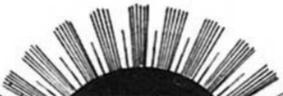


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NONE who can realize how vastly more important the mind is than the body will deny that it is our absolute duty, individually and collectively, to work to bring about a better condition of things, so that the future generations may find better opportunities for harmonious growth and mental unfoldment. The crying need of humanity everywhere is knowledge of their own natures and of the real meaning and importance of human life.



EDITORIALS

What is Meant by Aquarian Age

(A Reply to Inquiries Relative to the Aquarian Age.)



THE Sun is one of many fixed stars, which are also suns of other solar systems. These fixed stars have an apparent retrograde movement through the signs of the zodiac as well as the progressive forward movement. In its retrograde movement it takes the Sun over 2000 years to pass through one sign. The Sun has thus recently entered the sign of Aquarius and will continue in that sign over two thousand years. This Aquarian influence has been felt for several years, just as the influence of the coming Spring is felt before Spring arrives, or as the dawn heralds the rising Sun.

For the past 2000 years, the Sun in his retrograde movement has been in the sign of Pisces, a watery sign. Steam was the great factor in all the many improvements and inventions revolutionizing industries and bringing the various countries and nations closer together through facilities of communication, and the problem of penetrating the ocean depths has been solved.

In a similar way, only upon a higher round of the ladder, the Sun's retrograde passage through Aquarius will be marked by discoveries and inventions relating to the air and ether as for instance, communication without visible substance as in the past. In fact, the attention of science will be given to this agency of communication and aerial travel as the many attempts in this direction to construct a practical, servicable air-ship, will be accomplished shortly under this influence.

From an esoteric standpoint, the Sun's progress into Aquarius strikes the keynote of unity; that wonderful symbol of the man with the pitcher of water pouring out upon humanity clearly shows that concord, harmony and unity will be the dominant keynote of the coming centuries, and yet there are those of the Asiatic races who will manifest upon the lower plane of Aquarius and Urania, and there will be a division of the two, the Anglo-Saxon and Asiatic nations.

Institutions of all kinds for the improvement and amelioration of the present social conditions will become more widespread, through a banding together of the more educated and thoughtful of humanity in the present and coming generations.

Thought Center

The sign of Aquarius is in reality a thought centre from which

radiates an aura peopled by thought forms, and this idea is more emphasized by the mythraic glyph for Aquarius, that is, two double jointed arrows united on a diamond, and on the Mythraic monument this glyph is shown in the act of being propelled through the air. Here the unstable, wavy lines of water are replaced by two united arrows, a symbol fraught with deep meaning.

The man seeks experience through his mind which is in constant activity, restless as the ocean, and in the primitive state he may be likened to Reuben of the Hebrew writings, unstable as water, dimly cognizant of powers and possibilities within him, seeking in all directions for knowledge, and knowing not that the restlessness of the mind is the work of the refiner who straineth all things through his sieve, dividing and separating the husk from the grain, discovering the thoughts of the heart, purifying the spirit of man.

This influence is now evident in the restless condition of the Chinese and Russians, Mexican and other peoples and the laboring classes all over the world, as well as in the efforts to eliminate graft, greed and dishonesty from national rule, also in the crumbling of creeds and the broadening of religious views.

Wonderful Conditions Will Prevail

The Aquarian influence is also already manifesting in the great scientific discoveries in electricity, heat, light, sound, as well as the magnetic power, the phonograph, telephone, wireless telegraphy, liquified air, so-called gas and air engines, and the long sought aerial navigation is nearly solved. Then, too, the wonderful progress that has been made in the development of the powers of the mental faculties, as in telepathy, thought transference and hypnotism.

The planet Urania, whose home is in the sign Aquarius performs its journey around the sun in about eighty-four years. This planet also entered the sign Aquarius in January 1912 and its influence has been likewise foreshadowed.

Note the presence of Urania in the sign of Sagittarius, the radical ninth house, the house of science, invention and new discoveries. As this planet progressed through Sagittarius into the sign Capricorn, the discoveries made became more practical and were utilized to greater advantage, more especially in wireless telegraphy, aerial navigation, mental development, etc. Urania having now entered the sign of Aquarius, still more wonderful conditions will prevail, for during this planets passage through this sign, there will be the double influence of the Sun and Urania in Aquarius. This wonderful influence will be more noticeable until about 1920.

While very little is understood of the significance of the sign Aqua-

rius by modern investigators, it is distinctly the human sign and no sign in the zodiac equals it in interest. Though the son of Aquarius may be sojourning in a far country, satiated with the husks of eternal knowledge, wearied with the deceitful light of illusion, he lifts up his eyes and catches a gleam from the star of wisdom. It is then his soul awakens and his lips become touched with the fire from the altar, his fetters fall, the prison door opens, the captive is free.—*Copyrighted.*

Every Living Soul Has a Special Star of Its Own



VERY living soul or individual has a special star of his own. This star is connected with him throughout all his existence, either in the mortal or in any other condition through which he may be manifesting. This star, or celestial ball of perfect colored light, is not the planet under which he is born, and cannot be discovered by telescope or other terrestrial vision. Those who may come into a realization of its existence will have burning within themselves a consciousness of this star being the truer, diviner part of their nature; but as the great majority of humanity, as yet, have but little knowledge of even the planet they are born under, they cannot possibly imagine the influence of this wondrous star, in which is contained the whole of one's destiny. It is useless to look for this star in the map of the heavens, drawn from the time of birth, for it cannot be found there, though the sum total of the horoscope will represent, in part, its state of progression, and the depth of its color and nature.

We may imagine ourselves, while in manifestation, as but a small part of our real selves here for the purpose of gaining some definite and required experience. Just as we need a map of a foreign country to give us an idea of its nature and boundaries, so the natal chart illustrates the environment and nature of that which is within us, when focused into physical manifestation.

The planets, in their solar system, represent man as a whole, fully equipped with senses through which to receive impressions, and a brain which acts as a keyboard upon which the whole of the stellar forces play. As we might say the macrocosm and the microcosm are one, and in the sense in which you would take the Sun as the heart of the solar system, so are the planets the organs through which the rays are colored to give and receive impressions for the whole. Thus we see that each and every individual is a law unto himself, born at a moment, we might say, when the Great Infinite All is receiving either harmonious or discordant impressions.

To understand this more clearly, we must consider the star spoken of in a more definite manner. Millions of ages back this star was formed in a somewhat similar manner to that in which a solar system is formed, by a nebular method. It was the result of an essence, which passed through the mineral, vegetable and animal worlds, coming down through a series of planets, until finally it reached a stage of individualization, when it became distinct, and though of a misty, cloud-like vapor, yet it was capable of evolving along definite lines, in a separate groove and circle of its own. This cloud, which becomes more clearly defined as it evolves, we may term the soul or Ego, or again, the casual body, and it is this which in time is to become the bright and ever-shining star, from which will issue rays into different conditions of matter, to be clothed for each new set of experiences, taking the present race in the mortal as one in which several millions of rays are clothed in coats of skin, each a separate ray from a separate star. We will consider its makeup, with all the forces of the planets playing upon it, while occupying its new environments. Previous to the physical birth of the Ego, forces have been at work directing the etheric mould to the parent, who shall provide a fitting casket in which it may give full expression to the desires set in motion. The most prominent desire will be indicated by certain symbols and configurations. Lying back of this will be the character of the individual. A connecting link will run to his star, and as the center vibrates, the result will travel along the chord of sympathy connecting the two.

Mrs. Annie Bright



IN the death, on the 22d of June, of Mrs. Annie Bright, editor of "The Harbinger of Light," Melbourne, Australia, the world lost the human activities of a noble-minded, great-hearted sympathetic woman.

"The Harbinger of Light" has been indeed a bearer of glad tidings wherever its pages have been read, and its influence should continue to be of importance in every intelligent community the world over.



IN view of the fierce battle we must wage to overcome the prejudice and the wrong concepts inculcated into the minds of past generations, progress is necessarily slow. The propaganda of education must be a tedious one.



OW grand and beautiful is divine truth. Much must be sacrificed to give this to the world, but others have done the same for us, and they are masters in wisdom, divine and immortal. It is in thinking of the higher infinite divinity that we receive a true conception of the principle of the higher Venus or love. Pure and abstract mind or manna is love, because it feels for all. This love or pure mind is within us all, and not until we are conscious of its existence can we be free.

Helpful Voices

In line with the purpose of this journal to aid its readers to attain better conditions in their lives, it would doubtless encourage many of them to hear personally from those who have caught some glimpse of what life may be on a plane above physical suffering, want and worry.

We therefore propose to devote a portion of our columns to "The voices", that have and shall waft messages of renewed hope, better welfare and of sustained courage, born of the silent influence of reiterated truth in the Stellar Ray or some other source.

From all corners of the earth they have come to us and each voice should be a nucleus of expansion; it is nature's law that benefits shared are benefits doubled.

These voices shall be in reply to inquiries from our readers relative to the experience of individual lives on the highway toward health, happiness and abundance for all needs.

Send inquiries to the editor of "THE STELLAR RAY," they will appear in the forthcoming issue and be answered by other readers, in the following number.

For example—B. W. asks "Can some one tell me what thought, belief or daily practice has been most helpful in any lines of bettering life's conditions?"

A voice replies—"Each night upon retiring, I breathe deep for a few moments; mentally relaxing all anxiety about everything I keep saying to myself "My Creator's will is my desire."—

"I fall asleep with that thought. Somehow ever since I adopted this simple little practice, my health has been better; scarcely a day but I can sing at my work, and not worry about the future. Have all I need and seem to be able to lend a hand to others. Before that I was nervous, worried and lost half my time at work which made it hard to get along."

R. V. T.



RANK and power are good in their place, but to possess the qualities of truth, love and wisdom is more desirable. The greatest good is done by those who are truest to themselves, their neighbor and creator.

The Sun in The Signs and Houses

We will now take up the effects of the Sun in the twelve Houses and Signs, and give particular attention to them.



THE Sun in Aries, or first house, from the 21st of March to the 19th of April, is a position generally fortunate both, for things signified by the Sun, as well as for those coming under Aries, and the first house. It contributes to health and vitality and length of life in the physical. It gives strength of will, energy, activity, self-confidence, wilfulness, and to some, rashness. The native will acquire some position of authority or responsibility. No matter whether he moves in a humble sphere, or a more public one, he will be independent in manner, and capable of directing others and assume such position naturally. Some kind of responsibility will fall upon his shoulders, either in little things or great, according to the position shown in the natal figure. There is a natural inclination to religion, though the latter is sometimes more rational than devotional. He will also be independent and positive, enthusiastic, sometimes militant, and if carried to excess, intolerant of opposition. He has a tendency to travel and exploration, also to scientific work. It favors a martial occupation, a pioneer, explorer or leader and is favorable to the father for the birth of sons. If afflicted it may cause excitability, mental overwork, insomnia.

The Sun when posited in the sign Taurus, or the second house, from the 21st of April to the 20th of May, is most favorable for the acquisition of wealth and possessions generally. Such may come through business, or through inheritance, or through investments, stocks and shares or public undertakings. If a female she may gain through the husband; the children gain in money or possessions through the parents. It is good for the acquisition of houses or lands, and for those whose occupation is connected with these, and with the earthy element generally. It is fortunate for the father. The native is warm hearted and

affectionate, though there is liability to be misled, so as at times to bestow his affections too readily. He is firm, patient and obstinate; is very set upon achieving his end; pursues his object with great determination, even if it should lead him away from the lawful track. He is ambitious and desirous of assuming a prominent position. This influence may lift the native up, and give him the favor of those in authority, or in a higher sphere if life. In a bad horoscope there may be notoriety, instead of fame, and a bad temper, rather than firmness, and it is then apt to increase the selfishness. There is an inclination for poetry, music, painting and the fine arts. He is generally free and generous, though at times the opposite tendency shows itself, and he is extremely careful of money matters. It is good for vitality, but in an afflicted horoscope, will tend towards fits, convulsions or effusions of blood on the brain.

The Sun in the sign of Gemini, or third house, from the 20th of May to the 21st of June, strengthens the intellect, and inclines the native to the pursuit of literature, science or art, and to following some occupation connected with these. It favors educational, secretarial and clerical work, writings, documents, letters, literary work of a short or ephemeral kind, such as in magazines, newspapers, pamphlets or small books, work connected with messengers, means of transit, the Post Office, etc. The mind is versatile and fond of change, but positive and strong. He is somewhat ambitious and aspiring, and may turn to public work, connected with education, local politics or public speaking and lecturing. He is fond of moving about, of walking, and of short journeys, principally on land. He finds friends among literary people and others signified by Gemini, and may join some secret society or association, the activities of which are those of Gemini. He may be the most clever and best educated of his family. It gives several brothers or sisters. This position also signifies the birth of twins and a double marriage, as Gemini is a double sign.

The Sun in the fourth house, or sign of Cancer, from the 21st of June to the 20th of July, is good for money or property gained from the parents; also through some occupation connected with water or liquids, with house or land property, or shipping. In a slight measure it inclines to such occupations as detective, goalers, policemen or connected with hospitals or poorhouse, some public occupations not refined, not popular, or not in good repute, plebeian; will reside near the water. It is unfavorable for a strong constitution or longevity for the parents, and also for marriage in female's horoscope; still, if marriage occurs, money will be gained through the husband. It inclines the native to home. He is attached to the home and family life and the mother, and prospers with house and land property. It favors the birth of children, but if much afflicted they will be sickly or not prosperous. He is easy going, also fond of pleasure and amusements. It is a good position for the end of life, when not afflicted. In a bad horoscope it may incline to dissipations and evil courses. It weakens the will somewhat, and renders the native untrustworthy, threatens obstacles and disappointments.

The Sun in Leo, or the fifth house, from the 21st of July to the

20th of August, brings out more clearly the qualities of the Sun. The native is ambitious and aspiring; is capable of filling positions of responsibility; also fond of exercising authority; stands a good part on his dignity, still is generous and magnanimous, affectionate and sympathetic. This position favors all who rule over, or direct and employ others; also schoolmasters and instructors, and those who follow occupations that oblige them to come to the fore to amuse, instruct or direct others. The native is generally found in some more or less responsible position. Whatever his sphere of life, it is difficult for him to act in subordinate capacities, unless he has others under him, or unless the indications of serving are prominent in the natal figure. This must be kept in mind as an essential part that goes to make up the primary qualities of the native, but the whole map must be combined in one whole, which can only be accomplished by having a knowledge of the aspects taken separately. The native is very kind hearted, social and susceptible to affairs of the heart. This position is favorable for the father for health and longevity. It favors the birth of a son. It also contributes to the manifestations of genius if other positions support it. The native is not a public speaker, but a deep thinker, and prefers to go to the bottom of any subject in which he may be interested.

The Sun in Virgo, or the sixth house, from the 21st of August to the 20th of September, is favorable for the acquisition of money through some occupation where the native acts as subordinate, or where he is more or less under the command of a chief or superior. He may be one of the rank and file, a worker, but is more likely to be a manager, with others under him, but himself responsible to a head. He does not make a good master when left to himself; there is a want of self-confidence, or bad judgement is oftentimes the cause. He is liable to suffer through servants or agents, unless the Sun is well aspected; then he may benefit by them. It tends to literary, medical or scientific work, book reading, secretarial or study of hygiene; is slightly unfavorable for health and the constitution of the father or son. It favors money or gain from parental relations, and occupations of the earthy element. The disposition is rather serious, and may be at times melancholy, lacking hope, not sufficiently self-assertive. He may be looked upon as very judicial and impartial, or as vacillating and not to be depended upon, according to the nature of the horoscope.

With the Sun in Libra, or the seventh house, from the 21st of September to the 20th of October, the native is popular and generally liked; is sociable, affectionate and romantic; fond of company; easily makes friends, especially with the opposite sex; has some taste and ability for science and the fine arts. This position tends to bring an early marriage or engagement, and there is likely to be some trouble or disappointment connected with either or both events, often disharmony in marriage, more especially in a female horoscope. The native can be independent if necessary, but is seldom or never overbearing or proud; is kind and sympathetic and likes to awaken brotherly and friendly feelings in others, and often gives way to others for the sake of peace. Is just and sin-

cere and impartial, often very intuitive and may manifest genius in some direction. There is a dash of the democratic and brotherly spirit in him, no matter what his opinions or position in life may be. It is favorable for joining societies, associations, companies, partnerships. It strengthens the link of affection between the native and his brothers and sisters. It inclines to travel, especially to short journeys by land. It favors sociability, good humor and buoyant, hopeful spirit. The native must have this last quality, else he would be most miserable and have a sorry life indeed. In all the twelve signs we see the workings of a grand master intelligence to equalize harmony.

The Significance of Cardinal, Common and Fixed Signs

HEN many planets are in cardinal signs or angles it brings the native forward in the world. The best combination for enduring fame seems to be distribution of the planets between cardinal and fixed signs, which gives a mixture of enterprise and perseverance. Cardinal and common signs combine to give an unsettled, restless spirit. Common and fixed signs give a quiet perseverance or an unwise obstinacy, according to the kind of horoscope, its nature, etc. Common signs alone, especially the two mercurial—Gemini and Virgo—are of a retiring nature and lacking in self-confidence. They may be eager for fame, but either do not act to achieve it, or still live quietly and obscurely, even when they have attained it. Fixed signs give great patience and determination.

All these combinations have their evil, as well as their good side; for instance, common signs may be either modest and retiring, or subtle and underhanded. Fixed signs may be very firm, but an evil horoscope may turn that firmness to evil end, or may manifest a furious, ungovernable temper and revengeful spirit. Cardinal signs, if unsteadied by others, may make the native so fond of show, or so liable to change of attitude or opinion, as to excite ridicule. When Scorpio rises, or when it contains important planets, it often happens that a death occurs a few months before, or not long after the birth. The death may be either a blood relation, or even one closely associated with the family.

The same general principle holds good of all the signs and houses in the horoscope. For instance, if a child's birth figure shows great misfortune in money matters, some similar trouble will often occur to the parent or some near associate of the native, within a short time of the birth, as everyone is united by psychic links with all blood relations and close associates, and the incoming of a stranger, by birth or marriage

with the family circle, or the exit of such by death, affects for good or evil those thus associated together.

It is true that children with good or bad horoscopes are born when the parents are under favorable or unfavorable influences, respectively, and the child acts or reacts upon its parents and associates.

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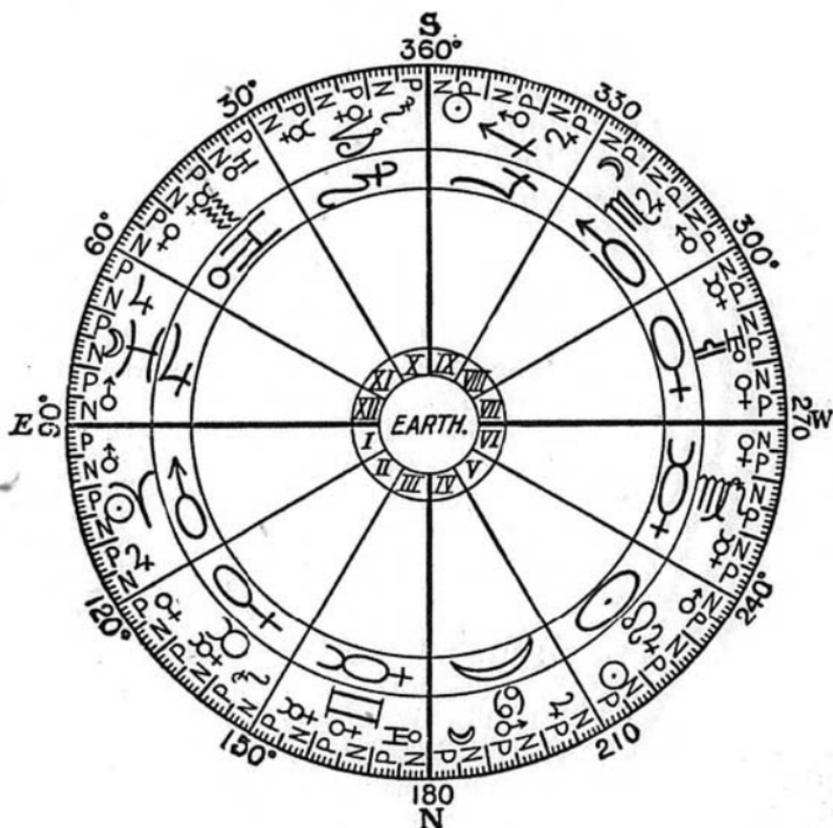


HE secret of planetary influence lies behind spirit matter, and when the unity in this duality is perceived we shall understand the law that governs all action and reaction. We can compare the observed facts in nature with the subtle, unseen forces which are in reality the cause of all phenomena. You feel through matter, cold and heat physically, cognize hate and love through the senses, yet these are polar opposites of the same spirit substance.

Copernican System



HIS is a system of the universe based on the conception that the Sun is the center of the solar system, attributed to Copernicus; but correctly the Pythagorean System. Pythagoras taught the heliocentric system of Astrology and modern investigators who are imperfectly informed seem to contend that the present geocentric system of Astrology is incorrect owing to this fact. True, if we were manifesting our consciousness upon the Sun, then a helio-centric system might be applied correctly to our case, but on the other hand mortal is here on the earth planet sheathed in a matter form, and is entirely dependent upon this physical vehicle for the necessary experience; therefore we must necessarily study and record the influences as they vibrate upon the earth, and knowing that the planets have correspondences with these physical vehicles of expression, and degrees of awakened consciousness, we must naturally take the earth as the center of our observations, though we may keep in mind that it is not the center of our solar system, any more than our real center of consciousness belongs to matter.



The Faces of the Signs

(Continued from September Number)

SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC—EACH CONTAINING SIX FACES, THREE POSITIVE AND THREE NEGATIVE.

SAGITTARIUS



HE first face of Sagittarius gives a good mind and disposition; honest and trustworthy in dealings. The first portion gives benevolence, the last portion acquisitiveness.

The second face gives pure desires, love for all things that make good for others; natives possess a religious spirit and are interested mostly in subjects related to the higher thought.

The third face gives great vitality and a full share of animal spirits. The nature is generous, open and free, but often too expressive.

Those born under the fourth face of Sagittarius are apt to be a misfit generally; too effeminate, and find it difficult to express their true nature, and they are seldom real or sincere.

The fifth face gives deception and an over anxiety for fame or approval from the public. The native may pretend to more than he really is. It is not a fortunate face.

The sixth face gives a serious nature, one who loves to be active, and busily engaged. The passions are liable to be too active, and they are too hasty in speech.

CAPRICORN

The first face of Capricorn denotes an ambitious but just and evenly balanced intellect. Those who are ruled by this face will rise in life and hold prominent positions among their fellow men. They possess high ideals.

The motive temperament abounds in the second face of Capricorn, though there are signs of weakness in the nature, and the native is liable to seek to perform more than he is really capable of.

The third face of this sign gives a very strong character of a pronounced type. There will be plenty of tact and diplomacy displayed, the nature is very ambitious, ever seeking knowledge.

The fourth face denotes an easy-going disposition, with more behind than appears on the surface. The native is affected much by others.

The fifth face of Capricorn is a successful face, with regard to mundane affairs, acquisitiveness is well developed; the sixth face denotes a weak nature, too vacillating.

AQUARIUS

The first face of Aquarius denotes a clever person, one who is fully alive to his own desires; at times too positive, at others too weak and negative, and, on the whole, rather unreliable.

The second face gives a nature at times too positive, too aggressive, inclined to be suspicious and dogmatic, very mistrustful of the motives of others.

The third face denotes a very cautious person and inclined to look upon the dark side of things, though of good intellect and genius, quite impressionable.

The native of the fourth face of Aquarius will be too changeable and vacillating; and, while desirous of public honor and fame, will not attain it; look to the position of the Moon.

Those coming under the influence of the fifth face should be well developed, morally and intellectually, and if the mind is held in check the native will find success, though accompanied by a natural desire to cater to self.

The sixth face of Aquarius is a most feeble one for at times the nature is inclined to be just, honest and sincere, although capable of cunning and deception.

PISCES

The first face of Pisces gives an irresolute person, a lack of decision and changeable in ideas. These persons are apt to live a dual life.

The second face denotes a person of good understanding, a quiet, peaceful nature, prudent in all things.

The third face of Pisces gives an unstable disposition. Firmness is lacking, but once upon the right path they will not hesitate to act if they believe themselves to be in the right.

The fourth face gives a peculiar nature. There is an internal indecision, while outwardly they appear to possess much firmness. Very kind and sympathetic nature.

The fifth face of this sign gives a very impressionable nature. The native is liable to talk too much, and is very fond of company. They are able to agree with every one they come in contact.

The sixth face of Pisces gives a degree of mediumship, but the native is too easily affected by his surroundings; and does not act sufficiently upon his own ideas, though the mind is generally very active.

THE OUTLOOK FOR OCTOBER, 1913.

By Frederick White.

The New of the Moon occurs on the 29th of September, at 10:56 p. m. and the Full Moon on the 15th of October, at 12:06 a. m., Central Standard time, or one hour earlier for Eastern time.

At the time of the New Moon, the Sun is strongly aspected to Mars and Jupiter with the Sun angular from the sign Libra. At the time of the Full of the Moon, the Sun is applying to a square aspect of Neptune and Uranus. These aspects at the times of the New and Full of the Moon, indicate considerable activity in business affairs, more so than usual, at the same time, the influences are unsteady, erratic and changeable, many of the business people changing plans suddenly, and lacking to some extent in confidence, not having quite as much ambition and determination as they usually have, at the same time, sufficient to make considerable improvement in general business affairs of the country generally.

The Sun, being afflicted by Mars and Jupiter, indicates that the President may be criticised quite sharply, but as President Wilson has a strong and good Mars aspect in his horoscope, he will probably come out ahead in these criticisms. The unfavorable aspect of Jupiter to Mars, does not favor the moneyed classes as much as usual, and legislation will not be as much in their favor as usual.

Speculative markets should be more active than usual, with the probability of considerable depression off and on in the markets, quite severe breaks, those who speculate on small margins will need to be very careful as the changes in the markets will be very quick, the Bear stand better chances. Cereals having better strength and advancing between the 7th and 20th of the month.

October, as a whole is not a generally fortunate month for the average person to start important moves, run risks, etc., the month of Novem-

ber will be very much more favorable. It is possible that the individual horoscope may favor your making some important changes, starting into other lines, etc., but even if your individual horoscope is quite favorable, October is not as good as November will.

The weather of October should average clear and comparatively cool.

A GREAT ORIENTAL LIGHT

We are pleased to quote the following from the editor of "The World's Advance Thought."

Wu Ting Fang has been for years a subscriber to "The Stellar Ray" magazine and interested in its pages. *Editor.*

"Of all the ambassadors and ministerial representatives of the nations of Earth at Washington, Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese representative, was the most progressive, and while he was here there was no good movement for Reform that he refused to investigate, and give his sanction to if it appealed to his reason. And he stands today as the foremost advocate of the New, the True and the Good in the Chinese Republic; and his influence in the speedy uplift of his fellow countrymen is very great, and the New Republic regards him as one of its mighty bulwarks.

We have followed his career with great sympathy and interest, and look upon him as one of the Great Lights of this New Age of Advanced Thought. In him the Chinese people will be blessed, for they could have no more sincere, capable and honest leader."—*Lucy A. Rose Mallory.*

Philadelphia, Pa.—Warrants have been issued, it is said, for the arrest of five professors and surgeons of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania on the charge of cruelty to animals in connection with

the vivisection of dogs. This constitutes the second step in a legal campaign by the Women's Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.—*Dumb Animals.*

The Western Pacific Railway has instructed its engineers to report fires along the right-of-way where it traverses the Plumas national forest, California. The location of fires is indicated on a card dropped by the engineer or fireman to the next section crew met after the fire is discovered. It is then the duty of part of the section crew to go back on handcar or speeders and put out the blaze.

USEFUL PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR WOMEN.

Any woman who wants a short cut to agile limbs, and graceful proportions, may find it by doing her own housework; nearly every muscle of her body may be brought into action daily.

Nothing is better for the development of large muscles in the legs, or for the reduction of fat, than running up and down stairs. No better method has been devised for strengthening the chest and straightening the spine, than scrubbing floors on one's hands and knees, especially if the left arm as well as the right be used. Sweeping with a large-handled broom, if the broom be used on both sides, so that both arms are used in the same way, develops the chest and shoulders. If a carpet-sweeper is used instead of a broom, the abdominal muscles as well as the muscles of the back are brought into action. Working a lawn-mower brings the same group of muscles into still more powerful action. Kneading bread is a specific for a finely-shaped forearm; and an hour's work with the washboard is a developer of the upper arms, back, and shoulders.—*Dr. Dudley Sargent.—Herald of the Golden Age.*

TO KEEP THE BLOOD PURE

Blood is made from the food we eat, and purified by the air we breathe. It naturally follows that to eat good, wholesome food and breathe pure air would insure pure blood. There is another element, however, that enters in, and that is the casting out of waste material that renders the blood impure. This is performed by the bowels, the kidneys, the skin and the lungs. If then, we would have pure blood, we must see that these organs are kept active. Breathe pure air night and day, being careful to have no clothing which in the least interferes with deep breathing. Eat simple food, use moderate quantity at regular times, and absolutely nothing between times. Keep the skin active by bathing often, the kidneys active by drinking freely of pure water, and the bowels active by right food and exercise.

WHEN TROUBLE

COMES 'ROUND

When trouble knocks hard on my
kitchen door,
I don't git up an' answer no more;
I set right still 'till his han's git sore.
Years ago, when I was young an'
thin,
I uster git up an' ask him in,
An' listen to all the yarns he'd spin.
An' I'd think all day, an' I'd dream
all night,
Till I didn't hev no appetite,

An' I couldn't work an' I couldn't
fight.

Then I woke one day with an awful
start,

With a change of head an' a change
of heart.

An' I laid fer trouble to play my part.

When he came along an' he saw my
eye,

He turned 'way out fer to pass me by;
An' I held my head up bold an' high.

So now when he knocks at my
kitchen door,

I git my club an' I cross the floor;
But trouble don't hang aroun' no
more.

—*Century Magazine.*

FOREST NOTES.

The Balkan War has brought about a rise in certain lumber prices in Europe because of the big demand for ammunition boxes.

Dogwood, the principal source of shuttles for use in cotton mills, is growing scarcer year by year, and various substitutes are being tried, but with no great success.

Ammonia bombs are being tried out on some of the national forests for the purpose of extinguishing forest fires. They are said to have worked well in the case of brush fires where the fire-fighters find difficulty in getting near enough to the burning area to beat out the flames. Each bomb exploded will extinguish fire in a circle of about five yards in diameter.

Psychic Research

PERSONALITY NOT ENDED BY BODILY DEATH.

Excerpts from an address by Sir Oliver Lodge, President of the British Asso. for Advancement of Science, at Birmingham, Eng. His Subject was "Continuity."

"A marked feature of the present scientific era is the discovery of, and interest in, various kinds of atomism; so that continuity seems in danger of being lost sight of.

"Another tendency is toward comprehensive negative generalizations from a limited point of view.

"Another is to take refuge in rather vague forms of statements, and to shrink from closer examination of the puzzling and the obscure.

"Another is to deny the existence of anything which makes no appeal to organs of sense, and no ready response to laboratory experiment.

"Against these tendencies he urges a belief in ultimate continuity as essential to science; he regards scientific concentration as an inadequate basis for philosophic generalization; he believes that obscure phenomena may be expressed simply if properly faced; and he points out that the non-appearance of anything perfectly uniform and omnipresent, is only what should be expected, and is no argument against its real substantial existence."

In conclusion Sir Oliver touched on the question of life after death. He declared his conviction that "occurrences now regarded as occult, can be

examined and reduced to order by the methods of science carefully and persistently applied," and that "already the facts so examined have convinced me that memory and affection are not limited to that association with matter by which alone they can manifest themselves here and now, and that personality persists beyond bodily death."

Attacking the school of arbitrary scientists, who attempt to account for all things by precise scientific laws he said:

"They account for things up to a point. But do they account for everything completely? Do they account for our own feeling of joy and exultation, for our sense of beauty, for the manifest beauty existing throughout nature? Do not these things suggest something higher and nobler and more joyous, something for the sake of which all the struggle for existence goes on?"

THE DAYS OF YESTERDAY

By Charles Nevers Holmes.

Like fading footprints in the sands of
Time
Behind us lie our four-score years
of Life;
Life's four-score years!—From youth
to manhood's prime,
From infancy to age, from peace
to strife,

From joy to grief, from strength to
weakness when
Some sleepless pain stabs like a liv-
ing knife;
Life's years of boyhood friends, and
blithely then
Its golden age of courtship, home
and wife,
When round some blazing hearth-
hearthstone of the past
At Christmas-tide as cheer and joy
are rife,
Romp children's children—would such
scenes might last!—
Alas! like fairy dreams they fade
away.
Our steps are slow, our hair is scant
and gray,
Yet Mem'ry guards those Days of
Yesterday.

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The pride of creation, strove
And caught the soft sheen of her
hair,
The lustrous fabrics she joyed to
wear,
And vagrant graces, free from care,
To lure the heart to love.
He limned the marvelous changing
mask
Where the passions take their toll;
But something we look for and vain-
ly ask,
And incomplete is the artist's task:
He could not paint the soul.

2.

A novelist shaped a mind with care,
And faith and ambition showed;
Consistently a nature fair
Was housed in a fine abode;

And the people cried aloud of it,
"Oh, Master Workman be proud of
it,"
But somehow he could not crowd
in it
The striving, suffering soul.

3

Then Music took up the challenge
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And cried, "Be the marvel shown
By flute, by viol to perfection strung,
Organ and human tone."
And love and laughter and rioting,
Toiling, sorrow and triumphing
Came, and vanished echoing:
But not the secret soul.

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Men for these have forsaken joys,
For ancient is the goal—
Oh, Children, building clumsy toys
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do seem so stupid to us here; you are, indeed, to us, as the deaf, dumb and blind are to you; for we stand by you and you do not see us; we speak to you, and you do not hear; and as you do not hear, you do not answer, and so you are, practically, to us, precisely as the deaf, dumb and blind are to you."

This is a vivid illustration, and if it were necessary to marshal evidence regarding its being Kate Field who thus spoke (or wrote, through Mrs. Piper's hand) or to marshal an array of evidence regarding the sincerity of Mrs. Piper, and the genuineness of the manifestations through her, why plenty of it could be given. Evidence enough on both points could be produced to require a year's numbers of this journal to present. But if the evidence of the past sixty years and more as to the genuineness of communication from those who have withdrawn from the physical body does not prove the truth, then it is useless to add to this array. And if there are readers to whom this mass of testimony is unfamiliar, it is yet easily accessible to very one.

The literature of Spiritualism is very great. If it is preferred to designate it as that of "Psychic Research," that is a matter of individual preference. The personal evidence of the individuality of Kate Field, in the instance of the mass of communication that has apparently come from her, is of a nature that would be accepted on any witness stand, and is too voluminous to attempt to cite here. In some of my own books, especially in those entitled "After Her Death; The Story of a Summer," "The Spiritual Significance," and in the Third Series of "The World Beautiful," much of this evidence is given.

But if, as Christians, we really believe what we profess to believe; if

we have the faith in the teachings of Jesus, the Christ, that we say that we have; the New Testament alone, to say nothing of the Old Testament, both of which are full of statements of what we now call psychic phenomena, offer abundant proof. If we hold that "lively and steadfast faith" that we profess to hold, then faith alone is enough. But to this faith is added an immense array of modern testimony.

But it is the absolute continuity of life, unbroken by the change of conditions we call death, that is the important and determining truth. "The spirit" is not something apart from the man; some separate attribute; it is the man himself. The intelligence clothed in the spiritual body remains unchanged by the emerging of this spiritual body from its outer and temporal case, the physical body. If, when Bishop Phillips Brooks was dwelling among us, in his physical body, it would have been absurd to say "The spirit of Phillips Brooks preached in Trinity church yesterday," it is absurd to make such an expression now. If the bishop speaks to any of us, let us say so, simply, and without misleading circumlocution of phrase.—*Written for "The Spiritual Journal" at Rome, Italy.*

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One marvels at his genius, his eloquence, his earnest devotion to the unseen truths of the soul.

Bruno's death gave to us a larger life; his capacity gave men greater freedom.

Students of mysticism will find much of deep and lasting interest in this new contribution to the mystical literature of the day. Two fine illustrations have been added to this excellent work.—*Published by The Gnostic Press, San Diego, California.*

The Return of Thomas Hathaway

It was at the close of the busiest day that Benjamin Hart had known in many years of an active business life. He was seated alone by an open fire in his luxurious "den." The members of his family were variously occupied; he knew that he would not be disturbed, and proceeded to review the successes of the day.

He saw his shrewdness rewarded by the addition of many thousands of dollars to his several bank accounts. He was a successful man and the zest that life held for him was in accumulating wealth. There was a time when he had said, "When I have a competence I shall rest from money getting and enjoy life in study, travel and benevolent enterprises." But although he now possessed what to his younger years had seemed to be great wealth, he found his pleasure to consist only in the excitement of business gains; no desire to retire, to travel or to enter the field of philanthropy disturbed the routine of his life.

He had learned much of human nature. He had seen strong men drop like slaughtered sheep in the

path—of his leading. He had seen men spend wealth like fools and give away money like idiots (he called them), and their closing years were quietly passed in a chimney corner with only the simple necessities of life at their command.

"What a pity it is," he thought, "that money-making ends when a man's breath leaves his body."

"But it does not, my friend."

A voice in the room made this astounding statement, and he started from his lounging attitude every nerve and sense keenly on the alert. There sat a friend of by-gone years whom he supposed to be in South Africa making a fortune in the diamond mines.

"Why bless my soul, Tom. When did you come in? I did not know that you were in America. I am glad to see you!"

"Keep your seat, Benjamin," was the reply. Never mind conventionalities. I want to tell you a few discoveries I have made since we parted and having but a few moments to stay I must improve them. I would have given half my life to have known

these facts a few years ago. As I told you in reply to your thought, that money-making ends when the breath leaves the body—it is not true. A man who accumulates wealth in a spirit of liberality and love for his fellow men does not leave that wealth when he leaves his body, but finds its accumulations to be greater than his broadest thought can compass. also that it awaits his further disbursements from the great financial centers of the next plane of existence.

"It has been argued from higher thought principles that a revelation of the fact that institutions of finance are just as important a part of future human expression as they are in the present one, might tend to perpetuate sordid desire for gain. But the time has come when this fact is to be made as realistic as it is possible to be made—the fact that there is a practical way to continue to accumulate money after death. I tell you the millionaires who are bankrupt and the inconsequential accumulators of earthly property who find themselves heirs to great wealth are among the surprises of the future."

"Tom," replied Benjamin, "I'm used to that talk about laying up treasures in heaven, where thieves never break in, etc., etc. Is that what you are talking about?"

"I am talking," answered his visitor, "about money purified and spiritualized, a marvelously powerful and precious treasure which you will need. This is a reality as real as it is that if you deposit a hundred-dollar United States bill in one of your banks you can draw out one hundred dollars in gold. If it is a counterfeit you lose your bill and suffer according to the laws prohibiting the passing of counterfeit money.

"Now, friend, Hart, in all of your years of accumulation of money, if you were to step out today you would find yourself almost beggared on the other side. I say almost, because you have one enterprise that you think is a losing one, and yet you know that it is the source of livelihood to a few worthy people and that it seems to comfort and cheer some others and do a little good and so although it's what you call a losing proposition, you have been keeping it moving. You know what I mean, it is educational and it is really a movement that is making people think. That enterprise is, in reality, your most profitable investment. Make it fortify your other schemes with a breath of disinterested love for your fellows and let it inflate all of your possessions with spirituality and transform them into capital which you may still control.

"My dear Ben., I have learned that any amount of accumulated wealth that is gotten in a spirit of selfish greed and disregard of others, vanishes with the first breath from celestial life just as the ice disappears from a mountain lake at the movements of Spring. It is as useless to acquire property upon a selfish basis as it is to build a ship of ice because it floats; reason would repudiate such an undertaking, but it is no more fallacious than the building of a permanent fortune out of self-seeking thought substance."

"My dear friend, Tom, you are reading me a lecture on a subject that is interesting to say the least, but how do you know that what you are saying is truth?"

"I know it, friend Benjamin, because I have been a resident of higher realms for two years, and although I had enjoyed getting a fortune as much as you have, I found my credit over here was not composed of one cent of what I had made in Africa, but was the proceeds of a modest monthly remittance to an institution for supporting and educating orphan children,

a remittance I made from an impulse of pity toward some waifs I saw once. Upon my arrival here that modest sum stood, to my great astonishment, as a large balance at my disposal in a financial institution of vast influence. This fact has made me try to let you, and others if possible, know that if the law of liberality and love is obeyed in getting riches that a man may take his wealth with him, or to better express the fact, he will find it awaiting his further control under higher conditions. Benjamin Hart, I am not preaching, but I am stating an existing fact as clearly as language will permit me to do and I am making the statement in the cause of human progress."

"Thomas Hathaway, do you tell me that you have died and are sitting there talking to me?"

"Yes, I passed through the experience called death on the 28th day of October, two years ago. I have told you what I came to tell, and although I have not spoken an audible word you have my revelation indelibly impressed upon your consciousness. The exercises in deep breathing which you have practiced for your health the past year, have refined and developed your sensibilities to a condition more susceptible to vibrations from a higher life. But to return to the subject financial matters in celestial life, for I must leave you in few moments. I do desire to make it clear that if a man permits his higher instincts to govern his enterprises, he works with all of the laws of permanence, not of disintegration. As the formation of coral reefs and islands are aided to great beauty and strength by the laws that govern the life of the sea, so is he in line, or in harmony with that which is eternal. I have endeavored to make it clear that everything works together to aid in the accumulation of wealth which has a foundation purpose of benefit for all; test it while you have health and vigor, and increased earnings will flow into earthly tills as well as into celestial

coffers. I have never yet met a being without something to his credit in some of these marvelously conducted institutions, about which I am so limited in power of description for lack of analogies in earthly affairs."

Tom's voice ceased. Benjamin Hart was silent as a faint light of realization of the majestic law of beneficent love back of such a truth entered his soul.

"My friend, your statement astonishes me and yet I am able to grasp at its possibilities, and Thomas—he turned to glance at his visitor, but he was no longer there. He opened the door to follow him, then came a remembrance that he had said he had died two years ago!

He thought: "Perhaps I fell asleep and dreamed?" "No," he said aloud, "I never was more awake and fully alive than while he was here. I know that his visit was a reality, and that his revelation was truth. I see the problem of existence in a clearer, purer light. I shall be a better citizen, a more helpful fellow being because of Tom Hathaway's coming—but if I were to relate my experience I should be considered mad with money making."

Benjamin Hart started inquiries as to the where abouts of his old friend and learned that he died in an African mining camp on Oct. 28th, two years previous to his appearance to him on that memorable evening.—*Copyright ed*

THE ROAD OF DREAM AND THE ROAD OF DO.

By Oriana.

With flowers and sweets,
And happy days,
The road of Dream is filled;
I lightly tread, I hold the thread
Of joy, and care is stilled.

With friends most dear
I journey on,

The road of Dream is fair;
All is good, and all is true,
And sweet songs fill the air.

But what is this?

What shadow comes?

The road of Dreams is gone;
Bare and drear outstretching here,
The road of Do is born.

From out my dream

I grew apace,

I fain would have ignored it;
But it drew me on and ever on,
Till sun and shadow wove it.

The road of Do

Is the road of Dream,

And I pass singing o'er it.

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