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## VOLUME IV

This volume is in itself a great work containing about 350 pages.

It is compiled in four parts.

Part one contains eight chapters of intensely interesting information regarding the faces of the signs and the effect on character indicated by the planets when posited in the twelve houses and signs. These chapters must be read to be appreciated and to give the reader an idea of their interest and value we quote the following passage from chapter one:

"The first face of Aries is martial, giving fearless, courageous ambition, one able to lead and command others; quick and ingenious and generally a very impressive speaker."

" \* \* \* The third face of Aries is a face of change and lively fancy. There is a love of fame and activity unrestful, makes many changes in life."

From chapter two:

"When Saturn is posited in the first house the native is diplomatic, though very suspicious and distrustful. He is liable to be gloomy and retiring at times, and while he has many acquaintances he has few intimate friends. His friends are apt to be distant from his home; he makes their friendship through letters, writings, journeys and also through the father and elderly persons and those above him in the social scale of life.

The native is apt to be brought to public notice through these sources and he possesses much ambition, love of fame and high position. He also possesses power to manage and control others, not through authority, but diplomacy. \* \* \*

Part two contains chapters on Hindu Astrology and others relating to the periods, sub-periods and inter-periods of the planets and concerning the judgments of planetary periods.

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Few people have any knowledge of the number of fixed stars—stars that seem to be stationary when viewed from our planet, and which are suns, the centers of other solar systems.

Part four deals with the subject of fixed stars, giving tables of their magnitude, latitude and longitude, also the nature of their influence, which is greater in mundane affairs than in relation to those of the individual.

## VOLUME V

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So may the physician evolve from the practice of an art which is at present

reduced to a mere practice of chance—to a truly scientific system based upon clear first principles which will invariably point to the cause of each malady, to its progression of increase and diminution, to its remedy if there be one, and how to avoid its redevelopment and to maintain good health.

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This important work inspires the mind to seek further knowledge of the laws that govern all life in order that health, happiness and successful achievement may be the heritage of all creatures of the earth.

Mr. Henry Clay Hodges, the compiler of this great work, has voiced the inquiries of ages of thoughtful humanity in the Great Question on the back cover page of this journal.

### A FEW SELECTIONS.

For ages the destiny of the world, aye, the universe, has been mapped out in the sky, but there have been few of mankind pure enough to interpret the handwriting of the supreme ruler. We may only realize, through pain and sorrow, that we alone are the builders of our own future and the rulers of our own destiny.

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Astrology, that is, the external and creative forces, operating as zodiacal and planetary influences, is the origin of every art and science known to men, or that ever will be known. The electric and magnetic vibrations in the atmosphere, the continuous and gradual change from day to night, the ebb and flow of the tides, the seasons of the year and alterations of temperature, times of famine and plenty, epidemics of sickness and crime, the birth and death of the physical of all organized beings, the vibrations of color and sound, the different stages of life and destiny in members of the same family, important changes and discoveries in the progressive sciences,—all are due, directly or indirectly, to the never-ending and varying ethereal vibratory forces or astro-magnetism which pervades the universe, operating according to its prevailing density and quality upon every atomic part of the earth and all that exists upon it.

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Truth is immutable. Science based in Nature is destined to live as long as eternal ages roll. Astrology is a science whose foundations are based upon natural philosophy. At this mistress of science, skeptics may rail, but they cannot rail the seal from off the bond.

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*Womanhood is advancing toward the throne of her divine kingdom, where she will stand side by side and heart to heart with a more divine manhood.*

*Principles of a higher order are beginning to operate; and a more rational conception of freedom is changing the face of society.*

*Equality before the law has become the watch word of all civilized countries.*

*Great thoughts and great emotions have a place in human history which no historian has ever given them.*

*Events are rapidly forming themselves in accordance with the new age that is dawning.*

# The Law Of Selection

## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

### *A Marvelous Occult Law.*

(See "The Law of Selection" in June Stellar Ray.)

In further consideration of the occult law of selection, it will be instructive and helpful to note other of its movements, for and against the attainment of desire. For example, the skilled fingers of the musician move with swift automatic precision to the keys which will express the melody his mind desires to call forth; the facile hand of the artist unconsciously selects the colors that will place on canvas his mind's conception. Over the familiar street the unconscious footsteps bear the playful child or the pensive man direct to his own dwelling.

The unskilled fingers that stumble and cause discord, the crude blending of colors, or the wandering feet, which fail to lead to the desired goal, demonstrate the adverse action of the law; while the automatic accuracy which evolved harmony of tone, beauty of color and eliminated the necessity for retraced footsteps, demonstrates the possibilities to be attained through perfect co-operation with the law of selection. In both instances the law was perfect, in both the principle back of the choice was that of melody and beauty, but in one instance the mind had so fully related itself to the principle that the physical and mental mechanism vibrated in unconscious or automatic unison with its occult force.

### **A Tremendous Unseen Force.**

As we realize, through observation, that there is a tremendous unseen force awaiting our intelligent co-operation, whereby health and the attainment of our desires may be reached, we are more and more inclined to study wherein we have failed to avail ourselves of opportunities, instead

of rebelling at an untoward fate. Due to this awakened consciousness, health is now an art with which the intelligent aim to be conversant, and many methods are being prospected with a view to its general cultivation.

However, all systems which are related to the great source of the invisible supply of vital force are effective even though of countless variety. There are those who find the elements of health, happiness and success in the air they breathe, through deep respirations magnetized by thought currents. This is a simple effective way and if the desire be fully allied to the source of creative wisdom (which brought into vitalized being the organs of breath) and deep breathing be practised in a spirit of reverent sincerity, results will appear that are seemingly magical, although not any more mysterious than standing at the entrance to a modern room and, by touching a center of force, flooding it with light.

Those of our readers who are interested in these occult truths may verify the above by using the following practice: Relax all physical and mental strain several times during the day also upon retiring for the night, and while breathing deep mentally affirm "*From God's marvelous atmosphere I inhale those qualities which cause pure blood to flow through my veins giving me perfect health.*"

There is no human consciousness capable of attempting this practice, in a state of open-minded sincerity, whose physical organism will fail to respond to the subtle occult forces set in motion and governed by this marvelous law of selection.

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"The Stellar Ray" is in its own field and fills it admirably. Success attend it.

F. E. B.

In the next issue of the STELLAR RAY we shall publish a horoscopal reading of E. G. Lewis, the founder of University City and the American Woman's League, showing the planetary configurations which were in manifestation at his birth, which no doubt will be read with interest by every member of the American Woman's League who has the good fortune to contact that number.

The editor of the STELLAR RAY has just returned from University City, where were gathered thousands of intelligent women from every part of this great country, and to have witnessed the loyalty they manifested towards the American Woman's League and the principle which it stands for was an experience that will never be forgotten.

Summing the matter up, the editor of STELLAR RAY regards E. G. Lewis as the Joan of Arc of this age, although canonized in the past, like other martyrs he will be canonized in the future.

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### *The Passion of Desire.*

Within the glamor of the city's light,  
He lived his life;  
Gold was his birthright and he never knew  
The battle-strife.

Fair women fawned on him with artful  
smiles,  
Each in her day;  
There was no hunger after love to gnaw  
His soul away.

With princely retinue he passed through  
life;  
His noblest aim,  
To live for pleasure and to glory in  
His place and name.

At length, he died, to sink forgotten to  
Lethan shade;  
Only the memory of the struggling brave  
Shall never fade.

Another spent, afar from life and art,  
His youthful day;  
The halls of music were to him unknown,  
And far away.

In the hot forge of quenchless, warm desire,  
Achievement fraught,  
With lifelong passion of his burning hopes,  
His greatness wrought.

The rapture of romance he wove around  
The distant town,  
That led his day-dreams on, unsatisfied  
With hill-side brown.

So when in time his footsteps hither turned,  
Tuned was his heart,  
With eager, waiting years of long desire,  
To highest art.

—Verne Dewitt Powell.

Western University of London, Ont.

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### *A New Feature.*

Commencing with the next issue of The Stellar Ray it is our purpose to devote some space to the interchange of information between our readers that will be helpful regarding household matters. These columns should prove to be of special interest to the mothers, sisters and daughters in the large Stellar Ray family, and we trust that they will feel free to ask questions, also to write us relative to any new invention device or system that has proved a help to them in their domestic life.

To lighten household drudgery will mean giving women more out of door life, more leisure to rest and read, and for general recreation.

What is the most recent and greatest labor saver in your home?

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### *Special to Stellar Ray Readers.*

It may be deemed best to combine the August and September numbers of Stellar Ray; if so our readers will find the contents of the next issue doubly interesting and helpful. If not necessary to hold the August number, it will appear as usual about the 20th or 25th of July.

The article entitled *Cancer—The Chemistry of the Crab*, which appeared in June Stellar Ray was by Dr. Geo. W. Carey. Address Box 144, San Diego, Cal.

He has contributed a series of these articles on the "Chemistry of the Zodiacal Signs," showing the deficiencies people

born in the different signs are most liable to, and the natural biochemic supply. We have a few of each issue and will forward a copy to those who are interested in their own sign.

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"A very few years ago 'forest conservation' was little more than a phrase; to-day it is a vital issue in our national development," says Treadwell Cleveland, Jr., in a circular on the status of forestry in this country, which has just been issued by the United States Forest Service. "In connection with the general plan to conserve all natural resources, it is the most important and far-reaching economic policy ever adopted and pursued by any nation.

"The forest is one of the chief supports of the whole material fabric of our civilization. The forest means not only a permanent supply of wood and the life of all the industries which depend on it, but also the control of the waters for human use. There is only barrenness in the future of the nation which has lost the use of wood and the control of water.

"The sort of use that was made of natural resources during the pioneering stage, while right enough at the time, is far too wasteful to be carried on into the new industrial era. In order to know how to use a thing, however, it is necessary first to find out how much of it there is to use, and taking stock of our forest resources has led to startling results.

"It has shown that we are still destroying the forest as we use it; that we are taking from it every year three and a half times as much wood as is added by the new growth. It has shown that less than one-third of the growing tree felled by the lumberman is ever used at all, so that two-thirds of all the timber cut is simply destroyed. It has shown that one-eleventh of all the forests are swept by fires every year, and that on the average since 1870 forest fires have yearly cost \$50,000,000 in timber and fifty lives. It has shown that over ninety-nine per cent of the forests in

private hands—which comprise three-fourths of all the forest land and four-fifths of all the wood—is thus devastated by destructive use and the scourge of unchecked fires, while less than one per cent is properly handled for successive crops or effectively protected from fire. The forest as a resource is rapidly being obliterated.

"But the inventory of the forests has had yet other ugly facts to reveal. With the disappearance and deterioration of the mountain forests the Nation is losing control of the streams, which are useful in our civilization in ways and degrees unparalleled by any other resource. Pure water for domestic purposes is, of course, indispensable; usable water at the right seasons is the sole reliance of the great projects by which the arid lands are vivified by irrigation; cheap water transportation is a matter of dollars and cents to every citizen; trustworthy power streams are the key to the age of electricity, at the gates of which modern industry is standing. Yet the guardian of the waters is steadily compelled to retreat before the ax and fire.

"In waste alone we reject more than two-thirds of the lumber that might be taken from the standing trees. At least half of this waste is unnecessary. In the first place, we waste the forest by refusing to take advantage of its full capacity for growth. Protected and properly managed, our forests will produce far more wood than they do at present. But while it is wasteful to cripple the forest by a violent lumbering which destroys young growth—the promise of the future forest—it is doubly wasteful to lock up the forest and let the ripe timber die and decay, for in the former case the forest at least contributes a temporary supply of wood, whereas in the latter case it contributes no wood at all.

"It is not use which destroys the forests, but waste. Not use as such, but destructive use, combined with inexcusable neglect, is causing the forests to dwindle under our progressive demands upon them. The problem, therefore, is not to be solved by disuse, but by wise use and protection. These together will so stimulate forest growth that the needed wood may be harvested without depleting the stock on hand, and will keep intact the protective cover at the stream sources."



# Contributions

## *The Golden Rule.*

BY MADAME DU BOIS, MOUNT CARMEL,  
CONN.

In the cities, or in any thickly settled community where no man knows his neighbor, in the common acceptance of the term; where competition and self-seeking are so great that the main desire of the commercially powerful is to crush the smaller man; where the trampling down of a few less fortunate is a thing of no moment—it seems to the one who is sympathetic with the "under dog" that the golden rule is obsolete.

The writer heard a successful business man say that all business men lied, cheated, crushed their competitors to the wall purposely, and gloated over it; that business was a case of "every man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost." To my question as to whether that was complying with the biblical injunction "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," he replied: "We can't these days, and live." He was mistaken.

The golden rule is not exemplified by running down the whole Chinese race, because one of their number has committed a murder. (Disposing of the body in true American fashion, possibly learned through yellow journalism). For a time it seemed as though the "Brotherhood of Man" did not include the Chinese. Their vices were paraded before the public; their customs were ridiculed. Why should they not bring their vices here? When we go abroad we take our mannerisms, customs, fashions and vices with us.

The withdrawing of christian aid was discussed, just when their most desperate needs were learned. There was a widespread tendency to try and find ulterior motives in the work of all missionaries to the Chinese in this country. Such writers would have been justly indignant if those missionaries had bared the motives of their

criticisers in their everyday life, and caused them to be printed for public perusal.

The world is full of examples of the stronger crushing the weaker; the worker scoring the idler, the idler ignoring the worker; the malicious tale is carried by those who forget or do not know that such tales come back, if not in kind, in some way that will cause misery to the sender. It is the law that we must reap what we sow. When the harvest is ripe, we rarely remember that we did to others the things we are now unhappily reaping. When we are thoughtless, we may possibly be excusable; but when we are heartless in the bitter pursuit of those whom we envy, or disregard from any cause, it is unpardonable. The needless jab, the unkind cut, the useless bucking against others, the spiteful tale, the relentless pursuit of a rival, are not "as ye would that men should do to you."

"The thorns which I have reaped are of the trees I planted—they have torn me, and I bleed; I should have known what fruit would spring from such a seed."

A good illustration of the golden rule is seen in small, country places, where probably it has never been preached, and in many instances the demonstrators do not know the injunction of scripture by that name. Many live it almost perfectly who have never heard of it. With them it is simply a "fellow feeling" that makes them "wondrous kind." The spirit of it is found in districts where people are pathetically alone, in a way. There is no fire service, no police protection. People are many weary miles from a doctor; outside of church influence—therefore they have no pastor.

But the neighbor: It is the neighbor who understands and helps. It is the neighbor who takes his team and gathers in the crops for the sick man; it is the neighbor who goes for the doctor in the



night; it is he who fights the fire. It is his wife who leaves her work and scrubs and washes and bakes, and cheers the woman across the meadows. She does not have to investigate the antecedents of the ones in distress, allowing her sister woman to suffer hunger or pain while she does it!

The suggestions: "We have troubles of our own," and, "Keep your troubles to yourself," are not posted in country homes.

Why the necessity for the oft-repeated threats of arrest if the property-owners of our cities do not have their walks cleaned after snow storms? Because those owners of "slippery places" do not live the golden rule; while in the country, men not only shovel "every man over against his own house" but on to the neighbor's. It is a very common sight to see country people shoveling each other out—without any thought of the action being returned.

We are fond of noting how *others* do not live the golden rule. It would be well to observe ourselves for a while.

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*Extract from a Lecture by Dr.  
George W. Carey, "A Vision  
of the Temple."*

"You, the thinking Ego, are spirit now and possess eternal youth. What matters it to thee how long you are envired in matter on this or some other planet. It is all in the order of the Great Necessity.

"Yes, you are immortal. You heard the words, 'Let there be light,' and stood in the Divine Splendor that answered the Word. You heard the morning stars chant their joyful song and witnessed the wondrous panorama of the Zodiac and the Constellations. You saw Orion take his place, holding aloft the clustering lamps of peace out in the southern sky. You saw Arcturus rise from the Silence and stand a mighty sentinel above the northern pole. You saw the circling stars of the Pleiades wheel around the Central Sun Alcyone that 'Holds the swift heavens in their starry place.' You saw the rushing, blazing comet emerge from the cosmic spaces, leaving behind a billion miles of Spirit illumined pathway across the expanse of star dust, and bearing upon its flaming front the inscription:

'I come from the outer circle of creation, beyond the boundaries of Time. I am the swift electric Messenger of Infinite Wisdom. I cast searchlight rays into the deeps of the universe and up to countless worlds. I hold the key that unlocks the door to the Holy of Holies so that you may see God face to face and live.

I bring the message of Being,

Of wisdom's eternal ways,  
The process forever proceeding

In the mind of the 'Ancient of Days.'

"And if the time shall ever come when matter shall be dissolved into its Essence—when the fabric of creation rocking in the agonies of Cosmic Spasms shall totter to its fall, and the heavens be gathered as a scroll—even then, O soul! thou shalt stand unhurt and 'O'er the ruins smile and light thy torch at nature's funeral pile.'

"Thus the discourse ended and another vision rose before me. I saw the headsmen, the hangman, and the prison keeper 'withdraw and become useless.' I saw no axe nor rope upon the scaffold—the blood had all been washed away by the sweet dews and rains. I saw the iron clads rust in the harbor and vines climb over empty arsenals and flowers bloom on disarmed forts. I heard the bugles all sing truce along the iron front of war—saw the battle flags furled and folded. I saw the soldiers return to farms and shops. I saw a race of brothers living in harmony in a co-operative commonwealth. I saw men and angels talk face to face in the splendid dawn of Love and over all I saw the white wings of the Angel of Peace—'And there was Light.'"

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*Our Growing Freedom.*

BY M. EVALYN DAVIS.

We of today are fearlessly feasting on the good things that come to us direct from out the Supreme One indwelling. For centuries past this privilege of freedom of thought, speech and expression, has been denied to man.

Many a martyr has yielded up his earthly expression that from the seed thus sown may spring within the soul of man the blossoms and fruitage of free thought, high and holy in purpose, and a conscious knowledge of his own supremacy through the

power of his awakened mind.

To revel in the wealth of the supremely powerful and exalted truths that are given to us from sages of the past, and which are being promulgated and enlarged upon by thinkers of today, is a joy beyond expression.

Man, conscious of more and still greater power through the evolution of his mind working in unison with the cosmic intelligence, finds himself a dynamo of unlimited power.

To command, as did Jesus, the forces of his body to obey the harmonious law of the Divine Mind, and enjoy the results of such a command, is the true realization of the "Kingdom of Heaven within."

To become so conscious of the Supreme Power of the Universe as being man's heritage, that he can, Christ-like, speak the word of health and abundance for his fellow-man, is a higher realm of the Kingdom of Heaven indwelling.

To come into greater understanding of himself as being a *Universal* soul, realizing his life as one with *all* life, is still another step in the pathway of attainment.

From *this* height man hears in the melody of the feathered songsters of the forest, his own voice; beholds in the enchanting loveliness of landscape, his own perfection, and in the storm and the calm of Old Ocean, he clearly sees the ebb and flow of his *own* life. In the full-orbed sun and twinkling canopy over head, he sheds o'er all the supreme light and majesty of his own great soul that knows no separation from the *One Eternal Source*.

The pathway to the Heights is well peopled; but there is room for all. The Universal knows no bounds, and each may seek in his or her own way, surrounded by the everlasting arms of Love and Wisdom.

The thinker of today has arisen to such a high standard of purity and truth, that first and foremost he seeks to *know himself*. He proclaims the brotherhood of mankind, the oneness of all life, and *love* as the Supreme Power of the Universe.

Unmolested he is, even though he claims himself to be "*God Manifest in the flesh*." Slowly we are coming into the understanding of the teachings of Jesus which declare the Father to be, "*My God and your God, my Father and your Father*." One source,

one life, one presence and one mind, in which each and all eternally dwell, and of which each and all are individualized centers.

Detroit, Mich., June 3, 1910.

To the Editor of Stellar Ray:

I have noticed a considerable very scholarly talk in the Stellar Ray, for the past few numbers, about the 4th Dimension, as if it could be some specific place, or possibly a condition of mind.

Whatever knowledge was intended to be conveyed by those ambiguous writers I am not able to decipher.

It has been said that "language was invented to conceal thought."

I think the English grammar and orthography were an after consideration to assist in burying that thought as deeply under meaningless verbosity as possible.

A little common sense in defining the fourth dimension, will make it plain to a ten-year-old school boy, what the author intended to convey by the term "fourth dimension."

We are told the object of geometry is to investigate the properties of space, and we must assume Euclid purposely neglected to define the fourth dimension.

Proclus says, "Euclid wrote his fourth book, for the purpose of exercising beginners in the direction of errors in reasoning."

Euclid describes a point as that which has no parts or which has no magnitude."

In other words a point is an imaginary place, against or in substance or in space.

The first dimension is that which has only length and breadth, but no thickness, or a mere space between two points.

The second dimension is a solid, or that which has length, breadth and thickness.

The third dimension is a solid, or that which has length, breadth, thickness, shape, size and position; of which its boundries are called surfaces.

There may be many of the 1st dimension in the second dimension, and still more of both 1st and 2nd in the 3rd dimension, and you may find room for many of the 3rd dimension so you may assume a solid has three dimensions, a surface two, a line one and a point none. Now in defining the 4th dimension you must define the 4th dimension as constituting all of these or mean-

ing all of these, the eternal whole without length, without breadth, without thickness, as all of these have been defined, the 4th dimension must constitute the eternal limitless space and should not be spoken of as a place or condition, or if so it causes confusion, so the talk about vibration and radio activity and a hundred and one high sounding phrases is bosh. Nor is there any great puzzle to the meaning of the 4th dimension for there is no room for anything else but the fourth dimension.

Therefore the only puzzle there can be to it is in man's trying to define limitless space as a thing or space between points.

Mr. H. S. Le Valley has the best of the argument except he speaks of vibration and radio activity as these are merely imaginary things, or if they exist they become elements of a third dimension, though he partly defines it, when he says the 4th dimension is but extension, limited or universal.

As the other dimensions have been defined, there is no possible place for the 4th except to embody the whole, or it would go back to one of the other dimensions. Therefore it cannot be limited, or it would become a lesser dimension.

This I have defined in my works years ago.

LYMAN E. STOWE

The Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills has selected Saugatuck, Michigan, as the site for a Summer School and Recreation Center this coming season. The purpose of the school is the broadest intellectual and spiritual culture, along undenominational lines. Mr. Mills is regarded by many as the herald of a new day of freedom and brotherhood, and he has the happy faculty of presenting the truths of the Unity philosophy of life, with its practical applications, so as to make it attractive to all classes of people. His plan is to devote three hours daily, Tuesday through Friday, for four weeks, commencing August 2d, to the study of these deep principles, under fascinating topics. He and Mrs. Mills will be the only teachers, with the possible exception of well-chosen helpers in similar classes for children. Beside this Mr. Mills will speak at a large public service every Sunday for five weeks, commencing July 31st, and will

take pains to see that the social and recreative needs of the attendants at his school are well cared for.

Saugatuck is one of the most beautiful resorts on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, and could scarcely be excelled in the opportunities which it offers for rest, comfort, reinvigoration and summer sports. It is easily accessible from Chicago and other points. Mr. Mills himself will spend three months there this summer.

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### *The Life of Love.*

In Memory of "Samuel M. Jones."

By ERMINIE JAPROE.

When the storms of life come faster,  
And the world seems dark and dreary,  
Lift your light a little higher,  
'Tis God's way to bind you closer;  
For He loves you; and must chide you!  
As a mother does her child.

If every rain-drop were a tear-drop,  
Yet the Saviour's grief upon the Cross  
Was still the darker;  
Giving hope and joy to all in pain or  
sorrow;  
With the life of love He gave us  
While He suffered on the cross.

Then cheer up! And look still higher!  
Clouds of life are only rose-thorns  
On the bush of God's love-blossoms.  
So cheer up, my loving brother;  
'Tis God's way to try our patience,  
And will bring us close to Him.

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### *Is There Explanation for the Following?*

In the article "Birth Stones" (STELLAR RAY, December number) Mr. Williams says "some (people) are immune to poisonous vines and handle them with impunity. Others cannot walk in wood where they grow without harm." "Our physicians would do well to study this law."

How true are his words. Here is a case in point: My husband was going to the woods for small trees to set out on our town property. He cannot pass through woods while wet after a rain without risk of being poisoned. Knowing this, I went

with him to watch for and pull away poisonous growth so he need not come in contact with them. Neither he or I knew anything about "poison oak," so I failed in my efforts to save him. Had boiling water been poured over his arm, chest and limbs and the skin rubbed off of them, the appearance would have been much the same as was his condition a day or two after our trip. We used the usual remedies (known to us) without results. Called the only physician in town. He pronounced it malignant erysipelas, and while I was out of the room applied caustic. When I entered the room my husband was fainting. I promptly threw the caustic in the stove and did what I could to relieve the sufferer. By this time the M. D. had gone.

I, at my wits' end, could but experiment.

Carefully I applied "colorless iodine" on small spots, and soon there was relief. After having suffered several days (before this was applied), a few applications gave desired results.

I was not at all affected, although at no time had I tried to avoid the poisonous vines, but had torn them away so, as we thought, they could do no harm.

If Zodiacal or other influence can effect in this way, do let us have the knowledge. My husband's birthday is July 4th. Mine June 26th, with almost two years difference in age, but when it comes to poisonous growths we seem to vibrate on very different planes. "Ignorance is bliss." Husband says, "in this case it was 'blister.'"

(MRS.) O. S. M.

## Stellar Science Department

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### *Were You Born in the Sign Leo?*

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

If you were born between July 22nd and Aug. 22nd, the sun was in the zodiacal sign Leo.

The Sun in Leo or the fifth house, brings out more clearly the qualities of the sun.

The native is ambitious and aspiring, is capable of filling positions of responsibility, and is fond of exercising authority; stands a good part on his dignity, still is generous, magnanimous, affectionate and sympathetic.

Natives of this sign are usually found in some more or less responsible position, as whatever his sphere of life, it is difficult for him to act in subordinate capacities, unless the indications of serving are prominent in his natal figure. He is very kind hearted, social and susceptible to affairs of the heart.

The sun in this sign at birth is favorable for the father as to health and longevity. It favors the birth of a son; it also contributes to the manifestation of Genius if the positions of other planets support it. The native is not a public speaker, but a

deep thinker, and inclined to go to the bottom of any subject in which he may be interested.

The polarization of the moon causes a modification of the sun's influence. The moon's position changes many times, while the sun is still in one sign, and a close observer who is familiar with the science of astrology, may readily determine the moon's position in the chart of a Leo person, for it is indicated in his characteristics, as may be seen from the following:

The sun in Leo and the moon in Aries, inclines to extremes sometimes manifested in religious insanity. If the moon was in Taurus at birth the native of Leo would be a student of nature both mental and physical, have good business intuitions and strong vitality.

The moon in Gemini adds to the fondness for study, a love of order, artistic taste and mechanical ability. Moon in cancer intensifies the love of home, also sensitiveness, and renders liable to the extremes of the Leo nature.

The moon in Leo increases the independence and mental intuitions; moon in Virgo

gives love of purity and harmony, critical; inclines to anxiety, impetuosity and to be musical. If in Libia accuracy is a characteristic.

The moon in Scorpio causes love of pomp and show—arrogance, and positiveness and egotism.

The moon in Sagittarius, active, restless, dissatisfied, exacting, quick to form bad habits.

The moon in Capricorn; business ability, they judge others by themselves, selfish and fastidious; the moon in Aquarius inclines to great travelers to pleasing the people and being in the public mind. The moon in Pisces inclines to restlessness too great to follow their own natural inclinations of study and research; meddlesome and impertinent.

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### *Leo—The Lion.*

By DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

Heart—July 23-Aug. 22.

*Phosphate of Magnesia.*

This cell salt may be made by mixing Phosphate of Soda with Sulphate of Magnesia. This salt is found chiefly in the white fibres of nerves and muscles. The tissues of nerves and muscles are composed of many very fine threads or strands of different colors, each acting as a special telegraph wire, each one having a certain conductile power or quality—special chemical affinity—for certain organic substances, oil or albumen, through and by which the organism is materialized and the process or operations of life are carried on. The imagination might easily conceive the idea that these delicate infinitesimal fibres are strings of the Human Harp, and that molecular minerals are the fingers of infinite Energy striking notes of some Divine Anthem.

The *white fibres* of nerves and muscles need the dynamic action of Magnesia Phosphate especially to keep them in proper tune, or function, for by its chemical action on albumen the special fluid for white nerve or muscle fibre is formed. When the supply of this salt falls below the standard cramps, sharpshooting pains or some spasmodic condition prevails. Such symptoms are simply calls of nature for more Magnesia. They are telegraph dispatches to

the brain—the throne of understanding—calling for the worker, the builder needed to carry on life's work in flesh. Cases of Chorea (St. Vitus dance) are cured by the proper use of Magnesia Phosphate. This salt is the great remedy for nearly all heart troubles, except embolus. (See Kali Mur, in Gemini, May 20-June 21, May number of MODERN MIRACLES).

Those born while the Sun is passing through the Celestial, fiery sign Leo, July 22nd-Aug. 22nd, are quick in thought and action—emotional and quick at repartee. All symptoms that come quickly call for Magnesia Phosphate. All spasm or cramps or impulsive Mars conditions of sudden anger or grief, hic-cough or hysterical laughter or crying, are remedied by Magnesia Phosphate. Leo is governed by the Sun. The gems are ruby and diamond. Astral colors are red and green.

Leo is a fire sign. In Bible alchemy, Leo is represented by Joseph, the eleventh son of Jacob, and means luminous, or increase. In the symbolism of the New Testament, Leo is symbolized by the Disciple Simon.

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### *The Outlook for July, 1910.*

By FREDERICK WHITE, EDITOR OF THE  
ADEPT, CRYSTAL BAY, MINN.

The New Moon for July occurs on the 6th of July at 3:20 p. m., Chicago standard time, and the Full of the Moon on the 22d of July at 2:27 a. m. At the time of the New Moon the Sun is 14° in the sign Cancer, in parallel aspect to Mercury, and applying to a conjunction of Neptune. The outlook for the month is what would be called changeable; the parallel aspect of Mercury and the Sun is one of the aspects that causes an unsettled period in business, that is, days when general business is very active and promising. This will continue for several days, then get very quiet for a few days and be at a standstill. The aspect of Sun to Neptune indicates many changes going on in a small way, many individuals starting moves, travel and change of location, but as a rule general contentment among the masses, although the Sun coming to an opposition and parallel of Uranus the middle of the month shows a vein of discontent and possibly talk of strikes in



some localities. The weather condition will continue unusual as it has been during the first half of the year, more rain than is needed in some parts and much less than is best in other parts, the northern states coming in for their share of moisture and the southern states not having as much.

The cereal markets active and probably quite uncertain, I judge, subject to weather reports, and probably some crop damage. The effect of the Uranus aspect is to make the market subject to sudden changes during the middle of the month, occasional showing of strength, but also having considerable weakness off and on, and the stock markets as uncertain with several changes in the indications for them during the month. I consider the last ten days of the month the most favorable for starting new business or important changes for the average person.

#### The Days of July, 1910.

July 1st. Moon 26° in Aries, sextile to Venus at 6 p. m. Is generally good.

2d. Moon 10° in Taurus, sextile to Sun 6 a. m. Generally favorable.

3d. Moon 25° in Taurus, parallel with Mars. Favorable generally for Sunday.

4th. Moon 9° in Gemini, sextile to Mars at 7 a. m. Generally favorable.

5th. Moon 24° in Gemini, conj. with Mercury at noon. Active, changeable; be careful and avoid risks.

6th. Moon 8° in Cancer, conj. with Sun 3 p. m. Uncertain; be careful.

7th. Moon 22° in Cancer, opposite Uranus 9 a. m. Active, deceiving; use care.

8th. Moon 6° in Leo, sextile with Venus 2 p. m. Is very good; push affairs.

9th. Moon 20° in Leo, par. Mars 5 p. m. Is deceiving, evil; be careful.

10th. Moon 3° in Virgo, trine with Saturn 10 a. m. Is generally good.

11th. Moon 16° in Virgo, sextile with Neptune noon. Very good; push affairs.

12th. Moon 28° in Virgo, no close aspects. Is quiet; may be good generally.

13th. Moon 11° in Libra, sextile with Mars at 3 p. m. Is generally good.

14th. Moon 23° in Libra, square with Uranus at 7 a. m. Active, uncertain.

15th. Moon 4° in Scorpio, opposite Saturn 7 a. m. Is evil; be careful.

16th. Moon 16° in Scorpio, trine with Neptune at noon. Generally very good.

17th. Moon 28° in Scorpio, no close aspect, but good for Sunday affairs.

18th. Moon 10° in Sagittarius, applying to a good aspect of Mars. Is good.

19th. Moon 22° in Sagittarius; no close aspects. Is quiet but favorable.

20th. Moon 5° in Capricorn, square to Jupiter at noon. Is active, but good.

21st. Moon 17° in Capricorn, opposite Neptune at 11 a. m. Deceiving, uncertain.

22d. Moon 0° in Aquarius, square to Saturn 6 p. m. Is unfavorable generally.

23d. Moon 14° in Aquarius, parallel with Mercury. Active, changeable.

24th. Moon 27° in Aquarius, no aspects. Generally good for Sunday.

25th. Moon 11° in Pisces, trine to Neptune. Generally favorable.

26th. Moon 25° in Pisces, trine to Sun. Generally favorable.

27th. Moon 8° in Aries, opposite Jupiter at 8 a. m. Is active, changeable, but generally favorable.

28th. Moon 23° in Aries, trine to Mars at 10 a. m. Generally favorable.

29th. Moon 7° in Taurus, past aspects, but is quiet, uncertain.

30th. Moon 21° in Taurus, trine to Uranus at 9 a. m. Is generally good.

31st. Moon 5° in Gemini, trine to Jupiter at 2 p. m. Is very good, especially for all Sunday affairs.

The longitude of the Moon is given for 6 a. m. and all aspects as given are for Central Standard time.

Those who wish to take advantage of good and bad days, according to the Lunar and general aspects, will do well to choose those days when Moon is in good aspect to the Sun or Jupiter for dealing with officials, and those in prominent places. Avoid asking favors that you are anxious to be granted on days when the Moon is in an evil aspect to Saturn, and I have found that it is not well to start new affairs, make important changes, make investments or speculate on days when the indications are unfavorable in general.

If you wish to test this, look back at some of the dates in the past when you have started important business, changes, etc., and see what the aspects indicated.

Eighteen years of practice and observations show me that the aspects are powerful and reliable.

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### *The Influence of the Moon on Human Respiration.*

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

It is remarkable to note the ignorance which prevails among intelligent people regarding Planetary Law. As an example, not long since the undersigned listened to a sermon delivered by a friend which was in the main an able discourse, in which the speaker referred with eloquence to the Sun, Moon and Stars as evidence of the wisdom of the creative power of the Infinite.

Before closing, however, he remarked "how foolish it was to suppose that the Moon had any effect upon human life." He further declared that "there was no soil in his congregation for such ideas to take root," while the fact was that from the moment he took his first breath and for every hour since he had been dependent upon the alternating influence of the Sun and Moon for the breath which carried oxygen to his lungs, purified his blood and had prolonged his life for over 60 years.

Again we see how closely allied are the changes of the moon to those of malignant diseases. We find the critical periods, the fourth, seventh, fourteenth and twenty-first days, are from the time of the patient's first sickness. Why? Simply because the fourth day the Moon semi-squares its own place at the time of illness; the seventh day it squares; the fourteenth day it opposes; the twenty-first day it squares once more; but little does the world stop to consider the cause of these influences, which are due to immutable law.

"In perfect health it will be found that respiration follows closely the motions of the Moon, as for instance, dividing the lunar month into two equal parts, we have one portion light, the other dark. During the total lunar month, the Moon traverses the twelve signs of the Zodiac and remains approximately sixty hours in each sign.

The signs of the Zodiac are positive and negative, that is, masculine and feminine; the positive signs begin with Aries and are every alternate sign that follows. The same with Taurus, which is the first negative

sign. Now when the Moon enters the positive sign Aries and there are no cross aspects to interfere with the Moon's passive influence, also if the Sun's benefic rays are not crossed by malefic aspects being thus conducive to good health, the respiration takes place entirely by the right nostril, and when the Moon enters the first negative sign, Taurus (and the health is good), it will be observed that the breathing is conducted entirely by the left nostril.

This fact is quite significant in the consideration of the Moon's influence upon the health and its relation to the sign Gemini ruling the lungs. There is no doubt that many individuals do not take breath into the lungs in the proper manner, and this subject should be given careful attention by those who may be in attendance upon the sick, for the health depends in a large degree upon proper respiration, which should be effected by the nostrils entirely, although in outbreathing the mouth may be used. The first important thing to do upon arising in the morning is to fill the lungs with fresh oxygen, forcing through excessive outbreathing every particle of air from the lungs possible. If proper attention was given to breathing there would not be so many cases of lung, throat and blood disorders.

During the time in which the Moon is traversing through a sign, viz: about sixty hours, it will be observed that respiration changes from one nostril to the other thirty-one times, and sixty divided by thirty-one gives just one hour, fifty-six minutes, seven seconds and a fraction, of alternate work for each lung. It may also be observed that, if at the time of Sunrise, the respiration takes place through the right nostril, then for three successive mornings at Sunrise respiration will take place by the right nostril. If at Sunrise the respiration is through the left nostril, then for 3 successive mornings it will take place through the left nostril.

Respiration effected by the right nostril is said to be under the Sun's influence, or solar in its effect, while that effected by the left nostril is lunar in its effect. If there appears an alteration in this order, it will be due to a like period having passed at the time of the observation, or to imperfect health.



To observe this law will assist one to realize that all the universe is related, and that every atom, object or thing breathes in unison, when it is in tune, or its normal condition of being. The inbreath and outbreath responding to the inbreath and outbreath of the universe, and in this is where the cross aspects cast their affliction, and affect the perfect equilibrium of things in the physical, or world of matter. It is one of the keys to health, to fully understand and follow this knowledge of proper respiration.

*The First and Thirteenth Respiration Are Identical.*

Finally it will be observed that according to the calculation based upon twenty-four hours, that the thirteenth change in breathing, is identical with the first breath, for then the Moon enters another sign and there naturally comes a change of respiration. We found by dividing sixty hours by thirty-one we have one hour, fifty-six minutes, seven seconds and a fraction. Then, for instance, in the period of the light of the Moon, it will be observed that the respiration on the first, second and third days are lunar, or by the left nostril. Then, using the one hour and fifty-six minutes, seven seconds and a fraction of time to base the changes, it becomes evident that for the balance of the day or twenty-four hours the respiration will alternate between the left and right nostril.

We may illustrate further taking the period as represented by the light of the Moon, and we have the first, second and third days when the respiration is lunar at Sunrise, and alternates during that time from left to right nostril. Then the fourth, fifth and sixth days, the respiration will be solar at Sunrise and alternate between right and left nostril. Then the seventh, eighth and ninth days the respiration will change to lunar again at sunrise, and alternate from left to right, and on the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth days the respiration is again lunar at Sunrise, while in the intermediate days upon the tenth, eleventh and twelfth days the respiration has been solar at Sunrise.

The same changes will be found to manifest during the period of the dark of the Moon except that they begin under the solar influence. The Moon's influence be-

ing weakest during the dark period or old of the Moon. Thus, the first, second and third days in the period of the *dark* of the Moon, the respiration at Sunrise is solar in its influence, the breathing being by the right nostril. By carefully considering these two illustrations if the student may follow this regularity of alteration to the exact day and hour as illustrated, he will know he is in a healthful condition, and that if he is not following this regularity of alteration, he may be sure he is in discord with the law.

SCIENCE AND KEY OF LIFE.

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### *Kings and Comets.*

By L. E. JOHNSON.

The King is dead; sic itur cum astra.  
Requiescat in pace, rex vivat!

As the French would say, 'Boutez en avant!'—Push forward!

Since time immemorial it has been the astrological custom—or shall I say dogma, thesis, prophecy, superstition, coincidence, or truth?—to associate the inter-terrestrial perihelion passage of large comets with the fall of empires or the passing of kings.

The question arises as to how the astro student may know and *prove* through which of the above terms the blue pencil may be drawn free from the bias of egoistic prejudice and conviction.

It is impossible to eliminate by observation of perihelion passage the possibility of mere coincidence because of the infrequency of such celestial events, except in the case of telescopic comets. Impossible at least for many centuries, because we have no authentic records of either the accuracy or extent of the past observations upon which the dictum was handed down to the days of modern astronomical methods.

But if weight be given to the influence of these celestial "vagrants" at perihelion, then at least some weight should be given them all along their eccentric orbits, except in cases in which their orbit lies in a plane of very great inclination to the earth's orbit, or ecliptic, as it is called. The proper way, then, to conscientiously and scientifically determine the horoscopal significance—if they have any—of comets would be to compute ephemerides for their

entire revolution and observe them as constantly in nativities, and with the same vigor we apply to our more "steady going" planets.

No astro student of today has followed the aspects of Neptune through more than one-third of one revolution (few that), yet from the thousands of relative positions it has, in that time, formed with the swifter planets, we have learned beyond contradiction the general nature of its biological and psychological functions, and many of its individual peculiarities.

Waiting for the perihelion passage of comets is far too slow and uncertain a method for determining beyond the possibility of coincidence whether or not they should be given an important place, or any place, in our consideration.

At the same time they should not be ignored because of their attenuity and insignificant mass and consequent absence of perturbation of the earth even when as close as the recent visitor; for, while Neptune's influence readily shows itself in the affairs of men, and has a mass one-fifth of the earth, still it does not at any time disturb the earth in its orbit to a measurable degree, and thus the absence of measurable physical disturbances between two celestial bodies, considered as acting upon the center of mass, is no evidence whatever of a lack of an imperceptible (mechanically or physically speaking) influence of far-reaching psychologic, biologic, and pathologic significance to the life they support upon their surface.

That Halley's comet exerts an ulterior influence on the minds and conditions of some men has recently been evidenced in both a humorous and pathetic manner, but that it has either a psychological or physiological one of a subjective and unconscious nature is far from proven by the number of coincidences recorded.

*Mouline se battre contre des* is one of the watchwords of Science, but between the superstition of the comet's ulterior designs—such as head-on collisions!—and an investigation into its possible subjective influence on the human organism, through the sensitive cells and nervous system, lies the abyss separating the illiterate masses from the scientific mind. \* \* \* \* \*

In viewing the horoscope of the late

King Edward we find no weighty argument favoring this particular coincidence of the ancient dictum. The comet was  $5^{\circ}$  of Aries at his death, and thus close square to progressed Saturn and Jupiter in the radical ascendant, and Jupiter and Mars assisted by afflicting the same points by transit.

This might form an "excuse" to those students who may not have rectified and progressed the nativity correctly, but if these be done, and the nature of his illness be considered, we are convinced of other more potent influences from a different planetary source.

All his life Edward VIIth was in health harassed by one prime affliction; namely, the moon nearly in partile square to Saturn rising; and he succumbed to a lunar complaint (exposure, cold, pneumonia).

For sixty-eight years he fought this astro affliction with the marvelous vitality of the Sun sextile to Mars, but in due time Nature claimed her own, and said, not to the King but to the man, "Move on!"—a man of human faults but greater humane virtues. We note that at birth the zenith was smiling on Saturn in the ascendant, and thus indicative of his "life job" (to speak clearly and not flippantly). Then we should expect to find this combination afflicted at his death. It was.

At death the progressed 6th and 12th houses (ruling the body and its sickness and dissolution) had just passed the aspect of Saturn's radix in the ascendant, and had reached the arc of the native zenith and nadir (the latter is by some called the end of life, the grave, etc.) The exciting transits to the native Moon and Saturn were evil one's of Venus and Mars, the latter translating to the comet and first mentioned combination. The progressed ascendant was  $28^{\circ}59'$  of Aries and in faint square to the Sun in  $26^{\circ}28'$  Capricorn. This arc was excited by Uranus "stationary" in  $25^{\circ}13'$  Capricorn, and by Saturn in  $28^{\circ}45'$  Aries.

It would require considerable courage (or prejudice in favor of the ancient dictum) on the part of a careful student to assume the passing of this monarch would not have occurred at that time just the same had the comet been at its aphelion on the 6th of May instead of at perihelion.

Had the comet been of great weight in this nativity why did it not hasten death

between April 16th and 30th when it passed to and from a stationary angular affliction very close indeed to Saturn and the Moon's radical positions?

The danger of erroneous conclusions as to the prime causation of any event is necessarily very great if there is the least error in the birth moment.

The rectification used is the writer's slight correction of the rectification by the English astrologer, Bailey. The rectification was completed last November and every public event of importance, as well as many personal ones, were used and made to agree in arc length exactly to their respective times. No readjustment was found necessary to make the one "time" arc (the 6th and 12th to arc of Saturn and 4th) measure correctly to the exact time of death. This "time" arc is a significant one when we consider the birth affliction and the peaceful transition.

Another point in this chart at death is that the progressed Moon was forming a good direction to the Sun, and unafflicted. This as often occurs at death as not, and only goes to show how insignificant the planetary directions are as compared with those directions dependent entirely upon the birth minute; aye, even the 4th second when the great issues of life are at stake.

Let the comet "help" if the student wishes, but let him not blame the death of

a much beloved monarch upon this wanderer alone. In another article under the same caption I will deal with the horoscope of King George Vth, and perhaps sprinkle a little acid upon the "12th house" astrologers so fond of predicting "woe and wars" each week.

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### The Guest.

My daddy is a 'fessor at a big, big 'cademy,  
And he has got a picture-book of stars,  
called 'stronomy.

But, oh, you ought to hear him talk to  
me and brother Jack

'Bout all the funny folks who live up in  
the Sody Ack.

I don't know what the Sodys do  
And never saw an Ack, did you ?

My daddy has a telescope that pokes up  
through the trees.

He let me see the Ram one night, the  
one with Golden Fleas,

And pointed out the Fishes in the Pie  
Seas of the sky.

I couldn't find the Fishes, so I tried to  
find the Pie,

And found it, too, all by myself,  
On Aunt Lucinda's pantry shelf!

—Harrold Skinner in *Woman's Home Companion* for June.

## Psychic Research

An Extract from a Report of the Proceedings of the American Psychical Research Society,  
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All Communications to this Society should be addressed to Dr. James H. Hyslop,  
Tribune Building, New York City.

### Unusual Physical Phenomena.

BY JANE R. GRIFFING.

The following record is by a lady who was well known to Dr. Richard Hodgson and whom he regarded as a competent witness. He reported from her several experiences which were published in the Jour-

nal and Proceedings of the English Society. Cf. Proceedings Vol. XI, p. 462, and Vol. XIV, p. 292; Journal Vol. VII, pp. 176-179, Vol. VIII, pp. 145-147. The present experiences were written in a diary, some of them so recorded contemporaneously, and then afterward copied from this diary for me. I have seen the original diary and

have omitted from the account certain personal references which affected only certain members of the family, but do not concern the nature or integrity of the record. I have changed the four names of her children to suit Mrs. G.'s request. All other names remain as in the record. With Dr. Hodgson I also regard Mrs. G. as a competent and intelligent witness. She has been especially critical in her observations and records.

The incidents vary in nature and evidential value. I do not mean to enter into any destructive examination of details: This may be left to intelligent readers. It will be apparent that some of the physical phenomena are conceivably explicable by some possible ordinary cause, though there is no evidence in the premises that it was present. Other facts, however troublesome they may be to accept, are interesting and will give service in a collective mass of similar incidents. They are all worth recording as experiences.—James H. Hyslop.

*Phenomena in Minnesota, September, 1895,*

In the autumn of 1865 we moved into a small house in the village of Plainview, having sold the house in which we had been living, as we were to leave Minnesota in the spring. The house stood by itself in a large lot, about five minutes walk from the street, and as far from the nearest neighbor. All the people in the neighborhood were quiet, respectable families. Early in the winter my husband left home to attend law school and my household consisted only of women and children, my sister Emily, twenty-three years of age, my sister-in-law, Kate, the same age, and Nettie, seventeen, and my two young children. The three girls did the housework, looked after the children and waited upon me. I was very ill, not able to sit up more than an hour a day. A physician came to see me three times a week. We seldom saw any one else; had no visitors to speak of. Soon after my husband left we began to hear mysterious footsteps and raps about the house and I often saw lights in my room at night. Nettie finally asked me if I was willing she should sleep upstairs with the other girls as she was so annoyed by footsteps about her bed. (She

slept in the room next to mine). I assented to the change and after that the three girls slept in one large room which was reached only by a stairway going up from my room. Not long after the change was made there was the heaviest snowfall of the winter. In that prairie region if there is a high wind when snow falls it is piled in great drifts in places, often impassable for days. On this occasion the snow drifted badly and there was a wall of snow several feet high all about our little home. No one could come there or go out of the house for at least a week. The usual dullness of our life was greatly increased one evening after a dreary day the girls went to bed for want of anything else to do. The lights were out and everything quiet before eight o'clock. Just at that hour there came a tremendous blow, as it seemed, on the side of the house. Greatly startled I called out, "Girls, what is that?" and they at the same time shouted together the same question. There came more blows apparently in different places, and I asked, "Is that spirits?" Then there were three loud knocks. Then raps and loud blows all over the house and Emily called out in great fright that a hoopskirt that hung on the wall was whirling all over the room and under her bed. I called to her to light her candle and come down. She said that her candle was gone. I lighted my lamp and finally Emily came down in a state of extreme nervous excitement. She became calm when she was with me in the light and away from the circus performance of the hoopskirt. I began to ask questions by repeating the alphabet, writing down the letters as they were indicated by raps. The questions were answered as readily if asked mentally. In answer to the question "Who is it?" the name Charles Legrand was given. He was an admirer of Nettie's, living in another part of the state. There was no real information given. Before Emily came down there were raps on the stove-pipe in music time. Finally a dance time was rapped out and Nettie, under some strong influence, as she told me next morning, got up and danced. She said she felt a hand on her shoulder and some one danced with her. At once the noises suddenly ceased, after telling us that they would come at the

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The next evening we were all settled for the night at the time appointed and as soon as the lights were out the noises began. They were more varied than before. There were sounds as of persons dancing and I heard a low uncanny laugh more than once. Different articles in the girls' room were whirled about and Emily again became too frightened to remain. The candle was gone again. She came down stairs. In answer to the question "Who is it?" there was rapped out "I am the devil" and at that there was a fearful Bedlam of noises, not only in and near the girls' room, but apparently all over and outside of the house. I was thoroughly frightened. The evening before I had enjoyed it but it seemed as if now there was really some demoniac play going on. Kate and Nettie were frightened and lay close together, their heads covered by the bed clothes, so they told me afterwards. Exactly at ten it ceased, after telling us that they would come again the next night. On account of the apparently evil character of the influence I was afraid of it and as my father, the next day, succeeded in reaching the house, I asked him to be present at the next performance.

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manifest itself by the disturbances so entirely outside of ordinary experience.

### *A Communication Received Through Automatic Writing.*

Dear children of earth gloom in which you entomb yourselves as in a cave of darkness, when all about you is radiant light, your human consciousness is too dense to be penetrated by the joy of self-abnegation to the great rhythm of life. One monotonous minor note of insistent wail

pervades every enterprise, be it high or low, namely, "Are there more dollars in my coffers or nickles in my till today than yesterday?"

Thereby do the progressives relate themselves to the degenerates and no progress is made for all are clinging to one line of thought as children play at tug of war. Only those who break loose from this limitation and assert their freedom, conscious that the universe and its fullness thereof is theirs, shall know the joy of progressive existence.

## Department of Psychical Sciences and Unfoldment

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(Questions Invited)

### *J. C. F. Grumbine's Summer Itinerary.*

Mr. Grumbine will be at Lake Brady, O., from July 10 to 13. At Lily Dale, N. Y., from July 14 to 26. At Clinton, Ia., August 6-12. At Ashley, O., August 21-28. At Cleveland, O., Sept. and Oct. 8-12. At St. Louis, Oct. 14-Nov. 15. At all these places he will lecture and hold classes.

If the student of technical occult science and psychical development appreciates the value of individual initiative, spiritualization of thought and purification of life, how much more will the masses come to appreciate it, when such consecration is summed up by a word or name so dear to them—"the Christ." Christ, in the broadest, universal sense, is the flower of apotheosis of ancient Jewish, Chaldean, Assyrian and Egyptian aspiration, contemplation and spiritual living. What if the old civilizations decayed to produce so splendid a type of Divinity humanized? The lily bursts the sepulchre and cerements of bulb and water to appear resplendent in the upper air, symbol of Isis (maternity) as the rose is symbol of Osiris (paternity).

And in this deep, inner sense, the spirit of the man is resurrected, to testify to eyes and ears of sense its Divinity. Though many fail to realize their own Divinity in this incarnation, and but a few succeed, should not deter or discourage the aspirant to continue his fasting and praying! When Domitian, the Emperor, asked Appolonius how he so accurately foretold the plague at Ephesus, he replied by simple and abstemious living. He developed seership by living much in the spirit, loving spiritual above the material, and never permitting the gross or sensual to have dominion over even his mind or thought, to say nothing of his senses. The saints canonized by the Catholic church were for the most part hermits or ascetics and the unmistakable origin of the word Hermetic is in the insulated and isolated use of the word hermit, Hermes being the messenger of the gods, the bearer (Lucifer) of Light, three times great as indicated in the trine or trinity of 120°, of which 40 is 1/3—and 40 days in the wilderness where Jesus fasted, assisting us to realize the means or approach to the Hermetic wisdom. No one can attain spiritual understanding or

illumination whose lental days are not spent in spiritual service. In "The Perfect Way or the Finding of Christ," by Edward Maitland and St. Anna Bonus Kingsford, books now fortunately reprinted by Rider & Son of London, much emphasis is put on "overcoming." And Zodiacal experiences as shown in any horoscope are literally gaining the victory over the twelve beasts or the four sets of three beasts who appear under the heads of fire, water, air and earth, or Leo, Scorpio, Aquarius and Taurus. And these four elements that stir in our natures, must be alchemistically transmuted into one principle of wisdom, before man can exchange his cross (square aspects) for a crown. If flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God, why eat and drink it? If passion and appetite cannot obtain in a spiritual kingdom, why entertain and foster them? His Hermetic wisdom to begin and end with spirit. Hermes, as the messenger of the gods carried messages to and from the gods. To receive Hermetic wisdom man must be god-like. He enters the sphere, where such wisdom can be perceived and received. Hermetic wisdom is theosophic—never experimental or sensuous. Man received it from the master. He never creates it. It is as old as God. His the word of God, the foundation of things!

Material man, materially minded is trying to square the circle by transforming spheres into cubes, rather than by becoming a fourth dimensional man. *His apexes are angles and never visible angels.* On the apex of the pyramid where burns the symbolic light of the sun, the adept of Hindoo occultism draws the line between celestial and terrestrial life. Here the adept practices Raga Yoga and dons the yellow robe, symbol of wisdom, and so as the high priest or hierophant passes within the veil of the Holy of Holies to commune with the Spirit of God! Science is today expectant, transmutation is its watchword. After radium the ether, and after electricity telepathy! Generation has given the earth generations after generations, and civilization after civilization, but all are under the shadow of the cosmic cross. Again science, the Nicodemus of the modern world, is asking of the occultist, the seer,

the spiritualist who unveil the mysteries of the soul, materialize ghosts, and manifest marvels of spirit, how can these things be? They reply, "Ye must be born again—*—anew—from within and above by spirit.* Matter is the water, spirit the fire referred to in the New Testament. Water (moon) is woman, fire (son) is man. Christ affirms Hermetic wisdom when he said "Ye must be born of the Spirit. Be receptive like pure crystal water, be luminous and self existent as the fire. Both water and fire on the material plane are destructive, but in the spiritual sphere are constructive. Yeats, the celtic poet, wrote, "Where there is nothing, there is God." Cast the image of the sun into the moon, (the water) and you have his reflection, the man in the moon. Thus is Adam's seed (the sun) perpetuated in Eve (the moon). The moisture is absorbed by heat, heat is absorbed by moisture—both destroy each other. Man and woman by generation go the way of death. Birth leads to mortality or death. Rebirth (not reincarnation) regeneration leads to life eternal. The revelation is not to the senses but to the spirit. Fire eats up whatever is less powerful than itself and in its flame destroys itself—but the invisible spirit of the fire, what and where is it? Its God as truly as we are God in the spiritual and divine sense! Fire purifies! Dante leaped into a lake of fire and when he emerged, he saw, according to the Divine Comedy his Beatrice. Happiness, nirvana, Heaven are revelations of the spirit, words too sacred and pure ever to be employed, to describe sensations of pleasure. He who would find wisdom must go to the Spirit of God and he who would find understanding must fuse his spirit with God's spirit. "I and the Father are one." That is the key to Hermetic mysteries as explained mystically in parables and teachings of the Christ. Regeneration is birth and life in spirit. He who seeks the Kingdom of God in the kingdoms of man, will miss the road to paradise. He who generates, will grow weary of transforming gold into lead, and will find the Philosopher's stone, only in the life he transmutes whereby he enters the sphere of spirit and becomes one of the Brotherhood of Illuminati, after the manner of Milchizedec.

Pure religion is pure spiritualism. The elixir of life is within ourselves as Jesus taught in John 4 to the woman of Samaria. As the waters (the ocean) reflects the image of the sun, let our spirits reflect God's image! The Rose is the antithesis of the Cross, as every Rosicrucian knows. That rose is the soul—it's flower white and luminous is the spirit—even the Spirit of God. Read again John I. "This is the Light that lighteth every one that cometh into the world." We are all lights. Let our lights shine with no fire or heat, but with radiance and loving helpfulness and sympathy. Let passion die to give birth

to compassion. Let each sense allow its superior, supernormal correspondent to guide and inspire, and man, victorious over the flesh will build anew Solomon's temple and the earth will slough off its curse as a serpent its coil and a pure humanity will be the realization of an immanent and universal Divinity.

### My Message.

This is my message complete—  
Self-mastery is Life's key;  
When I have conquered myself,  
I shall make other men to be free.  
—VERNE DEWITT ROWELL.

## The Swastika For Success



## Success Club All Seekers

July Affirmation: "I overcome all seeming evil with good."

We have received a copy of "Studies in Divine Science" by Mrs. C. L. Baum, which we have enjoyed very much. It is plain enough for anyone to understand and be helped by its teachings, and we would gladly order a copy for any one who would like it. (\$1.00). We give below some extracts from the Chapter on Supply. "Supply operates according to a very simple law—the law of co-operation. The freedom with which you can look at your manifest supply and put it into circulation, with the conscious recognition of the fullness of the omnipresent supply from which to draw, is the law by which great success is attained. Consider supply as moving in a circular channel, with the individual receiving from the stream according as he contributes thereto. This law of Divine co-operation is of God, it is not of man's making. You are the channel for the inflow and out-flow. The law is one of eternal justice. You must do your part. When the activity of the individual soul ceases to

co-operate with divine activity, circulation for that one is stopped. It is usually FEAR that stops the outflow. Be careful in applying the law of co-operation,—giving that you may receive—that your motives are only the highest. Let the secret analysis of your soul reveal only purity of heart and honesty of purpose. Do not give merely that you may receive. *Give in order to open the channel*, that divine abundance may flow through you. Give because it is the law of your being to give; receive because it is the law of your being to receive. It is just as necessary to receive as to give; we need only be actuated by the right motives. The secret of any failure to demonstrate supply is the subtle desire to get something for nothing. The law will not operate in that manner. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you," etc. "A pauper is one who has not conscious ability to circulate the things of God."

If you have a financial problem to meet, place your absolute faith in the omnipresent supply, knowing that it comes from one source through many channels. Clear the

thought and the mentality of anxiety, fear and worry, substituting faith and trust. Spirit is absolute power and will adjust the condition. Believe in the reality of abundance. Opening the channel by giving freely of what you have, *blessing* it as it goes from you. Growth in love and knowledge, and realization of joy, peace and Health, result from recognizing and living in accordance with it (this law). Use the talents that have been given you in order that they may increase. Through Divine love and loving co-operation do I receive my supply."

Please all who receive the telephatic message on the 15th of each month, let us know about it. Then we will give you the one for the next time and ask you to unite your telephatic powers with ours in sending it to the other members. The June message was "God hath given us WISDOM."

We still wish subscriptions to all magazines to help several very worthy and needy ladies. Who will send us all they can? Remember "Inasmuch as you do it for the least of these, it shall be done for you." We want to pay for memberships for several in the American Woman's League to protect them against want. Who will help? We can help all who will send us their application for membership in a certain way, so do not join until you write to us. They are expecting to close the Founder's Chapter at the time of this letter, and we have reserved some memberships in it for our

readers. So if you want the extra income and benefits of the League, write us at once.

To those who are not acquainted with the Swastika Success Club, we wish to say, it is only for success seekers. Life membership just \$1 or \$1.50 for that and Stellar Ray a year. If you are earnestly seeking success, join us, but if you want to sit still and not do your part, do not join.

To the H. P. M. Co., stockholders. We at last have some good news for you. A party has taken an option for six months on the Halifax property at a good price, and expects to settle before that time, but we ask that you all will hold to success with extra faith and if you have not renewed your subscription to S. R., do so at once for six months if no more, and we will answer any questions with pleasure. To those of you who belong to the S. S. Club, we will give the reduction promised. Better all join the Club at once and help us to get success for the H. P. M. Co. According to our faith will it be done. Do not delay a day. Show your faith NOW.

Hoping to enroll many more SUCCESS SEEKERS in this month, we are with best wishes for every member,

Yours for Health, Happiness and Prosperity,

THE SWASTIKA SUCCESS CLUB,  
Manassas, Va.

Don't forget your daily affirmation of Success for every member of the Club.

## Books and Periodicals

### MISCELLANEOUS REVIEW

#### *Problems of Your Generation.*

The Arden Press Co., of New York City, are the publishers of this work, and request a review "in its deepest meaning, as it is believed to be a revelation and a *challenge to the world.*"

"It presents a wonderful and entirely new point of view in this line of work," say the publishers, and we can but emphasize their statement. The contents are pure

and high above the power of language to describe for the writers are dwellers in spirit realms—sent to create new thought, awaken desires for improvement, and to interpret seeming mysteries to those still in the mortal.

The mental attitude of the reader should be reverent and receptive, and he will have been helped to elucidate mysteries and see with clearer vision laws and forces and the

necessity for action in harmony with them.

This marvelous little work will appeal only to those whose minds are open to the truth that "all things are possible to Him who made us." It does not contain any technical or scientific phraseology—its language is as simple as a child's would be; the light of its beautiful truths seem to illuminate the pages as one reads.

It may be purchased of The Stellar Ray Book Department. Price \$1.00.



### *The Rational Life.*

BY WILL J. ERWOOD.

"The Rational Life," Mr. Erwood's latest book, deals with issues which are of interest to all people, regardless of age, sex, religion or politics. It is, essentially a book for all to read. It contains a wonderfully vivid portrayal of conditions which obtain today—a startlingly fearless picture of human life. It holds the readers' attention with the fascination of a romance—it is intense, virile and sane. It preaches the better day to come.

Such institutions as Marriage, The Divorce Question, Social Evils, The Sex Question, The Rational Life, Conquest of Self, Love, etc., are analyzed in a way that will give each reader a higher, a saner, and a holier view of life and its meaning.

The book abounds in vivid phraseology; the word pictures stand out clear and distinct as the noon day sun. The author displays a profound, tender, and inspiring reverence for the real things of life; he also gives merciless criticism of the arti-

ficial and odious phases of human practice and custom.

To show the scope of this work, we have taken a few excerpts from the various essays, and present them herein. They give but an inkling of the valuable character of the contents of *The Rational Life*.

"Mind is a camera; the senses are the plates which are sensitive to the passing lights and shadows of the thought world; deep within the mental caverns are to be found the developing rooms in which the impression is 'fixed,' and, finally, made ready for the objective field of action."

"The youth of the land—are set adrift on the sea of life, to pilot the most wonderful of all crafts, the human body, without the chart of reasonable knowledge to guide them. Set adrift in youth, when they reach the shores of maturity what a spectacle they present—many of them. No weird, ghostly, wandering derelict upon the ocean wave was ever so terrible to contemplate as these human wrecks—broken in the heart of their being—the sex nature."

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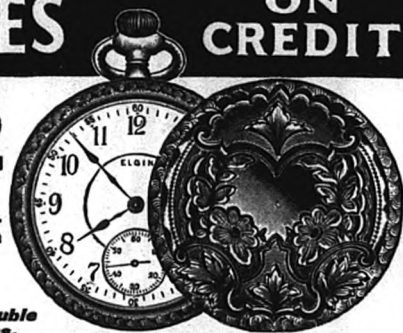
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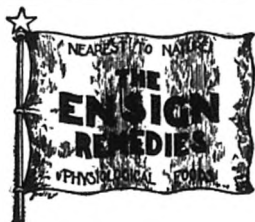
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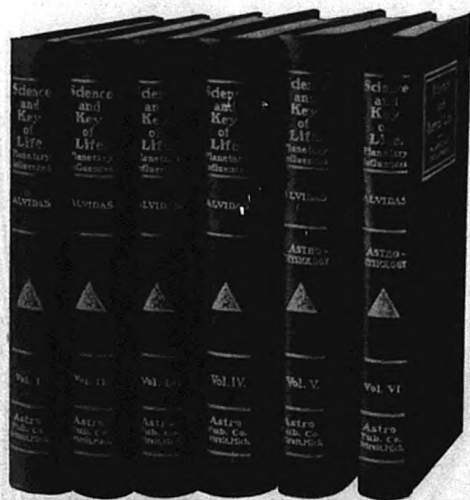
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