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DIRECTIONS
CONCERNING
THE PROPER TIME FOR GATHERING
ALL
HERBS, FRUITS, ROOTS, AND FLOWERS,
WITH
ASTROLOGICAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO BE OBSERVED IN
ADMINISTERING THEM IN PARTICULAR DISEASES.

(Continued from p. 144.)

So variously and so widely does the science of astrology branch and shoot out, that it cannot be expected, in a weekly publication, to pursue any one of its subjects from beginning to end: our aim, therefore, is to give that which applies to particular times and seasons in the best manner we are able.

It would have been desirable to have given brief sketches of the great men who laid the foundation of botanical astrology and medicine, previous to introducing what we are here doing on these subjects, in order that our readers might have been better enabled to appreciate that which is about to be offered; but had this plan been adopted, we must have postponed our botanical remarks until the annual season of gathering had passed by. A fact or two, however, from the life of Hippocrates, will serve to show the importance of a knowledge of herbs.

HIPPOCRATES, AND HIS SKILL IN SUBDUING PLAGUES.

“While dwelling in his native island, Coes, the Illyrians sent ambassadors to him to come and remove a raging pestilence which threatened to depopulate their country; and having acquainted himself with some circumstances preceding and attending the contagion, and of its probably spreading into Thessaly and Greece by the winds which prevailed; he immediately sent his two sons, Thessalus and Draco, with his son-in-law, Polybus, and several of his pupils, into different places, with necessary instructions, and went himself to the assistance of the Illyrians; and by his wonderful skill, he in a short time purified the air of the noxious quality with which it was infected; afterward visit-

ing some other places to which its ravages had extended themselves, and in the course of which mission he administered life to thousands of the dying, and was every where hailed as a saviour of the countries he visited. Having finally stayed the devastating malady, he went to Delphos, and offered up prayers and sacrifices to Apollo; and passing through Boeotia, made his appearance in Athens, where he received the title of *the divine*."

"On another occasion, mentioned by Thucydides, an eye-witness, as more pressing and raging than the former, he delivered Athens from a plague. This extraordinary deliverance is also recounted in the subsequent writings of Lucretius, who informs us that one of the methods he made use of, was to order great fires to be kept lighted up along the streets, into which he directed that quantities of aromatic flowers and herbs should be plentifully thrown, the odours of which contributed to cleanse the air, and arrest the ravages of the pestilence."

PLANETARY INFLUENCE TO BE CONSULTED BY BOTANISTS.

Those who intend to arrive at any degree of perfection in the science of botany, must thoroughly understand the manner in which the several planets successively reign over the successive hours of the day; and by means of this knowledge, they will be able to exercise a necessary discretion in gathering and preserving the various productions of vegetable nature. Our limits will not, of course, permit us to give a regular treatise on so enlarged a branch of physiology; all therefore we can do is to refer to those authors which contain the best instructions for practice. Those who would go to the fountain-head, will consult Mackius's Hippocrates, 2 vol. folio, Vienna, 1743; and Galen's works, 3 vols. folio, Basil, 1538. But for common and general use, the works of our Culpepper may be consulted with advantage.

The tables of the planetary hours, and of their places of dignity, and increasing and diminishing power, may be found in almost any elementary work upon astrology; but Morinus, in his "*Astrologia Gallica*," has the most rational elucidation of these particulars; and indeed, were he not so famous for his unscientific blunders, Sibly has collected a variety of useful matter relative to medicinal astrology, and the subject we are here upon.

Having thus opened the way to our readers, we, for want of room, shall be compelled to defer the continuation of our instructions until

next publication; yet, for the present, we may observe, that those herbs classed under any particular planet, may be gathered when that planet is on the meridian of any place; and this time may always be known by consulting "The Prophetic Almanack," which is the only one published that gives the hour when the several planets do cross the meridian. If that time should be in the night, then a person must consider the hour the planet rises; and if that is more convenient, let the herbs which want gathering be then collected. Many herbs, &c. have a sympathy with two or more planets, and this affords an opportunity of collecting them under that which reigns most favourably as to time.

(To be continued.)

FROM A WORK OF SINGULAR MERIT,

JUST PUBLISHED BY THAT EMINENT CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER,
JEREMY BENTHAM, ESQ.

"On the question *what law is*, so long as the rule of action is kept in the state of common, *alias* unwritten, *alias* imaginary law, authority, though next to nothing, is every thing. The question is, what, on a given occasion, A. (the judge) is likely to think? Wait until your fortune has been spent in the inquiry, and you will know. But, forasmuch as it is naturally a man's wish to be able to give a guess what the result will eventually be, before he has spent his fortune in the view; if possible, to avoid spending his fortune, and getting nothing in return for it, he applies, through the medium of B. (an attorney) for an opinion; to C. (a counsel) who, considering what D. (a former judge) has, on a subject supposed to be more or less analogous to the one in question, said, or been supposed to say, deduces therefrom his *guess* as to what, when the time comes, Judge A. he thinks, will say, and gives it you. A shorter way would be to put the question at once to A.; but for obvious reasons this is not permitted.

On many cases, again, as well-grounded a guess might be had of an astrologer for five shillings, as of a counsel for twice or thrice as many guineas: but the lawyer considers the astrologer as a smuggler, and puts him down."

A TOUCH
ON
THE ENORMITY OF CRIM. CON. TRANSGRESSIONS;
WITH THE
DANGER OF THEIR FARTHER INCREASE,
AND
MEANS SUGGESTED FOR THEIR TOTAL SUPPRESSION.

WHOEVER with his neighbour's wife shall lie,
Stands cursed of heaven, and he shall surely die !
And cursed to die is that adulterous wife
Who violates the laws of married life !*
They rob and murder in the face of heaven,
By breaking all, who break commandment seven !†
Nor does, as some may think, the Christian code
This edict, or the penalty, explode ;
For this, in wantonness if we might break,
We just as well might murder in our freak !
Heav'n's laws mind not the temper we are in—
Man's temper mitigates no moral sin—
And hence, by holy law, in fine and shame,
Adult'rer and assassin are the same !

What shall we, then, as men and brethren, say,
Concerning this our unregenerate day,
When courts consent to measure out a vice,
As foul as murder, at a moderate price ?
What shall we say, when we are brought to know,
Adultery of late is sold so low,
That traders from all quarters multiply,
And seize each opportunity to buy ?
Blush, England, blush, to see thy moral laws,
For lawyer's gain, encouraging *faux pas* !
Thy polish'd circles, in these polish'd times,
Blush to see leaders in this worst of crimes !

* Levit. xx, 10.

† Gal. ii. 10, 11.

First in this rank of guilt—and from his birth,
 Whose guilt is fashion—blush for G***** the F***** !
 Blush for the D*** of Y***, and all the others,
 In the adulterous list of r***l brothers ;
 Who, by their commerce with the lewd and rich,
 Spread, like a murrain, their contagious itch !

The law divine, were it to take its course,
 And be, with utmost rigour, put in force,
 We fear that some defenders of the f****
 Would not escape an ignominious death !
 And that, instead of honour'd or enthroned,
 Their race would run the risk of being stoned !

But here we would not visit a *faux pas*,
 With all the rigour of the Jewish law :
 Life is almost too dear to be consign'd
 Unto the arbitration of mankind !
 No mode of punishment would we advance
 That would not to repentance give a chance :
 But where the marriage-bed had been defiled,
 The punishment should not be over-mild ;
 Nor should there be a difference in degrees,
 'Twixt prince and beggar, in such crimes as these !
 Of all alike, I'd have examples made ;
 That if they were not of the sin afraid,
 The shame and punishment should carry dread.—
 Pent in a common jail, they should be fed
 On bread and water for a certain time ;
 Fetter'd, and wearing badges of their crime.
 Then would I have the rascals brought from jail,
 And pinion'd in a cart, or at its tail,
 Dragg'd through all common thoroughfares, and lash'd
 With cat-o'-nine-tails till their teeth they gnash'd :
 And till with spirit contrite brought to roar
 Amain—*Peccavi—I'll do so no more !*

But 'tis not meet for ladies to be stripp'd,
 And in a cart through towns and cities whipp'd !
 Sink, then, for them, a proper crim. con. pond,
 And duck, with least of mercy, the *beau monde* !

As Queen of Frailty, C***** should first
Be over-head in kindred filth immersed !
Think not 'tis meant to have them soused, undress'd—
Expose not e'en to view th' adulterous breast :
No—better would it be with cess-pool mud,
To dye seduction's robes in crim. con. flood !
Thus drench'd, to cover let the harlot fly,
Hunted along by ribald mob, full cry !
And if these frail ones as to rank were class'd,
The great should suffer first—the little, last !

These measures, 'tis presumed, would daunt from vice,
Better than setting on it any price :
And Britain, thus, some chance, at least, might stand,
To see crim. con. uprooted from her land—
Might by a steady, well-aim'd moral blow,
Strike dead one sin, and stagnate floods of woe !

Thought well, it was, this subject here to trace,
Since Saturn occupies a dangerous place ;
And is, with Venus, in a sort of league,
To give effect to subjects of intrigue.
Indeed, of this I warn'd some time ago ;
And recent consequences serve to shew
How far faith ought in all things to be given
To the siderial messengers of heaven :
I, therefore, urge each male and female spouse
To ponder o'er and o'er their nuptial vows,
Since Venus is besieged by two sad stars—
On one side, Saturn ; on the other, Mars !
And so insidiously these planets lurk,
The ruin of unstable hearts to work,
That, without resolution shall be strong,
Husbands and wives will be enticed to wrong :
And if the scourge and pond be not employ'd,
Guilt will prevail—and concord, long enjoy'd,
With life's consocial ties, and love's, will be destroy'd.



ASTROLOGICAL FRAGMENTS,

BY

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS OLIVE OF CUMBERLAND.

FRAGMENT THE FIRST.

SOME of the most celebrated philosophers of old were united in opinion, that the hosts of the firmament were the harbingers of good and evil below. *Seth*, the father of astrology, left several mementos of his scientific researches, which were engraven on stone, and which laid the foundation of this part of occult science. Thus, from an era nearly coeval with the origin of the world, we have evidence that the patriarchal sages esteemed this knowledge an attainment of the most desirable and magnificent kind. There can be very little ground for doubting but that Joseph, in Egypt, then the chief seat of learning, was enabled, by his skill in astrology, to acquire the favour of Pharaoh by providing for the emergencies of the Egyptian state, in the manner recorded in Holy Writ. The insight into the future destiny of his sons, whom he judged of, and blessed, previous to his death, was also, as we may very well believe, drawn by his father Jacob from the configurations of the heavenly bodies at the times of their several nativities.

The great Hermes, and Ptolemy, king of Egypt, as well as Zoroaster, and other sages, made a considerable progress in this branch of science, and left to posterity definitive proofs of the truth and regularity of the planetary motions, and of the tendency of their several effects according to mutual aspect. Upon these, and many other concurrent authorities, it has been fully decided, that all mundane affairs are subject to planetary influence, not taking thereby from the power and wisdom of God, but plainly demonstrating that Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Mercury, and the Sun and Moon, were his celestial agents, acting under

the control and supreme will of the Most High, in the affairs of mortals : being thus divinely endowed with the power of dispensing good and evil ; and with the occult properties of incessant motion, and thereby of affecting human intention, and human life !

States and empires, at their ungenial influence, are crumbled into dust ; and by their smile the most humble are raised to the loftiest summit of earthly glory ! Thus, continually on their course, they perform the great and extraordinary offices allotted to them severally by the Supreme, with a diligence, obedience, and promptitude, beyond the finite comprehension of mortal man. How ignorant and prejudiced, then, must that man be, and how crude that understanding, which condemns a science in which the wisest and greatest king of the earth, even Solomon, delighted ! Of all studies, occult philosophy requires the most temperate and industrious habits of life ; for not an hour passes that does not produce some interesting variation in the heavens, and some consequent changes on the earth. To pursue the motions of the planets with effect, a philosopher must let no opportunity escape him of observation and improvement. By constantly marking the trines, sextiles, conjunctions, quartiles, and oppositions of the planets that succeed each other, and observing their operations on the heart, the passions, and the fortunes of men—by comparing his inferences with the judgments of ancient philosophers, a good astronomer, mathematician, and astrologer, may reasonably illustrate the fate of empires, and read the destiny of princes with a certainty, that would astonish the foolish and the ignorant, and perhaps induce such to exclaim, *This is a diabolical art !* Persons of this class are incapable of reflecting that the celestial alphabet is among the primary gifts of the Almighty hand, and that by a life of learning, temperance, and piety, the philosopher is enabled to decipher and comprehend it for the admonition and benefit of his fellow-beings.

Comets, too, have been seen to be the forerunners sometimes of *especial good* ; but more frequently of excessive evil. Thus, a comet or blazing star may be presumed to have guided the magi, or wise men of the east, to Bethlehem, as recorded with solemnity in the New Testament. The downfall of many states has been foreshewn by prodigious sights seen in the air. Jerusalem, Egypt, Rome, and many other regions, declare as much ; and, indeed, all strange and unusual apparitions of this nature are generally followed by direful effects, such as convulsions of the earth, insurrections, wars, and change of dynasties ! A comet appeared just at the time that our unfortunate Charles

of England was defeated by Cromwell : and in 1819, a comet appeared in the summer previous to the death of the excellent Duke of Kent ; and the demise of His Majesty George the Third, followed a few minutes afterward !

My reason for passing over ancient periods and events, is to endeavour, by citing modern cases, to impress upon the mind of the reader those truths which I am seeking to point out ; and thus to enable persons, who have no knowledge whatever of the studies upon which I am treating, to judge for themselves.

OLIVE, PRINCESS OF CUMBERLAND.

(To be continued.)

A SPECIAL

PREDICTION IN THE PROPHETIC ALMANACK, 1824,

LITERALLY ACCOMPLISHED

IN THE BREAKING OUT OF

THE WAR WITH THE BIRMANESE NATION.

ON coming to notice this fulfilment of a direct and special prediction, it requires to be said, that it was made at least six months before the unexpected blow was struck by the Sovereign of the Birmans. The following extracts contain the words of the prophecy.

“ Our eastern possessions are not, as it seems, free from commotion ; and I am mistaken if a more troublesome revolt is not breaking out than we have ever had to quell in that quarter.”—And in the subsequent part of the work, laying still greater stress upon the subject, the author says, “ I have before had occasion to observe something about a refractory spirit having manifested itself in the country of the Nabobs ; and in this month (that is, November) there are signs which seem to bear a similar construction. If we could import as much virtue as we do luxury from our remote world, it might be well worth our possession ; but monopolized as Indian commodities are, we have few evils that we ought more to desire to be rid of than a footing in the oriental lands. Ireland is of far more real worth to England than the Empire of the Great Mogul could ever, with China to boot, be made. Ireland is in the most abject condition for want of such a government as we hold, in Leadenhall-street, over India ; and it is much to be implored, that some special relief may be devised for the amelioration of the unfortunate condition of our Sister Island.”

Now, whoever has been taking notice of the language in which the war we are preparing to enter upon, for the protection of our Indian territory, has been spoken of by the writers for the public press, will, perhaps, be ready to express some little astonishment, at an affair in a quarter of the globe, so distant, having been thus expressly alluded to six months previous to a war in that quarter being dreamt of. Had we room for remarks, many might be made on the nature of the contest we are about to embark in ; but we can only say, that the Birmanese are not likely to have commenced an attack upon our troops, without well weighing their means of following up their blows with effect. It has been said that the empire contains a population of 17,000,000 : but the writer of this article has conversed with persons who know the empire well, and estimate the population at from 22 to 25 millions. We are not to calculate much either upon the advantage of tactics. European tactics are not now confined to Europe. French officers are insinuating themselves into every foreign army that is likely to be opposed to England. They owe us a grudge ; and so determined are they, that they will not rest until it is paid either by fair means or foul ; and we shall see that they will have a hand in this Indian war. At all events, as far as we can judge at present, if it should not end in knocking up the East India Company, we may expect that we have *more to quell*, as the prediction states, "*than we have ever before had to quell in that quarter.*"

DESCRIPTION

OF

THE MOTION OF THE FIXED STARS,

BY MANILIUS THE ASTROLOGER.

ALL these still keep one course, and all pursue
 Their constant track, nor vary in a new.
 From one fixed point they start ; their course maintain,
 Repeat their whirl, and visit it again :
 And this is strange, and this doth more surprise
 Than all the other wonders of the skies,
 That such unwieldy frames their signs should draw,
 As moved by reason, and confined by law ;
 No change in distance, nor in site appear,
 Though great in number, long the rolling year !

On the 17th of June 1789, the Opera-House in the Haymarket was entirely destroyed by fire; and on the following day the Manchester Theatre shared the same fate, when the planets were posited as follows:

June 17, 1789. | ☉ [♄] 26 . 35 | ☿ [♅] 15 . 29 | ♃ [♁] 11 . 21 | ♄ [♆] 23 . 6 | ♀ [♀] 1 . 3
 ♂ [♂] 19 . 6 | ♀ [♀] 1 . 17 | ♄ [♆] 21 . 34

It may now be perceived that the Sun had just separated from a quartile aspect with the planet Saturn, the former being within the evil degrees of Gemini, while the latter is approaching those in Pisces. The planet Herschell is, also, within orbs of opposition with Saturn: and the latter of these planets is within one degree of the place of Jupiter at the fire of 1666; a strong testimony that the degrees you mention are very apt to cause fires.

Thus, sir, will the admirers of this noble science, if you please to insert these facts, have still farther ground to build upon, and without detaining you farther, I beg to subscribe myself, as an admirer of your work,

Yours, &c.

SIDROPHEL.

PLANETARY CONFIGURATIONS

DURING THE PRESENT AND ENSUING MONTHS,

WITH THE

PORTENDED CONSEQUENCES.

THE preceding number of this work contains observations on the concourse of planets assembled in Leo, with remarks on the peculiar effects calculated to result from such a combination of diversified and powerful influences. In another part of this present number we have also sought to lay appropriate stress on the moral enormity of indulging in those passions which produce the many unhappy cases of crim. con. that we are obliged to witness; and which, it will be remembered, were, with illicit matches, intrigues, jealousies, &c. among the consequences to be apprehended.

Upon the present occasion, we have farther to notice, that the before-mentioned omens are but precursors of another, the tendency of which

is also similar, and which presents itself at the time the planet Jupiter enters the same sign, Leo, after having made a quartile aspect with Mars, from the cardinal signs Cancer and Libra; and which will be taking place at midnight on the 18th of the present month of August. It must not, however, be supposed, that these said operations of Jupiter in Leo will begin to develop themselves immediately on his ingress into that sign; but their obvious effects will be more conspicuous as he receives the aspects of other planets while in his course through this division of the zodiac: and from the month of October to December there will be a train of configurations, such as may be expected to produce the consequences previously signified.

One certain effect of these successive influences is their giving rise to circumstances that will furnish persons connected with courts of law with plenty of employment, and consequently with the means of extracting from the purses of their litigious clients abundance of gold. Another of the effects which will be experienced during the progress of Jupiter through Leo, will be directed towards persons from thirty-two to thirty-five years of age. Such of these as have had misfortunes and adversities during the last five years, will, according to every fair calculation, and no counter natal influences preventing, meet with favourable opportunities of improving their affairs. These operations are not confined to any particular class of persons, and will, therefore, happen in various ways, and should be watched for and taken advantage of: for there are few persons coming within the limits of the ages here set down, whatever may be their several situations in life, but may expect to receive some benefit or advancement during the continuance of Jupiter in the sign Leo.

The positions of Mars and Saturn indicate also much enmity between judges and other great officers of state, which is likely to cause great impediments to public business; and some thefts of an extraordinary nature will, no doubt, result from the effects of Saturn in Gemini. Mercury denotes also some disagreements concerning mercantile affairs, and which will apparently end in litigious disputes and expensive suits. Indeed the courts of law will, between the present time and Christmas, be more full of controversy than ever remembered; and some cases of a novel and curious nature will be brought before them.



PLANETARY PREDICTIONS

BY

THE ROYAL MERLIN.

ACCORDING to their manifold and diversified virtues and influences upon sublunary things, are the celestial orbs distinguished.

Mars war provokes, and vengeance dire,
 Darting towards Sol his furious ire:
 Jove, with benigance, justice gives;
 Venus with love and beauty lives!
 Saturn, superior, wields his powers,
 And fortune's joys or miseries showers:
 The changing Moon, inconstant e'er,
 Doth oftentimes female greatness bear:
 And Mercury, a subtle god,
 With good and evil blends his rod;
 A wary messenger of state,
 To happiness or woe create.

Such are the seven principal governors of this world; the planet Saturn being the arbitrator of time, and styled by the ancients THE FATHER OF THE PLANETS—the *intelligent revolutor of a long space*—*author of great profundity and secret contemplations*, impressing men's thoughts by the loftiest ideas, or humbling the highest to the dust—the *complete Prime Minister of Mundane Power*! This Author of Greatness will evince his power at this period, upon entering into Gemini, to all Europe. *He will raise up the humble and put down the mighty*! His progress from the significator of Poland, to the ascendant of this metropolis, will demonstrate to the kings of Europe, that the intentions of mortals are but as chaff that flieth in the face of the wind. Thus, ere Saturn has reached ten degrees in Gemini, the commerce of London will be perplexed by the faithless policy of the Northern States! Russia, also, seen to be extending north and south its eagle wings, will have much to do. “A multitude of business,” it is said in the Scriptures, “produces a dream.”* England will act prudently to keep a navy riding upon the British ocean.

* Eccles. v. 3.

France has a traitorous measure in agitation, to countervail the designs of which will require the greatest foresight and energy in the southern hemisphere. According to the rules of Hermes, Ptolemy, and other learned men, the significations of the heavenly bodies threaten Egypt with insurrection, and a like effect may be expected in our West India plantations; which matters, it seems, will tend to much baffle the designs of the Holy Alliance! Lo, and behold, that impolitic league of Russia, Prussia, and Austria, will, as a potter's vessel, be broken in pieces; and England, more wakeful than her neighbours, will be roused, at last, into action by the injustice that she has experienced, and, through *other fears*, will be again urged into a war with a sister state!

The Pope will soon be upon the theatre of jesuitical duplicity; and Italy will, in all probability, be a scene of confusion towards the end of the year. Saturn's progress through Gemini will affect not only the courts of law at home; but, in the northern cabinets, much disquietude will be occasioned, and deep debates in the political departments of England will most likely ensue! A chasm in a certain administration, where it is least expected, will be heard of; and very great deaths may be anticipated in Russia, and in two other states.—The laurels of a celebrated hero will begin to droop, and the cypress wave over his tomb ere the close of the present year.

Ah! what avails the tinselled show
That decorates the house of woe?
Since fleeting greatness dies away,
And death his triumph does display!

Another, also, who will be lamented by but few, will, it is apprehended, submit to the mandates of fate! A period approaches that will humiliate one of sage appearance, and exceedingly great renown! Matters will be on the political anvil of Europe, in September, which will amaze England! In vain will be each *secret consultation*: for *certain characters* will be released from enthraldom, and the secrets of past times will check the progress of oppression in a *quarter*, where only *the semblance of virtue* is discoverable!

Wonder shall soon on wonder rise,
And royal deeds mankind surprise!
The oak, expanding from a rock,
Undaunted meets the tempest's shock:
And Neptune wields his trident high,
While Venus does his car supply.

(To be continued.)

NOTICE.—Truly grateful are our demonstrations for the unprecedented patronage that has been conferred upon our work. In addition to the future talents of Her Royal Highness the Princess Olive of Cumberland, several other profound Astrologers have united their labours with us, in order to increase the attractions, and render this Miscellany the most interesting of the day.

Numbers 1 to 9, which have been out of print, are now reprinted, to supply the increasing demand for "The Stragglings Astrologer."