabinet Reshuffle.

I found him extremely well versed on political issues, and when I spoke of Lady Seymour's statement, he was immediately careful to point out that there had been a certain amount of misapprehension.

"While I am confident that peace will be preserved," he said, "no effort must be spared to fortify the forces that guarantee it. This country must fearlessly pursue her policy of making good every defect in her defence system. People who do not volunteer National Service merely because they have been persuaded that war is not imminent, are therefore making no contribution to the cause of Peace."

I asked Mr. Holmes what his feelings were about Germany and her Fuehrer.

"Hitler's ambitions are not yet satisfied," he replied. "On the other hand, his position is becoming more and more difficult. I predict that there will soon be some drastic changes in the personnel of the Reich leaders. This will not so much involve the introduction of new officers, but it will mean that there will be changes and transferences from the present appointments."

### Crisis at Year's End

"Hitler has also got to reckon with the growing pressure now being brought to bear upon the Axis Powers. I foresee that his progress will be checked by a very important move, which will be made jointly by Great Britain and France, and later with the association of America."

"However, the real testing point will not come until towards the end of this year. I am sure that we have yet to face another crisis and I am sorry to say that I believe it will be of very great magnitude. It will come either at the end of the present year or very early in 1940."

I questioned Mr. Holmes on the nature of this crisis, and what course it was likely to take.

"It will be precipitated mainly by Hitler," he said, "but with the support of Mussolini. It will refer to the status of central Europe. Hitler will present a two-fold demand, for colonial claims will also be ventilated. The war panic will be almost as great as last September. *But the crisis will be resolved by negotiation.*"

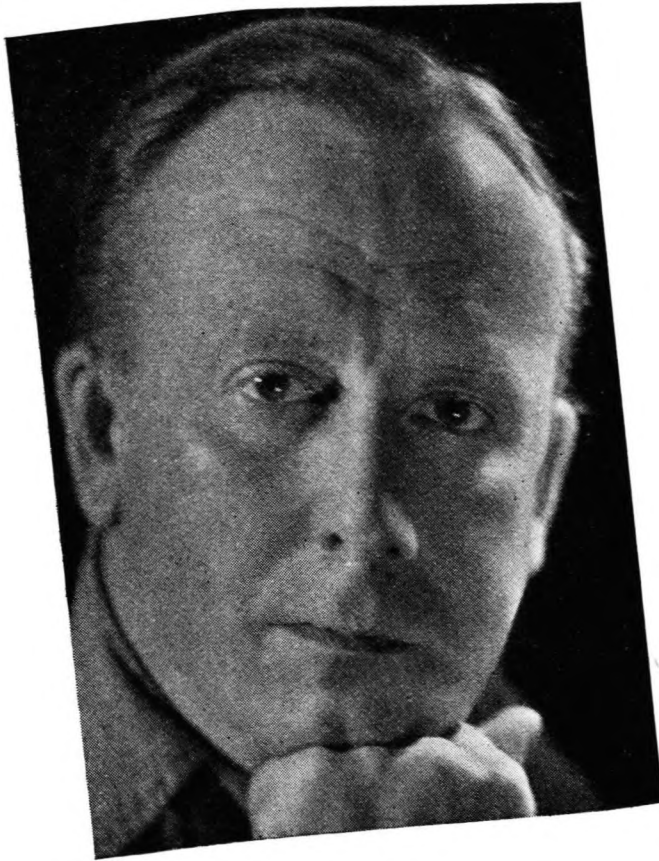
"The threat will break with dramatic suddenness. There will be an ultimatum, but in spite of all fears, Peace will be saved."

I next interrogated Mr. Holmes on the Russian riddle. What part was the Soviet destined to play in securing Peace for Europe?

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## S. P. B. MAIS on



I am sensitive enough to the different atmospheres, but I make contact much less easily than my wife does.

She warns me of the unseen presence long before I sense the presence of anything beyond a vague depression.

But on the only two occasions when I have gone beyond the vague into the concrete, she also shared the experience.

For the first we were prepared: for the second we were unprepared. (I am wrong, I have just experienced a third. Human, happy voices on the Roman Way of Stane Street on Bignor Hill).

Furthermore, they were both in broad daylight. The first occurred at Sutton Delaval, near the coal pits of Ashington in Northumberland. I was walking past the now abandoned mansion of Lord Hastings when I looked up and saw, standing at an upper window, a woman with a white coif, her arms outstretched, and eyes fixed on the distance. My host told me that she was there. He told me that he had often been in the room when she appeared, and that there was nothing in the glass or furniture to warrant the assumption of an optical illusion.

She is supposed to represent the nurse of the infant heir of the Hastings, who allowed her charge to catch fire and be burnt to death. I imagine that every person who has ever been to Sutton Delaval has seen her.

### *Mysterious Music*

My second experience was far more interesting. It came on me quite without warning in the island of Lewis. I was on a lonely cart-track on the Atlantic sea-board many miles from human habitation or any sound.

Quite suddenly I heard unmistakable notes of music, low but clear, like the music of a harp being played quite close to my elbow. Perhaps twelve notes were struck, and then came silence. They were not repeated. I immediately went to the boulder whence I thought the music

came, but there was no movement of any living thing anywhere.

I ran in every direction, right down to the shore, over the heather and boulders, to run to

ground the hidden musician. There was no one. Of that I am quite certain.

I had, of course, heard of fairy music, but I was not thinking of it at that time. In point of fact, I was looking out to sea to find whether St. Kilda was visible from the outer Hebrides. I had already mistaken the Flannan Islands for an iceberg. But I made no mistake over this music, for, months afterwards, when I was staying in Essex with Doctor Wood, and told him of my experience, he went over to his piano and played a few notes.

"Was that it?" he asked.

I nodded, too excited to speak.

"I thought so," he said. "I heard it on Dartmoor. It's a happy, tuneful noise, isn't it?"

I thought of the letter I had read in the *Times* on the presence of fairies in Ireland—a happy, companionable, frolicsome people. And surely if one can hear their song, it is no great step on, to see them dance.

Our grandfathers in Devon and Cornwall seem to have seen them often enough to have sought to propitiate their tendency to mischief by

# UNHAPPY GHOSTS

MY good friend, Doctor Thomas Wood, who is one of the bravest and sunniest-tempered men I have ever met, lives in a house frequented by happy ghosts. That strikes me as apt and reasonable.

The general feeling that associates spiritual visitations with gloom, though understandable, is illogical.

Over and over again, when I have come to some place that has given me overwhelming happiness, I have said to myself: "When I am dead, my spirit will escape here." I fully intend that my spirit shall repair as often as possible to Woolacombe sands, because it is there that I have been most happy in the company of those whom I have most dearly loved.

It may well be that this intense feeling that I have about the happiness of ghosts has made me less sensitive than most other people to the presence of unhappy ghosts.

My wife has an immediate reaction on entering any house that is haunted, and as we are for ever travelling up and down the country, staying in old country houses, I get a very good idea of the ghostly atmosphere that prevails.

## A Common Fallacy Exposed



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offerings of milk, as certain natives of the Channel Islands still seem to propitiate other unseen powers by pouring libations of wine on the heads of stone-graven images.

But no Devonian shrinks from the idea of seeing pixies, as many people shrink from seeing ghosts, which may be taken as proof that in nine cases out of ten, ghosts are restless through unhappiness.

Haunted houses are commonly damp, gaunt, grey, bleak, dark and ugly, and hidden among trees, and (as is only to be expected) are mainly to be found in areas where old feuds were most bitterly fought, as on the Scots and Welsh borders.

Sussex, which is a sunny county with an atmosphere of contentment and serenity everywhere, has few haunted houses, and I have walked from end to end of it without a single ghostly reminder, except those voices in Stane Street.

In Glen Lyon I feel the ghostly presences at my elbow all the time, though I see and hear nothing. In all the pele castles of Northumbria, and in all the Edwardian castles of the Welsh Marshes, I feel the presence, not of one or two, but of a whole host of unseen men and women, most of all in Stokesay, where I am assured the ghost of that young girl no longer walks.

Ghosts of young girls, in particular, should be, to my mind, happy ghosts.

I am fully prepared to admit that in our age, at any rate, life administers such rude shocks as are likely to make misery predominate, but I am not prepared to admit that it was always so, and in a more Arcadian England, people died happy, and were so reluctant to leave the scenes of happiness that they were strong enough to come back, for after all what accounts for ghostly presences except the strength of will that determines them to come back. And there is just as much strength of joy as of despair.

It is only those who are incapable of deep feeling who vanish completely. So happy lovers may well return and permeate with their strong joy the house in which they found and spread happiness. And it is this that prompts me so often to echo the sentiments of the poet of old:

"I long to meet with some old lover's ghost  
Who died before the God of Love was born."

Indeed, I would go further. I am content to meet the ghosts of lovers of whatever generation.

Our own supply of happiness badly needs this supplementary channel of supply from those of our ancestors who lived in more halcyon days.

## FURTHER PROPHECIES

AS we go to press, we have received the following further prophecies from Mr. Cyril Holmes, the blind seer who gave the interview reported in the adjoining column:

*Further impressions that I have had are of interesting astronomical phenomena in the near future, particularly meteoric. Also, within the next two and a half months, a loss to the literary world will be experienced.*

*From the 15th to the 25th of June I foresee a rather bad period for air travel. We shall then hear very good news of further trade benefits between United States and Great Britain.*

*In the next three months there will also be developments in China, which will be of importance. Japan, which has recently been rather in the background, will make statements and some demands which will not be too pleasing to us. We need not worry, however, as she will decide after negotiations on a compromise.*

*Japan will eventually find she has taken on more than she can really manage.*

# BLIND SEER'S PREDICTIONS

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"Russia is naturally anxious to protect herself," Mr. Holmes declared, "but I feel she is sincerely seeking to gain a better understanding with her neighbours. She will actually take part in a very big conference—but that is not yet. Those who think a world Peace conference should be held at the present time are, I am sure, sadly mistaken. It would be a colossal failure.

"But this mood will soon pass, and Russia will become an important actor. You must not be dismayed if there is difficulty in the present negotiations, because the Soviet will eventually come into a Peace Front. She will at first make counter-proposals that Britain will not accept, but her destiny is not isolation. Neither is it, as some have suspected, a secret alliance with Germany."

We discussed the possible trend of the next six months in home affairs. Mr. Holmes predicted that there would be a reshuffle in the British Cabinet—not long after the Whitsun recess, he thought. In that reshuffle Mr. Winston Churchill would again assume office.

## Further Conscription Unlikely

On conscription Mr. Holmes was by no means sanguine. He thought an attempt would be made to extend it, but that it would meet with very limited success. He does not foresee the manhood of this country being drilled and marshalled on the continental pattern.

What about the world slump which so many economic experts had foreseen for 1939?

Again Mr. Holmes was sceptical. He foresaw fitful economic fluctuations but no world depression would materialize. However, an economic crisis would gradually dawn when the nations decided afresh on realistic Disarmament—for disarmament was also part of the future as visualized by this blind seer. The new disarmament would (he said) be at first on restrained lines. It would be an international policy proceeding by much slower stages than on the previous occasion, though eventually leading to a regain of world confidence.

## Mussolini's Despair

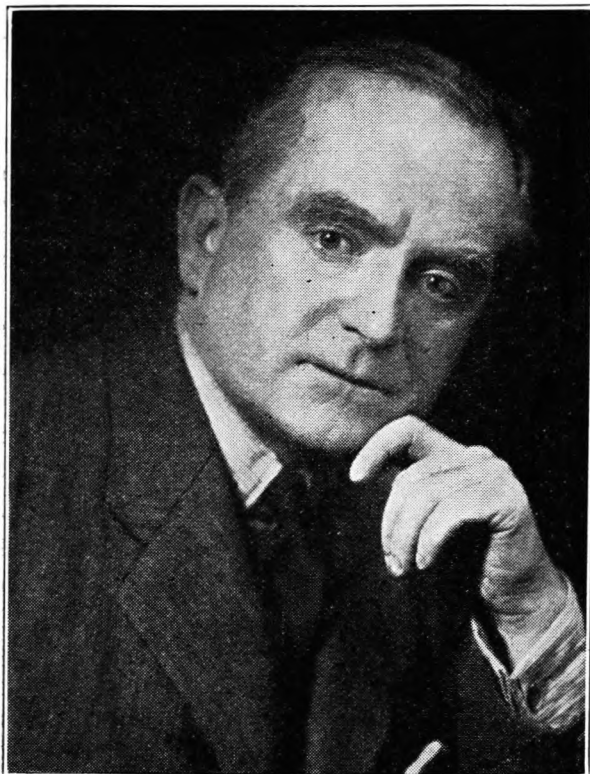
Finally, we turned to the fate of the Dictators.

Here Mr. Holmes confirmed the impressions of other prophets. He thought the downfall of Hitler was not long distant, and that it would be brought about by dissension within the Nazi party.

He professed to "read the mind" of Mussolini, and his verdict was that the Duce was at the present time a very unhappy and disillusioned man, encompassed about with troubles and disappointments, his hour at hand and his ambitions in the dust.

"Do not let us be worried by the turn which recent events have taken," were Mr. Holmes' parting words. "The future is for Peace. Though there remains one more great crisis, war will be averted and the outcome will be a new and truer devotion to Peace on the part of all nations—and that includes the people joined together by the Axis Powers."

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*The Famous Criminologist*

bedside she was looking unusually pale, and in response to his anxious inquiry she told him that she had been alarmed by a very vivid dream.

"It was so real that I thought I would die of terror," she said, "and even when I woke up, it took me some minutes to understand I was in my own room and not behind the hedge a couple of miles beyond Portlaw."

Rogers, who was a very practical man, laughed at her serious manner.

"It was only a dream, so don't worry," he said, in his rough, good-natured way.

"I suppose it was," she remarked thoughtfully, "but even now I can almost see the two men, one tall and the other short, both dressed in the fashion of seamen, standing at the bar and taking their drinks from you." She shut her eyes tightly. "Yes, I can see them and they are very real. In my dream they laughed and talked, but it was the small one who did most of the laughing. The other might have been a Quaker, so solemn was he at times, and if it hadn't been for the drink I don't think he would have laughed at the little man's jokes."

"They didn't murder one another in my house, I hope?" said the landlord facetiously.

She ignored the pleasantry as she continued:

"I saw them leave arm in arm, and start on the road to

## MURDER FORESEEN IN A DREAM

*An Authentic Case of Crime Unmasked by Clairvoyance*

**T**HERE are about half a dozen authenticated cases on record of murder mysteries solved by dreams, but so far as I can ascertain only one where the disclosure of the dream actually preceded the crime.

At the trial, the judge described it as "an intervention of Providence"; counsel for the defence, having failed to shake the evidence, fell back upon "coincidence" as the obvious explanation; while everybody else was either sceptical or bewildered, as most of us are when something occurs which does not fit in with our beliefs and prejudices.

In the early years of the last century the landlord of the public-house at Portlaw, near Waterford, was a well-known and highly respected ex-farmer of the name of Rogers. The house was one of the most extensively patronised in the district, and it was the rule and not the exception for it to be crowded from the afternoon until midnight, while the morning trade was also considerable.

Many of the patrons were strangers passing through Portlaw and, as the landlord admitted in the witness-box, he had so much to do in the course of an ordinary day's work that he seldom, if ever, took any notice of them. All that mattered to him was to see that customers were promptly served, and did nothing to endanger the reputation of his establishment.

One morning Rogers was getting ready for the business of the day when his wife, who had slept later than usual, called to him to come upstairs. When he reached her

Carrick-on-Suir. I saw them walk on and on until the light began to fade and then I saw the taller man drop behind his companion and suddenly draw a knife and stab him. I saw him rob the corpse and bury it behind the hedge, the hedge that you and I, Barry, know so well. I remembered it in my dream as the hedge you and I used often to pass in the days when we were courting."

"Oh, well, it's only a dream after all, and there's no need to worry," said her husband lightly. "You'd better come down and have breakfast. It's a fair day and I'm likely to want your help in the bar."

His anticipation proved correct, for before ten o'clock the public-house was crowded, chiefly by strangers to the neighbourhood, the regular habitués not appearing as a rule until their day's work was done. The landlord and his wife were almost run off their feet attending to customers, and it was with a growl of impatience that Rogers turned to his wife when she suddenly clutched him by the arm and whispered excitedly that the two men she had seen in her dream *had just entered*.

The landlord, however, had only to give the new-comers a quick glance to discover it was beyond his power to



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ignore them, for there was something startling, even awe-inspiring, in their close fidelity to his wife's description of the men she had seen in her dream.

She could never have seen them before, and yet she had described their clothes, their physical attributes and their demeanour as faithfully as though they had been regular customers of the house for years.

### A Careful Watch

It is not to be wondered at that, in spite of the crowded condition of the bar, he should watch them carefully as long as they remained. No one else appeared to notice them but Rogers was so determined to get a clue to the startling coincidence that he kept close enough to hear most of what passed between them. Before they left, he knew that the tall, grave and dignified-looking man was Frederick Caulfield and his companion Jack Hickey, that they had both recently arrived from America—had, in fact, struck up an acquaintance on board ship—and that Hickey had on him a large sum of money representing the profits of a fishery in Newfoundland.

There is nothing, however, that fades quicker than the impression made by, or the memory of, a dream, and before the last customer left the public-house that night

Had it not been that he knew them to be of good character and standing, he would have dismissed them with a warning not to waste his time again, but when they had left and he had read over Mrs. Rogers' signed statement, he decided to test it. It would not do, of course, for a man in his position to make a fool of himself by spending public money on testing a mere dream, but Mrs. Rogers' description of the murder was so circumstantial that it would be very easy to prove or disprove it. As she had described exactly where the body had been buried, her truthfulness could be decided in half an hour.

### The Landlord's Evidence

It was in Rogers' favour that he had withstood successfully the magistrate's shrewd examination and that he had had an adequate and satisfactory answer to every question. It had been evident that he would have preferred to keep out of the affair altogether, but in the essential facts he had confirmed his wife's statements. When the magistrate had inquired how it was possible for a landlord to describe so closely two men he had never seen before and had not seen since, he had replied to the effect that, when his wife had pointed out the living prototypes of the two men she had described so accurately hours earlier, he had been so

# MURDER FORESEEN *in*

Rogers had found more interesting subjects to occupy his mind. It was pleasant to know that the day's takings constituted a record, and that there had been no disturbances in spite of the influx of cattle dealers and their hangers-on. For her part, Mrs. Rogers was only too willing to forget the scare she had had, but within a couple of months the subject was revived by the news that the disappearance of a man of the name of Hickey was causing his friends and relations concern and distress.

### The Sequel

Rogers and his wife were as frightened and dismayed as if they were the murderers of the vanished Hickey, and for several days they were so overawed by the sinister possibilities of the unexpected sequel to the dream, that they did not breathe a word of it to outsiders. The landlord, who had all an Irishman's sensitiveness to ridicule, was strongly opposed to what he called "interfering," and he cited many instances of similar problems which had been solved by the reappearance of the missing person, safe and sound. But Mrs. Rogers was not to be convinced. It was *her* dream and not her husband's, and therefore she felt that her superior knowledge imposed on her the duty of assisting the authorities. Husband and wife wrangled about it daily until Mrs. Rogers insisted on his accompanying her to a local magistrate.

The woman, however, related her dream so nervously and apologetically that the magistrate got the impression she was a highly-strung person suffering from suppressed hysteria, and the impression was confirmed by Rogers' hang-dog, furtive manner and obvious disinclination to discuss the subject.

impressed that he had kept them under the closest observation until their departure.

The result of the magistrate's deliberation was that he took an official with him to the spot on the road to Carrick-on-Suir mentioned by Mrs. Rogers, and there, protected by the loneliness and the fading light, watched him dig the loose ground. When at a depth of a few inches the spade struck a human leg, the two men uttered cries of astonishment, but their astonishment was far greater when they saw that the body was that of Jack Hickey—the man who had disappeared mysteriously with a large sum of money on his person. But only one of them knew that the marks on the dead man's throat confirmed the account of the murder given by Mrs. Rogers.

### The Arrest

No longer was there any disposition to ridicule her dream. Frederick Caulfield might have a reputation that made a charge of murder seem ridiculous, but there was the evidence of the woman's sworn statement, and Caulfield was arrested and charged with the murder of Hickey.

Never was a prisoner more taken aback when he learnt that his crime had been detected and exposed. He had planned it all so carefully that he never thought that his crime could ever be suspected, and in his confidence had made no attempt to leave the country. He knew that common gossip had solved the mystery of the disappearance by declaring that Hickey had returned to America to make more money or had gone to England to spend what he had. There was no reason why he should not have done any one of a dozen acts which would have accounted for his absence from Cork, and there is no doubt that had it not been for

Mrs. Rogers' dream, the exact circumstances of the death of Hickey might never have become known.

Amongst a peasantry prone to believe in dreams and signs and portents, the arrest of Frederick Caulfield created a profound sensation. There were a few sceptics who hinted that the dream was an invention of Mrs. Rogers artfully promulgated after the body had been found, and there were even more sinister suggestions in circulation when the trial opened at the Waterford assizes; but the majority agreed with the judge's comment that Providence had indeed intervened, and in the strangest manner.

### *Circumstantial Evidence*

As the case against the prisoner was wholly circumstantial—and no more circumstantial than the figment of a dream—the principal witnesses for the prosecution were the landlord and his wife. Counsel for the defence naturally enough did his best to laugh the dream out of court after he had subjected Mrs. Rogers to a very severe cross-examination.

Exactly when did she tell her husband of the dream? Was it before or after the discovery of the body? Was the real explanation of the alleged phenomenon that they themselves were concerned in the murder of an unusually wealthy customer, and that they had concocted this story



"Then I saw the taller man drop behind his companion and suddenly draw a knife and stab him . . ."

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to put the blame on an innocent man? If that was not so, how was it that they had not only described the exact spot where Hickey had been buried, but had given a complete description of the murder itself, a description fully borne out by the medical evidence?

### *An Exact Resemblance*

Mrs. Rogers persisted that she had told her dream at least three hours before she saw for the first time Frederick Caulfield and Jack Hickey. Had it not been for their exact resemblance to the principals in that dream, she and her husband would never have taken any notice of them; but as it was, they had scarcely ever taken their eyes off them. As to the very important question of time, there was the evidence of the magistrate before whom they had made, signed and sworn a statement when the mystery of Jack Hickey's disappearance was still unsolved. It was incontrovertible.

### *The Defence*

Counsel for the defence wisely left the magistrate alone and sought salvation for his client by trying to damage the characters of the principal witnesses for the prosecution. Was Mrs. Rogers an habitual dreamer? Was she in the habit of making money out of the superstitions of the peasantry? Had she ever got out of an awkward corner by a timely dream?

### *Witnesses Not Shaken*

He asked these and many other questions; but all were answered to the satisfaction of the court, and they had the

judge and jury with them when they said in their simple way that they would have forgotten the dream had it not been for the astonishing confirmation of it by the entry of Caulfield and Hickey. Everybody agreed that this incident would have been sufficient to have stamped the incident on the most evanescent of memories, and when counsel for the defence sat down after a very lengthy cross-examination, he must have been conscious that he had lost.

### *A Full Confession*

The verdict of the jury loosened the prisoner's tongue and he made a full confession which was only interesting because it confirmed in every detail Mrs. Rogers' dream—the dream which she had related at least ten hours before Frederick Caulfield, excited by greed, cut the throat of his companion on the lonely road to Carrick-on-Suir and buried him behind the hedge so familiar to the dreamer.

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# This Cult can give You Peace !

**E**ACH branch of Yoga is but a path leading toward the one end—unfoldment, development and growth. He or she who wishes first to develop, control and strengthen the physical body so as to render it a fit instrument of the Higher Self, follows the path of Hatha Yoga, which I have explained in my previous articles.

The student who desires to develop his or her will-power and mental faculties, unfolding the inner senses and latent powers, follows the path of Raja Yoga. He who aims to develop by knowledge through studying the fundamental principles and the wonderful truths underlying life, follows the path of Gnani Yoga. And those who desire to grow into a union with the One Life by the influence of love, follow the path of Bhakti Yoga.

The majority of students prefer to gain an all round knowledge of the various branches of Yoga, learning something of each and giving preference to those branches which appeal to them more strongly. This attraction is the indication of need, or requirement; and, therefore, is the finger pointing out the path.

The first of the eight paths into which Raja Yoga is divided is known as Yama—meaning non-killing, truthfulness, non-stealing, continence, and non-acceptance of gifts. The second step or path is called Niyama—cleanliness, contentment, mortification, study and self-surrender to God. The others are :

3. Asana, or posture.
4. Pranayama, or the controlling of the vital forces of the body through certain breathing exercises.
5. Pratyahara, or making the mind introspective.
6. Dharana, or concentration.
7. Dhyana, or meditation.
8. Samadhi, or super consciousness.

## *The First Steps to Success*

No student will succeed without first conquering the moral trainings and teachings of Yama and Niyama. These first and second steps are the basic principles of Raja Yoga. Only when the student has mastered these principles will he become an established Raja Yogi and realise the value of these teachings.

Another essential point which the student must bear in mind is that he must not think of injuring anyone, through thought, word or deed and this applies not only to man, woman and child, but to all animals and other creatures of this world. As Swami Vivekananda puts it, "Mercy shall not be for men alone, but shall go beyond and embrace the whole world."

If man would think like that, there would be no cause at the present time for any of the unrest, or war scare from which we are suffering. There is in this world a great ferment of hate and fear. This hate and fear can be the cause of a greater catastrophe than we have yet experienced. War is seldom planned in advance. It usually occurs suddenly, either from an explosion or collapse of

economic conditions due to wrong thinking. If the world and its people could only think rightly it would disperse the fear and hate which is now prevailing.

We now come to the path in Raja Yoga called Asana (posture). Asanas are a series of exercises, physical and mental, which have to be performed every day until the higher states are reached. Therefore it is essential that the student should find a posture in which he can remain a long time. The postures I would suggest for the student of the West, and which are the easiest, are :

1. The posture of sitting cross-legged, tailor fashion, on a blanket or small cushion. I suggest this in preference to the difficult Lotus posture.

2. A good posture for meditation is to select a room where you can be alone and undisturbed; sit erect, comfortably, but do not lounge; let your thoughts roam where they will, but be perfectly still for from fifteen to thirty minutes; continue this for a month until you have secured full control of yourself, physically and mentally.

The reason why one must sit erect, whether on a chair or squat tailor fashioned upon the floor, is because it is necessary in this posture to hold the spinal column free, sitting erect, keeping

the neck, chest and head in a straight line and letting the whole weight of the body be supported by the ribs.

This part of the system is similar to Hatha Yoga, which deals entirely with the physical body, the aim of which is to make the body very strong through a series of difficult breathing exercises. These I would not advise the student to carry out, unless under the strict supervision of a Guru (teacher).

## *Perfect Control of Muscles*

Yogis will tell you that there is not a muscle in your body over which you cannot establish perfect control. The heart can be made to stop or go on at will, and in the same way any part of the human organism can be made to function as you will. This control would help you to live a healthier and longer life if you could master it. Perfect health is one of the chief ideas and the main goal of the Yogi.

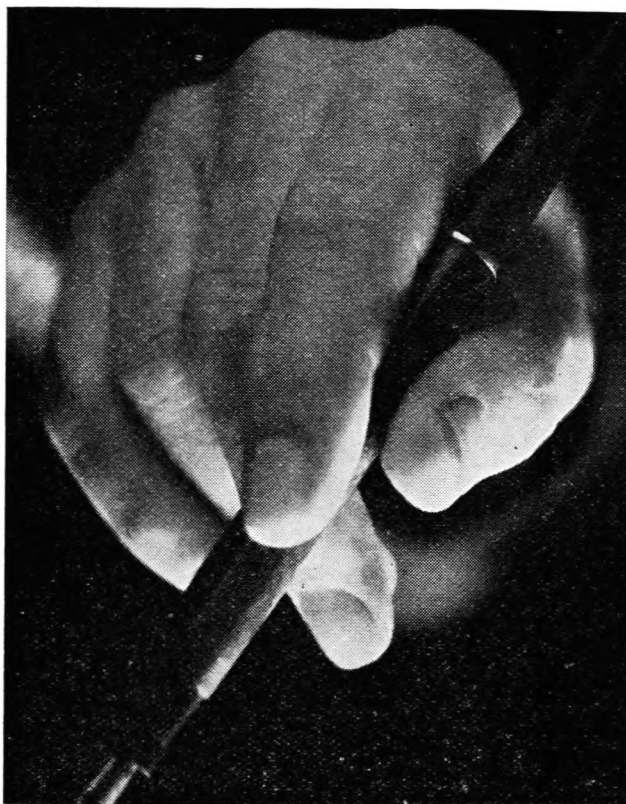
Here is a good method for curing headaches and also to safeguard yourself from catching colds. It is a good thing to inhale water through your nose as soon as you get up in the morning. It will keep your brain fresh and cool all day and you will never catch a cold. One seldom hears of a Yogi with a cold. Put your nose under a tap of running water, or in a basin of water, and breathe in. You do this by making a pump action in the throat.

After the student has learned to sit quietly and in a firm erect seat, he then practises certain exercises for purifying the nerves. (See previous article in the February issue). When the nerves are purified, then comes the power to

practise Pranayama. In Pranayama, the student stops the right nostril with the thumb and breathes through

# Raja YOGA

**By Baron Jaffa**



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In Fig. 1 you see naturally thin writing, with a forward slant, a slight up-slope, the Greek "e's" and a much too high capital "I," with a long un-ending tail to the "y" and oval vowels. The bar to the letter "t" is long and thin, before and after the stem, while the alignment is variable.

Here, then, is intellectual writing, with originality of idea, ambition, carelessness in spending, an optimistic will-power with reflection before action, and imagination.

The spidery style alone would tell you of imagination, but the other signs emphasise it.

### Discretion

Note the discretion in the closed vowels. Note also the way in which the second "e" of "were" is attached to the previous letter, denoting artistic ability.

*I- / and writing - perhaps  
be good enough to read*

Fig. 2.

Untidy writing, if it is an educated hand, is usually full of imagination and may be depended upon to come up to

**I**T is important that everyone should have at least a little imagination because a person without any becomes automatically a materialist, and sees only what he can see, hear, touch, taste or smell!

The imaginative type is easier to live with than the unimaginative type, because there is more adaptability attached to a volatile imagination.

Happily, there are only a few to-day who have no trace of imaginatory power.

Imagination in handwriting is shown by loosely formed and high capitals and stemmed letters, long and looped tailed letters, and a general airy appearance of the placement on the paper. But these are not all to be found in the same writing. Sometimes you find one sign and sometimes another, or even a group of several of the signs.

### Good Mental Powers

Thin, fine writing formation, which shows a good mental equipment, lends itself most easily to imagination signs. The type of mind is usually imaginative, too.

*In those days  
were rabbits!*

Fig. 1.

# Have You IMAGINATION?

## What Your Writing Reveals

scratch in any crisis. Imagination is a strength not a weakness. In looking for imagination, however, you will have to be careful not to mix up ill-health and strained nerves with the signs of mental flights.

In Fig. 2 you find untidy writing, with high capital, and stems, but the formation is compressed, and the alignment not only variable but too jumpy.

### Vivid Emotions

In this second example, the writer has imagination, but it is of little use, as the nerves are out of order owing to the strain of circumstances or over-work. The ideals are too high—see skied "i" dot, while the amount of ink in the dark colouring shows vivid emotions which rule the life. Here the imagination is definitely not helpful, and is a

*I should be very pleased  
you what you consider*

Fig. 3.



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hindrance rather than an asset to everyday life. Most of the untidiness in this writing is due to nerve-strain.

In Fig. 3, which is small dark-coloured writing, you might think that there is very little imagination because of the consistent, round and precise formation, but in the placement of the bar of the letter "t" you find at once "veneration," which is a form of imagination.

The elaborate and curled-in style of the letter "I," with the curved hook before the letter "y" in "you," all tell of the sensitive-to-other-people type of mind. The continual curling-in of the strokes denotes the introspective personality, although in this specimen it is not too bad.

In this writing you will find that the letters slant backwards in some parts, indicating shyness of heart, which is in keeping with the self-engrossment of the curves. Excess of curves in any style or size of writing indicates over-sensitiveness.

There is another type of imaginative mind, which, although susceptible to the words of other people, yet has no introspection. This sort of writer usually has a forward-slanting style of writing, and often has a good amount of will-power, which does not seem to be very effective owing to the excess of dreaminess caused by the over-working of the mental focus.



Fig. 4.

### Sensitive Writing

Fig. 4 illustrates this fine writing, with a forward slant and long indefinite bars to the letter "t." The mind is so dreamy that the lettering almost fades away in places. In this specimen the most important trait lies in the "n" of the word "again" and in the tail of that letter. It is long-drawn-out and *thicker than the rest of the word*. This long end, with the darker shade of ink in it, tells of a most kind and warm emotion towards the rest of the world, and much sensitiveness also.

Imagination in adaptable writing is very good, for it keeps its owner from being too easily imposed upon or swayed by other opinions or environments.

In Fig. 5 you see writing which has all sorts and sizes of letters, jumbled together correctly, and with varying alignment and mixed colourings.

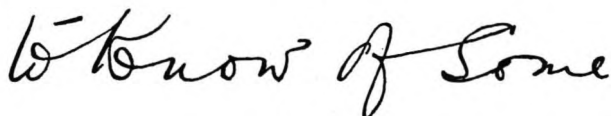


Fig. 5.

The forward-slanting style, with a linked placement, tells of a progressive mind and the power of construction. As the vowels are narrowed and closed, the power of expression will be in writing rather than speech.

The long bars of the letter "t" flying out to the right of the stem, indicate speedy thoughts and actions. The large stems and the original type of "k" denote originality and imagination, while the varying sizes betray adaptability.

HERE is an authentic account of the Occult beliefs and practices of the Malay people. The author writes from personal experience, having attended Malay seances and examined the feats of their Adepts and Mediums. Some of the phenomena he observed—such as trance—are familiar to Western students of Psychical Research; and others, like fire-walking, are rarely demonstrated here. The average Malay, says Mr. Wong, is a firm believer in the Occult.

IT was dusk. Miasmal mists from the rice fields floated into the interior of the house of a Malay friend, when I arrived there to attend a seance.

I climbed the short bamboo ladder and entered the hall. In a corner, the son of my host reclined on a mattress and groaned.

On a mat in the centre of the room the pawang or medium sat Buddha-fashion, staring at the burning incense in a censer before him. Above him a kerosene lamp flickered. As a thick volume of smoke swirled towards the rafters, he thrust his palms into the smoke and started chanting.

After a while he began to sway from side to side. As this swaying became more animated his chanting, too, rose to an excited pitch. Then suddenly the shrill voice

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of a woman broke into the tense atmosphere of the room.

The face of my friend, Ariff, went white. The voice was that of his dead grandmother.

"Tell her why you sent for her," whispered an old woman.

Ariff beseeched her to prescribe a remedy for his son who was seriously ill.

The pawang swayed violently as the voice again filled the room. Ariff listened intently to the directions. Then the voice trailed off and stopped. At that instant the pawang fell backwards in a faint, and the seance came to an end.

### Help from Mediums

Now, the average Malay is a great believer in the Occult. In sickness or trouble he seeks the aid of the pawang, who can be found in every village and town in Malaya.

When a child becomes ill, the mother consults a female pawang. The latter places a bowl of water before her and fixes a lighted white candle on to the edge of the bowl. On a wooden platter she places a bunch of betel-leaves, pieces of betel-nut, white lime, and some slices of lemon.

She gazes at the flame of the candle and repeats a magic formula. While her lips move with slight hiss, she makes passes with her right hand over the bowl of water. Now

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and then she stops repeating the formula to ripple the water with a puff from her mouth.

Then she dips the betel-leaves into the bowl and returns them to the platter. The mother is instructed to chew the leaves and to rub the paste over the child's temple and navel. The charmed water is to be given to the child to drink.

### *The Art of a Pawang*

When a Malay experiences a series of setbacks he invariably seeks the advice of a pawang. To expel the aura of evil that hangs over his client, the pawang asks the latter to squat in the centre of a small square mat.

Standing over the subject, the sorcerer breaks forth into incantations. He passes his hand seven times over the body of his client in an outward sweeping motion. The rite ends when the pawang blows chewed betel paste over the subject's head.

The client is given an amulet in the form of a yellow thread to wear round his neck or wrist. Sometimes the amulet consists of a piece of rice paper on which magic characters are scrawled. This paper is encased in a small silver tube. This tube is attached to a yellow string which is tied round the waist like a belt.

## *in* MALAYA

In a country like Malaya, where can be found almost all the races east of Suez, those in search of Occult lore have unrivalled opportunities to thrill to new experiences and to add variety to their store of Occult knowledge.

In Chinese temples throughout Malaya seances are held often. By paying a small fee, a worshipper can obtain the service of a medium, subject to the chief priest's consent.

Before the altar of the principal god of the temple the medium sits on a stool. Lighted joss-sticks fill the room with incense and huge tapers send forth



*A Chinese Temple in Singapore.*

leaping flames. With bowed head he says his prayers.

Then a voice escapes from his lips. The voice calls out the name of the worshipper and asks her if she knows who is speaking. The attendant priest prompts her to put her questions quickly when she recognises the voice as belonging to some dear departed.

When the voice ceases the medium recovers consciousness, and he is usually so weak that he has to be assisted to his quarters. The temple medium does not hold more than two seances a day.

Fire-walking is a rite always associated with Indians. Certain Chinese religious sects observe their fire-walking rites once a year.

Some time ago I went for a hiking trip in Johore. I came to a hill stream and rested in the cool shade of forest giants. From somewhere the beating of gongs and cymbals echoed into the brooding solitude of the jungle.

I followed the sound and came into a clearing on which stood a palm-thatched hut. A carpet of burning coals was spread in the centre of the clearing. I could feel the scorching heat of the fire as I edged towards the hut.

On a stove in a corner of the square stood a cauldron bubbling with boiling oil.

With a loud clash of cymbals the priest came out of the small temple followed by a dozen barefooted Chinese men and women, each holding a burning incense-stick. At the edge of the fire the priest halted.

In each hand he held a cymbal. Swinging his arms overhead he brought the cymbals together in a deafening crash. He lifted his bare feet on to the carpet of burning coals and walked across it with an easy gait. The twelve disciples followed him across the fire without flinching and emerged from the ordeal unscathed.

Getting his company into line again, the priest marched straight to the cauldron. Nonchalantly he thrust his hands into the boiling oil and sprayed the band of believers with it.

None of them was scalded or in any way hurt!



*A Chinese medium, attached to one of the Temples, sounding the fish-shaped prayer gong.*



## NUMEROLOGY SECTION

**W**HEN Upton Sinclair stumbled upon the existence of Telepathy, he said he could not explain it, but the fact remained that *it worked*.

To some extent, this expresses my own feelings about Numerology. No one has ever explained quite satisfactorily why there should be an association between significant numbers and significant events.

Why, for instance, should the name given to an individual reflect, under the scrutiny of Numerology, so much of his character and personality?

Numerologists make great play upon the fact that the whole basis of life is mathematical. A famous scientist gave voice to the same idea when he spoke of the Creator as "a great Mathematician." And we know that advanced scientific truths can only be expressed through the medium of numbers—words fail to expound them. Similarly, in our own private lives, numbers are inescapable, and follow us from the cradle to the tomb.

Born 29-5-1908	...	...	...	=34=7
Married 9-8-1934	...	...	...	=34=7
Army Res. No. 2322772	...	...	...	=25=7
Army Id'y No. Z/SC/C25	...	...	...	=7
Co-op. Share No. 1474	...	...	...	=16=7
Son born 27-4-1938	...	...	...	=34=7
Mother 7th child	...	...	...	7
Mother married	...	...	...	Feb. 27
Father born	...	...	...	July 27
Brother born	...	...	...	Dec. 27
Son born	...	...	...	April 27
Grandmother born	...	...	...	June 7
Grandmother died	...	...	...	May 27
Grandmother died aged	...	...	...	77
Grandfather died	...	...	...	Jan. 17
Grandmother married	...	...	...	April 27
Grandmother buried	...	...	...	Dec. 17
Father's No. in Club	...	...	...	27
Living in Bungalow No.	...	...	...	7
Moved from Shropshire to Banbury and commenced work...	...	...	...	Sept. 7

### More Evidence

I thank you very much for my Numerology Chart: it is really marvellous—so true.

I would like to tell you something about how the number Six dominates my affairs. For instance, at school we were all numbered and my number was six. When I became a Hospital Probationer, I started work on December 6th in No. 6 Ward, and my bedroom while there was No. 6. I passed my examinations in due course and the number of my Midwifery certificate added up to the number six.

I was puzzled about this, but remembered that in my younger days I was always called Daisy. Now I find that the number for Daisy is four, which

# Do YOU Know YOUR

The evidence that Numerology works is available to all who seek it. This month I propose to give several examples that have lately reached me from readers of PREDICTION. A sceptic might dismiss some of the items listed as trivial, but then he ignores the fact that the evidence is cumulative—and he completely evades the question why, for certain people, certain numbers should be so constantly occurring.

# NUMBER?

### A Number's Repetition

Here is a typical case of the sort I mean:

I was reading your article on No. Five as the Fadic Number in my Numerology Chart. I am just enclosing these few lines to let you see how many times this number Five has appeared in my life, and I am wondering if others have found a certain number stand out with them in the same way.

Christian name—Edith	...	...	5 letters
Surname — Scott	...	...	5 letters
Born ...	...	...	5th March
Birth date added and reduced to single unit	...	...	5
Children	...	...	5
First Child born March	...	...	5 letters
My age 23	...	...	5
Last Child born March	...	...	5 letters
My age 32	...	...	5
Share No. 15296—23	...	...	5
Bank Book No.	...	...	5

Several other incidents I have not given above, correspond to the number five.

Undoubtedly there are similar number sequences in your own case, but have you endeavoured to find them? Note the recurring numbers in the following particulars, sent me by two other readers of PREDICTION.

added to the two that makes Margaret makes the number six, so I think that must be the solution.

### The Recurring Seven

Here is yet another case where the Number Seven crops up with amazing regularity:

I have received my Numerology Chart and the Delineation, and I marvel at its absolute correctness.

I am more and more astonished when I see how the Number Seven has dominated my life. For instance:

I am the 7th child of my mother.

She was the 7th child of her mother.

There were seven years between my father and mother.

There are seven years between my husband and myself.

I was born on the seventh day or Sabbath, on the 14th day of the 7th month, 1867.

When I entered my college I was number 21 on the list; at the end of my First Year I went up 7 places and was No. 14; at the end of my Second Year I went up 7 places and came out No. 7.

When we bought this house, the number was 7.

Similarly with my Life Policy: the Premium worked out at £7 17 7 per annum, which was paid for 17 years.

The number of the Policy is 16686=27.

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By  
**JAMES LEIGH**

# Have YOU A



a predisposition for some chest weakness. The typical filbert nail is shown in Fig. 1. These people, if all the nails are of this type, should be very careful to guard against bad chest colds or any depleting conditions that might result in any chest infection.

In Fig. 2 is the typical cardiac type of nail. These round nails betray a predisposition for some weakness of the heart, not necessarily heart disease. You will often find this type of nail on the fingers of those who are very highly strung and nervy. Thus it points to a nervy condition of the heart.

## Throat Weakness

People who have small nails shaped as in Fig. 3 must always guard against throat weakness. This type of nail is similar to the cardiac type but there is a marked tendency for a V formation of the base of the nail.

Where you find a nail with a definite V formation, as shown in Fig. 4, it indicates a marked predisposition for nerve trouble.

You are all familiar with the white flecks so often found in the finger nails. I have heard many curious explanations of their cause, from damage by nail varnish and paint to bruises caused by careless manicure. Their actual cause is a chemical deficiency produced by nervous depletion. These white flecks are the warning signs of nervous exhaustion. The more numerous these white spots, the greater the danger of nerve trouble due to depletion of the vital nervous energy of the body.

Always advise people with these marks in their nails to

# HEALTHY HAND ?

**T**HE most important aspect of hand reading is the health aspect. And while it may not be possible to examine this aspect in all its vast detail, it is possible to give the student enough knowledge to enable him to form an accurate idea of the actual health condition of the person whose hand he is examining.

Medical science has discovered that health conditions are more dependent on the chemical conditions of the body than on any other factor.

## Vitally Important

I want the student to remember that these chemical conditions are of vital importance. The hand betrays those vital 'predispositions'; that is, those tendencies that are either inherited or which may be due to faulty feeding, thinking or living.

Knowing that there does exist a definite predisposition for some particular and special form of disease, means that we are armed with a knowledge that should enable us to avoid any such development.

The first point in the human hand for our diagnostic attention are the finger nails. The actual shape or any markings in the nail are not definite signs of any particular condition of disease. But they are the warning signs of existing predispositions. Filbert finger nails always indicate

take more rest, avoid alcohol and to increase the consumption of natural foods. Where you find a horizontal groove in the nail, it is an indication of a period of ill-health recently experienced. This ridge is a record of a past constitutional weakness, the depletion of certain chemicals in the body having interfered with the nail growth at the time.

Vertical grooves in the nail indicate a definite acidulous tendency; this may not be any indication of gout, but where you find such ridges in the nails you should advise your subject to pay a selective attention to diet and to avoid all those foods which are inclined to produce any acidity.

It is, of course, not possible to notice the temperature, etc., of the skin when you have only an imprint to deal with.



Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

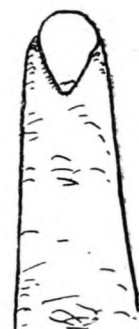


Fig. 4.

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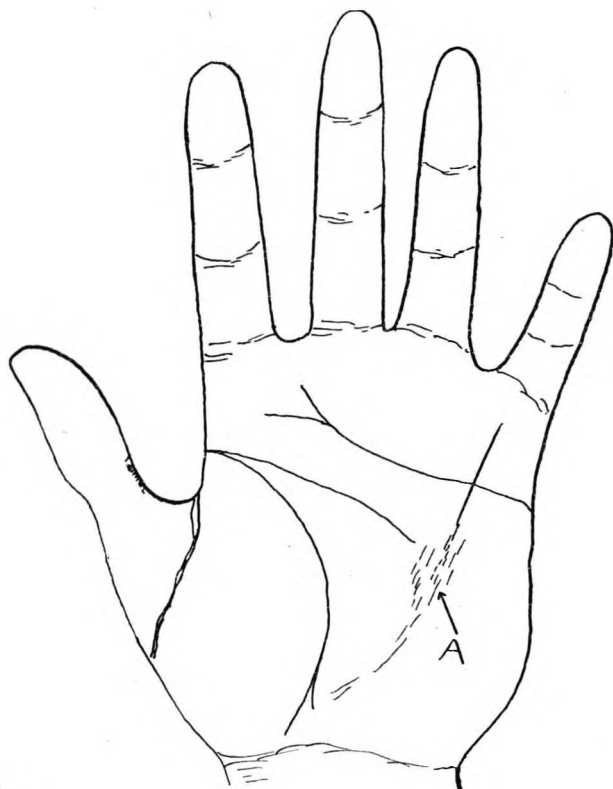


Fig. 5.

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But where you make an imprint of any hand, you should make a note at the time of such things as these.

A very dry scaly skin, particularly when coarse and cold, indicates nervous energy but lack of an active and vigorous vitality. These people are often emotionally repressive, there exists a predisposition for congestive conditions of the body; the undue formation of fat, the production of catarrhal conditions due to faulty feeding.

Where you find the skin of the hand soft, warm and slightly moist, it is an indication of a highly strung and sensitive nervous system.

### Nervous Vitality

Where the skin is fine with normal temperature, the actual consistency of the flesh firm, it indicates a high degree of nervous vitality. Where the skin is soft and possesses a consistency that can only be described as "flabby," it is an indication of some faulty blood condition and does betray a marked predisposition for some actual bacterial infection.

Skin that is reddish indicates a predisposition for blood pressure or some similar condition.

You have all heard a great deal about the Health line; this line runs from the Mount of Mercury, just below the little finger, down in towards the Life line near the wrist. The existence of this line is not of itself an indication of disease. But where you find that it is, as in Fig. 5, A, broken into many fine pieces, it then shows some digestive weakness due to nervous sensitivity. The common form is a mild nervous dyspepsia.

When you find such fine lines as these in this position on the hand make a careful examination of the actual

formation of the Head line. If you find that this is full of minute dots, giving it the appearance of being "fluffy," then the basic cause of this digestive weakness is psychological. The subject possesses an "anxiety complex." He is apt to live too far and too habitually ahead of Time. This nervous apprehension has, in these cases, a very definite and adverse effect on the digestive processes.

The Heart line does betray the actual condition of that organ. If you find a number of very fine lines dropping from the actual main line, they indicate a marked tendency for some nervy action of the heart.

Where the actual ridges of the skin appear to travel from the lower edge of the actual heart line but are blurred and very indistinct, it indicates a flabby condition of the heart.

Where you find a clear islanded formation in the actual Heart line under the third finger, the Apollo finger, it is an indication of a definite predisposition for some eye weakness. These people must always be careful to guard against eye-strain.

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR NUMBER?

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Another reader was kind enough to submit this example of how his Fadic Number even dominates his address:

Date of Birth: 31-12-1907 ...	...	=24=6
Address		
60= ...	...	6
Marlborough Road		
41932696378	9614=78=15=	...
Parklands		
719231541=33=	...	6
Langley, Bucks		
3157357	23321=42=	...
		24=6

And yet another reader wrote, in acknowledging the receipt of her Numerology Chart, "It is exactly true that the numbers 17 and 8 have followed me through life. Both I and my only child were born on the 17th, and my father died on that date. My son was 'killed'—I don't believe in death—at Gallipoli on August (8th month) the 8th, 1916. Even the year 1916 reduces to 8, and the most odious experience I ever had was also on the 17th."

Another reader kindly sent me a long list of events linked with his dominant number Nine, from which I extract this example of various stages in a single incident, all of which are illustrative of the recurring figure Nine:

"The next incident of note came on October 23rd, 1938. Nine again. Walking along the pavement, a motor cycle ran into me: result: 18 working days on the sick list—Nine again."

"The man appeared at court, and I had 7s. 6d. expenses, which reduced to pence is 90, or 9 again. And I received the sum on the 3-12-1938, which is 9 once more."

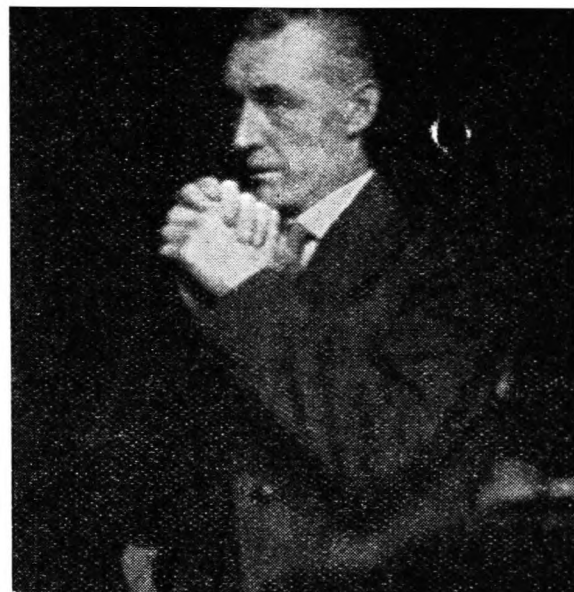
"While waiting for my compensation claim, the insurance paid me £2 5 0 on account, which reduced to pence is 540, or 9 again. The final settlement of £20 5 0 and the £2 5 0 and 7/6 make £22 17 6. These numerals add up to nine; and when reduced to pence (5,490) 9 again! And from the day of the accident till the final settlement was exactly 117 days, or yet another 9!"

Most people never give any thought to figures, and therefore do not observe how one number is really outstanding in their lives, and may be a symbol of good or evil.

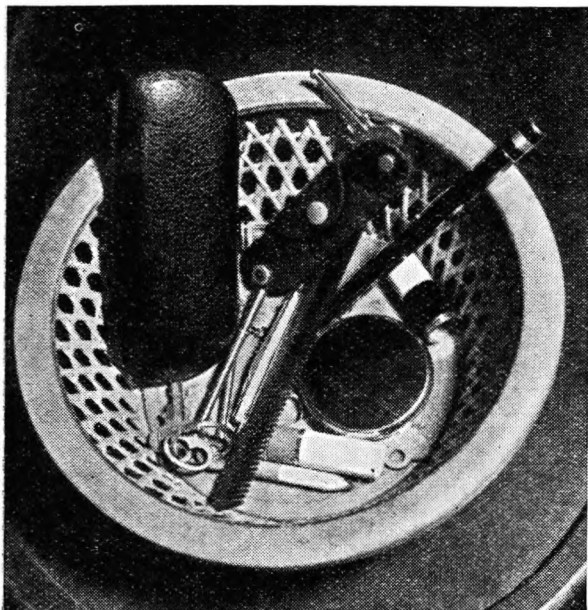
I would welcome evidence on this point from other readers of PREDICTION. The examples which are published here are selected from a great many which have reached me quite spontaneously. What about checking up in your own case?



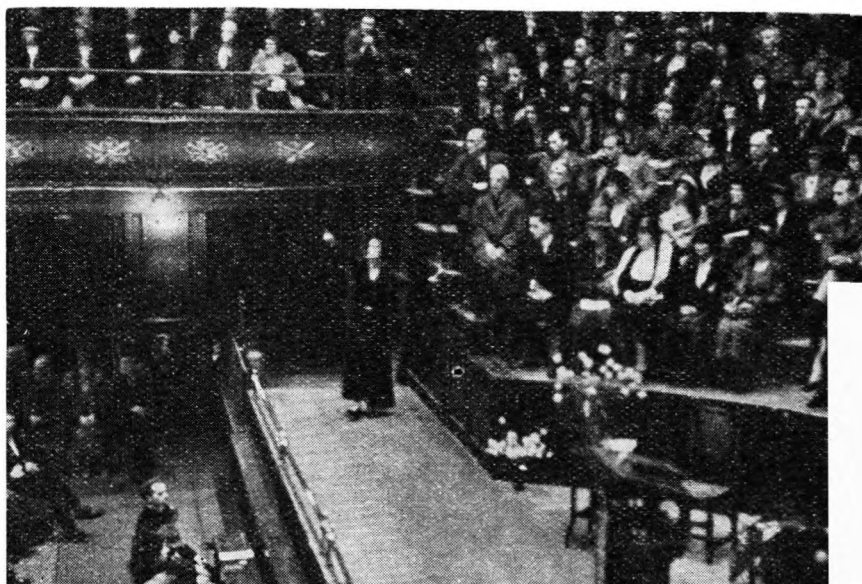
**1** Not all Spiritualist Societies have their own church buildings. Some meet in upstairs rooms. But all have their regular following of seekers after truth, and the Sunday night meetings are invariably crowded. This picture shows the wrapt, intelligent way in which every member of the audience follows the medium.



**4** Here is a medium at work, concentrating as he listens for the psychic voices which will give him a message for his sitter. Most mediums like their audience to sing before they attempt clairvoyance, as this is said to induce harmony.



**2** One of the most popular types of Spiritualist meetings is that devoted to psychometry. Often a steward passes round a collection plate to receive the articles brought by different members of the audience. Every one of these articles has its story, and a Psychometrist will tell you that he can divine that history through his psychic sense of touch.



**5** But Spiritualism has moved a long way forward since the early meetings were held in attic rooms . . . In pioneer days, Spiritualist mediums and speakers were often stoned as they passed through the streets on their way to conduct services. The old prejudice, born of ignorance, is dying. To-day, the Marylebone Spiritualist Association holds its Sunday services at the Queen's Hall, where the famous medium, Mrs. Estelle Roberts, is here seen demonstrating clairvoyance.



**3** Most mediums are only too willing to answer questions. This inquirer is worried about the future. She has written her question and now encloses it in an envelope together with an article from her handbag.

## OCCULT PICTURE PAGE—V.

# SPIRITUALISM

A SERIES of rappings heard in a humble cottage at Hydesville (Nr. Rochester, U.S.A.) in the year 1848, gave birth to a new religious crusade. The knockings were attributed to the spirit of a deceased pedlar who had returned to earth to tell the story of how he had been wilfully murdered. Then more messages were received from other spirits and so, in a remarkably short space of time, table rapping (as it was then called) became a craze in America. Soon the movement began to attract the interest of distinguished scientists. Societies for Psychical Research were formed as, in the meanwhile, efforts were also being made to give the Spiritualist movement a religious background. Now thousands of Spiritualist churches encircle the globe. Hundreds of thousands of people attend Spiritualist services, and communication between the two worlds is thought to be more common than ever it was before in history.



## By XANTIPPE

**P**SYCHOMETRY of letters is often a feature of seances but few amateur seers seem to develop the gift to help their friends and themselves, and yet most people have every opportunity of doing so.

A great many mistakes can be avoided if the aspiring sensitive will only obtain the co-operation of a few friends before seeking to psychometrise letters from complete strangers.

It is sometimes difficult for the developing psychometrist to obtain articles with which to practise his art, and a great many promising mediums give up because they find they make slips and therefore lose confidence. Here is an easy method which can be adopted by even the most hesitant person.

The postman knocks in the morning and two or three letters drop into the box. Pick up the mail before another member of the household handles the letters.

Psychometrise each letter in the ordinary way but make a note of what you think the contents of the letters will be—the health or mental state of the writers, and the times the letters were written. This is quite enough for the first few weeks and it is best to scribble your impressions on the envelope and check up as you read the letters.

It is not always easy to visualise the contents of a letter, especially if it arrives unexpectedly, but sometimes telepathy on the part of the writer will give a premonition. The contents of the letter will usually describe the health of the writer—happy, excited, “headachy,” worried, or fatigued—according to the remarks passed in the letter such as “I feel too tired to write all about it but will send you more details later.”

The time of posting letters is not always the time they were written, but if you can ask a few correspondents to put the time as well as date, it will greatly help you when checking up your notes. As you progress, find a few friends interested in this hobby who will undertake to write to you periodically and ask them to put down their exact feelings as they write, the time and the place or room. Wherever possible ask them to record this information on a separate slip so that if you have to open the envelope you can psychometrise and read the letter and immediately check up with the slip.

### *Hidden Thoughts*

The note about the room is often a great help and a link as it is sometimes possible to be so in tune with the friend that the room-surroundings can be “sensed” too. Do not forget the psychometrising of letters may cause you to discover strange thoughts on the part of the writers and also to know whether they are as sincere as they pretend to be.

Psychometrising letters from regular correspondents will help you to assist them when they need urgent advice.

It is possible to develop the art of psychometrising correspondence by using business letters but unless you know a great deal about the writers and the firms concerned



# BECOME *a* PSYCHOMETRIST

it may only cause confusion. Typewritten letters are often mis-leading especially if several typists use the same machine.

Love is another matter which causes problems and the psychometrist must be careful to give his or her impressions before perusing the contents of the letter. Always ask the recipient to fold the letter so that the contents cannot be accidentally seen but warn them that you may wish to read the letter later.

Sometimes the thoughts of the writer, as outlined by the psychometrist, are diametrically opposite to the opinions expressed in the letter so the medium should be prepared for such contrasts and after psychometrising the folded letter should be allowed to read the actual message.

A friend of mine discovered a “forged” letter amongst his personal correspondence—it was from an acquaintance who was extremely careful to portray unselfish thoughts in connection with an invitation, but the psychometrist was convinced the writer was more concerned with his own affairs than the welfare of other people. The recipient of the letter would have accepted the communication at its face value if he had not psychometrised, for although his friend had actually written it, the letter was a “forgery of the mind.”

## What Is Happening Abroad—I

# SHE HAS A LUMINOUS HEART.....

ITALY'S leading medical men—in fact, doctors the world over—have found themselves facing a problem that opens up incalculable possibilities in the person of Anna Morano, the wife of a fisherman in the small town of Pirano, near Trieste.

Anna Morano, a simple woman of scant education, the mother of sixteen children, has been repeatedly treated at the Pirano hospital for asthmatic ailments. On the last visit her nurse first observed the inexplicable—one might well say miraculous—phenomenon which has since greatly puzzled the scientific world.

One evening when the lights were turned out in the hospital wards and only the tiny crimson night-lights glimmered in one corner of each ward, the inspecting nurse made her rounds. As she approached the bed of Anna Morano, she noticed that the patient's face was lit up by a strange, white, phosphorescent light.

The nurse could not ascertain from what source the light came. She inspected the bed, turned up the coverlet, and perceived that a strong, greenish blue light emanated from the left side of the patient's breast. The light was so strong that it passed through the heavy linen of the hospital nightdress and the coverlet.

### Doctors keep Watch

The nurse immediately sent for the doctor in charge. The strange light had grown fainter by the time he arrived, but it was still perceptible. Together they questioned the patient. Anna Morano, in tears, confessed that this emanation of light from her breast had often occurred before, but she didn't like to talk about it. She besought the doctor and the nurse not to tell anyone that she had a *luminous heart*—for that is what she took it to be.

The three doctors of the hospital—Sambo, Contento and Parenzan—did everything scientifically possible to control the phenomena and to exclude all possibility of delusion, whether intentional or accidental.

They examined the bed, the patient's skin, every object that came within her reach. They watched Anna Morano, taking turns at her bedside, for a recurrence of the strange phenomenon. The light did not appear for several days, but finally one day at noon Dr. Sambo noticed the phosphorescent light again emerging from the patient's breast.

He darkened the room, sent for his colleagues, and together they observed the clear light emanating from the mysterious source in the woman's breast for over twenty

minutes. At the end of that time the light slowly began to fade and then disappeared completely. The doctors were baffled and could find no solution.

In spite of all the discretion on the part of nurses and doctors, the news of the strange phenomenon spread rapidly in Pirano and the neighbouring fishing villages.

Anna Morano was known to be a highly-strung, nervous person and a great church-goer. She never missed a procession or a fiesta, so the population of Pirano was quick to jump at the conclusion of a miracle. People began to visit her house as a shrine and her fame spread throughout Italy.

Anna Morano was next taken to the Psychiatric Clinic of the University of Rome, where she was placed in a private room under the inspection of Professor de Santis, Italy's foremost authority on Neuro-psychiatry.

### Cine Film Record Made

Since then, Anna Morano has been under constant medical and scientific supervision. For months Dr. Glocondo Protti, a radio-biologist of international fame, has been in close attendance. He once succeeded in taking a cine film of the emanation of light from Anna Morano's breast, and declares that it is absolutely impossible that the emanations of light should have their source in some swindle or delusion.

Dr. Protti conjectures that Anna Morano's nerves and senses are constantly preoccupied with one all-prevailing idea of a religious character.

The men of science explain that this "obsession" has produced a transformation in some of her organs—a certain dissolution of internal tissues that cannot be registered by any other means but is apparent in the strange sensation of light.

That is the scientific hypothesis. But what does it amount to? Nothing more nor less than that the phenomenon of materialisation, looked upon with so much scepticism by the scientific world, can no longer be regarded as an impossibility even by the most incredulous medical men.

M.L.

By request of his many readers

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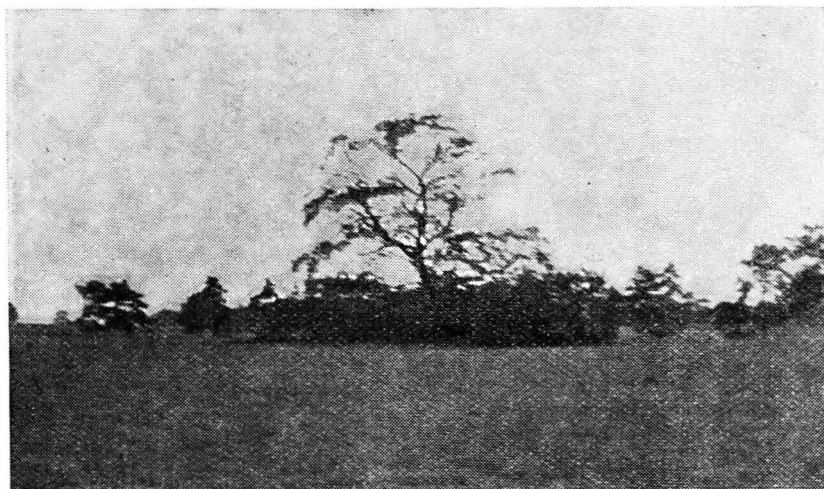
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"Hangman's Round," showing the Oak Tree in the centre of the field. It will be seen that all the lower branches have been blown to the ground and are now lying at the foot of the tree.

FOR 300 years the farmers of Sturston, a tiny village in Norfolk, have fought a losing battle with fate.

They work under the shadow of a curse that seeks to deprive them of the one thing most needful to life on the land—the fertility of the soil.

So deep is their conviction that the land is blighted by an unseen hand that the local clergy conducted a service in which they prayed to Almighty God to remove the ancient curse and restore to the fields the bounty of harvest.

This action captured the imagination of the popular press and columns of fanciful stories were published.

So that readers of PREDICTION should be presented with an accurate account of the phenomenon, I journeyed to Sturston and interviewed the local farmers.

Here are the facts as disclosed by Miss L. M. Reeve, who has courageously teneted the doomed land in order to make one last effort to reclaim it for productivity.

### The Facts

She is a level-headed business woman who leads an active and strenuous life in her two capacities as farmer on her own account and Land Agent to Lord Walsingham.

"The curse originated in Elizabethan days," she said, "when the Lord of the Manor combined with his duties as Squire the responsibility of acting as the village parson.

"While giving lip service to the Protestant faith he held secret Roman Catholic services in Sturston Hall. The news spread abroad and he was eventually taken to Norwich gaol. The story runs that an old woman, who lay dying, thereupon cursed the Squire and all his possessions, prophesying that 'not one stone of the Hall or the Church adjoining it will remain standing, and its fields will become infertile.'"

Miss Reeve explained that this prophecy, handed down from generation to generation, had been fulfilled in every respect.

The Sturston fields have become notoriously

*A typical view of the "cursed" fields of Sturston, where the land has gone derelict. For centuries farmers have tried to raise crops here, but have given up in despair. Now nothing grows save the unruly hedges and rambling weeds.*

## 300 YEAR OLD

unproductive, the Church has vanished, and the grand old Hall is no more.

*While the Hall was still standing it gained the reputation of being haunted by an uneasy spirit, and so alarming were the reports that no one could be got to occupy it.*

"Whether the ghost was supposed to be that of the former Squire, I don't know," said Miss Reeve, "but the fact remains that the Hall became uninhabited and at the beginning of this century all the valuable interior panelling and decorations had been removed. Even the building itself could not resist the curse which was said to be laid upon it, and it gradually fell to pieces."

Together we visited the site where Sturston Hall and Church formerly stood. Only the crumbling wall of the old Churchyard, and an occasional tombstone, remained

to prove that this wild and desolate scene had once been consecrated ground.

The words of the ancient curse had been all too literally fulfilled. As for the fields, they had reverted to heathland.

### Hangman's Round

Miss Reeve conducted me to the area that has recently been put under cultivation, and pointed to another relic that is linked with the Elizabethan curse. This particular sector of the land is known as "Hangman's Round," and from Miss Reeve I learned that another Sturston parson, upon whom the curse had apparently descended, ended his life there by hanging from this tree.

"When I decided to farm the field," said Miss Reeve, "everyone pointed to the oak tree and told me that no good would come of it, and that my labours would be unfruitful. But I am hopeful that with faith and hard work the curse may yet be defeated, and already I have had some encouragement.

"Curiously enough, when things were at a very low ebb with the farm, and we did not know what to do, there came



a high wind which blew all the lower branches off the oak tree. I have left them where they have fallen so that the villagers could see; and if you believe in omens, surely this is a good one, which augurs well for the crop."

### A Previous Ceremony

Then she recalled that the late Rector of Merton had studied the curse and had once held "a proper curse-removing service" with prayers, on the site of the old church.

Having this in mind, and in view of her new experiment, Miss Reeve approached the clergy who have parishes adjoining her land, and invited them to conduct a



*The site of Sturston Church—not one stone remains standing, true to the old woman's curse. Only a lonely tombstone survives to mark the old Churchyard.*

# CURSE ON THE LAND

Rogation service, for which she wrote a special prayer.

This service took place on May 13th, and was conducted by the Rev. E. Stanley Thomas (Rector of Merton, and Vicar of Thompson, Tottington and Sturston) and the Rev. G. H. Tugwell (Vicar of Stanford).

### A Special Prayer

The service was a typical Rogation-tide ceremony and opened with a hymn, after which the Vicar of Stanford read the usual Rogation prayers. During the singing of the hymn, the Clergy led the villagers along the road to the fields, where the congregation said together the 67th psalm.

The procession had by then arrived at Hangman's Round. Here the Rev. E. S. Thomas read the following prayer:

#### Special Prayer for the Sturston Fields

O GOD who knowest when the sparrows and smallest of Thy creatures need Thy care, bless we pray Thee, this land of Sturston; give it Thy mercy and bless the fruits thereof. *Restore it to the graciousness of seed time and harvest and remove therefrom the ancient curse which has hitherto rested upon it.* We ask that the labours of our hands may find favour in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Minister's Statement

I interviewed the Rev. E. S. Thomas, who explained that when he was asked to officiate at the service, he considered it was his duty to acquiesce.

He deplored the sensational way in which the ceremony had been reported and emphasised that it was a serious devotional gathering attended by villagers who gained their livelihood from the land and who, in consequence,

were very much in earnest about what they were doing.

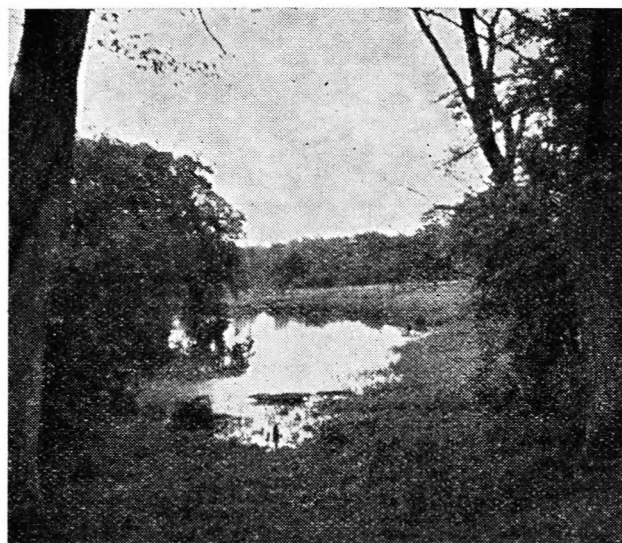
When I asked the Rev. E. S. Thomas if he believed in the curse he replied.

"I don't think it is a matter for belief

or unbelief, for anyone who understands anything about the country must make allowances for a certain type of outlook which views these things in a very different light to the attitude adopted by the townsman.

"To be present at such a ceremony is to understand and appreciate it. After all, the people for whom it was performed live a great deal nearer to nature than do many of their critics.

"However, I think it is a mistake to analyse ancient beliefs such as this because people in the country move and think more by instinct than logic, and it is very difficult



*Where Sturston Hall once stood, now only the moat survives.*

## By The Editor



to arrive at the cold facts of such an issue. I believe you can no more get to the bottom of a mystery like this by argument and logic than you can understand the mystery of the Sacrament by a similar process.

"Phenomena like these are mysteries and can only be apprehended by the power of spiritual discernment. To attempt to thrash out by debate these ancient accretions which have become embodied in the Church is an attempt to argue the impossible."

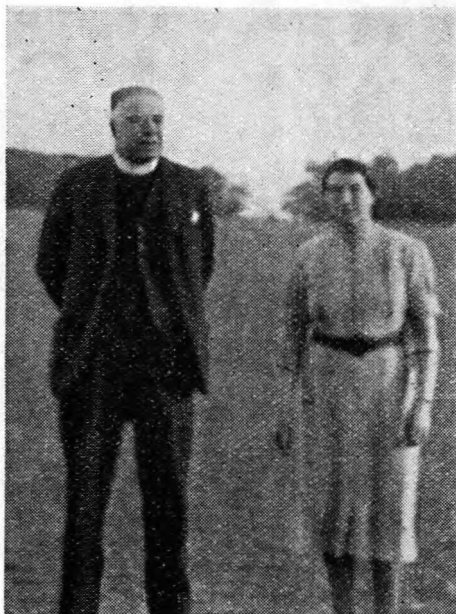
There the matter rests. A determined effort is being made to live down the belief that the fields of Sturston will no more provide crops. Practical steps have been taken, and the good offices of the Church have been employed.

Whether Miss Reeve will succeed in her valiant effort to turn this doomed land into productivity, only time will tell.

But now the villagers have hope. At all events, they see wheat growing where none has grown before. Who knows what the harvest will be?

### Lord Elton's Broadcast

The Sturston curse was referred to by Lord Elton in a broadcast talk on May 17th. He said: "In a village down



*The Rev. E. Stanley Thomas and Miss L. M. Reeve, whose views are reproduced in this article.*

in Norfolk this week, men and women were kneeling in the fields, at a special service, to pray for the lifting of an ancient curse. The land down there has been barren for years, and many of the folks in these parts believe that all the trouble is due to a curse put on the old manor house, which is now in ruins, and on the old church, which is now in ruins too.

"Speaking for myself, I shouldn't rule out the possibility of a curse blighting crops. For one thing, beliefs of that sort have been held in the countryside for centuries, and I think men and women who live close to the soil do have their own wisdom, which is often deeper than that of the scientists; and also I don't think there is any doubt that unseen influences at any rate do cling to certain places.

"I've relatives myself who instantly know when they go into an empty house—I suppose it's by the feel of it—whether it is a happy or unhappy place, and in an unhappy house they are instantly oppressed by a load of invisible misery or gloom or even horror. And if human beings can be blighted like that, by lingering influences, I suppose it is possible, at any rate, that crops might be blighted too."

### SIR DUDLEY MYERS' BOOK

A valuable record of Sir Dudley Myers' teachings and experiences will be found in his book *Spiritual Forces*, published by Rider at 7s. 6d. The first part of this book dealing with his great work under spirit guidance in founding the European Association in India and his talks with his medium's Guide on world conditions, with the prophecy of "no major war," formed the subject of an article in the last issue of PREDICTION.

The book also contains a large number of teachings on a variety of subjects of general interest and importance, among them being reincarnation, the evolution of life on this and other planets, the creation of man, Lamaism and the Fourth Dimension.

Sir Dudley in the past, like many of us, disliked the idea of reincarnation. He now sees, however, after talking with the higher Guides, that it is beyond all doubt a fact to which it is useless to attempt to shut one's eyes; and he discusses the conditions under which it may be presumed to take place.

Particularly fascinating, too, is a revelation of the secrets of alchemy. Sir Dudley's medium when the book was written seemed to be on the point of discovering the Elixir of Life.

### SOME WELL-KNOWN OMENS

The howling of dogs is perhaps the most widely known portent of approaching death and is in fact an almost universally recognised omen.

Considering the strong bond of affection and sense of attachment which often marks the relationship between a man and his dog, coupled with the fact that dogs possess a high degree of psychic awareness, this sensing of approaching death is more easily understood. There are, however, many so-called death omens which have a perfectly natural explanation and are therefore not worthy of mention.

In England great stress is placed upon the phenomenon of pictures falling from walls, which happening becomes all the more mysterious when it is found that the cord is intact and the hanger or nail is in its correct position on the wall. In such cases as this it is futile to attempt to supply a natural explanation as the phenomenon is definitely one of a supernatural nature.

Another omen which, though not necessarily portentous of death, usually indicates the advent of disaster, is tapping on a window pane. Sometimes the tapping is caused by a solitary bird striking the glass with its beak, and when, as is sometimes the case, the bird makes several visits, tapping on each occasion, the event becomes something more than a mere ornithological curiosity. Sometimes tapping on the window is produced by some unseen agency.

Ireland has what is undoubtedly the most famous of all death signs, the Banshee, a female spectre said to possess a ghastly pale countenance surmounted by a halo of flame coloured hair. The Banshee is supposed to attach herself to certain families of rank and before the death of any member of the family, she appears and gives warning by her terrible wailing cry.

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# THE OCCULT CASE BOOK



## Seeing Ahead

*The following happened just before I was fourteen years of age. One night, in bed, I saw clearly, pictured upon the bedroom wall, a bear drawn by two black horses. The room was in darkness, and the "picture" seemed to be illuminated. This having been extinguished, I next received the impression that I was standing at the side door of a house. As I gazed towards this door, a coffin was carried out and placed in a hearse. Six weeks later my sister contracted a chill; pneumonia developed, from which she passed away. Would you say this indicates dormant clairvoyant power?* —E.E., Caterham.

Possibly, though not necessarily. One has more reason to conclude that some friend or relation of yours who had left this earth, but was in sympathy with and wished to help you, impressed your mind as to coming events.

The forewarning of your sister's death, then, was an effort to soften the blow by vivid, pictorial suggestion.

## Yoga Lessons

*Could you kindly tell me who are the publishers of "Fourteen Lessons in Yogi Philosophy"?* —E.M.T., Cheshire.

Messrs. L. N. Fowler & Co., 7, Imperial Arcade, Ludgate Circus, London, E.C.4. Write to Dept. P when ordering this book, which is by that recognised authority, Yogi Ramacharaka.

## Zodiac and the Human Body

*Please explain the statement that planets or signs rule certain parts of the body. Do they rule for good or evil?*

*When numbering the houses, should one start from the Ascendant or the Sun-sign? If one does not know the time of birth, I fail to see how one can decide on the exact position of planets.* —E.W., Bradford.

Each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac has its location in some distinctive part of the human body. Aries corresponds to the head and face; Taurus to the neck; Leo to the heart, Gemini the arms, Cancer the breast; and so forth. Consequently upon planetary influences, good or bad, must depend largely the healthy condition or otherwise of that region the sign dominates.

Commence with the Ascendant when numbering Houses. Any competent Astrologer can, if provided with dates of the most important occurrences in the "native's" past, calculate an unrecorded birth-time.

## Sun-Piscean

*What is meant precisely by a Sun-Piscean, and am I one? I was born on the 26th February, 1909, in Malta.* —J.C., Valletta.

Yes, you are, for this term applies to all persons born when the Sun occupies the sign Pisces, i.e., those born between February 20th and March 21st of any year.

## Work on Reincarnation

*Where can I get a copy of Gervase Bronte's You Have Lived Before and what is the price of the book?* —H.A.S., Birmingham.

From C. Pearson, Ltd., Tower House, Southampton Street, London, W.C.2, or from this office (price 2s. 8d. post free).

## Rudolf Steiner's Theories

*In the May issue of PREDICTION there is a reference to Dr. Rudolf Steiner's theories of soil fertility. Could you inform me how to obtain particulars of these theories?* —G.H., North Devon.

Write to the Anthroposophical Publishing Co., 35, Park Road, London, N.W.1. They should have some literature upon the subject.

## Misleading Spirit Communication

*A doctor with whom I was once very friendly left England for Africa. For twelve years I had heard nothing of him, but after my mother's death I became interested in Spiritualism. Several times in the last five years, at sittings with different mediums, a "spirit" claiming to be this doctor has spoken to me. He said he had passed over in Africa and gave quite convincing evidence of his identity, talking of matters of which only he and I knew. Now I have discovered that this friend is still alive, and living in England. It makes me feel*

By FRANK LIND

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sceptical about all communications of the sort I have had!—M.F.C., Perthshire.

Which is not to be wondered at. Yet your scepticism may not be entirely justified. A mischievous entity might have been masquerading as your friend, it being granted that the spirit folk have power to pry into the depths of other minds far more easily than we in the flesh can, though a sensitive will sometimes do this to an uncanny extent. Furthermore, unless one is very guarded in one's remarks, even movements and facial expressions, quite unintentionally one may prompt a medium to make pronouncements that fit in with one's own expectations.

There is a more feasible explanation. Your friend may have had his thoughts constantly upon you. Perhaps it occurred to him that you might fear he had "passed over," and he was anxious to free you from any such misgiving. But, mediums not being infallible, the message he would have transmitted to you was distorted in reception.

### Purpose of Meditation

*Upon numerous occasions I have been thinking of a certain tune, when my brother will suddenly start whistling it. Can you explain this? Is there any advantage, so far as concerns Occult development, in practising meditation?—J.S., W.C.I.*

The cause is mostly "in the air," since vibrations frequently repeated are the most readily picked up. Hence the long life of a popular tune. No doubt your brother has a good ear, and is "in tune" with you; the phenomenon is similar to that of a tuning-fork's response to the note of another which is suspended on the same thread, both, when one is struck, vibrating in harmony.

In reply to your second question. Yes; meditation is the key to right balance. All true understanding comes from within.

### Soaring Ambition

*"Almost every night from infancy I have dreamt that I was flying. At first this flying was mainly to escape from unpleasant attacks; later on in life it was to be able to get from place to place, and finally it has been for sheer pleasure and, sad to relate, to show off!"*  
The above is an extract from a letter sent me by a gentleman acquaintance of mine. This looks like a case of astral flight in hours of sleep. As the

## DOROTHY RYAN

presents her compliments to readers of PREDICTION and regrets that, owing to heavy pressure of work, she is unable to accept any applications for Personal Horoscopes during the present month.

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## A Good-Luck Letter

★ *I have received a letter with the request that I copy it within twenty-four hours, and post it on to people I wished luck. Started by an American in Flanders the charm has already been round the world ten times. One is warned that to break the chain will bring to oneself ill-fortune. "Copy it out and see what happens in the next few days!" is the advice given. Personally I have ignored it. Although I have had the letter for over a week so far nothing has happened. But my wife is rather frightened that something of a disagreeable nature may occur because I have not carried out instructions. Have I done right—or could such a letter exert any influence for good or evil?—"Taurus," Ipswich.*

Well, I have thought fit to ignore a similar letter on more than one occasion, and I am not aware that I was any the worse for so doing.

By what authority, I should in the first place like to know, did this American start rolling yet another one of these "snow-balls" in Flanders? Anybody can start such a fool's game, who has a little stationery, plenty of time and nothing better to do with either.

The effect of such a "chain letter" is purely a psychological one. Quite naturally the person who puts faith in it will attribute the first bit of good luck following its receipt as due to its instrumentality. If a person believing in the charm neglects to do as instructed it follows, too, that he is then subconsciously on the look-out for some evidence of misfortune. Since no one is entirely free from set-backs in this life, the charm works perfectly to expectations.

*gentleman's grandmother used to have the same "dream," with him the gift appears to be hereditary.—W.J.K., Worthing.*

Not all dreams of flying should be filed under "Astral Projections." Some give expression to a desire to soar in the world. A time was when I, too, frequently had this dream of "showing off" in a dream what I could do in the way of such giddy flights. If I have it no longer, that is not because I've ceased to be ambitious, but that I have too repeatedly, metaphorically speaking, bumped my head against the ceiling.

That the gentleman's grandmother had a similar dream assists us little to a solution, for ambitious flights may be inherited no less than astral ones.

### Hindoo Image Turns Red

*As a bobby I have collected old idols of Hindu gods. It was at eight o'clock in the morning that I recently removed the whole lot from their place, for cleaning and sorting. At about 2 p.m. the same day I discovered that one image, of cast brass, had turned a light red and by evening it was deep crimson. This image has for the last ten days been under close observation. All those who've come to look at it have witnessed the alterations in its colouring. The idol in question is of Sita, wife of Sri Rama.—V.L.S., Madras.*

Baffling indeed! Hallucination, through a species of self-hypnosis is ruled out because of the length of time and number of witnesses involved. Could it be that the brass has deteriorated and by contact with some other substance an alloy been introduced, which under the action of the sun's rays causes this strange freak of colouring? You should get a metallurgist to examine the idol and pronounce his expert opinion. The fact that the brass turns a deeper crimson at sunset makes one wonder if the phenomenon is not one of reflection, rather than the manifestation of some chemical activity in the constituents of the metal.

Sita came into being, it is believed, from the soil; she arose out of a furrow while Janaka, king of Mithild, was ploughing. Thus one might ingeniously read here, in the red hue suffusing Sita's image, a warning against further soaking earth with the blood of the slain. Before indulging in speculations as to the supernatural, however, exhaust the possibility of any material explanation.

### Seeing Without Eyes

*I can always tell the correct time without looking at a watch or clock; also when I go into the hall to collect the post, I know how many letters have arrived and whom they are from.*

*Is this psychometry, and could this faculty of prevision be developed? If so, kindly inform me how. Can you suggest any books I might read on the subject?—F. J., Rayleigh.*

This is a species of psychometry, which is closely allied to clairvoyance. Practise trying to visualise the face of playing-cards before you turn them up. Get some friend to experiment with you, blindfold, holding up articles in front of your eyes for you to describe.

*Practical Psychometry*, by Alex. Verner, contains a course of six lessons. The price is 8d. and it is published by Fowler, 7, Imperial Arcade, Ludgate Circus, E.C.4. (Dept. P.). Another book of the same title, by O. H. Hara, can be had from them for 1/6.

### Handbook on Numerology

*Can you recommend a first-class handbook on Numerology?*

*What is the etymology of "Fadic"? Can't find the word in dictionaries I have.—R.W., Eastbourne.*

*Your Number, Name and Colour*, by M. Kelland, is an excellent work; priced at 8/- post free, was advertised recently in *Prediction*. Publisher as above.

"Fadic" is a coined word, derived from the Latin one *fas*, i.e., "divine law." No, it does not seem yet to have won its way into the dictionaries; is not even in Murray's Oxford, an encyclopaedic one.

### Divine Healing

*One night I went to bed anxious to know what the future held for me in the way of "Divine Healing." I had a dream that I walked along a road, in the company of three other people, until we came to a church which we entered. I knelt down in front of the altar, clasping in my hands a cross I had taken from it. As I did this, I felt conscious of a lofty spiritual "being" overpowering mine and taking possession of my body. Thereupon I begged that I might be capable of healing the people with me.—F.G., Tideswell.*

Obviously a "desire-fulfilment" dream. Your yearning to heal the sick, unsatisfied in waking hours, was gratified while you slept. The spiritual force which you inwardly implored, mentally if not actually "upon your knees," poured into your body as you uplifted the altar-cross. You may regard such a dream as guarantee that help will be extended to you by some healing-guide, or guides, from the other side.

### Pianist Seeks "Control"

*Being a musician (a pianist) of some ability, I wish to improve my powers of performance. By what means could I get into touch with a musician of the other world who might help me?—L.G., Blackpool.*

Try what a medium can do on your behalf. But you must prove yourself worthy of a willing spirit; all you can do is request, not enforce, aid from one in this respect. Remember that there are many music-teachers on earth in need of pupils; those of their calling who had perhaps a hard struggle for existence while here would not, surely, be lightly persuaded to deprive the living of a job.

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# HEADLINES TO MAY

*A Running Commentary on the News . . . By the Editor*

**I** HAVE tabulated forecasts made in a group of large-circulation newspapers concerning probable developments in Europe and I have found that they were considerably less than 50 per cent. accurate," Arthur S. Wade, former City Editor of the *Evening Standard* told the City Centre of the Bank Officers' Guild when he lectured on "What Do the Papers Say?"

THE ABOVE report appeared in *World's Press News* dated May 4th. Was it merely a coincidence that, in the same issue, that journal should devote a paragraph to the amazing accuracy of PREDICTION's political forecasts?

WALTER DE LA MARE, who is now perhaps the greatest poet writing in the English tongue, published a remarkable book on his researches into the meanings of dreams. The book also describes his experience of astral projection and other psychic phenomena.

THE HEALERS ASSOCIATION—formed for the protection of spiritual, magnetic and psychic healers, etc.—held a meeting in London which was addressed by Dr. S. J. Peters, M.P.

THE DESTRUCTION and downfall of Hitler and Mussolini was predicted by Mrs. Kathleen Barkel, a well-known medium, at a Spiritualist meeting at the Queen's Hall.

AURORA TASSELL, a nineteen-year-old girl who was killed in an air crash, was (according to the *Daily Express*) told by a fortune-teller a fortnight previously that unless she gave up flying she would die in a crash.

SIR CHARLES MARSTON, the famous archaeologist, who has spent a fortune trying to prove the historical accuracy of the Bible, declared that there seemed to be a curse on efforts to find evidence about the scriptures. He was referring to the misfortune which befell the Lachish expedition in Palestine.

IN HIS broadcast talk from Verdun, the Duke of Windsor declared: "As I talk to you from this historic place I am deeply conscious of the great company of the dead."

FOR the first time "The Return of Peter Grimm" was presented on an English stage. The theatre was The Kings, Hammersmith, and the play, which deals with survival after death, had previously run for over two years in New York.

A PARLIAMENTARY BILL to legalise mediumship is being sponsored by Mr. Harry Price. Mr. Price said he hoped to get the Bill introduced into Parliament this autumn.

A CONFERENCE of Spiritualists, with public demonstrations by an American medium, Mrs. Gertrude Handy Irving, was recently organised in Stockholm, by Dr. Carleson. For the time being, however, the police have forbidden it to be held.

UPTON SINCLAIR has written a book giving an account of remarkable psychic healing.

DENK LEICHT (Germany) describes fresh observations and proofs by medical men as to the strange phenomenon of stigmata displayed by Teresa Neumann.



PREDICTION plays a prominent part in the successful new play "Third Party Risk" now running at the St. Martin's Theatre. The play is a comedy thriller built around an intensely interesting astrological theme. The picture shows a scene from the drama.

## OVERSEAS NEWS-REEL

**W**HILE a board-meeting was being held by the Warsaw Conservatory of Music in the study of the late Professor Henri Melcer, one of the professors present saw the ghost of his late colleague, records the *Harbinger of Light*.

OF THE true Astrology we know very little, contends a Swedish astrologer, Karl Ernest Krafft. The reason for this is that, being an integral part of the cult of Light and treating of the celestial principles and the one real God, it was based upon oral tradition, and was strictly esoteric.

A DIVINING PENDULUM has gained for the holder of one tenth of a ticket in the National Lottery of France the sum of 5,000 francs. The number of the ticket, 1,250,974, was settled upon by the swing of the pendulum.

FROM CALIFORNIA comes an account of miraculous healing by prayer. A patient with a leg badly hurt through a fall was told by the doctor to stay in bed for two weeks. Unable to remain away from work the injured party removed the doctor's bandages while praying for divine help. There followed swiftly a complete cure.

BETWEEN INCARNATIONS the length of time is decreasing, according to the *Rosicrucian Magazine* (U.S.A.); so it results that a greater number of egos are reborn at one time than was formerly the case.

PROFESSOR P. VENKATO RAO, writing upon "Palmistry and Its Antiquity," in the *Astrological Magazine* (Bangalore, India), says that originally the Hindus studied the lines and marks on all parts of the human body. This practice they called the study of Samudrika. It was not until afterwards that they made a more specialised analysis of the lines on the Palm—which was termed Hast Samudrika.

PEACE SOCIETIES are Utopian, protests a Bombay journal, the *Theosophical Movement*, "because no amount of argument based upon esoteric considerations of social morals or expediency can turn the hearts of the rulers of nations away from selfish war and schemes of conquest."

L'ASTROSOPHIE, discussing the horoscope of Pope Pius XII, remarks that its outstanding characteristic is the singular power of the native to follow one line of action unshaken by external influences. But the chart for the "moment of election" confirms the natal and progressed ones in its indications of menaces from secret enemies.

THE POPE: The pontificate of Pius XII will be a troubled one, prophesies *L'Astrosophie*, and its duration will not be as long as that of his predecessor.

THIS MONTHLY gives, in its April issue, some interesting international predictions for the not far-distant future. Germany's hatred of England is bound rapidly to increase. The health of the Fuehrer will decline. Friction is foreshadowed between Goering and Goebbels. The prestige of Mussolini will diminish. Troops will be sent from Italy to quell risings in Abyssinia.

RUMELIUS casts Neville Chamberlain's horoscope, in *L'Avenir du Monde*, and concludes that he will be able to solve the conflicting elements which separate the two adverse camps in European politics.

MAHATMA GANDHI, during one of the two great annual fasts in India, which last from three to five weeks, has had a revelation, says *Neues Europa*, as to the moment of his death. "My life nears its end," he is said to have announced, and to have prognosticated the day and even the precise hour of his departure from this earth. His family, however, desire to keep such knowledge secret.

THIRTEEN is not necessarily an unlucky number, maintains *Le Monde de Demain*. It brought good fortune to Edmond Rostand, whose name was composed of 13 letters; he made his debut with the publication of a play, the title of which contains the same number. Moliere had no fear with regard to this supposedly unlucky 13, for it was upon January 13th, 1668, that *Amphitryon* saw the light. Undeniably 13 exerts a favourable influence for some people. Leo XIII, for instance, was one of the 13 popes who celebrated their episcopal jubilee.

"RODOPHE," another writer in *Le Monde de Demain*, sees in the chart of Herr Hitler an assurance that before long his health will fail, and with it his despotic power.

# The Question Everybody is Asking

WHAT a world! There was 1914 and Mons and all that. Then there was 1938 and Munich and all this. After the bloodiest war in known history, it staged a "peace"—a peace on terms so foolish and impossible that the result is a state of affairs that defies description.

Anyhow, here we are. Out of every pound you or I earn by the sweat of our brows, out of every Franc, Reichsmark, Lira, Peseta, Peso and Yen earned by our fellow-humans in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Mexico and Japan, an irritatingly large percentage is devoted to paying for preparation and equipment for the mass-butcherie we call "war."

Meanwhile, all over the earth loud-speakers bellow, State-subsidised newspapers print, every kind of agent and orator broadcasts, intensified hate propaganda.

Yes, what a world! We must not lean back comfortably, we Britons, and speak of the "world" as though it were another plane of existence outside the British Empire. We must needs carry our share of the common responsibility. If the horrid pictures of civilization destroying itself, so often painted by our Jeremiahs, are never to materialize, it is up to us to study the cause and cure of present world evils. Otherwise, we perish.

You may study the problem from two angles—the orthodox or the unorthodox. If a strictly orthodox line of reasoning appeals to you, put down this article and turn to your scientific tomes and standard works of reference. If, however, you would like to approach the world problem—which, mark you, is your problem and mine, for no detachment is possible these days—from a different angle, let us invoke any help that Astrology may give.

Let us not forget that ever since the dawn of time, rulers of the world have done so. On the book-shelf before me is the text of reports made by the Astrologers of Babylon to their King—not so far from the time when Nebuchadnezzar saw the fiery writing on his palace walls. Three wise men followed a star and changed the religious history of the western world. A soothsayer, you will remember, exchanged words with great Caesar before he came to his doom. Nostradamus left a virtual time-table of coming European events behind him—a schedule which is now in process of fulfilment. Nicholas Kratzer, John Dee, William Lilly and a host of others have successfully contributed to the world's foreknowledge to an extent never

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equalled by any other school of thought. What light, then, can the stars shed on our present troubles?

Let us make a preliminary survey of the main probabilities which face the peoples of the earth at the present time. Then let us turn to the present and near future positions of five major planets which must surely play a dominant part in world history.

Here are the probabilities which are offered to the world at present: how far they may be realized depends upon the vice or virtue, the courage or cowardice, of mankind:

(1) The peoples of the earth will degenerate into a state analogous to that of bees. The growth of classification, organization and specialization will put an end to individualism. Each human being will become a blind, unreasoning cog in the world machine. This process has already set-in in the Dictator States: it is slowly spreading to the so-called democratic Nations.

(2) Such a development, which is probably in direct conflict with the ultimate purpose of life, would have to be brought to an end. Yet (if mankind is foolish) it might and probably would last throughout the "Aquarian Age," i.e., from a date within the next two or three centuries to a terminal date between two or three thousand years hence (see notes below on the "Aquarian Age").

(3) If, on the other hand, mankind, making use of the freedom of choice given by the gods, makes the necessary effort to develop reasonable individualism as in opposition to mass-regimentation, the present situation and the near-future progress of mankind may be saved.

(4) Owing to the positions of Saturn and Uranus and other important astrological factors, the population of these islands and the populations of Europe and the United States will tend to concentrate into two very widely separated classes. On the continent of Europe this division of mankind will group the people into a tiny minority of rulers on the one hand and the vast mass of ruled on the other. The rulers (Dictators and the official class immediately associated with the Dictators) will acquire power and prestige akin to the "Divine Kings" of the Ancient World. The workers—the dumb regimented masses—will relapse into the worker-bee state already mentioned.

In Britain a parallel process will take place. The ruling and monied classes will become more and more aloof, select and powerful; the ruled or working classes more and more standardized and official-ridden. Such a state of affairs cannot last very long—1943 or 1944 will mark its break-up.

As regards world history in the immediate future, i.e., during the next three or four years, two things will become apparent to all men:

(a) That the totalitarian States will develop along lines entirely different to those originally visualized by their founders—just as the character of the Soviet system has changed.

(b) It will be realized that organized religion in the West has failed utterly, and an effort will have to be made to find a spiritual crusade to replace it.

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*July 1939 is in the centre of a "Key Period" in contemporary world history. It sees the final occultation of Uranus by the Moon, ending a long series of similar occultations which have been upsetting the sanity and peace of the western world. "What's Next" is a peculiarly appropriate theme for such a period.*



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The five great factors which shape world history are represented by the planets Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars. There is a sixth factor—the planet Pluto—but his potentialities and radiations are as yet unascertained. There may be other factors—other as yet undiscovered planets.

Let us make a brief survey of each of the above. Each radiates a characteristic influence which is concerned with particular phases of human thought and activity—individual and collective :

### Neptune

Neptune radiates a world-influence which in its constructive effects makes for spiritual revolution, tolerance, fellowship and a Utopian state of affairs. Its destructive manifestations are very terrible. The rays of Neptune affect masses of people simultaneously. We have a typical Neptunian phenomenon in the wave of war fear, war mania and generalized panic which is now sweeping over the earth.

At present Neptune is in Virgo, passing finally into Libra in the late summer of 1943. It is probable that before Neptune leaves Virgo (which sign is especially concerned with food production and public health) there will, for one reason or another, be a state of complete chaos and possibly scarcity in the world's food supplies. Furthermore, his position has a prophetic significance in regard to epidemic disease, which will in the next four years sweep over the continent of Europe.

When Neptune passes into Libra there are good grounds for hope that, as Neptune has astrologically to do with the common people in the mass, the cruel oppression which will steadily develop up to 1943 will be relieved. The ideal communal state will never be realized at this stage, for if human society were perfect "The Oversoul" would cease to use this globe as a school-room !

Incidentally, Neptune is concerned with herd-exploitation. Bolshevism on the one hand and Fascism on the other (both forms of State capitalism, both being the same in their effect on the masses and differing only in name) are alike activities of the Neptunian ray impinging upon human society.

### Uranus

Uranus is the "key" planet of the present phase of human mass-life. It is owing to the recent frequent occultations of Uranus by the Moon and other related portentous phenomena which cannot here be detailed, that the recent series of terrifying crises in Europe have arisen. The first of this series of occultations was in the middle of July 1938 : it linked up with an important Eclipse affecting the same Zodiacal area in May 1938 : thence onwards these occultations, with their accompanying configurations, were frequently repeated. The last of the series will occur in July 1939.

Now Uranus is the planet which (figuratively speaking) smashes and stamps flat any existing work of God, Man or Devil which has grown effete, obsolete and unserviceable. It will in the end surely smash much that is evil in the social and economic system which just managed to survive the Great War of 1914-18. It will smash that economic system—or, at least, knock away and replace the defective parts of its structure—before it leaves Taurus in 1942. Be sure

that between now and then—or very soon after 1942—the Money Kings who corner and control the world's supplies of necessities and the War Lords who corner and control human lives, will be taught a memorable lesson. Reason : Taurus, the second sign of the Zodiac through which Uranus is moving has specifically to do with money, finance, property. With Virgo (see note on Neptune above) Taurus is concerned with the world's food, clothing and housing.

In 1942 Uranus will pass into Gemini : the Sign of the Zodiac which is concerned with social freedom, interchange, intercommunication, transport, education in a general sense and the United States of America in a particular sense. The masses will benefit, the U.S.A. will benefit also and probably become, with Russia, the dominant power of the world—certainly the dominant air power.

As Taurus astrologically links up with cultivated land and building sites, no doubt a pretty severe blow will be dealt at property values and landlordism—one of the curses of our present age.

### Saturn

Saturn—that much abused planet—stands for the great Cosmic forces which have to do (in the psychological world) with ethics, justice, continuity and tradition : with discipline, scarcity, fear and death among mankind.

At present the stern task-master of mankind is in the end of Aries—a position which has called for frequent comments in this column in view of the link-up between Aries and the British Empire. It is just about to pass into Taurus : it touches Taurus in August and September 1939 but goes back into Aries then until March 1940. Between April 1940 and May 1942 it will be passing through Taurus.

Its radiations during the next three years or so will therefore be associated with those of Uranus on account of their common sign position. Here is yet another factor which presignifies food scarcity (or waste ?) and increasing oppression of the masses by their masters.

Without being melodramatic, it may be said that in a sense this position of Saturn, considered with certain other factors, certainly does denote "the end of an age." In 1942 Saturn will pass into Gemini : in 1944 into Cancer. Its passage through Gemini will probably be coincident with scientific and mechanical developments which effectively shackle the present apparently unlimited destructive powers of air-craft.

### Jupiter

After glancing at the positions and probable activities of Saturn, Uranus and Neptune it is comforting to turn our attention to Jupiter—the star of prosperity.

Up to the first part of May 1939 Jupiter was in Pisces. On the 11th of that month he entered Aries which, as already stated, is a Sign which has to do with the British Empire. Jupiter does not stay long in one sign : it will be in Aries approximately a year, moving into Taurus at the end of May 1940. Nevertheless, its passage through Aries makes one more optimistic regarding Empire affairs.

In practical astrology Jupiter has to do with prosperity and plenty in the world at large : its radiations tend to support or restore law and order. It is curious that its ingress into Aries roughly coincided with the departure of His Majesty King George VI to America. Disquieting as are the significations to be deduced from the positions

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# The CAUTIOUS CANCER TYPE

WHEN the fourth sign of the Zodiac (Cancer, "The Crab") is mentioned, many people have an uneasy feeling that, somehow or other, the disease and the sign have some connection each with the other. Nothing of the kind. Statistics show that Sun-Cancer people are no more liable to the disease than any other type.

Another popular error is the impression that Sun-Cancer people are "hard shelled"—like a crab. Again, nothing of the kind. The Sun-Cancer temperament is cautious, careful, discreet, reserved, not at all "hard boiled." They are intensely sympathetic people.

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This year the Sun enters Cancer about breakfast time (G.M.T.) on June 22nd and remains there until it enters Leo in the late afternoon of July 23rd. It repeats this performance at approximately the same dates every year. Hence, if you made your first bow (or ought we to say "musical sound"?) to this admiring world within the period above, you may count yourself as one of the great "Sun-Cancer" tribe. In Great Britain they are a numerous tribe—considerably more than one-twelfth of the total population.

Or maybe you were born at some other time of the year, but at your birth Cancer was passing over the Eastern horizon, or a group of planets was in Cancer. In that case, you too will have a good many Cancer characteristics and to some extent pass through the type of experience scheduled for the Sun-Cancer type.

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Some people, alas! are so transparent or so dull that one gets bored or angry with the effort to understand them. Not so with Cancer people—there is always something interesting about the typical Cancer individual. Mark you, these people are by no means easy to read. They never "open out" to a stranger at first meeting. It is when you have known them a week, a month, a year or a decade that you begin to realise what good stuff they really are at the bottom.

They are conservative folk (I am not using the word in the political sense). Even in these flighty days they believe in the family. Master or Miss Cancer regard father or mother with genuine affection and respect, a characteristic which they keep right through life. Thus it comes about that the man who marries a Miss Cancer

surely has to resign himself to mother-in-law.

Love of home is strong; pride in ancestry marked. Don't get irritated, therefore, if your Sun-Cancer friend appears unduly to emphasise the distinguished record of his forebears. Pedigrees mean a lot to him and, after all, there is no harm in pedigrees.

Psychologically speaking, the Cancer type react in an extraordinary degree to the influence of other personalities, to changes of environment, to moods, climatic conditions, and the "feel" of the places they happen to be in. Even changes of the Moon affect them. If you don't believe me, observe the speech and action of a typical specimen at New or Full Moon.

Furthermore, things seem to happen in their lives at changes of the Moon—more than with other people.

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In business matters the Sun-Cancer type is discreet, methodical, reserved, somewhat stubborn, and unyielding. They are very trustworthy people. I was greatly amused to read in a recently published Astrological treatise that the Cancer type just cannot keep a secret. This is a fair specimen of the sort of nonsense that gets into modern Astrological literature.

These people are good sailors. Oddly enough, their inclination to seafaring does not seem to render them immune from sea-sickness (Cancer has to do with the stomach). They often earn their living among fluids, i.e., as hotel keepers, dyers, pharmacists, in the brewery and distilling trades, making or selling cosmetics, in the fishing or shipping industries. In many cases there is a natural flair for handling real estate, for agriculture and for all that concerns the land and its produce.

Thrift is strongly marked; saving is a characteristic of the Cancer temperament. Furthermore, just as they like to save money and store goods so they love to save life. Hence, many good doctors, nurses, midwives and workers in the Public Health Services have Cancer prominent in their horoscopes.

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During the period of infancy and childhood the Cancer type seem to register frequent changes of personality. Especially is this the case at the beginning and end of adolescence. Hence, parents whose children have Cancer dominant in their horoscopes should never be surprised if little Mary or young John grow up into very different individuals!

The typical Cancer face is round, broad and pale. The eyes have usually an extremely sagacious glint, being rather moist but not large, the nose has no particular characteristics, the mouth fairly wide, the chin round, ears small and set close to the head; the neck is fleshy and towards middle life often shows creases or folds in the skin. The chest is exceptionally deep and broad. The shoulders



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# THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

**J**ULY starts with a Full Moon; the New Moon occurs about nine o'clock (G.M.T.) on Sunday the 16th. At that moment Jupiter is in the Ascendant at London, Neptune, Mercury and Pluto near the Western horizon. Mars is in the twelfth House.

This is not a "martial" New Moon, however, and gives ground for hopes that the state of crisis so unmistakably indicated by other Astrological factors will successfully be resolved without war. Moreover, Jupiter is by now well established in Aries, one of the ruling signs of the British Empire, and close to the Moon's position at the time of the Vernal Equinox in March last.

One turns from a study of the New Moon chart feeling tense but not pessimistic.

Mercury starts his July journey in the 2nd degree of Leo, turns retrograde on the 28th July and in the 25th degree of Leo and in the last three days of the month slips back into the 24th degree once more.

The position of Mercury in the latter half of the month has a definite interest for readers who were born near the 18th August. For them, more travel, correspondence, argument and intellectual activity than usual.

Venus on the 1st of the month is in the 21st degree of Gemini, which sign she leaves on the 9th. Passing through Cancer from that date, she leaves the 28th degree of this sign by the end of the month.

The July position of Venus should somewhat benefit those whose birthdays fall between the middle of June and the late middle of July. As much depends upon the particular date of birth, however, and as Venus is moving so quickly, her effect will be comparatively fleeting.

Mars, just below, is in a position of special interest to both Astrologers and Astronomers. To the naked eye Mars now appears unusually bright in the evening sky: he is to be seen towards midnight above the Southern horizon. At present he is very near to the Earth, but one should not deduce from this that his war-provoking effect on the Earth's population is necessarily increased.

On July 1st Mars is in the 5th degree of Aquarius. He moves retrograde all the month, passing back into Capricorn on the 22nd. On the 31st he will be found in the 28th degree of Capricorn.

People born near the period between January 18th and 25th necessarily have their horoscopic Suns affected by the July position of Mars and, in consequence, will have a pretty strenuous time. Those with birthdates exactly six months away from the foregoing period will also feel its effect, but not get the same benefit from his constructive and energising properties.

Jupiter moves slowly from the 8th to the 9th degree of Aries during July, turning retrograde on the 30th. Hence, March 29th and 30th subjects should receive at least some benefits from Jupiter's bountiful store.

Just at present Jupiter and Mars are close together in the night sky: both showing up brilliantly among the surrounding stars.

Saturn changes his sign in July, passing into Taurus on the 6th: before that he was in the last degree of Aries. By the end of the month he is just entering the 2nd degree of Taurus. Such a position may tend to slow down the affairs of readers who are born on the 22nd April or thereabouts; everybody born then, or on and about October 25th, will come to grips with the realities of life.

Uranus is in the 21st and 22nd degree of Taurus—a "surprise packet" for owners of birthdates centering upon May 12th and 13th. Uranus sometimes upsets our apple-carts but he always brings something interesting!

Neptune moves from the end of the 21st degree to the middle of the 22nd degree of Virgo. Here is a position which especially will interest students of mysticism who are born in mid-September, though this same position may involve others born about the middle of March in a spot of complication.

Problematical Pluto is (for him) moving quite rapidly from the middle of the 1st degree into the commencement of the 2nd degree of Leo by the end of the month.

Those who are interested in the Moon's Node and its possible reaction upon their personal horoscopes should note its position during July:—

July 1st: 6th degree of Scorpio.  
July 31st: 4th degree of Scorpio.

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# Birthday Forecasts

## For Those With Birthdays in July

**July 1st.** Too much talked about, too little done. Too much spent, too little earned. These are drawbacks in the coming year. Work within bounds of practicability. Exercise caution in the face of new friendships.

**July 2nd.** *What a year! All sorts of unexpected things turn up, and how you revel in them. Romance—and to spare. Be original in business, discreet in the home. A journey maybe.*

**July 3rd.** Too much impulse on the one hand, too much caution on the other, will bring a heap of discord. Be bold, but not foolhardy. The sportsman reaps his reward, but the labourer finds the going hard.

**July 4th.** *Something to sing about in the coming twelve months. Better prospects, more money to spend—and incidentally more friends to help you spend it! Happy times in the personal circle, less worry in business.*

**July 5th.** Don't depart from the well-worn path if you want a nice progressive year. You'll be up against things with a vengeance if you experiment. Conventional love affairs flourish.

**July 6th.** So long as you are practical you will be all right in the coming year, but let your dreams get the better of you and then things go awry. Combine intuition with practical purpose and the year couldn't be bettered.

**July 7th.** Don't bite off more than you can chew; in other words, don't try to "show off." On the whole a favourable year, with plenty of responsibility, little doubt you can make good use of it. Advancement in most directions. Don't listen to gossip.

**July 8th.** A strenuous time ahead, but the more you put into the year the more you will get out of it. Your own health good, but the health of others bothers you a bit. Money made, but trouble over love affairs.

**July 9th.** If you want to make money now is the time to do it. Don't be overruled by superiors; if you're not satisfied, make a change. Just a word of warning, too much self-esteem might wreck your plans.

**July 10th.** Some disappointments, some pleasant surprises, on the whole the year marches ahead in a slow, but sure fashion. Landworkers and builders get the best time. Experiment only in the sphere best known to you. Love affairs frowned on by elders.

**July 11th.** Rows and quarrels intermixed with plenty of good times. The female of the species has a better time than the male. Impulsive actions ruin many a promising scheme. Keep a still tongue in your head.

**July 12th.** You might just as well go "all out" for anything you can get this year, for to be set in your ideas is to have everything upset. Experiment and push forward. Don't worry if the money side of things seems inadequate, the experience will be worth it.

**July 13th.** *Cast off old shackles, be adventurous and your reward will be worth having. Health and vitality excellent. Your native caution will warn you when to stop taking risks—so take a few.*

**July 14th.** A hopeful outlook to commence the year, but unless your attitude is strengthened by a purpose not lowered by a "don't care" attitude, the year will be a flop. It all depends on you!

**July 15th.** A lot of money spent in the coming year, but you get your money's worth if you concentrate on the personal side of things. Stick to routine and enjoy yourself; you will then get the best out of the next twelve months.

**July 16th.** You will be kept on the move in the next twelve months. Experiments in business, plenty of scope for advancement. Money might not come up to expectations, but life is good.

**July 17th.** Rows and quarrels abound, trying times with elders. Take care whilst driving. Money matters very satisfactory. Stick to business. Avoid dealings in land and property. Love affairs hectic and unsatisfactory.

**July 18th.** Officials have a rough time, and if you are a layman beware of getting into difficulties with them. Look askance at anything new, but don't avoid careful changes. An excellent year if you travel or if your work is connected with printing.

**July 19th.** The older you are the more you will appreciate the coming year. If you are young, you will kick against the existing order of things, and the kick will hurt you. Love affairs rather slow, but satisfactory.

**July 20th.** Buck up and get ahead of the other person. If you go slow complications will creep in. Nice year if you are an inventor or radio expert. The stars of love shine brightly—but so do the stars of scandal!

**July 21st.** You will be unwise to take chances or risk any money for the sake of experiment. A little money to be made, but you will have to work for it. Happier times ahead generally.

**July 22nd.** The less you say, the less there will be to be sorry for in the next twelve months. Love affairs lag, better stick to business. Put your trust in old friends, let new ones look after themselves.

**July 23rd.** A year when you ought to sit tight and let the world go by—but you won't. You'll want to take a hand in everything, result: quarrels and estrangements, little progress. Take a journey if you can.

**July 24th.** You can't avoid upsetting someone in the coming year, so do what to you seems best. I must say Cupid does his job thoroughly, but elders are particularly trying. Don't dabble in real estate or land.

**July 25th.** A mixture of a year lies ahead. Surprises will be the predominating factor

however. Love affairs hectic but hardly permanent. If you stick to your job prospects are good.

**July 26th.** *A golden anniversary. Make money whilst the stars shine, for the stars of good fortune shine brightly. Important people eager to help—let them. Love is rather in the background, but it's there.*

**July 27th.** You're almost certain to do the right thing in the wrong way and at the wrong time. The less you do the better you get on. Plenty of rumours and gossip. Money lent to wrong people.

**July 28th.** Don't mind being an old "stick in the mud" this year, you will have the laugh of the young go aheads. There is not much money to be made, but a comfortable time will be experienced. The older you are the happier the year.

**July 29th.** *No dull moments in the year to come. You will hit the high spots and get profit as well as amusement if you have the courage to back your convictions. Love affairs riotous.*

**July 30th.** Too much bounce, little enough diffidence, will be the drawback in the coming year. A better year for men than for women. Money spent without thought. Impulsive action later regretted.

**July 31st.** The health of someone may worry you, but money matters are satisfactory. Don't take too much for granted in business. If head of concern, study your staff, if in employment, study your boss.

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## CAPRICORN

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all subjects of Capricorn (DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 20 birthdays).

SUN-CAPRICORNIANS will have been having a busy time lately, owing to the passage of Mars through their Sun-sign last April and May. These effects of Mars are now likely to be revived again, especially in the case of those born towards the end of the Sun-Capricorn period, for Mars starts back into Capricorn on the 22nd of the month. Hence, busy days and eventful evenings—particularly for those with sporting interests.

Periods centering upon the 5th, 15th, 19th and 28th of the month are potentially fortunate: near the 10th and the 23rd are times likely to be eventful and even a little critical: the first of these periods is passably good, the second has a definite retarding influence on the realisation of hopes and plans.

Married Capricornians will be gratified to hear that their marriage partners are for the time being under fortunate stars. The spouse's financial and business affairs flourish: there is a general air of prosperity and progress under the family roof.

Speculation and gambling is not advisable during July. In fact, those Sun-Capricornians whose horoscopes incline them to take risks in this way are liable to a bad set-back during the first week of the month.

A good month for friends and friendships, for concentration on business.



## AQUARIUS

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all Aquarians (JANUARY 21—FEBRUARY 19 birthdays).

MARS is still moving slowly retrograde at the beginning of Aquarius during the first three weeks of the month (see above). This position will affect those born

early in the Aquarian period: it makes for more energy, push and go but gives a liability to impulsive decisions and ill-considered actions.

It looks as though a person closely associated with the subject would go on a journey, make changes or be much involved in connection with the affairs of young people. There will be a spot of bother about financial interests held jointly with another person.

Influences which operate in the domestic sphere do not appear to be particularly fortunate. There is a feeling of tension or suspense though there may be no very adequate reason for it.

Single Sun-Aquarians may go ahead confidently with their friendships and courtships and if they are meditating marriage so much the better. Incidentally, admirers will be plentiful!

The best dates during the month appear to be near the 3rd, 7th, 16th, 20th and 29th of July. Near the 25th of the month is a time for caution and deliberation. The real red letter period, however, centres around the 12th; then or soon after things happen.

## PISCES

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by the subjects of Pisces (FEBRUARY 20—MARCH 21 birthdays).



LIFE usually looks good to the Sun-Piscean—except in their passing moods of pessimism—and this month it will look very good. Jupiter is in their natural second House (Aries) which helps on the financial side. The position of Venus is better still; it tends to bring personal happiness, success in friendship and love, sufficient recreation and amusement, and a certain amount of sheer luck in connection with racing or other forms of gambling.

Curiously enough, once or twice during the month there will be a sudden spasm of alarm or unrest concerning an intimate matter which cannot be shared with others. The third week of the month appears strongly marked in this respect.

Arrange your important occasions, your big deals, and generally the things that matter upon the 4th, the week-end of the 9th, 13th, 17th, 26th or 31st. Don't take any financial risks near the 21st. The position of Mercury should do you a bit of good, too, in the middle of the first week.

Don't be surprised if you get an unexpected visit or pay one in the early middle of the month.

# Holds For YOU!

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In many cases July will prove an outstanding period for the Sun-Piscean. It seems to mark the beginning of a new phase of intellectual or spiritual history.

There are no special indications as regards marriage or the marriage partner. Anything important in this respect will probably be delayed until August.

### ARIES

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by the subjects of Aries (MARCH 22 — APRIL 20 birthdays).



It is always an easy task to write about the probable fortunes of those who were born with the Sun in a sign through which (at the moment) Jupiter is passing. No need to wish Sun-Arians good luck just now, for they will in most cases experience it anyhow!

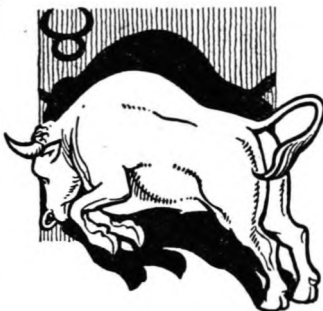
But in the latter part of the month there might be a little anxiety concerning finance. Money held up, a deal side-tracked, an old associate or elderly person stands in your light.

Mark the 4th, 8th, 13th, 25th and the week-end of the 30th as dates likely to be pleasant, progressive and financially propitious. On the other hand, be on your guard near the 17th; there will be opposition or competition to deal with.

Sun-Arians are not as a rule specialists in the art of love, but those who do happen to be in the throes of that happy complaint will now have a busy time, for their beloveds will take the stage and call for a good deal of attention. Incidentally, a thoroughly good month for Sun-Arian holidays either by the sea or otherwise.

### TAURUS

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all Taurus subjects (APRIL 21 — MAY 21 birthdays).



THE stars are heavy with meaning for Sun-Taureans just now. Saturn enters their ruling sign in the middle of the first week of the month. To be sure, his

effects will not be at once apparent, for Saturn is a slow-acting planet. But a few weeks or a few months hence you will look back and feel that the beginning of July marked an important milestone in your road of life.

Surprising things are on the tapis in connection with (1) Your personal affairs; (2) Your friendships; (3) Any interests you may have recently taken up or any friendships lately formed.

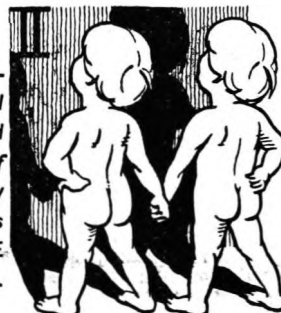
A good month for travel, a better month still for attending to family and domestic affairs. On the business side of things, however, stick to routine and especially make an effort to avoid misunderstandings with those about you.

Better not take any financial risks by way of investment or otherwise. On the other hand, your own income will tend to increase rather than decrease though you will have to work hard for any extra you may make.

In love affairs steer clear of suspicion and be careful not to lend your ear to scandal.

### GEMINI

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by Geminians (MAY 22—JUNE 21 birthdays).



MAKE what progress you can before the 8th of the month, for this month the prizes will fall to the sprinter rather than the stayer. For all that you should find yourself well placed financially from the 9th to the end of the month though the tendency will be for you to waste time—either through lack of concentration or through many people and things interfering with your work.

Keep in touch with your friends, ask their advice and help in anything you have on hand: your stars of friendship are strong just now. Relatives also—particularly brothers and sisters—would be helpful, though they in their turn will be extremely busy and gadding about all over the place.

Married Sun-Geminians, unfortunately, are to be warned of storms blowing up among in-laws.

There is little in the way of stellar influences to either help or hinder love affairs. Those whose birthdates fall in the last ten days of the period will be more fortunate in this respect than the rest. An estrangement is not improbable between two members of the family and the subject may be called upon to arbitrate in the dispute.

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## JULY PREDICTIONS

## CANCER

★The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all subjects of Cancer (JUNE 22 — JULY 23 birthdays).



THE Sun-Cancer type have the knack of just "sitting about" while the rest of the world revolves around them. This month they will find this peculiarity a pleasant pursuit: all is likely to go well in their immediate environment. Venus, bland harbinger of happiness and comfort is passing through their Sun-sign during the last three weeks.

But though life will be pleasant it will be found exceedingly busy if there are any active business or professional interests. Even mere householders will give more thought than usual to financial matters and worldly affairs. A young person seems to play a prominent part in such events.

Though Fate does not seem to be storing up any personal difficulties, friends will have such difficulties and call for advice and help. One old friend in particular occupies your attention.

Husband or wife (if you are married) will recently have been having a strenuous time, but towards the end of this month smoother conditions will obtain. Furthermore, there is good news regarding a member of the marriage partner's family.

Personal popularity and prestige will be high this month: it is the commencement of a period which promises considerably to improve the worldly position of the Sun-Cancer subject and due co-operation should be extended to the beneficent stellar influences in force.

With the single, the sweetheart or lover seems to be on the verge of making a rather important change which may affect the attachment.

## LEO

★The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all subjects of Leo (JULY 24 — AUGUST 23 birthdays).



LIFE will be full of interest for the Sun-Leo subject during the present month. July is not as a rule a very congenial time for the type, but this one will be better than most.

Travel is probable even in the case of confirmed stay-at-homes.

The recent entry of Pluto into Leo opens up some interesting and perhaps strange possibilities for Leo folk who celebrated their birthdays at the very beginning of the Leo period (last week of July). There seems to be a threatened set-back in a professional or business matter which is now being handled. Through the hesitation or incompetence of a person who plays a vital part in it, exasperating delays will occur—to be followed by an equally disconcerting rush of surprising events.

There is little to upset the happiness of sweethearts and lovers. In any case, it would take a lot to upset a Sun-Leo when he or she gets on the war-path of affection.

The marriage partner (or business partner if there is one) will be passing through a difficult time—may have health worries or more probably be involved in differences of opinion with someone outside the family.

## VIRGO

★The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all Virgo subjects —AUGUST 24 SEPTEMBER 23 birthdays).



THIS month Sun-Virgos will go to ground, as it were. That is to say, they will clothe themselves in a veil of reserve, not be quite so obvious as usual in their accustomed haunts. Reason: well, they will feel like keeping themselves to themselves and that's all there is to say about it. Perhaps the fact that they won't be feeling particularly hearty physically has something to do with it. Nothing serious, mark you—merely a tendency to listlessness and minor digestive troubles!

Friends will do their best to make life cheerful: frequent callers, a sufficiency of pleasant social occasions. In the business sphere fortunate currents prevail: this applies particularly to Sun-Virgos who happen to be in trades or professions which cater for (1) Women; (2) Public entertainment; (3) Art.

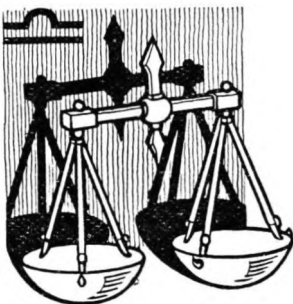
At the very beginning of the month expect a little excitement in connection with love affairs (if single) or offspring (if married). Towards the end of the first week the marriage partner is very obvious and in the middle of the month much discussion arises concerning urgent family matters.

The period which will find the Sun-Virgo subject in "fighting form" seems to be found near the 19th or 20th of the month.

# FOR ALL READERS

## LIBRA

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by Librans (SEPTEMBER 24—OCTOBER 23 birthdays).



TRADITION hath it that it is lucky to be born with the Sun in Libra and tradition, as usual, is a sound guide—at least in respect to the fortunes of Sun-Librans in July, 1939.

Their love affairs—in the case of the young and unmarried of the tribe—may prove a little too strenuous. The beloved will be difficult to restrain, having the firmest ideas in the matter of marriage date and so forth. Where marriage already has taken place this same desire for dominance and self-expression will be manifest in the offspring. No matter, all will be well in the domestic circle for beneficent influences overshadow the marriage partner.

These beneficent influences, however, mainly refer to the financial side of things. Roughly about the present month there is the possibility that a bereavement will occur on the outer fringes of the family. Relations with in-laws, on the other hand, are under good influences.

Important developments seem probable on the business side of things. Similarly, if the subject is a professional person, reputation, prestige and income will all feel the benefit of the helpful rays of Venus and the Sun.

Friends and friendships will be extremely active. Much coming and going among acquaintances: endless talk of travel and holidays and changes. A sister, brother or relative may marry, launch a new undertaking, make some radical change in the existing state of affairs.

Health influences are excellent. In short, it is a good month from most points of view, but, as usual, Sun-Libran destiny will depend enormously on relationships with other people. For this reason it is desirable and necessary closely to follow the fortunes and the indications of those who are in the same sphere.

## SCORPIO

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by Scorpio subjects (OCTOBER 24—NOVEMBER 22 birthdays).



SUN-SCORPIO people do love a spot of mystery: this month will gratify their weakness. It is more than probable that a

friend—or friends—will be entangled in some peculiar mix-up which will need the aid of a Scorpio brain and hand. Personally, Sun-Scorpios should have a fairly good time—except at home. There, somewhat turbulent conditions will reign.

Yes, there may be opposition to cope with on the home front, but on the business front good progress will be made. Sun-Scorpio subjects who are in business for themselves go ahead rapidly: trade increases, profits soar. But what money is made will come from a multitude of small deals rather than from single big ones. Employed Sun-Scorpios will have to cope with a little rivalry from co-workers, otherwise conditions seem favourable.

The position of Saturn will tend to slow down life and affairs somewhat. This tendency will probably be all the more noticeable in connection with the marriage partner's affairs.

For one reason or another, family and domestic arrangements which have been fixed up in the recent past will now fall through or be hung up indefinitely.

Single Sun-Scorpios make ardent but reserved lovers at any time: this month their ardency will be more noticeable than their reserve! By the way, it is not a good month for marriage but quite favourable for engagement—provided that the subject is not in a hurry to go to the altar.

## SAGITTARIUS

★ The influences which will be experienced in the month of July by all Sagittarians (NOVEMBER 23—DECEMBER 22 birthdays).

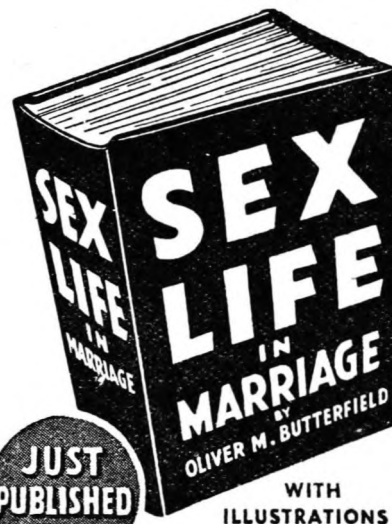


HEALTH is perhaps the most important consideration with Sun-Sagittarians this month. Particular care should be taken to be fit and keep fit and (in the case of family folk) to keep a sharp eye on the health of the family. This same tendency will even creep into business which may be hindered on account of the absence through illness of employees, superiors or colleagues.

No such worries will burden the marriage partner, who is under propitious influences all the month, both personal and financial. And talking of marriage, brings up this point: in-laws will lightly be tripping (or ponderously crashing) across the family door-step all the month.

Sun-Sagittarian motorists should exert particular care when at the wheel: this is not a very safe month for road travel or indeed for travel of any kind.

Inability to choose between two fair charmers or two brave cavaliers is a weakness of the unmarried Sagittarian—a weakness which is bound to crop up just now. Nevertheless, the stars will look kindly on lovers and sweethearts.



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# JULY LOG BOOK

**N**EARLY a decade ago a study of Astrological portents convinced me that—for reasons I could not then foresee—mankind was about to enter on what could best be described as a “burrowing” era.

In the 19th century an American inventor, Holland, made the first practicable submarine. Since then men have gone *beneath* the face of the waters. Early in the 20th century man took to the air: he travels at tremendous speeds high up above the face of the earth. It is written in the stars that as the century develops he will burrow beneath the earth as he has never burrowed before.

Like so many major developments of civilisation, this thing will be the indirect result of that which might destroy civilisation, i.e., war machines—airial machines that shatter and make uninhabitable and unusable the fair face of the earth. Man will have no alternative, in time of peril, than to go underground. As this is a machine age he will quickly develop mechanical means of so doing. Burrowing machines with elaborate transportation mechanism in their train are sure to be constructed, first in crude form, later as mammoth chains of machinery which clear away excavated material as they gnaw their way through the soil.

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Our children will live to see yet another phase of the eternal race between offence and defence. The sword was invented: it was countered by the shield; later by armour. Crude muzzle-loading cannon rendered temporary defences useless. As it was perfected into the breech-loading weapon which fired shells of immense destructive power, ordinary walls and wooden ships' hulls became useless. For the time being offence had won.

Then came the underground ferro-concrete fort and the armour plate—defence made up lost ground. The pendulum swung again, the dreadful power of Mars became active in the brains of inventors and the aeroplane was let loose as a destructive weapon—born of Mars and Uranus. Offence is again leading in the race—men fear the death that hovers above them.

Grim Saturn, Lord of the soil, star of the miner and the builder, is about to step in and equalise the contest once more. Under his radiations, men will be inspired on the lines indicated above.

Believe it or not, within two or three decades of these words appearing in print the soil of Britain will be honeycombed by habitable and comparatively secure places of refuge. Defence will attain a brief hour of success—and for an additional reason:

Just as subterranean activities will defeat the work of the bombing-plane, so electromagnetic devices will invade the air, making difficult the propulsion and navigation of air-craft. At present, offence, in the shape of the aeroplane, holds the cards. By and by it will be otherwise.

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In the Astrological section of PREDICTION we have discussed the affairs and the probable fate of many of the races of the earth. Nevertheless, as various readers have recently pointed out, China has seldom been mentioned.

Traditionally China is “ruled” by Libra. Here is one of those broad generalisations which is true only up to a point. Our unimaginative Western system of education leaves us sadly ignorant about the ultra-European world—most of us are blankly unaware of the unimaginable vastness of the so-called celestial land.

Furthermore, unless we possess a telescopic eye, we are just as blankly unaware of the possibilities of China and its peoples, of the part it is destined to play in the future history of the world.

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Yes, China is very much a Libra region. Like every other race, the Chinese vary in individual character for the people of China are a composite of many races. The origin of some of these races is lost in antiquity. Taking them on the whole, they have the Libra characteristics, i.e., a love of peace at any price, a dislike and something of a contempt for war and war-makers, a strong family instinct, an unquenchable love of beauty.

Division between the classes exists, but according to our Western standards is scarcely noticeable. Deep down there is a streak of cold cruelty, of undefeatable endurance. Could one have any better portrait of the characteristics of the average Libra individual?—such is the mass-character of the Chinese.

Work out key-horoscopes for the outstanding events in the transition period through which China has been passing from early Victorian times to the recent Japanese penetration. You will find these indications:

- (1) That China will endure as a nation after most of the nations as we know them have disappeared from history.

- (2) That the Japanese onslaught upon China, tempting and profitable as it may be for a time, will in the end be an utter failure.
- (3) Within the next few decades the Chinese Colossus now in the throes of chaos and suffering will arouse itself mightily. Then will come a time when Russia and the United States will have to look to their laurels, for they will face the genius of a race infinitely older and wiser than they.

We little insects that strut so proudly along the ragged path we call “Western civilisation” forget that to the Chinese race we are the veriest amateurs and parvenus of life. Only the other day one of the newspapers mentioned an incident which illustrates my meaning.

A Westerner, entertained by a Chinese host, remarked patronisingly that though his host had adopted Western furnishings and utensils in his household, he still kept to chop-sticks on the dining table. His Asiatic friend smiled a Chinese smile and said blandly “Well, we gave up knives and forks for chop-sticks two thousand years ago.”

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Those interested in that newest development of psycho-analysis which has to do with racial psycho-analysis soon arrive at an interesting conclusion. Investigation of the race memory of the Chinese and many of their architectural ideas and much of their folk lore demonstrates that at one period of Chinese history the race must have had an extensive experience of the power of high explosive! An interesting point, this, considered in conjunction with certain paragraphs in “What’s Next?” (see other pages).

## The Cancer Type

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are strong and heavy but it is seldom that one sees the “military” type of shoulder among Sun-Cancers. The gait is a particular sailor-like roll—noticeable in even the most modern and smart “Miss Cancer.”

Even in these days of “slimming” the Cancer type woman is usually a little “tubby”; the menfolk are frankly so. The hair tends to be fine and not too plentiful; bodily hair especially is sparse. The skin is white, smooth and cool, the average body temperature slightly sub-normal, respiration slow but deep, pulse slow also.

Such psychological characteristics as recklessness, dash, enterprise, smartness, pertness and so forth are seldom manifested. At his or her best the Sun-Cancer individual is staid, quiet, well behaved. In short, whatever failings the Sun-Cancers have are beneath an outer personality that appears thoroughly respectable and solid.

In friendships and love affairs these people are at their very best. They make faithful, sympathetic and tolerant friends. To be sure, they have their moods but they are an essentially kindly and loyal race.

They are slow to show resentment, but feel deeply. Therefore, it is never wise to think you can “get away” with a slight or insult even though it may be unintended. The protective instinct is tremendously developed. Hence Cancer women are marvellous mothers. For some unknown reason, the marriage ratio seems highest near the 21st, 28th and 42nd year.

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of Neptune, Uranus and Saturn, the passage of Jupiter through Aries will help to support the British Empire in its hour—or rather year—of supreme trial.

By June 1940 Jupiter will have taken up its position in Taurus which it leaves at the end of May 1941. Herein is prospective benefit to Ireland and Palestine—there is some hope that after the excessively difficult period these two countries will pass through in the near future, peace and order may be restored to them. Then, at the end of May 1941, Jupiter enters Gemini to leave there late in June 1942. The U.S.A. will be so much the better for this Geminian position of Jupiter; Holland (and, incidentally, Scotland) will feel the power of his beneficent rays while he remains in Cancer. Unfortunately the more dominant planetary influences at the present time are all antagonistic to the sustaining rays of Jupiter.

Mars is a comparatively quick-moving planet: its revolution round the Sun does not take so very much longer than the annual revolution of the Earth. Consequently, it rapidly flits from Sign to Sign. Nevertheless, it serves to stir up turmoil and strife in various parts of the Earth as it passes from Sign to Sign according to the Nations governed by those Signs.

The position of Mars has a very special interest to astrologers at the present time. In June and July 1939 it is almost stationary in the first few degrees of Aquarius: here again is a disruptive radiation which will help to intensify the great and almost final crisis in world affairs which is scheduled for a date approximately about July this year.

Glance over the horoscopes of those who are in the seats of power during the present time and you will find the planets Mars and Neptune are dominant in most of them, Uranus in many other cases.

For many good astrological reasons, too numerous to set forth here, the power of Mars over the Nations of the Earth will increase rather than decrease in the near future. Especially does this probability concern Britons. In the mobilization of vast fighting personnel the country is creating a Frankenstein that will surely demand power of expression in the councils of the Nation. Something analogous happened in Cromwell's time under analogous planetary configurations. Here is an aspect of re-armament and conscription which is not realized by the general public.

To sum up: let the reader of this brief article be of good courage. Surely enough we are living through one of the high-spots of history. We may compare this planet to a class-room and its populations to the scholars. All that is happening at the present time is

that the scholars have got a little out of hand: the school work is being held up by bickering between the pupils. The real danger is that the Teacher ("The Oversoul") may step in and bring the unruly scholars to book by his own methods.

If each one of us lives up to the best that is in our Stars, the menace that hangs over the world will be successfully dealt with. Studying the face of the heavens at this period of history, it is apparent that we need individuals and individualism. That hackneyed old catch—"The team spirit"—should be forgotten. The "team spirit" has become so strong that those skilled in the exploitation of their fellows have converted whole Nations into teams of blind slaves. What we want and need are men sensitive to the radiations of Uranus, Jupiter and the Sun—independent thinkers and workers. What we need and want are women who are very women—sensitive to the emanations of Venus and the Moon.

Furthermore, unless by the use of the intelligence our Stars have given us we put a stop to the growth of officialdom (arising from the negative influences of Jupiter and Neptune), the segregation of one Nation from another by closed frontiers and immobilized trade (a by-product of the destructive rays of Saturn and Mars), the free human fellowship, the sane world for which we crave may never be realized either for us or our children.

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DAY	MAIN ASPECTS	GENERAL INTERPRETATION ( <i>This applies to all readers irrespective of birth-dates</i> )
Sat. 1st	☾☽☾, ☽☾ ☾☽☾ Full moon	Just as well it's a half holiday—not much doing in business to-day. Adverse except for travel.
Sun. 2nd	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☾☾ Waning Moon	A Sabbath which should bring mental refreshment and spiritual inspiration. Develop new ideas, make new plans.
Mon. 3rd	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾	Bad start for the week: better take it easy. Drive carefully if a motorist, don't travel anyhow. Favours constructive manual work.
Tues. 4th	☾☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾	Excellent both for work and play. Attend to the financial side of things but don't neglect the social. Propitious for new beginnings.
Wed. 5th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Keep up yesterday's good work, push business but mix it with pleasure. Sundry surprises; one delay.
Thur. 6th	☾☽☾	Curious day, foggy and muddled atmosphere prevails. Avoid handling things or people that matter.
Fri. 7th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Get busy again; contact influential people, attend to official matters and finance. Steer clear of complications, however.
Sat. 8th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Don't "slack"—it's a good working day. Better steer clear of feminine interests, be practical, business-like. Gambler's luck plentiful.
Sun. 9th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ Last Quarter of the Moon	A full-dress Sabbath of the old kind. Do the right things in the right way and mix with the right people.
Mon. 10th	☾☽☾, ☽☾	Another drab Monday. Better stick to routine. Be careful to shoulder no obligations and enter into no contracts.
Tues. 11th	☾☽☾, ☽☾	Mildly favourable, especially for the fair sex. Accident risks high. Avoid impulsive action.
Wed. 12th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ (Occultation of Uranus)	An eventful day for many: surprising things happen in the world in the next three days. To-day favours travel, official dealings, snap deals, original ideas and methods.
Thur. 13th	☾☽☾, ☽☾	Downright methods will bring quickest results. Take reasonable risks, gamble if you wish, but act decisively and quickly.
Fri. 14th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Muddled influences prevail, though if you keep a cool clear head all will be well. Write, argue, travel.
Sat. 15th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Pleasant end to the week: if business looks like interfering with pleasure, cut out the business. Enjoy yourself!
Sun. 16th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ New Moon	A slightly tense but hopeful Sunday. The world and its people are still at tension: you may be affected.
Mon. 17th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ Waxing Moon	Adverse for everything except the purely financial side of life. Think, talk and plan money: avoid quarrels, don't travel.
Tues. 18th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Travel, write, discuss, push business. Very favourable day for the young, not so good for the elderly. Some surprises.
Wed. 19th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾	Work hard and think hard—good results will follow. Clear off arrears of work or debt. Concentrate on routine.
Thur. 20th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Fate will be in playful mood to-day, you may benefit accordingly. Experiment with life and people. Go after the money.
Fri. 21st	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Splendid for the world's workers and adventurous people: not so good for the financiers. Propitious for strenuous and exciting tasks.
Sat. 22nd	☾☽☾, ☽☾	Poor sort of Saturday: better work quietly and make no ambitious plans. Don't entertain.
Sun. 23rd	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ First Quarter of the Moon	A dull Sabbath which needs brightening—avoid solitude, see places and people. Keep moving.
Mon. 24th	☾☽☾, ☽☾	Best Monday in the month. Start things, negotiate, attend to personal affairs of intimate character. Don't listen to pessimists.
Tues. 25th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾	In many cases a day which brings unexpected developments—perhaps travel or surprising news. A good working day especially for the professional type.
Wed. 26th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾	A propitious day for conventional business and business people. Drive bargains, sell, fix up future arrangements, make changes.
Thur. 27th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ Stat.	A day for quick work and quick thinking; lucky for young people and all that concerns them, for travel, signing documents, trading generally.
Fri. 28th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Excellent for production side of business and those concerned with it, but not good for finance. Security and stability will characterize that which is set in motion to-day.
Sat. 29th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾ Stat.	A most hopeful Saturday. The current of life takes a favourable turn, suddenly. Propitious for everything official, for working out advanced ideas.
Sun. 30th	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾	Another unfavourable and slightly threatening Sabbath. Beware of accidents and fires. On no account allow family misunderstandings to develop.
Mon. 31st	☾☽☾, ☽☾, ☽☾ ☽☽☾	An eventful day in many cases but not a particularly favourable one except for minor business and financial affairs. Think before you act.

# Readers' Dreams Interpreted

## Ethics to the Fore

THE DREAM: I dreamed that I had a child. I talked it over with my sister, who was very upset about it. So I decided the only thing to be done would be to make away with the infant. On this I woke up. From Miss M.P., Lancs.

THE MEANING: Notwithstanding the surprising form it takes, the dream is absolutely harmless, and gives moreover an excellent instance of progressive infiltration of waking reasoning into the dream picture, as sleep departs. First is the simple instinct of maternity common to all healthy young women. Then, as sleep lightens the ethical aspect intervenes, leading to a greater and greater sense of difficulty, until finally sleep is totally driven away. Such dreams have no sinister meaning whatever in regard to the course of future events.

## Contrast

THE DREAM: I was in a small, barely furnished room, with a bowl of batter in my hand. Presently I went out into the street and met some blind children who took me to another small room from which I could see the walls of an enormous picture palace. I decided to walk to the picture palace and found that in order to do so I had to climb over a number of heaps of rubbish. After all, it seemed better to return to the small room again. From Miss M.J., Liverpool.

THE MEANING: The underlying thought is concerned with the emptiness of human ambition. Its fulfilment (says the dream) entails too much of disillusion. This is represented by the dream picture of climbing over rubbish heaps to approach the picture palace. The bowl of batter and the blind children also fit in neatly. (Blindness of youth and smashing of hopes). The dream shows that the dreamer is suffering from the effects of recent ill-health, or from some set-back or disappointment.

## Dream or Awake?

THE DREAM: I suddenly saw standing by my bed a lady dressed in early Victorian style. She seemed to be bending over me. I was rather frightened. The following night I saw her again, and also at intervals during the next few months. At other times I saw children who seemed to be dancing on my bed. I was awake, but am not quite sure if I saw them at the point of waking. Could you enlighten me, as I am a little disturbed? From Mrs. H., Bow.

THE MEANING: Evidently the dreamer suspects these appearances of being the products of the twilight period between waking and sleep, and doubtless she is right. It is quite possible for one of the senses (in her case that of sight) to remain asleep after the others have fully awakened. Children dancing about on the bed may well have been a wish-fulfilment fantasy. There is nothing in the experience that need be regarded as disturbing. Should the phantom lady be encountered while our correspondent is up and moving about the house it might actually be a harmless earthbound spirit.

## By COLIN BENNETT

In response to numerous requests, the Editor has arranged with Colin Bennett to prepare personal delineations of PREDICTION readers' dreams at a nominal cost.

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## Train Won't Start

THE DREAM: I have often dreamed of arriving at a railway station and being unable to pass the barrier to enter my train, though no one was there to stop me. Sometimes I do reach the train and it won't start. Yet another variant is to find myself alighting from a train in the middle of a maze of railway lines which cross and re-cross. From Miss L.M., Oldham.

THE MEANING: These are typical obstacle dreams. They form the negative of the more usual wish-fulfilment dream. Their function is to supply excuse and justification for some sense of shortcoming which has been subconsciously preying on the dreamer's mind, as though to say "No one could be expected to make headway against such insuperable obstacles." Hidden beneath all is an infantile inferiority complex, which the dreamer herself evidently suspects. Understanding of the situation will cause these distressing dreams to cease.

## Pet Lions

THE DREAM: I have persistent dreams of lions, though in my waking moments I never think of them. Last week I dreamed I was watching a man perform with one, and had the terrifying experience of having to climb out of the lion's way, or it would have bitten me. On this occasion I woke up in a dreadful state. Generally, however, I dream the

lions are my pets, and in one recent dream I possessed a lioness to which I had fitted a collar. I am married, have no children and no real worries. From Mrs. L.C., Birmingham.

THE MEANING: All pets draw more or less upon the parental instinct of those who keep them. In the present instance the dreamer's as yet unclaimed parental affection evidently finds vent in a form of sleep fantasy natural enough if we bear in mind that 'lion' not only stands for a wild animal but also to denote a human being of unusual brilliance and outstanding personality. Who would not wish to have children who grew up to be lions in this sense? The dream of the lion trying to attack the dreamer may be compared with the final sentence in her letter, wherein she says "I have no children and no real worries." Like many another modern woman, she evidently recognises that a child may, on occasion be rather a troublesome blessing. It may even 'bite the hand that fed it.'

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## Points from Letters

### Inspired Writing

In the February number of PREDICTION, Lord Elton discusses the ability of the mind to do something, when one is about to drop off to sleep, which would be wholly beyond one's capacities in normal waking life.

This I have clearly experienced in my late 'teens. Repeatedly I have written profound philosophical articles and leading articles for newspapers, expressed in excellent English, and yet all this was quite beyond my normal powers.

North Auckland. R. M. GORDON-JONES.

### Invisible Choir

I was very interested in the article by Mr. W. Addison.

One morning at 2 a.m. last October I was thrilled to hear a choir of beautiful voices singing, as though in Church, three lines of "Abide With Me" commencing "Shine through the gloom and point us to the skies."

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I have no wireless—nor had I been to a religious service for years; also I had not been to sleep at all.

I was feeling very distressed at the loss of a valued friend some months before, and I can only feel that comfort was indicated; as it was in times of stress that the choir was heard by Mr. Addison at sea, and by myself here in London.

Lancaster Gate. M.M.

### These "Coincidences"

The article on "Coincidences" by Michael Harrison, brings to my mind similar experiences which have happened to me. In my case, however, I have never known of a recurrence to take place within a few hours. It has usually been a year, or perhaps longer, in which case I have ascribed it to planetary influences.

I thoroughly concur with the writer's view that the familiar phenomenon of coincidences is a law. Are we not all governed by these cosmic laws, which are continually operating in our daily lives, ceaselessly working day and night, and from which we cannot escape?

The article has been most helpful, and has left me with a most confident feeling that the writer's theory is correct.

Johannesburg. W. A. RHODES.

### The Sum of Knowledge

Here is an old Arabian proverb that will, I am sure, appeal to many readers of PREDICTION:

"He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool: avoid him.

He who knows not and knows that he knows not should be beaten: beat him.

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# RAJA YOGA

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the left nostril to capacity and then, without pausing, sends the air out through the right nostril, closing the left one as he does so. Once again he inhales through the right nostril and ejects through the left.

Practise this exercise three to five times, four times a day—upon rising, during mid-day, in the evening and before retiring for the night. The Yogis of India and Thibet practise Pranayama at dawn, mid-day, evening and at midnight. I suggest the former times for students of the West, knowing that Eastern discipline is perhaps a little too much to ask of them.

The next two steps for the student to master are called Pratyahara and Dharana. What do they mean? In the literal sense Pratyahara means gathering towards oneself, or more explicitly controlling the functions and behaviour of the mind, similar to a person who throws off suffering by denying it, or by mentally suggesting that he is not suffering. Fixing the mind on the lotus of the heart, or on the centre of the head—that is what is called Dharana. You reach Dharana by meditation.

## The Last Steps

The last two steps or paths the student must reach in fulfilling the principles of Raja Yoga are Dhyana and Samadhi. If you can fix the mind on one centre for twelve seconds that is called a Dharana; twelve such Dharanas will be a Dhyana, and twelve Dhyanas, will be a Samadhi. To practise Dhyana, sit straight, and look at the tip of your nose. Later on you will come to know how that concentrates the mind, how by controlling the two optic nerves one advances towards the control of the arc of reaction and so on to the control of the will.

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