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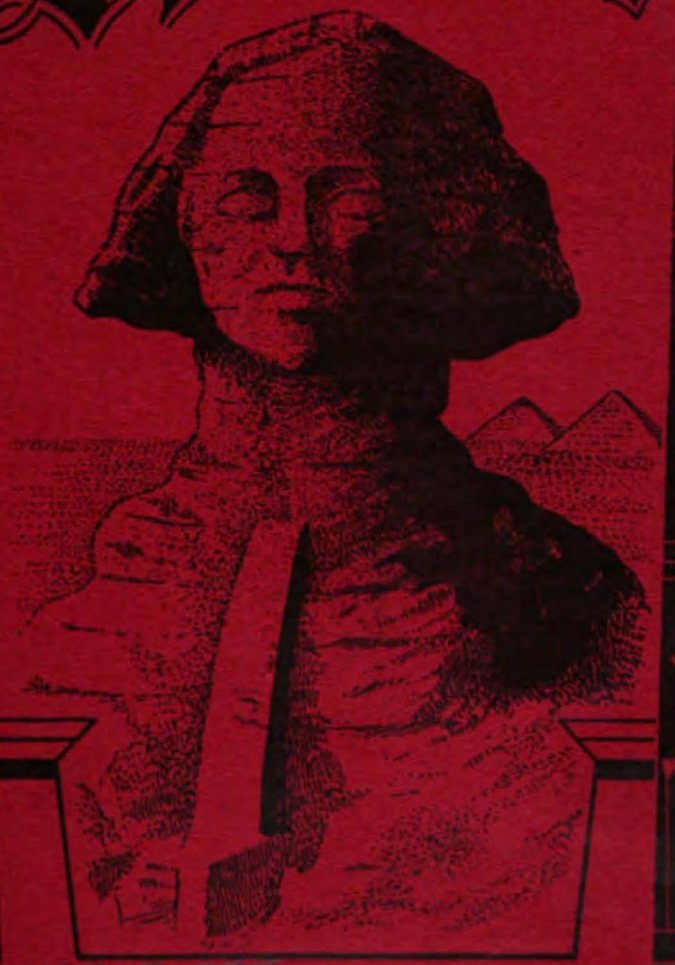

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In Memoriam.

A GREAT man passed away in New York City, on September 22, at 4.15 A.M. — a man, the like of whom we shall not see again. I speak of the late Dr. Luke D. Broughton, the father of American astrologers and the foremost champion of astrology in America.

No primrose path through life was his.

Born in Leeds, England, on April 20, 1828, at 10 A.M., of a family which believed devoutly in planetary influence, he began to study astrology at an early age, and he continued to study it until his death. He came to this country while still young, and ever since he has been practising as a physician and an astrologer. A firm believer in his chosen art, he labored unceasingly to convince others of its truth. On the platform, through books and in personal intercourse he proclaimed aloud the great value of astrology.

No light task was this. The American public, represented by their newspapers and their legislators, knew less about astrology some years ago than they know now, and the consequence was that Doctor Broughton's good work was at first greatly hampered. He was calumniated in public; he was deafened when he strove to speak from a platform; he was treated, in fact, as though he were a criminal. In the history of persecution in America there is no more shameful chapter than this.

If Doctor Broughton had been a weak man, he would have abandoned the fight, but fortunately he was endowed with a bulldog tenacity, which enabled him to maintain a bold front against all his opponents. Never once did he dream of crying

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"*Peccavi*"; never once did he refuse to enter the arena as long as there was an assailant in it. And the end was that he was allowed to practice astrology in peace, and that through him a splendid victory was thus won for all those who believe in liberty of thought and action. As a star-reader Doctor Broughton is entitled to very high rank. He had excellent judgment and he knew the works of the old masters thoroughly. His predictions on mundane as on private affairs were sane, logical and in accordance with the rules of his art. Doubtless he made mistakes, but who does not? The mere fact that he had among his friends and clients some of the best-known men and women of the day, proves that his blunders must have been few and his brilliant predictions many.

His personal character was to me very charming. Only a few weeks ago the kindly, lovable old man called on me at my New York office, and when I asked him about his health, he said that an evil influence, which he greatly dreaded, would soon begin to operate on him. We chatted pleasantly for half-an-hour and well do I remember his last words. They related to the next national election. What he said I shall not repeat, but the prediction which he made would prove mighty unpleasant reading for a certain illustrious personage, who is at present sedulously nursing a presidential bee in his bonnet.

Doctor Broughton's method of working out astrological problems was very clear and concise, and his estimate of the value of astrology as a factor in modern life was very high. Some of the younger school may differ from him on a few points of art, but there is not one among them who would venture, nay, there is not one who desires to wrest a laurel from the brow of him who was reading the future while many of them were still in their cradles. Aye, and not only reading the future, but also fighting for the right to read it. This, after all, is his crowning merit, and with the utmost fitness might he have said in the words of the poet Heine, to those who sorrowed by his bedside during his last hour: "Lay not on my coffin a wreath, but place thereon a sword, for I was a brave soldier in the war for the liberation of humanity." GABRIEL.

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Sphinx Religion.

[*James Bonwick, F. R. G. S. "Egyptian Belief and Modern Thought." London, 1878.*]

THE rows of sphinxes leading the worshiper up to the temple were well calculated to impress him with awe, and prepare him for the solemnities of worship. This union of two creatures, man and lion, has been an enigma for ages; to this day, a sphinx means a puzzle. Plutarch affirmed that in his belief the Egyptians did not know the meaning of it, unless to contain the secrets of wisdom under enigmatical forms. Clemens Alexandrinus, the Christian father who lived amid these symbols, tells us that their intention was "to declare that the doctrine concerning God is enigmatical." But to expect reliable information from Greeks is in vain, and to trust to their explanation of the religious customs of others is equally vain.

For a while one old story of the Greeks was received, that the sphinx or *sesheps* was designed to typify the attractiveness of vice in the smiling female face, and, in the presentation of lion's claws, fierce vengeance following its pursuit. But the facts were too much for the theory. The Great Sphinx by the Pyramid, long esteemed for its feminine character, was at last detected to be masculine. When the sand which had encumbered it was removed, portions of the fallen beard from the stony monster were recovered.

But fuller particulars of the Sphinx are given in the author's "Pyramid Facts and Fancies." As sphinxes are usually in pairs, one naturally asks where the fellow of this is? The Egyptian for sphinx is *neb*, Lord. Only one female sphinx is known, supposed to represent the female Horus.

The religious bearing of the Great Sphinx cannot be gathered from explorers finding a miniature temple between its paws, and sundry tablets, referable to gods, about it below. All these were of comparatively modern date, only some three thousand years ago. But the Sphinx itself is of far greater

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antiquity. That others should consecrate it by the erection of the little temple between its paws is no necessary argument for its sacred character, though the presumption is that King Amenotoph acknowledged it as hedged in by some divinity. Colonel Pearce finds the sphinx of Egypt on the Pagoda of Juggernaut. The avatar of Vishnu, Nara-sing, is a reversed sphinx: as the body is that of a man, and the head is of a lion. Those who have identified it with sun worship say it typifies sunrise, when the orb bursts forth with the vigor and strength of a lion. The sphinx was certainly at Persepolis, the especial locality of Sabœism. Two lions, disinterred from the foot of the Great Sphinx, by Caviglia in 1818, are now in the British Museum. A colossal Osiris was found in the neighborhood; it was composed of twenty-eight pieces, the number of the years of the god.

[*To be continued.*]

NOTHING TRIVIAL. "These attempts belong to history and otherwise trivial in that relation they become philosophically so impressive. Generations through an infinite series are contemplated by us as silently awaiting the turning of a sentinel round a corner, or the casual echo of a footstep. Dynasties have trepidated on the chances of a sudden cry from an infant carried in a basket; and the safety of empires has been suspended like the descent of an avalanche, upon the moment earlier, or the moment later of a cough or a sneeze. And high above all ascends solemnly the philosophic truth that the least things and the greatest are bound together as elements equally essential of the mysterious universe."

DEQUINCEY.

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The New Era.

When Swedenborg predicted the coming of the great religious revival under the symbol of the White Horse, he seems to have been an astrologer, and something more. The rising of the constellation of Sagittarius in the world's horoscope was held to signify as much by the Kabalists. But religion has many guises, and under its worst, the world has been filled with war, massacre, persecution and intolerance. The Spanish Inquisition was due to the religious zeal of Torquemada; the conquest and desecration of India by the Mahommedans was effected in the name of religion; the atrocities recently enacted in Armenia were all due to religious prejudices; the French Revolution was brought about in the name of religion. Turn where you will, there is the Mother of the Nations trailing her red robe through the blood of her million victims — a monstrous vampire, beautiful, seductive, her face aflame with zeal, her eyes bright with the glory of her conquests, but her heart as bloodless and cold as a block of marble.

The dispassionate student of astrology will have marked, not without feelings of apprehension, the gradual congestion that is taking place in the heavens, and the observant student of human nature will have seen like effects taking place in the world beneath.

In March, 1864, the Moon being at the full, the positions of the planetary bodies was somewhat remarkable. Counting from sunrise, the planets fell in the inverse order of their orbital distances from the center of the system. First Neptune in Aries, then Uranus in Gemini, Saturn in Libra, Jupiter in Scorpio, Mars in Aquarius, Venus in the beginning of Pisces, and lastly, Mercury in the same sign.

Thirty-five years later, after the planets have gradually come closer together, till in the month of December, 1899, on the 2d of the month, there are no less than seven of the celestial

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bodies in the sign Sagittarius, the Sun, Moon, Uranus, Saturn, Mars, Venus, and Mercury.

Jupiter is in Scorpio at that time, and Neptune in Gemini, the latter opposed to all the planets in Sagittarius.

What does it mean? This can only be answered by reference to the position of the chief bodies at the moment of the ecliptic conjunction of the Sun and Moon, which happens at 0.48 A.M., G.M.T., on the 3d of December. It is an Eclipse of the Sun; its effects last for four and a half years.

It is followed by a conjunction of Mars and Saturn in the last decanate of Gemini, in conjunction with Neptune. It is preceded by a conjunction of Sun with Uranus, and of Mercury with Saturn, Venus and Mars.

It is of importance to note that the Eclipse of June 8th last, which fell in the ruling sign of the United States, and near the ascendant of London, is now due to deliver its effects, so far as England is concerned, and the malefic planets will fall in opposition to that Eclipse during the end of the month of November. Bear this in mind, and observe that the decanate, in which the Eclipse fell, is ruled by Mars, and that Mars and Mercury are conjoined in opposition to that Eclipse at the end of November. All this is of the greatest importance.

Now this great congeries of planets will fall on certain points of the horoscope, according to the latitude and longitude of the place involved. Thereafter, the planets will separate and begin to distribute the effects of their late conjunction, dealing to each nation as is determined by the condition of the heavens at the Epoch referred to. That we are on the eve of a new and eventful era is certain, and that the White Horse will play an important part therein is also certain.

What does it mean? Not the same to all the nations of the Earth, assuredly, or there would remain nothing in our science of horoscopy, which requires that each nation is affected according to the positions of the planets in the several houses and signs at the time of the conjunction. Here we find them practically in the same sign, and therefore we must have chief regard to their positions in the houses. In general, the con-

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junction of the planets in the sign Sagittarius indicates great religious reforms, war in *Gemini* and *Sagittarius*, the death of princes and nobles, the imprisonment or exile of a king, destruction of property, desecration of churches, temples and sacred things; revolts and insurrections, great fires and feverish plagues, mutations and changes in the political and religious worlds, a new birth to the nations, a great congress of many nobles and clergy, the apotheosis of science.

The particular effects must be judged from the positions of the planets in their several stations during the passage of the Eclipse. Let us trace the Eclipse round the World.

It is central at noon in longitude 162° East, 87° 24′ South. Practically on the South Pole! And there is an expedition out there! This falls on Victoria Land, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Fiji, Solomon Isles, Kamskatka and Eastern Siberia. At these places the luminaries will be practically on the Mid-heaven at the time of eclipse. To the east of this Eclipse the conjoined planets will be seen to fall immediately over the meridian of New Zealand, so that some retribution will be meted out to that railway-snatching and piratical Government. A change of ministry is certain to follow shortly. The Eclipse falls in the second decanate of Sagittarius and denotes change and death to eminent men in that country.

In the Western States of America the Eclipse will fall in the 7th House, and consequently the possessions of the States recently acquired will soon give a lot of trouble, while the enemies of the country will assume a formidable and aggressive attitude.

In the Eastern States of America and on the West Coast of South America the Eclipse will fall in the 6th House, and there we may expect great dissatisfaction among workers, strikes and other evils to be manifested together with much devastation of the people by febrile disease.

In the East of South America the Eclipse falls in the 5th House and will produce some reforms in connection with the younger generation. Educational matters will come to the front in their new legislation and the development of new territory will be begun.

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In Iceland, and on the West Coast of Africa the Eclipse will fall in the 4th House, and territorial difficulties will arise and physical evils, great tide waves, etc., will do damage. Portugal also will suffer as coming within this influence, and also the West of Ireland, in which parts there will be destruction of crops and property.

In England, on the Continent, and in Central Africa, the Eclipse falls in the 3d House, the malefic planets being near the cusp of the 4th and Neptune in the meridian. In these parts there will be racial struggles, terrible storms, railway disasters, unfriendly relations with neighboring powers, severe earthquake shocks.

In East Africa, Arabia, Madagascar, and East Russia the Eclipse falls in the 2d House and warns of financial incompetence, heavy taxation, distress, and many troubles.

In Persia, Afghanistan, and Western India the Eclipse is rising and the condition of the people will be very sad for some time to come. There will be religious riots and some imprisonments, while plague and distress will make havoc in the country of the Aryans.

In the East of India and in Burmah and Sumatra the Eclipse falls in the 12th House and will produce sedition and violation of institutes among the people, causing many restrictions and restraints to be put upon them.

In Western Australia, China, Borneo, and the Philippines, the Eclipse falls in the 11th with Jupiter in the mid-heaven, and there will hence be some diminution of the evils aforesaid in those parts, and greater benefits will arise to those parts of the Earth than to most others from the reforms inaugurated by this Eclipse.

In New Zealand, East Australia and Japan the Eclipse will fall in the 10th House, and there will be many governmental changes in these parts and an unsettled and riotous condition of the people.

Chiefly the effects of the Eclipse will be felt in those parts which are ruled by the signs Sagittarius and Gemini, and by those persons whose Sun, Moon or Ascendant held the eleventh

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degree and the twenty-fifth degree of the signs. For these collect the influence of the luminaries and the malefic planets. Among the number of those who will suffer are a popular prince and a notable publisher *ed anch'io*. The position of the malefic planets is heightened by the fact that there follows an Eclipse of the Moon in opposition to the degree held by them at the Solar Eclipse. Such persons are warned to look to their personal safety and health and that of their wives, for there is trouble to be met.

I am of opinion that this succession of celestial phenomena will open up a new era in the religious and political worlds, and there must be a great reaping by plague and battle, earthquake and storm, before the ground is cleared for action.

The Hindu Shastras have pointed to this critical period of the World ever since the commencement of the Kali Yuga, and it constitutes a great cycle of five thousand years, counting from the year of the Kali Yuga 3102 B.C.

SEPHARIAL.

"GOETHE laid down the proposition that Nature, accidentally and, as it were, against her will, became the telltale of her own secrets, that everything was told at least once, only not in the time and place at which we looked for or suspected it; we must collect it here and there, in all the nooks and corners in which she had let it drop. Hence the Mysterious, the Sibylline, the Incoherent, in our observations of Nature. That she was a book of the vastest, strangest contents, from which, however, we might gather that many of its leaves lay scattered around in Jupiter, Uranus, and other planets. To come at the whole would be difficult, if not utterly impossible. On this difficulty therefore, must all systems suffer shipwreck."

Mrs. Austin's "Characteristics of Goethe."

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The Astrologic Origin of the Ill-fated Number Thirteen.

FROM certain recoveries of ultra-ancient astro lore we learn that there is a missing sign of the zodiac; and that formerly there were thirteen zodiacal signs instead of the twelve with which the modern world is familiar. Very remote ages ago this lost sign occupied a place between the signs Scorpio and Sagittarius. Ovid tells us that Scorpio now fills the place of two celestial signs.

The two constellations, Scorpio and Sagittarius, between which this sign in the heavens was swamped, or obliterated, were the night houses of Mars and Jupiter; and, in the solar system, between Mars and Jupiter, we find the planetoids, or a world wrecked and dashed into fragments; therefore we must conclude that the lost sign was the astrologic house of the destroyed planet.

In our Scriptures, which are overflowing with astro lore, or Sabianism, the cataclysm or fury which, as it were, digged down this wall, is laid to the charge of Jupiter and Mars under the names of Simeon and Levi: thus, in Genesis, chap. xlix, Jacob, in giving escutcheons to the twelve, said of these two: "Instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my soul, come not thou into their secret; . . . . for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self-will they digged down a wall," etc.

Sometime in the remote past, in consequence of the combined energy of these two planets, the world, or wall between them, was crushed into atoms; and the monopolist, Scorpio, absorbed, as it were, the slain man's habitation, or place in the zodiac.

In continuance of the tendency of Mars and Jupiter to be murderers and monopolistic thieves, let us call to mind the fact that nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus Christ is said to have been crucified between two thieves, the vernal equinox was just where the leg of Aries overlaps the sign of Pisces,—which two signs are the day houses of Mars and Jupiter.

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Jesus Christ, who was as much under astrologic influence as any other mortal, upon reaching the point at which he should have found the tree of life, which is for the healing of the nations, found a barren fig-tree instead; and where should have taken place the marriage of the Lamb, he found a wrecked planet and a lost sign!

The fact is, that when the Nazarene, nineteen hundred years in advance of the masses, reached the thirteenth point of his evolution, he found the astral influence of the sign and its planet to be unresurrected from the dead, latent and nil.

Through a long cycle of nearly ten thousand years, this thirteenth sign has been nonpotential in man's horoscope; but the cycle is now in its death throes, a great astral tide is turning its current, and the slain planet, along with Uranus and Neptune, is beginning a higher octave of astral influences—the forecast of which influences is a subject of *vital* interest to us all.

ANNA PHAROS.

[*To be continued.*]

MACAULAY himself used to tell a funny story of a nursery scene. For every one who came to his father's house he had a biblical nickname, Moses, Holofernes, Melchisedek, and the like. One visitor he called *The Beast*. Kind mamma, prudent papa, frowned at their precocious child, and set their brows against this offensive name, but Thomas stuck to his point Next time *The Beast* made a morning call, the boy ran to the window which overlooked the street, to turn back laughing, crowing with excitement and delight. "Look here, mother," cries the child, "you see I am right. Look here at *the number of the Beast!*" Mrs. Macaulay glanced at the hackney coach and behold its number *was* 666.

Memoir of Macaulay, Hotten, London, 1860.

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The Sign Rulership of Towns.

A warke it ys as easie to be doone
As 'tys to saye *Jacke! robys on.*
— *Archaic Dictionary.*

Looking through any series of astrological works, one is struck by the list of towns generally given with their supposed ruling sign. The same meager list appears again and again in ancient and modern writers, and is copied and recopied *ad infinis*. An addition rarely takes place and no authorities are quoted nor any reasons subscribed tending to confirm why a particular town or country is governed by some special sign. A sign may really be in synonymic conformity with a place and may be so avowed by anyone, but we naturally ask, *Quibus indiciis quo teste probavit?* In the case of countries the rulership would appear to be a matter easily demonstrated, but in reality such is not the case, and at the present moment, when astrology is in so promising a condition, some attempts ought to be more systematically made to obtain these desirable facts. Probably one could count upon the digits of one hand the number of countries whose celestial government seems ascertained beyond doubt, and with which practitioners feel safe and satisfied. And since, as may be conceived, the results of any general investigations would be permanently valuable to all astrologers alike, present-day and future, it is scarcely understandable why greater effort is not put forth. Consider the case of a town: why should it not be within the compass of the most salad-green student to take the measure of his own native or residential one —wherein he has the most opportunities and facilities for the gathering of statistics? For the question and its solution resolve themselves merely into one of data collecting and tabulating. In fact, the ordinary personage, devoid of the slightest knowledge of the ordinances of heaven, could undertake the work upon having explained to him the simplicity of the operation. But as, I dare say, there are some who do not know the method of procedure, it will be best to detail it here.

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In the first place, just as every definite and extensive tract, such as a country, is astrologically connected with one or other of the twelve zodiacal divisions with which it has affinity, and through which good or evil periodically descends upon it, so the smaller divisions are ruled in similar manner, but manifestly they are in complete subjection to the larger. Thus England is under Aries, but London under Gemini. It is easy to conceive that afflicted planets in the latter sign may bring disaster upon London without disturbing the peace of the rest of the country. Mayhap there are scores of towns in England under Gemini, and it follows each would be likely to receive a visitation of celestial force of a disagreeable type. Much could be done in forewarning the *incolæ* had we but the requisite predications. There is, however, another aspect to the matter: a person who has affliction, horoscopically, in any particular sign, may be prevented from settling in some place under the dominion of such sign, and vice versa with one beneficially occupied or constituted, who may have his steps directed to the sign-conformable town. Again, suppose he has Jupiter in Cancer on the second, then for the money-earning factor he could not do better than wend his way to some town ruled by Cancer, say, New York, for instance; and if he had Sol in mid-heaven in Sagittarius he would obtain his highest honors and esteem and fulfill his ambitious dreams best in a Sagittarian town; if he had Saturn or Mars in Taurus he would meet with nothing but disaster in a Taurian town, and if such planets occupied his sixth at birth, his health would suffer very considerably. This is a simple side issue in the practice of a science which is easily able to refute the old scholastic maxim of *fides ante intellectum*. It is possible in some cases to derive the exact ascending degree of a civic horoscope, and when not this, it is generally practicable to gather whether such is located in the early, middle or later portions of signs. By the knowledge of the rising degree of London's horoscope (19° ♊) the famous astrologer Lilly was enabled to predict successfully the great fire of that city in 1666.

As to the *modus operandi* of deducing rulership: astrologers

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find that epoch-marking events frequently take place during the rising or culminating of an individual's orient birth-sign, and the same principle extends itself to *associated life*, as in towns, etc.; thus given a series of locally significant occurrences, and the time of such taking place, there are ten chances to one, unmistakable evidence will be revealed as to which of the twelve zodiacal divisions has dominion, by its persistence in the eastern or southern angle. *But this application is not undeviating. Important events happen and the ascendant at the time does not hold the ruling sign.* So we must endeavor to wrest the secret by a variety of means, among which those enumerated below will be found of most intrinsic value:

1. By noting rising or culminating sign at time of any public function, ceremony, etc., as before mentioned.
2. By the observation of transits of major planets.
3. Deduction from the horoscopes (when known) of successful, esteemed, or useful local individuals and celebrities.
4. From the character, manufactures, position or environment of town.
5. By the lunar sign occupation at time of events.
6. Sign eclipses and new moons fall in previous to events.

These are the most useful in practice, and a few words upon each head will not be deemed out of place. By observation of transits I of course mean through a suspected sign. This is a sure method, for the passage of such a body as Mars through would leave behind an exuberance of fires and incendiary acts, destruction by lightning, railway accidents, etc., and would, moreover, be responsible for the outbreak of some infectious disease. These things would disappear on its quitting the sign. Saturn would equally produce trouble, but of another stamp, while Uranus would exert its power in the production of sudden catastrophes, inundations, colliery accidents, strikes, etc. The better side of the planet's nature would be shown in the laying of electric and other tramways, borough honors and changes; if not already a mayoral town, may become so. All one has to do is to refer back through the public files as many years as convenient, make list of prominent, adverse or other-

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wise, times, seasons and events, and so trace the action of malefic or benefic. The sign required will in this manner soon become apparent, and other tests serving to confirm it may then be applied. It must, however, be particularly noticed that the action upon a locality through its dominant sign will manifest also through oppositional or quadrational signs, so that if the ascendant is Sagittarius, and Mars is traveling through Gemini, Virgo or Pisces, conflagrations may occur as though it possessed the actual archer degrees. What are you to do? At any rate you determine whether fixed, common or cardinal signs rule the roost, and it will soon be observed, that being under a sign in either series, involves the impulse of a remaining three. But of course the greatest action will be obvious in the real ruling sign or its oppositional one.

As to my third head, viz., from the horoscope of a prominent citizen, I consider this a very useful way of determination or substantiation, since his ascendant will usually agree with, or he will have some important configurations in, the sign identical with the town. Even both may occur. It will prove an interesting feature to note how the fortunes of town and individual run side by side, fluctuate together, rise together, wane together, in such cases, so far as those of the latter depend upon eclipses, lunations or transits. Because if both possess the same ascendant, the passage through there of a malefic will synonymously affect individual and community, and this dictum of course extends itself to all born under the same sign, but more especially to those under some certain degree of a sign which is connected with the town. During the depression of a *polio* from such cause these are more likely to be the extreme individual sufferers either from bad trade or whatever.

Under the fourth head we may remark the chief industries or productions of any place or its position and local nomenclature and character of environs. The seaside and riverside locations most frequently come under Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces, as well as marshy districts, and those low lying or sub-

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jected to periodical inundations, rains, fogs, etc. Both Holland and Scotland are under Cancer. And for towns Mr. H. S. Green has shown Christchurch (England) to be under Pisces, not from any public events, as he humorously remarks none ever occur there, but from the character of the surroundings, the nomenclature of river, road and marsh. Under the same sign comes Bournemouth * within three miles of that place, while Grimsby, Southport and Hull also respond to the same sign influence. Towns, again, under Sagittarius are likely to be much associated with religious, equine or athletic matters. In many cases these towns possess prominent football teams: witness Sunderland, Sheffield and West Bromwich. They may hold well-known race-meetings or training stables, and under this division of the zodiac probably Newmarket comes.

The fifth head introduces us to a most important phase, since upon perhaps quite half the number of occasions of local rejoicing or despondency the lunar orb holds the town's sign,† and I strongly advocate this method, or, rather, submethod, to be well observed together with the concluding sixth, viz., the sign holding an eclipse or lunation previous to some occurrence. In deducing the ruling sign of West Bromwich I found the position of the new moon of value and to give striking results when I could not trace any other synonymity between the time and the disposition of the heavens.

As for the best events by which to obtain what is proposed, the more important and public they are the better: times of ceremony of opening parks, pleasure-grounds, libraries, hospitals, schools, institutes, consecration of churches, laying of foundation-stones, etc. All civic functions, indeed, are to be noted: endowment with a mayoralty, first donning of civic robes, and so on. Periods of depression or prosperity will be due to transits. Trace back such and remark the positions of major planets, according as of evil or beneficial import. Terrible and sudden disasters will be marked in the borough calendar by

* By a peculiarly happy coincidence, exactly at the moment I am writing this paragraph, comes a letter from Mr. H. S. Green himself, and, although he had no knowledge of my intention to write this article, informs me of the laying of the foundation-stone of a new hospital at Bournemouth with Jupiter rising in Scorpio and *the Moon in Pisces*, Bournemouth's moderating sign.

† As per example above.

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Mars or Uranus, according to their nature. The infectious hospital will fill rapidly under Mars, and with either that planet or Saturn in action the death rate will be very high. The benefics, too, will act evilly when afflicted, although not so intensely as the malefics themselves. In remarking public events, *be sure they are public*, that the main or ultimate ends, conveniences, gains or losses are communal and not redounding *to some functionary* under the guise of a public.

Pursuing our theme still further and descending to detail it may be suggested, if towns are subruled under the wing of a country's larger and more manifest sign, why should not portions or districts of towns or cities be still again specialized, and so down to the individual horoscope? My investigations lead me to believe that this is not only possible but actual, although the difficulties in the way of elucidation are vastly greater and require more delicate handling. It is an interesting bypath to our science and an appanage which provides a good field for research. The streets, roads, public squares, as well as parks and open spaces, are all, it would seem, subjugated to a minor sign influence other than or identical with that dominating the whole town. Personally I am acquainted with several, mainly deduced by the passage of Mars, which acts quickly and pointedly, inducing fires, street-brawls, burglaries, etc. A little consideration will soon show that a dominant character may be thus given the neighborhood by its particular sign-government. Thus a ♐ road may congregate a pronounced religious population, or contribute to give a decided religious tone to the neighborhood, or it may contain more than its fair share of edifices appropriated to the dissemination of religion. It may appear inimical to include as indications of the ♐ influence, horse-breaking establishments, livery stables or publishing houses, but all these things come under the ninth sign. Why should not Paternoster Row, the great publishing center, be under ♐? Low streets, where quarrels and crimes abound, are generally under ♏; those which are pronouncedly furnished in the public line under watery signs; the highroads under cardinal signs; the suburbs and retired portions of a town under common signs; the oldest under fixed.

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But *jam satis*. I make no apology for occupying the pages of THE SPHINX with these observations, because the subject warrants them and has already been neglected too long. The reader, however, should now have obtained a tolerably definite insight into the manner of proceeding, and be the matter new or old to him, I trust some activity will be aroused both here in America and at home, and the *maigre* list of towns whose sign rulership is already tabulated be revised, confirmed or repudiated, and also augmented. For the benefit of those whose knowledge is limited I append a list of towns already "placed," with the prevision that many are doubtful and require substantiation. Persons unable to make the necessary astrological investigations are invited to send lists and collections of data to this office directed to me care of Editress, when everything will be done to assure satisfactory solution.

LIST OF TOWNS AND RULING SIGNS.

ARIES. Birmingham, Blackburn, Brunswick, Capua, Cracow, Florence, Leicester, Marseilles, Naples, Oldham, Padua, Saragossa, Utrecht, Verona, Chicago. (Taurus rules the meat markets in Chicago.)

TAURUS. Ashton-under-Lyne, Dublin, Leipsic, Mantua, Parma, Palermo, Franconia, St. Louis.

GEMINI. Bruges, Cordova, Louvain, London,* Metz, Melbourne, Nuremburg, Versailles, San Francisco.

CANCER. Amsterdam, Berne, Cadiz, Genoa, Venice, Tunis, Manchester, York, New York, Milan, Lubeck.

LEO. Bath, Bristol, Blackpool, Damascus, Portsmouth, Philadelphia, Prague, Ravenna, Taunton, Rome.

VIRGO. Bury, Basil, Paris, Lyons, Jerusalem, Reading, Toulouse, Cheltenham, Los Angeles, Boston.

LIBRA. Antwerp, Charlestown, Frankfort, Lisbon, Nottingham, Spires, Vienna, Leeds.

*Probably only the *city* of London, which is comparatively a small tract compared with the whole extension under the name. The various towns and suburbs which go to make up this great place are likely to have a subrule.

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SCORPIO. Frankfort, Halifax, Cappadocia, Liverpool, Stockport, Newcastle-on-Tyne, New Orleans, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Cincinnati.

SAGITTARIUS. Cologne, Buda, Avignon, Sunderland, Bradford, Sheffield, Toledo, West Bromwich.

CAPRICORN. Brussels, Oxford, Keighley.

AQUARIUS. Bremen, Salzburg, Salisbury, Piedmont, Trent.

PISCES. Bournemouth, Christchurch, Grimsby, Farnham, Southport, Hull, Seville, Worms, Ratisbon, Compostella, Tiverton, Preston, King's Lynn.

HEINRICH DÄATH.

JOURNALISM, that useful but inartistic product of our time,— a manure from which wiser men grow roses,— that goes into periodical hysterics over a Jumbo or a Jaggers, but always sneers at or suppresses any evidence of man as a spiritual being related to the unseen and finer forces of nature, had it appears a more illustrious parent than would have supposed on the hypothesis of its great apostle Darwin. Julius Cæsar, the reference books tell us, was the first journalist, for he ordered the discussions of the Senate and reports of the public games to be written in that first newspaper, the *Acta Urbis*, which was sent through the then known world. The historical bulletin, *Veni Vidi Vici* still remains an unsurpassed model of its kind. And he really *did* the great things which he records with that superb and, as it were, half indifferent simplicity of style, while it is a wise and a wary man that can find the truth in the weltering mire of prejudice and misrepresentation of the partisan journalism of today.

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An Enquiry Concerning Our Nation's Nativity.

MUCH interest attaches to the article in the August number of SPHINX relative to the birth-figure of our independence. This contribution is to be commended, not only as indicating in the writer the investigative spirit of the earnest student, but as an incentive to keener research into a matter of such vital interest to the astro-scientific mind.

We may be pardoned, however, if the testimonies therein adduced seem to us too indeterminate for the settlement of the question at issue. The few citations favorable to the sign Virgo seem very meager in a chronology replete with essential happenings, from the laying of corner-stones to the waging of great battles, and which include in their natii every segment of the zodiacal circle. In view of such diversity one is necessarily led to infer that any one of these various ascendants is but relevant to the character of the particular incident to which it relates, and that the whole of the twelve signs may govern respectively according to the nature of the circumstance. This may be illustrated in the following enumerations, each of which we believe to be of more than passing gravity to the nation at large, and wherein Virgo did not occupy the ascendant.

1. Cornwallis surrendered Oct. 18, 1781, about 9.30 A.M., ♌ ascendant.*

2. Washington took the first presidental oath, April 30, 1789, 0.45 P.M., ♐ ascendant.‡

3. Emancipation Proclamation signed Jan. 1, 1863, middle of afternoon, ♊ ascendant.§

4. Cuba declared independent by Congress, April 19, 1898, 2.40 A.M., ♒ ascendant. An assimilative measure.

5. Ultimatum to Spain signed April 20, 1898, 11.10 A.M., ♌ ascendant.

* Bancroft's "Life of Washington," p. 288.
‡ Lossing's "Biography of Washington," Vol. II., chap. viii.
§ "Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation," McClure's, April, 1899.

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6. ♑ rises March 4, between noon and one o'clock, when the presidential oath is invariably taken.

And so on, *ad infinitum*.

Besides, to reason by analogy, one must admit that many serious moves not conjunctive with the radical ascendant take place in the experience of every individual. At this moment we have in mind an instance in which the last will and testament of a Gemini person was signed when Capricorn, the ruler of his 8th House, was rising; another, where a Leo native threw open the doors of a big wholesale business with Sagittarius culminating; while the horoscopes of offspring are quite as often at variance with the ruling signs of the parents, and yet one must concede that such events are of paramount importance in every household government.

From these premises the non-utility of this line of evidence must be apparent.

Dr. Pierce's assumption of the Bull's North Horn (*B* Tauri) as a determining factor in the solution of the problem, was logical in theory if not fruitful of results, for the ancients to whom he hearkened laid great stress on the operations of the fixed stars as being more comprehensive than the planets in their effect on national destiny. To quote from Bonatus :

> The Fixed Stars are most slow in motion, and consequently in mutation; whence it comes to pass that their impressions require subjects and patients of the same nature, that is to say, such as are the most lasting, and carry a conformity with them to perfect or accomplish their effects. . . . . The significations of the Fixed Stars being so great, so high, and free from mutability, they cannot easily take upon them a variable commixture with things quickly corruptible and suddenly changeable. (Con. 141.)

Zadkiel I. also inclined to Gemini as ruler of the figure, but the opinion obtains that he was greatly influenced to this through the regency of this sign over North America generally, a fact conceded by astrologers who wrote previously to the Revolutionary period. Sibly's work, published in 1788, gave 19° 49′ ♒ as the probable ascendant (and not ♎, as intimated in Mr. Tilley's article), though on what authority this calculation was based, deponent sayeth not. With his usual disregard

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for mathematical accuracy Sibly used a table of houses for London latitude.

The editor of SPHINX once mentioned to the writer that a tradition still exists in the New England states, to the effect that the bells announced the tidings at cock crow, though this obviously had reference to the local gongs rather than to the one of liberty fame.

First, touching upon the validity of this chart as an astrological basis for our nation's nativity, the argument has been advanced that July 2, which witnessed the Resolution of Independence, was technically the natural moment of birth. But the Resolution and the Declaration were separate and distinct measures,* and, as embodied in the journal of Congress for July 4, the latter was officially commemorated as "a Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled," and so announced to the world. So much on this point.

We have drawn attention to three distinct charts illustrative of the actuating conditions which surrounded this immortal state paper, two of a Mercurial character and one Aquarian. Let as examine cursorily into their respective promises, and see in what measure the testimonies accord with later developments.

In the Sibly chart, ♒ rising, ours would seem to be a destiny of perpetual opposition, with ♄ and ♆ in the 7th, and ☿ and ♂ opposing the mid-heaven. These point to a disruptive rather than a constructional tendency, and the stability of our home interests would have been chronically endangered: in contradistinction to which our internal economy has unfolded and fructified with a rapidity surpassing even the phenomenal. A contributive element in favor of the probable accuracy of this chart was the transit of ☿ through its 4th during both the Revolutionary and Civil War periods.

In the Gemini horoscope the ascendant is sadly afflicted by two malign influences, and instead of a peaceful and law-abiding community, patient and conservative under trying circum-

* "Notes on Lord Mahon's History of the American Declaration of Independence," Peter Force, p. 38.

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stances, we would have constantly paraded with a chip on our shoulder. In many respects the chart is more significant than the preceding one, for with ♀ and ☿ in the second mansion one might easily have divined the possibilities which have made us a Utopia among nations in point of thrift, and that with our full natural resources scarcely drawn upon.

The Virgo map, with the god Neptune trying to look dignified in the earthy element, votes us a sham, a commonwealth heartily given to double-dealing, and in addition, with the meridional point so heavily besieged, entirely contradicts the high-minded official integrity which marked the lives of Washington and Lincoln and, with but possibly one or two exceptions, the entire line of our chief executives. ♄ on the cusp of the 2d, ruling the 5th and squaring the ☉, would keep us in a state of speculative bankruptcy, contrary to which United States securities usually maintain a healthy marginal advantage throughout the world's markets. The conjunction of the benefics in the mid-heaven is a factor not to be overlooked in considering the merits of this scheme.

Thus it will be observed that, while indicating the apparent anomalisms in these figures, we seek not to undervalue the consistencies which may be found therein. On the other hand, if one dare not carry prejudice into the vestibule of Truth, neither will the true spirit of inquiry permit the slighting of any testimony, hypothetical or otherwise, which may serve to throw light upon a subject under discussion. For which reason we have searched further into this matter, and present herewith a horoscope of the Declaration whose basis is more in keeping with historical fact, and whose radical features as well as its directional testimonies, seem to approximate more nearly to the real significance of this document, and the marvelous chain of events which it subsequently evolved.

According to Lossing, a historian whose work is noted especially for the quantity and accuracy of its detail — "At a little past meridian, on the Fourth of July, 1776, a unanimous vote of the thirteen colonies was given in favor of declaring themselves free and Independent States."* This statement owes its authenti-

* "Harper's Magazine," June, 1851, p. 153.

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city to the journal of Congress for that day, on the pages of which is also the following:

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their further consideration the Declaration; and *after some time* (the italics are ours) the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the Committee have agreed to a Declaration, which they desired him to report. The Declaration being read, was agreed to as follows.

This substantially settles all doubt as to the hour of day, and Lossing's statement that it was "a little past meridian" meets with pretty close corroboration in the order of the heavens at that time, a figure of which is presented with this article.

To the student of the stars this reflex of the heavens is as remarkable in itself as is the unprecedented march of triumph which it foreshadowed, for the spirit of that famous document pulsates and throbs in every element therein revealed.

Cardinal signs on the angles, ♀ the ruler of the scheme in conjunction with the benefic ♃ on the cusp of the mid-heaven, with ♄ essentially dignified in the eastern angle in ♎, the symbol of Justice, in favorable trine with ♂ and ☿ in a mercurial sign in the ninth mansion, and ☿ elevated in sextile with ♆ — all are singularly significant of that prestige we have attained to in the caravan of nations; of our development in the industrial arts and sciences; of our pre-eminent standing in the world of exact science and natural philosophy; of our initiative in the experimental fields of racial reforms; of our intolerance for those incongruous systems of national polity which can boast a belief in the omnipresence of a just God, while yet unable to countenance the fundamental doctrine of human equality.

The nearer a nation approaches to a recognition of the inalienable right of the individual, the closer must be its affiliation with that universal law whose legality can not be measured nor perverted by the rulings of an arbitrary court of judicature. This position of ♂ and ☿ is ample evidence of the fact that neither conventionalism nor sycophancy could ever have become a part of our social economy, nor sentimentalism the basis of our theories or methods. We are essentially matter-of-fact.

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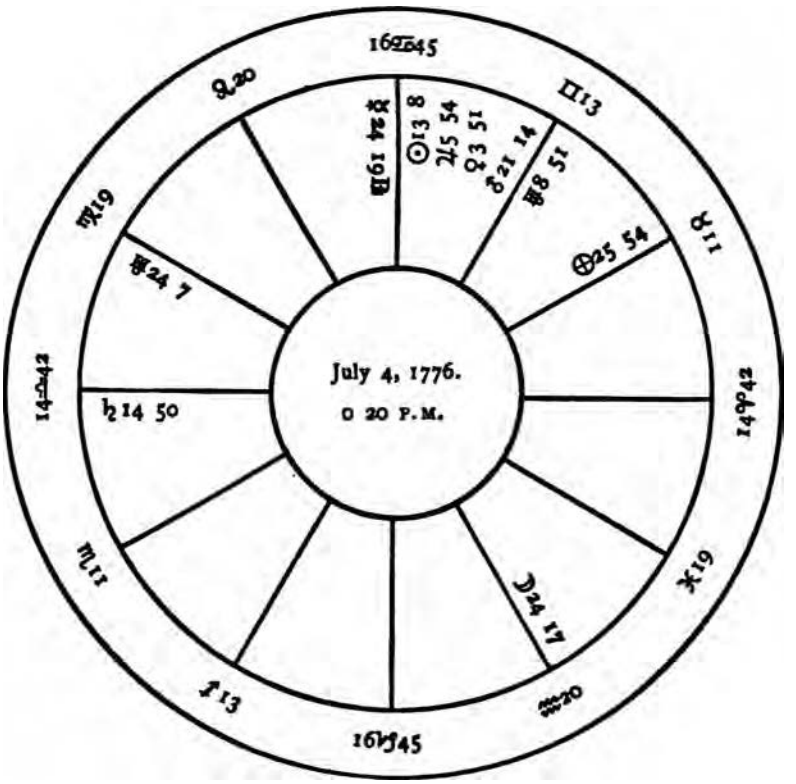

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☽	1	S	2	14	S	24	326	57	38	47	102	25
♅	3	S	41	17	N	39	115	33	7	23	108	28
♀	0	S	7	23	N	32	95	18	12	52	111	24
♂	0	N	22	23	N	28	80	26	27	44	111	19
♃	0	S	4	23	N	16	96	25	11	45	111	7
♄	2	N	31	3	S	31	194	38	86	28	87	3
♇	0	N	1	21	N	47	67	8	41	2	109	34
♆				2	N	21	174	36	66	26	91	58

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The student will recognize in the fortifications of the 5th House, occupied by the ☽, an index to that heterogeneous and independent character of our population. Our country's children, native and adopted, are not lacking in individuality, and will sway their own destinies, for they have the ruler of the 10th, the post of honor, in their midst.

It is interesting to note that the sign ♌, ruling France, is on our house of friends. This explains astrologically France's sympathy for us in the incipient period of 1861, when we were threatened with dissolution by grave internal complications; the ☉, lord of ♌, had progressed to an evil square of ♀ and ♃, at which period the Union was not blessed with very pronounced sympathies on the part of allies, and France's attitude towards this Government was rather questionable.

The western angle, our opponents, is governed by Aries, the sheath of Mars, and the ruling sign of England, and we find the significators of the 1st and 7th in antagonistic parallel. Thus the alienation which this document immortalizes is strongly shown in the horoscope. But after one hundred and twenty-three years, in the cycle of Mercury and in the reign of the Sun, the ruler of our 11th and a dignitary of our 7th, the unnatural strain so often perceptible has been practically removed. May we hope that under the unifying principle of Venus, which blesses the first year of the new century, these ties will be more firmly welded; for the question of progress and civilization logically demands the co-operation of these two peoples, speaking the same tongue, and actuated by the same earnest desire for the upliftment and development of the races.

These pertinencies might be much extended, did space and time permit. We would add a passing reference, however, to our naval prowess, both past and present, so powerfully indicated in the conjunction of the two benefics, ♀ and ♃ in ♋, of the watery triplicity, the latter planet ruling the 6th House (the Navy), and each occupying the maritime point of the chart; and also to the fact that this 10th House sign, as sponsor for the highest office in the gift of the people (☽), ascends at each inaugural ceremony.

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Assuming a horoscope of this magnitude to be identical in its methods of unfoldment to the more circumscribed economy of the human ego, we append here a few confirmatory directions in arc, followed by an abridged table of progressed lunar positions. From the accompanying speculum the student may carry his investigations further than it has been our privilege to do.

Saturn so close to the ascendant shows many early struggles, being especially unfortunate in 1777, including the defeat of Washington by Howe, and the capture of Philadelphia.

M. C. ☌ ☿ mundo direct, arc 7°23′, a logical influence measuring to the regulation of trade with America by British Council, and the Definitive Treaty with Great Britain in September, immediately preceded by the peace of Versailles.

☉ ☌ ♃ conv. zod., arc 7°48′, spring of 1784. United States Congress organized and begins its first active duties; great increase in trade and commerce.

☽ △ ♀ d. d. zod., arc 10°16′, September, 1786. Convention to establish a general tariff on imports, and to regulate commerce.

M. C. ☌ ♃ conv. zod., arc 11°45′, May 23, 1788, Constitution ratified.

☽ △ ♃ d. d. zod., arc 12°26′, November, 1788. Constitution goes into operation, and the first steps taken towards the choice of a chief magistrate.

M. C. ☌ ♀ mundo conv., arc 12°52′, or April, 1789 — the ruler of the figure to the mid-heaven, inauguration of the first President.

☉ ☌ ♂ conv. zod., arc 13°46′, March, 1790. Discontent among the Indians, extending throughout the western tribes, and followed by open hostilities.

M. C. △ ☽ conv. zod., arc 24°27′, fall of 1800. Treaty of Amity and Commerce with France; capitol removed to Washington, and the first session of Congress in that city.

M. C. ☌ ♂ conv. zod., arc 27°49′, March, 1804. Inception of hostilities with the mother country, with periodical agitations, including:

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Oct. 18, 1781	☽ 8 55 ♉	✱ ♀ P	Surrender of Cornwallis.
Sept. 24, 1782	" 21 54 "	✱ ☿ P	
Nov. 30, 1782	" 24 29 "	✱ ☿ ♇ ♂ ⊕	☉ ♂ ☿ ♇ Independence acknowledged by Great Britain.
May 23, 1788	" 5 7 ♌		☉ ♂ ☿ ♇ Provisional peace with Great Britain. Constitution ratified.
Apr. 30, 1789	" 17 51 "	P ☿ ♇	♀ ♂ ☿ P Inauguration of first president.
June 12, 1812	" 23 54 ☐	☐ Ψ ☽ ♇	War declared with Great Britain.
Oct. 19, 1814	" 23 46 ♎	♂ ☿ ♇ ✱ ⊕	☉ ♂ ♀ P Surrender to Federal army.
Apr. 1832	" 7 35 ♓	♂ ☉ P	} Cholera epidemic in United States.
June, 1832	" 10 7 "	♂ ☿ P	
Sept. 1832	" 12 39 "	♂ ♀ P	
Sept. 22, 1856	" 22 3 ♍	☐ ♄ ♂ ♅ P	Troubles began in Kansas.
Sept. 23, 1857	" 6 5 ♒	♂ ♋	Great panic.
June, 1858	" 16 53 "	☐ ♂ P	Renewed Kansas troubles.
Dec. 20, 1860	" 23 57 ♓	♂ Ψ	♂ P ☽ ☿ South Carolina seceded.
Apr. 6–7, 1862	" 14 52 ♈	☐ ☉ ♇ ♂ ♄ ♇	Shiloh.
Aug. 28–30, 1862	" 19 41 "	♂ ♀ P	Manassas.
Sept. 17, 1862	" 20 43 "	P ♄ ♇	Antietam.
Dec. 11–14, 1862	" 24 13 "	☐ ☿ ♇	Fredericksburg.
July 1–3, 1863	" 2 35 ♉	✱ ♀ ♇ P ♄ P	Gettysburg.
May 5–7, 1864	" 15 2 "	150° ♄	Wilderness.
May 8–18, 1864	" 15 16 "	150° ♄	Spottsylvania.
June 15–19, 1864	" 16 51 "	☐ ♂ P	Petersburg.
Apr. 14, 1865	" 28 34 "	Par. ♂ P	♄ ♂ ♀ P ☉ Lincoln assassinated.
July 2, 1881	" 22 11 ♐	♂ ♂ ♇	☉ ♂ ♄ ☐ ♅ ♅ ☐ ♄ P ♂ ♂ Cor. ♌ } Garfield assassinated.
Apr. 1898	" 11 1 ♌	☐ ☿ P	War declared with Spain.

Ψ through ☐. War Period.

M. C. □ ♂ d. d. zod., arc 28°31′, interruption of American carrying trade in the early part of 1805, and

M. C. ✱ ♂ d. d. zod., arc 35°25′, reparation for the *Chesapeake* affair in the fall of 1811; at the same time a recrudescence of our Indian troubles, followed by misunderstandings which developed into a second war with Great Britain.

☉ ☌ ♅ conv. zod., arc 37°34′, January, 1814; M. C. ☌ ☽ d. d. zod., arc 38°26′, November, 1814. This year witnessed many national perplexities, hard fighting on land and sea, culminating in the investiture of Washington by the British and the burning of the capitol.

M. C. ☌ ♄ mundo direct, arc 86°15′, or September, 1862. The approach of the meridional point to the body of this malefic coincides with the progress of the Civil War, the repeated reverses of the Union forces, the arc reaching completion when everything seemed darkest for the nation, and just preceding the victory at Antietam, which was the keynote for the preliminary proclamation, and the turning-point of the rebellion.

☉ ☌ ♄ d. d. zod., arc 88°24′, does not quite measure to the assassination of Lincoln, though it agrees quite correctly with a seeming recovery on the part of the nation's malcontents, the last sad scenes in the war drama, before ringing down the curtain on which a martyred hero constituted a fitting apotheosis.

Some interesting facts may be observed in the foregoing table. Both assassinations occurred under a combined influence of ☉ with ♄; the ☽ passed through our 7th and 8th Houses during our two greatest wars; the lunar oppositions at the cholera epidemic in 1832 from common signs and the 6th and 12th Houses, are also significant. This condition was coincident with Jupiter's approach to the Sun, and was no doubt much intensified thereby, as the perihelia of the planets are invariably accompanied by a vitiation of the atmosphere and a diminution in the solar energy.

In these few generalizations, so seemingly consonant with fact and science, we believe we have approached a step nearer

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a reasonable and authentic nativity than has heretofore been reached; and though a few minutes' error may exist in our base of calculation, we submit that such need not necessarily invalidate the proximal value of the results thus obtained.

HAZELRIGG.

A CHINESE PROPHECY.

IN the Westminster *Review* for August, 1899, Lieutenant-Colonel Macgregor describes the failure of an attempted visit to the Temple of Heaven in Pekin, the most holy shrine in all China:— "Afterwards we found that the Temple of Heaven had been destroyed by fire, said to be lightning from heaven, a very short time before our visit. This was the year the present young Emperor ascended the throne. The year which was then drawing to a close was also noted for great famine in China, and for extensive floods that had inundated a great portion of the country, leading to much loss of life and property. And the superstitious Chinese soothsayers declared that these misfortunes combined with the destruction of their holy temple by fire from heaven, were events of evil augury to the country and the partial fulfilment of the old Chinese prophecy that ran something like this:

> "When an old hag governs, and a young man reigns,
> When dearth and a deluge distress the land,
> And the Temple of Heaven no more remains,
> Then watch for the sword which is close at hand.

"It will be observed that the prophet does not predict in so many words the entire destruction of this ancient empire, but rather a time of trouble and distress from which the country may rise with renewed health and energy."

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A Kabalistic Horoscope of Lieutenant Hobson.

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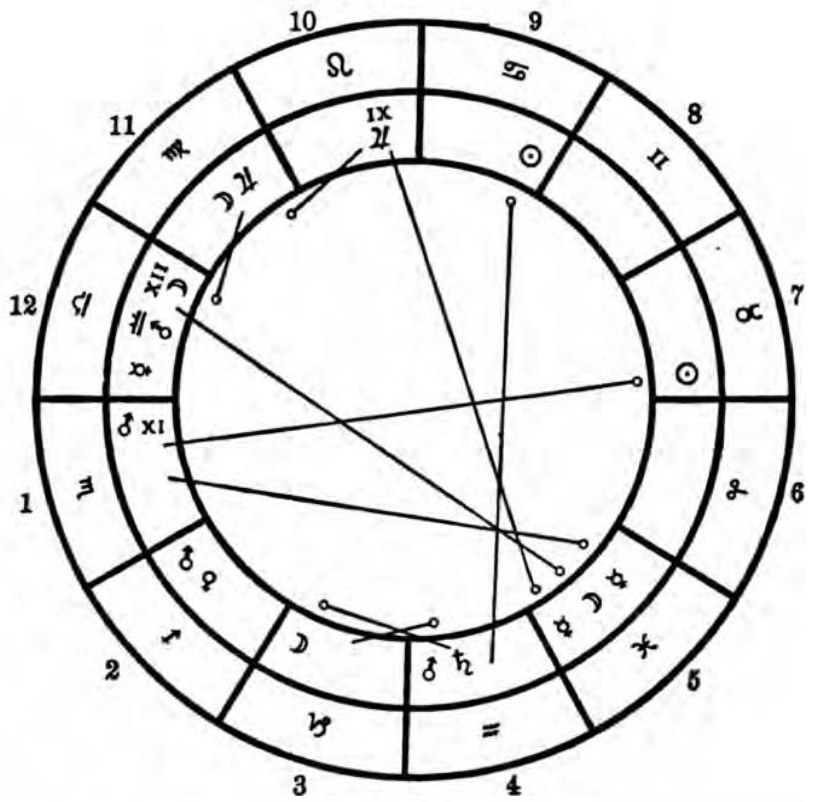
A Kabalistic Horoscope of Lieut. Richmond Pearson Hobson.

Born Aug. 17, 1870, morning.



KEY NO. 39. SCALE.

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11th house 32	30 ☽ in ♎ XII 2 ☽	3d house 8	8 ♂ in ♒
12th house 127	100 ☽ in ♓ 20 ♂ ♑ 7 ☿	4th house 1870	10 ♄ 8 ☉ in ♋ 70 ☽ in ♍
1st house 126	100 ☿ in ♓ 20 ♂ XI 6 ☉ in ♉		

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THE Kabalistic horoscope which we present this month to the readers of THE SPHINX is that of Lieut. R. P. Hobson. Here we find a marked personality. The sum of the horoscope is XIX which points to honors and a widespread reputation. In the 10th House we find Jupiter IX — this is beneficial in a marked degree, and will give him power to scale heights and soar above many of his contemporaries. Responsible positions are shown, and favors from high officials. As Jupiter rules 2d House, fortune comes through the profession. There is a ray to 10th from Jupiter in Virgo. This points to honor and benefits, and the ray falling in Leo points to a position under the government, and it shows that he is loyal to that government. There is also a ray to 10th from Mercury in Pisces in 5th; this is extremely good and it is certain that he is in his right vocation, for he takes pleasure in his work. In the 11th we find Jupiter and the Moon; from Jupiter he may count upon receiving benefits from friends, and their help will give an impetus to his affairs, which will tend towards raising the status of the native. The friends as denoted by the Moon are persons whose ideas are original, and whose intuitional powers will help them to strike out novelties.

So far the bright side; now for the reverse. The ray from ☽XII from 12th to 11th is evil; he will lose some of his friends owing to secret enemies, whose machinations will bring about their deaths; this will be baneful to his friends, and the path in life of the native seems peculiarly to favor this influence. In the 12th House we find ☽XII, ♂ ♒ and ☿. Dangers are here shown, and under evil revolutions, adversaries (warlike) will come to the front, and as Moon unites a ray from Pisces in 5th House to ☽XII, dangers are certain on the watery element. Let him not be caught unprepared, even when on a cruise of pleasure, for the influence may show itself where least expected. ♂ ♒ will not overcome the influence which emanates from the XIIth arcanum on major point. In the 1st House we find ♂XI. Here we see the will and power to surmount difficulties *Suo Marte*, not one prone to letting others commence operations, but one to inaugurate them, and stick to his guns through

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thick and thin; the Solar ray assists his fortune and Mercury's ray from 5th is a beneficial one, especially so, seeing it proceeds from a watery sign and falls in the ascendant. In the 2d House we find Mars in a fiery sign, the fortunes of war are shown here; the financial position is improved by high employment gained through merit, Venus here gives the esteem of powerful persons, and this will conduce to financial benefits. In the 3d House we find the Moon, some dangers in war, bellicose operations on short journeys lead to injuries—the ray from Mars confirms this. In the 4th we find Mars and Saturn. This is rather malefic, dangers on the water are certain; there is an inclination to dare too much, although this tends to elevate the native, it may be overdone. The ray from the Sun in Cancer in 9th is an indication that he can rise to a high position in his profession, but it also points to many dangers when afloat. There is any amount of dash and energy, and he would never fall with his back to the enemy. In the 5th we find Mercury twice placed and the Moon. Here we find a love for the water, and should he engage in commerce he would be very successful therein. A good officer to have the control of the victualing department of the navy. We find no planet in 6th House, but from the position of its ruler the diseases (or wounds) from which he is likely to suffer are those of an acute nature. There are indications of bothers proceeding from persons who hold inferior positions to the native. In the 7th House we find the Sun; this while increasing his fortune will cause some bothers owing to affairs ruled by 7th House. In the 8th we find no planet but Mercury, its ruler is first placed in Pisces in 5th, some unlooked-for benefits are shown, and there are indications of gain through marriage. The ruler of 8th is placed in 5th, the house of love affairs, and throws a ray to 10th—all this tends to elevation. In the 9th House we find the Sun in Cancer projecting a ray to 4th House. This signifies "A life on the ocean wave, A home on the rolling deep." The Lieutenant has found his true vocation.

The present year of life will give him some marked success in his public career, but here will be some bothers in his private life.

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I know that every reader of THE SPHINX will wish (with the writer) that Lieutenant Hobson's life may be a prosperous one, and that a career that has commenced so favorably, may be continued satisfactorily, and ended gloriously.

ASMOTHIEL.

VOLTAIRE ON PREDESTINATION.

IT is an old supposition that all events are linked together by an invincible fatality; this is Destiny which Homer makes superior to Jupiter himself. The system of necessity and fatality has according to Leibnitz been struck out by himself under the appellation of *sufficient reason;* but it is in reality of very ancient date, that no effect is without a cause; and that often the least cause produces the greatest effects is what the world is not to be taught at this time of day. . . . It is the same in the physical system. A wind blowing from the south of Africa and the Austral seas, brings with it part of the African atmosphere, which falls down in rain among the valleys of the Alps, and these rains fertilize the lands. Again our northern winds waft our vapor among the negroes. Thus we benefit Guinea and are benefited by it. And this reaches from one end of the universe to the other. . . . If thou couldst give a turn to the destiny of a fly, I see no reason why thou mightest not as well determine the destiny of all other flies, of all other animals, of all men and of all nature. . . . A peasant imagines that the hail which has fallen in his ground is purely a matter of chance; but the philosopher knows that there is no such thing as chance; and that by the constitution of the world it must necessarily have hailed that day in that very place. Some alarmed at this truth, say there are necessary events and others which are not so. But it would be odd indeed that one part of this world were fixed and not the other: that some things which happen were to happen, and that others which happen were not necessarily to happen. On a close examination the doctrine which opposes that of destiny must appear loaded with absurdities and contrary to the idea of an eternal Providence. *But many are destined to reason wrongly, others not to reason at all, and others to persecute those who do reason.*

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On Sensitive Points in the Horoscope.

ANOTHER "point" and a most important point is the "ascendant." For the benefit of beginners I may say this is the degree that was rising at the moment of birth, and is sometimes termed the "Horoscope," and is the "Eastern" angle in the map. As all students and professors of astral physics know, planets upon the ascendant exercise a most powerful influence upon the individual who has such a position in the horoscope. If the planet is a benefic, and has good aspects, especially from angles, the good will be proportionately increased according to the strength of the aspect, but if a malefic be there, the opposite will occur, unless the evil foretokened by such evil position is mitigated or counteracted by testimonies from other planets. It is especially to be regarded in directions, for, as students of experience know, events frequently happen, when there are no directions from or to the Sun and Moon, which are the governing factors in the system known as the Arabian, and such events frequently are caused by a direction to the ascendant, that is, either the radical ascendant or the progressive one. In my experience, death has occurred under evil directions to the ascendant, when no directions to Sun and Moon are on, but of course the radical significations must not be lost sight of in arriving at proper judgment. Many say that transits over the ascendant *always* produce events according to the nature of the transiting planet. This is not in accordance with my experience, and it was a point of contention between my friends "Sepharial" and Raphael some years ago; but in justice to them both, I must add that this transit question had no reference to the ascendant. I strongly press this "point" of the "ascendant" as a sensitive one to all students — as a most important one.

Another one is the "mid-heaven," and I may add that many consider this point of supreme importance in the figure. It must be borne in mind that any planet there is *elevated*, which is decidedly weighty, but in my opinion the "ascendant"

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has far more claim to priority than the "mid-heaven." For matters relating to honor, position and matters of that nature this "point" must be well considered, but where health is concerned, in the absence of other testimonies, the ascendant must be regarded. I might mention in passing that a friend of mine lost one of his parents, when the only direction in his horoscope at the time, that had formed, was a malefic direction to the mid-heaven.

The foregoing "points" have more or less been treated of by far abler pens than my own, and at far greater length than the space at my disposal in THE SPHINX admits, but I now purpose to treat of other points that, as far as I have been able to ascertain, have not been dealt with by modern writers, but only by an old author. I have not had time to go closely into investigations of the "points" I now submit to the readers' notice, therefore I leave them to the students to decide whether they possess the merit their author claims for them, which he states was the "opinion" of the Arabian doctors in this science. Some of the "points" that I have applied have proven satisfactory results, and it would be as well for the benefit of all students that any examinations that may be made with these points will be communicated to the columns of THE SPHINX, so that if there is indeed verity in them, it may be placed on record for the benefit of those that come after.

APHOREL.

[*To be continued.*]

LEISURE. "That we are sacrificing everything to the mania for getting on; we are losing something for which mere worldly success cannot atone, repose of mind, grace of manner, the cultivation and sanctification not merely of acts and occasions but of the individual character. . . . We rarely envy people for being delightful, we are always ashamed of mentioning that any of our friends are virtuous: we state what they have done, or do, or are attempting, we state their chances of success."

VERNON LEE, "Limbo and other Essays."

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The Character and Fortunes of Gemini.

GEMINI confers on its children a character honest, courteous, good-natured, easily irritated but soon pacified, not violent in its anger and prompt to forgive. Gemini can give celebrity in some direction. This sign gives an inventive spirit and inclination to science, especially mathematics; it often produces orators and writers. It also gives an aptitude for business and economy in the ways and means of life: it gives honesty, justice, a noble spirit, a fine and subtle intelligence, *savoir faire*, assiduity, vigilance and loquacity, — but this last trait is only shown on certain occasions, when a favorite topic is being discussed, at other times the native is relatively silent, not expansive, and feeling a vague anxiety when the time for action arrives. The will is strong, even vehement, but without roughness, ruling without tyranny. With the scientific aptitude already mentioned Gemini gives a taste for the arts, skill in calculation, music (counterpoint) or painting, in fact, to all the liberal arts, and among the sciences, especially chemistry. The wealth acquired by the above aptitudes will be subject to great fluctuations, to changes which will bring at one time scarcity, at another abundance. Like the wealth, the position will be liable to changes, upward and downward. The native will be the cause of these changes. This sign always gives secrets in the family or quarrels in the same, great trials for or by the father. This is a prolific sign, and sometimes the children are the cause of enmities. The maladies most to be feared are those of the bladder, skin diseases, malarial fevers, danger by the larger animals, bites of serpents, etc., and mad dogs, and danger by open enemies who will occasion great peril. Falls are also to be feared. The family and those subordinate will in some degree be prejudicial. There will be great heartaches, and troubles in life, especially through the opposite sex. Gemini gives either several marriages or long alliances. The friends will be very various; some will become openly hostile.

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Towards the middle of life there will be obstacles to the position, the profession or honors, by open enemies belonging either to the clergy or the magistracy — the native will himself be the cause of these animosities. The position and occupation will be of a double, even plural, nature, the social relations will on this account be heterogeneous, — a great treachery is to be feared. This sign gives determined enemies — armed sometimes — which implies the idea of an ambush. The native will have cause to fear his immediate circle and relations by marriage. He will be the subject of persistent calumnies, or of unscrupulous intrigues in regard to family secrets or alliances. Gemini always promises events of more or less violent character, but the native will be protected from them in a providential manner. The temperament is sanguine, bilious or bilious nervous, which will cause great oscillations in life for good and evil. For any precision on these points the individual horoscope must be studied. The characteristics of the sign are *activity* of mind and body and *skill in all handicrafts.* It rules the United States and has much affinity to the typical Yankee.

Every sign has thirty degrees, each decan or ten degrees of which has a subinfluence of another or the same planet:

1. Ruled by *Jupiter:* Numbers and mathematics, of deciphering hieroglyphics, writings and sculptures. Restless character which will hurt itself in the struggle of life, danger of violent death; a humane, generous nature but unfortunate, capable of rising by merit, but has more to fear of himself than of his enemies, errors of judgment and misapplied faculties, too self-confident. Oratorical power and talents for the bar, law and literature.

2. Ruled by *Mars:* Careless, unpractical nature, mental futility, unprofitable studies, a quarrelsome, wanton, violent and ungrateful nature. Hurts and perils in traveling. The friendship of martial people and fevers through acts of indiscretion.

3. Ruled by the *Sun:* Aptitude for the abstract and unprofitable sciences. Catastrophe in early life, an anxious, agitated existence. Success in literature and science, intellectual distinction and fame, but small fortune, many voyages, helpful relations, much trouble but eventual success.

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Wheat Forecast on the Chicago Board of Trade for October, 1899.

THE New Moon for October, from which we make our forecast, occurs on the 4th at 1.05 P.M., Chicago, Standard Time. The Sun is in Libra approaching a sextile of Saturn, and Saturn is approaching the Dragon's Head. The sextile aspect of the Sun and Saturn is of no great importance, and has seldom caused an advance of more than two and one-half cents from any low point, but at the same time, it has virtue enough to prevent any decided break.

On the whole the outlook for the month is one which will prove a good source of revenue for elevator owners of large capital. The market will be quite an easy one to forecast as the Moon is well aspected, but those who are intuitive will be unable to follow their judgment, on account of Saturn being so near the Moon's node, which is as evil as though the Moon were in conjunction with Saturn.

From the 4th to the 10th the tendency will be downward, although no decided break is indicated, and as the Sun is so near a sextile of Saturn it will cause slight reactions every day or two. Therefore scalp both sides of the market.

From the 10th to the 23d there will be a good showing of strength and constant reactions from all depressions.

From the 10th to the 18th wait for good places to buy on; and from the 18th to the 23d look for a choppy market with probably one or two sharp spurts.

Sell short on all advances until Oct. 30, if the forecast has proven generally correct.

CERES.

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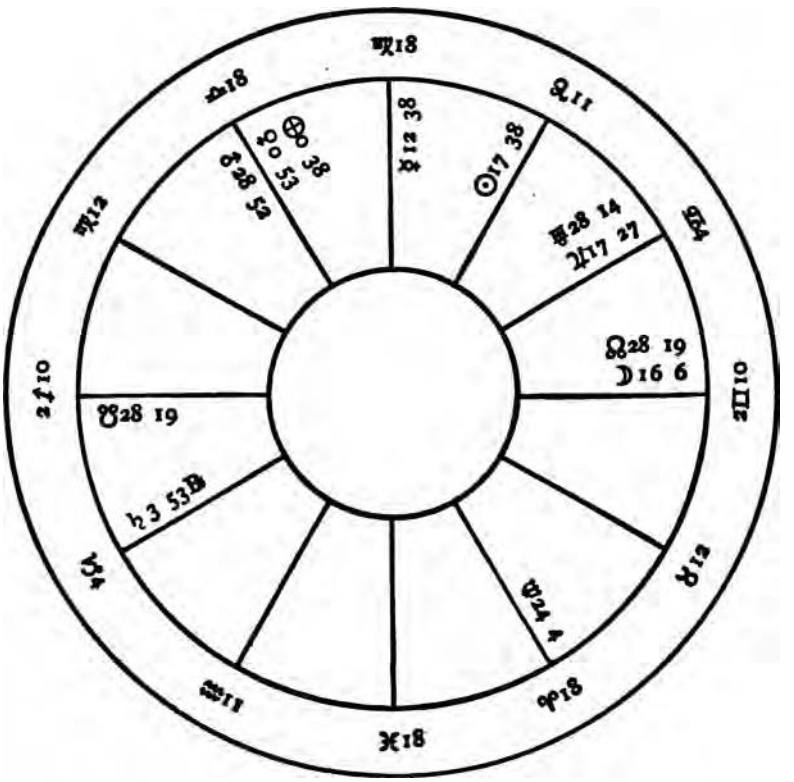
An Illustrated Horoscope.

SHOWING HOW ASTROLOGERS FORM THEIR JUDGMENTS.



LADY BORN AUG. 10, 1871, 2 P.M., BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

This lady was born under the planet Jupiter in Cancer, with Sagittarius rising.

A person is said to be born under that planet which governs or rules the sign rising on the eastern horizon.

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She is tall, straight, fine-looking, with an oval face, high forehead, brown hair, large nose, slightly prominent eyes and pale or fair complexion.	Jupiter is a tall planet, also Herschel, albeit, they are in a short sign, and Jupiter is in good aspect with the Moon her co-significator also in a tall sign and in good aspect with Mercury in Virgo, not a short sign. Jupiter gives an oval face, high forehead and always expressive eyes, and a well-shaped nose.
The ancients would describe her as "busy, loquacious, conceited, and apt to meddle with other people's concerns."	See Lilly's "Christian Astrology," p. 299, ♃ in ♋
She is fond of the water and of traveling.	Her planet is in a watery sign and the Sun is in the 9th, the house of long journeys.
Her horoscope is a fortunate one.	All her planets but two evil ones are above the earth and five of them are dignified by being in their own houses or signs.
She will become well-to-do through her husband and possibly by her own prudence and thrift.	Jupiter, the Greater Fortune, is exalted in the house ruling her husband's money, and the Sun is in good aspect to the Moon.
She has experienced poverty in her early years.	The Dragon's Tail is in her ascendant, and Saturn is retrograding on the cusp of her house of money and rules that house.
She will live to be old.	Her ascendant is not afflicted and the Sun and Moon are well placed and aspected.

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She will have some trouble with her chest or lungs also her kidneys and bladder, indigestion and palpitation of the heart.

Two of the malefics being in cardinal signs will cause kidney trouble, also a fixed sign on the cusp of the 6th, her house of sickness, which also denotes some heart trouble augmented by the Sun being in Leo, and Herschel throwing an influence. The Moon in Taurus would predispose to some lung trouble and Herschel in Cancer to indigestion.

Her abilities are very good, although she may not have had the opportunity when young to improve them.

Mercury, ruler of the mind, is in the sign of his exaltation, in good aspect to Jupiter and is on the cusp of the mid-heaven, which also affects the mind.

She must never lend or give credit.

Saturn, lord of her 2d, is retrograding on the cusp of her 2d and is afflicting Venus and the part of Fortune in her house of credit and business.

She is unlucky regarding friends who will prove false and must be careful whom she confides in. Secret enemies of both sexes will cause her more trouble than anything else.

Mars, an evil planet, is in her house of friends, and also rules her house of secret enemies and is disposed of by Venus, who rules her friends, and Venus is afflicted by Saturn.

She marries well and lives happily and her husband will be the means of raising her and improving her circumstances.

In a woman's horoscope we take the Sun to denote her marriage, and here the first aspect the Sun makes is a good one to Mars in her house of friends.

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He will be tall, slender, erect, good-looking, with light brown or reddish hair, light mustache, oval face, round forehead and a proud walk.	Mars is a slender planet and Libra is a tall, slender sign, and Mars gives a reddish tinge to the hair, also an oval face, and always a proud carriage.
The ancients say he is "fond of boasting, is conceited, and much attached to women, but brisk and cheerful."	See Lilly's "Christian Astrology," page 303, ♂ in ♎
He will be a successful business man and will become well off.	The 7th House here becomes his 1st, and the 4th therefore becomes his 10th, his house of business, and it is ruled by Jupiter, the Greater Fortune, and Jupiter is in his exaltation, in good aspect with Mercury.
	The 8th House also becomes his 2d, his house of money, and Jupiter is therein.
He is unfortunate with children.	The 11th House becomes his 5th, ruling children, and Mars, an evil planet, is therein. Mars also rules the 5th or his wife's house of children, and Neptune is therein in opposition to Mars.
This lady's health was not good at three and a half years of age.	Saturn was in opposition to the Sun.
And again at five years.	Saturn afflicted her ascendant.
Again at seven years.	Saturn was in square to himself.
Again at ten years.	Saturn was on the cusp of her house of sickness.
And again at fifteen.	Saturn was opposing himself.

CATHARINE H. THOMPSON.

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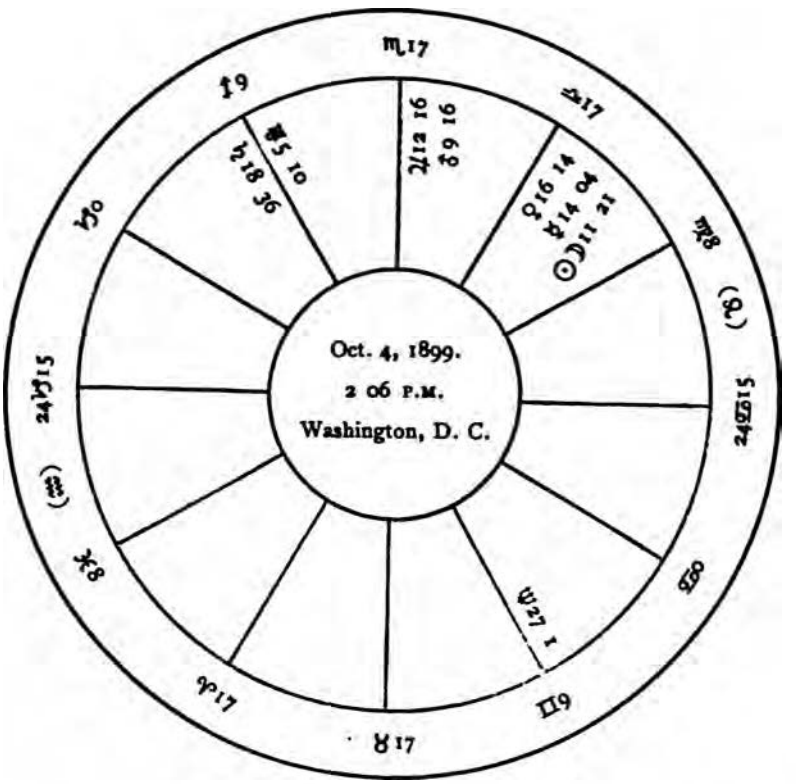
The New Moon for October.

"LET no man, therefore, judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holiday, or of the NEW MOON, or of the Sabbath days: WHICH ARE A SHADOW OF THINGS TO COME."—ST. PAUL.



THE third decanate of Capricorn rises at the time of the new moon on the 4th, with the luminaries posited in the 8th House. Jupiter is elevated in the figure, in close proximity to Mars, and afflicted by Neptune. Saturn's position in the 11th in good aspect with Mercury shows congressional anxieties, delays, and slow, cautious methods in legislative matters. As Jupiter rules the rising decan and disposes of Saturn, some wise

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measures may be looked for in the adjustment of foreign affairs, though slight mistrust will be apparent in the attitude of our allies, and there will be some aggressiveness manifested on the part of the Government about the 12th. Diplomatic advantages, however, may be anticipated, and some important negotiations with a foreign power will be consummated. The nearness of Mars to Jupiter speaks of schismatic tendencies in the Church, and around the middle of the month a clergyman gains notoriety through heretical utterances. A prominent diplomat comes near dying. Internal trade acquires a stimulus, and commercial traffic will be brisk. The stock markets assume a bearish tendency between the 10th and 14th. A theatrical project falls through, yet the general business of playhouses will prosper. Venus dignified on the cusp of the 9th in conjunction with Mercury, assures success to artistic and literary endeavor. Mars is on the meridian at 80° W. at the time of this lunation, his conjunction with Jupiter being in the culminating degree at 75° W. on the 11th. Heavy storms will occur along the headwaters of the Ohio and neighboring waterways, and destructive freshets are to be apprehended.

The new moon this month will benefit people born near Feb. 1, June 3 or Oct. 6 of any year. The 11th will bring increased expenditure, extravagance, or loss to those born on these dates in the years 1837, 1840, 1852, 1864 or 1875. Let those whose birthday anniversaries occur near that date be guarded in financial dealings throughout the coming year. The 10th will create success for those in artistic pursuits, and is therefore a fortunate birthday. The 8th is not so propitious, and will cause some radical changes in the native's affairs during this year, and some domestic anxiety for married men. The 25th is a fortunate birthday for writers, bookdealers, and business men generally. The 29th is favorable for art dealers, milliners, haberdashers and theatrical people.

The weather will be very unsettled during the month, and promises much rainfall. Severe storms in the mid-Atlantic ocean the early part of October and storm periods around the 1st, 14th, 18th and 23d. HAZELRIGG.

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Birthday Information and Daily Advice for October.

Babies can't choose their own horoscopes, and indeed if they could, there might be an inconvenient rush of babies at particular epochs. "*Romola.*" — GEORGE ELIOT.

1. Your anniversary is an unfavorable one. Troubles in your domestic affairs are indicated, with changes in both home and business matters. Remain as inactive as possible.

Sunday. Evil for pleasures. Avoid journeys.

2. You have an active year before you, and in the main favorable. Enlargements in your affairs will be in order, and some additions to your social and home conditions. Beware of sickness within your circle.

Monday. Good for general matters; to visit, seek amusement, ask favors, and seek employment.

3. The coming year is not of great importance for good or evil. But your expenses will be heavy, and contentions will occur.

Tuesday. Not over-good. Care in all affairs is advised.

4. You are somewhat favored this coming year, and matters in general should come your way. Some activity is denoted, with changes and journeys.

Wednesday. A good day for general purposes. Be up and doing, journey, remove and ask favors.

5. You have a quiet even year before you, and matters in general should improve. Some changes in your social and home affairs occur, with benefits thereby. Remember your neighbor in trouble.

Thursday. An excellent day for business. Visit and seek amusement.

6. Your coming year will be an uneasy one, with many trials besetting your path. Some slight changes are in order; with care exercised you may benefit through the same. Look to your health.

Friday. Not over-good. Postpone matters of importance.

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7. Both good and evil marks the promises of this year. Activity is denoted, also enlargements in your affairs. Avoid controversy, and look to accidents. Be not too free with finance, and remember your obligations.

Saturday. Generally good, but avoid arguments and contentions.

8. Your coming year is not important. But few changes will be in order, and your conditions will run along somewhat easily. Do not encourage expense, and guard your health.

Sunday. Good to plan, think and write.

9. Keep your affairs well in hand this coming year, and look sharp to changes, journeys and additions. You will be in active surroundings and while favored somewhat, yet many annoying and anxious conditions will be in evidence.

Monday. A fair day for general affairs. Do not journey or remove.

10. You are confronted with anxieties this coming year, and care is advised in all matters. Sickness will enter your domain, and possibly a bereavement. Avoid new ventures, and be cautious in financial affairs. A probable addition to your home circle is indicated.

Tuesday. Moderately good for writings and changes.

11. A somewhat favorable year is before you, and your general conditions should improve. Gain through friends, by persons in power, and through your own exertions is indicated. Take advantage of whatever presents itself, and do not waste time or opportunities.

Wednesday. Good for all purposes. Make every use of the day.

12. A troublesome year is before you, with many anxieties abounding. Sickness will enter your circle, and financial matters will go hard. Do not change or encourage expense, and avoid all ventures. In your domestic circle, some sorrows will come.

Thursday. An unfavorable day.

13. You cannot be said to be favored the coming year. Some slight benefits through changes, with some pleasant journey is shown. Be guarded in all ways, and make no rash promises.

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Friday. Moderately good for journeys or removals, and for pleasure.

14. The coming year promises an improvement over the past one. Much activity is denoted, with changes both favorable and unfavorable. Look well to expenses, and avoid hazardous enterprises. Choose wisely in your selection of friends, and be careful of promises.

Saturday. Generally fair, but do not purchase or invest.

15. Both good and evil will present itself as this year passes. Avoid controversy, and see that you do not lose good friends; make but few changes, and endeavor to center your mind. Some probable gain in matters relating to writings and agreements, and some additional knowledge will come to you, with gain therein.

Sunday. Good for journeys and mental work.

16. You have a serious year, with many lost opportunities to regret as it closes. Matters will be active, and you will not seem equal to the occasion. Look to your health, and guard well your social affairs. You will find pleasures costly. It is an important period of your life.

Monday. A strongly contradictory day. Postpone matters of importance.

17. Your coming year is an unfavorable one in many ways, and you will hardly enhance your present condition. Financial difficulties will be in evidence, and unpleasantness in your social and home affairs. You may benefit slightly through changes.

Tuesday. May travel or remove, but do not incur great expense in so doing. Avoid argument and do not ask favors.

18. Your coming year promises but little for you, and you should save. Look to sickness within your domain, and be guarded in promises. Care in writings, and agreements should be observed. You may experience a bereavement.

Wednesday. Look carefully to all affairs, and postpone important matters.

19. Your anniversary is an unfavorable one, and the time will be fraught with many trials and difficulties. Sickness, grief in your home and social circle, and disappointments. Look well to writings and finances, and make no alterations in your affairs unless forced to.

Thursday. It is an evil day.

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20. You have an unfortunate birthday, and many troubles will befall you as the year is passing. Financial losses, danger from law and litigation, and even more serious matters, unless great care is exercised. Loss by fire, and danger to your person through accident is indicated. You should consult an astrologer.

Friday. Evil for all purposes.

21. Your coming year is an unfavorable one for you. Changes and removals are in order; loss of position if engaged, and many anxieties will befall you. Remain as inactive as possible, and let "well enough alone."

Saturday. Remain quiet.

22. Great misfortune will befall you for the year to come. Prepare yourself with fortitude, and ask your Maker for strength to bear the burdens. Those advanced in age should guard well their health. Sickness, with probable bereavement is indicated, and financial losses. Do not forget that every cloud has its silver lining, and that brighter days will come.

Sunday. A very evil day.

23. You will meet with many obstacles and setbacks as the year is progressing, and your patience will be taxed to the utmost. Keep a good lookout on all affairs, and guard every penny. There is trouble and annoyance in your home, with some losses through writings and promises.

Monday. Evil for general matters.

24. Your coming year cannot be considered as over-favoring you. Trials and anxieties will abound, with financial losses, and some danger to your person. Avoid law, and look to fire and loss. Do not attempt to enlarge your affairs, and watch every dollar.

Tuesday. Favorable for amusement and to visit. Postpone business matters and journeys.

25. You are favored in various ways for the next year of life, and your general conditions will improve. Activity in all affairs is denoted, and help from influential persons, and through odd circumstances. Be active and aggressive, yet cautious in all changes.

Wednesday. An excellent day for business purposes.

26. Many misfortunes will befall you as the coming year is passing. Do not encourage speculation, and avoid all new out-

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lays in your affairs. Endeavor to save rather than to add. In your home circle, sickness will be in order, and grave anxieties.

Thursday. It is an unfavorable day.

27. An active though unfavorable year is before you. Changes are in order, losses in business and through friends. Trouble in your home circle and through strangers. Be guarded in all affairs.

Friday. Postpone all matters of importance.

28. Your coming year will be a troublesome one for you, and care will be needed to keep your present affairs together. Do not enlarge, and avoid disputes and contentions. Keep your property insured, and be guarded against bodily harm.

Saturday. Remain quiet.

29. Both good and evil will take turns as this year passes though with care the former will be more in evidence. Do not enhance your present conditions, and avoid journeys and changes. Some possible benefit through your own exertions is denoted.

Sunday. A moderate day. Ask favors, seek employment, but do not journey or change.

30. An active year confronts you, with probably strong changes. Your business affairs will increase and be troublesome in many ways. Look to sickness within your domain, and be careful lest you lose through friends. Look to your health.

Monday. Good for business affairs, writings, home matters, and changes.

31. You are slightly favored this coming year, and with attention the same will improve. Some addition to your home circle is in order, also added friendships. Avoid litigation and all contentious matters.

Tuesday. Good for everything. ASTOR.

The above birthday information is for those whose birthdays occur this month regardless of the year and the hour. Anyone born for instance on Oct. 25 will experience during the year some of the conditions mentioned on that day.

The daily advice is worth considering and watching, and if followed will bring quicker and surer results. On evil days always keep still, for even if you try to push matters you will find eventually they will not amount to anything.

The good or bad fortune of a person on any particular day depends mainly on the particular conditions operating in the nativity, and the red or black degrees the Moon is transiting in the speculum.— ED.

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The American Grammar of Astrology.

CHAPTER X.—The Signification of the Twelve Mundane Houses.

The First House is called the "House of Life." It describes the appearance, health, temperament, disposition, also length of life and accidents, and is the most important house in the heavens; as it is the beginning, it is the individual.

It corresponds to Aries, and governs the head, face and brain.

The Second House rules money matters, loans and inheritance, and one's personal estate, also loss or gain in speculation.

It corresponds to Taurus, and governs the throat and neck.

The Third House rules the mind, also sisters, and brothers, cousins, neighbors, news (whether true or false), railroads, letters, papers, writings, trips and advertisements.

It corresponds to Gemini, and governs the hands, arms and shoulders.

The Fourth House rules the father and the home, real estate matters and business, mines, the end of life, the grave, and the termination of anything, and is an important house.

It corresponds to Cancer, and governs the breast and stomach.

The Fifth House rules children, schools, theaters, pleasure and happiness, speculations and the public, and is a happy and fortunate house.

It corresponds to Leo, and governs the heart and back.

The Sixth House rules sickness and servants, rents, uncles and aunts on the father's side, and is the weakest house.

It corresponds to Virgo, and it governs the bowels.

The Seventh House rules love and marriage, partnerships, lawsuits, the grandfather, strangers, opponents, and is a very important house.

It corresponds to Libra, and governs the reins and loins.

The Eighth House rules death, wills, legacies, the husband's or wife's finances, and is a weak house.

It corresponds to Scorpio, and governs the sex functions.

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The Ninth House rules the mind, husband's or wife's near relatives, science, books, publications, religion and long journeys, and is a good house.

It corresponds to Sagittarius, and governs the hips and thighs.

The Tenth House rules honor, business, credit, the mother, and is the most powerful house in the heavens.

It corresponds to Capricorn, and governs the knees and hams.

The Eleventh House rules friends, step-children, hopes and wishes, and is a fortunate and strong house.

It corresponds to Aquarius, and governs the ankles.

The Twelfth House rules the mind, secret enemies, substance of friends, suffering, signifies jealousy, limitations, self-undoing, also uncles and aunts by the mother's side, and is an unfortunate house.

It corresponds to Pisces, and governs the feet and toes.

The order of the houses in dignity and strength, or rather of the planets when in them, is the 1st, 10th, 7th, 4th, 11th, 5th, 9th, 3d, 2d, 8th, 12th and 6th, the last three being considered to have an evil influence.

The Effects of the Planets in the Houses.

THE FIRST HOUSE.

Neptune here gives inconstancy, a taste for maritime life, a wandering disposition, endangers the life by enmities, often makes the native timid, causes him sometimes to live under two names, and may bring on a wasting disease through irregular living.

Herschel here makes the native erratic, brusque, peculiar, wayward, stubborn, gives dangers of falls, and hurts by machinery, either to the head or that part of the body ruled by the sign Herschel occupies. It causes estrangement from the parents and kindred, and to travel far from home, and gives a distaste for married life.

Saturn here gives a melancholy mind, egotism, pride, solitary habits, shy, nervous manners, a patient disposition, subjects the native to colds, bruises to the head; and causes an uphill struggle all through life.

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Jupiter gives good health, and a fortunate, generous, just disposition, and brings the native success, but afflicted in an evil horoscope, great vanity.

Mars causes a mark or scar on the head or face, gives danger of cuts, burns, scalds and accidents, makes the native bold, pushing, free and independent, fond of competition and strife, haughty, improvident and reckless of danger.

Sun gives honor and success, and a proud, firm, frank, outspoken, generous, independent disposition, despising cliques. It also gives publicity and a love of display accompanied by high motives.

Venus gives charm and fascination, an amiable and gentle nature, a fondness for poetry, music, singing, dancing, the drama, and every kind of display. It confers a sociable spirit, a love of company, and generally conduces to domestic and social success.

Mercury gives a restless spirit, and ceaseless inquiry into many things, causes journeys, much writing, gives a quick speech, a taste for literature and an inquisitive mind, always seeking for something new.

Moon gives inconstancy, timidity, changefulness, publicity, a dislike to quarreling, a liability to many changes of residence and reversal of fortune, and if in a movable sign, constant change; shows a sensitive, intuitive nature and roving disposition, and sometimes causes a tendency to sleep-walking at some period of life.

THE SECOND HOUSE.

Neptune here causes loss by fraud, and much difficulty in money matters.

Herschel causes sudden changes in fortune, many ups and downs in life, and uncertain finances.

Saturn causes business losses, hard work for little pay, sometimes poverty, but induces thrift.

Jupiter gives increase of property; gain and general prosperity. It is the best place for wealth.

Mars gives good earning powers, but an extravagant nature, and the native seldom continues rich for any length of time.

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Sun gives gain by superiors, and association with them. The native is inclined to extravagant ways and luxury, and often gains by government position.

Venus here brings money readily, often gained by artistic pursuits. In a man's horoscope, it denotes that much is spent on pleasure, and in a woman's horoscope, on dress and display, but money always comes.

Mercury here gives gain by letters and writings, and by the help of clerks who may cause loss either by bad advice, theft, or sharp practice.

Moon here causes a varied income, but makes one careful of expenses; causes gain or loss particularly by married women and public affairs. The native gains by traveling and by some public office or by patronage of the great.

THE THIRD HOUSE.

Neptune here gives occult sympathies, sometimes a change of name, curious beliefs, an inventive mind, dangerous journeys, and imposition by or estrangement from relatives.

Herschel gives a curious, inventive, wayward mind, estranged from kindred, troubles through letters, accidents on short journeys, railways, bicycles, unpopular ideas, and receives coldness from brothers and sisters, or is disliked or criticised by neighbors.

Saturn gives trouble and loss through journeys and writings, the native does not agree with his relatives, publications fail, the native's health is endangered by short journeys and the mind is melancholy.

Jupiter gives gain by letters, writings, papers, trips, and near relatives.

Mars causes quarrels and losses through writings, and litigation, disputes with relatives, injuries to the arms and hands and accidents on short journeys.

Sun gives a possible fame by writings. Some honors fall to the relatives of the native, and the name becomes known by some association.

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Venus gives a strong inclination for the fine arts, pleasant traveling, success in letters and writings, peaceful family relations, an amiable disposition, and a bright intellect, fond of poetry, music, singing and painting.

Mercury gives much activity, many short journeys, much writing, a busy mind, fond of literature and science.

Moon causes constant journeys and publicity of some sort, many changes of occupation, and a curious, restless mind.

THE FOURTH HOUSE.

Neptune here afflicts one of the parents, threatens danger in the native's home, or loss of property through bad landlords, danger of poverty, or of the native ending his life in seclusion of some sort.

Herschel gives an unsettled home and many changes, misfortune in the place of birth, trouble through the parents, danger of some infirmity in old age, and a sudden end to the life, especially if Herschel is retrograde at birth.

Saturn causes trouble to the father and loss in land or property; if Saturn is strong, he will be a miser. He causes trouble in home affairs in early life. The native is frequently tied down to a place to his misfortune, and if Saturn is retrograde at birth, it indicates a very unfortunate end to the existence.

Jupiter gives gain by inheritance and real estate matters in the place of birth, and success at the end of life.

Mars gives loss by fire and thrift at the home, quarrels with the parents, loss by mines, a sudden end to the existence, and if afflicted, heavy troubles and poverty in old age.

Sun gives a small chance of prosperity until the end of life, but attachment to the parent, pride in the home, and a fondness for the occult.

Venus gives gain and prosperity in real estate matters, love of home and country, and a peaceful end to the existence.

Mercury sometimes brings success late in life, gives inconstancy in affairs generally, and a change of residence through business. The native seldom remains long in one place.

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Moon gives an uncertainty of position, some chances of inheritance, many changes of residence, favors rom women, popularity, and success in agriculture, mines or real estate, and if strong, an ultimate independence.

THE FIFTH HOUSE.

Neptune causes illicit amours, a love of pleasure, and bad habits. In either sex it is a dangerous position and causes trouble in love affairs, and often seduction, or an early and unhappy marriage, followed by speedy separation.

Herschel causes trouble in domestic life, love of the first child, inconstancy in love affairs, crosses and annoyances in youth, some romantic and impulsive attachments, and danger through pleasure.

Saturn causes disappointment in love affairs, loss of a child, and through speculations, or afflicts or denies children, also danger of heart affections and drowning.

Jupiter gives good and dutiful children, gain by speculation, well-regulated appetites and pleasures, and possibility of receiving an inheritance.

Mars causes quarrels and strife in home-life, rash love affairs, loss by speculation, and the native wastes his energies in speculation. Danger of some accident to the first child. A woman with this position will have a difficult and dangerous child-birth.

Sun gives good children, success in schools and theaters, and all sorts of amusements and love affairs.

Venus. It is one of the best positions for this planet, and gives success through the drama, and pleasure, also good children, and successful love affairs. The first child born will have some artistic ability and will be beautiful.

Mercury gives many little worries about speculation and love matters.

Moon gives success with theaters, a happy disposition, many children and fondness for them and pleasure. An illustrious birth will proceed from this position of the Moon, and the child should become famous.

[*To be continued.*]

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Letters to the Editor.

This magazine is not responsible for the views which may be expressed by its correspondents.

BERLIN, GERMANY, Aug. 10, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

Please send me a specimen copy of THE SPHINX, as I hope to become a subscriber.

Yours truly,
GUSTAV STEPHAN.

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY,
BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 20, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

Kindly fill the enclosed order for THE SPHINX, and oblige,

Yours truly,
GEO. H. SPRINGER.

HASTINGS, ENG., Sept. 21, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

Thanks very much for the September SPHINX which has come to hand. It is a truly first-rate number, and it would be a difficult task to make it more attractive.

Yours very sincerely,
T. E.

LANCASHIRE, ENG., Aug. 25, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

So far THE SPHINX bids fair to be the most popular and instructive astrological monthly on either side of the "herring pond," and I sincerely hope that it may prove satisfactory to all engaged in its promotion.

Yours truly,
F. S.

WATFORD, ENG., Aug. 28, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

It was a great pleasure to receive the first number of your new publication, THE SPHINX. I sincerely wish you success and hope we are now on the eve of the oldest of sciences taking its place with other acknowledged arts, and I feel persuaded your magazine will help to further this cause.

Faithfully yours,
W. W. C.

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JALLANDHAR CITY, BOMBAY, Aug. 1, 1899.

To the Editor of The Sphinx:

I have received word from England that a monthly magazine is published and issued under your control, and I shall feel highly obliged if you will kindly inform me of the subscription price, as I am very anxious to see it. I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
PANDIT JYEKISHAN, Jailor.
Jullandhar Jail.

MARSHALL, TEXAS, Aug. 2, 1899.

To the Editor of The Sphinx:

I have just heard that you have founded an Astrological Journal, and regardless of cost I want it if it is erudite and tolerant. Please send me the first number and the subscription price. Very truly,

L. H. H., D.D.S.

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 26, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

Your Wheat Forecasts are a great light I assure you, and I would be ungrateful not to acknowledge it, for it seems they have been given me according to a prediction. I am a firm believer in Astrology.

Yours truly,
P. W. G.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13, 1899.

To the Editor of the Sphinx:

The July issue of THE SPHINX fills a "long-felt want" with me, and I wish you all success.

Yours truly,
E. D. J.

BRICK WITHOUT STRAW.

BOSTON, Sept. 15, 1899.

To the Editor of The Sphinx:

I am told the *Theosophical Review* is surprised that astrologers advertise to work for pay; hence the question: "Should astrologers be paid for their work?"

I am not surprised that astrologers work for pay. I am surprised that astrologers are compelled to work at all. Like judges they should not be permitted to work, and like judges they should be supported by a salary from the government. It should be their pleasure, and not their labor, to

NOTE. — The above letters are inserted to show the widespread interest that is being taken in astrology. Ten years hence it will be a difficult thing to find the public not using it in their daily life. — ED.

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decide upon evil, not after, but before the evil is committed, and thereby prevent, rather than inflict punishment upon ignorant members of the human race unjustly branded as criminals.

If, instead of thus recognizing the divine science of astrology, our astrologers are compelled to work and to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, why should they more than others be exempt from this universal curse upon the earth-born sons of toil, and fail to receive the stipend which is the only recognized "ticket of leave" for mortals to dwell on earth within the pale of Christianized civilization.

Work! This term, as is today used and understood, is degrading, demoralizing, slavish; the barbarous entrails of pretentious humanity. Show me an astrologer who works, and "works for filthy lucre," and I will show you a charlatan, a slave to dress, landlordism, or some other respectable vice.

I am an astrologer and my astrologic renderings have a scale of prices, without receiving which, I never deliver. Do I work for pay? Never! When nothing but the possession of a dollar interests me in my astrologic work, I would cast the calculations to the winds and rush for pick and shovel, which would be real work for me, and no doubt would bring in two dollars to astrology's one.

How about this scale of prices? Planetary laws have ordained that I should fill a certain sphere on earth in which my greatest happiness would be secured by a study of the laws of cause and effect, operating between heaven and earth. To occupy any other sphere would be misery to me, although my sphere might be misery to others. I thank heaven that I have sense enough to be contented within my sphere, but,——

The curses upon Adam and upon Cain are still upon the earth, and though astrology teaches how the paradise lost may be regained, yet the flaming swords of commercial greed, social vanities, religious hypocrisy and political chicanery say: "Stand and deliver! Render unto Cæsar the things which belong to Cæsar, for tribute must first be paid to Cæsar, in order to enjoy the things of God. The butchers, the bakers, the landlords, the tailors, aye, even the assessors, say: Depart, ye accursed, from off the face of this earth, unless perchance, from day to day, you pay into the Cæsarian exchequer, your daily portion of the coin of the realm. Your 'Lord's Prayer' for daily bread will be of little worth unless Cæsar is first attended to, for he yet prevails under an astrologic prediction that fell upon Adam and Cain, not yet wholly fulfilled."

Hence, through me and my scale of prices, I work as a money exchanger for my needy landlord, tailor, butcher, baker and assessors, and they in turn work in like manner for the greedy Cæsar. "What fools we mortals be."

As an astrologer I do not work for pay. My astrologic interest is not work for me. I love it, and would be miserable without it. My work

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consists only in satisfying landlords, etc., and Cæsar. Their laws — not mine — forbid my wasting my energies without the requisite stipend in filthy lucre.

Even Jesus and his disciples were compelled to carry the "bag." But today it is worse; the walls are thicker, the fences higher, and hearts (*à la* Dreyfus and Filipinos) are no more tender. Should an astrologer in the present age pluck corn from the cornfield, or appropriate an ass and her foal by the wayside, or even some unused bicycle to aid him on his journey, the probabilities are that he would rest in cellular seclusiveness for the next thirty days, or, maybe, exercise his muscles upon stone work without pay; hence to overcome these human idiosyncracies, I am obliged to work for dollars in behalf of my suffering landlord and Cæsar; but as to doing astrologic work for pay, never! never! never! no more than I would black shoes and take no recompense, expecting perhaps that my relatives or some one else's relatives would kindly take pity upon me and feed the gray matter of my brain upon bread and water. This is not a land for dervishes, and we are all sacredly taught: "When among the Romans, do as the Romans do."

I am enough pleased with myself as to think that I am a pretty fair astrologer, and to those who think we should have no scale of prices I, for one, will say: If they will agree to clothe and feed me and otherwise supply my moderate daily wants for the rest of my life, then I will be greatly pleased to read the heavens for the millions, and without any cost.

Of course if astrologers were like theosophists and could live without eating, drinking or paying rent, then we could live without being paid, but without pay we cannot live; so it is not for our work that we receive pay, it is for the privilege bestowed upon the world by our being in it. He who fails to receive pay has to depart hence via the poorhouse or Potter's field. Maybe our theosophical friends have never viewed these matters in this light, but they should remember that while theosophy deals in theory, astrology deals in facts. All hail the dawning elysian period when sense and not dollars becomes the universal passport!

Yours truly,

PROFESSOR HENRY.

NOT A SCREED BUT A SCIENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 30, 1899.

To the Editor of The Sphinx:

The statement of Alan Leo in the second number of THE SPHINX, that esoteric astrology is the most important, cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. Any lowly service which helps humanity is infinitely superior to the most ornate shrine which hides deity. A shrine made out of the

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planets and constellations is as much opposed to today's common-sense as a shrine which appeals to credulity and aims at enslaving the masses.

If accepting astrology involves the acceptance of such a screed as has been hatched out of the fraud associated with Madame Blavatsky, then it is safe to say that only those whom John Burns once happily styled "the mentally deficient and the morally debased," will identify themselves with astrology. But, happily, those who are the best exponents of astrology do not appeal to credulity but to conviction, and deal with considerations which are as demonstrable as the laws of that universe from which those considerations are deduced.

For instance, the statement in Zadkiel's Almanac that there would be something approaching a panic in Wall street between the 8th and 11th of April of the current year, appeals at once to the sensible, when it is seen that though that calculation was made a year before, yet it pans out with what came to pass.

We all hope to be superior to the limitations of space and matter; but at present we revere those most who can enable us to be better caterpillars, and get out of the way of the destiny that crushes so many. This is what mundane astrology claims to do. Mundane astrology includes natal astrology, for the influence of the stars upon individuals is the starting point of deductions as to weather, markets, and national concerns.

With what does mundane astrology deal? With tracing disease to its core, and counteracting it by natural means; with ascertaining the laws of storms, and forewarning those whom they may affect; with harnessing the fluctuations of the markets on to general laws, and proving the harmony which pervades the universe; with enabling parents to properly train their children and save them from damaging their lives.

The attitude of those who run on theosophical — or, as it has been better termed, theosophistical — lines, is shown by the following criticism in the August number of the *Theosophical Review*, in which the articles in THE SPHINX are dismissed with a sneering mention of the names of the writers, and the advertisements attacked with unctious mystitude: "Such deplorable prostitution of anything that even pretends to be occult knowledge needs no comment from us."

What may be occult to theosophisticals is not occult to those who are childlike enough to learn of Nature and advance stage by stage. The occult of yesterday is the obvious of today. There is no more prostitution in proffering the wayfarer astrologic advice, than there is prostitution in telegraph operators or electric engineers fulfilling their vocations. The laborer is worthy of his hire, if he render real service, but if he cannot do what he claims, then he is guilty of that which is worse than prostitution, namely, fraud.

The Americans are a practical folk, and judge by fruits. If a claim be made to read the future, then, they say, tell us how our markets are going.

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And as the scientific mind of America realizes that the ancient wisdom can be applied to modern needs, in so far is that scientific mind going to devote itself to making it possible for astrologers to learn from their mistakes, and so lift the science from out the empirical into the exact. It is better for astrologers to even blunder towards a perfect mundane astrology than for them to prostrate — should it not be prostitute? — themselves before "Isis very much unveiled." For as the talented statesman who recently helped to strengthen the ties between Britain and America in her great imperial enterprise, tells us in "Little Breeches,"

I think that saving a little child,
And bringing him to his own,
Is a derned sight better business
Than loafing around the Throne!

There is an esoteric astrology undoubtedly, as well as an exoteric. "The stars incline, but don't compel." It is possible by will-power to take hold of even the dead weight of a horoscope and make it contribute to the eventual, well-forged character, even as ship-builders have made the resisting force of water contribute to a vessel's speed. In every horoscope there are two courses, and the wise parents will get their children's horoscopes portrayed, and develop those faculties which will nullify the weakness that would otherwise make shipwreck of the life. Evil is destroyed by developing the good, and those who know to what star, or plane of activity, to adapt their life, can the easier "pluck the vicious quitch of blood and custom wholly out, and plant themselves afresh, and make all new."

Yours truly,

HERMES.

THE French are certainly more thorough-going in matters of science than other nations. One of the latest volumes of the "*Annales du Musée Guimet*," a foundation for the spread of religions, on the publications of which the Government spends 40,000 francs a year, is entirely occupied with a mode of fortune telling practised in Corea. It consists of the chance arrangement of a number of pieces of bamboo, on each of which is painted a certain symbol, and presents no particular interest to any one but (?) folklorists. We can fancy what a fuss would be made in the House of Commons if Government money were spent on such an object.

Pall Mall Gazette, Feb. 24, 1899.

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Editorial Notes.

We desire to thank our friends for their kindness in waiting so patiently for the magazine. We know at present of only about a score or so of minds in the world who can write intelligently on the scientific questions discussed in this book, and they all live very far apart, consequently it has been very difficult to gather sufficient matter in time for publication each month. But thanks to the press, and the widespread interest that is everywhere being taken in our work, we are beginning to accumulate a number of valuable and interesting articles for future issues.

The object aimed at in placing The Sphinx before the public, is to teach the world a truth that has been almost lost, and therefore forgotten for ages, the truth of planetary influence, and it is a doctrine that is intimately connected with the happiness of mankind, and the future mental growth of the human race. The new century will seek for just what this work aims to do, viz., to teach man how to broaden out his reasoning faculties, just as the present century has taught him how to broaden out his personal estate. This is the age of millionnaires in the realm of finance, the coming age will be the age of millionnaires in the realm of intellectual research and advanced thought.

Chapter IX of "The American Grammar" having been criticised as being too advanced for the young student, it will be replaced by simpler matter when the grammar is published.

It may interest the readers of The Sphinx to learn that a gentleman recently called upon the editor, and in the course of conversation on the question, "Did the Hebrews worship the Moon?" said that his father was a very devout Hebrew, and always at the new moon obliged him to go out and say a prayer to the Moon.

We have exhausted the August and September issues, but will reprint a second edition before the new year.

We regret exceedingly that owing to the numerous articles sent for publication this month, we have been unable to include the one on Mrs. Langtry written by that clever artist, Kymry.

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A Cotton Forecast for October.

To those who have long cotton, I would say, hold on till the 13th, for I expect an advance up to that date. The 13th will see the highest point until after the 23d, so sell and stay short until the 23d, as cotton will see a good decline between those dates. Be sure and close out all short cotton by the 23d as there will be a good advance from the 23d to Nov. 2d. Buy cotton on the first show of strength after the 23d, and hold until Nov. 2d, as it will be sure to show a good profit.

J. J. STUDENT, JR.

CORRIGENDA.

We are sorry that several misprints have crept into Kymry's painstaking and artistic work. In the July number, "Causerie by the Celt," on second page near end insert "the finer *ear* than its own"; page three, line 17, read "*lower* middle class"; near bottom alter and insert words in italic, "that *though* they carefully dissembled their *love* by kicking its ambassadors downstairs *they always did believe in planetary influence*"; fourth page, first line, the italics are wrong and superfluous; line six, "*tricky*" should be "*tricksy*," and in last line the quotation marks should stop at "*seasons*" and not at "*forever.*"

August number, the "Gods of Hellas," fourth line of quotation the word "*dans*" was not in the manuscript nor in the original French; "*armes*" should be "*larmes*" and "*fordant*" "*tordant.*" In second paragraph "*enforcing*" should be "*embodying*," "*delusive*" "*elusive*" and "*Ketts*" "*Kelts.*" In the Mars paragraph insert semicolon after "*destroyer*"; and comma only after "*active*," and remove quotation marks at the end. In the Venus paragraph "lonely *wood*" should be "*word.*" In the Mercury paragraph put capital K to "*King*" and insert comma after "exquisite, apart."

Page 16, line 28, *bad* should be *end;* page 17, line 11, *next* should be *now;* page 17, line 21, omit *now;* page 17, line 22, *puzzle* should be *puzzles;* page 17, line 25, *aim* should be *aims;* page 17, line 30, *base* should be *have;* page 18, line 21, omit *not;* page 18, last line, *diction* should be *dictum;* page 19, line 1, *remarkably* should be *remarkedly;* page 22, line 22, *noble* should be *oval;* page 183, line 6, erase the words "old" and "musty."

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