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*THE GREAT CONJUNCTION

AN ASTROLOGICAL STORY

By FLORENCE PELTIER PERRY.

It seemed to me that I, Thomas Johnson, had reached that point in life when all I needed was to be sure of the exact spot where the flood would sweep me along on the top crest of the wave of success instead of swamping me in the waters of defeat.

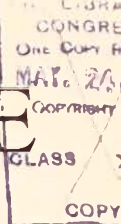
I was determined that my latest creation should bring to me the fortune for which I had toiled so long and unremittingly. The president of that enormous concern, The New England Automobile Syndicate, had been deeply interested in my work from the start; and now the company offered to pay me twenty thousand dollars down, manufacture my machine, and give me a large royalty, if—and a very large if it was—my automobile could successfully demonstrate my claim of its ability to cross the Desert of Sahara.

However, all this is now well known to the great reading public, and what I am about to write is in response to thousands of queries received from every quarter of the civilized world;

also, to give due credit to the valuable assistance rendered me by a certain much maligned science.

First, I will give a brief description of my invention; but this is not the place to go into minute details.

I had long pondered the inconveniences attending both the electric and the steam carriage. In neither could one go far from town because of the necessity of recharging and replenishing. For months I had studied over the feasibility of manufacturing a vehicle that could be propelled by springs. Finally, my intense application was rewarded by the discovery of a way of rendering copper so tenacious that with it a spring could be made of such dimensions and weight as to be entirely practicable in propelling a carriage. Two of these springs are placed directly under the carriage-box, together with two horizontal iron bars of light weight that can be connected or disconnected with the axle of the back wheels, by the mere pressing down or the lifting up of but-



tons placed near the winders of the springs, and all conveniently near the steering-gear, together with a gauge and a cyclometer. The springs are wound up exactly on the principle of a stem-winding watch, and through a series of mechanical contrivances it is possible to have a spring entirely wound up in fifteen minutes. Each spring revolves one of the iron bars, and of course the one in action is connected with the axle. Both springs can be made ready for action before starting on a ride, so that as soon as one is run down the other can begin to operate. And while the second spring is in use the first one may be wound up at one's leisure, and so be ready for instant use. The machine is readily stopped and started, and the speed may be easily regulated.

I have discovered how to render the rubber of a pneumatic tire so impervious to sand or mud that a heavy automobile can skim over very sandy or muddy ground with ease.

For the first time in my life I wished I might peer into the future, and see what was in store for me—to see which to take of the two ways that lay before me: to try to prove that my invention would stand the test required by The New England Automobile Syndicate, and receive a small fortune at once that would quickly become a large one; or throw over the offer and wait for years,

perhaps, for the wealth that must eventually be mine.

As I pondered these things, one morning, when out for an early walk, I became so engrossed in my musings that I was entirely oblivious of my whereabouts, and found, on suddenly coming to my senses, that I had turned into a street on which I had never been before.

I was about to retrace my steps when a small brass sign caught my eye. It happened that the sun was shining directly upon it; otherwise it is not likely I would have noticed it. It read:

ZODIACELLA,
ASTROLOGER.

On the sudden impulse of the instant I walked directly up to the front door of the house upon which the notice appeared and rang the bell. The door was opened at once by a trim maid. Feeling very foolish, I summoned up voice enough to ask for the astrologer.

I was shown into a tiny parlor, which, to my surprise, was filled with evidences that the one to whom the room belonged was highly cultivated and refined. I had but a moment to observe this when in walked a woman, neither young nor pretty, but with an inexpressible charm of manner that would make the average pretty girl seem ordinary and uninteresting in comparison. Being a close observer, I noticed at once her

soft brown hair was plentifully streaked with gray in such a manner that it had the appearance of being powdered. It was wonderfully becoming to the sweet face it surmounted, setting off to their fullest advantage the dark eyebrows and eyelashes and the brilliant blue eyes. The mouth—well, it would be better for a man's peace of mind not to dwell in thought upon its sweetness! She was rather tall and willowy, and had very small hands that, somehow, seemed to express strength in spite of their being so diminutive.

"I understand," said she, "that you wish to consult the astrologer. That is myself," with a bit of a smile.

I was dumfounded. I expected to find either an old, musty, dusty man, or an equally old, musty, dusty woman. In my confusion I stammered something about having reached a point in my life when I felt that a peep into the future might aid me, and then, not wishing to appear ridiculously gullible, I added:

"I know nothing about astrology and am inclined to be skeptical in regard to its claims."

"It is an uncertain science," was her answer, "but that it was exact in days gone by we have many reasons for believing; and, even in the imperfect state in which it has been handed down, still we can depend upon it to a considerable degree."

She then asked me my time of birth,

went to a small desk in a corner of the room, and seating herself there made some calculations, occasionally consulting a book or writing down something. I felt that I could look at her unreservedly, she was so absorbed in her work; and I made the most of my opportunity.

After about twenty minutes she arose, and coming over to the chair beside me seated herself therein and handed me a paper on which was a circle divided into twelve parts and containing various hieroglyphics. I inhaled approvingly the delicious, subtle suggestion of perfume that lingered about her.

"This is your horoscope," said she. "You have the sign Gemini ruling you. In it is the planet Uranus. Gemini is an airy sign, and so you are closely affiliated with the element air, and attracted to anything in the line of invention, especially when it is concerned with air. The erratic planet Uranus gives you advanced ideas and makes you impatient with conventionalities. Therefore, you will not be satisfied to plod along in old ruts, but must strike out for yourself in new lines. The general aspect of the heavens at the time of your birth shows that you must be very inventive."

I was positively startled. I was sure that I was a total stranger to her, and yet she told me exactly what I was without hesitation; but I was destined to be still more dumfounded.

"You have," she continued, "Mars on the midheaven. This is bad, because he is afflicted, and brings you misfortune in the shape of serious accidents, and you will be injured by falls, and fire, and by members of the cat family—which includes, as you undoubtedly know, the tiger and the lion. It's a curious thing that Mars is in the sign Pisces. Pisces, you know, rules the feet. Any farmer's almanac will tell you that. I should judge that you have had and will have many serious accidents; but, figuratively and literally speaking, you will always alight, eventually, on your feet—for, you see, we have here Mars (cats) and Pisces (feet): a remarkable testimony, considering that cats always land on their feet."

It is true that I have had many accidents. When still an infant I was accidentally dropped into the oven—and a very hot oven it was—where my upper lip was so cut and burned that loud were the lamentations over the supposed ruin of my good looks. No disfigurement, however, resulted. A cat attacked me when I was a small child and nearly put out my right eye, which not only healed quickly but left me unscathed. At thirteen I fell down stairs and broke the bone in my nose. This simply gave it a slight hump that adds much to the comeliness of my appearance. I began to look upon the astrologer with considerable awe.

"In case of danger," she continued, "you should always remember to act upon impulse; for, with you, first impulses are your best guide."

I decided at once that I would follow my latest impulse and confide my present difficulty to this sensible, clever woman. So I explained the situation, and once more she retired to her desk, and, on returning to seat herself near me again, said:

"This is indeed a most eventful year for you. You must be constantly in a state of readiness for the unexpected, and both disaster and success are promised you. I think you will come safely through all dangerous situations, for Jupiter will soon be in the ascendancy in your chart, and, as he is well aspected, he will protect you. Unfortunately, Saturn, the planet of death, is strong too, in your horoscope. this year. Then, on the twenty-eighth of November the great conjunction will take place between Jupiter and Saturn. It is many years since they have crossed each other's paths. Mars will be near these two planets in November, and Uranus not far away. Serious accidents and resulting death are shown, but Uranus, who brings about the unexpected, is in friendly aspect with Jupiter, and these two are quite likely to bring you through the crisis. It will be a very close call, however. After the great conjunction, Jupiter will be rapidly ap-

proaching your midheaven and bring you success—if the twenty-eighth of November does not prove fatal to you. On the whole I feel sure that you will, as usual, land on your feet," she concluded, with a charming smile; and then added, as a sudden afterthought, "Venus will be close by, too, and I think she will be of some help to you."

"Venus is feminine," I observed; "what does that mean?"

This part she dismissed rather abruptly. I hoped she would say that Venus would bring me a wife. I always had wished for a wife, but poverty and devotion to scientific interests had kept me pretty far from even chance darts of Cupid, though a more affectionate man never drew breath on this old earth. The astrologer went back to the importance of always acting on impulse, and referred again to my good fortune in always coming down feet first. I wanted more talk about the heart and less about the feet, but the latter seemed to absorb her attention. Finally I asked her pointblank:

"Madam, I am a bachelor; but if I succeed in this latest venture I will be in a position to become a benedict, and that is my desire. What are the prospects in this direction?"

"If you get safely through the crisis brought about by the conjunction, I see for you both money and a wife."

"What sort of a woman will she be?" I asked.

"Let me see," murmured this fascinating astrologer, scanning the diagram. "She is ruled by Jupiter in Mercury's sign. That will make her rather clever, and as Saturn is near by she will not be very young—and—and——"

She broke off with a vivid blush.

"And what?" I asked, in some surprise.

"Oh, there's nothing more to say!" she replied, hastily; but she did not look up as she spoke.

I was loath to go, and stayed and chatted with Mrs. Van Dusen—as I found her true name to be—for a half-hour that seemed but a moment. I found out that she was a widow, and dependent upon her own exertions for a living. She had taken up this unusual method of earning her daily bread because for years she had been more or less interested in astrology, and because she found her constitution was rapidly breaking down from her work of proof-reading, in which she had been engaged, until the last six months, ever since her husband's death five years before.

I reluctantly departed after obtaining permission to call on her socially, promising to give her credentials that would entitle me to the honor of claiming friendship with so lovely a woman as herself.

Well, I went to the president of the automobile concern and told him I would accept the offer of the company, and proceeded at once with preparations for my long journey. I had a sheet-iron cover made, of very light weight, that could be drawn over the top of the automobile, when lying in it asleep at night, thus giving me some protection from attacks of wild beasts. I stored away extra springs and tires to be in readiness in case any of those in use should be damaged. I supplied myself with plenty of food for the journey.

As I looked about my laboratory, wondering what else it would be wise to carry with me, my glance fell on a small box that held several pieces of solidified air. I also stored away this in my carriage, remembering my astrologer had told me that the latest, most advanced things were always in friendly relation to me, and that air was my element.

At this late day it is hardly necessary to state what liquid air is, for all the world knows how air is now reduced to a liquid, hundreds of degrees colder than ice, and of a tremendously expansive nature. Thus, it must have a vent all the time to avoid the tremendous explosion that would surely take place were it confined in an air-tight place. Several hundred times its bulk does it expand, and so a small amount of it will fill a fair-sized balloon and cause it to sail readily skyward. By many it is be-

lieved that the time is not far distant when liquid air will be made to propel ocean steamers, thus doing away with coal and the painful labor of stokers.

During the several days occupied in making preparations for my journey I had found leisure to spend a good many hours with Mrs. Van Dusen; and my interest in her became so great that it was with deep emotion I bade her farewell.

It is needless to dwell upon my trip to the Azores and thence to the western coast of Africa, for it was a perfectly uneventful passage.

Not a man would consent to go with me—a native I mean—and I did not care to go with one of my own race, unless I found exactly the right sort of a man, which I did not. My machine was looked upon with superstitious terror, which proved to be my safety later on; for more than once, during my wild ride across the desert, I came upon roving bands of savages who fled in horror from my approaching carriage as if it were the incarnation of the worst devil of their belief.

I began my perilous trip across the desert on the eighteenth of November. On the afternoon of the twenty-eighth I was far away from even a sight of mountains, and a limitless sea of sand stretched away on all sides. I had managed to keep well to the line of direction I had mapped out, with the as-

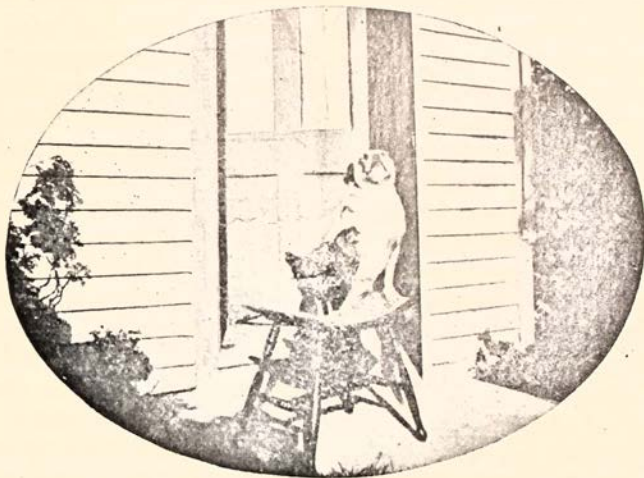
sistance of a caravan leader, and therefore had not lost time nor wanted for water. At first I had kept my revolver loaded and where it could be reached at once; but realizing how well I was protected from attacks of any sort I no longer looked upon my revolver as necessary and had unloaded it.

Physically I was in a fair condition, and upon this tenth day in the desert I was spinning over the burning sands with my pneumatic tires in as good condition as when I had left Connecticut.

Suddenly I perceived an object ap-

proaching me, dirty yellow in appearance. My machine was going at a tremendously rapid rate—at least a mile a minute—and the wheels seemed fairly to disdain the hot shining sands beneath them. Thus I was hardly aware of this moving object ere I was almost upon it. It was an enormous lion. Suddenly, without warning of any sort, my automobile came to a standstill, and I was thrown violently over the front of it. Had I struck the sand head first, I

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"Two Good Friends."

That is the title of this picture and I suppose we shall have to take the photographer's word for it although, to say the truth, it looks to us as if the relations of "Biddy" and "Puggy" were a bit strained, notwithstanding their juxtaposition. This picture was contributed by QUAIN'T reader Miss N. Mae Leonard of Newark, N. Y.

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—From "Lectures to Women" by Dr. Kirshner.

The Electricity of Health

The hourly manifestations of the forces of electricity in the commercial world, the arc or incandescent light, rapid transit, etc., by constant association are no longer subjects for wonder. All discoveries and developments meet first with doubt and opposition, then wonder and comment, finally are assimilated unnoticed as parts of progress.

In scientific fields electricity has never ceased to be a wonder; its nature and possibilities have not yet been determined. What powers it holds to revolutionize existing state of things, is the continual quest of the student.

Electricity has been vaguely defined as "vibrating ether." Vibrations, or to-and-fro motions, produce sound, light, and heat, and the medium which carries these vibrations to the senses is called ether. Air is a gross medium compared to ether, and because the latter is supposed to exist everywhere it is

called the universal ether. Even in the densest of solid bodies it is assumed to exist between the ultimate particles of which such bodies are formed; namely, between the atoms and molecules.

Every atom in the universe vibrates negatively or positively and according to natural law, it is only when negative meets positive (certain quality of vibrations on one side matched with a different quality of vibrations on the other), that the spark of recognition or union called electricity bursts into life. These atoms, being electrified, become more powerful to vibrate toward successive planes where they are again attracted and advanced by the sparks of recognition until they reach the centre of force, that eternal source which mystifies the physical mind of man.

The visible concentration of electric force is the sun itself, the life centre, the power house of the universe.

The body of man is a universe in itself on a small but powerful scale, vi-

brating with electric ether from the same eternal source. It is composed of millions of cells. These cells contain millions of atoms and molecules vibrating negatively and positively; and by the sex principle of the law of matter they attract each other and give off the spark which creates a new cell. The old cell yields it life as food to sustain the new born cells which in turn attain the power through the blood to electrify their atoms and create other cells. Thus is the life of the tissues of the body constantly renewed under natural conditions and the result is that much coveted prize—health.

Health, then, depends upon the electric force vibrating in each individual cell of the body.

How are these body vibrations electrified?

By the quality and quantity of the air breathed into the lungs giving the blood its proper food.

Air charged with sun vibrations is the quality necessary to electrify the atoms of the cells. Light intensifies the electric vibrations of the body as seen in the healing effects of the sun or electric light baths.

The quantity of the air breathed must be sufficient to fill the most remote air chambers of the lungs so that the blood (itself composed of millions of cells), carrying the waste from the millions of cells of the body, can unload its dead matter and be recharged with a vitalized

supply of air-food. The heart receives this electrified blood from the lungs every few seconds and like a pump forces it to all parts of the body. This causes the vibrations of the pulse which differs with the age and temperament of the individual.

The electric life of the cells therefore depends upon the quality of the blood; the blood depends upon the quality and amount of air breathed. Superficial breathing weakens the lungs, impoverishes the blood, and starves the cells, hence sickness and disease; and continued breathing of foul air results in death.

The foundation for the electricity of health is secured by deep breathing, breathing with a will, opening every air cell of the lungs to electrify the blood, and breathing air charged with the life forces of the sun.

The characteristic influences radiated by persons possessing the electricity of health are immediately felt by a body lacking that quality of vitality. They shed a light of hope, joy, success, and strength upon their own path, and those who cross it or linger near become charged for a time with the same desirable uplifting forces.

The mayor and police officers of Charleston, S. C., made recently an attack on the bread carts of that city and lightened them of one thousand loaves, as deficient in weight. The plunder was sent to the Orphan and Poor House.—Old Paper, 1839.

ASTROLOGY



Conducted by Dr. Derolli,
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These predictions will not fit into every life with accurate details. They are safe predictions from planetary relations and will be found helpful and in the main correct. Of course to get at an individual experience, and to take advantage of precise work, a chart of each person must be studied.

Lucky and Unlucky Days for June, 1904.

From the first to the twenty-second of the month the Sun is in the sign of Gemini, which is ruled by Mercury. This is a quick, bright sign and people born under it generally are those of strong mental force with quick perceptions. On the twenty-second day of the month the Sun enters the sign of Cancer, which is ruled by the Moon. The planets through the month are in the following positions: Neptune is in Cancer; Herschel retrogrades through Sagittarius; Saturn retrogrades through Aquarius; Jupiter is in Aries; Mars follows the Sun through Gemini; Venus is also following the Sun through Gemini, passing into Cancer on the twenty-sixth of the month; Mercury is in Taurus until the fourteenth and then in Gemini; the new Moon is on the thirteenth; a full Moon on the twenty-seventh.

1. The month opens with rather poor conditions for new influences. The day is not strong either for business or in social ways.
2. Is very much like the first; perhaps not quite as good. A poor day to begin an important transaction.
3. A trine of the Moon with the Sun and Mars indicates good conditions and the day will be prosperous as a whole.
4. A conjunction of the Moon and Saturn is not good socially nor is it strong or helpful in a new enterprise. Two sextiles of the Moon are better and will help out a little so that the day will be somewhat redeemed.
5. First Sunday after Trinity. It has no special significance.
6. Monday is a good day to travel on the water and a fairly good day for almost any purpose.
7. Some people will say you are cranky. You

will say that they are odd. Settle it between yourselves.

8. Good for travel, for love and for general business. A good day to ask favors. Good for dealing with the opposite sex.
9. A first-class day for business transactions of a conservative nature. Good to write letters.
10. Your mind may be changeable, your actions, restless. Keep cool, make no changes and you will be all right.
11. A fine day for the women folks. A good day to travel, particularly to start upon a journey.
12. Second Sunday after Trinity. If it were a week-day you would be tempted to do business and you would do it very well.
13. A new Moon and a fine day for social ties and, in fact, for almost any important purpose.
14. A thing that has been started can be pushed but a new thing better wait a day or two. A good day for traveling — a short trip or a long one.
15. First-class day for first-class deeds.
16. Another good one but don't speculate and do foolish things. Substantial matters are all right.
17. The Moon opposes Saturn; other aspects make this a very contradictory day and I should dodge for important decisions.
18. Tip-top for travel, for business, for social matters, for almost anything.
19. Third Trinity. A very featureless day. Be as good as you can. It would please the parson to see you in church. Help him out.
20. This is a bad one. Four squares with the

Moon and I doubt if you make much headway, trying as hard as you can.

21. You will make more headway socially than you will in business. A very nice day to say very nice things. Don't be afraid of her.
22. A strong day. A trine of the Moon and Sun with a fine position of the Moon with Saturn, Mars and Venus ought to give the best results to good judgment and action. This is one of the strong days of the month for marked decisions.
23. Nearly as good and yesterday's work had better be followed up.
24. A good day to rest, go a-fishing, almost anything, in fact, but to begin an important duty.
25. Nothing special. A good vacation day. Rather poor for business.
26. Fourth Trinity. A day where you want to be careful of the words of your mouth. Don't be critical, fussy or saucy.
27. Full Moon and a very uncertain day. If you are in a quiet place and out of mischief you better stay there.
28. No special force and you won't make much headway.
29. Good vacation days but poor for business. Don't start an important matter.
30. Lay low and keep quiet.

WEATHER FOR JUNE.

The month should open with warm days bringing heavy showers, especially about the sixth and seventh. Fine, cool days follow, probably to the twelfth; after that and for several days in different sections a succession of violent disturbances, high tides, heavy winds, thunder storms and, probably, damage to property.

From the nineteenth or twentieth, after violent storms, calm, cooler weather until about the twenty-sixth, when heavy gales on coast and some interior troubles also.

The closing days should be pleasant and cool. As a whole, a good amount of rain will fall in June with damage from gales and lightning.

Some Questions Answered.

Q. What about Neptune?

A. There is practically nothing in print about this planet. As far as we know the influence is very strong according to the connection with another planet. The opposition or the square with the Moon is very apt to bring in bad weather. When the planet is in Aries and retrograding it is very apt to bring disturbed social relations; in conjunction or in good aspect with a good planet Neptune's influence evidently intensifies the goodness. In the quality of the mind and influence upon the thought, evidently the tendency is towards the higher lines of thinking, occult and metaphysical studies. If Neptune is in any of the strictly mental signs, so called, it gives a brighter condition to the mind.

All astrologers of note are studying the influence of this planet. In a few years we shall know more about it.

Q. Is a person born on a Full Moon inclined to brain trouble, or to peculiar ways?

A. The latin word for the Moon is luna; hence our word *lunatic*, and it is evidently true that at the Full of the Moon, persons who are afflicted with any brain troubles are more violent. This is seen in asylums and hospitals. It is possibly true also that a person born upon a Full Moon, especially if the Moon is in the sign of Aries, the brain, has tendencies towards peculiar lines of thinking, independence and originality, but not of necessity brain trouble.

This would come more by a bad relation of bad planets to the Moon as the life goes on than it is by the radical position of the Moon; that is, the place of the Moon at birth. At the same time there is something to be said about the influence of a full Moon upon the brain. What it is is a study. The best authorities differ; hence, if you have your own way about it, you had better be born not on the full Moon.

PAT MAGEE'S WIFE

Livin' wid Pat Magee,
In a cabin fornent the bay,
Sea in front an' bog behind,
Sthretchin' for miles away.
An' often he comes an' says—
“Honey,” he says, says he—
“Do ye ever repent the day that ye went
An' married wid Pat Magee?”



There's a bit av a childie now,
Playin' around the floor,
Runnin' about wid a laugh an' a shout
In and out av the door;
Mick wid his father's eyes—
Bits av the sky for blue,
An' aich hair av his head like a golden thread,
An' the voice av his father, too.
An' often he comes an' says—
“Honey,” he says, says he—
“Do ye ever repent the day that ye went
An' married wid Pat Magee?”

Times when the evenin' falls
An' the work av the day is done,
An' the boy's in bed an' the supper spread,
I sit in the settin' sun,
An' think av me girlhood's days,
An' the love that came me way,
An' the price, the price that a woman pays—
An' is well content to pay.
An' I laugh when he comes an' says--
“Honey,” he says, says he—
“Do ye ever repent the day that ye went
An' married wid Pat Magee?”



Never be tellin' a man—
All that he'd like to know,
Give him the half av the whole that he wants,
An' he'll love ye the better so;
But times I misdoubt he knows,
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That I'll never repent the day that I went
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And sheen of the sun upon that.

Through the bloom-covered panes shines a
glory

By which the vast shadows are stirred;
But I pine for the spirit and splendor
That painted the wing of the bird!

The organ rolls down its great anthem,
With the soul of a song it is blent;
But for me, I am sick of the singing
Of one little song that is spent.

The voice of the curate is gentle—
"No sparrow shall fall to the ground"—
But the poor broken wing on the bonnet
Is mocking the merciful sound.

Close and sweet is the breath of the lilies
Asleep on the altar of prayer;
But my soul is athirst with the fragrance
Far out in the beautiful air.

And I wonder if ever or never,
With white wings o'er weary and furred.
I shall find the sweet spirit of pity
Abroad in the heart of the world.

The Great Conjunction

From page 9.

would have been buried so deep that before I could have extricated my head and removed the sand from my eyes the lion would have had ample opportunity to make a leisurely meal of me. Fortunately I fell in the natural way of sitting down, and so was able to jump to my feet at once. Even in that perilous moment I thought of Pisces!

The lion was about fifty yards away and was gazing at me with his big yellow eyes full of curiosity. Had he been a circus or menagerie lion he would not have allowed the grass to grow under his feet, or rather the sand to accumulate, but would have been on me in a twinkling. Being, however, a green-horn of the desert, he lost valuable time standing staring at me with open mouth; in fact, keeping his mouth open was the only sensible thing he did, for it was thus prepared for action when he finally concluded to make mince meat of me.

In the meantime I had jumped into my carriage, and found, to my consternation, that the spring that had been in action, when the unexpected halt came, was broken—and I had forgotten to wind up the other one! Here was a pretty howdy-do! It would take fully fifteen minutes to wind up the undamaged spring. I had not even time to load my revolver, for the open-mouthed beast was making tremendous leaps in my direction, with pleasurable, anticipatory gleams in his eyes. There was a strong prospect of my being forced to furnish the lion with a few juicy mouthfuls.

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—"oh! where was he?

Ask of the winds, that far around
With fragments strewed the"—
sand!

The air had certainly got in its innings with the lion, and for despatch and celerity of "expansion" the performance was away ahead of anything yet accomplished by the United States.

As for me, I believe I fainted. When I recovered enough I set about renewing the spring.

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"Great Scott! this is the twenty-eighth day of November!"

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Mrs. Van Dusen hid her face in her hands, and I heard a smothered—"You mean thing!"

I clasped her pliant form in my arms, and whispered, "Zodiacella, what is a conjunction?"

"Why!" said she, in surprise, lifting a blushing face from its hiding-place on my shoulder, "it's the meeting of two heavenly bodies."

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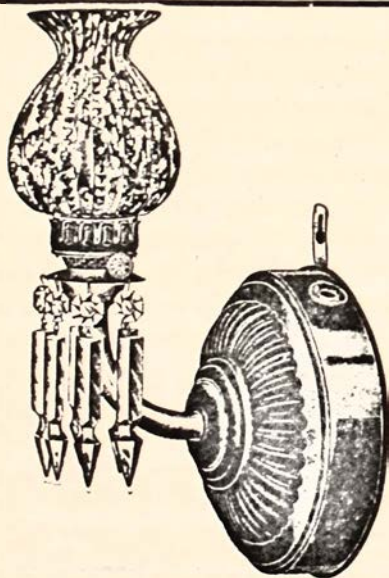
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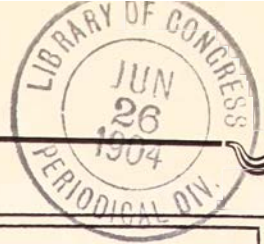
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