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ASTROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

FOUNDED ON

THE TESTIMONY OF AGES OF EXPERIENCE,

RELATIVE TO

MARRIAGE AND PROCREATION.

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ASTROLOGICAL HYPOTHESES RELATIVE TO PROCREATION.

THE observations upon marriage naturally lead to the subject of children; and in treating on this, we shall pass over every thing relative to the intercourse of the sexes, in order to come to that subsequent period on which Hermes, Ptolemy, and many later writers, have furnished opinions worthy of being considered by every physiological student; and, indeed, by every one interested in the perfect propagation of the human species.

If it be required, *whether any native will have children*, let the cusps of the first and fifth houses of the figure, for a man, be considered; and for answering the inquiry of a woman on this point, the cusps of the first and eleventh houses are to be consulted, the eleventh being the wife's fifth, or the house of issue. See if fruitful signs possess the cusps of those houses, and whether the lords of them be fruitful planets. Observe also whether Jupiter and Venus be in prolific signs; and if these testimonies appear unafflicted, the native shall surely have issue.

The lords of the houses above-mentioned being well placed in fruitful signs; the Moon being also thus situated; or these being in conjunction or good aspect from such signs, are all presages that the lot of the native will be to have many children: but if you find the significators in sterile signs; or if they are much afflicted by Saturn and Mars, it bespeaks barrenness.

Having well weighed the testimonies of fruitfulness and barrenness, if they fall equal, your judgment will be assisted by looking through all the other arguments of the radix, and determining by that which, judiciously considered, bears strongest testimony.

Venus being lady of the first, and seated in the fifth house of a geniture, in a fruitful sign, is esteemed to promise the native three children. If this position of Venus be in the sign Pisces, it is a promise of six

children: and should the Moon be with her in the fifth house in Pisces, the offspring of the native is likely to amount to nine children.

Jupiter, in trine to a good configuration, is said to be productive of three additional children; or, if in sextile, of two. If the translation of the light of the Moon take place between the lords of the first and fifth, it is a good symptom: but these houses being occupied by barren signs, their significators not being in reception, nor good aspect, nor translation, the wife will not conceive.

CONCERNING THE TIME OF CONCEPTION.

In reference to this point of our subject, Hermes, who is reputed to have been the profoundest of astrologers, was of opinion, that the very degree of the same sign wherein the Moon was at the time of the mother conceiving, should be the true degree of the ascendant at the birth. Ptolemy, on this nice question, says, "Look what sign the Moon is in at the time of birth, and make that very sign the ascendant at conception; and that sign which you find the Moon in at conception, make it the sign at birth, or its opposite."

Should the querent be already with child, and wish to learn the time of conception, there are various ways invented to ascertain it. The most esteemed method is to take the Moon, the lord of the ascendant, and the lord of the hour; and whichever of them is nearest to the separating aspect of any planet, is considered to shew the time required. If the separation be from conjunction, the conception will have taken place a month—if from a sextile, the female will be two months past conception—if from a quartile, four months—if from a trine, three, or perhaps five months—if from an opposition, six months: and this method is sufficiently correct for the purposes of merely giving answers. But it is scarcely possible to be certain to the very day of the conception, to which accuracy some have pretended; nor is it possible to be certain to a week of the time when the birth will happen.

We are told by Ptolemy that the sex, as well as the incidents relative to a child, may be known prior to its birth, by the position of the planets at the time of conception. That, if the Sun and Moon; or the ascendant; or the stars in aspect with them or with the ascendant, be in feminine signs, the conception will produce a female child; and that this will be the case if the positions are occidental; but if oriental, it will be a male. If the Sun and Moon be in the south angle, or in bi-corporeal signs; or if the ascendant be bi-corporeal, there will be twins,

or more. Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars, beholding the horoscope from bi-corporeal signs, have been found to occasion three males; and if the Moon, Venus, and Mercury, aspect them, in like manner, three females will be the offspring.

If one feminine and two masculine planets behold the luminaries from signs bi-corporeal, the birth may be expected to yield two males and one female: but, if one male and two female planets give aspect as aforesaid, it will have a like effect on the conception, and occasion two females and a male. It is also said, that if all the configurations are imperfect, the children will be imperfect; but if some be perfect and others imperfect, correspondent effects will be experienced in the children.

When Saturn and Mars are angular, and the Sun and Moon in the twelfth or sixth house, the object conceived is of some monstrous kind; and this also happens when the place of the last full moon before conception, and its lord, have no aspect to the horoscope. If the luminaries are thus posited, and in four-footed signs, if Saturn and Mars be, at the same time, angular, the embryo will assume a bestial form: but if, in such a case, a benevolent planet give testimony, the shape will be human, but the disposition ferocious. If a malefic be with the luminaries, the child will be an idiot; if, however, a fortunate planet be also with them, the intellect of the child will be perfect, but it will be an hermaphrodite. If Mercury be in good familiarity with the Moon, the faculties of the child will be good, but the body will be deformed: yet if the luminaries be in human signs, the shape of the body will be much better and more perfectly formed, than it otherwise would have been.

✍ It is not in my power to vouch, from my own experience, for the authenticity of the science in all here given applicable to conception: the subject will, however, be resumed, and a method, still in use in many eastern countries, said to be efficacious in assisting perfect conceptions, and in contributing to the beauty of the offspring, will be made clearly intelligible.

LAWS AND ORDINANCES

TO BE HENCEFORTH OBSERVED BY

ALL THE BIRDS OF THE AIR.

To geese, ducks, cocks and hens—nay, to all sorts of birds,
 These presents come greeting—to wit—these few words,
 Concerning designs which, we truly suspect,
 Ere long your renown'd commonwealth will affect.

Among you a custom, O birds! as we've seen,
 E'er since the creation, establish'd has been,
 Of pairing, and treading, and so forth, to rear,
 As each of you lik'd, little broods once a year,
 Which seem'd so agreeable—so much to amuse
 You all, that we fear what now comes is bad news:
 But still, it is only your brooding, 'tis said,
 That by the new plan will be knock'd on the head;
 For we are inform'd you'll be still at your ease
 To woo and to tread just as much as you please:
 Indeed, you will never have aught else to do,
 The whole season round, but to bill, and to coo,
 And tread, and lay eggs—for, you all must know, now,
 That sitting and hatching we do not allow;
 Because we have recently hit on a scheme,
 Of doing these better than you can, by steam.
 But, we must acknowledge, we cannot yet lay
 One *steam-egg*—and therefore go on your old way
 As far as the laying—but mind you don't sit—
 For sitting, in nowise, we deign to permit!
 And pray do not fail in your minds this to bear—
 The fiat concerns all the birds of the air,
 As these presents witness—and thus they're despatch'd,
 To say, *all* must, hence, by our STEAM-HEN be hatch'd!

A CONTINUATION
OF
THE RETROSPECT OF GREAT FIRES,
WITH
THE COINCIDING ASPECTS

BENEATH WHICH THEY HAVE SEVERALLY HAPPENED.

RETURNING to a farther investigation of the configurations which have coincided with the times when England has been visited by alarming and destructive fires, we have first to observe, in continuation, That the Theatre-Royal, Covent-Garden, with some of the adjacent houses, was destroyed by fire on the 20th of September, 1808; the lives of several persons having been lost in this awful calamity. On this occasion the positions of the several planets were as follows :

Sept. 20, 1808.	♊ 26.48	♋ 22.34	♌ 25.48	♍ 18.19	♎ 12.8 R.
	♏ 14.22	♐ 10.47	♑ 4.51		

Thus will it be seen that this unfortunate event took place when the Sun was in the 27th degree of Virgo, with the Moon combust, and applying to her autumnal conjunction. The Georgium Sidus was also in the ominously flagrant degrees of Libra; and Mars was just applying to a quartile with Saturn, in the fiery sign Leo. Venus was also in the evil degrees of Libra, which, it will be remembered, were pointed out in the former number, as partaking of the same influence as those of Virgo and Sagittarius; being altogether a combination of destructive influence rarely surpassed. Not being in possession of the particular hour when the fire was discovered, and supposing it to have been between one and two o'clock in the morning, the places of the Sun and Moon are set down for midnight between the 19th and 20th.

COMPARISON OF THE ASPECTS COINCIDING WITH THE FIRE AT
ST. JAMES'S PALACE IN 1809, AND THOSE ATTENDING THAT
WHICH RECENTLY HAPPENED AT CARLTON PALACE.

On the 17th of January 1809, the apartments appropriated to the Duke of Cambridge in St. James's Palace were destroyed by fire. This

is not mentioned as a fire of great extent, but merely for the purpose of comparing the aspects by which it was accompanied, with those pending the recent fire at Carlton Palace.

Jan. 19, 1809. | \odot $\overset{\text{Venus}}{27} . 3$ | D $\overset{\text{Mars}}{16} . 7$ | H $\overset{\text{Jupiter}}{28} . 31$ | h $\overset{\text{Moon}}{1} . 26$ | u $\overset{\text{Saturn}}{16} . 32$
 g $\overset{\text{Mercury}}{17} . 58$ | f $\overset{\text{Venus}}{7} . 2$ | g $\overset{\text{Jupiter}}{25} . 43$

June 8, 1824. | \odot $\overset{\text{Mercury}}{18} . 0$ | D $\overset{\text{Mars}}{15} . 0$ | H $\overset{\text{Jupiter}}{14} . 16$ | h $\overset{\text{Moon}}{0} . 0$ | u $\overset{\text{Saturn}}{14} . 32$
 g $\overset{\text{Mercury}}{0} . 44$ | f $\overset{\text{Mercury}}{3} . 35$ | g $\overset{\text{Mercury}}{10} . 6$

Some persons who have applied a little to astrology, may perhaps smile at the incongruity of these aspects; but if they will please to examine them according to the conditions prescribed in the foregoing number, they will find them by no means so unworthy of attention as they may perhaps, at first glance, imagine. In the earlier accident it will be seen that Herschell is in Libra, and Saturn in Sagittarius, in opposition to Gemini, the ascendant of London; and Mars was in the middle of the sign Libra, in trine to the Moon. On the latter occasion, the Sun, Saturn, Venus, and Mercury, appear in Gemini, the ascendant of London; Georgium Sidus being in the middle of Capricorn, quartile with Jupiter in cardinal signs, and just entering Libra.—Now let it be noted, that, excepting Georgium Sidus, in the former of these instances, not one of the planets is in either of these particularly ominous degrees which have been pointed out. Again, the chain of influence between Saturn and Mars is also imperfect and interrupted, and their effects bore an equal proportion to their weakness, for though both the Royal buildings were injured, neither was demolished. The accident at St. James's was somewhat more serious than that at Carlton Palace, and this may, without much hesitation, be ascribed to the degree of Libra, occupied by the Herschell planet at the time.

DESTRUCTION OF DRURY-LANE THEATRE BY FIRE, AND THE CORRESPONDING SIGNS.

The destructive fire by which the Theatre-Royal, Drury-lane, was totally demolished, with all its valuable wardrobes, scenery, and histrionic appurtenances, happened on the 24th of February 1809, when the order of the planets was according to the following arrangement:—

Feb. 24, 1809. $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{♄} & \text{♅} & \text{♆} & \text{♇} & \text{♈} & \text{♉} \\ \hline \odot 5.32 & \text{♊} 27.48 & \text{♋} 23.32 & \text{♌} 3.38 & \text{♍} 25.53 & \\ \hline \end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \text{♎} & \text{♏} & \text{♐} \\ \hline \text{♎} 27.4 & \text{♏} 20.51 & \text{♐} 19.57 \text{ R.} \\ \hline \end{array}$

The positions here registered, afford a striking difference to those by which the accidents at the two palaces were accompanied. Saturn was here in Sagittarius, opposite the ascendant of London. Jupiter was verging on the 26th degree of Pisces, from whose quartile the Moon, in the ascendant of London, had just separated. Mars had attained 27 degrees of Libra, where he was then in motion: and Venus was applying to an opposition with him in the Equinoctial signs. Mercury is also retrograde in the sign Pisces, which is one of the flagrant signs, and a separation from his conjunction with Jupiter herein, has just taken place.

THE SIGNS PENDING THE BURNING DOWN OF THE CUSTOM-HOUSE, LONDON.

That terrible conflagration which consumed the Old Custom-house, together with many warehouses stored with valuable merchandise, broke out on the 12th of February 1814, when the under-mentioned aspects prevailed.

Feb. 12, 1814. $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \text{♄} & \text{♅} & \text{♆} & \text{♇} & \text{♈} & \text{♉} \\ \hline \odot 23.13 & \text{♊} 26.32 & \text{♋} 2.22 & \text{♌} 25.20 & \text{♍} 26.44 \text{ R.} & \\ \hline \end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \text{♎} & \text{♏} & \text{♐} \\ \hline \text{♎} 28.57 & \text{♏} 28.30 & \text{♐} 18.37 \\ \hline \end{array}$

In attending to the celestial signs corresponding to this great catastrophe, it will be observed, that the Georgian planet was within very little more than one degree of the sign Sagittarius, in which Saturn was at the time Drury-lane theatre was consumed: thus was the ascendant of London, on each occasion, opposed by a planet similar in nature, and general influence. While in this ominous sign, we see Georgium Sidus meeting a retrograde quartile of Jupiter from a sign no less malignant in these violent combustions, namely, Virgo. Mars is here seen in the latter part of Aries, the ascendant of England, and in opposition to his former place on the 24th of February 1809. The situation of Venus, in the latter part of Pisces, not separated more than 30 minutes from the limits of those remarkable degrees, is a feature worthy of notice; and the more so, as she is here slow in motion, and

just on the eve of retrograding : and consequently her operations are particularly powerful by her remaining in influence for a longer time on the part of the sign shewn to be so instrumental in marking fires.

DESTRUCTION OF IMMENSE PROPERTY AT THE BURNING OF
WATER-STREET MILL, BIRMINGHAM; WITH THE CONCOMITANT
SIGNS.

On the 15th of March 1817, a loss of property, estimated at £200,000, was sustained by the destruction of Water-street Mill, Birmingham, by fire, and referring to the positions of the heavenly bodies, we find them, at the time, as follows:

March 15, 1817. \odot 24.34 D 27.51 H 15.45 h 29.54 u 10.34
 δ 7.22 g 10.42 s 28.31

This fire will be found, as all the foregoing events of a like kind were, to have been accompanied with aspects such as were before specified as common to conflagrations. At the time this happened, Jupiter was in the 11th degree of Sagittarius, and in a platique quartile to the Sun in Pisces. The Georgium Sidus was also within the compass of the ominous degrees of Sagittarius: but the greater part of the influence of this latter planet was directed to subjects of more general importance, which are intended to be explained in some future numbers.

In the month of April of this same year, several fires happened in various parts of the country, particularly in Essex, supposed to have been the work of incendiaries : and it is worthy of notice, that Jupiter was *retrograde* between the 10th and 11th degrees of Sagittarius, during the greater part of that month ; while both the Sun and Mercury were passing through the sign Aries. Many other configurations of a violent nature happened also about the same time, but they would have too much swelled this article had they been commented upon. We have, therefore, confined our view principally to those more ominous degrees of the signs pointed out.

(To be continued up to the present time.)

ATTENTION
 CALLED TO
 A PROPHECY OF A VERY SERIOUS IMPORT,
 WRITTEN BY
 THE CELEBRATED NOSTRADAMUS.

Mars nous menace par la force bellique,
 Septante fois fera la sang resandre,
 Auge et ruine de l'ecclésiastique
 Et par ceux qui d'eux rien ne voudront entendre.

TRANSLATION.

Mars threatens us from heaven,
 That armies will o'erspread—
 That in wars ten-times-seven,
 Blood will be freely shed—
 In which the rise and fall
 Of priesthood will appear,
 Wrought by those who the call
 Of priests disdain to hear.

“ALTHOUGH I have often foretold long before,” says Nostradamus in his preliminary epistle to his son, “what hath afterward come to pass, and in particular regions, acknowledging all to have been done by divine virtue and inspiration, being willing to hold my peace by reason of the injury not only to the present time, but also of the future, I put them in writing because the kingdoms, sects, and regions, shall be so diametrically opposed, that, if I should relate what shall happen hereafter, those of the present reigns, sects, religions, and faith, would find it so disagreeing with their fancies, that they would condemn that which future ages shall find and know to be true.”—And farther on, admonishing his son as to traders in predictions, he says, “chiefly abhor the vanity of the execrable magic, forbidden by the sacred Scriptures, and by the canons of the church, in the former of which is excepted *judicial astrology*, by which, and by the means of divine inspiration, with continual supputations, we have put in writing our prophecies.”

Concerning the use he makes of the planet Mars in the prediction we are coming to examine, it will be previously requisite to observe what he says in the prefatory epistle as to the said planet. “Although the

planet Mars," says he, "makes an end of his course, and is come to the end of his last period, nevertheless, he shall begin again; and some shall be gathered in Aquarius for many years, others in Cancer also, for many years; and now we are governed by the Moon, and to which, before she hath finished her circuit, shall come the Sun, and then Saturn; for according to the celestial signs, the reign of Saturn shall come again; so that all being calculated, the world draws near to an *anaregonic revolution*."

OBSERVATIONS OF THE SPECIAL PROPHECY OF NOSTRADAMUS,
AS TO THE RUIN OF ECCLESIASTICAL DESPOTISM.

By the foregoing extracts from the preliminary epistle of our prophet, addressed to his son, my wish is to shew, first, the solemn nature and spiritual impression under which these astrological predictions were made; and the serious attention to which they are consequently entitled. Secondly, I would have it noticed how forcibly he alludes to the great periodical revolutions of Mars and Saturn, in the said epistle, which, he signifies, are bringing about an *anaregonic revolution*, or finishing catastrophe.

It will be farther necessary to remark, that the general purpose of the epistle from which the foregoing extracts have been made is, to devoutly impress on the mind of the young man to whom it is parentally addressed, an understanding, that the *divine afflatus* having imparted to him the knowledge of many future things, he was desirous to know if the Creator of the universe had written the same things in the celestial book. Upon devoting himself to retirement, to study and meditate on the astrological signs that were before him, he found that it was signified, even so as it had been revealed to him concerning the states, empires, monarchies, provinces, cities, and bodies of mankind, by the shining and inextinguishable characters of the Book of Heaven, to the end, that they might serve studious men for a light and torch, by means of which they might discover, very nearly, the progressive destiny of the world.

Having then learned, from a spiritual insight during his solitary retirement, the prosperities, to which the clergy would be raised, he perceived the agreement between his intuitive knowledge, and the language of the stars. He found the danger to the ecclesiastical institutions of this part of the world, that, in the end, were to arise, as foreshewn by some particularly malign aspect in the greater revolutions of Mars;

but does not point out the special position on which his judgment is founded, and consequently, not the express era to which his prophecy alludes.

His first remark is, that a threat of great armies, by which many battles will be fought, and very much blood shed, is denoted by a revolution or station of Mars at some future period: for we are to understand the term seventy wars or battles a *great* number, or long continued succession, and not any *precise* number: as when it is said in Scripture, we are to forgive our enemies, not only seven times, but seventy times seven; that is, an infinite number of times.

In the concluding part of the prophecy, we are taught, that during this succession of wars, *the rise and fall* of priesthood will be accomplished; and this, consequently, implies, that a very long period is comprehended in the prediction. Nor can it be one aspect of the planet that is here taken to indicate so extensive and momentous a dissolution as is portended; for two contrary and successive effects are presaged: namely, the *auge*, or augmenting and increasing power of the clergy; and the other, their *ruin*.

Now it is certain, from the latter clauses of the prophecy, that the wars and times alluded to, have not yet been witnessed; for the writer says, that the ruin of ecclesiastical predominance shall be wrought *by those who will not hear any thing that the clergy preach*: and this is the strong feature of the prediction, as it regards the present signs of the times.

It would be repugnant to the principles which govern the design of this work, were we to descant at large on the special point of that which Nostradamus has, in the stanza before us, prognosticated. Every reader will be aware of the daily augmentation which the army of infidelity is acquiring, and of the disgrace which is constantly being brought upon religion by the administration of it being intrusted to depraved and worthless characters. Every one knows that this sorrowful truth is not confined to one church, nor even to one country, but that, on the contrary, it is extending itself throughout, what is commonly termed, all Christendom. Every eye must foresee that awful consequences will necessarily result; and when the comparison of the present aspects is made with the words of Nostradamus, every one will be looking forward with apprehension to the dismal times which he has predicted.

AN

EPITOME

OF

THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF ASTROLOGY.

(Continued from p. 106.)

ARGUMENTS CONCERNING STARRY INFLUENCE DRAWN FROM
THE TIDES.

By the term *tide*, as here used, we are to understand the periodical approaches of the water of the ocean to, and their alternate recessions from, the shores of every country of the earth. The tides of the ocean have a very immediate connexion with lunar astronomy; for, where their course is unimpeded, it is commonly high water when the Moon is about on the south-south-west point of the compass of the horizon of any place: consequently, the greatest elevation of the waters will be about twenty, or from that to twenty-five, degrees eastward of the Moon. All the operations of the tides are confined between determinate limits, which are called *high* and *low* water. The interval between high water one time, and the high water following, is half the time of the Moon's apparent circuit round the earth, which is 12 hours 25 minutes; so that in 24 hours 50 minutes, the tide ebbs and flows twice upon every coast.

Thus far we have considered the phenomena of the tides as resulting from lunar influence alone; but there is a force in the Sun as well as in the Moon, which is constantly operating to disturb the ocean, and which produces special effects according as it is combined with, or counter to, the lunar influence. General experience has shewn that the lunar is to the solar force about as 5 to 2. It is also found that the Sun in quadrature with the Moon, causes a depression or diminution of lunar effect, of $30\frac{1}{2}$ inches in the height of a tide, it being at these times that the two luminaries are acting at right angles to one another, as they do in all quartile aspects. The lunar effect of itself causes a rise of about six feet, consequently, the mean spring-tide, where there are no obstructions, should be $30\frac{1}{2} + 72 = 102\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and the mean neap-tide $72 - 30\frac{1}{2} = 41\frac{1}{2}$ inches: and this is found to correspond with observation in a general way, and setting localities out of the question.

But the distance of each luminary from the earth being variable, occasions different intensities of force to be constantly employed; so that neither these nor any other proportions are to be esteemed constant. They are, however, quite sufficient for the present purpose, which is, that of giving general ideas of the nature of the solar and lunar influences, as they happen to be in conjunction or quadrature, and exerted in these positions upon terrestrial matter.

Considerable difference in the magnitude of a tide is caused by the Moon's distance, so that the ratio of the disturbing force in the Moon to that in the Sun, is sometimes 6 to 2, and at others not more than 4 to 2: thus, in the former instance, instead of the mean spring-tide being $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet, it would be 10 feet; and in the latter case only $7\frac{1}{2}$. But as well as that of the Sun and Moon, every planet has a gravitating power on the waters of the ocean; and the combined influence of the ten primary planets, were it all brought into action at one time, would be to that of the Sun and Moon conjointly, about as 1 to 100: so that, in a mean spring-tide of 102 inches, the united influence of the planets would raise it about one inch.

When the Moon is in perigee at the time of spring-tide, such tide may be expected to rise at least $2\frac{3}{4}$ feet higher than a mean spring-tide; and, on the other hand, a difference of $2\frac{3}{4}$ feet deficiency will be generally experienced in spring-tides, which happen at the time of the Moon's apogee.

If the Moon has a northern declination, and the latitude of the place is also northern; the tide which happens when the Moon is above the horizon, is greater than that which happens on the same day when she is below it: and when the latitude of the place is contrary to the declination of the Moon, the effect is reversed.

APPLICATION OF THE FACTS CONCERNING THE TIDES TO ASTROLOGY.

Having thus presented some of the most obvious facts relative to the action of the Sun, Moon, and planets severally, upon the waters of the ocean, it cannot fail to be observed, that all the inequalities of motion—of distance—of declination—of phases—and of mutual aspects, agreeing, as they do, with observation as to their various proportional effects, afford a mass of evidence which places the theory of siderial influence upon terrestrial matter, upon a foundation which nothing can destroy or even shake. Indeed, no one acquainted with the peculiar

and nicely corresponding ratio between cause and effect relative to the tides ; and having, at the same time, skill in mathematics, and acquaintance with the mechanism of nature, sufficient to discover these sympathetic relations, and to generalise them to questions in astrology, will, for a moment, hesitate to own, that every star has an influence which is not to be restrained by human power—that this influence is constantly producing some mutation in the earth—and like the ebbing and flowing of the sea, is impetuously running, without intermission, round all the regions of the world.

It ought here to be suggested, that every rational astrologer should, on taking his judgment on the mutual aspects of the planets, have a due consideration of those different effects which are caused by difference of distance—peculiarity of phase—quantity of declination, and so forth : for unless these things are observed, the judgment will be very defective, and fail in many points for which the artist will not be able to perceive a reason.

Pythagoras maintained that the world is actuated by a divine soul ; and when we come to examine that miraculous sympathy in nature so admirably manifested between the heavenly bodies, and the amazing body of water surrounding our earth, which is incessantly agitated by sympathetic influence, we are involuntarily brought to think of the doctrine of this eminent sage. In looking deeply into the sympathies which we are constantly experiencing, we can hardly quarrel with those who have ascribed them to an agency more than we can comprehend. We see a gift of foreknowledge strongly implanted in the badger, the hedgehog, the fox, the hare, and almost every animal with which we are acquainted. We see, also, that birds and reptiles have a surprising forecast : and who can fail to perceive effects constantly working between the heavenly bodies, and the bodies and souls of mankind ? Whether there exists an ethereal effluvium that is communicated from one body of matter to another, and which produces those strange sympathies we are witnessing, is not necessary to be declared : we know they are produced, and being able to connect them with what we term planetary influence, is sufficient to shew we have sound ground-work for forecasting the effects incident to known causes.

(To be continued.)

PARTICULAR CONFIGURATIONS

OBSERVED TO BE

UNFAVOURABLE TO LOVE AND WEDLOCK.

AN intelligent correspondent informs us, that general experience has shewn the following effects to result from the influence which he has pointed out.

“In the month of July 1820,” says he, “there was a conjunction of the Sun and Venus in the sign Leo, Venus being at the same time retrograde, in which state she continued until the August following, when she became direct in the 29th degree of Cancer. She then again entered Leo, and continued in that sign until the 9th of the following October. On the 7th of September the Sun was eclipsed in the 15th degree of Virgo, and in opposition to Jupiter.—The remaining part of that year, and nearly the whole of the next, was remarkable for producing disappointments in love affairs, and unlucky marriages.

“On the 29th of the present month of July 1824, a conjunction of the Sun and Venus again takes place in Leo, a circumstance which must not be expected to pass over without some serious and permanent effects of a kind similar to those before-mentioned. Such parties as married within the compass of the time above alluded to, must not expect any great advantages to arise to them during the next eighteen months; at least not until Jupiter has passed the middle of Virgo. Law vexations—loss of children and friends—family broils—reluctance to each other—and, in all probability, much jealousy may also be expected to disturb their happiness.

“It must not, however, be supposed, but that there will be exceptions to these disastrous effects, for much depends on the positions of the planets at the births of different persons, so that not every one married at that time is to be supposed liable to the sufferings consequent upon the train of configurations alluded to: yet I dare venture,” says the writer, “to affirm, that eight out of ten of the persons who married at the period before specified, will, in a greater or less degree, suffer from the evils here stated.”