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# Editorial Department

## The Astral World.

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

The astral world is a definite region of the universe surrounding and interpenetrating the physical; it is composed of an extremely subtle form of matter invisible to the physical sight. There are seven states or conditions of physical matter, solid, liquid, gaseous and four others, etheric in nature, under which are classified the innumerable combinations which similarly go to make up the astral world. All physical atoms possess their astral envelopes of astral matter, forming what may be termed the matrix of the physical, for it is imbedded in the astral. Astral matter serves as a vehicle for the one life animating all. It sustains and nourishes every particle of physical matter—giving rise not only to what are termed vital forces but to all electrical, chemical and other energies.

### ASTRAL BODIES.

The next important vehicle of the soul is what is termed the astral body which belongs to the astral world. If one will imagine the physical world to be annihilated, he will still have a perfect copy of it in astral matter, so that those who pass out of the physical into the astral or spirit world would be unconscious of any difference in their surroundings as they would behold this counterpart of the physical life and naturally, believe themselves to be still living in the physical form and so continue to be actively engaged in maintaining their old ideas and customs.

Take such countries as Africa, China, Russia, etc., and the atmosphere is filled with intelligences who have lived under their crude customs, and their influence affects to a great measure the material condition of those countries, making progress difficult, for the reason that both spirit and mortal are absorbed in the material plane of life. Thus the astral duplicates of material objects which surround those who

have passed from the mortal often cause them to believe that they have just awakened from a sleep or some condition of unconsciousness and it takes time to realize that they have passed into another world and are under entirely new conditions.

All are constantly working through the astral form, and without the general action through the astral there could be no connection between the outside world and the mind. There could be no connection between impacts made, as all outward or external experiences or contacts become sensations to the astral form and are only then really perceived by the mind, for all centers of perception really exist in the astral form.

However, in both instances the astral and physical bodies are really only the vehicles or sheaths through which the one great infinite divine principle is functioning, the great flame or atma, the highest expression of man, which is shining out imperfectly on the lower planes of life because of the imperfection of these vehicles or sheaths. In order to realize an astral body think of the individual as dropping off the physical body as a cloak and standing up in a subtle and more luminous copy of it.

### A PERFECT ASTRAL BODY

A perfectly formed astral body means that the individual has attained to a high level of intellectual culture and spiritual growth which is indicated by the clearness of its outlines, the luminosity of its material and the perfection of its organization.

At a low stage of evolution the astral form is undefined in outline, its material coarse and its colors dull, obviously unfit as yet to act as an independent vehicle when withdrawn from the physical. The astral form is made up of the substance of which thoughts are formed and naturally responds readily to thought vibration.

We should realize that the astral plane is filled with thoughts, the effects of which are very little understood, for every individual



is impressed to a greater or less degree by thoughts which he receives from the fields of space. If in a darkened condition and manifesting on the animal plane he may respond to thought currents which cause him to become a criminal and even take the life of some friend, and awaken to the results of his act when too late.

How necessary it is, therefore, to think pure thoughts and act in accordance with the higher precepts of consciousness. Even a few minutes each day devoted to strong, clear thoughts in harmony with good can result not only in good to the world at large, but for the individual, himself, fortifying him against the impact of all evil thought currents from the marvelous astral world in which all creatures live, move and have their being.

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### Rapid Increase of Insanity and Causes.

H. C. HODGES.

In view of the rapid increase of insanity, not only in this but in other civilized countries, together with the benighted ignorance of the so-called learned minds who judge every manifestation of nature by weights and measures, or the objective,—this above all other times is the most opportune for the science of astrology to come to the front and impart a knowledge of the causes and cures for these rapidly increasing mental maladies. It is within the province of the science of astrology to demonstrate that every aberration of the mind comes through cross aspects of afflicting planets.

The planets Urania and Neptune are sending out their vibrations more effectively at this time than at any other since the dawn of history, and are often the principle causes of these mental disturbances, together with the cross aspects of the Moon, Mercury, Saturn and Mars. Urania represents, we may say, the electric circuit, the intuitional faculties being more pronounced, whereas if this circuit is broken then comes perverted action of the mental forces. Neptune, we may say, is the link or chain that connects with the higher planes of life and manifests to some extent in the concrete, while if these vibrations are affected by cross aspects, the individual is like a ship without

a rudder; then comes coma, obsession and perverted spiritual truth.

It should be understood that each planet has the attributes of the greatest good but the abuse of these through ignorance, etc., bring in their train all the ills to which humanity are subject. In our asylums today are hundreds of individuals who are under this afflicted ray of Urania and Neptune who could be easily cured by proper treatment. To be sure, in many instances there will be found a physical defect that will cause an abnormal expression of the mental forces. However, these conditions require careful investigation of learned minds to counteract their growing influence upon humanity, and the application of this divine science of astrology in order to overcome their progress and growth.

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There is no evil thing we cannot overcome. Say not thy evil instinct is inherited, or some trait inborn makes thy life forlorn, and calls down punishment that is not merited. Back of thy grandparents lies the great Eternal Will; that too is thine inheritance—strong, beautiful, divine, sure lover of success. For one who tries, there is no noble height thou canst not climb. All triumphs may be thine in Time's futurity, if whatsoever thy fault thou dost not faint or halt, but lean upon the staff of God's security. Earth has no claim the soul cannot contest. Know thyself part of the Eternal Source; naught can stand before the Spirit's face. The soul's Divine inheritance is best.—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

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### Afflictions Do Not Afflict.

It is an accepted fact that many of the ills which humanity is supposed to be heir to are fictions of the imagination, but it is of the seemingly real afflictions that we affirm they do not afflict.

The writer is a student and teacher of metaphysics, the science of realities, and makes the above statement from the vantage ground of a broad experience, including all forms of so-called human affliction, physical, mental, and spiritual nature, covering a long period of time.

Even a casual observer will note that na-

ture compensates for physical malformations with an unailing law, such as filling the silence of the deaf and the darkness of the blind with superkeen susceptibilities unknown to those of so-called normal hearing and sight.

Physiological science reveals that for weakness or defect in one organ, nature provides abnormal development of others, which fortifies against loss of vitality. Also that some of the most powerful human frames are not symmetrical in form. But there still remain the crippled and helpless beings for whom nature has seemingly failed to provide any compensation. It is here that the still generally undeveloped faculty of clairvoyance reveals the movements of this law, therefore it is as difficult to explain, as to a child, that which its limited experience has failed to realize. But within the child lies the inherent faith or trust which causes it to accept truths from those of broader experience to that degree that the child mind knows that they are truth and in time meets a realization of them without surprise.

The great Teacher said, "Except you become as little children, you cannot enter into the kingdom," and although one-third of a man's life, in the physical form, is spent in absorbing knowledge as a child, he cannot accept even on faith the statement that afflictions do not afflict.

The sacred archives of all peoples reveal this truth; also through seers and inspired teachers has humanity been taught that love decrees only ultimate good, that the provisions of nature are more glorious than language can describe or the reason comprehend, but the lesson is most difficult to understand. So seldom in a lifetime do the cycles reveal the purpose of the pain that caused tears of anguish, that not yet can man realize that but for his so-called valley of tribulation there could be no Mount Pisgah's height; nor do the tear-dimmed eyes see that the valley is radiant with beauty, sustenance and peace.

The higher faculties unfolded reveal that each individual while experiencing sorrow is attended with subtle and powerful forces of healing, cheer and strength; but due to the non-receptive, unawakened consciousness they are unheeded.

Love is the atmosphere, or ether, in which the spiritual spheres revolve, and until the soul is aware of it and at home with it, spiritual life has not begun. The animal and the divine soul cannot be in full activity at the same time. Each one must choose which is to predominate; take emotion and make it purpose; enthusiasm and make it force. You can kill nothing, but must transmute it.—*Science and Key of Life, Vol. II.*

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### A Wonderful World.

EDGAR A. GUEST.

It's a wonderful world when you sum it all up,

And we ought to be glad we are in it;  
The fellow who drinks from old Misery's cup,

Gets the goblet of Joy the next minute.  
In a wonderful way

In the course of a day  
Strange changes occur as my magic.  
There are solemn, and sad things  
And joyful and glad things,

And things that are comic and tragic.

It's a wonderful world, full of wonderful things,

No two days alike in their passing;  
Some new joy or sorrow the rising sun brings,

Some new charm the former outclassing.  
And yesterday's glad  
Are perhaps today's sad,

And yesterday's poor may be wealthy;  
Oh, the changes are quick,

Even yesterday's sick  
May today or tomorrow be healthy.

It's a wonderful world, for we never can tell

What for us has the morrow in store;  
Things happen as though by some magical spell

That never have happened before.  
And nobody knows

Or can ever disclose  
What the joy of the future may be,  
But of one thing I'm sure  
Despite all we endure

'Twill be worth while to hang on and see.

—*Detroit Free Press.*

Great trials come at lengthened intervals, and we rise to breast them; but it is the petty friction of our every-day life with one another, the jar of business or of work, the discord of the domestic circle, the collapse of our ambition, the crossing of our will or the taking down of our conceit, which makes inward peace impossible.—*Pax Vobiscum*, p. 28.

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### What is Practicality?

M— Listen to my voice with all your spiritual and mental comprehension, friend of my soul, and reply to my inquiry. Is that a practical man who reclines on a green sward of affluence beneath the rays of esteem and honor, beside a pathway which is beautiful and fragrant with the growth of rare privileges (for which the souls of men anguish when the light of realization dawns within them, too late for their fulfilment in the physical manifestation) and yet he quaffs not at the vitalizing springs within his reach; instead he seems to see a dreary surveillance and a thirsty desert; I ask would your keen intelligence pronounce that man practical? Surely a man is a fool who pines and dies beside living waters.

Is a man practical who burdens his mind

with a dread of he knows not what, unless it be death of the physical and that the material possessions he has accumulated may slip from his grasp?

To the illumined vision, beloved children of earth life, this form of suffering is as appalling in its folly as would be the act of placing the arm under powerful restraint lest it sometime be broken or slip from its socket. To the illumined vision mankind walks thus; though his pathway be a smooth, straight course in which his feet may swiftly tread he says, "This may be ice, I may fall," and he contracts in painful tension, to a slow movement, the force that should bear him swiftly and lightly forward. Have you walked on ice? Then grasp the practicality of my words, beloved, and teach your fellows their forcefulness, and do thou breathe deep many times each day of this tonic thought *realization now* and your body shall be renewed to manhood's vigor and your mind to new force.

Read these words each day for seven days that your being may absorb their healing vitality and let their deep vibrations of loving urge permeate your mind. Thus shall your own vibrations find response in the great heart and mind of thoughtful, seeking humanity.

## The "Calf Path"—Do You Walk It?

One day through the primeval wood  
A calf walked home as good calves should;  
But made a trail all bent askew,  
A crooked trail as all calves do.  
Since then three hundred years have fled,  
And I infer the calf is dead.

But still he left behind his trail,  
And thereby hangs my moral tale:  
The trail was taken up next day  
By a lone dog that passed that way;  
And then a wise bell-wether sheep  
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep,  
And drew the flock behind him too  
As good bell-wether sheep always do.  
And from that day o'er hill and glade  
Through those old woods a path was made.

And many men wound in and out,  
And dodged and turned and bent about,  
And uttered words of righteous wrath  
Because 'twas such a crooked path;  
But still they followed—do not laugh—  
The first migrations of that calf  
And through this winding wood-way stalked  
Because he wobbled when he walked.

This forest path became a lane,  
That bent and turned and turned again;  
This crooked lane became a road  
Where many a poor horse, with his load,  
Toiled on beneath the burning sun  
And traveled some three miles in one;  
And thus a century and a half  
They trod the footsteps of that calf.

The years passed on in swift fleet,  
The road became a village street;  
And this, before men were aware,  
A city's crowded thoroughfare,  
And soon the central street was this  
Of a renowned metropolis;  
And men two centuries and a half  
Trode in the footsteps of that calf.

Each day a hundred thousand rout  
Followed the zigzag calf about,  
And o'er his crooked journey went  
The traffic of a continent.  
A hundred thousand men were led  
By one calf near three centuries dead.  
They followed still his crooked way,  
And lost one hundred years each day.  
For such reverence is lent  
A well established precedent.

A moral lesson this might teach  
Were I ordained and called to preach;  
For men are prone to go it blind  
Along the calf-paths of the mind  
And work away from sun to sun  
To do what other men have done.  
They follow in the beaten track,  
And out and in, and forth and back,  
And still their devious course pursue  
To keep the path that others do.  
They keep the path a sacred groove  
Along which all their lives they move;  
But how the wise old wood-gods laugh  
Who saw the first primeval calf.  
Ah, many things this tale might teach—  
But I am not ordained to preach.

—Sam Walter Foss in *Novelty News*.

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### "Birding."

For several years past, fad-ridden society has been interested in a new pastime, called birding. Strange to say, it seems wholly desirable and eminently wholesome. Birding consists of turning out in the morning, just about sunrise, getting into some comfortable old togs, and tramping off through the woods and orchards in search of birds. Not the ordinary game varieties, but the songsters, are hunted; and when found, they are watched and studied instead of being shot.

As a health improver we should imagine birding would be difficult to improve upon. It must be a splendid appetizer for breakfast. Fashionable women are said to be taking up the new fad with great zest. Perhaps these early morning meetings with the birds in their native haunts will help to enlarge the number of anti-plumage-wearing women—a result to be devoutly hoped for.—*Christian Advocate*.

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### The Dreamer.

I am a dreamer, to me  
Life and death are but dreams;  
Through the twilight of slumber I see  
The world as it only seems.  
Oh, joy of unreal things,  
Sweet dream, heart-dream of love,  
Wafted by elfin wings  
From Edenworlds above.

—Verne Dewitt Rowell

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.—*Geo. Elliot.*

### Voice of Plutarch.

BY M. EVALYN DAVIS.

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From out thy bodies saturated well  
With love of pleasure, O Mankind,  
I shall not find it an easy task  
I fear, to pluck therefrom  
The gory and "flesh-baited hook"  
That's fastened well its fangs  
Around thy lesser self.

But, to the questions I would ask of thee;  
Why eat ye flesh?  
And why "pollute thy mouth with gore?"  
Why "spread thy tables  
With the mangied forms" of those  
That look to thee for love?  
Ay, those that serve thee well.

How canst thine eyes endure  
The sight of pained and quivering flesh?  
How canst thou hear  
The agonized cry for mercy  
Calling from out the heart of thine *own* life,  
That beats through all.

Know thou, that by thy low desires  
And grosser sense,  
E'en thou thyself, to satisfy the unnatural call  
Of an abused and wrongly tutored taste,

Art he that swings the axe.  
And thou art he who "thrusts the red hot iron  
Into living beings," that thou mayst  
"Render soft the flesh" that thou wouldst eat.  
Ay, thou art he who "stitches up the eyes  
Of cranes and swans,"  
Shutting them deep in darkened place,  
That thou mayst feed upon their fat.

Thus many forms of torture  
Thou dost deal in wanton selfishness  
To those that hold life e'en as dear  
As thou dost hold thine own.  
And it is well  
That feebleness of frame o'ertake thee;  
That e'en thy mind, thy intellect,  
Becometh clogged and gross;  
That thou art e'en a mark  
For sad old age and illness dire.

Thou hast lain low thy victims  
With a heedlessness, calloused and untouched  
with shame;  
And thou hast made, forsooth,  
A burying-ground of thine own stomach,  
Which shall bring forth that which thou hast  
So sadly sown.

Deception, witcheries and ignorance,  
Play well their part;  
And man hath drunken deep  
Of the inebriating potion of this custom  
So accursed. Know thou, O man,  
That thy redemption lies in selfless love,  
In knowledge that *all* life is as thine *own*.  
And know that I, thy Plutarch,  
Have forewarned thee well.

—M. Evalyn Davis.

The August and September numbers of Stellar Ray will be combined in one issue, as usual, and appear the latter part of August.

## Contributions

### A Woman Without a Talent?

MADAME DU BOIS.

Her friends soon grew away from her. She was not musical; she had not the talent for social life; and no talent for art or literature. Talented people who knew her ceased to seek her society because they had nothing in common with her, tho she loved them all. She had no talent for small talk, or even for making really fine clothing look well on her.

There was no special reason given for friends gradually growing away from her. It had never been worth while to think up a reason, or even to notice that they were dropping her from their socials and homes. She simply ceased to be remembered among them. Had any misfortune befallen her they would have expressed regret because one whom they had once known was in trouble. If they had been asked why they did not go to her, the reply might

have been: "We did not know her very well; she had no talents; what would we do with her in our clubs? Wall-flowers are of no use to us."

Therefore, the woman without a talent (as the world counts talents), withdrew into a sort of silence and happy personality, and ceased to need people in her life, tho' dearly loving real friends if perchance she made any that stuck to her. She noticed that if they stuck to her long enough to really *know* her, they were friends for life.

She was once asked what she did with herself all day, and she told of her home, housekeeping, children, and of the things that fill an ordinary woman's day. The reply was: "But that doesn't keep your *mind* employed!" The maiden school teacher's lip slightly curled, as she said it. I doubt if she could have filled the position in life occupied by the woman without a talent—it would have been too big for her.

The writer of an advertisement that is familiar to all advertisement readers, strikes a true note in the following: "The woman who thoughtfully selects proper food and drink for husband, father, brother or little ones, exerts a far-reaching influence toward clear thinking and successful achievement." Just that can be a splendid life-work for any woman. She would have to be on the alert; there are a great many meals to be served in a lifetime.

The woman without a talent can appreciate the finest things in literature, art and music, and cannot create them; but she can select body- and brain-building materials for those who *can* create them. Then, is she not doing as great a work? If the spirit of motherhood which is in the heart of every good woman, finds expression in life; if the woman without a talent nurtures from conception to birth, from birth to maturity, one who creates a perfect poem; was the author alone its creator?

Children come to her to have their small hurts looked after; the neighbors come to her for recipes and to learn splendid ways to keep house; she is always needed somewhere; but the "successful" world rushes by, and looks back, smiling at the one they are leaving behind in their rush. She cannot go here and there as the "talented" ones do (those who are so successfully tal-

ented that they no longer have duties nor ties that hold them to any one place), because there is always some duty lying next to her heart and hands—because she is needed somewhere.

Her talent for these humbler tasks: for home-making, wifehood, motherhood, and simple loving, is as useful to the world in its place, even tho' it does not make a brilliant showing, does not draw reporters (unless she refuses to do them), and remains quite unnoticed in the hurry and bustle of life.

There is a little poem by James Russell Lowell that hangs above my desk. It has hung there for years, and I love it:

#### UNWASTED DAYS.

The longer on this earth we live  
And weigh the various qualities of men—  
The more we feel the high, stern-featured  
    beauty  
Of plain devotedness to duty.  
Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal  
    praise,  
But finding amplest recompense  
For life's ungarlanded expense  
In work done squarely and unwasted days.

The writer of the famous New York American editorials says: "What are we here for? We are here to find our work and do it, to realize our duty and do it, and to put ahead of all other considerations and things the needs of the weak and the poor."

There is always some one who needs something that we can give or share; and the one who says the right word of help or comfort at the right time; does the best thing in any situation; and performs faithfully the duty of the day as it comes, is talented enough for all practical purposes.

Now, as Maria out there in the country reads this to her husband when he comes in from a hard day's work, does he have to say to her, as tho' the limit of patience has been reached:

"I do wish you would trim these lamps decently at least once a week! How is a man going to read by such a light? Why, Mother always trimmed *her* lamps every morning, and her chimneys were so bright that you could hardly see 'em! How in the wide world do you expect—" and the rest



is said under his breath as he grabs a lamp and makes a dive for the kitchen to trim it himself?

If so, Maria, it's up to you.

"If you will call your 'troubles' 'experiences,' and remember that every experience develops some latent force within you, you will grow vigorous and happy."

## Justice For Jo Bridge

*Writer for The Stellar Ray*

By MABEL GIFFORD SHINE.

He was an odd man, Jo Bridge. He could not use his hands. They were paralyzed. He kept them out of sight up his sleeves.

He said life was unjust. He always wanted to build houses. It was the only work for which he had any love. Therefore he claimed that it was the greatest injustice to deprive him of the use of his hands. We church people considered this little short of blasphemy. We told him that he ought to be submissive to the will of God, and he answered us, "Submissive nothing. What I want is to know the reasons of things."

Both parents died. Jo was left with a small income. He packed a small grip, or rather, had it packed for him, and with a young lad for attendant, set out, as he said, "To see houses, and find whether life was just."

In the first town where Jo Bridge stopped, he made the acquaintance of a man who wanted to write a book, but he had to work all day in a foundry, and was so exhausted every night that all he could do was to eat his supper and go to bed.

Jo was out early one morning taking a look at the foundry, which was new. He watched the workmen file in. He went into the office, and asked to be shown around the building. The man who wanted to write a book was sent to conduct him.

Jo found out about the book in no time, for he was a master hand at asking questions. The man detested foundry work; couldn't possibly like it. "Now, where," said Jo Bridge, "is the justice of that?"

To make matters worse, there was a

young man there who had recently fallen heir to a fortune. "Now," said Jo, "you can educate yourself for anything you choose. And the young man replied that there was nothing in which he was interested. He thought he would spend his money just having a good time. "Now, why," said Jo, "does the money come, to this ambitionless man instead of to the man who wants to write a book?"

Sometime later, in another town, Jo visited a man in a Home, who could not walk. He was burning with the thirst of travel. Kind friends who knew, sent him books of travel, and he spent his time reading travels. "You ought to write a book," said Jo, "about your travels." But the man had no taste for writing books, travel was all that interested him. "The contrariness of things does beat all," said Jo.

The end of Jo's journey was at his brother's, in California. Here, the novelty of things pleased him much, and he had large opportunity to study houses of all descriptions. Jo's brother was a bookkeeper. He was unhappy; he complained bitterly about being poor. "I ought to be rich," he said, "for I would do so much good with my money. Here are people all around me who roll in wealth, and what good do they do with it?"

One day while waiting at a railway station he overheard a woman say to her companion, "When I was poor I had the will to do a lot of good; now I have the money I have not the will."

Jo was a bit of a philosopher and he mused over this incident.

"How little we can tell what we would be or how we would feel in different cir-



cumstances. Circumstances hedge us in in certain ways and let us out in another, and every change, changes the boundary lines, causing us to see and feel differently."

While standing before a house that attracted his attention one day, a man came up and spoke to him. "Fine house," said the man; "fine plan; don't you think so?"

"I do," said Jo; "about the finest I have seen. But if it was my house I would have that corner carried out differently."

The man asked Jo to explain how he would have it, and then said, "I like your plan. You have the architect's eye. You are an eastern man; did you study at the Boston Tec.?"

"Studied nothing," replied Jo; "just have a hankering for buildings, that's all."

"Well, now, that is remarkable," said the man. "You have valuable and practical ideas. Meet me here tomorrow at ten-thirty, and I will take you over to R. in my auto and show you some of the finest buildings you ever had a look at. I shall be interested to see what you will have to say about them."

Jo was only too glad to accept the invitation. At the close of the trip the man said, "I am an architect, and I planned many of these buildings. Now I have my limitations and I am conscious of them. You go on where I leave off; if you will work with me I can make it satisfactory for you financially."

Jo remained with this man for five years, and then he took a vacation and went East, over the same ground that he had previously traveled. "I have found justice for myself," he said; "now I would like to know how it is with the others."

Through Jo, the brother had met the wealthy woman, and together they were carrying out the brother's plans. A marriage is inevitable in the end, but the woman puts it off; for she says there is no telling what effect the change would have on his brother; she cannot forget her own experience.

"I have found justice for my brother," said Jo, "hence I will visit the man who couldn't walk and see how it is with him." He called at the home, but the man was not there. Jo was directed to another place. It was a cozy cottage. In it he

found the man who could not walk, and to his great surprise, the man who wanted to write a book.

"A man came to the Home one day," said Mr. Brad,—the man who could not walk and wanted to travel,—"and they sent him to me, for he was a rich man. 'You ought to write books,' he said. I told him I cared nothing for writing books and had no idea that I could write one. But I told him of the man of whom you told me, who worked in a foundry and wanted to write a book. He said, 'Why, that is where I used to work.' He went for the man, and as you see, brought him here. I *talk* travels and he *writes* them. He's writing a book, and he's writing some lectures for me. He likes to write and I like to talk, and they say I can give lectures next winter. And some day he will write about foundries; a story, the rich young man says, and that it will be the foundry man's best work.

"And after that, *after that*," said the man, "I am really going to travel. The rich young man himself will take me. He says he wants the fun of seeing how I like it. He says it's the greatest fun there is seeing people do the things they want to do; he never wanted to do anything."

Jo Bridge was more than pleased. "Justice," he said, "is always coming to you just around the corner. You can't miss it if you do your part. Your part is to keep to the line of duty, and then do what you can of what you like, no matter how little it is. I see some miss it, because they leave duty-path, and some miss it by not going on. What they can do is so little, they will not do it. Doing is growing.

"And all the time we are doing the things we don't like, we are preparing for the work we do like. We are developing character, and qualities. And we are getting acquainted with things, and gathering material. And the only way not to find justice is to go out of your way to miss her."

There are so many things—best things—that can only come when youth is past, that it may well happen to many of us to find ourselves happier and happier to the last.—George Eliot.

# The Invisible Power

By WALTER DE VOE

You have probably handled a horseshoe magnet and watched it pick up pins and bits of steel. Did you ever stop to think that the influence which the magnet exerted was invisible? You could not see it, yet you knew there was a magnetic power, which attracted the pieces of steel to it, not only in the magnet, but all around it to a certain distance. You have heard, no doubt, that spiritual and mental forces are more powerful than physical elements, but you have thought, "How can there be anything which I cannot see or feel, and how can such things have any power?" Now this silent and invisible power around the magnet illustrates the truth that the mental and spiritual part of existence is the most powerful. It also illustrates that there is a positive and negative side to everything.

The form of the magnet is the negative part, while the force that acts through it is the positive aspect of the magnet. You only see and sense the negative side of existing things; the positive side, which is the cause, is invisible. But you can reason that it exists, from the effect which is seen, just as you know, from the way it influences steel, there is an invisible side to the magnet.

The trees and grasses, and even the rocks, have an invisible positive influence in and around them, which is holding them in organized form and causing them to grow. It will help you to understand this to think of the positive part as the mind of things. Existence becomes more interesting when you think of everything having a mind of its own. The mind of the tree or of the grass is not so highly developed as the mind of the animal, and the animal mind is not so conscious as the mind of man, yet everything is subject to the great law of mental growth and progression.

How wonderfully the mind of the acorn appropriates the warmth of the sun and

the moisture of the earth, unfolding its dormant powers, sending roots downward for strength and sustenance and then sprouting upward into the light and air until it stands a majestic oak, that produces acorns, each one of which contains the power to create an image and likeness of its parent. Yet the mind of the animal is more wonderful than that of the acorn, because it has a conscious instinct which the tree does not possess. But far superior to all is man, the lord of creation, with the God-like power of thinking and reasoning.

I wish you to realize that mind is the most actual thing in existence, although intangible to the senses; that in and around each form there is a sphere of positive force, which is the life and organizing power of the form. In and around you is the sphere of your mind, which is holding your flesh in form, pumping the blood through your heart day and night, forcing you to breathe and carrying on all the involuntary operations of your physical organism. This is the positive pole of you, your mind-body, or what the Scriptures refer to as the spiritual body.

"There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body."—1 Cor. 1:44.

You are living within a sphere of mental forces which you are adding to and qualifying by your thoughts, and these thought forces which your mind generates influence every part of your body and act on other minds to influence them also.

A French scientist has succeeded in producing photographs of the sphere which encircles the human form and the pictures show radiations proceeding from the sphere like the radiations of the sun's corona, which are seen and photographed during an eclipse.

You will understand from this how it is that you feel repelled by some people and attracted toward others; you feel the vibrations from their mental sphere, and they

make you sad or joyful, according to their quality. Your mind-body has its main center in the brain, but it has other centers in various parts of the physical body. This mind-body is your real and immortal body, which cannot be destroyed, even though your flesh be burned to ashes. It feels and sees and acts through its negative and obedient instrument, but it also thinks and feels and sees in the dream state, when the body and brain are asleep, for it is superior to the flesh-body, and will continue to live and think and use its senses in the spiritual realms, or in what might properly be called the realms of Mind, when the flesh has turned to dust.

You are superior to the body and should

begin to cultivate the knowledge of your Real Self, and of the potent power of thought. Many diseased conditions are caused by being too negative, subject to every mental and disturbing influence that comes along. You need to cultivate a positive state of mind, and you can do this by affirming over and over:

*"I AM, I KNOW I AM."*

This simple statement constantly repeated will give you the mental backbone, increasing your thought power, and the ability to concentrate your mind; and it will also infuse your body with positive mental energy, which will increase your vitality and strength, helping you to resist and overcome all diseased conditions.

## Stellar Science Department

### "The Stargazer."

BY STEPHEN CHALMERS.

*(We are indebted to our friend Wm. E. Lenstrow, of Colorado, for the following beautiful poem.)*

No sage in learning, I  
Yet in the nights,  
When earth is dark  
and twinkling lights afar,  
Bespeak the city lost.

From out the blankness of  
forgotten self,  
A shadowy being steals,  
And the mind reels among  
the swaying stars.

(Then from this spect of stardust  
Hung athwart the incomprehensible abyss  
(Where the alternate seasons  
Move like ghosts  
Between the spheres—  
The far-flung being of the mind, drifts on,  
Asking of worlds the secret of the world—?)

And evermore they point  
Oh, on through ordered chaos  
Where the calm  
Seems like the desert—full of whisperings.

Infinity—and then? Infinity,  
Where the mind reels among the swaying  
stars  
And sinks to earth—and this miraculous  
self  
Baffled and impotent.

### Were You Born in the Zodiacal Sign, Cancer, the Crab?

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

If you were born between June 21st and July 21st. The sun was in the sign Cancer. This position is good for property inheritance from the parents, also through some occupation connected with water or liquids. It inclines the native to home; he is attached to the home and family life and the mother, also prospers with house and land

property. It favors birth of children, but in an afflicted horoscope they will be sickly or not prosperous.

People born under this sign represent the magnetic forces of the Zodiac and are natural mediums and seers. That which is commonly called intuition in others is apt to become inspiration in these natures.

They have well regulated minds and when they talk they have something to say that is worth while.

The females are the best of wives and mothers, are usually good housekeepers while not going to the extreme which causes their family and friends to suffer for their exactitude.

They are especially magnetic and always have friends. They also have good business tact. As children their keen imagination often gets them into trouble, by being punished for not speaking the truth. Wise parents should train this faculty in children born in this sign.



## Cancer: The Chemistry of the Crab.

DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

JUNE 21 TO JULY 22.

Cancer is the Mother Sign of the Zodiac. . . The mother's breast is the Soul's first home after taking on flesh and "rending the Veil of Isis."

The tenacity of those born between dates June 21 and July 22 in holding on to a home or dwelling place is well illustrated by the Crab's grip, and also by the fact that it carries its house along wherever it goes in order that it may be sure of a dwelling.

The Angels (Angles) of the twelve Zodiacal Signs materialize their vitalities in the human microcosm. Through the operation of chemistry, energy creating, the intelligent molecules of Divine Substance make the "Word flesh."

The corner stone in the chemistry of the crab is the inorganic salt fluoride of lime, known in pharmacy language as *Calcareo Flurica*. It is a combination of fluorine and lime.

When this cell salt is deficient in the blood, physical and mental disease (not-atease) is the result. Elastic fiber is formed by the union of the fluoride of lime with

albuminoids, whether in the rubber tree or the human body. All relaxed conditions of tissue (varicose veins and kindred ailments) are due to a lack of sufficient amount of elastic fiber to "rubber" the tissue and hold it in place.

When elastic fiber is deficient in tissue of membrane between the upper and lower brain poles—cerebrum and cerebellum—there results a "sagging apart" of the positive and negative poles of the dynamo that runs the machinery of man.

An unfulfilling sign or symptom of this deficiency is a groundless fear of financial ruin.

While those born in any of the twelve signs may some time be deficient in Cal. Fluo., due to Mars or Mercury (or both) in Cancer at birth, Cancer people are more liable to symptoms indicating a lack of this elastic fiber builder than are those born in other signs.

Why should we search Latin and Greek lexicons to find a name for the result of a deficiency in some of the mineral constituents of blood. If we find a briar in our flesh we say so in the plainest speech; we do not say "I have got the *briaritis*, or *splintralgia*."

When we know that a deficiency in the cell-salts of the blood cause the symptoms that medical ignorance has dignified and personified with names that nobody knows the meaning of, we will know how to scientifically heal by the unalterable law of the chemistry life. When we learn the cause of disease, then, and not before, will we prevent disease.

Not through quarantine, nor disinfectants, nor "Boards of Health" will man reach the long sought plane of health, not through affirmations of health, nor denials of disease will bodily regeneration be wrought, not by dieting or fasting or "Fletcherizing" or suggesting will the elixir of life, and the philosopher's stone be found.

The "mercury of the sages" and the "Hidden manna" are not constituents of health foods.

Victims of salt baths and massage are bald before their time, and the alcohol, steam and Turkish bath fiends die young.

"*Sic transit gloria mundi.*"

When man's body is made chemically perfect the operation of mind will perfectly express.

Gems belonging to the sign of the breast are black onyx and emerald. Astral colors, green and russet brown.

Cancer is represented by Zebulum, the tenth son of Jacob, and means *dwelling place or habitation*.

Matthew is the Cancer disciple.

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Oh, the little birds sang east, and the  
little birds sang west  
And I smiled to think God's greatness  
flowed around our incompleteness,  
Round our restlessness, His rest.

—Mrs. Browning.



### Nature's Law of Least Resistance. Modern Explanation.

Astrology declares, you, like all denizens of this planet the Earth, are endowed with distinctive individual hopes, ambitions and aspirations, which in the eyes of Astrology are evidences of certain capacities given you by radiations from your Birth Day Sun—your Astronomical centre. Astrology proves that you have constitutional aptitudes which only harmonize with environments peculiar to your zodiac nature, by knowing such the where and when you can make your mental and physical vibrations reverberate upon worldly surroundings and people, achieving your ambitions through the law of sympathy. Like the responsive sound of one musical instrument untouched to another that is struck—there must be an affinity between your inside yearnings and outside environments so your talents can be expressed in words and works successfully.

During the days of life your aspirations grow out of your capacity; your indwelling abilities are ever seeking expression in your longings, therefore, you may regard as sacred the daily yearnings of your soul. Feelings are the language of the planets.

Expansion, not repression is what you are most pursuing, nature gives you benefit through the first power (projective) by mental investigation the abstract, by con-

trolling others, being self assertive, by seeking, on the days when the Moon travels through your Positive Electric Zodiac signs, they also help to bring you into prominence. The second power (contraction) dominates over you on the days when the Moon transits your Negative magnetic signs, helping you only in retirement and in matters concrete, conventional, and by utilizing things previously acquired, you are subject to the control of others. You will find no two persons are any more alike in desires and capacities than different varieties of trees, birds, flowers, animals and fishes are alike, all have certain common defined abilities and necessities, outside of food, shelter, air, exercise and other universal necessities, hence realize how vastly different are your requirements, and yet it may long have been your custom to force regardless of adaptability your proverbial square talents and energies into triangular enterprises and time crystals and vice versa, and then you wondered why you failed. Your personal energies were not in tune with nature's laws.

Astrology explains why—the law of time crystalization and by knowledge of such you will avoid henceforth wasting your energies, and be able to exert your energies at harmonious times. Happiness and prosperity can be yours by obeying nature's order.

The entire Universe is founded on geometry, this sublime law of order Astrology explains to you, and clearly designates proper places in this world where you will be useful and succeed. Nothing was ever put in this world to be useless—if you are dissatisfied or poor you are in the wrong place,—such feelings and conditions are nature's voice "make a change"—even as (pain) is nature's warning of some bodily disorder. You are a magnet attracting or repelling in accordance with the Universal Law—Polarity, positive, centre and negative—the Triunity. The power of repulsion requires the power of attraction to produce a circuit or perpetual working principal of push and pull, out from and into motion. Based upon the workings of this principle is the entire code of dynamics. Let me make this plain to you by way of example—bare in mind there is a Constructive prin-

ciple of nature which will help you to succeed every day by maintaining a harmonious relation between your Individual energies and Universal energies,—i.e. by positive individual energies on the days when the Moon travels your positive Zodiac signs—(true to your Natal Sun) and by being negative in your attitude on the days when the Moon travels through your negative Zodiac signs; opposition and square to Natal Sun; to reverse this order i.e.—to put forth individual positive energies on the days when the Moon travels your negative Zodiac signs or to be negative in your energies on days when the Moon travels your positive Zodiac signs causes you to fall into alignment with the opposite principle viz.: the Destructive principle which accounts for failure, faults, sickness, decay.

So long as you maintain the harmonic of your relation to the constructive principle of nature it is impossible for the destructive principle to affect you—you are above and beyond its operation and live in good health

and your virtues predominate.

Therefore by learning to devote yourself to the simple problem of maintaining nature's electric and magnetic relations with the two kinds of energy which constitute a current of perpetual growth and all problems and details of your life fall into line without any worry whatsoever on your part. You can learn the secrets of the law of reciprocity, it is not difficult, my methods will make it clear to you in plain words.—*Alexander Almanac.*

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Cazotte,

An astrologer of the fifteenth century, came into physical expression in one thousand four hundred and twenty-one, February fifteenth, at six o'clock twelve minutes P. M., and in his thirty-ninth year was beheaded. This he had predicted at a supper given some time previous, and also predicted the same of several royal personages, all of which proved correct.

## Prognostications of Death

STUART ARMOUR

Yesterday I looked on one  
Who lay as if asleep in perfect peace.  
His long imprisonment for life was done.  
Eternity's great freedom his release

Had bought. Yet they who loved him  
called him dead

And wept, refusing to be comforted.

—*Helen Hunt Jackson.*

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The prediction of the time of death of any person is one of the most difficult feats of prognostic astrology regardless of whether the birth minute is closely known or not and this was recognized even in the time of Ptolemy. In astrological literature we frequently read of some prediction of great exactness made in the past in this regard such as the prophecy of the poet, Dryden, giving the exact year of the death of his son, Charles, but nowadays this exactness, if it ever really existed, seems to

be a lost art. In the cases of Queen Victoria and King Edward their charts had been studied for years by astrologers, great and small, yet not one of them made a straight-out correct prediction of the year of death of either of them. I am excepting all vague allusions which were claimed as predictions after the event and in reality were purposely worded that way so as to allow the astrologer to wiggle out which ever way it went. Many astrologers rushed into print to give *post mortem* reasons for the death, but none of these astrologers seemingly saw these reasons in advance of the event.

If death is a happy release of the indwelling spirit and a removal to a higher and broader plane of consciousness it would not cause such a terrible affliction in the chart of the native as we have accustomed ourselves to expect, especially where one passes out at a ripe age in a so-called



natural way and not by sudden accident.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

I know of several cases where the native was taken down with his final sickness at the period of his greatest elevation to earthly honors and in such cases the directions indicated that elevation strongly while the death afflictions were light. Invariably I have found that the surviving relatives show the death strongly in their charts while in the horoscope of the deceased we are frequently driven to seemingly inadequate astrological reasons. Of course when a man in the prime of life departs by sudden accident or violence the directions are generally adequate to account for the demise.

I am satisfied that Neptune has a very powerful influence in the final breakdown of the body in advanced age. In the case of King Edward, his natal Sun was at 16° 54' Scorpio and at the time of his death Neptune had progressed to 16° 1' Aquarius, being but 53' from an exact square. In cases of solar directions I am in agreement with H. S. Green in his "Directions and Directing," that they extend over a period of time as long as three years if there are no intervening directions to interfere. This amounts to saying that such directions must have orbs of influence of about one and a half degrees on each side of the point where the direction is mathematically exact and while in the case of Neptune in King Edward's chart it would have taken many years for Neptune to progress forward this 53' to exact square yet if we consider the orb theory it was close enough as it was to come into action when excited and powerfully affect the natal Sun by its affliction. That this theory is entitled to consideration is fortified by the fact that during the two or three days prior to demise of King Edward Neptune was transiting the exact trine of his natal Sun exciting this basic direction of Neptune-square-Sun into action.

I do not claim that this was the sole astrological indication of the event but as it is a solar direction and as the Sun is the center of our system and the giver of strength and life it is surely entitled to a foremost place in the train of death directions.

## The Outlook for July, 1911.

The New Moon occurs on the 26th of June at 7 a. m., and the full of the Moon on the 11th of July at 6:53 a. m. Chicago standard time. At the time of the New Moon the Sun is 4 degrees in Cancer applying to a sextile of Saturn and a trine of Jupiter, both aspects being generally good ones, but more favorable for the common people in business, employment, etc. I shall expect slight increase in business generally, with a generally satisfied condition, a little better than it has been in the past few months, and I judge that it will gradually improve for the next few months, as Jupiter has passed the opposition of Saturn (by its Heliocentric motion) and will not be under the influence of Saturn as much as it has been, but Jupiter being retrograde will not have the strength it has had till it gets direct in motion again; we cannot expect Business to be at its best before September or October, but there will be good improvement right along from now on. The Health indications will also improve to quite an extent.

The Cereal Markets as well as the Stock Markets look to be somewhat dull in the first half of the month on account of the aspects at the time of the New Moon not being very close, but from about the 15th of the month will begin to be much more active and probably be quite radical a few days surrounding the 23d of the month as the Sun enters the sign Leo. However, be careful, as all advances that come under the aspect of the Sun and Uranus in opposition are not lasting and the breaks turn suddenly into strong markets; these aspects are the ones that the Large speculators take for profit in the lumps.

### The Days for July.

July 1st—Good aspects of Moon and Saturn, a generally good day for business.

2d—Sunday; no close aspects; is generally good, but is quiet.

3d—Moon applying to square of Neptune, is active, changeable and uncertain.

4th—Hurr! Moon square to Uranus at 2 p. m. is deceiving; be careful.

5th—Moon trine to Sun at 6 p. m. is generally favorable; push affairs.

6th—Moon trine with Neptune at 10 a. m. is fortunate generally; push affairs.

7th—No close aspects; is generally quiet but favorable.

8th—No close aspects; is quiet day, but fairly good.

9th—Sunday Moon trine with Mars at 10 a. m. is active and generally good.

10th—Moon good aspect to Jupiter at 6 a. m. is good for starting new affairs.

11th—Full Moon; be careful, avoid risks and changes; wait till tomorrow.

12th—is a generally good day, although no close or important aspects.

13th—Moon square to Saturn at 6 p. m. is deceiving, unfavorable generally.

14th—Moon sextile to Mars at 4 p. m. is generally good; ask favors, buy.

15th—Moon opposite Venus, is active, good, but don't be extravagant.

16th—Sunday, trine of Moon and Neptune at 10 a. m. is generally favorable; buy.

17th—Moon trine to Mercury at 2 p. m. is generally fortunate, active.

18th—Moon square with Neptune at 6 p. m. is changeable and deceiving; use care.

19th—No close aspects; is somewhat dull and quiet till the p. m.

20th—Moon conj. with Saturn at 5 p. m. is deceiving, quiet and not good.

21st—Moon sextile to Sun at 6 a. m. is very good for employment, business, etc.

22d—Moon square with Venus at 8 a. m. is good, but danger of being careless, etc.

23d—Sunday; no important aspects; is quiet but generally good for Sunday.

24th—Moon sextile to Venus at Noon is favorable generally; push affairs.

25th—Moon opposite Uranus at 10 a. m. annoying and deceiving; be careful; sell.

26th—Moon square to Saturn in evening; be careful, avoid risks and changes.

27th—No close aspects, rather dull, quiet, uncertain.

28th—Moon conj. with Venus at 8 p. m. is very good; ask favors, change, travel.

29th—Moon trine with Uranus at noon is favorable generally for travel or changes. Buy.

30th—No close aspects, but is a generally good Sunday.

31st—Moon square with Neptune at 9 a. m. is changeable, not good for risks or starting changes.

P. W.



# Psychic Research

All communications to the American Society of Psychical Research should be addressed to Dr. James H. Hyslop, 519 West 149 street, New York City.

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[The following narrative was sent to *Everybody's Magazine* in the contest for the most remarkable psychic experience and was then sent to me after its return to the author.—JAMES H. HYSLOP.]

*"The Shadow World Editor,*

"DEAR SIR:—Your request for report of psychic experiences attracted my attention a few days ago and as I think that I have something unusually interesting, the truth of which I do most solemnly swear to, I thought I would write down my experiences and send them to you. Before beginning my narration I will say that I no longer experience any such strange phenomena and have not for about fifteen years. I will also reiterate that what I am about to relate is strictly true, and nothing but plain unadorned, truthful facts. I will also say that though they happened many years ago they made such an impression on my mind that they are just as vivid and real to me today as the day they occurred. Indeed were I to live a thousand years, and preserve my mental faculties, I feel sure that I could at the end of that time, relate these facts in minutest details.

"The first phenomena occurred about twenty-five years ago. I was then attending the Stanstead Wesleyan College, Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada. Mr. Lee, a tall, large man, with a kind face and voice, long full beard, was then the principal. It was a boarding school, and most of the pupils lived there. I occupied a neat little room on the second floor, and I had a room-mate by the name of Charles Lawrence. My family, consisting then of mother, oldest sister, Emma, my brother Adolphe, and my sister Elizabeth, or Liza, as we called her, were living in Montreal. I don't now remember the distance between the two places. At the time that what I am about to relate took place, I was in good health,

and normal in every way, and was about twenty years old.

"One Sunday afternoon, soon after dinner, I felt a sort of sadness steal over me. I paid no attention to it at first and went about talking to the boys and trying to engage in conversation with my room-mate and others in order to throw off this sadness. All my efforts were in vain and the sadness or rather heaviness, as I might say, increased and with it came an irresistible desire to be alone. About 3 o'clock I told my friend Charley Lawrence that I wanted to go to my room and wished to be alone and asked him not to come and disturb me. He readily consented and I went to my room, locked the door and sat down at my little study table. I put my elbow on the table and my head resting in my hand began to think and wonder what was the matter with me, as I had never before in all my life felt so queer. All of a sudden I could see nothing, although my eyes were open and I seemed to be flying through space at such tremendous velocity that I could see absolutely nothing, and therefore, it seemed night. Then I saw myself standing in a room, but my eyes seemed so blinded that I could not make anything out very clearly. Gradually my eyes became accustomed to the light of the room and I found that it was a bedroom. A large bed stood in one corner of it and a woman was lying on it. Another woman was kneeling by the bedside with her face buried in the bedclothes, and another woman was leaning over the foot board and looking at the woman in the bed. In the opposite corner was a table with some writing paper and envelopes and a bottle of ink on it, and a man sitting at the table holding a pen. My eyes being then all right, I looked at the people in the room and recognized them all. The woman in the bed was my mother, who appeared to be very sick; the kneeling and sobbing figure was my sister Emma, and the one at the foot of the bed was Liza.

The man at the table writing was my brother Adolphe. He held in his right hand a pen and his left was resting on a sheet of paper. He turned his head around and looking at mother said, "What shall I tell him?" Mother answered in a very feeble voice, but still audible to me, "Tell Ernest" (that is my name) "that if he wants to see me alive once more he must come at once, as the doctor says I have not long to live." Brother turned to the paper to begin to write, but at that instant everything turned black again and I had the feeling of flying through space and in a moment I was again in my room sitting there in the same posture, apparently I had not moved in the least and I got up and walked about the room a few times. The sadness disappeared, but in its place a great anxiety took possession of me. Was mother really in a dying condition? What was the meaning of that strange vision and hearing my brother's and my mother's voices, which I readily recognized, when I knew they were at least 100 miles from me? Nothing of the kind had ever happened to me. I had never heard anything about spiritualism. I was absolutely ignorant of such things as psychic phenomena, and I was a very pious orthodox church member. I said nothing to anybody about what had happened, I thought it best to keep my own counsel. From that time on I became very anxious to get a letter from home, but I knew that I would not get it till Tuesday morning. It was customary at the school to have family prayers in the dining room, then breakfast, followed by the distribution of the mail by the principal. That particular morning I had no appetite for breakfast, so I went to the principal and asked him if he would kindly give me my letter and I would go to my room. He looked hastily through the bundle of letters and told me there was none for me. I told him I was sure there was a letter there and he asked me how I knew it. I told him I could not explain, but I felt sure there was one. He became impatient, and told me to go back to my place and wait, and if there was a letter for me I would get it when he got to it. Sure enough he called my name. I stepped up to him and got it and saw it was from Montreal and in my brother's handwriting.

Now a strange thing happened, the moment the letter touched my hand I felt happy as the impression came to me that mother was better. I opened and read the letter, which was very short and contained only the short conversation I had heard in Montreal the previous Sunday afternoon. I showed the letter to the principal and he asked me if I was going to start for home that very day and I said no, there was no need of it. He thought I had no money to go and he offered to lend me some and urged me to go at once, but I stoutly refused to go, as mother was better. He asked me how I knew it. I replied that in the same way that I knew about her illness and the letter coming to me, the same way I had learned that she had improved since the letter was written. I told him that it was merely an impression, but that I could depend on it. At any rate I told him that I would wait till the next day and if another letter did not come telling me of mother's improved condition I would then start. Then he turned upon me and gave me a terrible scolding and lecture and told me never again to allow myself to harbor such foolish thoughts and never to let him hear me talk that way and told me to go to my room and spend some time in prayer, which I did.

"On Wednesday morning the expected letter came telling me that mother was much better, that all danger had passed and I need not go home unless I chose to.

"Mother recovered from that attack and died several years later."



### The Awakening.

O, I am a man in his might; I have harnessed to Passion and Strength;  
 I have lived half a life in a dream, but mine eyes have been opened at length!  
 And here all about me, Today, in the beautiful world at my feet,  
 Are the playthings of aeons ago, that I knew in a Life Incomplete!  
 As I look on the peaks, white with snow, I say, "Dear old playmates, good day;  
 Your faces are fair as of old, in the lives we have lived far away."  
 As I look on the prairies at night, in their Vision of Silence so mute,

It seems that I know every blade, every path, every bird, every brute!

As I listen to winds as they pass with whisperings haunting and sweet,

Through a million bright years I can hear the patter of scurrying feet!

O, I have awakened at last! The Vision of Being is mine;

I feel every pulse of the Past, every throb of the World-Heart divine!

O, I am akin to the Stars; the Sun's royal line is my own;

My life is a Temple of Light, I shall never again live alone!

No faces are strange to me now; I knew them all ages ago

And now at the end of the Dream I hail

them and beg them to know!

The things that so startle the Earth, the New, the Uncanny, the Strange—

My soul knew them aeons ago, in the far-away cycles of Change!

I have opened a Doorway of Light and, see! how there stretches afar

The Pathway my Being has trod from beautiful Star unto Star!

And the Earth is a place for Today; Tomorrow my feet shall pass on—

But I pray I may carry afar the radiant dream of its Dawn;

O, I pray that its Vision may live in the lives that my feet must tread yet—

May, the warmth of its Heart go with me; its faces I would not forget!

—BERT HUFFMAN.

## Department of Psychical Sciences and Unfoldment

By REV. J. C. F. GRUMBINE,

Fellow of the Society of Science, Letters and Arts of London, England.

Since my pilgrimage in the west, I have been surprised and shocked at the ignorance of the people concerning themselves. Since Plato's day, when to know oneself was supreme wisdom, the work and study of man became and was exterior or outside himself. Mastering practically the dynamic forces of nature man has ignored himself. Civilization in the main is but another name for and form of pleasure, while man, the problem and end of civilization, is still the enigma and mystery of the world.

How little has physical science or even psychological science helped man to know himself. Chemistry discovers the X and violet ray, radium and helium, but how little is known of super-physical or even psycho-chemicalized man. Thanks to spiritualism, theosophy and the new psychology man's interior, rather than his exterior nature is receiving attention, and the most eminent scientists are proving that to know man or one's own self (the microcosm) is

to know the universe (the macrocosm). Is this not a recognition of the saying, "Be still and know that I am God," and is not God the spirit or Divine intelligence imminent in us all?

So that to find the gold if imperishable wisdom in oneself is more valuable as a human find or asset than all the material gold discovered in the earth. What does such spiritual discovery mean? It means a new and higher revelation and inspiration of life. It means the re-creation of the race, not by stirpiculture but psychiculture. It means the birth of the superman, not an animal enlarged or magnified but man plus his divinity. It means no longer a humanity enslaved by material conditions or environments, but liberated from beastliness, poverty, disease, crime, insanity, degeneracy, idiocy by a control of the lower physical sense and corporeal man by the spirit of God in a man! It means in short the abolition of industrial conditions, in which

capital and labor wage incessant warfare, because of human ignorance and greed, by the awakening of the soul to the meaning of life, by which each man finds his true work and place in the earth, loves and does it excellently and so blesses the world by his endeavor.

Here in Portland, Oregon, as I look out of my hotel window into the park, the benches are crowded with idle, unemployed men. Many have no trade nor profession. Hence they are tramps. Could they be taught to go within themselves, to know their life's work and that to do it means freedom and happiness, these benches would be empty or filled with children and convalescent invalids. What a change! Thousands of men and women, with sad pinched faces, are tramping the dusty roads seeking a "lost trail" to be found at last and only in themselves. A big, great man and one supremely happy is one who knows himself and so finds his work, loves it and does it excellently well.

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The need of Theosophy, Spiritualism and the New Thought movement is a new psychology, and a technique of terminology which could be universally accepted and understood. At present, while there is a new psychology, it is nebulous and in process of development, and about all that is affirmed or accepted by the new psychologist or those who call themselves such is the fact that spirit is the source of body, mind and all normal and supernormal life, rather than the opposite; some identify soul with spirit or mean spirit by their definitions of soul, or soul by their definition of spirit. The theosophical psychology is rather scholastic, oriental and sanscritty to appeal to many western scientific students, and while its definitions are exact and very helpful, they do not seem to become popular or wear well with our western students. On the other hand, metaphysicians, like Christian Scientists, who perhaps would not consider themselves flattered to be so classified, mix mind with spirit as to make neither one clear or intelligible in the soul's category of normal and super-normal powers, they have no new psychology to speak

of which scientists could accept as more than mere doctrine. Now the basis of any psychic or spiritual development must rest firmly upon facts, powers, and laws which each one can experience and demonstrate. And if this basis is (as we make bold to declare it is) secure against dogmatic bias on the one side, and metaphysical speculations on the other, it can be accepted as scientific as any other proposition of science. It would be valuable to discuss the meanings of certain words used in the new psychology, as objective and subjective mind, normal, abnormal and supernormal powers, conscience, intuition, ego, identity, entity, individuality, personality, telepathy, suggestion, but space will not permit; but the student will find all these terms considered at length in my new book on "Telepathy" sold by the Stellar Ray and it will unquestionably appeal to him as clear and sufficient.

Much confusion of thought could be avoided if the student were developed interiorally and spiritually to understand the true nature of the spirit in its relationship and correspondence with mind, faculty, function and body, for then it would have a clear perception of the inner meanings of terms, which outward definitions are not always so apt to express! I will instance one case in conclusion. Take the words objective mind, sub-conscious mind and subjective mind! How little is ever taught of the true relationship between them. We hear a great deal of the super or cosmic consciousness, of hyper and sub and subliminal states of consciousness, but what do they mean in plain, simple language of the new psychology? Now objective is the physical subjective, the spiritual (metaphysical) mind, with sub-conscious mind as a mediant between the two. All automatic processes of the organism reside in the sub-conscious mind, and into the sub-conscious the hypnotist places his subject by hypnotic suggestion. But the subjective is the spiritual mind and as such is the seat of the supernormal powers as the objective is the seat of the normal.

So in this way the technique of the new psychology will help us to explain and understand what hitherto has been either occult or unintelligible.



# Books and Periodicals

MISCELLANEOUS REVIEW

## Submerged Atlantis Restored, Or Links and Cycles.

By J. BEN LESLIE.

At last we have positive proofs concerning this submerged Continent. It comes to us for review in the form of a marvelous work of 807 pages, and is a revelation to mortals by four Atlantian Spirits, viz: Alem Prolex, and his wife Anstacia, Zerecha Yermah and his wife Erothrodia, also Kuliuthus, a Phoenician Spirit, co-operative with many spirits, who as mortals, were contemporaneous with the various periods of time and events of antiquity, as set forth in this work.

In our contemplated review of the various sections of the theme, we are led to discard the idea of tradition, and accept its intelligent and logical diction, philosophic, scientific and illustrated facts.

The work begins with a short, scientific treatise on the Over Spirit as the Cycle Supreme; Spirit Soul and Matter as Links Supreme: and Time, Space and Life as Trinity Epi-cycles operating on the deferent of the Over Soul by impulses from the Over Spirit in creative process, through the activity of Animation, Extension, Expression and Duration as the source of all individualized form manifesting throughout the Universe.

The principal theme, as revealed, embraces an elaborate treatise on Atlantis, linking the various subjects, conditions and influences into the pre-historic, the ancient and modern periods of time, *i.e.*, its submergence; peoples and civilization; geographic and geologic conditions; languages; alphabets; figures and numbers; religion; enterprises; airships; government; temples; monuments; ornithologic, botanic and zoologic conditions; arts and music; migrations of the Atlantian peoples and their descendants, into the various sections of the earth, as original ancestral links, whose further descendants established the races of peoples who now inhabit the islands and continents of the

earth; the great convulsions that pre-historically established the various bodies of water, deserts, contour of the continents, valleys now submerged by the various seas, the Great East Indian Archipelago, etc.; the origin of stigmatization, tattooing, face-painting, feather-wearing and many other original facts, which should make the extensive work valuable to any reader.

About 3,000 Atlantian and subsequent pre-historic terms, or nomenclature, all translated, accompany the various subjects. Illustrations, inscriptions, etc., demonstrate the revelations. Maps and diagrams aid the reader to follow the narrations, etc.

This remarkable work is comprehensive from both a spiritual and material standpoint, in the hands of careful thinkers. Many will accept the truths set forth, while some may not through the influence of skeptical or creed bound ideas; but, all things considered, it is difficult not to admit that the revelations given out to the world by the author, are other than what they are represented to be. Let those who are interested in the progressions of life, get this book and study any one of its chapters.

Circulars free, by addressing J. Ben Leslie, 86 West Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

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## Absolute Life on Trial.

A new book has been received entitled, "Absolute Life On Trial." The book explains absolute life as a new revelation and a new life. The new life is "the purification of the world from mortality and perversion, from selfishness and meanness; is the consciousness that lies beyond the dual nature; is the pure consciousness which the Spirit of Truth brings and from which the new race is to come."

Through the attitude of the City of Chicago and of the State of Illinois where the life is first announced and first lived, absolute life has been made a great state and national question.

Absolute life does not appear to be a

*doctrine*; it is an outburst of nature, is the utterance of the spirit of the times. The revelation announces that the new life is to come through the Anglo-Saxon race as Christianity, came through the Jewish race. The book says:

"The revelation of absolute life has come in the Western hemisphere; it has come in the great nation of that hemisphere and in the great central city of that nation."

"Thus it is that the new Anglo-Saxon spirit breaks forth in the midst of the old Anglo-Saxon powers and in the very face of those powers declares that old things shall be done away with and that all things shall become new."

Absolute life is further defined as follows:

"It is only as the life has come in persons that the life is here and that it can hope to maintain itself against that which opposes it. Absolute life is not abstract truth; it is *actual people in flesh and blood walking the face of the earth and doing the things that fulfill the will of the Spirit*. It is only as those people fulfill the will of the Spirit that there is anything of the life to maintain and it is only as they fulfill the will of the Spirit that there is any power to maintain it. The people of the life are one with the life, there is no life without them; the strength of the life that is in them is all the strength that the life has in this trial."

The new life is the gift of a new Spirit and the new Spirit is the Spirit of Truth:

"The new Spirit who is the Messenger of the new time, does not set himself up as a power over man. The new Spirit is a power in man and not a power over him. The new Spirit is a new light in every person's consciousness; he brings man into a fuller self-knowledge, establishes individual integrity and power, enables man to know the divine origin of things and gives man strength to rest in the truth of life in the face of the most formidable circumstances."

"Absolute Life On Trial," contains twenty-two chapters. It treats of "The New Dispensation," "Absolute Life is Social," "The Spirit of Truth," "The Body of the Spirit," "The New Race," "Sex," "Marriage and Home," "The Junior Commonwealth," "The Prosecution," "The De-

fense," etc.; it gives the newspaper story of all the important features of the trial. Price, \$1.50.

A booklet, "Absolute Life: How To Win It," which is a concise statement of the new life, has also been received. Price 10 cents.

The books are published by The Absolute Press, 2608 Racine avenue, Chicago.

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### Luminous Bodies Here and Hereafter or "The Shining Ones" The Electrical Theory of Life.

By Charles Hallock, M. A., Member of the Washington Biological Society.

Cloth and Gold, \$1.00.

This little book is up to date. It takes in various ologies and lines of modern scientific thought, weaving them into a homologue of fantastic colors and novel pattern as interesting as Gobelin tapestry and as quaint as an arabesque or Egyptian mosaic. Every line of it is suggestive. Its eminent author, who was the founder the "Forest and Stream" a third of a century ago, has been publicly pronounced by the late Prof. Eliott Cones, of the Smithsonian Institute, a "naturalist of no mean ability," which his half dozen copyrighted books abundantly prove. Enough of natural history, natural science, and philosophical discussion comes within the scope of this volume to give it a substantial character, and so command the interest of such readers as are devoted to the literature of sport, science, and good morals.

Like unto a joke, the success of a treatise lies in its application, and the ultimate of this one is the eternal betterment of men. At the same time, the subject of "Luminous Bodies," whether they be terrestrial or celestial, is sufficiently occult to stimulate curiosity, especially in the direction of its spiritual outlook; and it is the masterly and very original treatment of this department which gives to this novel treatise its peculiar value as a mental force. *Electricity*, the reader will at once discover, is the magnetic thread upon which all its postulates are strung, and this wondrous and in-

scrutable element is of itself sufficiently engaging to draw attention.

As stated in the author's prolegomena, his thesis rests upon Dr. Henry Raymond Rogers' "Theory of the Great Physical Forces" (first promulgated in 1876), and now made lucid by the Lodge electron theory, and Van der Nailler's exposition of evolution; and is set forth as "an attempt to explain the inter-relation of "Terrestrial, Celestial, and Intellectual Kingdoms," and "Man's Oneness with His Maker." As a working proposition, its tendency would be to arouse religious forces which now lie dormant, and to define a common ground upon which a Lay Church can build.

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### Among the Ancients, With an Account of Their Hystic Initiations.

By Louis Jacolliot.

Published by the Theosophical Pub. Co., 253 West 72d St., New York. Price, cloth, \$1.50.

The author, who was Chief Justice in French East India and Tahiti, gives in this book a resume of his experiences in his investigation into the subject of Occult Science and the practices of those who have been admitted into the sect of the Pitris, which is Sanskrit for spirits or ancestral shades.

This is neither a doctrinal book nor a work of criticism, and the author points out in the preface that he is not called upon to decide, either for or against, the belief in spirits and feels therefore better able to write its history.

These doctrines were known to the Egyptians, to the Jewish Cabalists, to the people of Finland, to the school of Alexandria, to Philo and his disciples, to the Gauls and to the early Christians, and the Hindus. As for the ancient Chaldeans, the practice of popular magic and sorcery seems to have been the utmost limit of their attainments.

They have also given birth to a peculiar system of moral philosophy whose place in the general scale of metaphysical speculations is pointed out.

"Of absorbing interest and rivets the attention of the reader from start to finish."

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—*Progressive Thinker, Chicago, Ill.*

"A human and masterful bit regarding human love."

—*Rev. F. A. Wiggin, Boston, Mass.*

For sale by the Stellar Ray Book Department.

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### The Mystery of Ashton Hall.

By Benjamin Nitsau.

(A Rochester, N. Y., Clergyman.)

Just out. Psychic Novel, 321 pp., Cloth \$1.25. Paper \$.75. The Austin Publishing Co., Rochester, N. Y.

This remarkable story in addition to the tragic and romantic elements common to fiction, re-enacts in modern literature the most striking of the New Testament miracles, the resurrection of Lazarus and the prison escape of Peter. Its mystery, plot, fine psychic detection of crime, high moral teaching and especially its strong and clear delineation of human passion and character, and deep dramatic power, combine to make it exceptionally interesting.

The preacher detective, drawn from life, the eccentric banker, the charming heroine, Helena, the mystic musician, Herman, and the inspired teacher, Mrs. Williams, will all appeal with power to the public and especially to those interested in the occult.

"The story is entrancingly interesting."

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"Plunges at once into a situation of most thrilling character and holds the reader's interest and breathless excitement through every page."—*Banner of Life.*

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## The Ideal of Universities.

By Adolf Brodbeck, Ph. D.

Published by The Metaphysical Pub. Co.,  
500 Fifth Ave., New York.

This book is intended to serve a three-fold purpose:

(1) It gives a concise history of Philosophy, Law, Theology, and the Physical Sciences, showing how each department of learning became in turn the dominant ideal of educational institutions, and tracing their descent from the ancient Greeks, through the Roman period and the Middle Ages, down to modern times.

(2) On this historic basis it explains the present state of academic study and teaching, pointing out defects and suggesting remedies.

(3) It outlines a true and consistent ideal for the Universities and Academies of the future; to which is added a brief encyclopedia of all sciences, theoretical and technical.

Dr. Brodbeck was among the first to suggest the Parliament of Religions (Chicago, 1893) and a member of its Advisory Council. He and his work have received the indorsement of the Royal University of Stuttgart, Professor Wundt, of Leipzig University, Professor Zeller, of the University of Berlin, and many other leading educators throughout the world.

No library is complete without this valuable contribution to the cause of education. Price in cloth, \$1.50, postpaid.

## Alexander Almanac

(Published in New York City by  
Alexander.)

This is a work of unusual merit to which it is impossible to do justice in any brief review. It contains a vast amount of astronomical data concerning the stars and planets, also defines their astrological influences upon human life in clear, concise language, readily understood. It cannot fail to be intensely interesting to those who desire to know something of the electric and magnetic forces dominant at the time of birth.

There are tables by which one may determine the propitious times to act along certain lines of endeavor, also

when to remain passive and avoid the adverse influences. It is a storehouse of priceless information for each individual and should be in every family, with its helpful data, regarding health, adaptability, characteristics, and the times of the positive and negative influences, bearing upon all, like the ebb and flow of the tide, showing when to take advantage of the rising tide of health and fortune and to fortify against the ebb of vitality and forcefulness.

This book contains 50 pages, magazine size, with paper cover, price 50 cents, postage free. For sale by The Stellar Ray Book Department. Order one of these valuable booklets today, you will never regret it.

## How to Read Character in Handwriting.

Since the earliest days science has recognized the fact that handwriting is an index of character.

Similar temperaments find a similar pen expression affected by the age, moods and circumstances of the writer, as recognized by some banks, who require the signature of depositors at various intervals for comparison.

"Public attention to this science has recently been awakened, and teachers are recognizing the fact that the variations in form, size, style and movement of handwriting developed after a few years of graduation from the copy book are due to temperamental qualities and the nature of the environment."—*National Banker, August 1910.*

"This title volume will be of special value to experts of handwriting, to business men, to bankers and to lawyers, who need to know more of writing than the mere ability to read it.

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Boards, 35c; Limp Leather, \$1.00, postpaid. Mary H. Smith, 3730 North Sydenham St., Philadelphia.

# The Swastika For Success



# Success Club All Seekers

July Affirmation: "I attract only GOOD."

The telepathic message of June 15 was "TRUTH." We must hold to the truth in all things. There is an old saying "Honesty is the best policy." We must not let the false enter into our lives if we wish to have success that will bring us happiness.

So many people look to the attainment of riches as the key to success. This is a mistake. Money alone cannot make anyone happy long, and it has made many very unhappy.

To the many who ask for particulars about this Club, we will say it is simply a union of SUCCESS SEEKERS. It was started by a few who wished to help each other through telepathy to gain their desires. We do not "treat" people for money. We are not in that business, though some of our members are healers and give the benefit of their mental powers free. No one is charged a cent for any help they get. Just a small fee of \$1 is asked new members to prove them worthy to join, for when anyone can join without a cent, so many who are not really in mental touch with us, would join and cause inharmony.

A little work is worth more than money and we prefer for applicants to send a few subscribers for Stellar Ray instead of the dollar. The money received is used to pay postage and such expenses, and the work is done for the love of it.

We believe in Jesus Christ and in the miracles he did through faith and mental power. He said, "Greater things than these shall you do if you have faith." If we are his brothers and co-heirs with him, then there is plenty for us if we will only accept it. Suppose someone put a million dollars in the bank for this Club and never told us about it. Would we be any better off than we are now? Well, God has many

millions in *his bank* for us. This earth is one of his banks. It contains enough wealth to put us all out of want and suffering.

He has given us the key to this bank. Many are unlocking its vaults of riches today. You can come in, too, if you wish. In our June letter I offered all our readers a chance to take some oil stock before the 10th, but the magazine did not get out in time for them to take advantage of it, so we will extend the offer until you read this, unless oil is struck sooner. I have reserved just 500 shares for you at \$1 a share, while the price will be more here. As the capitalization is so small, there is not much more stock to be sold.

I had not intended to more than mention the progress of the oil company this time, but it occupies my time so fully that I cannot think much of anything else. We could not get matters in shape to start the drill before June 12th, and we have good reason to hope to find oil in a short time, but I have promised to take the well to 2,200 feet if necessary, and if we do not find it then, I want to go deeper, for some wells are over 4,000 feet.

I have good news for H. P. M. The mine adjoining it is about to be a success and that will mean much to us.

Member No. 1095 again asks our help in regaining her sense of smell and taste and general vitality. Please all help her on July 5th and 10th.

Wishing you all Health, Happiness and Prosperity, I am,

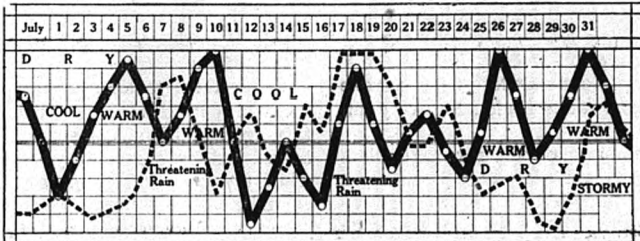
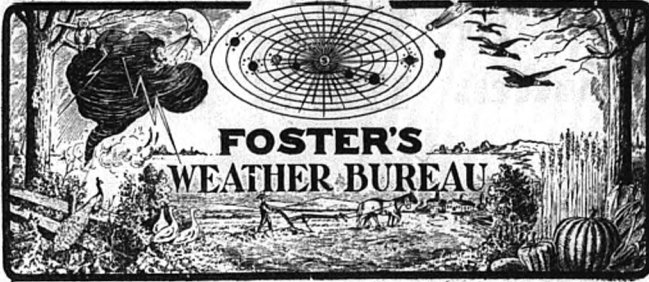
Yours for SUCCESS,

M. B. NICOL, Manager,  
Swastika Success Club,  
Manassas, Va.

Write direct to us about anything in regard to the above and not to Stellar Ray.

### LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST

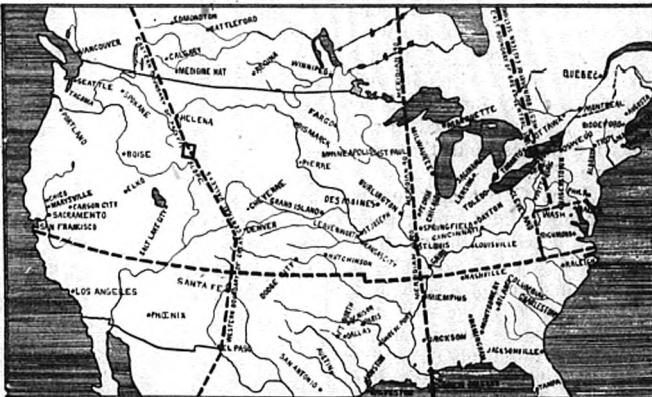
Mr. W. T. Foster is said to have remarkable ability as a meteorologist, and his predictions wonderfully accurate. We trust they will be both interesting and helpful to Stellar Ray readers. Following is July weather chart and forecast -Editor.



July will average cooler than usual. The drought will be broken and good rains may be expected in many parts of the country. July will be a much better crop-weather month than May and June were, as an average.

In above chart the treble line represents normal temperatures and rainfall. The heavy line with round white spots is temperature forecasts. Where it goes above treble line temperatures are expected to be higher. Where it goes below treble line temperatures will be lower. The broken zigzag line is rainfall forecast. As it goes higher indicates greater probability of rain and where it goes lower the reverse. Dates are for meridian 90. Count one or two days earlier for west of that line and as much later for east of it, because weather features move from west to east.

### FOSTER'S WEATHER MAP



Broken lines separate map into 8 weather districts named North Pacific Slope, South Pacific Slope, Northwest, Southwest, Lake, Southeast, Northeast and Washington. Address Foster's Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.

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