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The Soul of Humanity Is Awakening to Realize Its Lofty Possibilities.

In keeping with the consecrated purpose of "The Steller Ray to assist its readers in the desire to attain a clearer concept of the majesty of the life embodied within each individual and the marvelous facilities with which he or she is endowed, whereby health, success, and happiness may be attained, we call attention to the fact that humanity is moving on towards a goal far beyond that which the finite mind can conceive.

The stages of development are often unnoticed by the individual as they are lived in some unfathomed deep of his nature and he may not be conscious of the change until some incident or circumstance of his outer life reveals it to him. The veriest trifle may be sufficient to pierce the veil and transfer to the lower mind that more complete consciousness which has been slowly bullded through many ages.

The Individual Key Note.

All forms, from the great fixed stars and suns down to the most minute atom have their own rate of vibration; each individual has his or her individual key note, color and sound.

In order to know these rates of vibration, and the chord as it were to which the individual is keyed the self consciousness must be raised from the personal self into that of the divine self.

Each one is similar to a musical instrument keyed to a certain chord and emitting a certain sound.

The great Master of Wisdom never makes a mistake when he hears the

sound, for it gives the key whereby it can be determined just where the soul has attained to in its evolutionary progress.

Very few with the exception of the students of divine laws, realize how clearly the character is manifested by the sound produced.

There are sounds innumerable that one has not heard and cannot comprehend until he unfolds himself to a harmonious chord with the music of the higher spheres.

An exact prediction concerning the coming destiny of any nativity can be accurately given only when the dominant note or chord of the individual is known together with the rate of vibration at which he or she is manifesting. Some are able to exhaust unfavorable influences and cross vibrations much more rapidly than others, depending largely upon the experience. This would be especially true with those whose minds sought diligently to co-operate with the laws of nature. By using the will in conjunction with planetary forces, aspiration and individual effort, the higher notes of the scale of vibration would be brought into action, and thus hasten the progress.

As humanity thinks and lives purely, as in manifesting love, so the coarser matter known as hate is cast out; until self has been dominated the progress would be very slow, great suffering be experienced until the knowledge has been attained that self seeking pride does not bring lasting happiness; that in order to find progress, he must assist humanity along with himself.

To Be Merged in Humanity Is to Be Born in Divinity.

What indeed can stand in the path of a soul who wins sweetness and

beauty from events and circumstances that men call Evil?

For he has realized clearly that the development of faculty is the anticipation of destiny; that the strength he gains today will eradicate the sorrows of the morrow and the hope and joy he attains today will give him strength of purpose to defeat whatever seeks to retard his progress.

That which marks the higher evolution of man is the breaking away from the barriers of selfishness and pride the passing from the personal into the birth of the universal. This age with its marvelous discoveries in the field of science, invention, and art, also reveals the unfolding of higher mind.

The sun's progress into Aquarius, strikes the key note of Unity, and harmony and Unity will be the dominant keynote of the future, among enlightened nations.

Institutions of all kinds for the improvement and amelioration of the present social conditions will become more general through a banding together of the more educated and thoughtful of humanity inhabiting the world in the present and coming generations. In this way are we beginning to reach the spark of divine man and womanhood, for to be merged in humanity is to be born into divinity.

"I have said elsewhere that the souls of mankind seemed to be drawing nearer to each other, and even if this be not a statement that can be proved, it is none the less based upon deep-rooted, though obscure, convictions. It is indeed difficult to advance facts in its support, for facts are nothing but the laggards, the spies and camp followers of the great forces we cannot see. But surely there are moments when we seem to feel more deeply than did our fathers before us. That we are not in the presence of

ourselves alone. Neither those who believe in a God, nor those who disbelieve, are found to act in themselves as though they were sure of being alone. We are watched, we are under strictest supervision, and it comes from elsewhere than the indulgent darkness of each man's conscience! Perhaps the spiritual vases are less closely sealed now than in bygone days, perhaps more power has come to the waves of the sea within us? I know not; all that we can state with certainty is that we no longer attach the same importance to a certain number of traditional faults, but this is in itself a token of spiritual victory.—Maurice Maeterlink."

Misdirected Energy Is Unnecessary

The science of chemistry, also of medicine, of agriculture, of government are universally conceded to be practical sciences, because to the average intelligence they bear directly upon the problems of human existence.

Astronomy may be deemed to be a science devoted to a subject remote from the requirements of physical life.

It treats of the magnitude, weight distances, composition, motions, etc., of the heavenly bodies, based upon observations made with elaborately constructed instruments.

Astronomy is a purely objective science, associated only with the forms or bodies.

There is, however, a science so comprehensive and practical that it embraces all phases of life and bears directly upon its every detail of expression; a science so accurate and absolute in its mathematical calculations that it points, as does a hand on the dial of a clock, to each individual adaptation, to each mental and physical characteristic, to changes, to

dangers, accidents, marriages, birth of children, sickness, health and success.

It indicates, with precision, the rising of the tide which will bear the individual to success, and when to launch his barque upon it; or of futile attempts at unpropitious times.

Just as there are proper times for seed sowing, that a harvest may be reaped, and experience prompts action in harmony with them, so it is practical for humanity to sow its seeds of endeavor under helpful influences instead of in the unresponsive season which tends to failure.

Is it not the part of rational consideration to determine the safest, most direct route by which to take a contemplated journey?

To avoid accidents, discomforts, digressions and delays?

So is it reasonable to determine these essentials, so far as it is possible to do, in the more important voyage of life.

The science of planetary influence, when properly understood, affords accurate information upon these important subjects. Misdirected energy is not necessary, for the stars indicate with unerring accuracy what are the lines of best adaptation. Tendencies to physical disabilities are pointed out to be fortified against, and so on through all of life's problems this great science will guide man's movements into paths of the least resistance and into vibrations that tend to uplift and enrich his existence.

Great thoughts and great emotions have a place in human history, which no historian has, ever given to them, and the future will be more determined by these than by the past.

Principles of a higher order are beginning to operate and the dawn of these everlasting lights is a sure owner of a brighter day.

A far higher and more rational con-

ception of freedom than entered the minds of those in past ages, is spreading itself and is changing the face of society.

Once the invariability of the law is considered, that law Justice itself, that we may alter ourselves by our will, and thus change the action of the law, we have taken a step toward a contented mind and a better future. How could the infinite of the universe, governing and sustaining this universe by love, be otherwise than just? May we all be perfect in the law.

—Science and Key of Life.

Letter From a Subscriber

Henry Clay Hodges, Editor Stellar Ray:

Dear Sir: You expressed my own sentiments very tersely in the four lines on the title page of your October number of Stellar Ray.

No Atoneing Blood can save
From Ignorance and crime,
Save thyself is the decree
Put forth by the Divine.

Physical life is the material out of which we build the temple of the soul. And every man is his own architect.

Consciously or unconsciously we are the manipulators of eternal energies which are self-operating, and will react upon our own hearts and lives either for good or ill according to the deeds done in the body. * * *

"Thought in the mind hath made us what we are.

"If a man's mind hath evil thoughts Pain comes on him as comes the wheel behind the Ox.

"If one endure in purity of thought, joy follows him as his own shadow—sure." * * *

Crime and punishment grow out of the same stem.

Seed and fruit cannot be severed. The effect already blooms in the cause, and God Almighty himself could not alter the result without reversing the Divine order of the universe, which would result in chaos. * * *

If I have wronged any man, woman, child, or my own soul, (And there are none of us who have not, consciously or unconsciously). I want to pay the full penalty in my own person, for pay I know I must, to the last jot and tittle.

I want it seared and burnt into my psychic memory so that such a mistake can never occur again in a subsequent state of existence, I want the knowledge, wisdom and understanding, which comes through the pain, suffering and disease, which follow in the wake of violated laws, and which is God's method of convincing my judgment and bringing me into atonement with his Divine laws. * * *

The only possible remission of sins, is to cease to do evil and to begin to do well. Then immediately the atoning power of nature and the soul, sets in to make us whole.

Thus it behooves us to ally ourselves on the side of God. To hitch our wagon to a star. To place ourselves in the middle of the stream of life, wisdom, and power, which flows into us from the fountain head. Then are we bourne along on the tide of that restless flood to higher realms of light and life.

The Cross of Golgotha

Will never save thy soul,
The cross in thine own heart
Alone can make thee whole.

God's spirit falls on me,
As dew falls on a rose,
If I but like the rose
To him my heart uncloze.

Yours truly,
—Wheeler E. Smith.

Following is given a sample of letters we are receiving these days in response to notices of expired subscriptions. If space permitted, many others would be published:

Dollars are necessary to maintain the Stellar Ray, but words of interested appreciation also possess an incalculable value as a sustaining and encouraging force.:

"October 27, 1912.

"Henry Clay Hodges, Editor The Stellar Ray:

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—Dr. F. M. C.

Yuletide

After the toilsome year of strife,
Of broken purpose and endeavored
pain,
There comes a lull in earth's hot,
throbbing life,
Sweet relaxation from the quest of
gain.
The passion-pulsing and soul-fevered
strain
Calms to the spirit of the glad
Yuletide,
And over all the wind-swept wintry
plain,
Do quiet and contentment now abide.
The Christ-life message, fraught with
tender love,
Softens again the lucre-hardened
breast;
Life's sordid colors fade, and from
above
A charm Arcadian doth o'er all
things rest.

—Verne Dewitt Rowell.

Stellar Science Department

Horoscope blanks and price lists will be forwarded upon request. Address Stellar Ray, Stellar Science Department, Detroit, Mich.

If you were born between Nov. 22nd and Dec. 21st, the sun was in the sign Sagittarius.

By Henry Clay Hodges.

The natives of this sign are inclined to be generous, impartial, religious and sincere, intuitive and original in their work; honest in opinions; restless in mind and body, enthusiastic and will follow more than one occupation or pursuit at a time. This position of the sun is good for health and the birth of sons, for voyages and change of residence.

In this sign are found people of fine build and kindly disposition, with good qualifications to fulfill the duties of life.

This is the last sign of the fiery triplicity and in its natives are combined the qualities of both Aries and Leo. They possess the pride of Leo and the persistence of Aries—the sympathetic nature of Leo and the executive ability of Aries.

The positions of the other planets in a natal chart modify the sun's influence to a greater or less degree. This may be observed by the effect of the different polarizations of the moon as follows: While the sun is passing through the sign Sagittarius the moon enters all the twelve signs of the Zodiac.

The sun in Sagittarius, and the moon in Aries gives a tendency to insanity; with the moon in Taurus inclines to thoughtfulness for others' comfort and welfare, a character kind, sympathetic and with good foresight.

The moon in Gemini gives a love of order and harmony, and increases the

activity of the Sagittarius nature.

The moon in Cancer tends to increase the economy, domesticity and industry. The moon in Leo gives mediumistic power and small regard for public opinion.

The moon in Virgo forms an influence which gives great discrimination in mechanics, architecture and fine arts, and makes natural musicians.

The moon in Libra, fine intuitions, quick perceptions, accurate decision, cool and quiet. The moon in Scorpio, positive, hard and sarcastic, impetuous, belligerent. The moon in Sagittarius, well balanced, active, prompt and adapted to a variety of professions; are affected very little by their surroundings. The moon in Capricorn, excellent business mind, active in plans and schemes. The moon in Aquarius gives ability to deal with the public, good business agents liable to over-exertion. The moon in Pisces, anxious, careful, worrisome, faithful, and if planetary conditions agree will be hard students, though Sagittarius, under any polarity, seldom makes practical students.

The Chemistry of Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21.

By Dr. George W. Carey.

The mineral or cell-salt of blood corresponding to Sagittarius is Silica.

Synonyms: silicea, silici oxide, white pebble or common quartz. Chemical abbreviation, Si. Made by fusing crude silica with carbonate of soda; dissolve the residue, filter, and precipitate by hydrochloric acid.

This product must be triturated as per biochemic process before using internally.

This salt is the surgeon of the human organism. Silica is found in hair, skin, nails, periosteum, the membrane covering and protecting bone, the nerve sheath, called neurilemma, and a trace is found in bone tissue. The surgical qualities of silica lie in the fact that its particles are sharp cornered. A piece of quartz is a sample of the finer particles. Reduce silica to an impalpable powder and the microscope reveals the fact that the molecules are still pointed and jagged like a large piece of quartz rock. In all cases where it becomes necessary that decaying organic matter be discharged from any part of the body by the process of suppuration these sharp pointed particles are pushed forward by the marvelous intelligence that operates without ceasing, day and night in the wondrous human Beth, and like a lancet cut a passage to the surface for the discharge of pus. Nowhere in all the records of physiology or biological research can anything be found more wonderful than the chemical and mechanical operation of this Divine artisan.

The bone covering is made strong and firm by silica. In case of boils or carbuncle, the biochemist loses no time searching for "anthrax bacilli" or germs, nor does he experiment with imaginary germ-killing serum, but simply furnishes nature with tools with which the necessary work may be accomplished.

The Centaur of mythology is known in the "Circlets of Beasts that worship before the Lord (Sun) day and night" as Sagittarius, the Archer, with drawn bow. Arrow heads are composed of flint, decarbonized white pebble or quartz. Thus we see why silica is the special birth salt of all born in the Sagittarius sign. Silica gives the glossy finish to hair and nails. A stalk of corn or straw of wheat, oats or barley would not stand upright except they contained this mineral.

Sagittarius people are generally swift and strong; and they are pro-

phetic—look deeply into the future and hit the mark like the archer. A noted astrologer once said: "Never lay a wager with one born with the Sun in Sagittarius or with Sagittarius rising in the east lest you lose your wealth."

The Sagittarius native is very successful in thought transference. He (or she) can concentrate on a brain, miles distant, and so vibrate the aerial wires that fill space that the molecular intelligence of those finely attuned to nature's harmonies may read the message.

Governing planet Jupiter.

Gems—Carbuncle, diamond and turquoise.

The astral colors are gold, red and green.

Sagittarius is a fire sign and is represented in Bible Alchemy by Levi, the third son of Jacob, meaning "joined or associated."

In the symbolism of New Testament Sagittarius corresponds with the disciple James, son of Alphaeus.

Herschel's Memory

Until he had become a very old man Sir John Herschel retained the strength of intellect and freshness of memory which enabled him to accomplish his great scientific work. Sir Henry E. Roscoe in his autobiography records an instance when Herschel was seventy-four years old.

One evening in 1866 I happened to meet him. He mentioned as an interesting piece of news that a star recently discovered had suddenly burst out into first or second magnitude.

"Do you know," said Herschel, "that when I was at the Cape I observed a precisely similar phenomenon?"

He considered a moment, and added, "Yes, it was in the year 1835." Again he paused but a moment and concluded, "On August the 16th, at 1 o'clock in the morning."

A line from Capt. Geo. W. Walrond, of Denver, Colo., refers to the astrologers who predicted Mr. Roosevelt's election.

We agree with Capt. Walrond that those who were confident of the election of Mr. Roosevelt have learned a lesson and may become wiser in the future.

Capt. Walrond, Frederick White, L. E. Johndro and Allyn Smith are the only ones to our knowledge who put themselves on record and predicted Mr. Wilson's election.

—Editor.

The Chaldeans.

H. C. Hodges.

The Chaldeans were known as the Wise Men of the East and their priests were especially famous in the science of astrology. They were known as the Magians of Babylonia. With them astrology was a religion. They held that the world was eternal, having neither beginning nor end; that all things were ordered, and the fabric of the universe was supported by divine providence, and termed the planets of the solar system, the interpreters of God's will; from their belief that upon these planets intelligences dwelt, originated Sabianism, or the worship of the heavens. They did not worship God direct, but instead worshipped those whom he had appointed as governors, namely, the stars and planets in the heavens. They erected large temples which were especially constructed for such ceremonies.

The Chaldean Oracles, were teachings which urged men to devote themselves to things divine, and not to give way to the promptings of the lower mind; for while the destiny of the human race is written in the stars, yet it is the mission of the divine soul to rise above the circle of necessity, and the oracles gave victory to that masterly will. Many of the Chaldean teachings may be found in modern theosophy, though the inner meanings

are lost to the present generation, and are not the true teachings as taught and practiced by the Chaldeans; for re-incarnation has been built up by modern students, while the true interpretations of the Chaldeans are lost.

Character.

The most important feature of astrology is its delineation of the character, and as character is destiny, no definite or correct prediction can be made as to the future of the life under consideration, until a perfect judgment is given relative to the character. Character in itself is the accumulated results of aggregated experiences in the past, and as the past conditions are never exactly the same, no two characters can be exactly alike. All the planets combine their share in forming the character; Mars gives courage, vitality, strength, energy; Saturn, perseverance, patience and stability, seriousness, contemplation and meditation. Venus describes the love nature, harmlessness and mirth. Mercury controls the intellectual side of the character; Jupiter gives compassion, benevolence, and manifests the religious and social qualities. The moon governs the animal and instinctual side of the character. The sun governs the moral, bestowing firmness and dignity to the character.

Whence?

By Allen Rosenkrans.

Whither, whirling through the vast
Speeds the splendid sun?
What the goal to gain at last,
When the journey done?

Is it always on and on?
Through eons birth and death
Nevermore the voyage done?
God the answer hath.

It is better to grasp and solve the problems of life than to learn to walk on a suspended rope or do bicycle stunts.

—Dr. Carey.

The Outlook for Dec. 1912

Frederick White.

The new moon for December, 1912, occurs on the 8th at 11 a. m. and the full of the moon on the 2nd of December at 6:30 p. m. central standard time, or one hour earlier for eastern standard time. At the time of the new moon, the sun is 16 degrees in the sign Sagittarius, in conjunction with Mercury and in semi-square to Uranus. The sign Aquarius ascends at the time, with Mars and Sun in the 10th house, over head. The combine at the time of the new moon is a decidedly generally to any extent, but the aspect of Mercury, being retrograde and coming in a slight evil aspect to Uranus, indicates more or less excitement, activity, considerable unrest and lack of confidence.

Business conditions a little uncertain and unsettled temporarily, some who have been contemplating important business inclined to hesitate somewhat money a little tight, etc.

The speculative markets unsteady subject to breaks. Those who speculate in stocks should be quite careful and keep good margins up, and sell short on any advances rather than buy on the breaks. Cereal markets a little weak the early part of the month, but turning stronger about the middle of the month and having more strength. The last half of the month is best for the average person to start important moves or changes.

The health of the people generally better than the average the last half of the month, the first half a little unfavorable for those who are of a nervous temperament, and such as are easily affected by weather conditions.

The outlook for war excitement in Europe is more or less uncertain and unfavorable till after the middle of December, then changing slightly for the better temporarily. On the 23d of the month, the sun enters Capricorn and is in close parallel to Mars, a very strong aspect; inclines to more or less disturbance among the war elements, more of the disputes that have been coming up. As Mars progresses into Capricorn and comes closer to Uranus and opposite Neptune, we may expect quite a little excitement, looks as though next spring the U. S. might have a finger in the war pie.

The Eternal Flame.

Levalley, the Telepsychist.

From out the vaulted reach of night,
From Eons' vast abyss,

Three stars were plucked by hand of God;

Received, of Life, His kiss.

These glowing rays upon our earth,
Became that breath of God,
Which raised the Christ from out the deep,

Made spirit man of clod.

The mists, the fish, the seeded cone,
Had being in the three;
These rays of light, Mind, Body, Soul,
As man at last are free.

As one we see them, now divine,
Rising from out the bowl,
To 'lume again the path of night
With radiant aureole.

The light is shed upon the path,
Love is its potent name;
It has its birth in good for all,
This great Eternal Flame.

The poor who live in barns should take courage. Jesus was born in a stable. However, if you don't want to be crucified you would better not do as Jesus did. I sometimes doubt that it paid; for there's Aldrich and Cannon and others.

—Dr. Carey.

The Mistakes of Astrologers

Frederick White.

The newspapers for the last five months, have been informing the public generally, that each and every candidate who has received the nomination for the presidency would surely be elected. Of course, no one believes what they see in the newspapers, which is quite fortunate, for if they did, a great many enthusiastic republicans, socialists and prohibitionists would have been seriously disappointed. Now, many are asking why some of the Astrologers are so radically wrong.

The great trouble with many Astrologers in this country as well as in others is that they think they know more than they really do, about

the science of Astrology; they are not dishonest as a class, in fact, with a very few exceptions, Astrologers are more conscientious and honest than those who have taken up the practice of law or medicine; but as a rule, they are more enthusiastic, and let their ideals run away with their head, unconsciously allow themselves to get biased and then judge from the bias.

We have several excellent Astrologers, who are fine in nativity work, all predicting that Taft would as surely be elected as the sun would shine. Others predicted Roosevelt would be the next president, because Wilson had his sun afflicted by Saturn, if they had taken the trouble to look over the natiivities of a number of the past presidents, they would find that several had worse afflictions and made better presidents than Taft, with his very good nativity.

Hereafter Astrologers would do well to state after each prediction, "this is my judgment of the matter calculated from the planets positions in the natiivities of the candidates, etc. * * * instead of confidently asserting as facts those things which later may be contradicted by the actual results.

Miscellaneous

Marriage and Divorce

By Rabbi Leo M. Franklin.

In a recent address to his people at the Temple Bethel in Detroit, Rabbi Franklin ably discussed the vital subject of divorce, giving rational methods of reform in dealing with this great menace to the sanctity of American homes.—Ed.

"Were it indeed a matter of fact that God has joined the husbands and wives together then there might be justice in the conclusion that by no human intervention should they ever be sundered."

"But when we know, as we do know, that in the marriage of some God has no hand, but only the agents of evil and of passion and of lust have been at work, then the conclusion does not hold.

"When, moreover, it is remembered that through the absolute prohibition of divorce the propagation of the unfit is encouraged, and creatures, human only in name, are brought to the world to suffer and be a burden and a curse to others, we must take a

somewhat different view of the matter and believe that, after all, divorce may sometimes be an element for the conservation of the sanctity and the stability of the family and the home rather than a cause of its destruction.

Make Them Consider Well.

"It is in line with our ancient Jewish traditions that divorce should not be absolutely prohibited, but that it should be surrounded with sufficient difficulties to make the parties well consider what they were doing before they made application therefor. Not the dissolution of marriage is our great danger, but the easy way in which marriage is contracted by irresponsible and unfit people is the thing which should call forth our earnest thought and our most determined opposition.

"I believe that every possible obstacle should be put in the way of easy marriage. I believe that the medical test should be insisted upon until it be put into the law of the state or nation. I believe in the publication of approaching marriages in an official way. I believe that the suppression of marriage licenses by county clerks should be absolutely prohibited and that such suppression should be made punishable.

"I believe that marriage should be possible only in the place of residence of one or another of the parties or in the presence of reliable witnesses acquainted with the parties and known to the person officiating. I believe that where divorce is granted the guilty party should be prohibited from remarriage for a considerable length of time or for all time, and that in no case should the immediate remarriage of divorcees be permitted.

To Perform Marriage Ceremony.

"I have no sympathy with the suggestion that authority to perform marriage ceremonies be taken from the church and vested in civil authorities, but believe that the issuance of the license being given to the civil author-

ities, the ceremony, wherever possible, should be solemnized by a clergyman, but that such clergyman should be bound by law as well as his conscience to aid in preventing the marriage of unfit persons. Above all, I believe that ministers should refuse to officiate at clandestine marriages, and I believe in the education of parents and the use of every educational means to press home the fact that marriage is not merely a means to the personal happiness of two persons, but involves the future of society."

Conditions in Europe.

"It is not well to generalize too much," he said. "If for instance, the number of divorces is very much greater in proportion to marriages in this country than in Europe, we must not forget that over there divorce statistics are reduced not so much by the fact that martial selections are so much more sacred, or domestic conditions more happy, but to the fact that marriage is a sacrament and divorce, therefore, impossible.

"And the increasing number of divorces in this country does not so much indicate a laxity of morals, but may be the result partly of new social standards and the increasing independence of woman, who today, finding herself bound by the marriage tie to a man unworthy of her, is no longer constrained by her dependence upon him to live her life with him in misery when dozens of avenues of independence present themselves to her.

"But other conditions that cannot be so happily explained, are unfortunately swelling the divorce statistics.

Clandestine Marriages.

"The ill-considered and hasty clandestine marriages, often between mere children who are morally unprepared to assume the sacred responsibilities which marriage brings, and of which we see lamentable exhibitions in our *Gretna Green* across the river, is

among the first of these. In meeting this fruitful source of divorce we must, of course, address ourselves to the social conditions under which such marriages occur and which are not difficult to trace.

"The saloon, the low dance hall, the cheap picture show, are today indeed the subject of serious concern at the hands of social reformers, but the influence which they exert on the young men and young women, often only boys and girls, whom they throw together in vicious surroundings, has not been overcome in anything like a sufficient measure."

Wireless Power to Supply the World

(By Richard Maxwell Winans.)

A bolt of lightning passing through the earth, and returning to the point of entry with undiminished force, was the astounding discovery made by Nikola Tesla, "Wizard of Electricity," inventor, scientist, scholar.

As the issue of this momentous discovery Prof. Tesla has perfected a practical system of wireless power distribution. And the universal application of the wireless transmission of energy will speedily solve vast and far-reaching problems in commerce and the industries, and will eventually revolutionize the whole structure of the world's social and political economy.

The farmer will be one of the greatest beneficiaries of the wireless transmission of electrical energy; and through him, as a result of increased yields and decreased cost of production, the people of the cities and public at large.

Some years ago one of the great American inventors claimed the discovery that wornout soils could be made surprisingly productive by a more or less simple process of electrical treatment, and he rendered the world an immeasurable service in

disclosing the process. But it ended there.

Through the perfection of his discovery Tesla will provide a way to deliver to every farm, not alone in the United States, but in the universe, enough electricity to apply the treatment effectively. And, presto! the farmer who today rides a plow behind a team of horses or draws a gang behind a tractor, may tomorrow in similar fashion ride an implement operated by wireless power, by which the soil, instead of being turned over as with the plow, will be lifted in furrow-deep slices and run through a wonderfully contrived machine in an endless ribbon broken up into minute particles and made loose as ashes as it undergoes the necessary treatment by electricity, furnished as part of the wireless transmission, thoroughly pulverized and made firm as it leaves the implement into a perfect seed or plant bed, charged with sufficient available and soluble plant food to produce a quantity and quality of crop yield beyond the present expectations of the most sanguine of modern scientific agriculturists. It is claimed too, as one of the advantages of wireless electricity, that it will be possible to control the weather in any locality to the extent of either preventing or producing rainfall to meet soil and crop requirements.

With the coming application of wireless power to this end, our millions of acres of parched desert lands and dismal swamps may be converted into Gardens of Eden, whence will come billions of tons of grain and fruit and vegetables and millions of cattle from knee-deep pasture lands to meet the demands of an ever growing population.

More than that, every farmstead, wherever located, may have its own individual wireless terminals to operate its field implements, to drive its machinery—its cutters, grinders, threshers, mills,—and also to lighten the labor in the home, by running the

electric washer, wringer, dryer, ironer, the sewing machine, the dough mixer, and baker, the chopper, spice mills, cream separator, churn, freezer, and do all the cooking, as well as heat the house in winter and run a refrigerating plant to cool it and manufacture ice in summer.

"In each instance," says Tesla, "a small terminal placed a little above the roof will be sufficient to furnish light, heat, and power for the isolated farm dwelling." * * *

And old Dobbin! Framed and hung somewhere in the farm home will be the picture of a horse, in reverent memory of a noble and worthy service done, that he may not be altogether forgotten in the new age of an energy that will not consume half the crops of a farm to run it, and with better success and profit than ever before.

—Popular Therapeutics.

The Submarine Bell

The course had been set before the fog came down, and in the pilot house the navigator stood often with bent head, listening. His attitude was like that of the figures in Millet's painting, a prayerful, reverent listening. And well he might listen, for on every reef and lightship of the coast he was approaching was sounding a tocsin of warning and a chime of welcome and good cheer in one. In shrill tones, from each reef and lightship the angelus of the high seas was ringing the submarine signal bell, which, in spite of storm, fog, darkness, gives ships warning of the reef and welcome to the channel.

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—"The Angelus of the High Seas," by Winthrop Packard, in National Magazine for November.

Dawn.

By Orliana.

The sunsets all the world alight,
The flowers smile in colors bright,
And wandering through the meadow way
A maiden sings at break of day.

With glance of love and brow of snow,
She seeks for treasure, high and low;
By bank steep-set, by streamlet's brink,
She never loiters, does not shrink,
and sweetly at her task she sings.

"Flowers have leaves, and birds have wings,

And thoughts are these,
For thoughts are things."

—M. G. Stine.

Psychic Research

All Communications to the American Psychical Research Society should be addressed to Dr. James H. Hyslop, 50b Tribune Bldg., New York.

The Unseen Self

Bert Huffman.

A spirit form is walking at my side
No matter where my wandering feet
may go ;
No matter whether good or ill betide—
Or sunshine smile or temptests
toss and blow.
As close as Fate clings to the human
heart,—
As steadfast as the shadow of the
oak—
It clings unto me—as it were a part,
A bondman with me to Life's burn-
ing yoke.
Turn where I will its feet keep meas-
ured time
To every heart-throb, every hope
and fear;
It weeps with me; it laughs in merry
chime,
In joy and sorrow ever near and
dear!
Methinks at times I feel its gentle
hand
Steal into mine; a thrill of vital
power
Leaps through my blood, and visions
grand
Of life-long years are crowded in
the hour.
It knows the passions of the aching
heart;
It feels the weight of every cruel
blow;
Yet when I turn for vengeance at the
smart
Of foeman's arrow, it entreats me,
"NO."
So sweet, so mild, its voice of sad-
ness seems;
I do not hear but every life drop
feels

Its sacred meaning; o'er my troubled
dreams

Its cherished presence ever, kindly
steals.

And if I hope or strive for higher
planes

Of Life or Love or Action or Con-
tent,

Its hands reach out and fasten golden
chains

Unto the very stars, for my ascent!
But if in some dark hour of Doubt
and Dread

My thoughts unto some wrongful
current flow,

That thrilling hand falls softly to my
head—

That low voice whispers, "Brother,
do not so."

From every brink of darkness and
despair;

From every lust that lures us into
sin;

From every thought that lurks in
Passion's lair,

This spirit pleads the erring soul to
win.

Its sweet voice prompts us to the bet-
ter deeds

That bless the earth; its sure hand
points the way

To Life's dominion over narrow
creeds,

To Love's fine triumph over baser
clay!

Old St. Paul's church, headquarters
of the Protestant Episcopal city mis-
sion, has a ghost. It is an eccentric
shade which whisks up stairways and
disappears into nothingness, but it
also is up-to-date. When the office
force has departed and the quaint old
building on Third street is secure

against intruders with stout locks and bolts, the spirit answers the telephones, which conduct is so utterly foreign to the popular conception of spirits' abilities that it has dumb-founded Rev. H. Cresson McHenry and his assistants.

On two occasions the strange visitor has answered the phone when the office force was absent and the building locked. Its answers, although briefly made, have indicated that the spirit is well acquainted with the movements of the staff. The spirit informed a friend of Mr. McHenry that he "had just left the mission," and to Mrs. George Sommerer, wife of one of Mr. McHenry's assistants, it imparted the information that her husband "would be home to supper." Both persons who conversed with the unknown occupant of the mission declare that its voice was modulated to the softest tones.

Mr. McHenry saw the spirit on July 4. The office force had a holiday, but Mr. McHenry visited the church to open his mail. As he was unlocking the iron gates at the entrance to the churchyard he glanced up at one of the windows and was astonished to see what appeared to be a man standing on the stairway inside the building.

The stairway leads from the offices of the city mission in the basement to the church auditorium. As Mr. McHenry opened the gate the figure glided rapidly up the stairway, disappearing from view. The minister entered the church, locked the door behind him to prevent the escape of the intruder and searched the entire church from cellar to roof. He failed to find any trace of the visitor. Every door and window was locked securely and the desks untouched.

—Chicago Tribune.

Prof. H. Hyslop Tells How to Talk to Spirit Friends

Go into a room alone.

Close the door tightly behind you
Sit there quietly and concentrate
your mind on the dead.

And in a few minutes, maybe, you
will get a message from a Spirit.

For—and here you had better stop
reading if you're "skeery" of spirits
—there are such things as spirits.
They sail around your bedroom at
night and try to tell you things of
"the other side." Sometimes in their
anxiety to communicate with you, they
brush you in the halls or in the stairs,
but you shiver and run away from
them and wonder what "touched"
you.

This declaration that "there are spirits" in the world is not the assumption of some superstitious or untutored man. Prof. Jas. H. Hyslop, late of the department of psychology at Columbus university and now leading spirit in the American Society of Psychical Research, is himself responsible for it. And Prof. Hyslop not only makes this declaration but he cites as "proof" "case" after "case" of testimony.

Proof of Spirits.

If you don't believe in spirits Prof. Hyslop suggests that you try to get into communication with them yourself. If you follow his directions given above, you almost certainly will succeed, he says.

"The world has come to that place," Hyslop said to The Record reporter,

"where the psychic—the things of the soul—are going to occupy more and more attention. We are beginning to stretch our hands out to the other side."

"The big question nowadays is after death—what? And the one way to solve this question is to talk to—spirits!

"Since the death last August of Prof. Wm. James, of Harvard, the famous philosopher, I have had some tremendous psychic experiences. Prof. James himself has sent messages to me that absolutely could not have come from anyone but from him. And I have had a spirit conversation with Carroll D. Wright, late United States labor commissioner.

"Prof. James, for instance, told a medium, the young son of a minister, that he should give me a pair of pink pajamas and a black necktie for Christmas. This boy lives in an out-of-the-way place and knew neither James nor myself. And yet the message is marvelously significant. James and I had had a joke about his once borrowing a pair of pajamas in England which turned out to be a ridiculous shade of baby-pink. It was a joke of which probably nobody else ever heard. As for the black tie, which had belonged to James and very few persons had any idea that this tie had not always been my own.

"One of the greatest proofs is the experience of a Mrs. Smead, wife of a minister living in the hills of Mary-

land. The place is a dozen miles from any railroad station and it takes 24 hours for the news of the world to penetrate to it. And yet the same night Prof. James died, Mrs. Smead, who possesses mediumistic qualities to a marked extent, saw him pass before her in cap and gown.

"Six months afterward, when she saw a picture of James and an article about his death, she recognized who her spiritual visitor was. Consulting her diary, she found that James had been visible to her just one hour after his death!"

The future great work of the American Society for Psychical Research, Prof. Hyslop says, is to raise enough money to begin a great number of experiments in mediumistic phenomena, testing them by cross-references to establish the degree of their veracity. To do this Hyslop would have many mediums interview the same spirits and see if results agree.

Prof. Hyslop says that love is the great moving force of "the world." He says that the spirits there tell him that all our laws and traditions are of puny import—that only love counts; that love survives death most ably. So when the first of the big communications between the living and the "dead" comes, it may be between two great lovers who cannot bear that even death should cut them off from each other.

—L. A. Record, in American Spiritualist.

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The Veil of Illusion.

By Mable Gifford Shine.

We each wear a veil of illusion. Until that Veil is rent in twain we cannot see things as they are, but only as they are reflected through the veil.

The veil is in our own mind. By our mind it must be removed.

Winifred Hastings wore such a veil. "Oh, Master," she often cried out to me, "the world is so cruel; no wonder that those who are below and cannot rise, are maddened at the sight of the others who walk over their heads. I saw a boy today who is sentenced to six months in prison for stealing two loaves of bread. His little brothers and sisters were starving. He could not get work; he could not earn a penny."

Winifred broke down and wept heart-brokenly. I essayed to comfort her. "All things work together for good; everything that comes upon us is happier than that which would come if it were not for this."

"What can come out of this?" she cried. "There is the dreadful experience for him and the scar of this injustice to sear his soul; and the little ones deprived of their only support."

I replied to her, "The boy was not able to help his condition; everything he tried failed. Now, the reason of his failure was that he was worthy of a higher life, and this trouble was the way under the circumstances to bring it about. His case will come to the ears of certain compassionate people, who will first take charge of the children and do for them what he was powerless to do. Then they will have him released and put him to a trade. He will in this way be taken out of the slums, and all his little charges, and they will be brought into a new world."

"How do you know that this will be?" demanded Winifred.

I smiled back at her: "In three days go to the prison and inquire for the boy and see what you will learn."

At another time Winifred stole into my study, lips quivering. "I have just come from Mrs. Stanly's; she has been telling me about a neighbor of hers whose husband has run off with another woman. They were perfectly happy until this woman came. Now she is left with four children and no support. She is heartbroken and helpless. What can compensate for that?"

I smoothed Winifred's hand to quiet her. "Mrs. Stanly's neighbor is a good woman, but she is narrow; her home is her world; she is all bound up in her husband and children; she has not a heart like yours that is always aching for others; it does not matter to her about other mothers and other children. Now, she will open a day nursery. She will be brought face to face with the lives of others; her love will expand, and in this new love her children will be trained; they will be taught the larger love. The husband will soon outlive his delusion and will return and be welcomed by his deserted wife. Because of her new development he will love her more than ever he loved her before, and no woman will ever again have the power to lure him away from her."

"How can you know that this is to be?" asked Winifred, in great wonderment.

"In three days go to your friend's again and you will learn of the beginning of this that I have told you," was my reply.

Winifred was absent for some time after this episode; I knew she was answering her own questions; but one day the familiar step sounded in the hall, and Winifred, all in tears, rushed into my room and gazed at me wildly. "I can't bear it," she wailed; "that monster of a landlord turned them out. Two old people.

And she is paralyzed. He strapped her to a mattress and took it on his back. There was a crowd followed them to see what he would do; they jostled the mattress and she—she—fell off. I never believed in a hell, but I do now; I do now; I believe there is a place of torment for just such brutes as that landlord."

"But let us rejoice that he did it," I hastened to say, to stem the tide of Winifred's emotion. "The wonderful providence of God's laws provides for all; it does not work now and then; it is always the same; and for everybody. What did they do with the woman?"

"Took her into a house near by."

"Call at that house tomorrow and inquire for her. You will learn that the poor old woman is cured of her paralysis. The sudden shock of the fall broke barriers that obstructed her circulation. A better home will be provided for them, and kind hearts will see that no unfeeling landlord troubles them. Comfort and happiness will be theirs that they never would have known but for that landlord. And he is not so hardened as he appears; he had no idea that they would be left in the street. He expected someone would take them in; they could be no worse off; they were perishing there by themselves; they had no fire, no food. And the rents are his living; they are not the only ones who have not paid their rent. He left them there for three months; he saw they would never be any better able to pay their rent; he knew something would be done for them if they were turned out, which would not be done if they remained there."

"You think he did just right, then?" Winifred opened her eyes very wide at me.

"No: only that he is not as hardened as he appears. And his act will torment him so that it will soften his heart, and he will eventually become a humanitarian. He will try to find

help for the tenants that are in distress."

Winifred returned from her visit to the house where the old people had been taken in; her eyes were glowing. "It is true!" she cried; *the woman is cured*. And now she can knit and sew, and earn something. And the old man can leave her and they are going to give him something to do. If I could only see as you do."

"And now I have one more case: There is a young girl full of promise, quick at her lessons, all ambition, remarkably intelligent for her age, but her mother is a poor widow and can do nothing for her; she is going to take her out of school and put her to work. It is a shame; she will have no trade, no education; she will have no chance in the world. Where is the compensation in this?"

"Success, to this character," I began, "would make her domineering, selfish and proud. Now, she is sweet and gentle. She will be put to work, she will grow in sweetness and gentleness. She will educate herself. She will meet a young man who is worthy of her, whom she would never have met in the life that success would have brought her, and who if he met her as she would then have been, would not have loved her."

"Every time I come to you, I think I have found the faith that believes without seeing, and this time I feel sure of it," said Winifred as she smiled her thanks and a good-bye.

Mother of Thomas Carlyle.

Carlyle was deeply touched by the loving kindness always shown by his mother, and he carefully treasured every letter she wrote him.

Carlyle's name stands forever linked with the domestic circle to which he belonged. No other famous man of letters is so closely and permanently associated with home and family. He was a noble son and faithful brother, and whatever his faults

as a man, he was a hero to his own kindred.

Mr. Froude characterizes Carlyle's affection for his mother as the strongest personal passion he experienced through all his life. She was proud and willful as he. He was constantly sending her money and presents.

"Carlyle," his biographer says, "in their little home at Hoddam Hill, was never happier than when his mother was by his side. Their evenings were spent together, and Carlyle and his mother smoked their pipes as the others sat about them chatting."

Finally came the parting, when Carlyle left his Scotland home for London. In which heart the grief was most poignant it would be hard to say. The good old mother was not to survive very long. She died in 1853, and the event is thus pictured by her son:

"Never was a more perfect politeness of heart, beautifully shining through its naive bits of embarrassments and simple peasant forms. A pious mother, if there ever was one; pious to God the Maker and to all He has made. Intellect, humor, softest pity, love and, above all, perfect veracity in thought, in word, mind and action; these were her characteristics, and had been now for above 82 years, in humble, diligent, beneficent, and often toilsome and suffering life, which right surely had not been in vain for herself and others."

Afterward in writing on the subject of her going from him, Carlyle used these words: "A mother dead; it is an epoch for us all; and to each one of us it comes with a pungency as if peculiar, a look of originality and singularity."

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Chaste, white brow,
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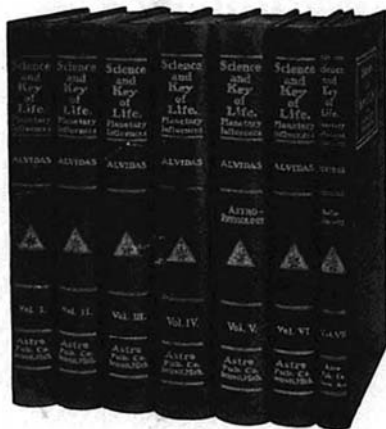
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