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His sinews with the strong and proves best;
But he who dwells where weaklings congregate,
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Who is the good? Not he who walks each day
With moral men along the high, clean way;
But he who jostles gilded sin and shame,
Yet will not sell his honor or his name.

Who is the wise? Not he who from the start
With Wisdom's followers has taken part;
But he who looks in Folly's tempting eyes,
And turns away, perceiving her disguise.

Who is serene? Not he who flees his kind,
Some mountain fastness, or some care to find;
But he who in the city's noisiest scene,
Keeps calm within, he only is serene.

—ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

PAGANINI

"He shambled awkward on the stage, the while
Across the waiting audience swept a smile.

"With clumsy touch, when first he drew the bow,
He snapped a string. The audience tittered low.

"Another stroke! Off flies another string!
With laughter now the circling galleries ring.

"Once more! The third string breaks its quivering strands,
And hisses greet the player as he stands.

"He stands awhile—his genius unbereft
Is calm—one string and Paganini left.

"He plays. The one string's daring notes uprise
Against that storm as if they sought the skies.

"A silence falls; then awe; the people bow,
And they who hissed are weeping now.

"And when the last note, trembling died away,
Some shouted 'Bravo!' some had learned to pray."

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Barnacled.

The hull of a great ship that plows the ocean from port to port, bearing its treasures of human life and rich merchandise, becomes after a time so enwrapped with barnacles that it is taken into dry dock and an army of workmen employed to free the great structure of these parasites before it may again speed on its mission of usefulness.

Individuals, churches, corporations, governments are more or less hampered by parasitic growths.

The average man today is barnacled by social and religious prejudices that cause him to move clumsily and slowly along, censuring and being censured by his fellows, harassed by fears of imaginary foes and woes.

Churches are restricted in their reform work by creeds, the parasites of ignorance and immaturity.

Corporations are bungling along encrusted with the greed of gain. Governments are crippled by arbitrary rules and statutes of past centuries—the barnacles of efete conditions.

While intelligence concedes that these things are true, it also admits that being awake to the truth of an issue is equal to one-half of the battle for its accomplishment, and the hull of the great ship of progress is today being stripped of the dead weight of much past error that it may move more swiftly through the great sea of the problems of human achievement. The individual is learning to make his own deductions, both social and ethical.

As the individual becomes free, the church must drop its fossilized creeds, the body politic must swing out into broader, deeper waters—the safer cur-

rents of universal welfare. Universal welfare being paramount to the individual, the church, the corporation, the government, because including all parts in its simple, majestic wisdom.

Speaking of creeds, one is reminded how tolerant should be the mind that seeks to trace their threads in the tapestry of life. As a child, dreaming, deems its fancies real, its structures lasting, so does mankind, amid ceaseless activities, build and tear down its playhouses of reason.

Creeds are but opinions, religious, political, social, and what power they have to sway the destinies of men, what power to rule the world! These opinions are built from thoughts; who dare deny that thoughts are powerful things? They marshal great armies, inspire brave leaders and patient martyrs. They are citadels of mercy, towers of refuge, havens of peace, sanctuaries of holiness, palaces of joy. They are flames of purging fire and rivers of purification.

These powerful things, mysterious rulers of mankind, are also evil. They are traitors, beasts of prey, cowards, murderers; they are dens of selfish misery, prison houses of fear and horror, chambers of sickness and sorrow, flames of destruction and rivers of deadly poison.

From thoughts both good and evil have all creeds been formed. Some of them are feverish, fantastic dreams of a creator actuated by purposes beneath the natural impulses of his creatures. As intelligence wakens it realizes that broken law is the only avenger, that the same law if obeyed brings the reward of perfect achievement.

Man finds that his once dreaded enemy the bolt of lightning is his most

helpful friend, bearing him swiftly where once he tolled wearily on foot, pouring radiant light into the darkness of his night, and he comes to realize that so it is with every force of nature, and he naturally reconstructs his opinions and adopts new creeds.

The readers of the *The Stellar Ray* are awake and in correspondence with thoughts that would build high towers of observation, some better fortifications against error, up on the highlands of courage, not in the lowlands of fear and dread; also peaceful havens of rest from bitter conflicts.

They are in direct relation with thoughts that would rest the foundations of their structures upon the limitless possibilities of infinite wisdom, and build their walls with gates that shall ever swing far outward as the incoming tide of comprehension flows within their arches.

Expression.

By Mary Isabel Wymore.

Art thou so sure
That life is but a training of the
soul

For higher tasks? Or that the whole
Thy work is good for, is to make
thee pure?

I doubt it not
That such an end true labor serveth
well;

But still, another thought doth dwell
Forever by me, with more meaning
fraught.

For it doth seem
So small a thing, on self to centre
all

The noblest aims of life; so small!—
Life lived for that alone were but a
dream.

One's self to make
More great—at once that serveth
many ends;

For while it deeper happiness
sends,
Doth it not soil for high endeavor
break?

The thoughts of God
Flow in eternal stream through
time and space;
And human souls that forward
face—
See they not visions calling from the
clod?

Eternal winds
The spiral of Progression; God
keeps on,
And in what yet is to be done
Man hath his part—O doubt not,
weary minds!

Work is an end
All in itself; great work is to be
done—
Ah, greater than in days ago!—
Then ardent unto it thy spirit bend!

For to *express*
One's self—that is a motive that
means all;
It means, that life can never pall—
Existence never be a weariness.

Through ages, God
Hath been expressing a gigantic
thought—
This universe; untiring wrought—
For what?—to build a Heaven out of
sod!

Nor yet 'tis done!
Oh, much is there to do! His work-
men we—
O justly proud we ought to be,
To serve with Him, where deathless
crowns are won!

For I conceive
That crowns—real crowns—our
deeds are unto us;
Sooth, they are living crowns! And
thus,
Undying garlands we of Good may
weave.

And where doth cease
 Creation's fertile store? There is
 no end
 Unto the blessings God doth send;
 And only from work realized, comes
 peace.

It is only to the finest nature that age gives an added beauty and distinction; for the most persistent self has then worked its way to the surface, having modified the expression, and to some extent, the features, to its own likeness.

—Mathilde Blind.

Mind and Health.

Have you not noticed that the pessimist is always an invalid? He may be upon his feet and moving, but he is never free from ailments and complainings. Do not believe that his pessimism is due to his ailment. No; his ailments are due to his pessimism.

Pessimism is as destructive a force in one's health as it is in one's purpose and performance. The pessimist seeks the shadows and wilfully deprives himself of the life-giving sunshine. The sun, flowers, the trees and the green earth smile at him in vain. The thrill of the birds, the murmurous whisper of the brooks, the organing of the wind as it comes cavalierly through the trees, kissing the silence into song, are all dead to his dulled ears. He hears only his own groanings.

Can one thus out of harmony with the forces of life hope for health? Never. Health is harmony. Discord is ill-health.

Optimism—happy, bouyant, wholesome optimism—counts more for health than do all the rest of the laws of hygiene.

Mankind will never begin to approach health until we realize that illness is not misfortune alone, but a self-inflicted wrong. We recognize this clearly enough in dipsomania. We can

trace consumption or pneumonia to a cold carelessly contracted. We know that smallpox, the plagues and infectious fevers are due to uncleanness of person or surroundings. And so on.

Enlightened science is relentlessly fixing responsibility for all our ailments, small or serious, upon ourselves.

Hypochondria, which breeds in idleness as malaria breeds in stagnant pools, atrophies the nerves and rots the body. The common tendency to magnify small ailments, in order to excite sympathy or because the mind is given nothing to dwell upon, causes these ailments in time to become real and serious.

Emerson may not have meant all this when he said: "A sick man is a villain." But there is no mistaking the precise meaning of Thomas Huxley who said a time was coming when a man who becomes ill will be regarded as a fool or a criminal.

—Popular Therapeutics.

Dr. Geo. W. Carey, of Los Angeles, Cal., will give a course of lectures in New York and Boston during the months of October, November and December. Until further notice the doctor's address will be 119 Massachusetts avenue, Boston, Mass., (office No. 3).

Captain Geo. W. Walrond.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Geo. W. Walrond, of Denver, Col., the eminent scientific astrologer is on the road to recovery, from an almost fatal attack of paralysis which confined him to his bed for many weeks. It is not only a pity, but it is constitutionally wrong, that so many good scientific astrologers should be classed as "Fortune Tellers," and threatened with arrest if they continue the practice of astrology. The best men everywhere consult the astrological practitioner as

to the affairs of life for they know that the stars reveal law governing life in its daily and annual routine from the cradle to the grave.

A Good Breathing Practice.

Every morning practice violent nasal breathing. Press on one nostril with the finger. Draw the breath in through the other nostril and expel it several times. Work hard at it until you feel dizzy. Change to the other

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—C. M. J., Quincy Record.

Stellar Science Department

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National Astrological Society. U. S. A.

It is much pleasure to us to report the considerable progress which the National Astrological Society is making in almost every state in the Union. With Capt. Geo. W. Walrond, one of the oldest and most reliable Astrologers in the world as its President, and Astrologers, White, Lewis and Keifer as Directors, who are also very reliable practitioners, thousands of persons through their connections are getting interested in the Divine Science of Planetary Influences, the Astral Mysteries of life and the general problems connected with individual and mundane affairs. There is no Fortune Telling attached to Astrology. The Science and its Philosophy is simply an interpretation of the natural laws of life. Unfortunately, there has crept into the Astrologer's ranks a number of pseudo Astrologers and pretending practitioners who advertise that they are the "greatest wonders" in the world and can re-unite separ-

ated couples and can bring really superhuman success. Every one of these pretenders are dead failures in their own lives, personal, individual and financial. It is this class of pretenders who work harm to the Science of Astrology, so much so, that it has compelled the Authorities in many large cities and many states to put the Astrologers out of business. In every city there are persons who have but a very slight knowledge of Astrological science who advertise extravagantly and criminally. These pretenders tread on the credulity of the people. The result is that many Authorities are not discriminating between the false and pretenders. The National Astrological Society is endeavoring to eliminate the pretenders and the directors are determined to take legal action against those that advertise these professional monstrosities. We are glad to know that the Society is really making progress for churches and colleges are being established in many of the large cities. The Society has at its headquarters, Crystal Bay,

Minn., a library of Astrological works for the use of its members. The membership fee is simply \$1.00 and 50 cents annual dues.

Are Text Books Reliable?

Stuart Armour.

PAPER 5.

John Churchill, the founder of the fortunes of the Marlborough family and the first Duke of that ilk, had Uranus in the 4th house and he met with a political fall and life in England had become so unpleasant for him that he resided some years on the Continent. Bismarck, too, had Uranus in this position and, in spite of an otherwise brilliant horoscope, after his long years of service to the Hohenzollerns, was cavalierly dismissed in disgrace from his high office by the present Kaiser. Marie Antoinette, who was guillotined at the age of 37, had Uranus on her mid-heaven and Saturn in her 8th square the Moon. This is one case where a peculiar death was presignified by a malefic in the "house of death," though I have not found this an universal rule by any means, and some with an evil 8th seem to have died a natural death. The Prince Imperial was speared to death by Zulu warriors and, though he had no planet in 8th at birth, Mars had fallen back by retrograde motion into that house at the time of his killing. His progressed Sun had arrived at the opposition of his natal Mars at this period. This chart offers an interesting study for students not only in directions but in transits as well. Ex-Mayor Eugene Schmitz, of San Francisco, had Uranus on his M. C. with Saturn rising and Neptune in 7th house, and he rose from a member of a theatre orchestra to be mayor of a great city, only to meet his fall on the exposure of his grafting administration in 1906, when Uranus had come to exact con-

junction of natal M. C. and his progressed Sun was in opposition to Neptune. He has not yet been sent to penitentiary, nor does it seem likely that he will be, but he did spend some time in the county jail. He had Moon and Mercury conjunction, Mars in the 12th house, and it is some confirmation of the effect of malefics in that house to note that of all the principal San Francisco grafters he and Ruef were the only ones to remain any time in jail, and as far as my researches went they seem to be the only two with afflicted 12th houses. However, it is well to mark that an evil 12th does not always mean incarceration in jail, for I know a woman with Saturn on cusp of 12th square Sun who has suffered much confinement in her own home owing to the fact that her father was a bed-ridden invalid, and in another case of Sun on cusp of 12th square Neptune the native was for years a recluse because she was ashamed to go out in public with her husband, as he got drunk at every opportunity. The 12th house "rules" confinement whether it be voluntary or involuntary and shows the limiting influence on one's career to a large extent.

This now brings me to the horoscope of George V. of England, and in view of our conclusions from the charts we have examined, it is beyond me to explain how astrologers can proclaim this nativity a very fortunate one. Some good points I will admit it has, but the bad aspects force me to the conclusion that during his reign England will lose some of her possessions and that George, himself, will personally experience many difficulties through the position of Uranus close to cusp of 4th in opposition to Jupiter. That his enemies and the enemies of his country will be powerful is presignified by the position of Moon and Saturn in the 7th house and the Moon representing his subjects being square to his M. C. tells its own ominous tale. Even Neptune rising sextile the Sun is not

reassuring to one who has made a study of the peculiar nature of this planet, and it is square the M. C., though the aspect is a wide one.

The general rules of the text-books so far as the mundane or house positions of the planets go are correct, but, of course, that is a very different thing from the astrologer predicting what the exact effects of such positions will be and what times in life the evil will eventuate.

We all have to die! That we know, astrology or no astrology, but it is an unfortunate habit of astrologers to predict us off the face of our planet before our time, as witness this prophecy from the pen of a well-known astrologer in an open letter to John D. Rockefeller: "However, when Jupiter passed over the Moon's place and Saturn formed the trine aspect to the Sun, you took a voyage to Europe and thoroughly enjoyed the first real holiday you have allowed yourself for upwards of sixty years. A beneficent Providence sent you forth upon a trial trip. You have another and a longer voyage to take. . . . During the latter part of 1907 Neptune will be transiting the place of the Sun at your birth and there will be unmistakable signs of organic changes taking place, accompanied by lack of vitality and waste of tissue. It is further to be observed that there is an annular eclipse of the Sun close to your birthday in the same year. When, therefore, Uranus forms the opposition to your Sun and the place of the eclipse in the Spring of 1908, you may confidently prepare for the long journey to which I have referred."

If my memory serves me aright, this was about the period the muck-rakers were in full cry on the trail of John D., but he very inconsiderately refused to die just to oblige this prophet. I cannot put my hands on them just at present to quote, but I remember well reading some predictions of English astrologers of some

terrible things that were to happen the German Emperor some years ago. In fact, when the prophesying spirit seizes some of our English brethren, their favorite pastime is to "take a fall" out of the Kaiser. In spite of these lugubrious prognostications William seems to pursue the even tenor of his way quite serenely. I do not except myself in these strictures, as there are some "rotten" forecasts of my own extant, and my favorite "miss" seems to be the Czar of Russia, and I can see all sorts of misfortune for him, but alas and alack they do not materialize, which is fortunate for him but very unfortunate to my role as an astrological prophet! However, I am going to "let up" on Nicholas II. if the transit of Saturn over his M. C. this year and next does not bring to light the evil I see in his chart. My predicted war with Japan has also been slow in materializing.

What the exact effects of the positions in the chart of George V. will be I am unable to tell, nor can any astrologer say. We have seen how even as good an astrologer as Zadkiel I. (Morrison) was mistaken about the afflictions in Leopold's, and how wrong he was about the deaths of Empress Eugenie and Prince Imperial, and it is only necessary to read over the back numbers of prophesying almanacs and magazines to realize what a large percentage of the predictions are wrong. Not even a small proportion are correct, and yet if one hit is made out of many misses, the astrologer calls on all the world to witness, forgetting that even if his prophecies were pure guesses he ought once in a while to hit the bull's-eye!

In my next paper I will try to show that while astrology is a beautiful study for those of scientific and philosophical minds, that it is totally unsuited for the purpose to which professional astrologers seek to turn it. That it should not be used for fortune-telling, nor should it be fol-

lowed as a profession outside of the teaching of it and the possible mathematical work connected with the figuring of aspects. That the giving of astrological "advice" is more apt to be a curse than a blessing to the recipients, etc.

A Few Things We Must Learn

L. Edward Jöhndro. 卐—卐 |

The ages that have passed have taught man much; those to come will speak further and more clearly, with greater discrimination and more concisely, and with that precision which shall leave no room for the sentimental veil of mysticism and occultism, and allow no tethering of truth to the manger of symbolism, there to starve feeding upon her own shadow.

Of what those before us have taught we accept or reject much or little according to our innate individualistic tendencies to lean forward or backward or to walk erect through the maze of phenomenality ever rising more densely about the laws of Nature like the obscuring and strangling grape about a budding rose bush.

We need skilled, but kind hearted astrological surgeons who will cut out its cancers without cutting off its head. Astrology has taught us that certain geometrical angles, which conform to the laws of crystallography, among the planets referred to the earth as a base, produce psychological actions and reactions in the living organisms upon the earth. But, like a well-meaning radical, astrology calls a "spade a spade," and, with that very convenient generality, complacently settles down with an air of having extended, in noisily proclaiming the obvious, all the elucidation necessary on the subject. With the enthusiasm of youth it forgoes the perplexities of maturity.

Astrology, in substance, tells us that a square is a square and totes out

geometry to show that all square angles are equal, snaps the book and glowers at us if we ask further, forgetful that the square angle in no way, alone, solves the size or volume of a cube. Forgetful, too, that a planet, being square to two points in the heavens as seen from the earth, may square to right or to left—to east or west, before or behind and that to assume that these two squares are equal or similar in EFFECT is much the same to saying that the bow and stern of a vessel are the same because both are at right angles to her center beam.

True, some one in the past, wiser than we, made the necessary distinction with regard to SOLAR squares, but veiled the dynamic reason under the symbolic terms "oriental" and "occidental," and these terms have become confused, and are, by many, taken to mean east or west of the prime vertical instead of east or west in the ecliptic from the point of angle. A planet may be east of the Sun in the ecliptic and at the same time west of the observer, or vice versa. Herein I refer throughout to east or west in the ecliptic and not to the eastern or western position by HOUSE, which must be treated as a separate problem.

Suppose the Sun is exact square to Jupiter and Jupiter is east of the Sun, then it is obvious that the real motion of the earth in its orbit is directly away from Jupiter, and the earth's motion is delayed by the perturbation of Jupiter. If the square is formed with Jupiter west of the Sun the earth is accelerated by Jupiter. The same is true of any other major planet in like configuration. It is true that the acceleration or retardation of the earth by even Jupiter is slight when expressed mathematically in geocentric co-ordinates, for this force is only about one-eighteen thousandths of the Sun's attraction; but when we remember that the gravitational stress of Jupiter on the earth is approximately 198,000,000,000,000 tons, are we logical in assuming that it makes no horoscopal difference whether this

force is accelerating or retarding the earth's motion—whether Jupiter is west or east of the Sun in the ecliptic? Or shall we say that because this tremendous gravitational force of Jupiter amounts to only about one-eighth of a drachm on a 150-pound man on the surface of the earth it can have no astrological significance? If so, then why does Jupiter—any planet—at the zenith raise the native's career above the common level, or why does Jupiter at the nadir (as with Lincoln) carry one down to posterity, etc?

Now this rule of oriental and occidental quadratures to the Sun is quite ancient and must not be confused with the same terms applied to position from the meridian of the hour. But we may have the same condition in the squares which Mercury, Venus and Moon form with the major planets themselves. In the latter cases BOTH planets of the square may retard or accelerate the earth. The same distinction of trines and sextiles, by east or west, must be observed, but I will not enter into that here.

To illustrate the foregoing: Mr. Roosevelt was advanced by the death of McKinley. His Sun and Mercury were on the zenith and square to Saturn in the 8th house (house of death), but Saturn, being west of the Sun, was accelerating the earth in its orbit on a line almost directly toward Saturn in the 8th. Now suppose Saturn had been square to the Sun from east or the Sun and in the 2nd house, can we assume Saturn would have circumstantially helped him to power through 2nd house matters as it did through the 8th (through McKinley's assassination), I think not, for in that position Saturn would have retarded the earth's motion and the quadrature to the Sun would have been a real cramping influence. For the same reason the transit of Uranus (the political planet, and the radical) square to his Sun from EAST of the latter, and from his progressed 12th (undoing), injures his political career at this time as it would not have done had the square

of Uranus come from the 8th and WEST of the Sun.

A male with Saturn square to the Sun from west, and the Sun in the 6th, has suffered no serious ill-health in life, and has several times been helped by the illness of superiors. A male with Saturn in the 6th east of the Sun, and square thereto, has suffered much in health and through the poor health or failure of employers.

The late Mr. Chaney had Saturn and Mercury in square and Saturn east of Mercury, Saturn retarding the earth. His bitterness of mind through the delays and circumstantial obstacles to his literary and professional efforts is well known to students. The late Mr. Wm. Stead had these planets in square, but Saturn west of Mercury. At the time of his death on the Titanic he was one of the world's leading editors. Circumstances (Saturn) never embittered his mind and in fact they more often furthered his mercerial interests. Roosevelt found no obstacle in the field of letters for Saturn was west of Mercury and accelerating the earth in its forming of their square, yet his literary efforts are those of a superficial trifier. I am concerned with EFFECT of the square aspect and not with its MERIT.

In cases of Mercury or Venus square to Saturn, the above rules true wherever the minor planets are near the Sun, but if the Sun is about half-way between Mercury or Venus and Saturn, then the acceleration of the one is about the same as the retardation of the other the effect is neutralized and the distinction must not be emphasized, and the square is converted in effect to more the nature of a favorable trine, as will be clear to anyone who will go into the problem. Such was the case in the square of Mercury and Saturn in the chart of Conan Doyle.

The nature of a square aspect is always an INTERFERENCE, never a direct ANTAGONISM like the opposition. But it is a beneficial or injurious interference (of person or event)

according to whether it is a retarding or accelerating one—whether oriental or occidental. To know this is to make a long leap forward in judging many a matter in doubt under a square aspect.

By further articles I shall attempt to show that all squares are not evil in effect not all trines and sextiles good. Every student has found this to be so. Let us try to get at the reason by first admitting that Astrology is so full of misleading and indiscriminate geometrical symbolism that the real dynamic considerations are obscured beneath a confusion of generalities.

The parallel aspect needs elucidation and there is a fine distinction to be traced in the semi-square and quintile. The aspects need the searchlight of dynamics as well as of crystallography. Dynamics would add at least two more aspects which have never been considered; physics allows them, chemistry puts them in doubt, they demand research. These will be taken up in later articles, time permitting.

In conclusion let me beg that my fellow students cry not out against the complexities these problems of ever finer discrimination involve. Let them but remember how complex is Life, and that try as we may our finest distinctions must forever fall far short of approaching the real infinitesimal order throughout Nature. Common sense confines us to generalities and to all the blunders and fatalities of so cumbersome an order. Science and reason are pragmatic, they reduce the mechanistic slips 'twixt the cup and the lip to an ever finer order until these dissolve themselves into a flux of Spiritual perception free from the illusion of every appearance as the Sun is free from the vagaries of the Moon. He who does not welcome complexity is no scholar

and in him who lacks delicacy of discrimination all art and beauty lie dead.

Medical Astrology.

By Snowdon Hall.

The modern medical man is generally a superior person who is apt to regard astrology with ill-concealed contempt.

The superior person is, however, as has more than once been pointed out, one of the greatest obstacles to progress. It is customary for him to ridicule that which he does not understand.

It may well be that in their disdain of astrology, physicians are neglecting one of their most valuable aids in the warfare against diseases. The harm done to the profession owing to the continued neglect of a science which in days of old was the sheet anchor of medicine and which contains immense possibilities for the relief of suffering is very great.

It will be remembered that Harvey was denounced by the leading medical men of his day as a quack. Lister, the celebrated discoverer of antiseptic surgery, was scoffed at whilst the open air treatment of consumption was received with ridicule when the idea was first put forward.

The famous old herbalist and astrologer, Nicholas Culpepper, laid it down as an axiom that only those who study astrology are fit to practice medicine. According to Culpepper physic without astrology is like a lamp without oil.

Galen said that the remedies appropriate to the cure of any malady "are only to be known and judged by the stars," Paracelsus and Cornelius and Agrippa, who was physician to the emperor Charles V., were of the same opinion.

The soul method of healing will arise when more consideration is given to the essentially spiritual nature

of man. The modern physician deals only with external effects and physical causes. Until within comparatively recent date he has treated man as though he were body and only body, whereas the ancients never forgot that man is a trinity of body, soul and spirit. The recognition of this fact enabled Varacelsup, the occult physician, of the 16th century, to accomplish cures which baffle all the resources of the physicians of today.

It is a fact well known to the ancients that man is an image of the world of nature on a smaller scale—a microcosm within a macrocosm.

A knowledge of the close relationship existing between man's physical organism and the great world of nature would furnish the key to the correct treatment of many obscure diseases, for as Dr. Franz Hartmann points out there are numerous complaints which, for want of a better explanation are attributed to catching cold, etc., which as a matter of fact are caused by changes in the surrounding ether setting up corresponding changes in the body of the patient.

In their treatment of disease the old astrologer physicians relied mainly upon the use of herbs and plants gathered under favorable planetary influences. They realized that the nearest products of nature are those from which the sublimest properties are to be drawn.

The time of gathering the herbs was, however, considered to be all important, for as all herbalists know "if a plant be not gathered according to the rules of astrology, it hath little or no virtue in it," so that particular attention was paid to the movements of the moon which luminary has a powerful influence over all plants in order to select a favorable moment for the plucking of the herb desired.

The basis of medical astrology lies in the fact that there is a close connection between the various signs of the Zodiac and the various parts of the human body. Thus Aries rules the head; Taurus the neck and

throat; Gemini, the arms and lungs; Cancer, the breasts; Leo, the heart and back; Virgo, the abdomen; Libra, the kidneys; Scorpio, the generative organs; Sagittarius, the hips and thighs; Capicorn, the knees; Aquarius, the calves and ankles, and Pisces, the feet.

Planets evilly aspected in these signs give rise to diseases affecting the parts of the body over which the signs have rule, for instance diphtheria, which is a disease affecting the throat is caused by evil planets situated in the sign Taurus. Mars in Aries gives a liability to brain fever, and Saturn afflicted in Sagittarius causes hip joint disease.

The Outlook for September 1912.

By Frederick White, Secretary National Astrological Association, and Editor of The Adept.

The month starts in under the full of the moon which occurs on the 27th of August at 12:58 p. m. The new moon occurs on the 10th of September, 1912 at 9:48 p. m. Central Standard time. At the time of the full of the moon Aug. 27th the Sun is applying to a square aspect of Jupiter, the sign Sagittarius ascending, making Jupiter quite strong and beneficial even if the aspect is an evil or unfavorable one, but it should be remembered that all bad aspects of Jupiter are better than good aspects of Saturn. I shall expect considerable activity to business in general with considerable increase in business, although many will be inclined to overdo, undertake more than they can conveniently carry out and will be inclined to extravagant. The cereals and stock markets quite active, although quite changeable, the square aspect being uncertain and changeable, some weakness off and on in the cereals, but subject to sudden changes with good strength. Weather conditions generally quite favorable, a little more of the Jupiter element in the weather, with north winds and

a little cooler than usual, and the north wind always brings fair weather, so Jobs says. At the time of the new moon, the sun is applying to a good aspect of Neptune, it being favorable for steady business, activity and confidence, and the coming month looks

decidedly in favor of the G. O. P. The Demos will have their inning later. The last 20 days of the month are much the best for starting important moves or changes, and are a little more even and steady in all general ways.

Contributions

Two Women—Homemakers.

Mabel Gifford Shine.

Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Braxton stood at their respective kitchen doors exchanging the morning salutations.

"Good morning, Mrs. Braxton, how do you do this morning,"

"Good morning, Mrs. Lane; I am as well as could be expected; how do you do?"

"I am fine as a fiddle, thank you. What a splendid fellow that robin is, up in your cherry tree. I have been listening to him. There's nothing sounds so homelike as a robin."

Mrs. Lane's face was as cherry as the bright morning, but Mrs. Braxton's face was woe begone. The two women were situated much alike, except that Mrs. Lane, in addition to her husband and children, had her own mother and her husband's mother in the family.

"I have no time to listen to robins or anything else," replied Mrs. Braxton.

"I have been listening while I sat here and shelled the peas," smiled Mrs. Lane.

Mrs. Braxton shrugged her shoulders; she too, had been shelling peas, and feeling very much abused, because all the children got up too late to shell them before they went to school. "I have to plan while I am working," she said.

"I don't plan," said Mrs. Lane, "I do things as they seem to come along."

"You would have to plan," replied Mrs. Braxton, "if—," she was about to say, "if you had the family that I have on your hands." She had said it to her other neighbors, until it had become a habit, but she caught herself just in time; Mrs. Lane had a larger family than she had, "if your husband was as fussy about things as Clarence is."

Mrs. Lane laughed; "yes, Frank and I have lived together so long, I know just what suits him, and I have got into the habit of doing it. And there are so many things that you do not have to think about while you are doing them, like shelling peas, washing dishes, sweeping and dusting, cleaning, making the beds, and all those kind of things. Now shelling peas is as good as a picnic; I can sit out of doors and look at things and listen."

"But it takes so long to shell peas, and there is all the other work waiting. It makes me nervous, and then I have to hurry around so."

"I don't let myself think of anything else that I am going to do; I enjoy it as though there was nothing else. And then I do not hurry afterward, I go on and do the next thing, and then the next as though there was plenty of time for everything. And there is; it all gets done; the same as

when I hurry, only I have a good time, and am not half as tired.

Mrs. Braxton sniffed; "Some people can; everyone says you are easy; some folks are born that way."

"I make myself," replied Mrs. Lane, cheerily; "I used to hurry and worry, and keep thinking about my work. You lose half your life that way, and wear yourself out. I am twice as strong as I used to be, and I get more done in a day; when you take things easy, they come along in a natural order that is not as wearing as the other way. Did you notice the sunset last night, We have a good many beautiful sunsets, but last night was the grandest of them all."

"I had something else to do, beside watching sunsets," replied Mrs. Braxton. "I was washing dishes, and then I had to mix bread; and then I had to go out and shut up the chickens. All the children went to a lawn party and I had everything to do."

Mrs. Lane was looking with great interest across the yard; "Look over there quick; isn't that the handsomest humming bird you ever saw? It comes every day. Are your sweet peas blossomed? I found the first ones this morning."

"I haven't had time to look."

"The children planted the seeds you gave me I hadn't time to play flower garden. I haven't thought of them since."

"What a splendid sight those morning glories are; I think there is nothing more beautiful; you ought to have some; they will sow themselves after they get started. They are a real inspiration; they make a glory that shines out over all the day."

"I love flowers," said Mrs. Braxton, "but they require so much time and hard work, I do not try to have them; I need my strength for more necessary things."

"It rests me to get out among the flowers for a few minutes now and then," smiled Mrs. Lane, and we all help. I have a table by my west win-

dow in the kitchen, and I can look at the flowers or the sky, and watch the clouds and the sunsets. Last night it was so fine I had to go out where I could view it all; it spread over the whole sky, and it lasted an hour.

"I did not mind doing the dishes and other work later; I felt so lifted up and joyful, and rested. It was a good deal easier than before I went out, for I was tired and wishing I had nothing more to do.

"We are all going to the woods tomorrow, for a basket picnic; we would love to have you go with us. We are going as far as Long Lake, and the pond lilies are in blossom."

"How could I leave all my work?" asked Mrs. Braxton, severely.

"Oh, just take enough food for dinner and supper then you will have nothing to do when you get back. Let Mr. Braxton look out for himself for one day. Frank really thinks it's fun to go into the pantry once in a while and see what he can find.

Mrs. Braxton shook her head; "You can do those things, I couldn't I should be worrying all day if I went off that way; I have to hurry around and get my work all done before I can enjoy anything."

"In that way your work is a burden and a drag and you miss so much of the beautiful world God has made for us to enjoy. It seems wicked to go through every day blind and deaf to all that is given us.

"And it is a matter of habit of thought. I believe many unhappy women could take a good deal of comfort if they would learn to enjoy all they can while doing their work, and think of their work as something to enjoy. And many a case of nerves would be cured, or prevented, for by this method the nerves rest while you work. The Mind feeds them fresh vitality, instead of robbing them until they are worn to a frazzle."

"Oh I smell something burning. That is always the way if I stop to talk a minute."

Presently Mrs. Braxton's voice was heard from the opposite side of the house relating Mrs. Lane's "queer ideas" to another neighbor.

Mrs. Lane smiled; "May be she will spread the happy housekeeping suggestions faster than ever I could. Now I will listen to the wind symphony out in the trees, for a moment, then I will go in doors and do the next thing, which is to cook these peas."

Give Me an Understanding Heart.

Oriana.

Thou God of all that lives and moves,
God of all that sees,
God of all that hears and loves,
God of all that breathes
The breath of life;
Teach me to live!

The sun moves grandly on its way.
The winds are coursing free,
The flowers by day, the stars by night.
Brooks and fields and trees
All sing of Thee;
Teach me to praise!

Many clouds obscure my sky,
Many doubts assail,
Many fears distress my soul,
Many voices wail,
All spectres dim;
Oh, make me wise!

Old belief enshroud my mind,
Old habits forge my chains,
Old ruts make pathways for my feet,
Old thoughts are my refrains
As I journey on;
Give me the new!

Make me as free, as light as air,
As free as tree and bird,
As free as love, as free as truth,
As free as music heard
From fields and hills;
Give my soul wings!

Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others. It consists in giving and in serving others.—*Henry Drummond.*

A Brave Girl.

The driver of a coal team was delivering an order the other day and the horse, after two or three efforts to back the heavily-loaded cart, became obdurate. The driver began to beat the animal and a crowd quickly collected. Many exclaimed over his cruelty, but the driver kept on beating the horse, when a little girl approached and said: "Please, mister, if you'll only stop, I'll get all the children around here, and we'll carry every bit of the coal to the manhole, and let you rest while we're doing it."

The man looked around in a defiant way, but, meeting with only pleasant looks, he began to give in, and after a moment he smiled and said: "Mebbe he didn't deserve it, but I'm out of sorts today. I'll let up on the whip and perhaps a lift on the wheels will help him."

The crowd swarmed about the load with a will. Many hands helped to push the cart and the old horse pulled it to the right spot with one effort.

—Our Dumb Animals.

Boy Culture.

To keep a boy contented, give him something to do, and see to it that he gets something for doing it. Do not make his work too hard, or too long hours at a time; divide it into parts, and encourage him to do each part well. Let him save his own money and buy his own clothes, giving him a voice in the selection of the same. A boy feels a good deal as a man does about these things. Let him have his own little room, a comfort-

able bed, and let him tack up all the pictures he wants to on the walls—your boy is worth more than all the plaster in your house. That mind of his is going to work on something. Study him to find out what he likes, and gratify him in everything that is good for him, so far as you are able. It will be like putting your money out at good interest. Try it.

—The Youth's Outlook.

A New Thought.

Charles H. Melers.

The noise of automobiles, cars, and steam

Comes to me as I woo inventive power

Enough to write one new thought—
dream one dream

That shall be deemed a product of
this hour.

And as my mind goes groping, half
afraid,

Into the great mysterious Mine of
Truth,

I feel that through this earnest effort
made

I shall bring forth a thought still
in its youth.

I seek! My eager mind strives hard
to find

One little thought that Man has
never found.

I feel it come in contact with my
mind,

And now I bring it forth and pass
it 'round.

'Tis this: Deep down within the
Mine of Truth,

Are thoughts that never have been
brought to light;

And he who seeks them all his life,
forsooth,

May bring forth gems, each new and
wondrous bright.

Emerson said of Lincoln: "His heart was as great as the world, but there was no room in it to hold the memory of a wrong."

Famous Queen Never Admitted Being Sick.

In an article in the June Woman's Home Companion on "Princess 'Pat' of Connaught," who by the way is called the loveliest and most popular of English princesses, the author says that the late Queen Victoria was averse to admit that she was ever ill. The author goes on:

"A lady in waiting tells as evidence of this of an occasion when she was summoned to the venerable sovereign. On her way to the royal presence, six persons met her, each saying with assurance, 'The Queen is not ill, only resting.' Finally she reached her destination; there lay the Queen in bed, a lace shawl about her head, a lovelier appearing old lady than at any state function, ill beyond all cavil. Still, ignoring any physical ailment, and intending presently to show herself in public, the Queen explained, as the others had done, 'I am not ill, only resting.'"

Chaffing Cholly.

Ethel—"Maud was talking about you before you came in. What do you suppose she said?"

Cholly—"Really, I haven't an idea."

Ethel—"Good guess. That's just what she did say."—*Boston Transcript*.

"Disease always attacks the weakest spot," remarked the Wise Guy. "I suppose that's why so many people get cold in the head," suggested the Simple Mug.

Psychic Research

Keep the Mind Open.

Editorial

What is mystery, it is something intangible, unexplainable by law, if we knew the law governing its action or appearance it would be no longer a mystery. We are living in an age of many solved mysteries, but broad fields remain to be exploited.

The success of the past encourages and the accumulated experience of centuries of research is with the scientist who is forced onward by the mighty law of evolution.

Mind and soul powers are unfolding as the springtime unfolds the flower buds. A mind freed from prejudice, which says: "I, myself am an ever present mystery, knowing not from whence my breath comes nor whence it goes and shall I close my mind and say 'I know the laws of the infinite, no mysteries for me? No, I am teachable.'" Such a mind will aid himself and his fellow beings. Such is the twentieth century mind, better adapted to receive truth than one hundred years ago when the common conveniences of today were regarded as evils or natural enemies of man.

Regarding the data of so-called phenomena, collected by the Psychical Research Society; it would seem that an intelligent mind must say: "These strange happenings will be explained by the discovery of the law which governs them. I shall not presume to say that spirit manifestations are impossible. I shall open my mind to all possibilities and await the revelations of evolving life. Shall I not listen to the many voices in my being which I do not yet understand? Also of the vast universe of which I know so little?"

Automatic writing is now so com-

mon that scarcely a community of enlightened minds is not familiar with the phenomena.

Telepathy places the thought of one mind into the brain cells of another, through the action of concentrated thought force. But the power to concentrate lies in the will, which is soul power.

When the vision is developed to see clearly and the ear to hear distinctly, the brain cells opened to understand the laws of life, marvels of today will become mysteries explained.

Love should dominate our minds, love of wisdom, not antagonism, nor self-assertion should retard progress.

The Brook and I.

Maud Lalita Johnson.

Afar in yonder, craggy mountains,
There springs a dancing, murmuring brook;
Now through sunny meads it rambles,
Now lies cool in shaded nook.
Now it tumbles down the hillside;
Hear it thunder, hear it roar!
A river now, it rushes wildly;
See the foam that lines the shore!
Now more calmly, gently flowing,
Softly gliding o'er the lea,
Still, serene it wanders onward,
Till it finds thee, endless sea!

Far from yonder shining portals
To this earthly sphere I came.
It matters not what is my station,
Nor does it matter what my name.
For be my path o'er rocky wildwood,
Over deserts drear and desolate,
Through forest dark, or lonely path-
way,

I know that this shall be my fate—
I'll be absorbed into the ocean;

At last I'll reach the long-sought
goal;
At last I'll see and feel and know
Thee,
Oh, Thou Great Immortal Soul!

Our Mother-God.

Alvesta.

The greatest truth today and by far the most important vital truth which must be recognized and entered into and influence our lives every day and hour, before we can have the right condition of things on this planet, whereby to establish materially that Great Day of Peace on Earth, Good Will to All, is the fact that there is a Mother-God, source of the Feminine principle of Creation, as the Father-

God is the source of the masculine principle of Creation.

It is God our Mother, "The Comforter" who speaks words of Peace, Hope, Cheer, Comfort, Solace and Joy in our souls, and tells us "She is here." We feel her presence, and are comforted as a tired, sick, hurt, or grieved child is comforted by its mother's soothing presence, words, and care.

Listen! now, to what our Mother, "The Comforter" sings to Her children of earth in Her Universal Lullaby:

"Hush and trust then, O my children!
There can nothing be to fear;
Ye're in Love's Eternal Safety,
For Mother-God is here!
Yes; Mother's always here; Mother's
here!"

The East Room.

Italy Hemperly.

He came softly into the room, and after closing the door stood looking about him with grief dimmed eyes. She had so loved this room with its large window facing the east; and he could fancy her over there now in the window seat behind the draperies, with the sunlight upon her up-turned face. He recalled the afternoon he had come home in a rainstorm to find her waiting for him on the wet porch, with her dusky hair blowing about her sweet, pale face. O, the happiness they had known in the brief three years they had been together after finding each other! And through all her suffering her beautiful faith in the goodness of God had never faltered. She had slipped away from life like a flower that closes its petals at the end of the day. Before her going she had assured him in her child-like faith that God knew best—that

there was some divine purpose behind it all. Perhaps something would have come to mar the perfect harmony that made for them one glad, sweet song. Only God could tell. And thus her soul had slipped out of its lovely, fragile temple while the stars shone in at the eastern window.

A great sob shook his frame as he bowed his head on the table among the soft, dainty things that still breathed of her presence. The stillness of the room smote his heart with a feeling of desolation. He had never been in it before without her. If only he could feel the tender, warmth of her clinging arms once more! If only he could feel some of her sublime faith in the life beyond. If he could know beyond a doubt that he would meet her again he would face the future with some degree of courage and wring from life some solace in work. But faith was but a feeble spark in his breast. He could not feel sure about any future life.

The wind came in at the open win-

dow and blew softly on his bowed head.

"Oh, God," he prayed, "God and Lucile, give me some sign, some visible token by which I may know that there is a life beyond this; that I shall meet and claim my own again. Oh, God let me know!"

The agonized soul of the man seemed to find some relief in this prayer. Utterly worn out he lay down on the couch by the window seat and his eyes looked up to glorious Jupiter climbing the sky among a myriad other star worlds. Perhaps one of those worlds was now her home and she was happy there in the faith that she would wait until his coming. Then he wondered if the inhabitants of those worlds reckoned time as we do; and did they have days and nights as we do. Surely if light travels 111,600,000 miles in ten minutes, as we reckon time, thought could travel even faster. With these thoughts his weary body relaxed in sleep. And in sleep he dreamed, for the soul never sleeps, but looks forth into the things not visible to the physical eyes. In his dreams his Lucile came into the room and her face shone with a brilliance that dimmed the starlight, but her eyes still shone with the love-light that had made them beautiful on earth.

With a smile she lifted one white hand and pointed to her writing desk in a corner of the room, standing thus until his eyes followed her gaze.

"You will find what you are seeking there," she spoke and her voice was like sweetest music. Then stooping she kissed his lips with all the oldest tenderness.

He reached out his arms to enfold her, but she slipped from his grasp out into the starlight. Then he awakened and looked out to the stars shining brilliantly in the midnight sky.

Surely she had been with him, he thought as he sat upright and looked about the room. Or was it only a dream? He would search the desk that still held the books and papers that she had placed there. He drew down

the shade and turned on the light. He found some rare, old books, with many marginal notes, and a package of letters that he examined carefully, but none of them contained or suggested any thing that he could connect with his dream. He was about to turn away in bitter disappointment when his eyes fell upon a book on the top of the desk with a silver paper knife of curiously wrought workmanship lying across it. As he took up the book a handful of shattered rose leaves fell in a dusky, crimson shower on the desk. He gathered them up and tenderly placed them in the open drawer. These were the last roses on which her eyes had rested before she died. He stood directly under the light while he examined the book. It was a beautifully bound copy of Maeterlinck's "Treasures of the Humble." Often she had read aloud from this book in the winter evenings. Near the center of the book he found a letter addressed to him in his wife's dainty chirography. He examined it and found it sealed. With a vague feeling of awe mingled with tenderness he broke this seal. It was dated October the 2, two weeks before her death.

"Dearest Heart—

"In some mystic way I know that I must leave you soon, and as I cannot talk to you of this now, I am leaving you this letter. And, O, my beloved! I have prayed that if it be possible I may return to you in some way. I believe that I may return to you while you sleep and your soul is free from all thought of earthly things. And if I come to you and direct you to find this letter, you may know beyond all doubt that God has granted my prayer, that this is proof that I live and await your coming.

It seems so strange to look out at the blue sky and the flowers and know that soon I will not be here * * * that I will not be here with you as I have been. This is the one thought that saddens me, but I have prayed that your faith may be strengthened.

You are up there in the busy city as I write these lines, and I am glad

that you do not know that I must go away so soon. * * *

You remember the book entitled "Why I Believe in Re-incarnation" that we read last summer at the camp. Read this again, Dear Heart, and you will find a new meaning in some of its pages.

O., beloved, I cannot write any more. The tears will come when I think of leaving you, but when I have passed into the Beyond, I will, if permitted,

reveal some of its mysteries to you. I will go with this prayer on my lips.

In life and death I love you. 'Sunset and evening star.'

Good bye!

Lucile."

His hot tears fell upon the writing, but he was comforted. She had been in the room tonight, a lovely radiant vision. Reverently he bowed his head "O, God give me faith, the faith of a little child!"

The Voices.

ORIANA.

Sweet and clear, to my listening ear,
When the summer twilights fall,
Come the happy voices I love to hear,
To my waiting spirit's call.

The feathered friends sing of joy and love,

The trees of faith and rest,
The brooks of freedom sent from above,

The flower of all that is best.

The hills sing of enduring might,
The meadows murmur peace,
But the Inner Voice brings blessedness,

And from all cares surcease.

Nature's Message.

ORIANA.

The wild bird flies to heaven; 'tis well,

He knows no bonds, no pains;
He soars to praise; on earth he dwells.

He builds on the lowly plains.

Pink flower petals come floating down,

And softly nestle at my feet,
They banish every sigh and frown;
This rosy shower, bright and sweet.

He who fashions the roses' cup
And folds them in the arms of day,

Can help me drink the glory up,
And make my life as fair as they.

Mother.

Verne Dewitt Rowell.

Oh, women may come and women may go,

But she patiently waits forever,
For the wandering boy and the erring youth

That the years from her love cannot sever.

Though fair forms and faces may linger

To brighten our sorrow and strife,
The deepest love flows from the heart,
fond and true,

That loved us to being and life.

And the mother-love throbs with its pleading,

And the mother-heart sobs with its pain,

When the heart of mere-woman is fleeting,

And woman's love turns to disdain.

To watch the corn grow and the blossoms set, to draw hard breath over plowshares, to read, to think, to love, to hope, to pray, these are the things that make men happy. The world's prosperity or adversity depends upon our knowing and teaching these few things.—John Ruskin.

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