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### THE WAR.

THE PRESIDENT of the UNITED States of North America signed the ultimatum to SPAIN on the 20th of April. The Spanish Government rejected the ultimatum contemptuously, and thereupon the President sent several ships of war to blockade Havana.

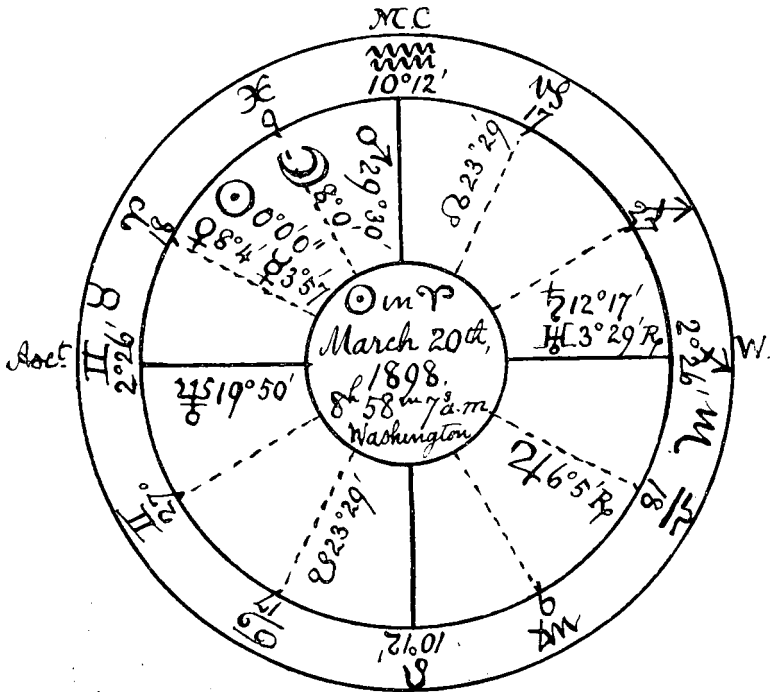
It is impossible for any true lover of freedom to sympathise with the Spaniards; for their cruelty to the Cubans has long been disgraceful to a civilised nation. Britons would not have tolerated such cruelty and oppression, in an island close to our shores, so long as the Americans have tolerated the conduct of Spanish officials in Cuba.

The ties of kindred naturally draw Britons closely to the side of Americans in their struggle with the Spaniards for the independence of Cuba, and our sympathy is strong with our cousins the other side of the Atlantic. Our Government has issued a proclamation of and will observe a strict neutrality. If, however, any one of the European Powers should unwisely threaten to intervene in favour of Spain, the indignation of the free-born sons of Great Britain would be so great that the Premier would be compelled to throw the sword of Great Britain into the scale and defend the United States. We have seen enough of diplomacy in the Armenian and Chinese questions, and shall not permit any European Power again to paralyse our action against cruel oppression.

It was stated in the *Standard* that the President signed the ultimatum at 11h. 24m. a.m. of the 20th April. If this be correct, the defeat of Spain will be speedy and crushing. Cuba has already passed, virtually, out of the possession of Spain, and she will never recover the fertile island which she has so cruelly wronged. The student who casts the figure of the heavens will find the significator (Saturn) of Spain retrograde and weak, while that of America (Sol) is in the tenth house, attended by the Moon, Mercury and Venus, and in decile aspect with Mars in the ninth house. Moreover, Jupiter, the disposer of Saturn, is retrograde and cadent, whereas Venus, the disposer

of the Sun, is strong in her chief dignity, the sign *Taurus*, and applies to the sextile aspect with Mars.

Students will be greatly interested in the figure of the heavens for the moment of the Vernal Ingress at Washington. The Sun entered *Aries* at 8h. 58m. 7s. a.m., Washington, mean time, of the 20th March, 1898. The Sidereal time was 20h. 50m. 37.47s., or  $312^{\circ} 39' 22''$  in arc of Right Ascension; *Aquarius*  $10^{\circ} 12'$  culminating and *Gemini*  $2^{\circ} 25'$  ascending. Mars is seen, in the annexed diagram, flaming in the tenth house in *Aquarius*  $29^{\circ} 30'$ , elevated above all the heavenly



bodies, the Moon having lately separated from conjunction with the planet of war. Saturn and Uranus are in the seventh house (that of war and public enemies), the former planet being stationary, and the latter retrograde, in the sign (*Sagittarius*) opposite to that ruling the United States. Mercury, ruler of the ascending sign, applies to opposition with Jupiter, ruler of the descending sign. These are omens of severe fighting and defeat of the enemies of America. The signifiers of Spain being retrograde, the Spaniards are not likely to stand very stoutly

to their guns after their first severe defeat at sea. As Jupiter is in *Libra*, the sign ruling Austria, and nearly in sextile with Saturn and Uranus, there is a probability of Austria affording material assistance to Spain. Inasmuch, however, as Jupiter is retrograde, such assistance is hardly likely to go to the length of Austria making war on the States in favour of Spain.

The declinations of the planets at the moment of ingress were given at page 53 (April).

Our readers should point out to those friends who are doubtful as to planetary influence the following facts: At the outbreak of the present war, SATURN is found in *Sagittarius* 12° and URANUS is in 3° of the same sign, which is the one opposite to *Gemini*, the sign ruling the United States. In 1861, when the great Civil War broke out, URANUS was in *Gemini* 10° and MARS was in conjunction with him.

In 1812, when war was waged by Great Britain against the United States, NEPTUNE was in *Sagittarius* 14°; in 1898, NEPTUNE is in *Gemini* (20°), and ere the war ended URANUS entered *Sagittarius*.

In 1776, when the revolt of the American colonies against Great Britain commenced, URANUS was in *Gemini* 9°, and MARS was in the same sign.

The Sidereal Revolution of URANUS is 84 years (or more exactly 30,686.82 days). In 1776 URANUS was in *Gemini*, add 84 years and we have 1860. From June 1858 to July 1865, URANUS was next in *Gemini*, and during four of those years (1861-65) the terrible civil war raged in the States. When URANUS enters the opposite sign (*Sagittarius*) and is accompanied by SATURN, in 1898, war between America and Spain breaks out.

The Sidereal Revolution of NEPTUNE is 164½ years (or exactly 60,126.7 days), In 1812, NEPTUNE was in *Sagittarius*, the sign opposite to *Gemini*. In 1898, NEPTUNE has gone through a little more than half of his sidereal revolution—has reached the 20th degree of *Gemini*.

Sceptics may say these are mere coincidences. But it is by watching for such coincidences that we arrive at a natural law. To those who have observed similar coincidences, these are pregnant with a deep meaning. It is puerile to ignore them merely because they support that astrology, which was firmly believed in by ancient observers, and is despised by scientific men of the end of the century, who have never studied it.

It is beyond dispute that in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC the Civil War of 1861-65 was foretold; and that in the edition for the present year, (page 56) we foretold "a most critical time, especially in regard to foreign affairs," for America, and "heavy expenditure on arms and armaments," this spring quarter.

April 26th.

## THE RULING SIGNS OF PALESTINE AND JERUSALEM

ANCIENT PALESTINE was ruled by the Zodiacal sign SCORPIO, and JUDEA by ARIES; the ruling planet being MARS.

In the *Tetrabiblos*, attributed to Claudius Ptolemy, Book II., chap. 3, it is stated that "Syria and Cappadocia are principally influenced by *Scorpio* and Mars;" also that "the inhabitants of Coelesyria, Idumœa, and Judea are principally influenced by *Aries* and Mars." Syria included Palestine. The Jewish face partakes largely of the *Scorpio* type—*vide* Varley's "Zodiacal Physiognomy," extracts from which were given in Zadkiel's magazine, "The Horoscope," in 1841, and in ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1846—and so do the majority of Syrian faces. It must not be concluded, however, that all English people who were born when that sign was rising would closely resemble the *Scorpio* type of features, as some astrologers of limited experience assert. The Princess Victoria Louise, daughter of H.R.H. the Princess Helena, who was born at 7h p.m. of the 3rd of May, 1870, had the 10th degree of *Scorpio* rising, and her features are certainly not typical of that sign.

VIRGO is the ruling sign of Jerusalem, as we stated at p. 51 (April).

TAURUS is the sign opposite to SCORPIO, PISCES is opposite to VIRGO. At the periods of great events in the history of Palestine and Jerusalem, we should, therefore, expect to find one or more of the major planets, or an eminent fixed star, in either *Scorpio* or *Taurus*, *Virgo* or *Pisces*.

In the year 588 B.C., Jerusalem was taken by Nebuchadnezzar. SATURN was then in VIRGO, URANUS was in the third decanate of PISCES, and NEPTUNE was in the second decanate of TAURUS. These three evil planets were, then, afflicting Jerusalem.

When Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus, NEPTUNE was in TAURUS, and URANUS was in *Aquarius*—the sign in quadrature with *Scorpio* and *Taurus*.

In 1187, when the kingdom was overthrown and Jerusalem was taken by the Saracens, we find that Uranus was in the last decanate of TAURUS, and NEPTUNE was in the last of *Aquarius*.

In 1099, when the Crusaders took Jerusalem, we find that URANUS was in the first decanate of TAURUS, SATURN was in SCORPIO, and NEPTUNE was in LEO.

In 1260, when the Mamelukes took possession of Jerusalem, SATURN was with URANUS in ARIES, and NEPTUNE was in the first decanate of *Leo*.

These remarkable coincidences, taken into consideration with those mentioned in our article on the New Era in our last issue, prove that Jerusalem is ruled by the sign VIRGO, and that

Palestine is influenced by SCORPIO. There are, however, other coincidences.

In 588 B.C., when Palestine was overrun by Nebuchadnezzar, the martial star *Antares* was in *Scorpio*  $4^{\circ}$ , *Aldebaran* was in *Taurus*  $4^{\circ}$ , and the Bull's North Horn was in *Taurus*  $16\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ .

Since *Antares* left *Scorpio* and entered the next sign, *Sagittarius*, Palestine has been far less subject to violence and war than the country was while *Antares* remained in its ruling sign and *Aldebaran* in the opposite one, viz., from 860 years B.C. to 1297 A.D.

It is thus manifest that those students of Daniel's prophecies who neglect to examine astrology, are quite unable to understand and interpret them. It is undeniable that the doctrine of Daniel is pure Chaldaean, for he teaches that the ASTRAL POWERS rule the various countries of the World—*e.g.*, the PRINCES of Israel, Persia and Greece—in conformity with the Mosaic account. The Prince of Israel was Michal. Michal re-appears in *Jude* 9, and in *Revelation* xii, in his character of champion of Israel. In Jewish theology Michal is the angel of the SUN, which the *Tetrabiblos* says rules Chaldæa. In Daniel's visions, references to astrological ideas are manifest. The lion with eagles' wings, the ram and the rough goat with the notable horn between his eyes (*Daniel* viii) are astrologic symbols. The goat is the unicorn-goat, figured in Babylonian sculpture and engraving as a symbol of the MOON in the sign CAPRICORNUS, signifying the Empire of Alexander. Mr. Collingwood writes\* : "Thus are pressed into the service of JEHOVAH these ancient allegories of the war between the Sun and Moon, not a heathen belief, for it was established long before heathenism had differentiated from Hebraism." We challenge Mr. Dimbleby to deny if he can the connexion of Daniel's prophecies with astrology.

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### HOROSCOPE OF NEMO.

OUR friend who contributed several valuable articles on Horary Figure and Rules to FUTURE, 1892-94, and has also written for STAR LORE, was born, as recorded, at 8 h. 10 m. a.m. of the 9th of September, 1844, at Windsor. The R.A. of the M.C. was  $110^{\circ} 22' 57''$ , *Cancer*  $18^{\circ} 49'$  culminating, and *Libra*  $14^{\circ} 22'$  ascending. Nemo is a graduate of the London University, a physician of the Hahnemannian school, a student of occult science, and is connected with the "Brotherhood of the New Life," of Thomas Lake Harris.

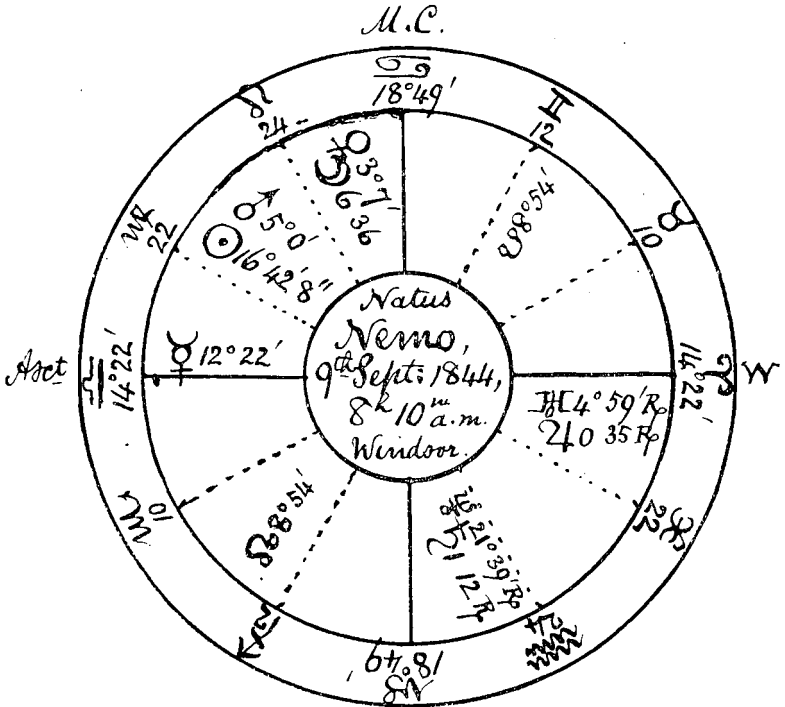
In stature Nemo is tall, and he partakes much of the characteristics of Mercury rising in *Libra*. His mental faculties

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\* "Astrology in the Apocalypse," by W. Gershom Collingwood, M.A.

are acute, reflective, analytical, and profound. His memory is retentive, and his judgment is clear. In common with the great majority of mercurial people his spirit is disputatious, and he is ever ready to enter the lists in a controversy touching any one of his favourite studies.

The trine aspect of the Moon and Venus with Uranus accounts for Nemo's predilection for occultism. The presence of Jupiter in the sixth house and in trine with Venus is



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☿	3 19s	7 58 37s	190 3 35	79 40 38	79 51 34
♀	4 3s	15 32 41N	124 28 20	14 5 23	110 27 23
♂	1 9N	10 45 34N	157 15 52	46 52 55	103 48 47
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♄	0 36s	20 29 52s	303 35 9	13 12 12	118 0 54
♅	0 46s	1 17 31N	4 53 45	74 30 48	88 22 34

favourable to success in medical practice. The Moon with Venus in the tenth, followed by Mars and the Sun in the eleventh, and Mercury rising, are all indicative of high reputation and world-wide fame. The opposition of Venus with Saturn would have been a very serious drawback, but for the great divergence of their latitudes and declinations.

We have not computed many primary directions, but may state that Nemo married under the direction of—

Sun parallel Moon, zodiac, converse,  $28^{\circ} 7'$ .

He received a gift of money from his father in May, 1884, under—

Midheaven trine Mercury, zodiac, converse,  $39^{\circ} 29'$ .

Ascendt parallel Venus, zodiac, direct ...  $39^{\circ} 56'$ .

A still more substantial gift from the same source was received in January, 1895, under—

Midheaven sextile Jupiter, mundo, converse,  $50^{\circ} 14'$ .

On the 7th of August, 1891, Nemo made a professional visit to Antwerp, under—

Midheaven conjunction Mars, mundo,  $46^{\circ} 53'$ .

Sun trine Jupiter, zodiac, converse...  $47^{\circ} 6'$ .

Yet another gift of money was received on the 1st of October, 1896, under—

Midheaven sextile Jupiter, zodiac, con.  $51^{\circ} 57'$ .

In September, 1889, the death of a medical friend benefited Nemo professionally. He then had the following fortunate directions operating:—

Sun conjunction Venus, zod., con.  $44^{\circ} 55'$ .

Sun conjunction Venus, m., con....  $45^{\circ} 3'$ .

Ascendt. trine Uranus, m., d. ...  $45^{\circ} 3'$ .

As Saturn and Neptune are in the lower heaven, the end of life is not likely to be so happy and prosperous as the middle has been.

We perceive the following directions are about to come into operation:—

Asct. trine Moon, m., d.,  $53^{\circ} 53'$ . = July, 1898.

Moon trine Mercury, m., con.,  $54^{\circ} 8'$ . = October, 1898.

Sun quartile Saturn, zod., d.,  $54^{\circ} 21'$ . = Jan., 1899.

The first two promise success, increase of reputation, and travelling for pleasure. The third threatens a family loss.

Our readers will unite with us in the sincere hope that Nemo may long be spared to minister to the sick and the afflicted; to aid us with his pen to fight for the cause of astral science, and to elucidate and demonstrate the truth that "the heavens do rule."

We have personally enjoyed the friendship of Nemo for more than twelve years, and we entertain the highest opinion of his skill as a physician and as a writer on medicine, therapeutics, and occultism.

## THE ASCENDANT OF DOVER.

(CONTRIBUTED BY NEMO.)

SCORPIO is the sign ruling Dover, and the 7th degree seems to be the exact ascendant. On the 20th July, 1893, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales laid the foundation-stone of the new pier which was to constitute the principal portion of the new deep-sea harbour. An eye-witness informed me that the stone was laid at 1 h. 30 m. p.m., approximately. The 7th degree of *Scorpio* was then ascending, Uranus being in  $6^{\circ} 39'$  of that sign, having been stationary in  $6^{\circ} 38'$  six days previously. The Moon was in the 27th degree of *Libra*, applying to conjunction with Uranus, also to quartile with the Sun and Mars, and to sesquiquadrate with Neptune. Fortunately Mercury was nearly in conjunction with Venus, in the tenth house.

The ascending position of Uranus foreshadowed some disaster close at hand, to the town and harbour—more particularly if, as I believe, the 7th degree of *Scorpio* rules Dover. We had not long to wait for the verification of this view. On the 22nd of July, between 7 and 8 o'clock a.m., a terrific gas explosion—a  $\text{H}$  calamity—happened, wrecking the Dover bank. The catastrophe is believed to have been caused by an escape of gas, the town having been illuminated on the night of the 21st in honour of the Prince's visit on the previous day. The strong room was forced into the street, one man was killed, and the explosion was accompanied with a peculiar rolling sensation like an earthquake.

The accident to the harbour, expected by me from an inspection of the figure of the heavens for the moment of the laying of the foundation stone, happened in the December following, and was thus described in the *Standard* of December 11th, 1893:—

“Divers were on Saturday engaged in endeavouring to ascertain the cause of an extraordinary occurrence, which had happened on the new Dover Harbour works, in the course of some pile-driving in the sea. A row of iron piles, each weighing several tons, had been driven, and the usual tests of superincumbent weight were being applied to one, when it began to sink, and slowly disappeared. One man, who was rescued, was thrown into the sea, and much damage was caused to the work above. It is supposed the piles struck upon a soil of the nature of quicksand.”

The *Standard* of the 13th of the same month stated that a serious military riot, “such as has not been known in Dover for years,” occurred on the evening of the 12th of December, the streets being unsafe, civilians assaulted, property destroyed, and public-houses ransacked.”



On the 6th of December Mars was in conjunction with Uranus in  $13^{\circ} 6'$  of *Scorpio*, and in parallel declination on the following day.

Students resident in Dover should ascertain what happened there in February, 1892, when Uranus was stationary in *Scorpio*  $6^{\circ} 5'$  on the 9th.

On the 13th of November, 1851, the submarine cable between Dover and Calais was opened for public use. Jupiter was then in *Scorpio*  $7^{\circ} 9'$

### ON ASTROLOGICAL GEMS.

In Mr. C. W. King's valuable work on "Antique Gems and Rings," there is a very interesting chapter on astrological gems, from which the following excerpts are made.

"The influence of Astrology upon the Roman world was far from confining itself to the expression of her ideas and occult powers under tastelessly symbolical and enigmatical forms, like those bequeathed to us by her half-daughter, Gnosticism—it has left us an innumerable host of elegant monuments, but purely astrological, both in appearance and purport. These, moreover, extend from the earliest to the latest days of the art, for the Persian cylinders present the astral dieties with the rites of the **MAGI**, whose religion was but another name for astrology, and the Zodiacal signs occur on works of even the Archaic-Greek period: \* but it was under the Empire, from Domitian's age downwards, that the demand for gems, or rather talismans, derived from the prescriptions of this science, grew so pressing as almost to banish every other subject from the engraver's repertory.

"Astrology now became the fashionable study: entire libraries were formed of the treatises upon this science alone, as Augustine tells us when speaking of his friend Firminus. Of these works the principal now extant are the poem (only fragments preserved), of Manetho, dedicated to one of the Ptolemies; that of Manilius, written under Augustus; and the voluminous treatise in prose of Sextus Julius Firmicus, dedicated to Count Lollian in the reign of Constantinus Junior. He gives a most interesting drawing of his patron's horoscope, and points out how it was verified by the strange vicissitudes of his life. Horace alludes to his own horoscope (though uncertain whether it was *Libra*, *Scorpio*, or *Capricornus*) as occasioning

\* A painting of six of the signs is reckoned by Pliny amongst the masterpieces of the great artist Athenion.

the striking similarity in the chances of his life with those that befel Mæcenas :—

Ut cunq̄ue nostrum incredibili modo  
Consentit Astrum.

“Augustus, Suetonius records\*, published his own nativity, to display to the world his confidence in the success it promised him, and put his natal sign, Capricornus, upon one of his coinages. Tiberius passed the latter part of his reign in his observatory at Capri, surrounded by his astrologers ‘cum grege Chaldæo,’ as Juvenal hath it; and had himself attained to such proficiency in the study as to predict the remote and brief enjoyment of imperial power by Galba, then only a child. In private life the satirists continually ridicule the prevalence of this belief. Later, Claudian (Ep. XXV.) alludes to the calculating nativities on an astronomical globe of glass which we find was the invention of Archimedes—an ingenious piece of mechanism, for it exhibited all the motions of the zodiac and the heavenly bodies.

Inclusus variis famulatur spiritus astris  
Et vivum certis motibus urget opus.

And this same anticipated orrery is spoken of by Ovid—

Arte Syracosia suspensus in æthere parvo  
Stat globus uninensi parva figura poli.

And Propertius introduces an astrologer—

— ærata signa movere pila.

This ‘movere pila’ was the technical term for casting nativities, for Ovid has—

Non illi cœlo labentia signa movebant.

“Of the whole class of signets the most frequent are the Signs of the Zodiac, either singly, combined, or as adjuncts to the deities, the representatives of the several planets, the ‘gods of nativity,’ as the Gnostics styled them. It may be reasonably supposed that in many cases these represent the owner’s horoscope. Severus selected for his second wife Julia Domna, merely because she had a royal nativity; and many a patrician was sacrificed by the timid tyrants for the same reason as Metius Pompianus had been by Domitian, ‘quia imperatoriam genesin habere ferebatur.’” Of all these horoscopes the most favourable was *Capricornus*—

— in Augusti felix qui falserit ortus,  
Who shone propitious on Augustus’ birth.

as sings his *protégé* Manilius; a circumstance promulgated to the world, by the Emperor’s order, on the denarius above

\* Vide *Zadkiel’s Almanac* for 1875, p. 55, art. “Augustus and his destiny.” By Suetonius.

alluded to, and for the same reason its figure often accompanies his portrait on gems. Firmicus lays down that 'on the ascension of the third degree of *Capricornus* emperors, kings, and persons destined to fill the highest offices are born'\*

"Although amongst all the signs the chief favourite to grace the Roman signet was *Capricornus*, perhaps in compliment to the first of the emperors, *Leo*† also often figures on gems, and so does *Virgo*, the deified Eregone, who might be mistaken for Victory were it not for the helmet on her head, to mark her being the Marathonian *Virgo*, as Statius styles her, and the wheat-sheaf in her hand. *Scorpio*, the horoscope of Tiberius (and therefore emblazoned on the shield of the trophy commemorating his Rhoetian victory in the Gemma Augustea), was also a favourite device, and that with very good reason in ages when people credited Manilius's dictum as to its influence upon the fortunes of the native. Or it may have been even then a medicinal amulet, as it was in the sixteenth century, when, as De Boot records, this sigil, cut on a green jasper when the Sun is in the sign, was universally believed a sure protection against the stone.

"A *cornucopia* generally accompanies the figure of a sign, both to denote its beneficent power, and to indicate its astrological character, lest it should be mistaken for either a simple animal or a merely fanciful device.

"There is a design of which so many repetitions are extant, both antique and of Renaissance date, as to proclaim beyond all mistaking the importance of the idea therein involved. Now Plutarch ("Romulus") records that L. Tarrutius, a friend of Cicero's, had calculated the nativity of Rome according to the rules followed in the case of a human birth, and I cannot help seeing in this composition the pictured horoscope of the mistress of the world. To describe it:—Jupiter is shown enthroned between Mars and Mercury standing, upon an arch, under which old Oceanus half emerges from his waves, the whole enclosed within the circle of the Zodiac. The mystical importance of this design is apparent from the fact that it has been kept in view by the sculptor who executed the tomb of Junius Bassus, Prefect of Rome (dec. 359), the earliest, perhaps the most interesting, Christian monument in existence, still remaining in situ upon the floor of the ancient basilica of St. Peter, now the crypt of the modern edifice. In this the principal bas-relief represents CHRIST seated between SS. Peter and Paul standing, His feet resting upon an aged man emerging from beneath, whose robe flies in a semicircle over his

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\*This is a most absurd and unwarranted assertion.—Z.

† *Leo* is the sign ruling Rome.—Z.

head, were probably representing *Αἰών*, or *Sæculum*, the Genius of the World.

“The planets, accompanied with their proper houses, often furnished the subjects of signets, as might justly be expected, when we consider the received doctrine that—

‘The planets look most kindly on the birth,  
When from his proper house each views the earth;  
For then th’ auspicious larger blessings shower,  
Whilst the malign are shorn of half their power.’

“It would seem, however, that all the astral genii were best tempered when shining in their nocturnal houses, for Dorotheus and Manetho (ii, 141) lay down that—

“Chiefest of all, with aspect most benign,  
Whilst in Aquarius doth old Saturn shine;  
Jove in the Archer joys; impetuous Mars  
Of night exults in fiery Scorpio’s stars;  
Soft Venus loves the Bull, the Virgin fair  
Hermes regards as his peculiar care;  
For to each planet that illumes the skies  
His fitting house some favourite sign supplies.”

“Three signs often appear in company upon the same monument; for example, *Virgo* seated upon *TAURUS* and *Capricornus*.\* This union expresses the joint influence for good of all the three, for some signs were accounted friendly, some again hostile to each other. Such a figure is called a *TRINE*, and its three components are found in the signs respectively touched by the points of an equilateral triangle inscribed within the zodiacal circle.

“It is probable that, in later times at least, the figures of the zodiac were worn for the protection against disease and accident of various parts of the body under their respective rule. For each member was allotted to some particular sign,† a belief which can be traced back to the remotest antiquity and which can hardly be called extinct yet.

“To trace the origin of the fanciful theory respecting the lords of the signs, we must go back to *INDIA*, the true fountain head of every mystery of the ancient world. In the pictures of the Hindu planetary system each god is mounted on his appropriate vehicle, or *vehan*, the agent through which he exerts his power.

“A favourite device for a signet was the Moon surrounded

\* This is the earthly triplicity— $\gamma$  ♀ and ♃.—Z.

† This was the dominion of the Moon as she passes through the twelve signs of the Zodiac.—Z.

by seven stars, or the Septentriones, Charles's Wain\*, which first appears as a type on a denarius of Fulcinus *Trio*, who took it as the rebus upon his own name, with the usual fondness of the later Republicans for such conceits. The same type is found afterwards on reverses of medals of certain empresses—Sabina and Faustina—hence gems so engraved may, with some probability, be assumed to have been the signets of ladies.

“Iarchus, the Brachman, presented his guest, Apollonius Tyaneus, with seven rings, each named after a planet, and to be worn on its proper day; by so doing the philosopher preserved his bodily vigour and good looks beyond his hundredth year.”

We shall have some comments to make on these interesting statements in Mr. King's excellent work, in a future number.

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### DEATH OF A CHILD BY ACCIDENT.

An earnest student of planetary influence kindly sends us the horoscope of a girl, who was born at 3h. 22½m. a.m. of the 18th of January, 1879, at Barbados, West Indies, the sign *Sagittarius* 14° 50' ascending; the Moon in 5° 9' of the ascending sign, within 10° of the eastern horizon, measured by oblique ascension, very near Antares, and in quartile with Uranus in *Virgo* 3° 34'. The violent Mars is in the ascendant in *Sagittarius* 17° 22', in zodiacal parallel with Mercury. In the Text Book, vol. i. we stated our opinion, in 1879, that the limit of 5° above the horizon as a hyleglacial situation for the Sun or Moon should be extended to 10°, and this nativity supports it. The ascendant has the semi-quartile aspect of the Sun, and the sesquiquadrate of Neptune in *mundo*, and the zodiacal sextile of Jupiter. The child was born almost asphyxiated, and the surgeon in promoting respiration accidentally broke one of her collar-bones.

The violent affliction of the Moon and ascendant had its effect in liability to accidents. When the direction of Ascendt. conjunction Mars, *mundo*, was completed, the poor child was knocked down by a runaway horse, and had a narrow escape from death. On the 20th of May, 1884, at the very hour of the transit of Mars over the place of Saturn, *Pisces* 28° 16', this ill-fated girl, when crossing a public road to run to her father, was knocked down and run over by a horse and cart; death resulted in about 10 hours afterwards. This fatality happened under Ascendt. conjunction Mars, *zodiaco*, 5° 23'; Ascendt. conjunc-

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\* Vide *Zadkiss's Almanac* for 1883, p. 61-3

tion Antares, z., con.  $5^{\circ} 23'$  and Midheaved parallel Saturn, zod.  $5^{\circ} 40'$

Our correspondent who holds a prominent post under Government writes:— "I can testify to the truth of these facts, as the child was the eldest daughter of my brother-in-law, and I was much attached to her for her cleverness and winning ways."

## ON PRIMARY DIRECTIONS.

### LESSON V.

IN LESSON IV., page 183, STAR LORE, December, 1897, we gave an example of directing the Moon to a zodiacal parallel, by direct motion. We now offer an example of directing the Sun to a zodiacal parallel by *converse* motion. The Rule is thus stated at p. 204 of "The Science of the Stars," *second* edition.

To Direct the SUN to a Zodiacal Parallel by Converse Motion:—

RULE—1°. Find the longitude corresponding to the declination of the body to which the Sun is to be directed.

2°. Find the right ascension, meridian distance, and semi-arc of the longitude of the parallel.

3°. Say: As the semi-arc of the parallel is to that of the Sun, so is its meridian distance to the second distance.

4°. The sum, or difference, of the first and second distances of the Sun will give the *arc of direction*.

### EXAMPLE.

Let it be required to direct the SUN to the zodiacal parallel of the Moon, by converse motion, in the horoscope of Nemo (p. 70.)

The speculum at the foot of the horoscope shows the Moon's declination to be  $14^{\circ}30'46''$  N. In the sign *Leo* will be found the parallel of this declination. This may be worked out by means of the Tables of Declination and R.A. given in "The Text-Book of Astrology," but it may be more exactly computed (to seconds) by trigonometry, thus—

1°. Logarithm Sine of Declin.	$14^{\circ} 30' 46''$	9.3989709
Logarithm Sine of Obl.		
Ecliptic	... ..	$23^{\circ} 27' 32''$ 9.5999804—

Logarithm Co-sine of *Leo*  $20^{\circ} 59' 14''=9.7989905$

This longitude is reckoned from the first point of *Cancer*,  $50^{\circ} 59' 14''$ .

2°. Logarithm Co-sine of Obl.		
Ecliptic	... ..	9.9625340
Logarithm Co-tang. of	50° 59' 14"	9.9085656+
Logarithm Co-tang. of	143° 22' 50"	9.8710996
Subtract R.A. of M.C.	110° 22' 57"	
Merid. dist. of parl.	= 32° 59' 53"	
The semi-arc is that of the Moon, viz.—	108° 58' 46".	
3°. As Semi-Arc of $\mathcal{D}$ , prop. log.		·21793
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	<i>a. c.</i>	9.78207
To Semi-Arc of $\odot$	... 96° 38' 3"	·27015
To Merid. dist. of parl.	32° 59' 53"	·73678
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To 2nd dist. of $\odot$	... 29° 15' 36"	·78900
Merid. dist. of $\odot$	... 57° 23' 4"	
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<i>Arc of direction</i>	= 28° 7' 28"	

This important direction of SUN parallel Moon, in the zodiac, conversely, measures 28° 7'.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

ITHURIEL.—You will find all the rules for computing primary directions in nativities, in the appendix to the *second* edition of our "Science of the Stars," just published; also general rules for judging of the probable effects of directions. If you wish us to make the calculations for you, our terms may be had on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

V.C. says that he finds a discrepancy which he cannot account for, viz., that Zadkiel states that in September next "Mars enters the sign Cancer," whereas Whitaker says that, in that month "Mars is in *Gemini*." The constellations are distinct from the signs of the Zodiac, and Whitaker refers to the *constellation* Gemini. If V.C. will compute the geocentric longitude of Mars on the 4th of September, from the R.A. and declin. given in the *Nautical Almanac*, by trigonometry, he will find that it is 90°59'. As 90° is the first point of *Cancer*, it follows that Mars will then be in 0°59' of that sign.

N.B.—Our friend must not follow the example of that wise-acre "Raphael" by using a "ready reckoner" for this calculation.

TYRO.—The sign *Virgo* rules Turkey in Europe, Livadia, Thessaly, Corinth, and the Morea. The present kingdom of Greece is influenced by *Capricornus*, since Thrace (or Greece in general) is stated in the *Tetrabiblos* to be ruled by that sign, and history shows how eclipses falling in  $\nu$ , and visible in Greece, have affected that country. Earthquakes and important modifications

in the government took place in 1842 and 1844, immediately after the conjunction of ♃ and ♃ in ♍, in 1842.

F.R.C.S. sends us the time of birth of a female child who was born almost without life, emaciated, and very small, and only survived three days—viz., 9h. 55m. a.m. of the 16th of April, 1898, in S. London. The mother was dropsical, and had a narrow escape of her life. The Moon, hyleg, was afflicted in *Pisces*.

MARTIALIST.—You must not go to Africa next year, for at your Solar revolution, 18th of January, 1899, the Sun will be in opposition to Mars retrograde in *Cancer*, and the Moon will be in quartile aspect with both ☉ and ☿ from *Aries*; and by primary direction your ☉ will be afflicted. Stay in Old England this year and next, live quietly, and safeguard your health.

CAPT. A. B.—Accept best thanks for the copy of the *Pioneer* (Allahabad) of March 31st, containing a good letter from “Pleiades” on the fulfilment of our predictions touching India and China, in January and February.

E. B.—Mr. Dimbleby while admitting that his expectation that by Easter Day this year the Mohammedan control over Jerusalem would be ended has not been fulfilled, directs attention to the crushing defeat of the Dervishes on Good Friday, at Atbara, as significant that “the Gentile times were ended.” Another writer has suggested that the Gentile times would not end before the summer solstice this year, dating from the fall of Assyria.

MAGUS.—We do not meddle with Magic. You should order of J. Watkins, 26 Charing Cross, a copy of “The Book of the Sacred Magic of Abra-Melin the Mage,” translated by S. L. MacGregor-Mathers.

M. B. D.—We cannot enlarge STAR LORE, neither can we give such useful Tables in it as we gave in FUTURE, 1893-94, until many more subscribers come forward. Your suggestion of a Sustentation Fund has been made before, but who is going to head it with a good donation? If students really desired to aid the cause, they would purchase extra copies for distribution.

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The prospectus of the “London and Sea-Coast Express Palace Steamers, Limited,” has been issued, and shares must be quickly applied for. Temporary Offices, 185, Palmerston Buildings, London, E.C. The Company have excellent prospects of success. We hear that three of their first-class steamers will be named, respectively, the Mercury, Venus, and Jupiter, so that this may be called the PLANET Line.

A worthy shipowner of Grimsby runs his steamships under the title of the ZODIAC Line.