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## Editorial Department



### Rays of Human Aura Seen by Group of Doctors.

Phila., Aug. 27, 1911.

The following account confirms by actual scientific experiment The Stellar Ray's teaching regarding the human Aura.

Our readers may be interested to read again the series of articles upon this subject which appeared in the Oct., 1910, to Feb., 1911, numbers inclusive.

Volume VII of "Science & Key of Life" contains a comprehensive description of the human Aura showing how it becomes more clear as the higher faculties are awakened. This great work, published in 7 Vols., is partially described on the back cover page of this issue.

Several Philadelphia physicians who witnessed a series of experiments recently conducted by Dr. Arthur W. Yale, a tuberculosis specialist, are convinced that the human body is surrounded by a sort of film, known as the human aura, having seen it with their own eyes.

When Dr. Walter J. Kilner, a famous London physician, announced that every human being is surrounded by an envelope of a peculiar light which follows and incloses every contour of the form, he was at first laughed at, but since his pupil, Dr. Patrick S. O'Donnell, of Chicago, established the fact of the aura to twelve prominent physicians, including a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, other men began investigating, and Doctor Yale was the first man in this city to demonstrate the presence of the aura before a local audience.

For fear that his work would prove fruitless, the experiments were conducted secretly until he was so sure that he had seen the bands of light encircling the body that a number of physicians and friends interested in scientific work were invited to witness what might be termed a "scientific seance."

#### ARTIST'S MODEL IS SUBJECT.

A room in the Weightman Building was taken, and an artist's model, a girl of 20, obtained as a subject. The aura is more distinct in a woman than a man for some reason, as yet unexplained. The room was darkened, so that all chance of a shadow falling on the model was removed.

The guests were first told to look at the sky, in order that any object in the room would not remain in their field of vision. They were then furnished with a set of slides, specially designed to make auras visible. These are merely bits of glass, glued together and hollow ground, containing a concentrated solution of a dark-blue dye termed dicyanin. By looking through this, the eye is focused on what is known as the N-rays of the spectrum. After a few moments of looking at the model, the observers asserted that the girl's body was surrounded by a nebulous haze—a distinct bluish gray ring extending completely around the body.

After the eye had thus been accommodated to the extreme limit of its vision, the lenses were dispensed with altogether and the unaided sight discerned the aura's bluish glow.

Believing that he was the victim of an optical illusion, one of the interested bystanders, Harry Rosenthal, an authority on electrical apparatus, left the room and for a few moments looked out of a window at the street and watched the pedestrians. He declares that none of them were surrounded by an aura.

Still believing that there was something uncanny and unreal about the experiments, he returned to the room where they were going on and, after his eyes became accustomed to the subdued light, he declares that he saw the aura again, even without the aid of the blue-liquid glass.

Rosenthal says the aura is visible in three distinct parts: First, next to the body a

dark band a quarter of an inch wide; second, the inner aura, or band of light, and finally, the outer aura. Doctor Yale at times drew his finger along the undraped figure of the model, and the aura followed it, it is said. Some of the observers noticed there were distinct bands of light between the doctor's fingertips and the body of the model. Withdrawal of the hand seemed to pull the haze away from the body, causing a decided change of shape in the aura. Later it resumed its original position.

#### INFLUENCE ON CONSUMPTION CASES.

Unfortunately, one of the slides containing the dicyanin, which enables one to look at the aura, was broken, and as soon as it can be replaced Doctor Yale intends to continue his experiments, believing that it may aid him in making a correct diagnosis when treating a case of tuberculosis by indicating the position of the diseased lung lesions. This may be possible, as it is a theory that wherever the body is diseased, there is a break in the aura.

To further test this theory, Doctor Yale had a patient of his strip, and examined his chest through the glass slide. The aura was perfectly visible, and under the left shoulder was broken, seemingly indicating that this part of the chest was where the tuberculous tissue was. Reference to the patient's chart, made previously after a physical examination, bore out the "aura diagnosis."

Among those who witnessed the demonstration are Dr. H. M. Graham, secretary of the State Homeopathic Society; William Walls, an optician; Julius Wellner, an electrical expert; Harry Rosenthal and several other physicians.

Some weeks ago similar experiments were conducted in Chicago, and a representative of the American Medical Association was present. He declared that everyone else present saw the aura, or said he did, but that despite the fact that he looked at the model steadily for some time, he was unable to see a semblance of it.—*The North American, Phila., Aug. 27, 1911.*

Fremont, Ala., Sept. 5th, 1911.

Editor The Stellar Ray.

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for subscription to Stellar Ray, to commence with August number.

Some one sent me July number and I have received much comfort and benefit from same. I have been a reader of many New Thought magazines and consider Stellar Ray among the best.

Yours for success,

M. D. W.

### "Honor System" a Success.

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

The Stellar Ray has for years maintained that when governments deal wisely with the criminal classes crime will disappear, as does filth and infection before the enactments of boards of health, whose principles of cleanliness may well be followed in the treatment of moral filth and contagion. We believe that were prisons open to the sunlight and abundant fresh air, the attention of the inmates concentrated upon absolute purity of body, apparel and surroundings, it would go a long way toward reclaiming those who either drift or hurl themselves into captivity.

To hold the errant and vicious as captives is necessary to protect society—but to permit such confinement to become an act of vengeance upon any creature is unworthy an enlightened government.

#### 33 Years of Solitary Confinement.

Some time ago we called the attention of our readers to the case of a youth at the age of 14 years, sentenced to be hanged, but due to his tender age the sentence was changed to imprisonment for life in solitary confinement!

His crimes were heinous, revolting and horrible beyond expression. He was a monster of cruelty. But has not the torture of his body and soul by the state also been a crime?

Confined for 33 years in a dungeon with but a small aperture of ventilation or light he has grown to manhood.

That he was not a worthless piece of human mechanism is proven by the fact that he has become an educated man. We are informed that he has read all of the 8,000 books in the prison library and has learned to read six languages. He is now 51 years old. His aged mother is permitted to see and talk with him once each month through iron bars.

Has such treatment of a human being

benefited the state? Is there less crime because of this incarceration? More to the honor of an enlightened nation would it be if its policy had been to hold the degenerate boy in a confinement which would give his exceptional ability a chance to benefit his fellows.

His is but one case among thousands of human beings languishing in dungeons who are not as dangerous to society as are tens of thousands who are breathing the pure air of heaven and are upheld by their governments in their occupations of slowly destroying their fellows both body and soul. Notable among these are those who deal out degradation, poverty, brutality, viciousness, suicide and murder, both at wholesale and retail, seven days of the week, all day and all night.

Is it any marvel that there is no abatement of crime?

#### Gov. West's Honor System.

A grand forward movement in this field is that of the honor system inaugurated by Gov. Oswald West in the Oregon penitentiary, and has been made a success. Jennings Sutor in an article in the Pacific Monthly enters fully into the new management under Governor West from which we make a few brief extracts:

"Profiting by the visits to the penitentiary and his personal talks with the men, Governor West believed he saw a way whereby he could save the state money—a necessary thing to his system, because of the many Thomases to whom money, and only money, talks authoritatively—and at the same time save at least a large part of the convicts to society.

He went to the men with his plan and put it to them frankly.

"Look here," he would tell a prisoner. "The state can't afford to keep you here at its expense any longer than necessary. You don't want to stay here. I'll make this bargain with you. I'll let you out of the prison and put you at work nearby. You will give me your word not to run away. I'll see that you are paid a certain amount for your work, enough so that you will be able to get to your home or where you wish when you leave the penitentiary. You work faithfully and I'll parole you as soon as you show you deserve it."

This argument was strong in its appeal

to the men because the most wayward of them could see that to take the governor up on his bargain was a good thing for him. It meant that the convict would get his liberty—what he wanted. It meant the tax-payer would save the money—what he wanted. It meant that Oswald West would be doing something for the "under-dog"—which is very probably what he wanted.

Today you can take a trip over almost any road out of Salem and pass convicts at work without being able to tell them from the ordinary industrious farmhand to be met with in any countryside.

There's no "prison look" about them. The hang-dog shift is lacking from their eyes. There is a healthy tan on their cheeks. The feeling of satisfaction that comes from a hard day's work out-of-doors is noticeable. The cleverest forger, the most accomplished safe-cracker, the most daring of porch climbers seem to have the unhealthy lure of their crafts taken out of them. There is no room for crime thoughts when there's a day's work to be done in the country sunlight, with the knowledge that they are as free from suspicion and surveillance as the rich farmer, who is working his own fields across the road.

#### Guards Withdrawn, Men Work on Honor.

It is this idea of treating the convicts as men who have made a mistake and who are to be taught better, that seems to be the keynote of the unusual success the "Honor System" has attained this far.

The results would seem to justify the governor's belief that three-fourths of the men who are sent to the penitentiary are not criminals at heart, are really not any worse offenders than thousands who through some turn of fortune's wheel, escape the stigma of a penitentiary term.

Governor West was sitting in the warden's office one day last summer, following a meeting of the parole board, at which twenty-odd men, most of them in their early twenties, had come to the board and asked permission to leave the prison.

"You saw those men and heard their stories," said the governor to his interviewer. "People say that I am sensational in my dealings with them. That may be true but I find their cases are sensational. To me it is sensation to know that there are men in this building who don't belong here,

whose presence here may mean either that they are shown the right road or the wrong—largely as we deal with them. Here's a young fellow who has perhaps got in a little trouble through drink—I find most of these cases result from whisky. He's been railroaded to the penitentiary. It is at this point that he needs a helping hand. He's ashamed to write to his family to let them know his plight. He is in constant association with hardened characters—there are always a certain number of them in a large prison. I have been, and I propose to continue, letting such a boy out to work or on parole.

"I don't believe that is sentimentalism. I think it's good sense."

If Burbank can transform a wild cactus plant, a seeming enemy to mankind, into a luscious fruit-bearing shrub, imagine for a moment what are the possibilities if the right influence could be used in transforming the criminal young into noble man and womanhood!!

### The Power of the Mind.

The powers of the mind have been justly regarded by every thinking person as more remarkable in their nature, and more marvelous in their phenomena than the properties of the physical world. The former in fact control the latter at the will of the individual, as the mind is capable of moulding matter into whatever forms it wills. It is therefore superior in its nature as well as its capabilities, for it often soars above and beyond all earthly things, and may hold converse either consciously or unconsciously with the denizens of a higher world. The power of the mind brings us not only to a knowledge of things of the physical world, but leads us into the presence of the Father and Mother spirit, enabling us to perceive and contemplate their endless love and wisdom, and as we are made in their image, must not the similitude be in the constitution of our mind, a manifestation of the grandest part of our being. Thus a perfect knowledge of the powers of the mind will bring us to a better knowledge of the great Divine law.

No less important is it to understand the object and purpose of knowledge, to perceive how the mind, by means of its vari-

ous powers and functions, becomes familiar with objects in the physical world, and obtains the first elements of knowledge. Then by an inner process of thought arranges, combines, abstracts and generalizes them into such forms as to create most marvelous results. Through this process man is brought into the study of himself. The mind is transferred from the study of matter to the contemplation of spirit. It takes the mind for a time from the changeable objects of the physical world, and points it to the contemplation of the everlasting truth and wisdom of infinity. Man in learning his own faculties, thoughts and feelings, is easily carried to the study of his own soul. Thus the study of the soul and its manifestations, the mind, in all their infinite relations, is the most beautiful and ennobling of all studies.

### Fluids.

Those fluids which produce the least heat in the body, or distension of the stomach are the most wholesome. The general use of drinks is to supply fluids in order to facilitate solution in the stomach and expedite its evacuation into the intestines and there pass easily. Those who drink nothing daily do not act fairly to the stomach.

Drinks also promote the secretions, but it must be understood that the more quickly the food is evacuated, the less nourishment it has produced, and those who use least drink are apt to be most nourished. Water is essential to digestion and nourishment, and most especially when acidity and flatulency exist, and where the bile has acquired too much acrimony.

Cool water strengthens the stomach, assists digestion, prevents obstructions, renders sleep more calm and cheerfulness more regular and lasting. Occasional small draughts are more wholesome than larger ones, as large draughts, at meals especially tend to make the food fluctuate in the stomach. Drinking after partaking of food, unless thirsty, is a most pernicious custom, especially if taken while digestion is going on, as it tends to destroy the natural heat that is working in the stomach. Water is a drink that is provided by nature for mankind.

A very foolish custom prevails in many countries, that of drinking healths after meals; it is nonsensical and ever attended with inconvenience to the stomach and therefore detrimental to well being of the physical body, for Nature has provided water for drink, which is agreeable to the palate and refreshing to labor and fatigue, also tends to keep the understanding clear, the memory more steady, the senses more quick and the temper and manners more gentle.

There are salts which are constantly forming in the blood, such as are naturally gathered from the stomach. Whoever has accidentally tasted his own blood will find evidence of this by its saline taste and there is always a small portion of the blood in some degree putrifying. Now if

these salts and this putrescency were accumulated to any degree they would prove fatal to the physical form, causing its disintegration.

Water is then, quite essential in order to wash away these salts and putrescency. In fact, there are no persons perfectly well without a sufficiency of diluting liquor taken with meals; but as in all other things, moderation should be used, the saliva and natural juices of the stomach are not sufficient of themselves to dissolve food and thus carry on fermentation. Water, is then, the great natural assistant in this. Water, exercise and diet are three of the principal factors that require attention in order to attain perfect health in mind and body.

We desire to call attention to our special combination offer on the inside back cover of this issue,—The Stellar Ray and that splendid publication The Woman's Home Companion!

Note below the description of the October number and read our special offer.

### The October Woman's Home Companion.

The October Woman's Home Companion contains the first chapter of a new serial, "The Poor Lady," by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman. It is a story of modern American life, and is chiefly concerned with two women—one, an ambitious and unscrupulous wife; the other, fine, high-minded and womanly.

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1. Six per cent. is a liberal return for the use of money.
2. The higher the interest return, the less safe the investment.
3. Before buying a security find out what you could sell it for if you owned it.
4. Stock extravagantly advertised should never be bought.
5. The personal magnetism of a stock salesman does not add one cent to the value of the stock.



6. Investment, like medicine, is a science practised by experts.

7. Get expert advice concerning investment. You can afford to pay for it, if necessary.

8. The successful banker is the best adviser—when he will advise.

9. Get information about securities from as many sources as possible before buying.

10. Don't invest hurriedly.

In the course of an interesting article he tells several tragic stories of women who have lost the savings of a life-time in foolish ventures.

The Stellar Ray and Woman's Home Companion for one year, \$1.75.

### Laziness a Disease.

Laziness should be regarded as a disease when no organic cause of ill-health exists, and people should be compelled to get through their allotted work as they would have to take their powders of quinine if they were suffering from influenza. There are scores of self-pitying loafers on the sick list of every doctor who need, not drugs, not "treatment" of any sort, but simply work. To prescribe rest cures for this type is directly inciting them to a lazy life, when their dissatisfaction, general

seediness, and lack of vitality are the direct outcome of having too little to do already.

It is not more rest that they require, but compulsory, methodical, regulated work six days out of seven. Work is the best medicine in the world, the ideal stimulant, because it leaves no ill-effects. Its physiological action is self-apparent to anyone who will give it a trial. Try ten minutes' simple manual labor, for example, doing it quietly, efficiently, with interest and pleasure. Dig or scrub, sweep or dust a room. First there is stimulation of respiration and circulation, followed by mental exhilaration.

The system gets rid of accumulated poisons, every organ is toned, the skin is moist and acting freely. Then there is the moral value, the effect upon character, which is indicated by the self-respect and satisfaction which follow upon the accomplishment of a definite amount of work.

The fact that some people are suffering from overwork is no argument against the theory that the life of strenuous work, crowded interests, active occupation, and claims upon one's time is the healthiest and most worth living. Worry and overstrain, not work, are responsible for 90 per cent. of cases of nervous breakdown.—*Health Record.*

## THE THANKSGIVING TREE

MABEL GIFFORD SHINE.

It is not the folks who have the most for which to be thankful who are the most thankful. Queer, isn't it?

A thankful heart maketh a joyful mind, and "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

That is why I am going to tell you this story about Arabel Munster.

"I don't care a picayune about Thanksgiving," said Arabel to Miss Hughes, the top floor neighbor. "I havent anything to be thankful for."

"Well, I just hate it!" declared Maggie Lynch; to see all the grand people traipsing around buying heaps of stuff and smiling and getting out and in their fine autos and carriages. Thanksgiving is all right for them."

"Did you ever read about the brave people who begun Thanksgiving day?" asked Miss Hughes.

"I suppose I did," answered Arabel, "but I have forgotten."

Miss Hughes was knitting stockings for

Johnny Bailey, who lived down on the basement floor, and she set certain important stitches and smiled softly the while, before she spoke again. "They left fine homes, relatives and friends, fine clothes and everything, and came here to this country which was then only a wilderness inhabited by savage Indians and wild beasts. They lived in houses not as good as this, Maggie, and they all came near starving to death. They gave thanks because they were *alive*. We have as much as that to be thankful for."

Miss Hughes looked up from her needles and smiled again. The girls were silent for a moment, then Arabel threw her arms around Miss Hughes neck and said, "I am thankful for *you*." Maggie came over a little diffidently and half whispered, "I am thankful for you, too."

"Dear girls," Miss Hughes's voice was unsteady, and her needles wobbled a bit, "I give thanks for you every day; you are the sunshine of my life."

"A pretty tarnished kind of sunshine, I should say," sighed Arabel.

"Getting brighter all the time," replied Miss Hughes briskly, "and girls, did you ever think how much it was to be thankful for to be able to draw a good sweet breath?"

The girls stared, wonderingly, and then Arabel declared, "You can't get 'a good sweet breath' in this place." She had come from the country but a year ago, and did not take kindly to city life.

"Mr. Dennis on the third floor," continued Miss Hughes, "can't get a breath without pain. Were you any more thankful Arabel when you lived in the country?"

Arabel hung her head. "I thought it was dreadful to be poor, and not have nice things like other girls, and I never thought to be thankful for sweet air or anything."

"Unless you have a thankful tree growing in your heart," said Miss Hughes, "you will not be thankful, no matter how much you have. If you are not happy now, you will not be happy in better circumstances. And you will never be happy till you learn to be thankful."

The following evening Arabel burst into Miss Hughes's room with Maggie close be-

hind her, and several others behind Maggie. "We're going to have a Thanksgiving Tree!" cried Arabel, and we want to have it in here, can we?"

"Of course you can," Miss Hughes smiled, "bring it right along."

"She don't think it's a real tree," whispered Maggie.

Arabel made mysterious signs to some one outside the door, and in came two boys with a small evergreen tree planted in a box, the box being gaily decorated with pieces of old bills from bill-boards.

Miss Hughes looked so surprised and mystified that they all laughed merrily. "We want to leave it here until Thanksgiving eve," explained Arabel. "We are going to have a Thanksgiving party and we want to have it here."

"As many as can get in are welcome," smiled Miss Hughes, glancing about her tiny room.

"If we can't get in all at a time we will come in in detachments," laughed Arabel. "I am going to invite everybody I can think of. Each one must write on a piece of paper one thing they are thankful for. All these pieces I am going to fasten on the tree, and Thanksgiving eve, somebody will read them to us."

Such a singular party never was seen I trow, as gathered in Miss Hughes's room four days later. Many faces, stranger's to smiles shone bright that night. Even Mr. Dennis was there with a pleasant word, and most surprising of all, the sour old pessimist, Mr. Paty, who was a dyspeptic. He brought a smile with him too.

It was in the plan, that each one should suggest one thing to do, that evening, and each one who could, was to bring something to eat, even if it was only one cooky, so there was much merriment.

Last of all came the reading of the papers, which was the most important event of the evening. Six of the party were thankful that they could breathe, one for two good eyes, another for two ears that could hear. Little Dannie Brown was thankful that he did not have red hair, and Emma Drake was thankful she did have red hair. Fanny Merrit was thankful she had a mother, and a little chap beside her

was thankful that he had a mother and father once.

Old Mrs. Peters who was bed-ridden and so could not come to the party, was thankful she had had a good appetite. Mamie Alden was thankful for God, and Miss Hughes said they ought to sing right there a song of thanksgiving, and they did. One of the guests was thankful for a good situation. Mr. Paty was thankful that he was no worse, and Mr. Dennis was thankful that he had two good feet, and nobody looked toward Miss Hughes, who could only get about her room and never went out of doors except when some kind friends carried her.

When all the papers had been read, a chorus of voices shouted "Miss Hughes, Miss Hughes, she hasn't said."

And Miss Hughes smiled her usual sweet smile and replied in a voice as sweet as her

smile, "I am so thankful that all you friends are thankful," and that made them all laugh again.

She tried not to let them see that she brushed away a tear or two, and added, "Now I am going to tell you a great secret: If you keep your thankful trees growing you will grow out of your present conditions into happier ones. Thoughts create, and happy thoughts create happy conditions."

"And will you go too?" asked someone.

"Certainly; I have outgrown my conditions already, but I want to stay and see all my friends off first."

They flew at Miss Hughes then to thank her, and Arabel to counteract the emotional moment cried out: "All join in the chorus, 'We are all so thankful that you are so thankful that we are so thankful.'"

## Brotherly Love.

E. M. CROSBY.

*Sociology, Evolution, Mental Science, Christian Science, Spiritualism and Simple Life—All Creeds, Sects, Beliefs, Ritualisms and Sciences of Life—What a Complexity!*

It is evident that the civilized world is undergoing a great social and religious reconstruction. Let us hope that out of these beliefs, which are all forms of revivalism; there will come a vital religion; a religion single-minded and pre-eminently practical. At present no one of these beliefs seems fully adaptable to the needs of all individuals. No, and probably not to any one individual, although he may school himself to so believe. We cannot deny that most of them contain inevitable truth.

Are you not a Socialist? Surely you believe in a community of interests; what could better further the management of the functions of a national government?

Are you an Evolutionist? Do you not believe humanity as a race had its germinial beginning?

Are you not a believer in Mental

Science? Do you not think that the will and understanding form the mind; and is it not the mind that controls our external or natural bodies?

Are you not a Christian Scientist? Do you not believe that as a man thinks so he is? If you conform to all spiritual laws will they not overcome all natural causes and effects?

Are you not a Spiritualist? Can you live and doubt that your soul or spirit is within your natural body, and after the dissolution of that natural body will appear in the spirit world?

Do you not believe in the Simple Life? "Yes," you say rather reluctantly. You admit that it is very beautiful as pictured by Wagner, still it seems to lead backward, for all our predecessors lived simpler lives than we.

So we might keep on, and we should find that all the so-called religions have their germs existing in each human life; and each one when used with religious practicality is good. Then, too, we shall be surprised to find that each, if properly analyzed and treated inductively, will be

found to converge at the same point in the horizon of true Christianity, and that is brotherly love.

You cannot expect to be a true promoter of sociology unless you meet brother man as brother man; whether it be on the street, in the shop, social assembly or council chamber, you must walk with him as brother, not as saint; and this is brotherly love.

You are not a true evolutionist unless you seek to cultivate the germ of brotherly love in order that it may be so inculcated in your own nature as to be fruitful in the generations which shall follow. You are not a true mental scientist unless the will and understanding are of that quality which has overcome love of self, which is opposed to brotherly love.

To be a true Christian Scientist without brotherly love would be impossible, for Christ Himself was the embodiment of love, and certainly if we would follow in His footsteps we must have brotherly love.

If I am a true Spiritualist (I say a true Spiritualist, I do not mean a believer in

hallucinations) I must have brotherly love, for God created man after His own image and gave him the breath of life, which was His spirit, the spirit of love, for God is love, but if I would continue in that love in the spirit world I must practice it in this natural world.

If I would be a true follower of the simpler life, and this is a truly beautiful thought when looked at in the right sense, I must not necessarily have the simplicity of circumstances which our grandfathers had; but the simplicity of mental, moral and spiritual excellency, which is, after all, brotherly love. It matters not whether we live in palace or hovel, we can, if we will, lead such a simple life.

So we find, after all, that men really differ but little in their religious beliefs, and that all the ologies and isms of true religion are toward one ideal, that is a life pure, sweet and simple, devoted to the cause of Him who gave it, and that is the cause of humanity, which is brotherly love, regardless of creed or dogma.

## **Bittersweet—A Reminiscence.**

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A stroll along the country roads and over the hills, brought things to view and recollection that had long been forgotten.

The first thing that took me out of myself, and away from my cares, was the bittersweet. This plant is found in the hedges and thickets, sometimes creeping over stone walls, and sometimes twisting around tree-trunks as solidly as the wild grape-vine, with the clusters of berries hanging in sort of festoons through the branches of the trees. The annual stems climb and trail from four to six feet in length. The flowers are of a delicate hue, and are followed by clusters of green berries which redden as the season advances, until the frost comes, opening the outside covering which curls back, disclosing a dark red center. These berries are in striking contrast to the dull, drab stones of the walls and the foliage of the trees.

It is a native of Europe and Asia, and naturalized in the United States. If you bite the stem you will find a peculiar succession of tastes, to which the plant owes its name—first bitter, then sweet.

(Out of the bitter grows the sweet. So, out of our bitterest trials grow our sweetest joys; after the darkest night comes the brightest dawn; after the heaviest storm comes the deepest calm.)

Finding a quantity of the glorious berries, I sat down on a low wall, with the fall winds blowing the dead leaves in little eddies about me. Looking at the great bunch of the fully opened, fiery red berries that I had gathered, I gave myself up to reminiscences.

As a child in the country home, Fall was not complete without a search for it; and the pictures on the walls were not ready for Winter without festoons of the bittersweet hanging over them. I very much doubt if any owner of a private conservatory today derives any more real pleasure

from it than we youngsters did from our bittersweet collections.

Closely connected with the bittersweet, in this association of ideas, came the "autumn leaves." As children, we vied with each other to see which could build the finest wreath or cross of waxed and ironed, yellow and crimson, maple leaves. They looked as beautiful to us, on our walls in those days, as the finest oil paintings or etchings do now!

Happiness? Some of us have searched far and wide, but will never see such days again.

Another vision appears, as I sit there on the wall, looking at the bunch of bittersweet: A little girl comes rushing out of a big, white country house. She has a *cruller* in one hand (we had never heard of *doughnuts*) and a Northern Spy apple in the other. She throws the rope of her sleigh over one arm, and goes down the walk, kicking the first light snow of the season as far ahead of her as she can, with each step. I can taste that *cruller* and apple yet! The boy who curls his bare toes and rolls his eyes to the ceiling when he bites an apple, with as much of a grin as he can accomplish with such a mouth full, should have a *cruller* in the other hand to make the squirm complete. If *The Stellar Ray* numbers a dyspeptic among its readers, I hope this will make his mouth water.

Following this was a perfect vision of the old-fashioned living-room, and the largest open fireplace that I ever saw, on the morning that we found the buckwheat cake batter had run over in the night. Mother had set it to rise on the mantel over the fireplace, and it had run down over the bricks. She is hustling the breakfast on the table; father is shoveling the snow off the walks—I can hear the tap, tap of his shovel—

Here comes the suburban trolley car (is it possible that these gray hairs belong to me?) and I hasten to board it, still carrying the bunch of bittersweet, which is the admiration of every one on the car. Did they have *memories*, too?

Their memories might have consisted of the "parlor" of the late eighties with its "what-not," each shelf of which was cov-

ered with knickknacks and relics: The conch shell in which one could hear "the sea roar"; shell and coral boxes, possibly a shark's tooth, ancestral blue china, the stereoscope, beside a pile of much worn "foreign views," and souvenirs of parades, the Centennial and Saratoga Springs.

Probably they remembered the wax flowers and fruit under a glass bell; and the flowers made of human hair—hair of different members of the family—usually twisted in wreaths, and placed in deep frames, covered with glass. These were not so common. The furniture, heavy mahogany back breakers, covered with slippery haircloth, and marble topped tables which were valued as highly as the solid mahogany ones.

The modern youngster in her early 'teens would glance around such a place and say, "faucy"; but those were the days of the "family Bible," and it was *not* always covered with dust. There was also "family worship" when father prayed to a personal God in whom he really believed. Had he heard of the various isms and cults of today, he would have gone on his knees and prayed to be "kept from all evil."

It is the influence of such homes that keeps many of us from being worse than we are.

The worsted-worked motto, "God Bless Our Home" was not half bad, and its companion, "Sweet Rest in Heaven," really meant something to us.

Though done up in fancy dress, the foundation principles are the same as ever, and, "The old time religion is good enough for me."

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## The Hour of Insight.

BY MARY ISABEL WHYMORE,

Dubois, Illinois.

There comes to us sometimes a sweet, still hour,

A pause amid our daily strife,

When all the immortal symphonies of life

Sudden come thrilling through us, fraught with power.

In such an hour, I said that all life's sorrow

Is sweet to quaff, as Wisdom's spring;  
That every grief and loss its need doth bring,

Of insight into God, to cheer the morrow.

That all is well, and life is worth the living,  
'Mid Age's memories or Youth's dreams;  
That Death is not the monster that he seems,

Nor any boon beyond our Father's giving.

I *knew* it then: from twilight lands of dreaming,

From realms beyond the sunset, stole  
The messengers of Truth, the glorious Whole

To whisper, whilst I groped for Reason's gleaming.

WHEN a bit of sunshine hits ye,

After passing of a cloud,

When a fit of laughter gits ye

An' ye'r spine is feelin' proud,

Dont forget to up and fling it

At a soul that's feelin' blue,

For the minit that ye sling it

It's a boomerang to you.

*Capt. Jack Crawford.*

The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. Amen.

—Robert Louis Stevenson!

### Marvelous Powers.

Your so-called soul powers are no more mysterious than breathing, walking, talking, for all are forms of your being's manifestation, in different stages of development.

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## Stellar Science



### Were You Born in the Sign Scorpio?

HENRY CLAY HODGES.

If you were born between October 23rd and November 22nd, the Sun was in the zodiacal sign Scorpio. This position of the Sun in a natal chart generally increases the vitality, but if the horoscope shows affliction there is a liability to an early and sudden death, and a death often occurs in the family near the birth of the native.

People born in this sign are inclined to

make laws and insist that others shall live by them. Jealousy is a marked characteristic and when suspicion is aroused of wife or husband they are very liable to commit murder; for this reason parents in rearing children born in this sign should early instill into their minds the importance of restraining their tendency to govern others and overcoming their inclinations to suspicion. Heart disease is the only disease that the Scorpio constitution may be said to be liable to.

The first decanate of Scorpio is governed by Mars and this nature is sure to be misunderstood by the practical people of the earth. They are quick tempered, known as the most irritable persons in the world. There is a life of constant worry and strife. They possess intuitive genius and should follow the crafts where they may apply their ingenuity.

The second decanate, from the 30th of October to November 10th, is governed by the planet Jupiter, and those born at this time possess the occult, or psychic nature of Scorpio. They have a peculiar temperament, are not easily understood, and are apt to go to extremes in their manner of living, either enjoying too great a luxury or becoming penurious; there is ever a contradictory influence at work, of rise and fall, which will be found according to the different aspects in each horoscope.

Among the natives of Scorpio are many of the greatest surgeons and chemists the world has ever known, who work for their love of destruction and reconstruction. These natives are usually most successful and are sought as the "great people" of their age. Theodore Roosevelt is a native of this sign.

Those born in the third decanate, from the 10th to the 20th of November, possess the most lovable traits of the Scorpio nature, are the most successful in acquisition, but are free spenders, their hearts being easily touched by misery, pain and suffering.

While some of the characteristics above mentioned will be recognized as belonging to natives of the sign Scorpio, it must be remembered that the positions of the other planets at the time of birth tend to counteract or intensify the Sun's influence to a greater or less degree. For example, while the Sun is passing through the sign Scorpio, the Moon enters all of the signs (the position of the Moon in each nativity depends upon the date and hour of birth)—and the influence in each sign may be noted by the following:

The Sun in Scorpio, and the Moon in Aries; hard, positive, with physical and mental combativeness, should keep their wills under control of their reason, unless

educated liable to depravity, and should be taught the folly of jealousy; the Moon in Taurus softens the Scorpio nature, gives love of music and art, increases conjugal-ity; Moon in Gemini, active in art and science, difficult to submit to poverty or work at physical labor, and if so, liable to extreme carelessness; Moon in Cancer, activity in financial matters, may lack practicability, desire for love and sympathy; Moon in Leo, infidelity in marriage, strong sex passions, apt to be dreamy; Moon in Virgo, active, positive, critical, fault-finding, ostentatious, with intense passion; Moon in Libra, doubtful, scan and interrogate the future, have nobility of feeling, good judgment; Moon in Scorpio, independent, self-reliant, are clear and logical in the realms of the five senses, only difficult to form an acquaintance with; Moon in Sagittarius, hard, positive, rash in speech, sarcastic, require careful education and culture, sometimes insane with anger; Moon in Capricorn, aristocratic, fond of external display, best suited to government employ, proud, prodigal, cling to set rules, cautious; Moon in Aquarius, conservative, good judges of human nature, have extreme regard for public opinion, oftentimes fail through desire to excel in display; Moon in Pisces, restless, studious, with desire for education and literary attainments, nervous.

## Scorpio.

By DR. GEO. W. CAREY.

Oct. 23—Nov. 22.

*Calcarea Sulphate.*

This can be obtained by precipitating a solution of calcium chloride with dilute sulphuric acid. After evaporation the powder should be triturated with sugar of milk to 3d, X. potency before taken internally as coarser preparations can not be taken up by mucus membrane absorbents and carried into the circulatory system.

Sulphate of lime is found in all vegetables, fruits and grains in very fine particles and can therefore be used in blood and tissue. Its chief office is to clean out any decaying or vitiated organic matter (called heteroplasm by Virchow) in the

glands or interstices of tissue; to cause the infiltrated parts to discharge their contents readily, and eliminate disintegrating organic matter so that it may not, by slow decay and fermentation, break down cells of healthy tissue. The union of lime sulphate with oil, albumen, fibrine, forms epithelial cells, that means the cellular structure or tissue near the surface of the body.

Epithelia means upon, over or covering. A deficiency of the Scorpio salt causes a breakdown of epithelial tissue and forms the exudation called pus, which must be thrown out through a natural or artificial outlet.

The third stage of all colds, catarrh, lung troubles, boils, carbuncles, ulcers or abscesses shows a lack of proper balance of this lime salt.

Silica hastens the process of suppuration in a natural manner, while calcium sulphate closes up the process by building healthy tissue after the discharge of dead matter.

Albuminous, oily, fibrinous or watery exudations indicate deficiencies in other cells.

Calcarea Sulphate corresponds with the zodiacal sign Scorpio. Persons born between dates October 23rd and November 22nd possess a high magnetic vibration caused by influence of Sun on the blood at that particular angle.

Scorpio people possess "hidden fire" and qualities that do not manifest until the native has passed through adversity, and endured many trials and tribulations. So, their salt in natural state, before the transmuted (water) has been added is of little use; but when lime meets water and sulphur the Alchemy of Chemistry operates and produces plaster of paris, a substance of great use in arts and sciences. Thus does adversity—water being adverse to dry lime; and the trials of chemicalization perfect the "White Stone" as Adversity changes the Scorpion to "White Eagle." Scorpio is a water sign governed by Mars, a fiery angel (or angle) and these people must be careful and not allow too much steam.

Gems: Topaz and malachite.

Astral Colors: Golden brown and black.

In Bible Alchemy, Scorpio represents Simeon, the second son of Jacob, and means "Hears and is heard."

In the Symbolism of New Testament, Scorpio corresponds with the disciple Andrew—meaning ascension or transmutation.

## The Sign Cancer and Its Ruler, the Moon.

The sign Cancer and its ruler the Moon are ever causing changes in the forms of life over which they have influence.

All forms of matter that come under the domination of this sign and planet are extremely liable to fermentation and putrefaction. From a scientific point of view putrefaction is the only method employed by nature, in the process of returning the organs of the body that are deprived of life, to a more simple composition, in order that their elements may be employed for new purposes.

It will be observed that all fungi vines, etc., grow more rapidly at night, such as vines of the nature of squash, pumpkin, etc. Also cabbage and similar plants will grow as fast again at night as in the day time and, while they have much consistency, there is really but little vitality contained therein and they putrefy and ferment with great celerity. They may be considered as under the lymphatic temperament of the vegetable kingdom.

The common ferment in daily use, viz.: yeast, also comes under this class, a series of the most simply formed cells, rapidly and continuously reproducing themselves, by germination and fissure. The fact is that the natural ferments of the earth are of more importance in nature's great scheme than is generally known and through their processes are elucidated many things which may at times appear mysterious.

Those portions of land, that come under the cancer influence, will be notable for their fruitfulness, and there are to be found many places where the fermentation is much stronger than others.

Wherever this is found to exist there will be discovered a stratum of closely



packed gravel, about one to two feet in depth, forming a natural drainage and filter, and wherever found it will be observed that the soil will be most productive of fruits and especially such vegetables as come directly under the rule of the moon and cancer.

The substances albumen and fibrin come under the domination of the sign cancer although fibrin in some respects also comes under a Mars influence in its composition. Another element that is under the Mars influence, viz.: Sulphur, though scarcely distinguishable, at least by chemical analysis, but still at the same time will suffice to give it a specific form and function, a self-coagulating property that is indeed interesting in the natural antipathy that is found to exist between the sign Cancer and the planet Mars.—*Science and Key of Life.*

### Topical Notes.

BY SNOWDEN HALL (STELLARIUS).  
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It is proposed in this series of articles to deal with Astrology, Spiritualism, New Thought and other cognate subjects in a topical manner. An endeavor will be made to show the relationship existing between planetary action and current affairs, the writer being of opinion that all important events have their origin in stellar causes, "As above so below," runs the old Hermetic maxim.

A great revival in matters astrological is noticeable in England at the present time and interest in the ancient science appears to be growing on every hand. The number of students is increasing rapidly especially amongst the more cultured and intellectual classes, Mr. Arthur Mee, the well known astronomer, being one of the most notable of recent converts. This gentleman is mainly responsible for the foundation of a very flourishing astrological society which holds its meetings regularly in Cardiff, South Wales, meetings which are chiefly devoted to research work upon a thoroughly scientific basis.

A noteworthy feature so far as England is concerned is the increased attention which is now being given to National, or Mundane Astrology. Hitherto the Natal or Genethliacal branch of the science has

claimed most attention by the leading English astrologers, with the possible exception of Zadkiel, whose Almanac is generally recognized as being the best publication dealing with mundane astrology.

The immediate future appears to be pregnant with epoch-making happenings, presenting many opportunities for the erection of figures and the forecasting of events of national importance.

As many of our readers will be aware, the month of August was noteworthy in this country for a series of strikes and labor troubles which threatened at one time to plunge the nation into civil war. These upheavals coincided exactly with a series of adverse planetary aspects. The first strike began on August the Ninth when the Sun formed a square aspect with Mars, this was followed by Sun square Saturn on August 13th, Mars coming into conjunction with Saturn on August 16th on which date the great railway strike reached its most acute stage.

In view of the strained relations at present existing between France and Germany, due to the Morocco crisis, it is interesting to note that English astrologers predict that whatever success Germany might gain in the first stage of a great European war would certainly be followed by disaster and ruin if the war were prolonged, and that the break up of the German Empire would in all probability be the final result. Disaster at sea is strongly indicated in the Horoscope of the German Emperor.

Bearing in mind the fact that our army is being held in readiness for immediate mobilization in anticipation of complications, nothing is stranger than the unconcern with which the ordinary Englishman views the preparations for war. He regards them much in the same way as he would the preparations for a new play. The truth is, the English people of this generation do not know what a great war means, a war when the guns are heard from the house-tops and when men die in hundreds of thousands.

A number of new Spiritualist Societies have recently come into existence in London, indicating the gradual growth of the movement, but on the other hand one or

two of the older societies appear to be in difficulties. The Marylebone Spiritualist Association, one of the best-known societies in the Metropolis which has been in existence for nearly forty years has been compelled to make an appeal for funds, and, apparently, unless assistance is promptly forthcoming the work of the society will come to an end.

The Theosophists in London will shortly be in possession of a headquarters of their own, Mrs. Besant, the President of the Society, having recently laid the foundation stone of a new edifice to be erected in Tavistock Square. This has led Spiritualists to ask when they will have a headquarters of their own in London. At the present time not only is London without any official headquarters, but hardly any of the recognized societies have their own churches, the meetings generally being held in hired halls or rooms, and the position of official Spiritualism in London can hardly be described as a strong one.

The need for a well-organized governing body is keenly felt, as under present conditions any one, no matter what his qualifications or credentials may be, can start a Spiritualist Society. It is generally recognized that this state of things cannot be allowed to continue if Spiritualism is to take the place in the estimation of the public to which it is justly entitled.

### Investigate!

L. E. JOHNDRO.

Why not investigate planetary influence as a possible key to philosophy: to psychology—the Giant of modern science who is bearing the burden of crime and the crown of virtue—the torch of temperamental and intellectual individualism, the balm to religious differences, and the light of dawn after the darkness of a long sociological night? Why not approach astrology as you do other sciences—with broad-mindedness rather than with idle curiosity, the superstition of traditional ignorance, or the prejudice which rears itself within the scholastic mind that fails to see the underlying principles and cosmic laws beneath the observational or symbolic garb in which an infant or resurrected science must at first clothe itself. Science, like a child, sees far

and long before it reasons; it grasps in infancy truths it late explains: thus, "A little child shall lead them," and thus are the greater truths 'withheld from the wise and revealed unto babes'—of the next generation.

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Learn of the influence of planet upon planet, sun upon planet, and sun upon sun, and you will not, if you are free from religious prejudices and theological errors, long doubt nor marvel over their psychological influence on man, but will soon grasp the fact that "God's in his heaven, all is right with the world"—that Infinite Intelligence not only rules the Cosmos, but that it rules through fixed laws, universal in their scope, constituting the 'Cause of the causes.'

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Planetary influence upon mankind is too far-reaching in its significance to be accepted or rejected lightly upon the word of the minority who are conscientiously investigating and advocating it, or upon the word of the majority who, without investigating it, denounce it. It pleads for what it will one day demand—the individual inquiry of the theologian, the moralist, the scientist, the thinker, the sage!

### The Outlook for November, 1911

By FREDERICK WHITE,

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The Full of the Moon occurs on the 6th at 9:48 a. m., and the New Moon on the 20th of November at 2:49 p. m. Chicago Standard time, or one hour earlier for Washington time.

At the time of the Full of the Moon on the 6th of November the Sun is coming to an exact opposition of Saturn, the aspect occurs on the 9th of November. The Sun will separate from this aspect after the 9th and be applying to an aspect of Jupiter and Uranus, both good aspects, therefore, I judge that the first 10 days of the month will be somewhat uncertain, dull in business affairs, health of the people generally not as good as usual, and consid-

erable discontent, many feeling blue and gloomy, etc.

Cereal and stock markets will feel the effect of this influence of Saturn and be somewhat dull as well as weak, selling off more or less.

I consider the first half of the month not as favorable as usual, for starting important moves or changes for the individual, as it is a period when ones judgment is not as good as usual unless their individual Horoscope is better than the average. From the time the Sun comes to the conjunction of Jupiter, on the 17th, the influence will be considerably better, and more favorable for all affairs, health conditions, etc. Stocks and cereals will be more steady and have better advances, and the general feeling among business men will be better.

Jupiter will be applying to a good aspect of Neptune and Uranus after early November, this is much better for business affairs generally all through the country, and we may expect much more encouragement, less discontent and less of the unsettled condition that we have been having in the past few months.

It is the good aspects between Jupiter, Uranus and Neptune that makes high prices and lots of business, and I shall expect a good increase in business and good advances in cereals and stocks within the next few weeks after the first of November.

#### *The Days of November, 1911.*

1st. Moon trine with Sun at 4 p. m. is very good, push affairs, buy.

2d. Moon sextile with Saturn at 9 a. m. is generally good although quiet.

3d. No close aspects, is somewhat quiet and dull.

4th. No close aspects, rather quiet, dull, but fairly good for every day affairs, etc.

5th. Sunday. Moon separating from bad aspects, is changeable.

6th. Full Moon at 9:48 a. m. is changeable and risky, be careful, avoid risks.

7th. Moon trine with Venus at Noon, is generally favorable and good.

8th. Moon separating from bad aspect of Mars, is changeable and risky.

9th. Sun close to Saturn. No Moon aspects, dull, quiet and uncertain.

10th. Moon applying to trine of Sun, is generally quite good, but quiet.

11th. Moon conjunction with Neptune, 10 a. m. is active and changeable. Sell.

12th. Sunday. Moon applying to square of Saturn, a good day to be religious.

13th. Moon square to Jupiter at 9 a. m. active, changeable and uncertain.

14th. Moon separating from square of Mars, risky and changeable, be careful.

15th. Moon sextile with Jupiter at 4 p. m. a good day, push affairs, buy.

16th. Moon trine with Mars at Noon, generally good, ask favors.

17th. Moon applying to bad aspects, be careful, avoid risks.

18th. No close aspects of Moon, Sun conjunction with Jupiter, a good day for starting important changes.

19th. Sunday, Moon opposite Saturn, another day to shame the Devil.

20th. New Moon at 2:49 p. m. is fairly good, for starting new affairs, etc.

21st. Moon sextile to Venus 6 p. m. good, active, etc., push affairs.

22d. No close aspects, but the day is generally favorable for new affairs.

23d. No close aspects, looks quiet, dull, but fair.

24th. Moon trine with Saturn 2 p. m. is generally favorable.

25th. Moon conjunction with Uranus 2 p. m. is deceiving and uncertain, be careful and avoid risks.

26th. Sunday. No close aspects, is generally good for Sunday.

27th. Moon trine with Venus 8 a. m. is generally good.

28th. Moon square with Mars 10 a. m. deceiving, be careful.

29th. Moon sextile with Saturn 2 p. m. generally even and favorable.

30th. Moon sextile with Uranus and Neptune, is generally favorable for new affairs, changes, etc.

### A Glimpse Ahead.

War between the United States and Japan has been predicted by savants—wise and otherwise—for the past four years, and yet it is not upon us. The warning to prepare has been sounded again and again by men who dream, men who think, and military experts who ought to know; and yet

no adequate preparation is in evidence. Sublime in the faith epitomized by Bismarck—that "the Lord takes care of babes, fools, and the United States"—the years tick themselves off on the celestial dial and we continue to smile indulgently upon the prophet!

But what shall we say when the hour of war has struck, and that tomorrow becomes today? And what is the prophet's dreaming to a nation's slumbers in the face of such an hour!

Yet the prophets who see afar are often poor observers of the celestial clock. Hence when strikes this hour which they presage? The great question is no longer one of war, but one of how soon, how late?

The mathematical astronomer predicts the time of the tides, an eclipse, even the perihelion passage of long-period comets, and

the phenomena he forecasts verify his calculations on time, and are as certain as they are inevitable. The mathematical astrologer measures the climacteric times of astro-psychologic impulsion in the affairs of individuals and nations, and his calculations are as matter-of-fact as those of the astronomer—he does not exercise his intuition nor clairvoyantly evoke the spirits of the dead; mathematics is his sole gift of prophecy.

He measures the time of the Japanese-American war to be central April to July, 1913. War threatens from mid-spring to mid-autumn 1912, and may be delayed only by the greatest diplomacy. Peace is possible about March 1914, but not very certain until an even later date.

—L. Edw. Johndro, Rochester, N. Y., February 2nd, 1911

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### The Tear.

WILLIE HAY, JR.

A tear is simply the sign or the indication of an expression. It is not the expression. If tears were not observed, or some other emotional sign, no one would know that an individual really suffered the infliction of misery or sorrow. God intended these emotional signs to be made in

such a manner that others might behold and understand. Another is always receptive to our emotions to a greater or less degree. It is hard for one who is depraved to resist to a degree, some pity and compassion for one so inflicted with grief whether they make any demonstration, and this atmosphere has influence for good on these depraved creatures, because mankind is subject to the law of suggestion. Tears are to the person who gives vent to them the same office that the poet gives to his lines, or the musician to his melody, being expressions. So then what is the cause of the expression? The best answer I can give to this is,—it is the tendency of the soul to obtain harmony of spirit, and it belongs to an eternal principle which we term God.

Tears are always followed by good effects. They are soul renovating. Artificial tears or expressions are not genuine, because these expressions have not the emotion behind them. Emotion is the test of genuine tears, the same as it is the test of genuine eloquence. Artificial tears or expressions are the product of man's mechanical efforts,—like the actress upon the stage, but genuine tears are the product of God's instrumentality.

A little girl was overheard talking to her doll whose arm had come off, exposing the sawdust stuffing:

"You dear, good, obedient dolly! I knew I had told you to chew your food fine, but I didn't think you would chew it as fine as that."

### A Lullaby.

GEORGE W. PRIEST,

Bylo, bylo, Tousled Head of Brown.  
Bylo, bylo, its oh, for Sleepytown!  
Of all the pleasures of the day this is the purest fun—  
(Short way to Sleepytown, the journey just begun.)

Bylo, bylo, rocking to and fro;  
Bylo, bylo, watch the firelights glow:  
Tales of fairy, elf and fay are from the fancy spun—  
(Short the way to Sleepytown, and half the journey done.)

Bylo, bylo, bright eyes no longer beam;  
Bylo, bylo, drifting in a dream;  
Lower sinks the weary head, the moments, heedless, run—  
(Short the way to Sleepytown, and all the journey done.)

### The Battle.

This life!—a battle that I long to fight,  
Yet fear to lose! A chasm yawns behind,  
The precipice edge a slippery foothold gives,

Blank fog hides all before; and here I find  
Victory or death. Each day is a battle-ground,

Each day bears tale of triumph or defeat;  
Each day, anew, I nerve myself to strike  
And to receive; to conquer, or to bow  
Subdued.

O Thou I love, who knowest all,  
Who hearest all, who judgest all! is not  
The will, in Thy sight, equal to the deed?  
Were it not so, how utterly despair  
Would crush me! For with these imperfect powers,  
What can I do?

Ay, even though I fail  
In all my life's work, will I turn to Thee,  
As a tired child at evening, with a smile,

And faith unshaken. When the warrior falls,

Scarred, seamed by battle, sick of endless strife,

Yet loyally on the field,—methinks, how soft  
The quickening breath that stirs his spirit's  
deeps,

And bids him live again, in rest, in peace!

By *Mary Isabel Wymore,*  
*Dubois, Illinois.*

### At the Ebb of the Tide.

ORIANA.

When the tide is at the ebb,  
And the sands are bare;  
When the moon is on the wane,  
And the night lamps flare.

When the wreckage from the sea  
Lies scattered o'er the marsh,  
When the faces of loved friends  
Show strangely cold and harsh.

Then I sing my song of faith;  
I see the tides return;  
I see the jewels 'mid the wreck,  
The stars! how bright they burn!

In the crescent of new moon,  
See the lady of my dreams!  
This lesson slowly I have learned:  
Life is fairer than it seems.

*Oriana.*

### Perhaps.

BY ALLEN ROSENKRANS.

If one might catch the vagrant birds,  
That gaily flit in groves of thought,  
And home them in a cage of woods,  
And plume and train them as one ought.

Perhaps their plumage were more fair  
Than yet has human vision scanned.  
Perchance their song would pulse the air  
With matchless music o'er all lands.

*Penfield, Pa.*



## Psychic Research



### An Interview With Mr. Wm. T. Stead.

"You ask me 'What actual proof is there of another world?' I reply by asking what proof would there be of the starry heaven, of light, or of the existence of color to a world of blind men? If one or two of the blind men obtained their sight how would they prove to those who remained in darkness that they could see what they saw? It is just the same way with us when we approach the question of the other world, our senses are blinded, but here and there are some who can see. That is to say, there are persons who have so far evolved in the direction of the higher humanity that they have what is commonly called the sixth sense. They see what you and I cannot see, they hear what you and I cannot hear, they receive impressions of forces that pass us by. They are the exact equivalent to the seeing man in a blind world. As to the value of their testimony you have to check it just in the same way as the blind men would check that of the first seeing persons who discerned the stars, light and color. We satisfy ourselves first as to the general credibility and trustworthiness of the witness. If he is a man whose word can be taken upon all ordinary matters there is at least a *prima facie* case for believing that he is speaking the truth even when you have no means of checking the accuracy of his testimony. Secondly, you need to compare the testimony of many such witnesses, and if you find that when they are examined and cross-examined apart from each other they all agree in the main as to the facts to which they testify it is reasonable to conclude that, in the absence of any possibility of collusion, they are really describing that which has real existence. Now these two decisive factors, first the trustworthiness of the witnesses,

and secondly the agreement among themselves as to the fundamental facts, are both established beyond all gain-saying, therefore I say we may fairly accept their testimony. Now what is it that these people tell us without any variation? They have told us in all ages that there is another world, and that we here are but in a state of brief probation, and pass at death into another state of being from which it is possible to communicate with mortals. The details vary indefinitely as to the nature of that other world and as to its relation to this, but there is no difference of opinion on the fundamental questions, that the other world exists, that it is closely related to this, and that the life lived in the body affects directly and decisively our condition in the next world.

—From an interview published in *U. F. C. Magazine, England.*

### Our Loved Ones.

FANNIE HERRON WINGATE.  
Battle Creek, Mich.

Not lost, ah, no! just gone before,  
The dear ones whom we miss today;  
Not dead, ah, no! but living still,  
And not in some vast Far Away;  
But only passed within the veil  
Which hides them from dull mortal sight,  
They live and, freed from cares of earth,  
Dwell now within God's purer light.  
And so we hush our wildest grief,  
Although our lone hearts miss them so,  
For they are in God's keeping, and  
He still will care for them, we know.  
We thank Him for those beauteous lives  
Which held no shadow of reproach,  
We thank Him for the memories  
On which no evil can encroach;  
And so we turn to comfort those  
Whose hearts more bitter grief have known,  
And striving to cheer other hearts,  
Lo, we bring comfort to our own.



# Books and Periodicals

MISCELLANEOUS REVIEW



## Glimpses of the Next State.

THE EDUCATION OF AN AGNOSTIC

By VICE-ADMIRAL W. USBORNE MOORE.

Published by Watts & Co., Fleet St.,  
London, England.

This book contains the narrative of a man, wholly devoid of psychic faculties, who has been led by a ministering visitant from the next state of consciousness into the investigation of Spiritism, the science of the invisible world that surrounds us, and of communication with its inhabitants.

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E. H. PRATT, M. D.

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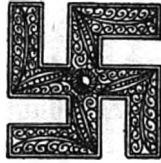
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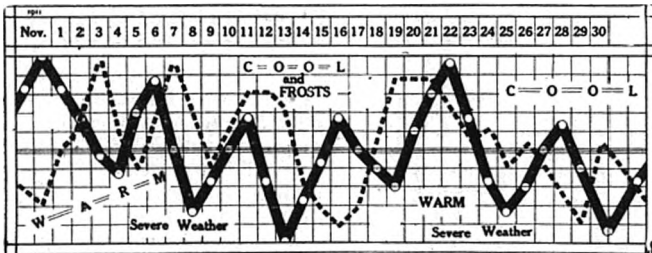
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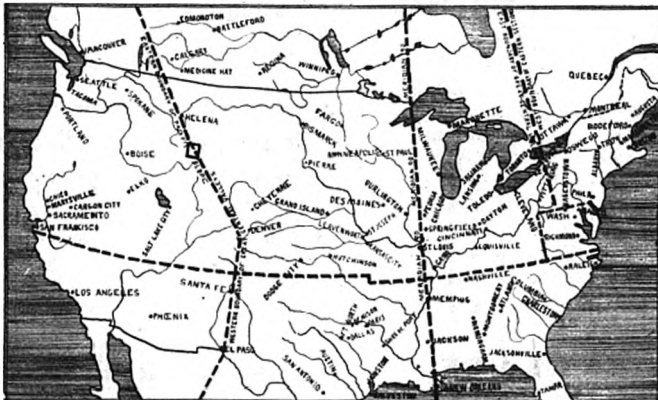
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November will average warmer than usual; dry in plains states, Texas, Oklahoma and parts of New England; elsewhere from about to above normal rainfall. Wet in Cuba. High temperatures first ten days and from 17 to 24. Low temperatures balance of month. Frosts not far from Nov. 13 and 27. Severe weather 5 to 8 and 21 to 26. Dry near 13 and last six days. Frequent showers or snows balance of month. Most rain within 300 miles of St. Louis. Greatest drought southwest Texas.

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