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

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### 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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*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.*

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*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.*

# Editorial Department

## *Civilized Common Sense.*

The so-called New Thought wave of to-day may be comprehensively defined as the rationalism of civilization clearing away the mental driftwood, briars and brambles from the shores of the vast sea of truth, thus permitting wider vision and broader judgment.

The bugaboos and gruesome horrors lurking in the boggs of superstition, the serpents of fear hidden in brambles of ignorant concept are disappearing before the courage which has dared to destroy their hiding places with the scythe of reason.

Yes, "New Thought" may be defined as modern common sense, on the old familiar shore of human life, from which extends the vast deep sea of past experience and future possibilities. From this view point there is no cowering before the misconceptions of barbarism nor of inflated egotism, but all is calmly accepted as the process of human development, endeavoring to sift the golden grains of wisdom from the tares of error.

This so-called New Thought seeks the best good for all from the weakest to the strongest. Its common sense closes no doors of opportunity in the face of any race or individual and stands reverently in the presence of a myriad effects of which unseen forces are as yet the hidden cause and it purposes to move as nearly in harmony with their benefic influence as it shall be possible to do with a mind open to all truth.

In other words, the New Thought seeks to find the level of the vast sea of universal good as well as the high water mark of its rising tides.

Its aspiration may be voiced in these words: *O for wisdom to use this mysterious vital force as its all-wise Creator designed that it should be used*, which is the supreme essence of rational deduction, for how inane is the misuse of any force, and

how fateful indeed is misdirected energy.

The homely simple phrase "civilized common sense" embraces the tenets of the movement known as New Thought.

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## *Larger Opportunities and Greater Abundance the Result of Higher Consciousness.*

The development and use, of the higher faculties of being, always result in better health, followed by a zest for life with its varied experiences.

The judgment broadens, there comes a feeling of kinship and charity toward all mankind. Gradually the power to achieve is manifested through the ability to accomplish with ease and pleasure what was once drudgery and caused fatigue.

Life's outlook grows brighter; fear ceases to haunt the mind, and an undercurrent of grateful adoration of the Creator of all life sings sweet melodies in the soul. Larger opportunities and greater abundance to meet broader requirements occupy the mind with happy usefulness.

The awakened consciousness knows that all things work together for good to those who love the laws of goodness and desire its fruition all where.

Seek not to lift the veil but anticipate marvels of beneficent changes, for on the strong pinions of purified desire, shall each life be borne to a retreat of peace, power and plenty.

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The Supreme Court of the State of Washington has recognized the legal right of her citizens to practice Mental Science as a healing profession. Graduates from Colleges of Mental Science Healing are granted licenses to practice just as are the Osteopaths and M. D.s.

In the organic world, each sand grain was once a part of a beautiful crystal of exquisite form and tint. Here it lies, stained, worn and broken in semblance of its former self, yet the microscope often reveals the formation again within the grain of a crystal, similar to its prototype. By slow growth, line is added to line, angle to angle, and granting the environment is favorable, the perfect form is again reached.—*Science and Key of Life.*

### *It Is Trespassing Upon the Law that Causes All Misfortune.*

No known science bears the stamp of ages, storing among its classified knowledge such a vast amount of data, as does the science of Planetary Vibration.

From this great store house of knowledge, both ancient and modern, may be obtained accurate information upon the important occurrences in each human life.

What is the field of best adaptation—will it be in literary, mechanical, clerical, agricultural, professional or other lines that the individual characteristics will assist to best success?

The important events in each life may be traced as by the hands on the dial of a clock, and the favorable and unfavorable times for all important changes be determined.

The proper use of this knowledge will be of great assistance to parents in educating and training their children aright, avoiding a waste of time or perhaps seeming life-failure through mis-directed efforts.

It is due to every child born into the world, to record the exact time of its birth that a chart of the nativity may be erected, showing the physical temperament, mental characteristics, also the health indications, for the assistance of parents or guardians in rearing the child to a life of best achievement.

**If warned of breakers ahead a wise mariner steers his craft accordingly.**

If there are indications of accidents precautions may be taken to avoid them, if of sickness then forewarned is forearmed and special attention may be given to health conditions, which shall tide over the critical period.

Briefly the art of living will ever be crude until the stellar configurations at the moment of birth are considered and followed as are the currents of the sea by the navigator, and the strata of the earth's formation by those who seek for its hidden treasures.

The Stellar Ray is prepared to give greater attention to this subject in the future, confident that such knowledge is essential to successful and happy living.

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Every personality is surrounded by a zodiac of his or her own, upon which the thought currents act and react continuously, causing the aura to become fine or coarse. Therefore the purer and stronger the life, the more delicate and beautiful will the radiation of the colors in our aura become. May each one of them realize the importance of refining their astral colors.—*Science and Key of Life.*

### *An Appeal to Stellar Ray Subscribers.*

The fact that you are interested in the STELLAR RAY is evidence that you are on a plane of intelligence above the average and are striving for a better understanding of the objects and purposes of life.

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We desire to call attention to an article entitled *Kings and Comets* on page 367 of July STELLAR RAY.

The name of the contributor is L. E. Johndro, and it is no doubt quite familiar to our readers as a writer of interesting and instructive articles to the Stellar Science Dept. of this journal. We regret that his name was incorrectly printed.

### *New Christianity, Scientific, Practical.*

Members of the University of Chicago divinity school faculty have defined and formulated the characteristics of a "new Christianity."

The professors note the arrival of a new type of religion in an official editorial in the current number of the *Biblical world*, issued by the university press.

In the anonymous editorial, responsibility for which is accepted by the 13 editors, the university authorities point to the coming of the "new Christianity" as a type of faith which shall result in "the releasing of men's minds from the bonds of tradition and creed," accept the results of the scientific study of the world and deal in every day works more than in theological subtleties. The religion is described as "scientific, ethical, practical and altruistic."

After stating the necessity of scientific study the author of the editorial proceeds:

"If there be a controversy between genesis and geology the new Christianity will stand with geology. The record left in the strata of the earth cannot be impugned by a poet of the pre-scientific age, even though that poet be also a prophet of a higher conception of God than had before his day prevailed.

"In conformity to the same principle the new Christianity will accept the assured results of historical investigation into the records of ancient times. Religion has its rights, but also has history, and one of these is that it be studied by historical methods."

Not until men love achievement for the common good rather than for selfish use, will we be one whit the better for change of rulers or law makers. \* \* \* \* \*

The day is in the dawn, wherein farms, and factories and mills and railroads will be managed and manned by men working with and for each other. \* \* \* \* \*

Dining rooms much better appointed than in most homes, reading rooms, and libraries, recreation rooms and gymnasiums, first-class lavatories, and many other related aids and incentives to intelligence, cleanliness and the higher life, are coming to be quite the thing.

And further, the blending of interests by employers and employed is gaining ground. In many institutions large bodies of employees of both sexes are taught systematically and in a fraternal spirit, the lessons of thrift, economy, good taste in many of the details of life. Regular systems of saving are instituted, and in many such plants it is principally the duty of one or more persons to look after such matters for employees. It is too wickedly true that in our eagerness to hasten evolution, we keep right on seeing only the worst side of capital's treatment of labor. It is bad enough heaven knows, and disregard for human life and comfort on the part of large employers is probably the rule yet; but the exceptions are increasing so fast that our criticism and complaint are in all fairness bound to take note hereafter of the growth of humanitarianism in factories and shops, as well as in the magazine editorial rooms.—*From Editorial in "Homer Vidette," published in Homer, Mich.*

### **Special Notice**

To those of our readers who would be interested in a horoscope of Mr. E. G. Lewis founder of the American Woman's League, we would state that the reading which was to appear in this issue is unavoidably delayed—Editor.

Thoughts build character and environment comes from action. Aspiration, desire for the highest becomes capacity. Repeated thoughts become tendencies; will to perform becomes action; experience becomes wisdom; painful experience becomes conscience.—*Science and Key of Life.*



# Contributions

## *Life's Journey.*

One beautiful morn two travelers started out on a long journey.

Together they journeyed on the same pathway, which lay among both shadows and sunshine. Ere long one began to complain. The way was dark, the path damp, and he continually stumbled over rocks lying in the pathway.

"Come out into the sunshine," urged his companion, "and enjoy it's warmth and brightness, and also the beautiful flowers which grow so abundantly along the pathway. Let us gather some of them as we pass along."

"The sunshine is too bright," whined the other one, "and the gathering of flowers a wearisome pastime; besides, what would I do with the flowers if I gathered them, only throw them aside in a short time, as they soon wither."

"You could give them to some less fortunate person than yourself, that you might chance to meet," laughingly replied his companion, "who I am sure would appreciate their beauty and fragrance."

"Oh, yes," growled the other one, as he stumbled over a rock, "that sounds very nice, but I am not going to expend my strength, which I need to husband carefully, to carry me over this road, by gathering flowers in the burning sun to give away. I am not quite so foolish as all that. Who gives me flowers I would like to know, or who cares because I am compelled to stumble over the rocks, among the dense shadows in the chilling wind. No one ever—."

"Oh, look," interrupted his companion, "just see that glorious rainbow, what magnificent colors."

"Where?" asked he of the shadows. "You must be dreaming, for I don't see any rainbow, and I know my eyes are as good as yours."

"Come out of the shadows and then you can," the other replied. "You don't know

how much you are missing by always walking among the shadows."

"Now, I would just like to know how I am going to better myself," the other answered. "I am not doing this to please myself. I am compelled to make this journey, and I am forced to travel over this road, because I am not as trivial and simple as you are you presume to dictate to me, telling me where I shall walk, when I have all I can possibly do to walk where I am at the present time, besides I can't be wasting my time looking at rainbows and other nonsense"

"My friend," the other replied, "I too am compelled to journey over this road, but why should I not get all the brightness and gladness possible out of the journey. To me the breeze is refreshing, the path smooth and beautiful, because I choose to make them so."

Then silence fell between them, the sun in all its glory of gorgeous changing hues sank in the west, the twilight shadows fell, the darkness deepened all around them, still they journeyed on, into another land, where he of the shadows exclaimed, "Where can I be, how dark, how cold, how gloomy." In reply to his question a voice answered, "This is Heaven."

"Heaven," he moaned, "How could I have been so mistaken. I have ever thought of Heaven as a bright, beautiful place. I never can be happy here. It is just like that dark dreary path I have been traveling."

"Heaven is what you make it," the voice again replied. "All through your earthly journey you choose to walk in the shadows, among the rocks, thinking it folly to bestow the flowers of kindness upon another, considering it wasted time to pause, and behold, the beauties of nature. In the shadows and darkness you have ever walked, refusing to bless and be blessed, so now, behold, the Heaven you have thus created for yourself."

ESTELLA BUHLINGER.

Around each one there is a great luminous mist, which corresponds to the atmosphere around the earth. In this atmosphere, called the aura, the thoughts good and bad, strong and weak, are imprinted. The body corresponds to the earth; our emotions to the dew and rain. The mental conditions are like the wind, while the spiritual acts as the sunshine, in vitalizing the reality of our self.—*Science and Key of Life*.

### *The Road to the Moon—An Alchemical Story.*

By DR. GEORGE W. CAREY.

"Is it possible that an insane man may see and express a great truth?"

Is it necessary to become insane in order that we may cognize the esoteric Reality? Do you believe that I am insane? Do you realize that there are many simple problems that will never be solved by so called sane persons?"

The above questions, and a dozen more along the same line, were hurled at me in rapid succession by "Moon Explorer" as he called himself.

During the summer of 1904 I was traveling salesman for a St. Louis Pharmacy Company. A business engagement called me to Portland, Maine. One evening I took a trolley ride out to the government fortifications on the bay. I wore my Grand Army button and was admitted to the army parade ground by the officer in charge altho it was not visitors' day.

The officer, Major L—— was an affable and altogether agreeable host. After dress parade we strolled thru the fortifications and talked on many different subjects. I found that the major was quite enthusiastic on the subject of Astrology and Astronomy and especially interested in everything pertaining to the moon.

It was the evening of the full moon in July and Major L—— remarked: "In a few minutes the moon will arise as it has for untold ages so far as we know, and yet with all our boasted wisdom, with our telescopes and spectroscopes and marvelous instruments of precision for measuring, weighing and analyzing we know almost absolutely nothing about the moon." "Why, don't you know," he continued, "that

one of our most noted astronomers who enjoys the privilege of looking at the moon thru a forty inch telescope was recently quoted as saying: "I know nothing about the moon. I do not know anything about the substance of the moon, its degree of density, weight, real size, as only one side is ever seen, nor how it came to be where it is, how long it has been there, nor what office it fills in the Solar System."

The major leaned over and rested his elbows on one of the mighty guns that lie open throated towards the incoming tides, ever ready to speak the eloquent language of war, and fixed his eyes on the moon now an hour above the eastern horizon. As I studied his features I thought what a shame that a man of so finely balanced head and body (or any man for that matter) should have to devote his life to the brutal, senseless and wholly unnecessary business of war. After a minute or two Major L—— consulted his watch and smilingly remarked, "We must go outside or the guard will run us in, for it will soon be nine o'clock taps." As we walked out I asked the major if he thought the moon problem would ever be solved.

He answered, "I do not know, but we have a very strange specimen of the genus Scientific tramp here who says he knows all about the moon for he has been there, and says he is the pioneer Moon Explorer, in fact he says there is a good road to the moon." I answered, "Why don't you have him locked up; he is evidently insane."

"Just my idea," replied the major, "but I would like to, have you meet him. He lives in that house tent under the pine over there," pointing to the tent about one hundred yards away, "and has made himself very useful to me in many ways so I let him remain. His principal hobby now is to find a person who was born on his birthday, September seventh."

"Well," I remarked, "I guess he will find in me the fellow he's looking for. My mother said that I was born on September seventh."

"By jove," exclaimed Major L——, "you shall see him at once," and as "taps" were then heard for "lights out" the major said, "The last car leaves for the city at ten so you will have an hour to interview

'Moon Explorer.' He never says *the* moon."

We hurried over to the tent and found the Explorer of Luna lying on the grass outside the tent gazing at moon. The major said to him, "This gentleman tells me he was born September seventh. I will leave him with you as I must return to the barracks," and bidding me good night, after a warm invitation to call again he walked rapidly away.

Moon Explorer sprang up quickly and seized both my hands in his, looked me full in the eye and said, "I believe you, you look it—rather tall, slim, light muscles, wirey, much like myself—yes, I guess you were born on September seventh."

I told him that I must return to Portland on ten o'clock car and so our visit must be brief. "True," he replied, "and as virgo people have the faculty of acting quickly, doing it now, I will proceed to business." My virgo friend, then went into the tent house and returned with a package carefully tied in oil cloth and said, "Here is a manuscript in which is recorded the most wonderful event the world has ever known. There is a road to Moon. Moon is attached to Earth by an umbilical cord. Earth is the Uterus, the Divine Womb of the solar system.

Earth is the mother of planets; Sun, Sol or Soul, the father. Moon is a baby planet not yet fully born, still held by umbilical cord, while earth as a whole may be called the womb or uterus of the solar system. The generative laboratory is situated in that unexplored region known as the south pole. That portion of earth contains a depression or hollow the size of moon in which planets grow—but I must stop as I see your car is coming and will return in five minutes. "Take this," he said, handing me the package. "Read it, and if you can find a publisher, which is hardly likely, give it to the world. Of course there will be few who will believe it."

Then as he grasped my hands in a good bye and God speed shake he asked in rapid succession the questions recorded above.

As I hurried away to catch the car I called back to the Explorer and asked him if I should send him a copy of the printed manuscript in case I could find a publisher.

His answer was, "No, don't bother about that. I shall return to moon September seventh and be ready for the journey."

*Concluded in next issue.*

### *A Smile.*

One gloomy morn a smile was born,  
In some simple little way,  
And then it went a sunbeam sent  
On a mission glad and gay.

O'er hill and vale mid storm and gale,  
It journeyed now far and long,  
It softly crept where shadows slept,  
Singing loud and a glad sweet song.

Where grief and strife were dark and rife,  
It stole and with glad intent  
Sweetly smiled dull care beguiled,  
Till thus their power was spent.

It put to rout discord and doubt,  
In many a dark place and time,  
'Twas a welcome guest one ever blest,  
Where ever it chanced to shine.

ESTELLA BURLINGER.

### *To Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Singing the music of Now,  
The rhythm of human life,  
Weaving sweet melodies  
Out of the bitter strife.

Teaching the ideals of Joy,  
Freedom and Honor and Love,  
Heralding a beautiful Heaven  
Not in far realms above.

Staying the tears of weeping,  
Cheering disconsolate men,  
Turning our halting footsteps  
Onward and upward again.

Hers is the creed of Endeavor,  
Hers is the life of devotion;  
Wreaths of gay laurel we bring  
To her in grateful emotion.

Ever shall men say of her,  
Even on Time's latest day,  
"She it was who taught  
Cold-hearted Reason to pray."

—Verne Dewitt Rowell, London, Ont.

It has often been said, "It is not work but worry that kills." Work is all right; it is our attitude toward our work that makes it a task or a pleasure; it is our constant strain to equal or surpass others that causes practically all the friction, for in looking around us we find others doing the same kind of work with perfect ease and comfort. Nothing worth while is ever gained without work of some character. That work may be mental, or physical, as the end demands. Take for example the so-called homely duties of a housewife. She can make her home a heaven, keeping it clean, quiet and harmonious, or she can make it the opposite, dirty and discordant, depending upon how she views her daily duties, whether as task or pleasure. You can learn to love anything, and all kinds of work becomes much easier for a little loving. If you will but make up your mind that you are going to make a success of whatever comes to your hands, and then affirm, "I love to do this work," you will find the busy hours slipping away, the work finished and you are left in a contented, harmonious state of mind.—*Christian Science Sheet*.

### "— and — That's No Phantom."

FRED G. KAESSMANN.

It's a good many years since I first began to read New Thought publications. In those days I used to drink long and deep. There was much pleasure for me in every word I read. Nowadays, with the exception of a few clear-headed writers, I no longer find this pleasure. Can it be that I have had a surfeit, or is it that present day writers present such complicated theories that I can not enjoy them because of my firm conviction that life, after all, always resolves itself into a living of the simple life for happy living.

It's this way: I have read and studied an read and studied. I know more or less of nearly all the modern theories for the attainment of happiness and success. Yet, despite all this reading, I find that I must, if I would benefit thereby, *practice* something. Yes, I must PRACTICE. I must USE what I know. Always it resolves

itself into what I USE. But *what* shall I use? What shall I do? Shall I attempt to practice some of the elaborate theories of which I have read? Impossible. My whole spirit revolts. It calls out in derision. It points the finger of scorn at me. What, you? it cries. Have *you* come to this? Shame on you—shame. Have you not something both sweeter and withall more practical? "Say," this guiding spirit says to me, "why don't you try real hard to be cheerful?"

I find myself leaning forward. The voice sounds cheery. It is myself talking to myself. I like it—and listen. And still I listen. From out of the great, quiet Allness it comes again, "Yes, why don't you be cheerful, cheerful all the time? You can. Yes, go ahead. Be cheerful. It's great to be cheerful."

A smile comes over my face. I love that silent voice, that voice that God must send to me. Soon I find myself saying, "Be cheerful? Why not? It is fine to be cheerful. I will be cheerful. To be cheerful is a grand way to be eternally happy. Yes, I WILL be cheerful—just to please the voice."

So, through thick and thin I smile and smile and smile. Sometimes, to be sure, I fail—but I soon begin to smile again. Getting to be the habit, you know. And—does it pay?

You bet it does—"and—that's no phantom."

Yes, it is so simple, so plain, so old-fashioned, so of the every day, that there is, to the uninitiated, nothing mysterious about it. One cannot even present an elaborate set of rules which must be followed. One cannot cite an elaborate list of writers. Even though you were to cite all the writers who have urged you to be cheerful you would reap no worth while harvest—in words. More likely than not you would promptly hear something in the vernacular amounting to, "Why, that's a chestnut. Why don't you tell a fellow something new?"

So it has ever been. What everybody may have—few want. However, "chestnut" or no "chestnut," give me a plenty of cheerfulness.

# Stellar Science Department

## *Influence of the Fixed Stars.*

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

The question has often been asked do the fixed stars have influence upon human life, and we give the following illustrations which prove to our mind that in many cases they have a powerful effect in shaping the life.

For instance, more or less of these fixed stars were dominant at the birth of Napoleon I, Marie Antoinette, George Washington, also at the birth of Hazen S. Pingree, the late radical progressive governor of Michigan.

Gov. Pingree was born August 30, 1840.

The Sun was in the critical sign Virgo and the 7th degree of Leo was rising at the time he took his first breath.

The sign rising indicates the personality and Gov. Pingree was a Leo character out and out.

The fixed star North Asellus was along in the 7th degree of Leo and Mars was in the 5th degree of Leo.

Urania was casting a favorable influence to this sensitive point.

It would be impossible to give a more accurate description of the life and characteristics of Gov. Pingree than will be found in the following extract from *Science and Key of Life*, Volume IV, Page 267. Corporations were arrayed against him, newspapers refused to publish his manifestos and the pew which he had occupied for years in one of the leading churches is said to have been rented away from him. Still he blazed away at the strongholds of his opposers and brought about many reforms for which the people of Michigan now applaud him.

He died suddenly in the city of London while on his return from a trip to Africa.

Like other great reformers he was canonized in his day and canonized after his death. (See *Science & Key of Life* for following.)

"The presence of Urania in the sign Leo is quite favorable for attaining Success, also power and position.

This influence is more pronounced in the life of the male than the female.

With Urania and the fixed Star North Asellus in the 7th degree of Leo the native has many friends among the common people and when other influences in the chart agree, will be sure to rise to some position in his locality as governmental official. He is most energetic and is somewhat of a reformer. He places great confidence in his friends, and it is sometimes abused. He has many enemies among the higher classes who naturally antagonize him.

He is ever involved in disputes or quarrels with companies, corporations, etc., and his intentions are to protect the interests of the common people. He is blunt in speech and, when aroused, is capable of most bitter language. His enemies will often take advantage of this side of his nature and from this influence at times he may appear erratic. He will succeed in bringing about much good in his way. Once he gets an idea in his mind he clings to it with great persistency and does all in his power to see it realized.

His motives are honest, though he will often go out of his way to get even with his opponents. It is favorable for marriage, home and children and he attains to some degree of success in a material way. In religion he is broad and liberal, if he has any at all. He is liable to pass out unexpectedly in some foreign country." (*Science and Key of Life*, Vol. IV, Page 267).

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## *Were You Born in the Sign Virgo— The Virgin?*

If you were born between Aug. 23d and Sept. 22nd, the sun was in the sign Virgo. This is the second of the earthly triplicity and its natives partake of all of the practicality that has been attributed to the earthly signs. They are particularly critical and number among them many of the

best literary and art critics of the ages: their criticism is worthy of the name, for not only do they point out wherein lies the fault, but they also advise a remedy for the error.

They are extremely cleanly in their habits, kind in disposition and yet they are usually considered peculiar by the ordinary person in their likes and dislikes. They are natural doctors, noted for their honesty and truth, and possess an ideal love of home.

The native of Virgo is apt to suffer through servants or agents unless the sun is well aspected then he will benefit by them; it tends to literary, medical or scientific work, book reading, etc., is slightly unfavorable for health and the constitution of the father or son. The disposition is rather serious or subdued, at times melancholy, lacking hope, not sufficiently self-assertive.

The moon's position affects the native of Virgo, causing varied modifications of the sun's influence as may be noted from a few examples given. While the sun is in the sign Virgo, it should be remembered that the moon is passing through all of the signs, consequently the moon's influence would depend upon the time of birth. If the moon was in the sign Aries the native of Virgo would show stability, mirthfulness, weakness of sight; whereas if the moon was in Taurus it would give one of the strongest business characters. The moon in Gemini would increase the artistic ability, liable to rapid speech, stammering. The moon in Cancer the native requires absolute harmony as discordant conditions cause illness: very industrious; economical.

The moon in Leo inclines to restlessness with desire for the unattainable. The moon in Virgo strengthens the vitality and self-assertiveness; gives great self-control, independence, and the power of healing. With the moon in Libra a spiritual nature, with literary abilities. The moon in Scorpio inclines to high temper, selfishness and imitative powers. The moon in Sagittarius gives an intensity of power unequalled in any polarity with extreme impulsiveness. The moon in Aquarius causes mental and physical harmony; tact, with

either mechanical or political ability. The moon in Pisces, close, practical, love of variety, dissatisfaction in the home.—*Copy-righted.*

## August 22d to September 23d.

### Virgo—the Virgin Mary.

By DR. GEORGE W. CAREY, Professor of Biochemistry.

Virgin means pure. Mary, Marie, or Mare (Mar) means water. The letter M is simply the sign of Aquarius, "The Water Bearer."

Virgin Mary means pure sea, or water.

Jesus is derived from a Greek word, meaning fish, out of the pure sea, or water comes fish. Out of woman's body comes the "word made flesh." All substance comes forth from air, which is a higher potency of water.

All substance is fish, or the substance of Jesus.

This substance is made to say, "Eat, this is My body; drink, this is My blood."

There is nothing from which bread and wine can be made, but the one universal Air, Energy, or Spirit, in which man has his being.

All tangible elements are the effects of certain rates of motion of the intangible and unseen elements. Nitrogen gas is mineral in solution, or ultimate potency.

Oil is made by the union of the sulphate of potassium (potash), with albuminoids and aerial elements.

The first element that is disturbed in the organism of those born in the celestial sign Virgo is oil; this break in the function of oil shows a deficiency in potassium sulphate, known in pharmacy as kali sulph.

Virgo is represented in the human body by the stomach and bowels, the laboratory in which food is consumed as fuel to set free the minerals, in order that they may enter the blood through the mucous membrane absorbents.

The letter X in Hebrew is Samech or Stomach. X, or cross, means crucifixion, or change, transmutation.

Virgo people are discriminating, analytical and critical.



The microscope reveals the fact that when the body is in health little jets of steam are constantly escaping from the seven million pores of the skin. A deficiency in kali sulph. molecules causes the oil in tissue to thicken and clog these safety valves of the human engine, thus turning heat and secretions back upon the inner organs, lungs, pleura, membrane of nasal passages, etc. And does it not seem strange that medical science, that boasts of such great progress, can invent no better term than "bad cold" for these chemical results.

Kali sulph. is found in considerable quantities in scalp and hair. When this salt falls below the standard, dandruff, or eruptions, secreting yellowish, thin, oily matter, or falling out of hair, is the result.

Kali sulph. is a wonderful salt, and its operation in the divine laboratory of man's body, where it manufactures oil, is the miracle of the chemistry of life.

Governing planet Mercury: Gems, pink, jasper and hyacinth. Astral colors, gold and black.

In Bible Alchemy Virgo is represented by Benjamin, the twelfth son of Jacob, and means power, or "son of right hand."

Virgo also corresponds with the disciple Bartholomew.

### *England's Neptunic Sovereign.*

By ASH-PHE.

With the passing of Halley's comet coincident with the death of King Edward, and the ascension to the throne of His Majesty, King George V, a new page is turned in the annals of English History.

The King was born June 3rd, 1865, at 1:18 A. M. London.

Heralding the moment of his birth the first dædicate of Aries, "glorious in his golden wool," ascends the Eastern horizon. From this fiery sign he may rightfully claim the inheritance of an imperious, dauntless and energetic nature.

Utopian Neptune, Dreamer of Dreams, was rising therein, sextile to the Lord of Day. Controlling, as it does, the platonic spirit of Universal Brotherhood, and bearing the scepter of rule in King George's nativity, we look forward with expectancy to the revolutionary ideals he doubtless

hopes to institute. The signs of the times are all the more portentous from the fact that this mystic planet in the King's horoscope is on the rising sign of the British Empire. That the old form of government is drawing to a close no one will deny, and the rule of Neptune's Son, imbued with the desire to alter, renovate and reform will doubtless hasten the millenium.

To the ordinary individual those dominated by this influx are people "to conjure with," mankind at present having very little affinity with such as ethereal influence. The Arcadian life of the Golden Age when all things were in common awakens a responsive chord within their souls, making them, to the modern thinker, visionary and impractical, and bringing them under the ban of misunderstanding and censure.

"Great tasks are given to the gods," and we find the Neptunic soul capable of renunciation of self for the good of all. We need but remember Lincoln, bearing with breaking heart the burdens of a Nation if we wish an example of Neptunic idealism—Martyr, Master, Mystic, Man!

Were not the heart strings of England's Sovereign swept by the fingers of stern renunciation when duty demanded the severing of ties formed early in youth, that the nation might not suffer through the messalliance?

Neptune's disdain for the empty show and baubles of this life make irksome the social duties placed upon him.

The personality of His Majesty is very pleasing. The influence of Neptune rising in Aries detracts considerably from the positiveness of appearance and manner which this fiery sign usually bestows, giving a dreamy, introspective look to the eyes. His finesse and superior refinement, grace and elegance of manner unmistakably proclaim him favored of Venus.

Mercury in Taurus shows a mind deeply affected by feeling, we, therefore, find him a lover of the arts, music and poetry, while justice and sincerity inspire his eloquence.

The Sun in Gemini bids him stretch forth his hands to Kingly Jupiter, who bears the scepter of rule over the House of Legacies, assuring him of a bounteous inheritance from his Paternal Sire.

At his father's death His Majesty was under the trying influence of the Primary Arc Sun square Saturn, with the Secondary Arc Moon semi-square Neptune climaxing as King Edward, with tired resignation, uttered his last words, "I have done my best." Under the benefic aspect Moon Sextile Sun he ascended the throne; his confident, hopeful outlook for the future of the British Nation bearing testimony of this inspiring influence. The primary arc is, however, very unfortunate, and if he allows the affairs of State to weigh heavily upon him his health will become seriously impaired causing liability to illness of a protracted nature.

In the month of September the secondary arc Moon trine its radical place brings to the fore matters connected with the government and finance—treaties and diplomatic affairs concluded at this time will benefit the Nation greatly.

About the first of December we find the progressed Moon square Mars, a position likely to bring sorrow and trouble, with much worry and anxiety over affairs of State. Danger of violence is shown by this threatening aspect—the period will be inimical to health, and great care in this regard should be exercised; at all events, it will be a critical period in the personal affairs of His Majesty.

In Queen Mary, consort of King George, we find a most interesting character. She is above all, "A womanly woman," well fitted to bear with dignity "The greatness thrust upon her." Aquarious rising in her nativity denotes a refined, sympathetic and humane disposition. She has already impressed herself on the public mind as "the perfect mother and model housewife." The Moon conjunction Jupiter in Pisces intercepted in the first house testifies to her love of children. Her love for the theater, indicated by Uranus in the fifth sextile Venus, is insatiable, and King Edward styled her, "Our dramatic critic."

Venus sextile Jupiter gives artistic ability, love of music and much skill in needlework.

She is deeply interested in social reforms, having made an exhaustive study of the subject; this pre-eminently fits her for the

position of adviser and counselor to His Majesty in affairs of reform.

The Lunar arcs operating at present in her progressed horoscope are unfavorable, and not until the latter part of 1911 will the benefic Solar arc Sun trine Saturn bring her personality into prominence. She will then assume greater responsibilities and find much favor in the eyes of the people.

What then is England's destiny under the rule of King George V.? The answer is written in the Stars that he who runs may read.

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

By Frederick White

Editor of the Adept, and Pres. of the National Astrological Society of the U. S.

The New Moon for September occurs on the 3d at 12:05 P. M. The Full of the Moon on September 18th, 10:52 P. M., Chicago Standard time.

At the time of the New Moon, the Sun is applying to a trine of Uranus and sextile of Neptune, and a conjunction of Mars, altho the other aspects are the first ones formed, therefore will have the most effect, altho Mars being in the 10th house will be powerful and have a strong effect upon business and upon the political affairs of the country. I judge from these aspects, that business will be average good during the month, altho subject to occasional dull periods of a day or two at a time, but the masses or common people generally satisfied, altho slightly restless and active minded, a little more so than usual.

Health conditions are not the very best altho it may not be very noticeable that quite a few will have slight ailments, stomach or bowel trouble being more common than usual. The politicians subject to much more criticism than is common, those in high places not getting the credit that they deserve, altho the President getting his full share of credit, but it is not impossible that the President would be afflicted in some ways by the evil aspect of the Sun and Mars, how it will affect him, I cannot say.

Speculative markets changeable as usual, considerable strength off and on in the cereal markets, more so from the 10th to

the 25th of the month, and stocks should also have quite a showing of strength around the early part of the month. Cereals of course will depend upon harvest weather and how the public is ready to invest. The indications favor quite a good crop, not the very best, but better than has been expected, therefore those who speculate should be cautious about getting too much of a "long line" of wheat.

*The Days of September, 1910.*

Sept. 1st. Moon sextile to Jupiter at 2 p. m. is very good, ask favors, buy.

2nd. Moon past aspects, is quiet but generally good, the p. m. best. Buy.

3rd. Moon new at noon, not good for starting changes, running risks. Sell.

4th. Moon trine to Uranus 8 a. m., is very good for all Sunday affairs.

5th. Moon not closely aspected, is quiet, but should be favorable generally.

6th. Moon conj. with Jupiter at 9 a. m., is active, good. Buy. Ask favors.

7th. Moon semi-square to Sun at 10 a. m., is deceiving, be careful. Sell.

8th. Moon sextile to Sun at 8 p. m., is generally good for regular affairs.

9th. Moon sextile to Uranus at 9 a. m., is favorable, push affairs. Buy.

10th. Moon parallel with Uranus and Neptune, is deceiving. Sell.

11th. Moon square to Sun at 2 p. m., be careful, even if Sunday.

12th. Moon past aspects, is somewhat quiet, not good for starting affairs.

13th. Moon applying to strong aspects. Is active but uncertain, be careful.

14th. Moon trine with Mars at noon, generally good, buy, ask favors.

15th. Moon square to Saturn 10 a. m., is deceiving and evil, be careful.

16th. Moon trine with Jupiter at 7 a. m., is good, push affairs.

17th. Moon sextile to Saturn 4 p. m., quiet, but generally good.

18th. Moon sextile to Neptune at 5 p. m., very good for all Sunday affairs.

19th. Moon not closely aspected, indicates a quiet day.

20th. Moon opposite Jupiter at 3 p. m., is active, changeable, but fairly good.

21st. Moon conj. with Saturn at 4 p. m., is uncertain, risky, sell, use care.

22d. Moon applying to good aspects, is favorable generally.

23d. Moon trine with Sun 8 a. m., is good, push affairs, buy, make changes.

24th. Moon square to Venus at 8 a. m., active, generally good.

25th. Moon square to Sun at 2 p. m., is not good, be careful.

26th. Moon applying to a sextile of Venus, is quite fortunate. Buy.

27th. Moon not closely aspected, is a quiet day, generally good.

28th. Moon not closely aspected, is quiet and uncertain.

29th. Moon still unaspected, looks quiet, but even and favorable.

30th. Moon trine with Saturn 10 a. m., is generally good. Buy.

Note:—If you are starting new and important business, it is best to have the Sun well aspected to some one or more of the planets as well as the Moon, and best to have the aspects forming than to have them past. It is not well to start important business during periods of bad aspects, as they will surely bring annoyances eventually that you can escape by choosing a good time.

FREDERICK WHITE.

Denver, Colo., July 16, 1910.

My Dear Mr. Hodges:

There is no question but what there will be a great Psychic Revival when Uranus passes into the Aquarius sign, and he makes his first entrance in Aquarius in February, 1912. Uranus is now 24 degrees in Capricorn, and this is an influence which will work for the benefit of Astrological Science and its Votaries. I wrote about 20 years ago, "That when the great Arch-Angel Michael, that is the Ruling Power of the Sun, came into operation there would be great changes in the world."

We are already in a Sub-Solar Cycle with the Sun at the Planetary head of the government of the world. This Cyclic influence commenced December 22, 1880, and its cycle runs a period of 308 years and 208½ days, following in the wake of Mars.

We are getting away from war-like tendencies and all the martial forces of the past cycle and are in the beginning of a

period of Imperial Greatness. Empires and Nations will shine full of glory. The human individual and the cumulative wisdom of the ages will have full play, and as prophesied in 1880 many of the churches, religions, creeds and Ecclesiastical Dogmas will totter and fall, becoming things of the past. Some of these Planetary influences are already beginning to take shape, not only in religion; but in inventions, in fact in some of the most wonderful intellectual and mechanical pursuits of the world.

Intuition has already commenced to show itself as being superior to mechanical intellect. Occult Sciences are already coming to the front, and many of the more practical are being taught in the Universities.

If we go backward retrospectively we will find whenever the Sun and Uranus in Aquarius ruled the world we had similar results. It was 280 years B. C. that the same influences were operating and about 29 A. D. the Nazarene came to the front and preached the Gospel of practical Benevolence. In another subsequent period Guatama Buddha, one of the greatest Oriental Moral Reformers bobbed up serenely; in fact the Great Sons of God" arose under these Planetary conditions."

Yours sincerely,

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### *The Periodical Nervous Headache.*

Among the most common ailments, especially among the young, are the periodical nervous headaches, and three or four times as many females as males are afflicted with them. Dr. A. F. Schellschmidt of Louisville, Ky., states that "they generally manifest themselves about the time of puberty and are very severe for a few years, but with increasing age the attacks become less frequent, until at the age of forty they seem to almost disappear and are seldom or never seen after fifty. They are associated with vertigo, nausea and vomiting. The pain is in and around the eyes and while the attack lasts there frequently is partial or total blindness. Those who complain of this trouble suffer from prodromal symptoms for several days before the attack shows

itself in an active form, which symptoms differ in different patients.

When treatment is demanded it is more for the pain than anything else. Opium will relieve but does more harm than good, as it leaves the system in a worse condition to resist a subsequent attack. Antikamnia tablets give great relief and act quickly. An emetic will sometimes abort an attack. The bowels should be kept open and those diuretics which hasten the elimination of the urea should be administered. If the attacks are due to a reflex nervous condition the cause must be sought and treated.

The adult dose of antikamnia tablets best suited for the relief of these headaches, is two every three or four hours." *A. K. Chem. Co.*

David Moyland, a law student, of Cleveland, is a striking example of what a man can do if he tries. Moyland several years ago lost both arms at the shoulders in a railroad accident. His condition left him entirely dependent. Moyland made up his mind he wanted a profession, and started in to study law. Handicapped as he was, he proceeded to learn to write by holding a pen in his mouth. He will take the coming June examination for admission to the bar. The tutors at the Cleveland Law School speak highly of him, and make a request of the examining commission to allow him plenty of time in which to take the test, which will be written.

### *The Changing Stars.*

Although there is no relation apparent between the two phenomena, yet it is interesting to recall the fact that among the stars certain colors appear to characterize different stages of change, or evolution. Red stars, according to the testimony of the spectroscope, differ widely in their constitution from white or yellow ones, and it has been thought that varying colors may give a clew to progressive changes in the heavenly bodies. Sirius, for instance, is said to have changed from red to white, and some have suspected that Arcturus is changing from red toward yellow.—*New York Press.*

# Psychic Research

## "The Joy of Two Worlds."

Delivered on Friday evening, April 23rd, 1909, at Premier Buildings, Collins Street, Melbourne.

Extracts from an inspirational address by Signor Valetti, given through the celebrated medium, Chas. Bailey. Mrs. Annie Bright, the editor of *Harbinger of Light*, published in Melbourne, Australia, in publishing the address in full, says "it is another proof of the remarkable combination of gifts in Chas. Bailey as a physical medium and transmitter of a high order of spiritual teachings."

"Have you ever considered—I suppose you have in your quiet moments—in what the pleasures and joys of life consist? If you are a tired and worried business man, you will probably say, 'Ah, there is but little pleasure or joy for me!' If you are bereaved, if you are in poverty or distress, you will say, 'There is not much pleasure in life for me, I have received more knocks than kind words.' If you are rich, and have sucked honey from every flower, you will be forced to admit to the real man in your quiet moments,—that life sometimes palls upon you. You feel tired and weary, and even the presence of your own friends wearies you. There is the same round of gaiety, the everlasting rising, sleeping, and waking again on the morrow to the same thing, the same monotonous existence, the same pleasures every day.

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Something within him will say—"Surely this cannot be the end of life?" It is my joy and privilege to tell you that it is not.

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When it is realized that there is something better in continued existence, a man should be tolerably happy upon the earth plane: It is not good to be constantly talk-

ing about the trials and worries and perplexities of life. Have you ever reflected, my friends, that you are partly animal? You have a brain—the nervous centre or mind which exerts a great influence either for evil or for good upon the body—and it is true, as the Old Book has declared, that "as man thinketh in his heart, so is he." A man's mind may run in a certain groove until it becomes warped, and exercises a malign influence over the body. Try to remember always, no matter what troubles come to you, no matter what are your circumstances in life, that sometime and somewhere the great bank of dark clouds will break, and the glorious blue of heaven will be seen. Realize also that the whole universe is held together, is in rapport with the Eternal source of Love. It is the bow in every cloud, it is that which will redeem all mankind.

## EVERYWHERE THE LIFE BEAUTIFUL.

You know something about the world in which you dwell—a little about the universe, but it is very little. You know something about the solar system, about the sun, moon, and stars and the planets, but your knowledge is very limited. You do not yet know of yourselves that the planets contain life, and that they are inhabited. When we from spirit realms, through media, told the wise ones of earth that the stars and planets were inhabited, they laughed in their wisdom. They brought forward learned arguments to prove that the temperature was such on some planets that life could not exist. They attempted to show that it was utterly impossible that there could be any life excepting on this globe. But notwithstanding all their learned arguments, there is life in every star, there is life everywhere throughout the universe. God is Life; the emanations from Him are Life!



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cesses of generation. That is why divinity, the uncreated, is self-existent, and why incarnate and incarnate spirits depend upon spirit. That is why mediumship deals with forms and phenomena and relates us phenomenally to two worlds. Spirit has entrance to spirit only by the spiritual life. This is all important to remember! \* \* \* The soul cannot subsist on empty husks. but on life, and so when Jesus said, "I come that ye may have life, and may have it more abundantly," he stated exactly the object of his ministry and the purpose of our own existence. \* \* \* So to transmute the lower into the higher, the ma-

terial into the spiritual, is the end of all yoga and psychic development.

For the readers of this magazine who are interested in Mr. Grumbine's lectures and class work we wish to announce that he will lecture in Cleveland, O., Sept.-Oct. 15; St. Louis, Mo., until possibly Dec. 1st, and then appear in Detroit, Battle Creek, and Chicago in December. He will then proceed to Denver and Colorado Springs for Jan. 1-15. After these dates he will be in California. He will carry on the college work by mail with usual dispatch and success.

## The Swastika For Success



## Success Club All Seekers

August and September Affirmation: "Victory is Mine."

The one word "Victory" was our telepathic message to you July 15th. Victory in all our aims and aspirations. If we could only hold to the real sense and meaning of that word, how much help it would bring us.

Our August message will be one word. We want all our members to make an effort on the 15th, especially at noon and 9 p. m., to receive this word and be benefited by it. Let us hear from you and all who enclose a stamp will be given the September message in time to join with us in sending it out to the others. The stronger the telepathic power or Etheric Energy behind the message, the more members it will reach. We want all who show any of this power to join us in the test. Will you?

We are always pleased to receive reports from those who have been helped. The reason we decided to give Life Membership for a time at only \$1 (what other Clubs charge per month) is because we do not really make any charge for the help we can give each other, just this little entrance fee to prove you are in earnest and because

many who join for one month or year, expect the Club to bring them all they desire at once. Experience has proven that this is not best for you. At first some people experience what seems to them unfavorable changes and become discouraged. This is a mistake. Often circumstances which seem unfavorable to us are really the best that could happen for us, putting to work forces in our behalf that will change our environment and so lead us to higher and better things. The very thing that we are desiring most may prove just the thing that we should not have. Who has not later been glad of some disappointment that at the time seemed unbearable? A higher power knows better than we what is really for our good.

Hold daily at noon and 9 p. m., when convenient the affirmations on your Life Membership card. A particular hour is not necessary, as our membership extends around the world, and someone is making them at all times, which forms a circle of continuous affirmations. So if we keep in harmony with our fellow members, we are bound to be benefited by them. You must make yourself one of the links in this great

chain that encircles the earth, creating SUCCESS, HEALTH and HAPPINESS for all members. You have got to do your part to attract this success to yourself. The more help you send out for others, the more will come from others to you. Success attracts SUCCESS. Failure attracts Failure. Which will you have? If you are a real earnest success seeker, as we believe every one of our members to be, you will in time attract the best to you. Do you want health? Then hold in your mind only thoughts of health. Do not talk disease or pain. Speak of health, think about being well. When one is in severe pain, he cannot say "I am well," but he can believe that it is temporary and can say "I will be well."

If you want happiness, do your part to make more harmonious conditions in your family life. Be happy and you will attract the best in others to you. Be generous. Be kind-hearted. Be TRUE.

More than a year ago we became interested in the American Woman's League because it planned on a larger scale many benefits we hoped to some day offer our members, and especially in the Founder's Chapter, endowed by Mr. Lewis with \$2,000,000 in stock, that should some day be very valuable. We asked all our members to join this League and found many of them had already done so. We did want them all to be in the Founder's Chapter, so they could share in the special income. Now in this short while the League has proven itself a great success and the Founder's Chapter closed July 4th with 100,000 members and since then the applications have just poured in. One, whose application we sent in last year, will give it up as she is too old to enjoy the benefits, not expecting to live, and we are saving her place for some member of our Club. So, if you wish to join the League, let us know at once, for by getting in the Founder's Chapter, you will get an income every year more than you would just as a member. We want to hear from all who wish to join and will give free Life Membership in the S. S. Club to all who send us their application to enter for them. These members will also be in the Swastika Chapter of the League, and we expect to have some special benefits to offer them before long.

Member 1177 wants your help to obtain success in some mining claims. And 1171 wishes to sell property in Oklahoma. When any member knows of a person who wishes to make a change of residence and buy property in another state, he will help other members of the Club by letting us know. 1159 wishes to sell her home in Ill. Another one has a most desirable place for sale in Florida. It is owned by a dear old couple, who want to be relieved of work. It is very cheap and bringing in a good income every day. Twelve-room house furnished, dairy and truck farm, orange and peach orchard, etc. It overlooks a lovely lake and is a most desirable winter home, but pleasant all the year.

If any of the members sell through the club, the commission will go towards expenses of the club. So in helping fellow members, we are also helping our club.

We all enjoy helping the unfortunate. We have been helping a number to become members of the A. W. League, so they will be provided for in old age or helped by the Free Correspondence Courses to help themselves now. All who will send us subscriptions for any magazines will be helping them. One is a poor mother in the mountains of California. She is striving so hard to educate her children. Another is a widow with a baby boy to support (in Texas). She has to work too hard for her strength. You have no idea how much it would please her for you to give her your subscription or renewal to some magazine. Send to us for No. 1168.

We thank those who have sent subscriptions to help others. Won't you each try to send us at least one subscription for any magazine? Don't forget to renew to STELLAR RAY. It is going to improve and the ladies will find the chats on Domestic Helps very interesting. You will all try to add your mite of information to help some other housewife.

H. P. M. Co. expect developments by September. We want a card from all who are willing to take back half of their money. Do not expect an answer. Just state your desires. We hope that there will be enough to pay all in full. Several hundred have never written a word. We wish all could hold for one month thoughts of success and make it bring a good price. We have



nothing to do with this property, except to represent those of you who are interested and keep you posted about it.

To all SUCCESS SEEKERS, Life Membership is still open to you for \$1. If you wish STELLAR RAY, send \$1.50 for both, and add 25 cents for postage out of U. S.

All letters about the Club must be sent direct to the

**SWASTIKA SUCCESS CLUB,**  
Manassas, Va.

P. S.—Important to members in Mississippi: Mrs. Kate C. Halls, applicant for State Regent, is a member of the SS. Club.

We request every member of the League in Mississippi, who possibly can, to vote for her. Try to pay up by September, so you can give her your vote. Write to her at Clinton, Miss., and she will tell you how much she will appreciate your vote.

The manager of the S. S. Club desires that every member will send her their very strongest and best thoughts for health and success the day and hour they read this, and every night for a week.

**Don't forget free life membership in the Swastika Success Club for three new subscriptions to the Stellar Ray.**  
Send to League or to us at Manassas, Va.

## Miscellaneous

### *Forests in China.*

In considering the progress of the almost world-wide movement for protection of forests, an interesting review has just been made of the work in China—a country which is so often cited as an example of the evil effects of deforestation.

In a portion of the Celestial Kingdom earnest efforts are now being made to re-establish a forest cover by planting. Consul Wilbur T. Gracey, of Tsingtau, China, reports that the Germans in that region are making successful attempts at reforestation. The success of the work was practically assured at the start, for to Germany is given the credit of having the highest developed system of forestry, and it was natural to expect that the long experience in forest work in the Fatherland would lessen preliminary experimentation and hasten progress in China.

When Tsingtau was occupied by the Germans about eleven years ago the hills were found bare and barren, with only a sporadic growth of scrub pine and weeds. Plans for reforestation were at once made, and about 2,965 acres have already been planted. About half of this is planted in

acacias, the balance in pine, larch, walnut, oak, ash, maples, and alders. So successful has this planting been that the point has already been reached where the sale of timber can be made. Small branches are sold for firewood and some of the timber is used for mining purposes. The sale and exportation of acacia is expected to become a considerable source of revenue during the next few years.

It is particularly remarkable that this work should have been so successful in view of the difficulties to which the plantation was subjected. The rainfall is light and lack of moisture considerably retarded the development of the trees. By far the worst enemies, however, were insects. Various species of caterpillars and other insects have been so destructive that thousands of Chinese boys and women are now engaged annually to destroy them. Various measures of prevention have been tried, such as placing girdles of glue on the trees, but these have not been effective and it was found necessary to resort to a systematic destruction of the insects by hand.

During 1908 over seven million caterpillars were gathered by hand, smashed, cov-



ered with lime, and afterwards used as fertilizer. This method has been successful in protecting the greater part of the plantations, but on the mountains on the border of the territory the trees are eaten bare. Acacias appear to withstand the attacks of the insects better than any other species, and the summits of the mountains are now being planted with these trees in an effort to check future destruction. In addition to these enemies, Chinese thieves are another source of difficulty, and on one occasion a band of thirty-six thieves was captured in the act of stealing wood.

In spite of these drawbacks, however, the work has been so successful that the Chinese government is now undertaking forestry schemes in a number of places under advice from German experts. This work centers about Mukden, Manchuria, where success has already been obtained with acacias and experiments are now being made with other trees. The first Chinese forest school was established at Mukden two years ago. Six hundred and twenty-five acres have already been set apart for cultivation, and 24,710 acres are to be purchased for afforestation.

Three large mines in China, in the provinces of Chihli and Shansi, which are under the management of Europeans, are making plans for afforestation, and the Shantung railway is planting acacias along 260 miles of its track. This, however, is simply a beginning of the work, and the Chinese government now has in contemplation the inauguration of extensive afforestation work in different parts of China.

### *Domestic Chats.*

Under this title we will publish items of interest and helpfulness to the mothers, sisters and young housekeepers of the large Stellar Ray Family.

Dear STELLAR RAY.

I am so glad you are going to have a department for Domestic helps. I trust every reader will add something to its interest and usefulness, by telling us something good they have found out.

I want to tell them about my "Fireless Cooker." I use an oil stove and the fireless

saves more than half the fuel. I rise early, prepare my vegetables and put them on the oil stove until they are boiling well. Some things have to boil a little longer than others but all must be boiling hard, when placed in the cooker. Then after dinner is off my hands and mind, I have a light breakfast. I can have hot oatmeal and stewed fruit, etc., out of the fireless. Then I can clean up, sew or write until my husband comes to dinner, and no time wasted. I always loved to housekeep and cook, but hated waiting meals and trying to keep them nice and hot without spoiling them. He is often delayed an hour or so, and I can now just keep cool and cook a cake of hot cornbread (his favorite) after he comes, while I am dishing up the dinner.

My "fireless" has not the roasting and baking attachments, but I intend to have them another summer. I cook meat and fowl nicely. I made beautiful jelly, cooked the fruit in it, all night, then strained the juice off and put on the oil stove a little while to melt the sugar. I shall make preserves in it and cook fruit for canning.

Most women are too warm and tired to enjoy a vegetable dinner after being over the fire for an hour or two, in a hot kitchen. I wish they all could try a fireless for a month and enjoy life. They cost from \$5 to \$30, and if your husband says he cannot afford one, tell him it pays for itself and is cheaper than doctors or undertakers.

Perhaps the advertising pages of STELLAR RAY may contain some descriptions of fireless cookers on the market.

I got a steam cooker last summer and liked it very much, but have not used it since I have been using the fireless. The steam cooker is splendid for fowls, especially old roosters, and tough meats.

I have a gasoline iron that is splendid. Do not buy one that must be lighted with an alcohol torch.

The next thing I want is an electric suction cleaner, so I will have no dusting to do. If any reader has one, please let us hear all about it. It is women's duty to have every convenience that will lighten their burdens and give them more time for rest and pleasure. With best wishes for all.

M. B. N., Manassas, Va.

Little Mildred is in her first term at school where she gets reports as to her standing marked on a decimal scale. One hundred is perfect, and sixty is pretty serious. The other night while saying her evening prayers, her spirits, always high, were actually irrepressible, and her petition was punctuated with snickers and smothered giggles.

"Do you think the Lord will like that kind of a prayer?" asked her mother reproachfully.

"Nope," returned Mildred glibly. "Not much! He'll gimme 'bout sixty on that!"  
—*From Woman's Home Companion for July.*

### A Sense of Humor.

One of the requisites of a good homemaker is a sense of humor, and no matter how good a cook or how excellent a manager a woman may be, unless she possess a sense of humor she will fail of the highest ideal. If anyone in the wide world needs this sense it is the housekeeper who has to be so many things all at one and the same time. Blessed is the woman who can see the humorous side of the situation. We can all look back and laugh at some annoyance of a year ago over which we shed bitter tears, as now it appeals to us distinctly humorous. How much better it will be if we exercise that sense at the right time. A woman invited her minister and his wife to dinner on Thursday evening, but her good husband delivered the invitation wrong or the minister's family misunderstood, for they arrived on Wednesday. The surprised hostess was equal to the occasion and, being a fore-handed woman and conducting her household on system, the meat loaf and the custard were already prepared. She served a dinner minus the nice little delicacies she had planned. She might have raved and fretted but she saw the humor of the whole situation. If there is a gleam of humor in anything find it and save yourself many a wrinkle.—*Woman's National Daily.*

He who starts first in the race is not always the winner.—*Estella Buhlinger.*

### A GUIDE TO ASTROLOGY.

Published by Frederick White, Crystal Bay, Minn., is the best primary work on the science of astrology that we have seen. Students of the science will find it clear, concise and most helpful and will be interested to know that we can supply this booklet and a set of Ephemerides, such as beginners use, for getting the positions of the planets from 1849 to 1911. Price \$1.75 for the full set. Address STELLAR RAY Book Department.

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Fear, doubt and mistrust may arise before one's mental vision, but one needs not yield to them; for one can, in the face of all, continue to draw from that never ceasing well-spring, Thought, the all-pervasive, equalizing and reconciling force of the Universe.

One does not jump into conscious and permanent possessions; one grows toward and into them. One earns them one by one.

Living up to One's highest and best, and thinking and claiming the highest and best

under all conditions and circumstances and at all times, makes one first possessor of one's own soul qualities, attributes and resources in the inner plane, and then user of these powers on the plane of outer existence.

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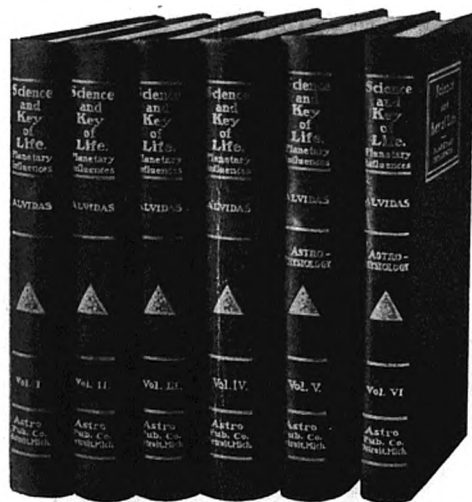
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