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SPAIN AND CUBA, AND THE TRANSITS OF SATURN.

In the year 1868 civil war broke out in Cuba, and continued for ten years. The sugar and other industries suffered greatly, and to crown all a blow was inflicted on the sugar production of Cuba, in 1876, by Spain imposing a duty on all imported sugars.

In 1898, the United States declared war against Spain, and sent an expedition to deliver the Cubans from the tyranny and cruelty of the Spaniards.

In 1868, a terrible insurrection broke out in Spain, and, after much bloodshed, Queen Isabella was at length compelled to flee for her life from her country.

SATURN entered *Sagittarius*, the sign ruling Spain, in the middle of December, 1867, and remained therein until the middle of December, 1870. The troubles of Spain during that prolonged stay of the great infortune in her ruling sign are matters of history; and even the war between France and Prussia in 1870 was caused by the dispute *re* a Hohenzollern prince being proposed as ruler of Spain.

SATURN'S sidereal revolution of $29\frac{1}{2}$ years brought him again into the sign *Sagittarius* at the end of October, 1897, and he will not quit the sign till 1900. As in 1868, a great crisis recurs in Spain in 1898, and the Queen-Regent and her son the King of Spain are in danger of meeting with the fate of Isabella—although the Queen-Regent is incomparably superior in every way to the ex-Queen.

These striking coincidences should carry conviction into the minds of those who are sceptical as to planetary influence on nations and monarchs, especially as the troubles and dangers attending the entry of $\frac{1}{2}$ into π were foretold in 1868, and again in 1898, months beforehand.

Here follow the predictions:—

Zadkiel I in his Almanac for 1868, pp. 9, 23, wrote (in the summer of 1867) as follows:—

“Saturn *stationary* on the 15th of March will bring serious

evils on Spain." "Queen Isabella of Spain has Mars in the place of her Moon at her birthday (October 10th), which excites her to strange acts of violence, and I fear that bloodshed is once again seen in that hapless land. The position of Mars on the birthday of that queen in square aspect with the Sun, is very evil for the peace of her realms."

Now, disturbances broke out in Barcelona, and on the 13th of April, 1868, Catalonia was proclaimed in a state of siege. Immediately after Queen Isabella's thirty-eighth birthday anniversary, when Mars afflicted her as described, a series of violent acts on her part caused the insurrection to spread, and her reign was soon after declared at an end by the voice of the whole people. Cuba was torn by civil war.

Moreover, our own predictions for September and October, 1868, were these:—

"Saturn re-enters *Sagittarius*, to the detriment of Spain, which country will suffer seriously from the long stay of Saturn in this sign. The unhappy Queen of that ill-fated country will have need of the wisest counsels of her ministers, and of the services of her army, to counteract the revolutionary movements which will be made by her subjects, and to retain her throne. The Queen of Spain has a very unfortunate birthday-anniversary on the 10th of October. Troubles and misfortunes, national and domestic, will be rained down on her and her subjects during the ensuing year of her life."—Old Moore's Royal Almanac for 1868, pp. 21, 23. (6d.)

The insurrection began in the last week of September, 1868, and the Queen was soon after expelled, a provisional government being appointed.

In the summer of 1896, we wrote as follows of the re-entry of Saturn into *Sagittarius* in November, 1897:—

"Saturn enters *Sagittarius* ere the Sun reaches the sign, and proceeds to scourge unhappy Spain, and to trouble Hungary. Uranus is also on the threshold of the ruling sign of Spain, so that troubles will fall on that country in battalions. Holders of Spanish bonds should take the warning."

"Spain now (December, 1897) draws the attention of the world, for the three malefic planets, Mars, Saturn, and Uranus, are ruling her destinies by their presence in her ruling sign. Her proud people are the sport of the Fates, and her ancient power has its lustre sadly diminished by loss of territory and prestige. *Sic transit gloria mundi*."—Zadkiel's Almanac for 1897, pp. 25, 27.

"Both Saturn and Uranus being stationary in *Sagittarius*," in March 1898, we wrote in June 1897, "Spain will be torn by contending factions, and her financial straits will cause serious trouble."

April.—“Spain and Portugal groan under the incubus of evil planetary influence, bringing on those countries various misfortunes, physical and political”

“At Madrid, at the summer solstice, the planetary positions are inimical to the peace and prosperity of Spain.”—Zadkiel’s Almanac for 1898, pp. 11, 15 and 57.

It is hoped, if not confidently expected, that the war will be ended this month (July); but, as we pointed out at p. 27 of our Almanac for this year: “In August, a recrudescence of the difficulty between Spain and the United States may be anticipated, for Mars in the sign *Gemini* and Saturn in *Sagittarius* must disturb both these countries and may set them ‘by the ears.’ The quartile of Mercury (from Virgo, the sign ruling the West Indies) with Mars threatens a renewed dispute *re Cuba*.”

The civil war in Cuba, 1868-’78, followed quickly on the annular eclipse of the Sun in *Pisces* 4°, in quartile aspect with Saturn in *Sagittarius* 5°, visible in that island as a partial eclipse.

The conjunction of Mars with Jupiter in *Cancer* 2° 23', of the 26th April, 1895, took place in the seventh house (that of war) at Havana and exactly on the western horizon, and its influence remained in force until those planets formed their mutual opposition at the beginning of March, 1896. Saturn, whose sign ν ascended, was in the tenth house and in opposition to the Sun. The insurrection in Cuba soon followed that conjunction, and about the 1st of March, 1896, when ζ came into ε with γ , there was great friction between Spain and the United States *re Cuba*. It is curious to find that when the opposition of ζ with γ from ν and \sphericalangle 1° 25', in exact \square to the place of that conjunction, took place on the 30th of April, 1898, the first sea-fight followed (near Manilla) between America and Spain, on the 1st of May.

THE BLACKWALL DISASTER.

H.M.S. ALBION was launched at 2^h 50^m p.m. of the 21st of June, at Blackwall, by H.R.H. the Duchess of York. The vessel went off at great speed, and produced an unusually large wave, which swept a great number of people off a bridge and staging, about 34 to 36 being drowned.

No such calamity at a launch has happened since the capsizing of the *Daphne* at Glasgow, about 11^h 30^m a.m. of the 3rd of July, 1883, when nearly 150 men were drowned.

When the ironclad *Benbow* was launched, at 3^h 10^m p.m. of the 15th of June, 1885, by Mrs. Gladstone, at Blackwall, several persons were immersed, but none were drowned.

The *Bywell Castle*, which sunk the *Princess Alice* in the Thames, was an unlucky ship.

The authorities, who appoint the times for launching battle-ships, have learnt nothing by the disasters to the *Captain*, the *Victoria*, etc., and continue to ignore the warnings of astrology. They set at nought the wisdom of Solomon, who averred that, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens," etc.

In the launching and first sailing of ships, it is an axiom in astrology that the ascendant, the ninth and tenth houses, and the Moon should be free from affliction by evil planets. In this latest instance of neglect of astrology, a time was appointed for the launching of the *Albion* when the Moon, in *Cancer*, a sign of the watery triplicity, was in exact contra-parallel declination with Uranus—Moon's declin. $20^{\circ} 2' 6''$ N., and that of Uranus $20^{\circ} 5' S.$ —and separating from sesquiquadrate (135°) aspect with Saturn!

In 1893, we showed, in FUTURE, how unfortunate were the *Victoria* and *Camperdown* in the moments of their being launched, and we then asked:—"Shall life continue to be sacrificed, and vessels costing a million sterling be wrecked in time of peace, because the scientific authorities permit their prejudices to bar the way to the adoption of a science which, if it were properly studied, would go far to prevent such calamities?"

In ZADKIEL'S ALMANAC for 1896, pp. 90, 91, we showed that the s.s. *Seaford*, which was sunk in the Channel on the 20th of August, 1895, was launched when the Moon was in conjunction with Saturn! And we reiterated the words of Zadkiel I., viz.: "When we find undeniable instances, such as those enumerated above, of the inevitable laws of *astrologia sana*, what signifies the diatribe of journalists who know nothing of the science? The heavens call, but they heed not the warning voice. Humanity beseeches them to make this knowledge, rich and rare, known to all nations, in order that fearful catastrophes may be averted; but newspaper scribes scoff at such appeals. They still repeat the parrot cry, 'A coincidence, a mere coincidence,' although they cannot bring forward a single coincidence of opposite nature to controvert astrology."

At the summer solstice, June 21st, Saturn and Uranus were in the fourth angle, and for this reason we apprehended fatal accidents; but as the fourth house rules mines, we looked for mining casualties rather than accidents by water; and we wrote (in July, 1897):—"An explosion in a mine or a smart shock of earthquake, will be experienced in the north or north-west of England, very near to the day of this ingress. Colliery viewers should take extra precautions against accidents in mines, especially about the 20th to 22nd of June, and on the 2nd and 27th

to 30th of July.”* It is remarkable that the Blackwall disaster happened within five hours after the ingress of the Sun into *Cancer* took place. The coroner’s jury were of opinion that sufficient precautions were not taken to avoid accidents by preventing visitors from crowding on to the footbridge. We are pleased to find that nearly two thousand pounds have been subscribed already to the Relief Fund.

We trust that the launching of ships this month (July) will not take place when Saturn and Uranus are rising (in the afternoon). The 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th insts. would be very evil days for this purpose.

DROUGHT IN VICTORIA.

Mr. W., a Melbourne subscriber, has sent us a copy of the *Argus*, May 10th, 1898, giving a graphic account of the drought in Victoria and Riverina, and stating that the outlook was then very serious: “For the past four years Victoria has been fighting against drought, confidently hoping that each season would be the last, and that the fat years would replace the lean ones. It now seems inevitable that a fifth year is to be added to the misfortunes of the past. In fact, it is already upon us, and the year 1898 seems bound to prove as disastrous as any that have preceded it.”

This seemed unaccountable to us, seeing that at the ingress of the Sun into *Aries*, which took place at 11h. 46·3m. p.m. of March 20th, 1898, *Virgo* 24° 13' culminating and *Capricornus* 12° 41' ascending, the Sun was in the fourth house attended by Mercury and Venus, the latter planet applying to the trine aspect with Saturn—which led us to foretell that “There will be no lack of rain in Victoria this quarter.”

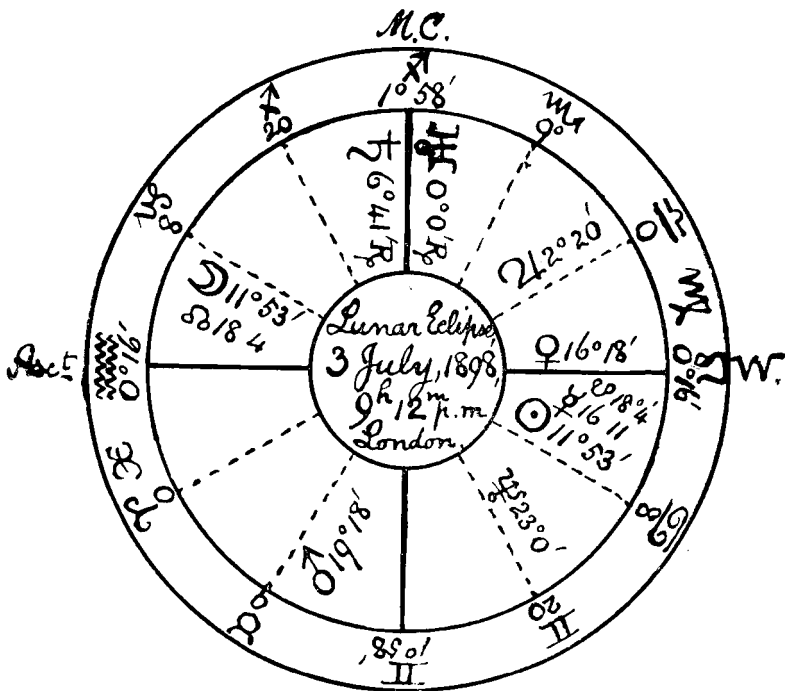
However, just as we go to press, we receive excerpts from the *Melbourne Argus* of the 24th of May, stating that “Genial rains have fallen in most parts of the colony;” from the 20th to the 23rd of May the falls were of a “fine, soaking character” at 58 named places, reaching from “30 to 100, 200, 240, and nearly 300 points,” in several districts. “In consequence, vegetation has sprung up with marvellous quickness.”

This welcome break up of the long drought coincided with the new moon of the 20th of May, whereat the luminaries were in the fourth house in opposition to Uranus in the tenth (at Melbourne), the Sun being in parallel declination with Saturn.

* *Vide Zadkiel's Almanac for 1898, p. 57.*

THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

THE ECLIPSE of the MOON, on the 3rd of July, is very nearly total, being 0.934 (Moon's diameter=1), and it is partly visible in England. The ecliptic opposition takes place at 9^h. 12^m. 2 p.m., Greenwich mean time At London (St. Paul's) the sidereal time is 15^h. 59^m. 27^s. 4=239° 51' 51" in arc of right ascension; *Sagittarius* 1° 58' culminating, and *Aquarius* 0° 16' ascending.



DECLINATIONS.

♁ 22° 55' 15" N.	♃ 0° 15' 14" N.
♂ 23 27 22 S.	♄ 19 37 1 S.
♀ 24 5 0 N.	♅ 20 0 21 S.
♁ 17 38 21 N.	♆ 21 58 53 N.
♂ 16 33 19 N.	

Last July we wrote our opinion on the features of this eclipse, *vide* pp. 57, 58 of Zadkiel's Almanac for 1898.

The Moon is eclipsed in *Capricornus* 11° 53', the sign ruling

Greece, India, Mexico, Saxony, Albania, Bulgaria, etc., and most, if not all, of those countries will soon feel its disturbing effect within the ensuing three months.

Saturn is the ruler of this eclipse as it takes place in his chief dignity, *Capricornus*, and he is in the precedent angle—the tenth house. As Saturn is in *Sagittarius*, Spain will be scourged by that evil planet, and as the Moon is eclipsed in the twelfth house, an outbreak of revolution is to be feared there, as we foreshadowed in the April edition of STAR LORE. Moreover, the Moon being eclipsed in *Capricornus*, the “destruction and submersion” of Spanish war-ships will follow, as ancient aphorisms aver.

This eclipse is inimical to either the health or well-being of those persons at whose birth the Sun, or Moon, held the twelfth degree of *Capricornus*. But those who had the Sun, or Moon supported by Venus or Jupiter, at birth, will gain rather than suffer. Let those who had the Moon in the eighth or sixth house at birth beware of wrong medicines and poisons, especially if ♃ was afflicted.

The Solar eclipse of the 18th of July is invisible in the northern hemisphere, or it would impede the rising of the Nile, as it falls in *Cancer*.

BAROMETRICAL PRESSURE AND DISEASE.

At the recent Annual Congress of Homœopathic Physicians, at the London Homœopathic Hospital, a paper was read by Dr. Burwood on “Barometrical Pressure in relation to Disease.” The object of his paper was to show the effect of sudden fall of barometric pressure on the human body, especially in regard to cardiac weakness. By careful observation for sixteen years Dr. Burwood had been able to predict when certain patients would require his assistance by watching his aneroid. He also traced epidemics of diphtheria to high atmospheric pressure, accompanied by drought and little or no wind. He had also been able to trace sudden outbreaks of diarrhoea to a fall of barometric pressure.

Dr. Nankivell had noticed epidemics of pulmonary hæmorrhage, which he attributed to low barometric pressure. He also spoke of the effects of high altitudes on the circulation.

Until we shall have read Dr. Burwood’s paper we cannot offer an opinion upon it. Meanwhile we may say that the *astronomical causes* of barometric rise and fall must not be overlooked. In the treatise on Medical Astrology given in the second volume of our “Text Book of Astrology,” we have directed attention to astronomical causes. In Austria there is a proverb: “If Austria be not windy it is sickly.”

The North-West wind usually brings fine and clear weather, and the atmosphere is found to be highly charged with electricity. The East wind is frequently attended with a deficiency of electricity, particularly when cloudy, foggy, and damp weather prevails. Accordingly the N.W. wind is a healthy and bracing one, the East wind is unhealthy. The former conduces to cheerfulness of disposition, the latter to melancholy—the former being under the influence of the planet JUPITER, the latter under that of SATURN. N.W. winds lower the death-rate—East winds raise it.

The low death-rate and absence of epidemic disease when Jupiter is in perihelion and supreme at the equinox or solstice, or eclipse, when contrasted with the high death-rate when Mars is so situated, is very remarkable, and forms a forcible argument in favour of planetary influence, and demands thorough investigation at the hands of enlightened and unprejudiced physicians.

SIGNATURES.

A most interesting paper on “The Doctrine of Signatures and the law of Similars” was read at the same Congress by Dr. John H. Clarke. It is printed in the *Homœopathic World*, June, 1898, and will repay careful perusal. We shall take an early opportunity of commenting on Dr. Clarke’s valuable observations. Dr. Robert T. Cooper’s letter on the subject is very instructive.

WHAT IS VITALITY ?

PHYSIOLOGISTS are not yet agreed as to whether VITALITY is a separate and distinct force, or merely the product of the physical forces acting on the common properties of matter. Physicists attribute the control of the Universe to the two elementary powers of *attraction* and *repulsion*; and they regard gravitation, cohesion, and chemical affinity as properties of matter—of which, in our opinion, the first (gravitation) is doubtful.

Dr. P. Proctor writes on this subject as follows:—

“Upon whatever sources vitality may be dependent for its activity, the notion that it can be simply a property of matter meets with this difficulty. Properties are permanent possessions of matter, but LIFE is not such. In all individuals there is a beginning and an end; and the gradual weakening of the vital energies after the meridian of life is passed, looks more like an exhaustion of an imparted force than the impossible conception of matter losing its properties. A piece of mechanism wears itself out in the process of doing work, but life has the faculty of self renewal. Nevertheless the renewal becomes less and

less perfect; and the organism finally ceases its activity altogether. Why, therefore, this should occur is, on the hypothesis that life is a property of matter, another problem for solution. Any light that can be thrown upon vitality must surely be of advantage to medical practitioners."

Dr. Alphonse Teste, in the introduction to his valuable work on the *Materia Medica*, writes:—

"Hahnemann, who was a declared spiritualist in philosophy, was a vitalist in physiology and hence in medicine. That is to say, instead of holding with Descartes and Stahl, to the doctrine of a human dualism, he distinguishes in Man three substantial principles—namely: matter, the soul proper, and another substance, immaterial like the soul, a sort of intermediate principle between the soul and the body, to which he refers all diseases and all our vital functions.

"The general idea of this hypothetical force is, however, not any newer in medicine than it is in philosophy. Hippocrates, and all the vitalists except Stahl and his exclusive followers, admit something similar in their doctrines. 'In health,' says Hahnemann, 'the vital force which dynamically animates the material body, exercises an unlimited power. It preserves every part of the organism in an admirable vital harmony, as regards sensation and action; so that the spirit which resides in us, and which is endowed with reason, is able to freely employ these living and healthy instruments, for the purpose of accomplishing the high end of our existence.'

"The vital force, therefore, whose physiological mission is as lucidly expressed as possible in this paragraph, represents very nearly the sentient soul of Buffon and of the *spiritualistic* opponents Descartes.

"'In disease,' adds Hahnemann, 'this spiritual force, which is active in itself, and universally present in the body, is the only one which, at first, perceives the dynamic influence of the agent hostile to life. Having been disturbed by this perception, this force becomes capable of communicating to the organism the disagreeable sensations which it experiences, and of driving it to those unusual actions which we call diseases, etc.' And further on, 'It is only the disturbed vital force that produces diseases, etc.'

"Whence it follows that every disease which is inaccessible to the mechanical processes of surgery is not, as the allopathists define it, something distinct from the living organism, etc.

"Is this theory correct, or is it a specious sophism? God alone knows. To me it seems, at least, certain that there exists no doctrine which is as plausible, and which can be as satisfactorily brought to bear upon an explanation of the pathological facts as well as of the most abstract combinations of medical

philosophy. Hahnemann, who starts from this irrefutable principle, that a dynamic force can only be modified by another dynamic force, and *vice versa*, quotes for the corroboration of his theory, and as a proof of the dynamic character of our diseases; those which are so often seen resulting from purely moral emotions—a great joy, chagrin, fear, etc., all of which are evidently immaterial causes of disease. But in order to show in the most conclusive manner, if not the initial, at least the indispensable part which the vital force acts in all our diseases, is it not sufficient to allude to the complete inertia of all morbid agents in their action on the dead body, that is to say, on the body after the vital principle has left it?

“It should be mentioned that Hahnemann does not define disease as some independently existing being or state; and in this he is right, for an absolute definition of disease could only be a sophism or an error.”

Upon this we must remark that much light is thrown upon vitality by a careful study of *astrologia sana*, but, unfortunately, prejudice prevents the great majority of physicians from examining the most ancient of all sciences. In our remarks on contradictory longevity (*vide* STAR LORE for March, p. 44), we said that our experience showed that to be born when the “hyleg”—the Sun, Moon, or ascendant, as the case may be—is free from the proximity or evil configurations of Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, and supported by the proximity or benefic rays of either Venus or Jupiter, is indispensable to the attainment of longevity, and to the possession of good vitality. Of course, heredity counts for a good deal, but planetary influence cannot be ignored—the two theories complete each other. Jupiter or Venus exactly rising at birth or in conjunction with the Moon or Mercury, will tend greatly to strengthen the vitality, to increase the healing force of nature, and to promote longevity. Venus, especially, confers that cheerfulness of temperament which is so conducive to health and recovery from sickness. Those who are so unfortunate as to be born when the hyleg is sorely afflicted by Saturn (Kronos), are liable to chronic diseases, and are often of “consumptive” habit.

Every accoucheur should record the exact moment of birth of every child he brings into the world. By this means the questions of vitality and disease would have important light thrown upon them. The nervous affections of children born when Mercury is much afflicted close to the ascendant, have been repeatedly verified by surgeons who have carefully observed the moment of birth of such children.

The vitality of children born under the good influences of

Jupiter and Venus is remarkable. On the other hand, that of children born under the predominance of Saturn is weak. Those born when Mars is rising are liable to accidents, wounds or hæmorrhage. These are facts in Nature repeatedly verified by careful observers. Why, then, do physicians, as a rule, ignore them? There can be no superstition in verifying natural laws. When Jupiter is supreme at the equinox or solstice, the general vitality of the nation is high; when Saturn is supreme it is low.

ASTRO-THERAPEUTICS.

THE word THERAPEUTICS, as we have repeatedly stated, is, literally rendered: "the worship of the gods;" yet it has been adopted by the medical profession to signify that branch of medicine which treats of remedies and their curative action. In like manner, the word PHARMACY means literally "enchantment"; although its modern meaning is held to be the art of preparing and dispensing medicines, and it is used to designate the occupation of an apothecary.

As Sir George Birdwood, M.D., K.C.I.E., etc., said at a meeting of the Society of Arts, March 15th, 1887:—

"Our whole pharmacopœia, including the British Pharmacopœia, has really originated in this way: the officinal plants were at first only 36, that is one for each of the 12 leading and 24 subsidiary (*decani*) constellations in the Zodiacal circle. In conformity with their number also, the human body was divided into 36 parts, and when men fell ill they gathered and used, not chemically and physiologically, but alexipharmically and therapeutically, some suitable preparation of the plant sacred to the divinity [planetary] presiding over the limb or organ affected. Now that we have distilled off the medicaments as essences, and precipitated them as alkaloids, and can weigh and measure them out with the nicest exactitude, we despise the 'prayer of faith,' and even prosecute those who still put their trust in it."

The ancient therapeutics was the cure by faith in the divinities of certain plants.

Dr. Alphonse Teste, in his *Materia Medica*, wisely paid due attention to the natural history of drugs, but he overlooked the *planetary* "rule" over them, as taught by the ancients. We must trace back to ancient principles, if we would thoroughly understand what is called the "empirical application" of drugs.

Dr. Teste's remarks on this subject are worth quoting:—

"By the natural history of drugs I do not here mean the designation of the kingdom whence they are drawn, nor of the

family, genus, etc., to which they belong in the systems of naturalists. Although I have deemed it necessary to mention these indications in front of the history of every drug, yet I think they are only of secondary importance to the physician. What is, in my opinion, of far greater importance to a practitioner, is that he should be acquainted with the regions of the globe whence the drugs are obtained, and with the special nature of the localities which produce them spontaneously. I say *spontaneously*, for everyone knows that plants are transplanted, and that those which grow spontaneously in the South can be made to grow in the North; that plants which naturally prefer a damp and marshy soil, can be grown in a dry soil; that those which are met with on slopes and mountain-plains can be made to grow in valleys and low regions, and *vice-versa*. But, independently of the well-known fact that drugs which have been thus transplanted lose either totally or partially the medicinal properties of which we know they are possessed, it is really only by studying their geographical and topographical conditions that we can hope to discover certain special peculiarities of their destination.

“The more we investigate the general relations of our reputed drugs with the diseases to which man is liable, the more we are struck with the curious circumstance that it is precisely in the districts where certain pathological affections prevail, we meet, by some admirable arrangement of the CREATOR, an abundance of the substances which are most capable of curing them. To cite a few examples, the *bitter-sweet*, which is so often successfully given for the effects of a temporary or prolonged stay in a cold and damp atmosphere, prefers damp and cool localities. The *wolf's bane*, on the contrary, which grows on mountain-tops, corresponds, as is well known, to inflammatory fevers and acute phlegmasias, to which the inhabitants of mountainous regions are particularly exposed, in consequence of the habitual vigour of their constitution and their sanguine temperament. Whilst the *nux romica*, which is so often given with success for dysentery and bilious affections, grows in the East Indies, the classic home of these kinds of affections. We derive from the north-east of Europe, where the scrofula is indigenous, the *wild pansy*, whose efficacy in this disease has been so often verified. *Copaiva* is perhaps the only remedy with which the *plica polonica* has ever been cured, and this drug is nowhere more abundant than in Poland. The *cedron*, which is an admirable antidote against the poison of the crotalus and the coral snake, grows almost exclusively in regions inhabited by those dangerous reptiles, etc.”

Next month we will write more on this interesting subject, and present a medicine for study.

KRONOS AND CAPRICORNUS.

In *Pearson's Weekly*, June 25th, it is stated in "Questions Worth Answering," that "headdresses similar to mitres were worn in very remote times. Some of the gods and kings of Egypt are represented on the monuments with crowns from which two horns project, or the crowns themselves are cloven at the summit in imitation of a pair of horns. Amongst Eastern nations horns were regarded as the symbol of power, the idea being doubtless suggested by the fact that many of the stronger and more formidable animals are furnished with horns."

The P.W. writer seems to be ignorant of the fact that KRONOS, the name of SATURN, was derived from the Hebrew word *Kron*, a horn, the ancient emblem of Power in the East. The great power of Saturn, the highest planet known to the ancients, led to his receiving the name or title of *Kronos*; and the symbol of Saturn, ♄, has ever been a crook (thought by some to be a sickle), in reference to his being the god of corn; but, by others, more correctly, it is believed to have been originally the *horn of the goat*, because in the cardinal and tropical sign *Capricornus* (the he-goat) he was observed to be most powerful.* It must be borne in mind that the sign *Capricornus* was, amongst the Chaldeans, considered, from long observation, as the exaltation, or most potent zodiacal position, of the star of strength, MARS. The connection between the goat and the name—AZAZAL especially—of the evil angels of MARS may be easily traced. The ancient Israelites were in the habit of sacrificing to devils in the shape of goats (*Leviticus* xvii. 7). Aries, the chief dignity of Mars, is the horned ram.

Michel Angelo, and other mediæval artists, represented Moses with a pair of horns projecting from his forehead. From this circumstance it is thought that the mitre came to be used in the Church, although the popular idea is that it is derived from the "cloven tongues as of fire," which are described as sitting on the brows of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

As for the Moon, when at the full the ancients accounted her fortunate; but when she was *horned*, they considered her so malignant that if a child were born under certain configurations at such a time it soon died, or if it lived, that it would be guilty of crimes as great as its temper was black.

This caused the Hebrew wise-women to write upon the walls of their bedchambers these words: "Let not Lilith enter here"—the demon Lilith (derived from *Lilah*, the night), being certain evil influences of the Moon. It is curious to find that Robespierre was born when the Moon was horned and very near to Alpha Arietis, a star of the nature of ♃ and ♄.

King Henry VIII. was born when the Moon was horned, and in sesquiquadrate (135°) aspect with Mars rising. The nativity of a murderer named Holloway, given in the *Horoscope*, May, 1841, shows the Moon horned and afflicted.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

A FELLOW of the Royal Astronomical Society recently declared in the *English Mechanic* that the authenticity of the Book of Daniel is "very gravely questioned by competent orthodox Biblical critics and Oriental Scholars."

Mr. Dimpleby says that: "The Book of Daniel is not to be rejected because its astronomy will not accord with fictitious science." He should bear in mind that the "astronomy" of Daniel was the *astrology* of the Chaldæans; and that Daniel was made master of the astrologers. Those "Biblical critics and Oriental scholars" who gravely question the authenticity of the Book of Daniel, are too prejudiced to examine astrology, and they hate and fear everything astrological. The atheistical science of the present day is the natural outcome of the rejection of astrology. If the religious world were wise, they would study the astrology of the Bible, and make use of it to defeat the sceptical philosophers.

LOOKING FORWARD.

THE great LUNAR ECLIPSE in *Capricornus* (vide page 102), visible in EUROPE, is the most important astrological event of this month.

There has not been a great lunar eclipse in *Capricornus*, visible in Europe, since that of the 12th of July, 1870, which was total, and in $\s 20^{\circ} 17'$. It was followed in three days by the declaration of WAR by France against Prussia. That eclipse took place in the ascending sign of Louis Napoleon—whose horoscope is given at page 100 of our "Science of the Stars," second edition—in opposition to Uranus in *Cancer* $22^{\circ} 10'$, in his "house of war," and in quartile with Neptune in *Aries* $21^{\circ} 48'$. The Moon was then eclipsed in the third decanate of *Capricornus*, which, said the ancients, "pre-signifies the misfortune or death of some king under \s —which was L. Napoleon's ascending sign.

This year no such violent configuration attends the eclipse of the 3rd inst. as that of 1870. But the ancients declare that a great lunar eclipse falling in the second decanate of *Capricornus* pre-signifies: "frequent incursions and assaults of soldiers, theft, robbery, and captivity." We trust that there will be nothing beyond a bombardment of the strongholds of the coast of Spain by American war-ships. No doubt great

efforts will be made to conclude peace before the American iron-clads reach Spain. Indeed, the presence of Venus in the seventh house at this eclipse leads to the hope of peace being speedily secured, but it must not be overlooked that Venus applies to the quartile aspect and zodiacal parallel with Mars, and this is ominous of the spreading of the war, rather than its speedy termination.

Moreover, this eclipse falls close to the ascendant of the French Republic, and will cause great excitement in France. We trust that it will eventuate in nothing beyond a change of Ministry there, but we apprehend *martial* excitement.

The King of Portugal will suffer either in his health or kingdom, for his ascendant is the 10th degree of *Capricornus*. A shock of earthquake is very likely to do serious damage in Portugal.

We have not the hour of birth of the Sultan; if his ascendant should be *Capricornus* we might predict that his lease of power, or life, would come to a speedy and sudden end.

The new moon of the 18th inst. is evil for the Kaiser, the Tsar, and the King of Spain. In America the presence of Mars in the seventh house threatens a powerful enemy in addition to the one with which war is now being waged. We confess we do not like the outlook for Europe and America.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. H. B. writes: "Your article on Gladstone proves a most fortunately correct foundation, and the clusters of directions coincide with the periods of great events in an admirable and striking manner. This article should attract attention even outside the world of astral students. The articles in *STAR LORE* are as good as they can be; the work itself is all that can be desired; and I sincerely trust that it will receive the support it deserves."

Mr. R. S. writes:—"Mr. Gladstone's horoscope and primary directions work out remarkably well. You will remember that Earl Rosebery first became Prime Minister under the direction of ascendant $\zeta \ 2$, just as Mr. Gladstone did. It is singular that Mr. Leiter's corner in wheat collapsed within twenty-four hours of the opposition of the Sun with Saturn on the 30th of May."

IGNORUS calls attention to the discrepancy between the statement at p. 91 of *STAR LORE*, viz., that "Mars is in the eleventh house at the new moon of the 19th of June," and the information given at p. 383 of *Coming Events* that "Mars is in the twelfth house" at the same lunation; and asks us to account for it. Well, we cannot account for the serious mistake made by our contemporary. The new moon of the 19th of June took place at

4^h. 19^m.-3 a.m., when the sidereal time at London (St. Paul's being the centre) was 22^h. 8^m. 35^s.-2 = 332° 8' 48" in arc of right ascension. This gives *Pisces* 0° 3' culminating, and *Cancer* 4° 39' ascending. Mars is in the eleventh house, in *Taurus* 8° 42'. Mercury, Neptune, the Sun and Moon are all in the twelfth house, in the sign *Gemini*. Saturn and Uranus are in the sixth house. Venus is in the second, and Jupiter is close to the cusp of the fifth house. But it is stated in *C. E.* that:—"The lunation occurs on the 19th June at 4.19 a.m., when the first degree of ♀ is culminating and the 3rd of II rising at London; the planets ♃ and ♄ are besieging the cusp of the seventh house, ♀ is on the cusp of the 2nd, ♂ in the 12th," etc.—all these positions being egregiously wrong; and so is the statement that "at New York the lunation falls in the sixth house." Our correspondent must refer to Sepharial for an explanation of these unfortunate errors, on which his predictions for July were based! At p. 381 of the same periodical it is stated that the "ecliptic opposition" of the Moon with the Sun, on the 3rd of July, "takes place at 8^h. 57^m. p.m., whereas it really takes place at 9^h. 12^m.-2 p.m. (in R. A. at 9^h. 7^m. 16^s.); and that "the ominous 28th degree of *Scorpio* culminates at London," whereas it is the 2nd degree of *Sagittarius* that really culminates.

Mrs. A. P. would like to have the following questions answered. We have neither time nor space to spare for the purpose this month. Perhaps one of our readers will send a reply?

"Many people believe that the Great Pyramid was built by Abraham, who, Josephus tells us, taught the Egyptians astrology. Was it in this monument that Joseph's coffin (*vide* last verses of *Genesis*) rested until removed by Moses at the exodus? Piazza Smyth describes a vacant space in his so-called King's Chamber, large enough to contain a coffin. Possibly the remains of Joseph's wife, Asenath, or Isis, also lie in the Pyramid?—it being a natural conclusion that Joseph would like the coffin containing his remains to be placed near the sepulchre of his wife until the time came for its removal. When the 'veil is removed from Isis,' will the 'blindness in part' that has fallen on Israel also be removed? Are the final proofs of lost Israel identity hidden within the Great Pyramid? 'I was not sent save to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,' said Our Lord Himself; and in the Old Testament it is written, 'A nation shall be born in a day!' Watchers of Israel, 'Seek, and ye shall find,' 'Raise the stone, and lo, ye shall find me,' 'Cleave the wood, behold I am there also.' These two last phrases were lately found in excavations in Egypt on papyrus leaf. St. Luke refers to the many gospels that were written by others; possibly the above is one of them."