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OBSERVATIONS AND PREDICTIONS

BY
THE ROYAL MERLIN.

THE world is govern'd by the stars on high,
And help effectual issueth from the sky:
Who hopes to overcome life's ills below,
Must seek the source whence life and health do flow--Must read the starry alphabet above--Must trace Almighty wisdom---and must prove
The bless'd and great intent of Nature's God!
And thereby soften misery's iron rod.

Physicians often mistake the complaints of their patients through their ignorance of occult philosophy. Nature is fond of sympathies and antipathies throughout creation. Thus the herbs and roots that would be efficacious to one patient, would, perhaps, destroy another suffering under the same disease, if both were not born under similar configurations!

> The course phy--ns of the modern day Pursue---far different is from reason's way: Amusements, perhaps, and sloth that time divide, Which should in study have been occupied. All heavenly influence such e'er disregard, And think the task to learn it much too hard, Preferring pleasure!---thus does humour ill Prevail --- not philosophic art and skill. These to revive in this degenerate age, When idle nonsense decorates the page, I fear like pearls thrown down to swine will prove, So few a life of industry do love. Thus causes and effects, ill understood, Produce not, as they ought, a thoughtful mood In minds devoted to a vicious course, Where truth nor virtue can their power enforce. But know, from sympathies on high proceed The health and bliss below which mortals need; How heavenly atoms and the earth's agree, From reading Royal Merlin you shall see.

The lot of a patient is deplorable who trusts his or her life to a sophistical and ignorant Esculapius! Let an Englishman bear in his constant recollection, that every clime produces herbs, roots, and plants, which are most conducive, used as medicines, to health, and the preservation of life—that the great Creator has so regulated, that man, in his native land, shall possess whatever is required to relieve from illness, and the infirmities to which his nature may be subject. Do not resort then to foreign drugs, but to the seeds, herbs, and roots of your native country; and constantly remember, that temperance is not only the path to bodily health, but to mental superiority and long life.

The square of Saturn and Mercury, on the 12th instant, is a configuration which implies that serious measures are in contemplation both at home and abroad—more is on the eve of being announced in a certain state of Europe than I am willing to write! It will soon be an important period for Great Britain; but she must not be too subservient to the eagle of the north! Be prepared for political changes in America about this period, as a secret plan is agitating in that rising country! Perhaps the eagle of A——e may be concerned in the operations of the American Republic! Its policies are subtle and not very advantageous to England.

The midnight cabinet is held,
Where great Napoleon once dwell'd:
His shade, as Denmark's, may arise,
And great events mankind surprise!
A comet bright will soon appear--Then mark the end of this strange year!
The Turk pursues his sanguine way
Where Mars terrific shall display
A direful scene! Poor Greeks, you fly
Till Heaven assistance does supply
From Mercy's court!

Egypt will know trouble, and some sudden convulsions of the southern world will be manifested about November.

November---season chill and drear---With thee approaches care and fear:
Thy bitter winds, and frosts, and snow,
And the floods that overflow,
All conspire---and nought but dread
Hovers o'er thy wint'ry head!

THE ROYAL MERLIN.

WE REFER OUR READERS TO THE TITLE-PAGE FOR AN ENGRAVED HOROSCOPE, ILLUSTRA-TIVE OF THE FOLLOWING CHAPTER.

NATIVITY

OF

HIS MAJESTY GEORGE IV.

Ye stars, which are the poetry of heaven!

If, in your bright leaves, we could read the fate

Of men and empires,---'tis to be forgiven!---Lord Byron.

THE ascendant of this regal geniture appears to be the twenty-sixth degree of the sign Virgo; and, according to the ancient rules of astrology, the native would be born under the dominion of Mercury, particularly as that planet rules the mid-heaven also. But by a more attentive view of the horoscope, it will be discovered, that the nativity is of a singular and extraordinary description; for, at the instant of birth, the beneficent star, Venus, had just ascended the horizon, thus bearing principal rule over the life and actions, and affording a striking proof of the authenticity of the siderial science, as all authors who have written upon this science, and all its professors, agree in describing Venus to be the source of every pleasure and elegant enjoyment which life affords, and particularly of those depending upon the fine arts, music, poetry, and fashionable recreations, in which she never fails to render those born under her influence most perfect connoisseurs: at the same time, she generally makes the native invincible in love, and a peculiar favourite with the fair sex.

The Moon in Taurus, in conjunction with Jupiter, most excellently

forms the mental and intellectual faculties; giving a retentive memory, sound judgment, and a capacity for learning of the most exalted kind; the whole of which almost every one in the British dominions must know to be exactly verified in the present instance. His Majesty has also ever been considered remarkable for his classical attainments: and independent of the halo of flattery, which is generally visible in the atmosphere of princes, he has, moreover, been remarkable for taste and elegance; the never-failing characteristic of those who have the benevolent planet Venus for their natal star, and ascending at birth in the eastern angle.

As a contrast to these shining qualities, the opposition of Luna and Jove to Mars, together with the fickle Mercury, being fixed in the sign of the Lion, approaching the solar beams, and previously meeting a quartile of the three planets before-mentioned, tends to cause great violence of the passions, if not governed by the united force of reason and education, with a mind fond of sovereign sway, and of the etiquette of regality, with all its pomp and decorations: but, at the same time, it inclines to courage, giving a firm and decided determination, only to be overcome by the most persuasive arguments.

The combined effects of Venus rising—of the Moon joined with Jupiter—of Sol in Leo, a fiery and regal sign of his own nature—and above all, of the seven planets above the earth in their diurnal circuits, are positive testimonies of extensive and extraordinary power, dominion, and fame; at least equal, if not superior, to any of the illustrious predecessors of the native.

The Pars Fortunæ falling, according to the Placidian method, into the commencement of Cancer; being angular in the zenith; and disposed of by the Moon, who, although in conjunction with Jupiter, applies to Mars, is altogether symbolical of considerable wealth; but this combination of aspects never makes a miser. The mundane sextile of Mars and Venus denotes considerable loss of money by the ways and means signified by that aspect, which may be found explained in most authors.

The Moon and Mars cadent most amply denote travelling, which has already been, and will again be, verified.

As a proof of the correctness of the horoscope, it will be seen, that the coronation took place under the direction of the Sun to the zenith, or summit of heaven, an event which I plainly foresaw, and which, although contrary to the opinions of most other astrologers, I predicted a

considerable time before it took place. The direction is thus calculated:

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which answers to fifty-eight years, eleven months, at which precise time the native was invested with the functions of royalty.

The death of the Queen, and disastrous events of that period, were plainly foreshewn by the great eclipse of 1819, falling in the ominous degree of Pisces, in opposition to Venus; as well as by the great conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, which fell on the very degree of Saturn in the radix, in the house of death, the effects of which were certainly calculated to produce extraordinary events, and which effects are not yet entirely ceased.

I might enlarge much farther on this nativity, and might proceed to calculations whereby I could predict events of most surprising consequence, relative to the above illustrious native, as connected with the fate of the kingdom he governs. I might dwell upon the events which will be produced by the Sun coming to the fiery star, Mars; and when Jupiter begins to set beneath the western horizon; but I leave such stupendous effects to be described by the pen of your Royal Correspondent. Suffice it to say, that I read in the stars the most important changes in three quarters of the globe. They draw near! They are even at the door!

August 12th, 1824.

RAPHAEL.

EARTHQUAKE AND VIOLENT HEAT

AT

LISBON.

In the Times newspaper of August the 7th, is contained an account of an earthquake, accompanied by extraordinary atmospheric phenomena, which recently visited Lisbon; and from which the following is an extract:

"LISBON, July 19th, 1824.—This morning, at five o'clock, a slight shock of an earthquake was felt in this city. We have had intense heat for three days. Farenheit's thermometer has been at 100 degrees in the shade.

"The excessive heats experienced in this city on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of June, and which did such damage to the fields, deserve also some observation.

"On the 17th and 18th, Farenheit's thermometer, in the open air, and in the shade, was from 92 degrees to 96, at two o'clock; and from 79 to 83 degrees, at midnight.

"On the 19th, exposed to a hot wind from the north-east, it rose to 105 degrees. This burning wind did immense damage. The wind was so hot that the thermometer, even at midnight, when exposed to it, stood at 91 degrees.

"On the morning of the 20th, it fell to 83 degrees; rose at two in the afternoon to 103 degrees: and at midnight was again at 83 degrees.

"On the 21st and 22d, a sea-breeze from the south-west cooled the air, so that the thermometer was only 81 degrees, and 76 degrees in the hot hours: and it fell at midnight to 73 degrees, and to 68 degrees.

"It is to be noticed, that on the 19th the thermometer, in the open air, did not rise to more than 100 degrees.

"It is impossible to calculate the damage done by the terrible phenomena of the 19th; we can state, however, that the vines, in elevated situations, exposed to the north-east, entirely lost the abundant fruit with which they were loaded. We are also informed, that a great many persons working in the fields were mortally struck by the mahignant influence of the excessive heat. Many animals shared the same

fate: and the leaves of trees and other plants were completely dried up and reduced to dust."

Whatever causes in nature might have conspired to produce these extraordinary phenomena, it is not easy to determine. The sign Libra is, however, considered to be the ascendant of Lisbon: and admitting this to have been correctly appointed, as the present circumstances bespeak it, the catastrophe may be accounted for as follows. The hot, dry, fiery, malignant, violent planet, Mars—a planet ever celebrated for producing pestilential heat and ungenial winds, was making his transit through the ascendant of Lisbon at the time of the extraordinary weather described in the account. He was also in quartile to Georgium Sidus in Capricorn, and to Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, and the Sun, all in the tropical sign Cancer, on the 19th of July, when the shock of the earthquake was felt.

On the 18th of June, when the hot winds commenced, Mars was in the beginning of the sign Libra, in aspect to Mercury and Saturn, who had just changed his sign, and entered Gemini; in which sign, also, at the time, were Venus, Mercury, and the Sun, opposing Pisces, the general ascendant of the Portuguese nation, in which sign was seated the Moon.

These positions, taken altogether, had no doubt a great share in producing the strange consequences described: but much may be, nevertheless, ascribed to the approaching quartile of Mars with Jupiter, which planet has much to do in whatever relates to Portugal: and this approaching quartile is also from powerful signs; the one tropical, the other equinoctial.

Be, however, the planetary cause whatever it may, we have given underneath the positions of the orbs for the two chief days when the influence prevailed, that our readers may make what addition they please to our observations.

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ASTROLOGICAL FRAGMENTS,

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS OLIVE OF CUMBERLAND.

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The Philosophy of Nature, including the occult sciences, was exceedingly revered in the days of Solomon, who, at one period of his glorious reign, devoted much of his royal leisure, when not occupied in state affairs, to the pursuit of scientific knowledge. These facts the history of those times fully testifies. Nor were the hours of that sovereign passed unprofitably, as wise and clement laws, and virtuous and holy regulations, distinguished that season of his life. The Almighty then blessed whatever he did or took in hand. Thus, by temperance and wisdom, he arrived at the highest summit of earthly honour: but when crime, indolence, and irreligious principles influenced his royal actions, he fell to the lowest state of human degradation.

Men of rare and excellent endowments have frequently declared that the progress and signification of the planetary world were the most useful studies of mankind; as, by reasonably comprehending the intentions of the Great Supreme, a religious adoration animates the mind of the philosopher, which becomes convinced of the omnipotence of God by the miracles that have proceeded from the Almighty hand, causing him to exclaim, How infinite are thy bounteous blessings upon earth!

—How truly wonderful is the motion and influence of the planets, whose operations regulate the destiny of empires, and produce the happiness or misery of mortals!

In all ages occult philosophy has had its champions as well as antagonists; and this will be the case in every age of the world, as the studies and inclinations of men vary: and most are aware, that there is no such thing as human perfection upon earth. The greatest of philosophers, and the best of men, have been often subject to errors. Nor is a liability to mistakes confined to mere philosophers; but medical characters and the most learned in the law are not free from human misconception, or able to relieve themselves from absurdities which have been frequently attached to their professional conduct.

From the creation learning did begin,
And virtue fell beneath the power of sin.
Alas! when Adam did so guilty fall,
Sin, like disease, grew epidemical:
And so by reason it is understood
Man's knowledge is at best not very good.

As to the study of occult philosophy, Ptolemy says, "It cannot be that he who is skilful should pronounce the particular form of things: nor can the fancy undertake a particular but a general notion of the sensible matter in such things: we must use conjecture; none but those endowed with divine inspiration predict particulars."

Thus persons believing that things contingent must necessarily, and of necessity, come to pass, according to the philosopher's prediction, labour under palpable mistake; for every reasonable being will conceive and admit, that contingencies are under the sole direction of the Almighty!

If we read ancient history we may readily discover, that the destinies of many men have exceeded the usual progress of mortality; as we perceive some to have been born under such evil fate, that they have fallen from the highest pinnacle of greatness to the lowest possible debasement, while the lowest have sometimes been elevated to dignity and power. Thus persons born in different parts of the globe, at the same time, do not experience the same fortune. If so, there must have been several Cæsars—several Scipios—and more than one Hannibal and one Ulysses.

That the fate of nations may be more accurately understood than the fate of individuals, I am persuaded, as the planets, in their progress, not only operate on the seasons, but upon the kingdoms and people under their sympathy or antipathy. Never was a kingdom, state, or great religious sect founded, but some extraordinary assemblage or configuration of the planetary bodies has signified the event. The greatest mutations that have ever happened in any portion of the

globe, have always been evinced within a short time after the planets have changed their triplicities. To confirm this, I will observe, that under the fiery trigon, the Roman empire was beheld in its proudest glory: and as soon as the earthly trigon commenced, that celebrated empire began to decline; and her ruin was effected by Saturnine people, who made dreadful inroads upon her territories and rights. But when the watery trigon prevailed under Scorpio, then the empire of Rome was disabled from effecting its own liberty and independence. About the second time of the congress of these planets, Mahomet commenced his fatal career, which leads me to consider, that the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, in December 1821, in the fiery triplicity, will occasion great wars in the eastern hemisphere, and extraordinary changes of dynasties in several countries under their influence.

OLIVE, PRINCESS OF CUMBERLAND.

(To be continued.)

CERTAIN RESULTS

ANTICIPATED FROM

IMPENDING AND APPROACHING SIGNS.

To the Editor of "The ASTROLOGER."

SIR.

Astrology has been one of my favourite pursuits for many years, and not having seen in your excellent periodical miscellany on the subject, any allusions similar to the following, relative to the train of aspects now coming on, if you deem them worthy of insertion they are at your service; and my long observation enables me to confidently rely on the effects being experienced according as you will find them predicted underneath. Wishing your labours may be crowned with adequate rewards in the approbation of the public, I beg to subscribe myself, with all respect,

A CONSTANT READER.

Aug. 7th, 1824.

On the 8th instant, the planet Mercury will enter Virgo, making immediately a sextile aspect with Mars: he then applies to a quartile with

Saturn, which takes place on the 12th.—These are unfavourable positions for Mercury, and we may expect from them some complaint among children to become prevalent.

While in this position he will also be exciting persons of depraved principles and inclinations to acts of injustice and fraud: people, therefore, in business should be careful of sharpers, and of giving credit to strangers: and, if attended with the least suspicious circumstances, they should be very cautious in taking bills.

On the 17th, the planet Venus enters that sign in quartile with the Moon, which will by no means tend to lessen the foregoing effects. Hence we may also expect females to be treacherous towards one another; and much uneasiness of mind will be felt by some of them on account of their particular friends making free with their husbands. After Venus has made a quartile with Saturn, she will, however, come to a sextile with Mars, which affords hope to some who have been long in a state of doubt upon the subject, that the ensuing month will not be unfavourable to matrimony. A match in high life, although it may seem to be going on very prosperously on both sides, is likely, from particular circumstances, to end in a quarrel rather than a marriage.

On the 23d of the month, the Sun enters Virgo; and on the 24th, the Moon comes to her conjunction with him in the second degree of the sign; and Venus, only seven degrees distant from them, has nearly the same declination north as the Sun and Moon, when they will be within orbs of a quartile aspect with Saturn, which will greatly increase his influence. The effects that may therefore be expected are derangement of the intellects. Persons whose minds are in the least affected, will, in all probability, suffer from these influences, and suicides may be reasonably expected to be heard of. Apoplectic habits will also be seen to exhibit their most dangerous symptoms in bad head-aches, which will continue to increase until the end of the month, at which time the quartile of the Sun and Saturn takes place; and as the latter is getting very slow in motion, the probable consequence is, that there will be many deaths.

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PASSAGES OF THE LIFE OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MAGIC GENIUS; recorded in a Letter from a young man of credibility, to the Editor of a Morning Paper.

SIR,

WHILE I was at the grammar-school, in a small country village, situated about four miles to the southward of the river Forth, near Edinburgh, in Scotland; there was a youth, born of noble parents, in that neighbourhood, who was as vicious as crafty. He set all the other boys staring at the odd tricks which he, in that early time of his life, performed, to their great surprise; while his cruel propensities rendered him the just object of their hatred.

The extraordinary nature of these facts induced his school-fellows to imagine him to be a young wizard! and before he arrived at the age of 15, the whole country was thrown into confusion by his deceptious malevolence.

Sometimes he used to fall down and lay motionless; at other times resembling epileptic fits; only at those times his body appeared to be so stiff, that no human force could bend him till he revived, though it were in the church; if any one did but touch, though ever so gently, either of his great toes, on the outside of his stocking, he would start up, and immediately fall back again.

From the time this youth became subject to this seeming disorder, till his departure from his father's house (which will be hereafter mentioned), the family were often terrified with dreadful apparitions. Sometimes calves or dogs, without heads, appeared to their deluded fancies, to walk through the house; and thunder-storms were frequent at that time. During one of these unusual tempests, the boy foretold,

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that part of his father's house would suddenly be thrown down, and the event soon justified the prediction.

This nobleman's house was seated on an eminence; and the apart. ment in which the younger part of the family used to amuse themselves after dinner, was at a great distance from a parlour in which his lord. ship's company were entertained; yet this young gentleman used often to inform his playmates of the substance of the conversation held in the parlour where they were conversing; at other times, foretold how they should be alarmed, in a short space, by his arts, which always happened as he prognosticated.

The perplexity into which the old gentleman was brought, by his son's mischievous practices, is not to be described; and in hopes of obtaining some advice which might alleviate his uneasiness, he resolved to send for a parson noted for wisdom, who lived on the other side of the Forth, carefully concealing his intention, even from the servant, till the very moment he set out for the journey, which was early in the morning. He also observed his servant's motions from a window, till he was out of sight.

In the evening of the same day, his amazing son described the reception of the messenger at the priest's, and boasted that one of his invisible acquaintance had spilt a bottle of fine oil, which the parson's wife had brought out of the cellar.

At the same time he affirmed, that the vessel in which the parson was to cross the water, would be terribly tossed; all which proved true.

Many persons were taken into custody, as supposed accomplices in these wicked practices; and men of the greatest abilities were consulted on this occasion; yet no detection could be made by what means this lad attained this art, which so alarmed the whole neighbourhood.

At last the unhappy father was advised by some of his relations residing in London, to send his son to the East Indies.

This advice was complied with, and accordingly he was sent in one of the Company's ships to Asia; where, by the interest of his relations, he soon became captain of one of their vessels.

However, his death was as remarkable as the actions of his life, for the vessel which he commanded, in fine weather, suddenly sunk, and the whole company perished with him!

There were four ships in company with our enchanted captain at the time he sunk, whose officers all agree in this account of his exit.

EXTRAORDINARY FULFILMENT OF A PROPHECY.

Valens, the emperor, consulted the oracle concerning the name of his successor in the empire, and was presented with these Greek letters, biod. Theod.; intimating, that his successor's name should begin with those letters. Valens, with this assurance, formed a determination to kill all within his power whose names began after that manner. So many persons lost their lives in consequence, that those remaining within his dominions, whose names began with those letters, were obliged to change them. And yet, notwithstanding this cruel precaution, the oracle spoke truth, for the emperor was succeeded by Theodosius.

PREDICTION RELATIVE TO CARDINAL WOLSEY,

Cardinal Wolsey, in the height of his pride and glory, was told, that he would be in danger of losing his life at or near Kingston; and therefore cautiously avoided that town. When he fell into disgrace, and was apprehended for treason, by the Earl of Northumberland, and brought out of Yorkshire, as far as St. Alban's, in his journey to London, he fell sick, and was unwilling to be troubled with visitants; but being told by his gentleman, that there was one come from the king, who was very desirous to speak with his eminence, he inquired his name, and being told by his servant that it was Sir William Kingston, the cardinal was ready to sink, saying, "Now I see I am a dead man, Sir William Kingston is Lieutenant of the Tower, where I shall lose my head, and fulfil the prophecy, in dying at or near Kingston." The cardinal sent Sir William word he was much indisposed, and desired him to delay his message till morning, which he consented to, but never saw him alive, for the cardinal died that night; and in this strange manner the prediction was fulfilled!

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NOTICES.

THE Publisher regrets that several objectionable articles have, in advertently, during his absence from town, crept into the preceding numbers. Care will, in future, be taken, that nothing offensive to the dignity of the Fair Sex will ever be inserted.

We have thought it necessary to make a verbal alteration in the title of our work—"The Astrologer of the Nineteenth Centu.

Ry" being more in consonance with the secret and potential dignity of our editorial character, and more characteristic of the unbounded ramifications of astrological observation and science.

The title-page also now bears the names of the celebrated individuals whose writings regularly grace our pages; we modestly, but confidently, announce, that such an efficient body of astrological talent was never excelled.

Our friend who alludes to the solution of personal political questions is respectfully informed, that such subjects are irrelevant to our pages.

The request of Mr. Y—s, relating to the horoscope, shall be com-

The Query of Sidus has been already solved in the Gentleman's Magazine.

AN AERONAUT" is informed his query shall be inserted.

We express our grateful acknowledgments to our fair correspondent, "PHILOMELA," Grosvenor-square, for her kindness in forwarding the planets' places on the birth-day of SHAKSPEARE; some remarks thereon will be eafter be inserted.

"PHILO," Aberdeen, is informed, that the "Astrologer" is already taken at the University he mentions.

Venale gemma nec auro, to a "PHRENOLOGIST."

C. J. D. is too prolix in detail for the page of "The Astrologer of the Nineteenth Century."

"A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT" is informed, that the Moon is the true Hyleg in his geniture. Her aspects are easily calculated by the zodiacal planisphere.

"LILLY, jun." shall be inserted in our next.

In our next number will be given an engraving and description of a curious talisman, such as was formerly held sacred, and used to protect the wearer against enemies. Taken from the MSS. of the late Sir R. Cosway.