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DECREES OF FATE,

being

a new & regular System for foretelling

Future Events, by

Astrology,
Phyfiognomy,
Palmiftry,

Moles,
Cards, and
Dreams.



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P R E F A C E.

THE knowledge of futurity has evermore been considered as an object of peculiar advantage. We find kings and states, as well as individuals, aiming at this knowledge, and paying liberally for the answers they received: the same curiosity is yet alive, and deserves attention now as much as at any former period, and, our æra has this singular precedence over all those that went before, that the prognostics now given, are not attended with that duplicity, which characterised the ancient responses: they are plain, clear, and full; we can with truth aver, that, in the course of a practice of forty years, we have never known them to fail.

The method to be observed is this; If you are consulted on the Fate of another person, First, enquire the month he was born in; then turn over the following sheets, and look for the entrance of

the sun into the sign that governs that month;—treasure up what you find there in your memory, and then place your client fully before you uncovered, that from the lineaments of his countenance you may gather what they announce; compare this with the former, and combine the whole together according to your judgment;—then examine the palm of the right hand first, carrying its most striking features with you, and after an examination of the left, add the result to the conclusion you had already drawn;—you will next examine into Moles the person may bear on his or her body, and examine the chapter on moles, you will join what it reports to what you have already done.— You will now inquire into the Dreams the person may have lately had; know as nearly as possible at what period of the night the dream was had, and whether it was repeated; with such variations as might have occurred, and connect the explanation with your former prognostics; there now remains to discover what the

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Cards will say, concerning the point in question; which may be done either with a whole pack, or with the piquet cards only: In the former case you must shuffle your cards well, and let the Consulter cut them three times, showing the bottom card—which will help your information; this must be repeated three times. Then shuffle them anew, let them be cut once, and you begin to display them on a table, taking care to have always an odd number in each row, and to place your cards exactly under each other; after this consult the book in the chapter of cards, and having repeated your experiment three times, draw your general conclusion, and all is ended.

In case of the piquet cards, shuffle and cut, take three cards from the top; if there are two of a suit, take the highest in rank; if three take all; when you have gone through the pack, shuffle and cut the remainder, and do as before, and a third time do the same; then take a general view

of all the cards drawn, and next couple them, a top and bottom card; then shuffle and cut them into three heaps, laying one a part in the first round to form a fourth heap; the first heap at the left hand relates to yourself entirely; the next to your family; the third is the confirmation of the former two, you proceed a second and a third time; adding a card to the single one at each time, and that last heap of those single cards gives the final connection of the operation.

A looking glass will supply your own occasions, if you consult for yourself.

Any further directions that may be necessary, will be found in the course of the WORK.

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EVER since the world began, a laudable curiosity has excited all ranks of people in all countries, to know the events, vicissitudes, the turns of good or bad fortune, which were to happen to themselves as well as to their acquaintances; the most eminent philosophers, the keenest wits, and most penetrating politicians, nay, kings themselves have made different branches of this science their peculiar study. Some of them have generously given the fruits of their labours and searches to the Public, but in a style so embarrassed with scientific words, that the greater part of readers cannot rightly understand them; and thus the object they proposed to themselves is in a great measure lost;—an experience of upwards of forty years

has enabled us to penetrate into the deepest secrets of an art, which, however despised and depreciated by some, we have found to be of the utmost utility to our neighbours, and indeed, to all those who have consulted us. We must, before we proceed farther, assure our Readers, and they will find it an incontestable truth in the perusal of the following Sheets, that there is neither witchcraft nor any other diabolical, or wicked communication necessary in the conduct of this business;—it depending entirely upon a close and judicious observation and combination of circumstances, signs, marks, lines, positions, and oppositions, that naturally concur to point out the event that is to happen, and which must unavoidably strike the most moderate capacity, by the assistance only of a tolerable memory; this is necessary to combine the several prognostics; and this, with the help of a little attention, will evidently prove, that astrology, or the influence of the stars, physiognomy, or the outlines of the countenance, palmistry, or the figures on the hands, keliology, or moles, card tossing and dreams, will verify each other; and thus the person who becomes an adept in the several branches of this most excellent science, will be able to prepare himself for whatever may happen, and by a prudent use of his own powers, and intervening incidents, give more poignancy to the fortunate event he has to hope for, and blunt the edge, if not totally turn aside any unfortunate reverse he may be threatened with.

To facilitate the acquisition of so noble and useful a knowledge, we will divide this book into chapters, that our Readers may, without delay or difficulty, find the object he is immediately in search of.

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CHAPTER. I.

A S T R O N O M Y.

Of the twelve signs of the Zodiac, the seven planets and their several influences over the future Events of a person's life, and manners.

IT is not our design to give here a general system of Astrology, our only purpose being to point out the nature and effect which the course of each planet in its passage through the twelve signs of the Zodiac has upon the temper of each person, and to prove, that from a judicious observation of the situation of each planet at the hour of birth, you may easily foresee what kind of life that child will lead, and what the bent of his inclinations will be; and from this foreknowledge, you will easily comprehend the kind of education you are to give him.

The revolutions of the sun, being the best known, and his power being greatest over the several parts of this sublunary creation, we shall be most particular in our observations upon him, and tell the result of our many experiments upon him.

About the twentieth of March, which ancients considered as the beginning of the year, the sun enters the first of the twelve signs, whose name is Aries, or the Ram;—a man born at or little after this period, will be of a meek disposition, moderately amorous, rather bashful, a little inclined to wavering in his resolutions, unwilling to quarrel, but if compelled to it will conduct himself with propriety, not over sanguine in his pursuits, and on the whole, will be tolerably happy in life. In
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the sun's progress through the sign, he will profess those qualities in a higher degree.

A woman born at the same period, will be sweet tempered, modest, chaste, and decently fond of those she is bound to love; she will not be over anxious about the affairs of this world, but will endeavour, without assiduity, to gain an honest livelihood, and will be ready to relieve the distresses of a fellow creature.

About the twentieth of April the sun enters the second sign, called Taurus, or the Bull,—a man who comes into the world at this time, will be of a strong constitution, amorous disposition, ardent in his pursuits, tenacious of his opinions, prone to anger, but seldom to excess; liable to infidelities to his wife, a little tinctured with suspicion, and desirous of rising in the world; on the whole, his life will be rather agreeable than otherwise, but he must expect crosses and disappointments.

A woman born at the same time, will be resolute in her words and actions, not easily subjected to controul. attached to pleasures that are consistent with virtue, desirous of praise, and not easily intimidated; she will enjoy a good deal of satisfaction.

About the twentieth of May, the sun enters the third sign, called Gemini, or the Twins;—a man born at this time, will place his chief happiness in the arms of the fair sex; he will be nice in his opinion of the beauty of women, inclined to rambling into foreign countries, ambitious of shining in some excellent qualities, such as learning, mechanics, &c.—his understanding will be solid, his imagination lively, his memory uncertain, his courage undaunted, his temper uncommonly sweet, unless highly provoked; then firm in his resentment,

ment, until he obtains full satisfaction; he will meet with many crosses, but will bear them all with manly fortitude.

A woman born at the same period, will be credulous in love affairs, and may be easily imposed upon; she will be jealous, watchful, and fretful, rather to an extreme, not easily detached from the first object of her affection, of an affable disposition, and kind to those who may depend on her; she will be vindictive but easily appeased, and must meet with disagreeable interruptions to her peace of mind.

About the twentieth of June, the sun enters the fourth sign, called Cancer, or the Crab;—a man who receives his existence at this period, will be of a sober sedate disposition of mind, not easily excited to mirth, serious and persevering in his resolves, rather diffident of his own talents, and depend too much upon the opinion of others; he will be of a tender nature, faithful in his attachments, and not inclined to infidelity in love; he will be industrious and provident.

A woman born at the same time, will be fond of mirth and good cheer, of a temper rather captious, inclined to the pleasures of love in a lawful manner, but will not neglect the duties of her station; she will not easily give up her own opinion, but yet will not maintain it with provoking obstinacy; upon the whole she will enjoy a reasonable share of quiet.

About the twentieth of July, the sun enters the fifth sign, called Leo, or the Lion;—a man ushered into the world at this season, will be of a turbulent and rapacious disposition; he will delight in law-suits, quarrels and broils, and although he will not shun the pleasures of love, yet they will
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be but secondary in his thoughts; he will be forever laying schemes to gain his ends, and will be troublesome to his neighbours, and unhappy in himself.

A woman born at the same time, will be of a languid, indolent disposition, not much addicted to the pleasures of love; her tongue will be flippant, if not loud and abusive, and her indiscretion will bring her into many scrapes.

About the twentieth of August, the sun enters the sixth sign, called Virgo, or the Virgin;—a man born under this influence will, though strongly inclined to lawless love, be restrained in some measure by a natural modesty, which will frequently save him from bitter remorse, disease, and distress; he will be cautious in his undertakings, sprightly, though reserved in conversation, and, though not fond of danger, will not fly from it when occasion requires.

A woman born at the same time, will entertain an utter abhorrence to any corporal uncleanness; her desires, though warm, will be under the government of reason; her language untinged with immodesty, and her disposition honest, upright, and sincere.

About the twentieth of September, the sun enters the seventh sign, called Libra, or the Balance;—a man who comes into the world at this period, will be highly respected by his neighbours and acquaintances, however poor and low in circumstances; he will be a lover of truth, and a peacemaker; he will be contented in his situation whatever it may be, and if honours and dignities are thrown upon him, as generally is the case, he will bear them with equanimity, that is to say, he will
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not grow proud, nor scorn his old friends, but will protect them; he will be no enemy to love in a lawful way.

A woman born at the same time, will look upon the business of love as her duty only in obedience to those who have a command over her; her demeanor will be dignified, modest and submissive; her passions easily governable, and her whole deportment such as becomes a prudent and virtuous matron.

About the twentieth of October, the sun enters the eighth sign, called Scorpio or the Dragon;—a man who is forced into light at this critical season, must be considered as one who is to encounter great hardships; the cares and anxieties of love must yield to others of more considerable moment to his well being; however innocent he may be, he must expect enemies; he will be suspected of plots against the public, or of bad designs against private persons, and violent persecutions will be the unavoidable consequence; he will, however, though not of a bright, or lively imagination, gain himself many powerful friends, who will in the end extricate him from all difficulties.

A woman born at the same period, will be haughty, designing, inconsiderate and inconsistent; she will yield to love only, as it may be subservient to her other purposes, and will bring upon herself the ill-will of many about her; yet, will many of her schemes prove abortive from her own mismanagement and folly.

About the twentieth of November, the sun enters the ninth sign, called Sagittarius, or the Arrow-bearer;—a man born at this time, will be of a cold phlegmatic disposition; not easily roused to sensibility, but when excited, furious for a short space; he

he will care for his wife merely for the sake of getting children, not from any feeling of passion; he will be easily led by others, but if he finds they deceive him, he will be implacable in his resentment; yet, he will not strive to hurt them, unless an evident opportunity offers.

A woman born at the same time, will be of a rough disposition, a great scold, little solicitous about the consequences that may result from what she say and does; she will be addicted to slander and whispering reports of those she does not like, whether true or false; she will expect to rule her husband, but if he should be of a passive temper, she will condescend to wheedle him; she will expect him to do strict justice to the marriage bed.

About the twentieth of December, the sun enters the tenth sign, called Capricorniu, or the Goat's-horn;—a man who comes into the world at this period, will be exceedingly amorous, ambitious, restless, and troublesome to himself and others, not from any design of giving uneasiness, but merely from want of reflection, he will easily yield to the first impression, and will be rather too dull and lazy to consider the consequences that may result from what he says or does.

A woman born at the same time, will easily yield to the solicitations of her lovers, more from want of thought than from constitution; she will be of a timorous disposition, and easily restrained from faults by timely reprimand, she will be a good neighbour, a warm friend, and a tender mother, but rather silly, and apt to believe the least tale that is told her.

About the twentieth of January, the sun enters the eleventh sign, called Aquarius, or the Water-bearer:—a man born at this time, will be of
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a violent, unsteady, and boisterous disposition; full of strange fancies and vagaries, but never of the same mind; but whilst he has an object in view, will undertake any thing to compass it; if he meets with any obstacle whilst the fit is hot, he will immediately forsake it; such a man cannot rest if he has not a mistress, whom he will love passionately for a while; but if she yields to his passion, or marries him, he will soon grow cool, and fix his affections on another.

A woman born at the same time, will be of a sedentary, studious disposition, attached to whatever employment she is brought up to; provided it require no great action or movement; in love she will be kind, tender, constant and moderate.

About the twentieth of February, the sun enters the twelfth and last sign, called Pisces, or the Fishes;—a man born at this period will be selfish, designing, and not to be depended on; he will be rampant to his superiors, whilst he thinks he can make them subservient to his purposes; but his ends once gained, he will betray them if he has it in his power; he will be haughty and imperious to his equals and inferiors, unless he finds they can be useful to him, but his caresses will be only during that time; in love he will be careless, if not indifferent, and use his wife and family with unreasonable severity.

A woman born at the same period, will be of a delicate mind, soft in her manners, kind in her expressions, scorning duplicity, affectionate to her family, and subject to no violent passions, though not quite from any; but love will be the strongest of all, to which, however, she will yield with moderation.

The Reader will please to observe, that, there are certain circumstances which must necessarily

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qualify, that is to say, increase or lessen these influences; one of the most essential of which, is an early attention to the education of the child, with proper pains to correct by prudent lessons of morality and religion, the dispositions here foretold; besides which, there are the several effects, which the five other Planets have upon the minds, and bodies of all creatures upon this earth; of these influences or effects, we will now endeavour to give the clearest and best explanation; that the inequality of their movements will admit of, but must leave a good deal to your own judgment and industry.

The first and most malignant of those is Saturn, who employs thirty years, in performing his revolution through the twelve signs; fortunate disposition of Providence, for were he to return oftener, the persons born under his influence, would prove sour, morose, tyrannical and bloody; in short, they would be worse than the most barbarous savages; but as his entrance into the sign, along with the sun is necessary to give him a predominance over that genial planet, there are but few that are subjected to him.—Thus it is, that though sometimes blood is wantonly shed, it seldom happens that the crime is attended with those circumstances of barbarity, that form the character of this planet; the same may be said of other shocking instances of cruelty, but where such things come to pass, you may be well assured that Saturn presided at the birth of the persons chiefly concerned in them; for too frequently persons are made instruments in those unnatural sacrifices, who abhor the very thoughts of them.

Jupiter, who is a proud overbearing planet, takes twenty-three months, in going through the twelve

twelve signs, by which his conjunction with the sun happens but seldom; hence we have so few instances of that ungovernable ambition, which would climb over the lives and fortunes of the dearest ties which nature and society have given to man, to attain to supreme power and uncontrollable dominion.

The third planet is Mars, who takes the same time as Jupiter, in his journey through the twelve signs.—We must not attribute to his empire the several wars that have occasionally happened, nor the dispositions which lead many to embrace a military life; they more frequently arise from other concurrent and secondary occasions, which it would be impossible severally to enumerate; for certain it is, that many thousands of those who fight the battles of others, are not impelled to it by that desire of glory, which is the necessary consequence of the superiority of this planet; as very few are actuated by that principle, and seek for any other advantage than idleness, plunder, or an exemption from some less agreeable occupation.

Venus is the fourth Planet, the most benignant of the whole number; she presides over, and naturally inspires all creatures with that secret desire, that natural impulse to the propagation of the species, than which nothing can give so pure, so lasting and so frequent a delight to the thinking soul; on her constant attendance on the sun, depends entirely that inspiration to love which is found in the sexes to each other.—Without her, a tiresome insufferable apathy, would pervade the whole creation; her benign and maternal influence keeps alive in the breast that vivifying spark, that urges us constantly to seek in each other, those comforts which no individual can possibly find within himself; she checks,

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restrains, and qualifies the suggestions of the other planets, and hence we frequently find the ambitious man, forgetful of his aims, retire to enjoy the exquisite bliss which a judiciously selected person of the opposite sex can alone bestow; hence we see the soldier, after the fatigues of battles, marches, and dangers, solace himself with a chosen companion of the other sex; hence we perceive the miser, whose soul is absorbed by his treasures, who deprives himself of the very necessaries of life, at the miraculous inspiration of this charming planet, open his iron chests, and unfeeling bosom, to lavish on a beloved object those sums which no other inducement whatsoever could extort from him, in short, to this planet we owe the principal bliss we are capable of partaking of in this world; happy that its presence is so constant, and its influence so universal.

Mercury, equally benignant with Venus, is the fifth Planet, but his influence is of a different nature: he performs his journey with the sun, and never separates himself from him;—from him we receive wit, understanding, memory, vivacity, and wealth, for he presides over all those. Were it not for the predominance of some other planet at the time, all those who are born under this beneficent star, would enjoy equal privileges, and uninterrupted happiness would be the lot of the major part of mankind.

The Moon, is the sixth and last of those Planets, and goes through the twelve signs in about twenty-eight days; when she has the superiority at the birth of a child, she makes him dull, heavy, inactive, and insensible to all that happens about him; nothing can enliven the blood, except the irresistible impulse of Venus, which he obeys
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more like a beast than otherwise; he is incapable of a sincere attachment, and may be considered as a blank in the creation.

Thus have we conducted our readers through this knotty part of our task, and shall conclude it by a necessary observation. It is evident that the generality of mankind do not pay sufficient attention to the situations of the planets, and hence thousands would be incapable of drawing advantage from our labours, did we not give them the following directions.—To know what planet was mostly in conjunction with the sun, you must be particularly well informed of the month in which you were born; if the time of the month, it will be still better; then examine your own disposition, but with impartiality, and be careful not to attribute to yourself virtues, which you do not possess; nor suppose yourself addicted to vices, which you occasionally give into; separate all your qualities in your mind, and try which of them is strongest, and carries you away with the most force; by this means you will easily discover what planet was predominant at the time you came into the world.

CHAPTER II.

Of P H Y S I O G N O M Y.

Of Prognostics to be drawn from the colour and nature of the hair of man and woman; from the forehead, eyebrows, eyes, nose, mouth, chin, and whole assemblage of features.

THE man whose hair is very black and smooth, hanging far over his shoulders, and in large quantity, is mild, but resolute cool, until greatly provoked; not much inclined to excess of any kind, but may be persuaded to it; he is constant in his attachments, faithful and affectionate to his family, and not addicted to lewdness, though sensible of, and submissive to the empire of love; he will be prosperous in his undertakings, and not liable to many misfortunes.

A woman of the same kind of hair, is moderate in her desires of every kind, temperate in her diet, addicted to reflection, steady in her resolution, and though not subject to violence in love, is steady in her attachment, and no enemy to its pleasures; of a constitution, neither vigorous, nor yet feeble.

If the hair is very black, short, and curling, the man will be given to liquor, somewhat quarrelsome, of an unsettled temper, more amorous, and less steady in his undertakings, but ardent at the beginning of an enterprize; he will be very desirous of riches, but in general miss his aim, and subject to much discontent.

—————The same may be said of a woman.

A man with dark brown, long and smooth hair, is generally of a robust constitution, obstinate in temper, eager in his pursuits, a lover of other
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sex, fond of variety in his ordinary pursuits, exceedingly curious, and of a flexible disposition; in his amusements fickle, and will not continue long attached to the same woman; unless she takes extraordinary pains to please him; he will live long, unless guilty of early intemperance.

A woman of the same kind of hair, will be nearly the same as the man, but more steady in her conduct and attachments, especially in love; she will be of a good constitution; have many children, be much respected, enjoy good health, and a reasonable share of happiness.

If the hair is short and bushy, it will make very little alteration in man or woman; but that man will be more forward to strike when angered, and the woman more of a scold.

A man with light brown long smooth hair, is of a peacable, even, and rather generous temper; will prevent mischief if in his power, but when very much provoked will strike furiously, but is sorry for his passion, and soon appeased; strongly attached to women; and will protect them from any insult; money he will be desirous of having, more to do good with it, than for the sake of hoarding it; if he is guilty of infidelity to his wife, it will be very discreetly; upon the whole, he is in general an amiable character, affable and kind.

A woman of the same kind of hair, is tender hearted, but hasty in her temper; neither obstinate nor haughty, her inclinations to love never unreasonable, her constitution will be good; but she will be seldom very fortunate.

If the hair is short, bushy, and apt to curl by nature, the man will be more industrious, and the woman more sedentary.

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A man with fair hair will be of a weak constitution, his mind much given to reflection, especially on religious matters; he will be assiduous in his occupation but not given to rambling; very moderate in his amorous wishes, and must take great pains to live to a middling age.

A woman of this coloured hair is, on the contrary, of a good constitution, never to be diverted from her purposes, very passionate in love affairs; never easy unless when in company, and delights in hearing herself praised, especially for beauty; delights in dancing, romping, and violent exercises, and commonly lives to a great age.

A man with long red hair, is cunning, artful, and deceitful; he is very much addicted to traffic of some kind, restless in his disposition, constantly roving, if he possibly can indulge himself in the desire; oftener desirous of the pleasures of love, than capable of indulging himself in them; he is greedy of getting money, though he will often spend it foolishly; in every thing he undertakes he is indefatigable, and no obstacle will induce him to forsake his enterprize until he has seen the issue of it; he is by nature rather inclined to timidity, and dread of pain, but by reflection may correct it, and pass for a man of courage.

A woman of the same kind of hair, is glib of tongue, having words at will, talkative and vain;—her temper is impatient and fiery, and will not easily bear contradiction; she has a constant flow of spirits, and excessively given to the pleasures of love; however delicate her person may seem, her constitution is generally vigorous, but she seldom lives to see old age for a very obvious reason, her promise is seldom to be depended upon, because the next object that engrosses her attention, makes her

her forgetful of every thing that preceded it; she will give nothing without a valuable consideration, and will lastingly resent any disappointment she may meet with.

We will now proceed to give some few instructions concerning the hair in other particulars; and first, with respect to baldness.

If the hair falls off at the fore part of the head, the person will be easily led, though otherwise rational, and will often find himself duped when he thinks he is acting right; he will likewise very frequently meet with disappointments in money matters, which will either hurt his credit, or force him to shorten his experience.

If the hair falls off behind, he will be obstinate, peevish, passionate, and fond of commanding others, though he has no right, and will grow angry if his advice is not followed, however preposterous; he will be fond of hearing and telling old stories, and tales of ghosts, goblins, fairies, and other incredible matters; but will be a good domestic man, and provide for his family to the utmost of his power.

If the hair forms an arch round the forehead, without being much indented at the temples, both man and woman will be innocent, credulous, peaceable, fond of good eating but without excess; moderate in all their desires, and though not ardent in their pursuits, will still be persevering, they will be mild, modest, and good-natured, moderately prosperous, but not very long lived.

If the hair is much indented at the temples, the person will be affable, steady, good-natured, a great breeder, prudent, and attentive to business, of a solid constitution and likely to live long.

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If the hair descends low upon the forehead, the person will be selfish and designing, of a surly disposition, unfociable, and given to drinking; he will be addicted to avarice, and will not spend unless he expects to gain by it; his mind will be always intent upon the means of carrying on his schemes, and he will not live to be of a great age.

Thus far we have given the fruits of our experience concerning the hair; we will now proceed to the forehead, from which, as from an index, may be collected the innermost movements of the soul; and here, a judicious eye will readily gather the opinion that is to be formed of those we converse with, and the dangerous members of society excluded, avoided or guarded against; whereas by want of a competent knowledge of this index, many unwary persons are drawn into evil company, suspicion, imprisonment, and frequently death.

The forehead that is large, round, and smooth, announces the man or woman, frank, open, generous, and free, good-humoured, good-natured, and a safe companion; into his bosom you may pour your secrets without distrust; he possesses a clear understanding, and scorns to be guilty of any mean action; he will be faithful to his promises, just in his dealings, stedfast to his engagements, and sincere in his affections; his love for the fair one whom he selects, will be tender, manly, and inviolable, provided her own misconduct does not in spite of his inclination, banish the mild influence from his breast; he will seek wealth, but his purpose in the pursuit of it, will be to divide a reasonable share of it among such of his friends, or other worthy persons, as may be found to deserve

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it; his conversation will be lively, modest, and pleasing, he will be respected by most people who know him; but his candour and integrity will procure him many enemies, among those, who cannot bear to see any person possessed of better qualities than they themselves will cultivate; hence he must expect persecution, lawsuits, and slander; malicious people will endeavour to excite his wife to jealousy, his children to rebellion, his family to reproach, and his neighbours to distrust; but his noble nature, his upright conduct, and irreproachable life, will, in the end, get the better of those efforts, and he will shine out in all the brilliancy of a fair and honest character; he will enjoy moderate health, and will seldom die before he attains the age of sixty, or upwards.

If the forehead is flat in the middle, the man or woman will be found to be vain glorious, proud, and little disposed to generosity; very tenacious of his honour, but brave, and will sometimes give money away, more out of ostentation than any good principle; he will be fond of prying into the secrets of others, though not with an intention of betraying them; he will endeavour to suppress quarrels, and reconcile rancour, for the sake of being considered as a peace-maker, not from any regard to the parties; he will be a great reader, especially of newspapers and history, and will make very judicious remarks on them, (novels and plays for the woman;) in love affairs, he will be
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*** The Reader will please to observe that, when the words MAN or WOMAN, are made use of in any preceding, or following remark, the whole of what is said in that Paragraph, is to be understood of both.*

ardent, and very cautious of his own reputation, as well as of that of his mistress; he will be zealous for the welfare of his family, and get many children, whom he will not suffer to degrade themselves; but if they should, he will beat them with the utmost severity, and will not be easily prevailed on to forgive them.

If there is a hollow across the forehead in the middle, with a ridge, as of flesh, above, and another below, the man will be a good scholar, the woman a great manufacturer, or attentive to what ever occupation she may be engaged in; they will be warm in argument or debate, but will never descend to scurrility, they will not be liberal in bestowing, but if they can be of service without hurting themselves, they will do it cheerfully; love will not be their predominant passion, nor indeed, do they seem to have any so strong as to be looked upon as characteristical; they will have but few children, and those at very distant periods, perhaps three, four, sometimes seven years between every two; they will be firm and steady in any point they fix their minds upon, and by their perseverance will scarcely ever fail of carrying their object; yet they will meet with many crosses, but will bear them with a tolerable share of patience.

If the forehead juts out immediately, at and over the eyebrows, running flat up to the hair, the man or woman will be sulky, proud, insolent, imperious, and treacherous; he will be impatient of contradiction, apt to give great abuse, and to strike if he thinks he can do it with advantage; in his dealings he will over-reach if he possibly can, and will never forgive an injury, but will take every opportunity to prejudice the person whom he considers as his enemy by word or deed; he will

will always endeavour to unite interest with love, and will not suffer himself to be openly governed by his wife; but he will be subject to be deceived by artful persons of either sex, who will flatter his passions, and thus gain their own ends to his detriment; he will experience many changes of fortune, but will never be reduced to absolute poverty; he will be fertile in resources, and very subtle in argument; he will have few children, but in quick succession, and will make himself many enemies.

If the temples are hollow, with the bones advancing towards the forehead on either side, so that the space between must be necessarily flat, with a small channel or indenture rising from the upward part of the nose to the hair, the man or woman will be of a daring and intrepid temper, intruding into matters in which they are totally unconcerned, desirous of passing for wits, and of a subtle and enterprising nature, greedy of praise, quick in quarrel, and of a restless and wandering disposition; extremely evd, and never seriously attached to one object; credulous for a moment, but easily undeceived, and full of resentment as they feel their pride hurt. — In them the understanding will be rather weak, and they will trouble themselves but little about the consequences that may result from their proceedings, provided they gratify the caprice of the moment; they will delight in hearing of battles, riots, and disturbances, and will foment and contribute towards them to the utmost of their power, but strive always to keep themselves out of harm; they will seldom be out of some scrape, will always have secret, as well as open enemies, and can expect but little prosperity; they will seldom have above one or two children, and will not live to an advanced age.

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We have now given all that can be said of the forehead, as far as we could possibly recollect, the differences that may occur in that small part of the countenance; and shall now proceed to the eyebrows, on which a great deal depends in the science of prognostication.

If the eyebrow is very hairy, and that hair long and curled with several of the hairs starting out, the man or woman is of a gloomy disposition, litigious, and quarrelsome, but rather cowardly, greedy after the affairs of this world, perpetually brooding over some melancholy subject, and not an agreeable companion; he will be diffident penurious, and weak in his understanding; never addicted to any kind of learning, and easy of belief in any thing that tends to the gratification of his favourite wish, to attain which, he will give up his system of œconomy, and freely bestow in hopes of gaining his point, he will pretend to love where he feels none, and makes his affected passion subservient to his pecuniary designs, he will have many children, but will if possible defer settling them in the world, lest the necessary portions should interfere with his other schemes, and will never enjoy any reasonable share of mental satisfaction; he will be very fond of drinking, but will suppress his desire lest he should be betrayed into a discovery of his secrets, and will enjoy a long and turbulent life.

If a man or woman has thin eyebrows, but with some long hairs, he will be of a fickle disposition, weak-minded, credulous, and vain; always hunting after novelties, and neglectful of his more serious business; he will be talkative, pert, and rather disagreeable in company; very fond of contradiction, and frequently bring himself

self into scrapes by his inconsiderate expressions; he will be suspicious where he should be candid, and confident, where he should fear design; though anxious to preserve his secrets, he will be easily induced to discover them, his enmities will be violent, but not lasting; he will not be easily led into lawsuits, and quarrels; but if forced to engage in them, he will prosecute them with violence; he will not bear disappointments easily, and will be particularly unhappy if he is crossed in love, which will be his favourite passion; he will be addicted to drinking, rather for the sake of company, than from any attachment to liquor; and will not behave himself properly when overcome by it, but will disturb the tranquility of others, and get himself into disagreeable situations; he will have many children, and live to a good old age.

If the eyebrow is thick and even, that is, without any, or few starting hairs, the man or woman will be of an agreeable temper, sound understanding, and tolerable wit; moderately addicted to pleasure, fearful of giving offence, but intrepid and persevering in support of right; he will be charitable, tender-hearted, and generous, but never so far as to exceed the bounds of reason, or his income; he will be sincere in his professions of love or friendship, but cautious that the person be worthy of his esteem; he will not easily suffer himself to be imposed upon, but will prudently weigh every transaction before he engages in it; if he is deceived he will bear it with fortitude, but will act with more circumspection afterwards, and will rather forbear entering into a connection, than expose himself to be cheated a second time; he will be an excellent family man, tender, and affectionate to his wife, attentive to his children, faithful to

his friends, obliging to his neighbours, and affable, and courteous to all men; he will enjoy a good constitution, and is likely to live long.

If the eyebrow is small, thin of hair, and even, the man or woman is weak minded, timorous, superficial, and not to be depended on; he will be desirous of knowledge, but will not have patience and assiduity enough to give it the necessary attention; he will be desirous of praise for worthy actions, but will not have spirit and perseverance enough to perform them in that degree of excellence, that is requisite to attract the notice of men of judgment and discernment; he will not be of an over amorous constitution, though far from being an enemy to love; he will be rather fond of money, but not to any degree bordering on penuriousness; but when an occasion offers that he thinks good, though he will be often mistaken, will give it liberally; he will be kind to his family, so long as he thinks they act with propriety; but on a slight appearance of misconduct, he will fly off, and will seem inexorable for awhile, but will be easily led back, and made sensible of his error; he will be petulant in discourse, and apt to provoke by his language, but will readily apologize for any impertinence he may be guilty of; he will be ready to promise every thing that is asked of him, and more than he can possibly perform, and will attribute his failure to other causes than that which really occasioned it; he will be of a delicate constitution, and subject to frequent fits of sickness, but will have many children, and by temperance and a proper regimen, may live long.

If the eyebrow is thick of hair towards the nose, and goes off suddenly, very thin, ending in a point

point, the man or woman will be surly, captious, jealous, fretful, and easily provoked to rage; whatever he undertakes he will pursue it with violence, until he meets with some great obstacle, and then he will abandon it entirely, and will not be prevailed upon to begin it again; in his love affairs, he will be intemperate, but a small mark of unkindness will break his chain, and it will be impossible to rivet it again; he will be of a daring and intrepid disposition at times, and at others he will be as pusillanimous and dastardly; in his conversation, he will be uneven, and start suddenly from one subject to another; he will be rather inclined to penury, and will provide well for his family, which will be numerous.

We thought it necessary to enlarge on these subjects, as so much can be gathered from them concerning the tempers and dispositions of our species; and we flatter ourselves, that our readers will not take it amiss, that we here make a remark, from which must accrue to them the most solid benefits; it is, that as men and women are by nature intended and adapted for the sweets of society, so it is essentially necessary, in order to attain those sweets, and to avoid the acrimonies and displeasures, that must unavoidably accrue from a wrong choice in our companions, that we be enabled to form a previous judgment of the characters of those with whom we desire to associate; that thus we may be enabled to assimilate our partnerships in every department, and this science, so important to our temporal happiness, can be procured only by a thorough knowledge of the secret springs that urge them to action; and which, in spite of their utmost address and endeavours, will appear either in the natural assemblage

of their features, or in the adventitious movements, which the workings of the soul will produce in them; but as the eye holds a distinguished place in the science of Physiognomy, we shall now proceed to give the observations which we have been able to make on that organ.

And first, the eye that is large, full, prominent, and clear, denotes a man or woman to be of an ingenuous and candid disposition, void of deceit, and of an even, agreeable, and affable disposition; seldom yielding to any thing in excess, modest, and bashful in the affairs of love though by no means an enemy to its gratification; firm, though not obstinate; in his resolves of a good and solid understanding; of an agreeable, but not brilliant wit, and clear and just in argument; somewhat inclined to extravagance, but most commonly from good motives; easily imposed upon by fictitious tales of distress; and though convinced of the imposition, cannot restrain himself from tending his hand, in indulgence of his sensibility to the next object that claims his benevolence; he will suffer no very great hardships, nor will he enjoy a considerable share of happiness; but on the whole his situation will be rather better than worse; he will have several children, but more girls than boys, and will be careful in educating them, and providing for them.

The eye that is small, but advanced in the head, shews the man or woman to be of a quick wit, sound constitution, lively genius, agreeable, conversation, and good morals; but inclined to jealousy, though never without some foundation; careful and attentive to business, and never neglectful of his occupation whatever may be his situation in life; with such a person you must be
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somewhat guarded in your expressions, as he will be apt to suspect you of a design of giving him offence; he will not easily reconcile himself to a sedentary life, but will be for some employment that will require frequent change of place; he will be punctual in fulfilling his engagements, and very much displeased if he finds himself disappointed in those of others; in love matters, he will be very warm, and not easily reconciled to one person, unless that person is very amiable; and studies the vicissitudes of his taste, adapting himself to it when necessary; he will be, in general, prosperous in his undertakings, and exceedingly prolific.

The man or woman whose eyes are sunk in his head, is of a jealous, distrustful, malicious, and envious nature; deceitful and hypocritical in his words and actions, never to be depended upon, unless his interest or revenge excite him to punctuality; in either of those cases no man can be more faithful to his promises; his chief delight will be in showing his love, cunning in over-reaching others; and he will be so vain glorious, as to boast of it among his associates, whom he will not spare, but will endeavour to divert their resentment by a laugh; he will take more pleasure in lewd love, than in that that is lawful, and will have many children, whom he will, if possible, avoid providing for during his own life time.

The man or woman who squints, or has his eyes turned awry, will be of a penurious disposition, but punctual in his dealings, more for the sake of gaining the character of an honest man, than from any innate principle; he will be sly, cunning and insinuating, of a fawning, cringing, mean disposition to those from whom he may expect advantage

advantage or emolument, as well as to those whom he means to injure ; but as soon as he finds his opportunity of pouring his vengeance on the latter, he will do it with a malignancy that is detestable ; in his amours he will be intemperate, and indifferent to their being publicly known ; he will be tenacious of his own secrets, and prodigal of those of others, if he thinks he can gain by betraying them ; he will be cautious and impenetrable when he drinks, though addicted to it by inclination.—In marriage he will seek interest, rather than love, and will be complaisant to his wife, if she is submissive to him ; but if she is otherwise he will be cruel ; he will have many children, but will accumulate much wealth.

We shall now proceed to inform our readers, of the judgment they are to form of a person by the colour of the eyes, which, though generally very various, are yet distinguished into six principal classes, viz. the black eye, the hazle eye, the blue eye, the grey eye, the wall eye, and the red eye.

The colour of the eye is attached to no particular size or situation, but as its construction is, all the parts of the body, the most complicated and singular, we will beg leave, before we proceed any farther, to give some little account of this organ ; we mean with respect to its communication with the other essential sources of the conceptions and passions of man ; its delicacy is such, that it is sensible of the smallest injury, as it is likewise the channel through which the imagination receives its first impressions, and through which, it again sends them forth in the most unequivocal manner ; for to every man who will give himself the trouble of a little reflection, it will appear evident
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that the tongue can at command of the speaker, give utterance to ideas, which the imagination never cherished; and in this case with very little trouble you will observe that these crude and undigested ideas, are delivered in a forced, harsh, and unnatural kind of expression; whereas the language of the eyes is clear, convincing, and intelligible; this evidently proves the immediate connexion which the eye has by its tubes, nerves, and ligaments; with the several cavities of the brain, from which the imagination sends her well formed plans to the eye, and there places them in so clear a point of view, that a judicious person will immediately know by the eye, if the expressions of the lips are true or false; a most essential science to persons in all ranks, and from which the conduct of the person you converse with, will be instantly gathered, in the intercourse he then proposes.

It will appear equally certain, that the eye has an immediate relation to the heart, from the emotions of pleasure, anger, joy, fear, or other passion, which the latter feels irresistibly, when any object is conveyed to it through the eye that is capable of producing those emotions.—The heart is the seat of affection; the brain, the seat of fancy; they both receive their impressions through the eye, and send them back so forcibly by it, that the affection or idea that is predominant at the moment, will shine out in the eye without equivocation, and all the efforts of the judgment, all the arts the mind is capable of, cannot for an instant suppress, or even disguise, the language of the eye; whereas all the muscles are in the power of the person, who, in the height of joy, fear, pleasure, or anger; can seem calm, unruffled, and undisturbed;

disturbed ; in anger, the eyes sparkle, and rolls incessant to and fro, and is evidently distorted from its natural situation ; in joy, it sparkles, but remains easy in its posture, dry, and advances forward as if to meet the object it delights in ; in pleasure it is moist, sparkling, fixed, and of a peculiar softness and languor, which it is impossible to describe ; in fear, it grows dim, seems to retire into the head, and the eyelids approach towards each other, as if to save it from the danger, or to hide the danger from it ; every other passion produces an effect upon the eye, which separately to detail would be tedious ; it requires only a little observation and experience to become perfect in their several revolutions in every situation of life, and we shall therefore proceed, without any other preface, to shew what may be gathered from the colour of the eye in man or woman ; for what is said of one, in this case, will hold good of both.

A black eye is lively, brisk, and penetrating ; and proves the person who possesses it, to be of a sprightly wit, lively conversation, not easily imposed upon, of a sound understanding ; but if taken on the weak side, may be led astray for a while ; but whilst in the vortex of error, will look back with regret, and struggle until he has recovered himself ; his greatest foible *if it can be called one*, will be the passion of love, in which he will scarcely keep bounds ; he will be subject to sudden starts of anger and jealousy, but will be easily appeased ; he will be impatient for early marriage, and will never be contented unless his heart is engaged in love and friendship ; he will be sincere and liberal in both ; by his warmth in pursuing his projects, he will expose himself to frequent disappointments, and vexations ; his eagerness in the

the enjoyment of connubial pleasure, will in part disappoint his intentions of a numerous issue, unless he meets with a mate of his own character and constitution, then he will have many children.

A hazle eye shews the person to be of a subtle, piercing, and frolicsome disposition, rather inclined to be arch, and sometimes mischievous; a great joker, and will often offend his friends for the sake of his jest, but good natured at the bottom; with respect to temporal affairs, he will be neither anxious nor negligent, but preserve a just medium; he will be strongly inclined to love, and not over delicate in the means of gratifying that propensity, and will bring himself into some inconveniences on that account, but will seldom involve himself in great dangers; he will be moderately affectionate, and will have many children; and upon the whole, not unprosperous in his undertakings.

A blue eye shews the person to be of a meek and gentle temper, affable and good-natured, credulous, and incapable of violent attachments; ever modest, cool, and undisturbed by turbulent passions; of a strong and capacious memory, but better adapted to trifles than to matters of great moment; indolent, yet of a temper so scrupulous as rather to inroach upon his disposition, than neglect his duty; very temperate in the use of love, but if once engaged in affection, exceedingly hard to be detached; in constitution, neither robust nor delicate, apt to be swayed by the last opinion, subject to no violent impression from the vicissitudes of life, whether good or bad, and will have but few children, mostly girls!

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A grey eye denotes the person to be of weak intellects, devoid of wit, but a plain plodding downright drudge, that will act as he is spirited up by others; he will have but few innate ideas, and will be slow in learning any thing that requires attention; however, he will be just to the best of his understanding, and will wrong no body if he knows the action to be wrong, but will be very easily persuaded to adopt false opinions; he will be of a cold and phlegmatic constitution, liable to frequent, but slight fits of sickness, and will rather submit to, than desire the pleasures of love; he will not have many children, nor will he enjoy much inward satisfaction, though not liable to any degree of misery; his life seldom will exceed sixty years.

A wall eye denotes the person to be of a hasty, passionate, and ungovernable temper; subject to sudden and violent anger, and in his fits thoughtless of the mischief he may do; haughty to his equals and superiors, but mild and affable to his inferiors, unless he sees in them some ungenerous principle; he will not be tenacious of his money when an opportunity offers of laying it out well; he will be a patron to the oppressed, and a protector of the innocent; and will, upon the whole, not prove an unamiable character; he will be patient of necessary labour indefatigably industrious, and punctually honest; but he will not be as ardent in love matters, as might be expected, though he will have many children, for the most part boys.

A red, or as it is vulgarly called, a faucer eye, denotes the person to be selfish, deceitful, proud, ingenuous, and furious in the passion of anger; fertile in the invention of plots, and indefatigable in

in resolution to bring them to bear; imperious in his family, anxious for riches, and suspicious that others are forming designs against him; he is ever watchful for advantages, and intrepid in purposes, careless of life, when the exposing of it can contribute to the gratification of his interested or other views; he is ardent in love, but strongly attached to the first object that catches his fancy; he will have many children, and live to see old age.

From the eye, it is natural for us to descend to the nose, which, being a leading and prominent feature, ever in sight, will indicate the disposition and temper of a man in a great measure; and when compared with the other lineaments, will be such a clue as must lead us into his secret soul, and develop all his mazes and intricacies, in spite of all his disguises, affectation and hypocrisy; but as it would be impossible to specify the infinite variety of noses that is to be found among mankind, with the several indications that may be drawn from them, we will confine ourselves to a small number;—and first,

A nose that comes even on the ridge, flat on the sides, with little or no hollow between the eyes, declares the man to be sulky, insolent, disdainful, treacherous, and self-sufficient; if it has a point descending over the nostrils, he is avaricious and unfeeling, vain glorious, superficial, and ignorant; yet endeavouring to impose himself upon others as a man of knowledge and understanding; he is peevish, jealous, quick in resentment, but too cowardly to take a generous revenge.

A nose that rises with a sudden bulge a little below the eyes, and then falls again into a kind

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of hollow below, is petulant, boarish, and noisy, void of science, and of a very light understanding, conceited and pusillanimous; he is quarrellsome when he thinks he has an advantage, and careful of what he can acquire.

The nose that is small, slender, and peaked, shews the person to be of a fearful disposition, jealous, fretful, and insidious; ever suspicious of those about him, catching at every word that he can interpret to his own advantage, to ground a dispute upon; fond of carping and bickering, never at rest in his mind, from the imagination that others do not think as well of him as he would wish; he is lively in the pursuit of whatever he takes a liking to know, and curious to know every thing that is said and done.

The nose that is small, tapering, round in the nostrils, and cocked up, shews the person to be ingenious, smart, of a quick apprehension, giddy, and seldom looking into consequences; but generous, rather to a fault, and candid, agreeable as far as he can make himself so; carefully avoiding to give offence, but firm and resolute in doing himself justice, when he receives an injury; his principles will be sound, though his conduct will often seem irregular and inconsistent.

And having now said all that occurs to us, concerning the most common, we will proceed to the next general tell-tale of the human mind, the mouth.

The lips that are thick, soft, and long, announce the person to be of weak intellects, credulous, and slightly peevish, but by a little soothing easily brought back to good-humour; he is strongly addicted to the pleasures of love, and scarcely

scarcely moderate in his enjoyment of them ; he is easily persuaded to undertakings, but if he sees them tending to wickedness, he will recoil, and never engage in them ; he is invariably upright in his conduct, and of a timorous and bashful temper.

If the underlip is much thicker than the upper, and more prominent, the person is of a weak understanding, but artful, knavish, and given to chicanery to the full extent of his ability ; greedy of money, of a brutal, harsh, and unfociable temper apt to confide too much in the judgment of another, and amorous, but not so far as to hurt his own interest ; imperious to those who depend on him, and cringing to all from whom he may expect advantage ; he is of a cowardly nature, unless strongly excited by another.

The lips that are moderately plump and even, declare the person to be good-humoured, humane, sensible, judicious and just ; neither giddy nor torpid, but pursuing, in every particular, a just medium.

The lips that are thin, shew the person to be of a quick and lively imagination, ardent in the pursuit of knowledge in whatever he applies to, indefatigable in labour, not too much attached to money ; eager in the pleasures of love, and kind with some degree of partiality ; more brave than otherwise, and firmly attached, but difficult to be brought to attachment.

The lips that are thin and sunk inwards, denote the person to be of a subtle, resentful and persevering disposition ; everlasting in hatred, and never sparing any pains to compass his revenge ; in love or friendship, much more moderate and uncertain.

It would be impossible, as well as infructuous, to follow nature in her playfulness, in that infinite variety of little insignificant distinctions, which she makes in this, as well as every other part of man; we will therefore proceed to give our observations on the chin.

The chin that is round, with a hollow between it and the lip, shews the person to be of a good-humoured disposition, kind and honest; he will not voluntarily do gross injury, though sometimes he may be led into it by the persuasion of others; but he soon repents, and makes amends as far as in his power; he is sincere in his friendship, and ardent in his love; his understanding is good, and his genius capacious;—If he has a dimple, it makes him better.

The chin that comes down flat, from the edge of the lip; and ends in a kind of chisel form, shews the person to be silly, credulous, jealous, ill-tempered, and greedy of unmerited honours and praise; capricious, wavering and unsteady; he is ever forming projects, and has no sooner compassed them, than he finds fault, and wishes them undone; if his fortune will allow it, he will destroy the work of many months, in the vain imagination of gaining an advantage, which will not be equivalent to the expence; he will affect great modesty in presence of others, though he will not scruple the vilest actions when he thinks himself secure from discovery:—a dimple makes no alteration.

The chin that is pointed upwards, shews the person to be deeply given to contrivances, proportioned to his abilities in fortune, and understanding; he can never be at rest from forming plots and schemes on one thing or another, and

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is never scrupulous about the means he employs to bring them to an issue; however fairly he bespeaks you, you can never depend upon his friendship, as his purpose is only to make you subservient to his own designs; in love his generosity will be of the same stamp.

Of the face in general, we will say, that the person whose features are strong, coarse, and unpleasant to the eye, is of a selfish, brutal, rough, and unfociable disposition: greedy of money, harsh in expression, but will sometimes fawn with a bad grace to gain his ends.

The face that is plump, round, and ruddy, denotes the person to be of an agreeable temper, a safe companion, hearty and jovial, fond of company, and desirous and deserving of friendship: of a solid wit, sound principles, and a clear understanding; he is faithful in love, though sometimes in an unguarded moment he may be led astray, but he soon returns, and proves more affectionate than before.

The face that is thin, smooth, and even, with well proportioned features, shews the person to be of a good disposition, but lively, penetrating, and active; somewhat inclined to suspicion, yet facetious, and of an agreeable conversation; assiduous in pursuit of knowledge, and strongly addicted to the delights of love.

A face whose cheek bones jut out, with thin jaws, is of a restless, and thinking disposition, fretful, and apprehensive of what may happen on the slightest cause; always foreboding evil, without any plausible reason for his fears; more disposed, than capable of enjoying the pleasures of love.

A face that is pale by nature, denotes a timorous disposition, but greatly desirous of carnal pleasures.

A face that is unequally red, whether streaked or appearing in spots, shews the person to be weak both in mind and body yielding easily to affliction and sickness.

A face blotched, shews the person to be addicted to drinking, and free from no vice, though they have frequently the art to conceal the inclination.

We shall conclude this Chapter with a few remarks on the head in general.

The head that is large and round, shews that the person has a tolerable understanding, but not near so good as he imagines; however upon the whole he is rather harmless, and not much given to the pleasures of love.

The head that is small and round, or if the face comes tapering, shews the person to be of an acute, penetrating disposition, much given to bantering and humour, but of very great sensibility; sometimes hurried away by caprice, but commonly faithful in love.

The head that is flat on either side, and deep from the face to the back, shews the person to be of a sound understanding, deep penetration, great memory, and of an even, and agreeable temper; but slow of belief, and not easily imposed upon; he is warm in his affections, and just in his dealings, laborious in his profession, and much addicted to industry.

Thus have we shewn, to the best of our recollection, all that can really be gathered from that essential index of the human mind, the head, and its parts; and shall therefore, with the good leave of our Readers proceed to— CHAPTER

CHAPTER III.

Of PALMISTRY,

Of the several Lines of both Hands, and what they severally prognosticate.

THE palms of the hands contain a great variety of lines or indentures, running in different directions, every one of which bears a certain relation to the events of a person's life; and from them, with the most infallible certainty, you can tell every circumstance that will happen to yourself or any other, by combining them properly together; but here we must beg leave to undeceive our readers concerning a very essential point, which we find that our predecessors have in general omitted; and that is, that every line, according as it has performed a part of its function, loses that characteristic which was allotted to foreshew that particular circumstance, and assumes a different aspect; but whether this variation consists in a greater depth of its former impression, or if it appears less visible in the spot that foreboded that event, or by a certain involution of its direction to the one side or to the other, it is almost impossible to particularize, as these changes and alterations depend in a great measure on the peculiar nature of the circumstance itself, and of its weight or levity in the great scale of human vicissitudes; we must therefore, content ourselves with strenuously recommending to our readers to pay an unwearied attention to this object, and will most undoubtedly

undoubtedly reap an ample harvest of most excellent knowledge for their pains.

We shall first give the names of the several lines as they hold their places, and then particularize their qualities.

There are five principal lines in each hand, called by the same names, but as they frequently bear different characteristic, so are their prognostics different; the chief line, and that on which persons of the profession lay the greatest stress, is the line of life, which generally takes its rise where the thumb joint plays with the wrist on the inside; and runs in an oblique direction to the inside of the innermost joint of the fore-finger.

The next is the line of death, which separates the fleshy part of the hand on the little finger's side, from the hollow of the hand, running in different directions in different people.

The table line originates with the line of life, at the wrist, and runs through the hollow of the hand towards the middle finger.

The girdle of Venus takes its course from the extremity of the innermost joint of the little finger, and forming a curve, terminates between the fore and middle fingers.

The line of fortune strikes from behind the ball, or mount of the fore-finger, across the palm, and line of life, and looses itself in or near the fleshy part of the hand on the little finger's side.

It would be impossible to give names to all the other lines, and indeed it would be needless, as they only tend to illustrate and explain the other lines; we shall now proceed to give the remarks to be made on these five lines:

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If the line of life is crossed or intersected by other lines at or near the wrist, the person will meet with sickness in the beginning of life, and the degree of sickness will be proportioned to the size, length, and breadth of the intervening lines; the same is to be observed of the other parts of the line, so that according to the situation of the crossing lines upon the line of life, you can precisely tell at what age the sickness will come on; and according to the depth and length, of the crossing line, you know whether the fit will be severe, or of long duration. If the line of life runs fair and uninterrupted, the person will enjoy good health; and according to its length towards the outside of the forefinger, you can judge if the person will live long, as the longer the line, the longer the life.

If the line of death is short, and runs even, without being broken or divided, it shews that the person will enjoy a good length of days, and not be subjected to many maladies; but if, it is interrupted, it evidently shews that the person will be endangered by illness, but by the care of providence will recover. If this line ends abruptly, and with a broad point, it shews that the person will die suddenly; if it goes off in a tapering point, the last illness will be slow, and consuming by degrees; if it breaks off into several branches, the person will be afflicted with more disorders than one at the same time; if other lines run across it, the person will be of a weakly and infirm habit of body; often confined by infirmities, and incapable of following any hard or laborious business.

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When the table line is broad, strong and well marked, it shews the person to be of a sound constitution, and a peaceable, contented mind; if it is broken, it shews for every break a violent interruption to happiness; if these breaks happen towards the part next to the wrist, he will be crossed in love; and either be disappointed in the person he has fixed his affections on, or be saddled with a person of a disobliging temper, and abusive tongue; if towards the middle, he will lose his children, or decline in wealth; if towards the line of fortune, it threatens separation, and if nearer to the middle finger, poverty and distress.

The girdle of Venus when it goes on fair, and well marked, shews that the person will be prosperous in love, fair in his dealings with the fair sex, and be sincerely beloved; he will obtain a partner for life, of a fortune adequate to his own, sweet tempered, faithful and affectionate; but if it is interrupted at its beginning near the little finger, he will meet with early disappointments in love; if towards the middle of the line, he will ruin his health, and injure his fortune with lewd prostitutes; if near the end, he will be foolishly amorous in his old age, still expecting to gain the heart of a woman, but never will obtain it; If this line is intersected with crosses that run quite through it, you are not to expect sincere love from any body, but that kind of violent desire that soon exhausts itself and vanishes as suddenly as it took rise; if this line inclines towards the fingers you will continue amorous through life, but if it takes its direction the contrary way, reason will overcome passion, and in the decline of life, you will look upon the sex with calmness, if not with indifference; if it is frequently indented,

ed, that is to say, if it has many little hollows, you will be inclined to many women or men, but attached to none, desirous of being beloved by some one, and disappointed by all; if these indentures happen at the little finger, this disposition will be in early life, if at the forefinger, to old age.

Other persons who have pretended to this science, have called this line by different names, which we call the Line of Fortune; its proximity to the girdle of Venus shews that there is a strong kindred between them, and their distance at their two extremities, clearly points out, that love is inconsistent with childhood, and old age: yet, in those where the cross lines approach from the one to the other near their ends, prove that the persons were, or will be susceptible of love in childhood or old age. For example, if the cross lines are at the beginning of the girdle of Venus, and bear towards the tail of the line of fortune, it evidently indicates that the person was susceptible of love at an earlier period than usual; if these lines of communication are crossed by other small lines, the person has been disappointed in his wishes, or severely punished for gratifying them; if plain and straight, and without transverse lines, he has been successful; if the lines take their rise from the tail of the girdle, and lead towards the head of the line of fortune, the person will be amorous in his old age, and according to the situation of the transverse lines, will be successful or unfortunate in his amours: if the line of fortune runs smooth, broad, and clear, the person will enjoy affluence through life, and be prosperous in all his undertakings; if it is intersected by short lines at the beginning, near the forefinger, it denotes that the person

person was born poor, or at least with a small capital; if these lines occur toward the middle, at either end, he will be prosperous in the first and last of life; but meet with disappointments at mid-age: if the cross lines occur at the extremity and not before, he will die poor and distressed. If transverse lines, crossed by others, pass from the line of life to the line of fortune, the person will be engaged in quarrels and broils, or lawsuits and disunion with his neighbours.

If the hollow palm of the hand, which some call the plain of Mars, is full of cross lines running into each other, the person will be of a humorfome, uneven, and testy temper, jealous, and hasty, quarrelsome, and fighting, and endeavouring to set others by the ears; he will meet with very frequent misfortunes, and bear them very uneasily, whereas if the hollow or palm of the hand has none but the unavoidable lines, that is to say, those that must unavoidably pass through it, he will be of a sweet and amiable disposition, full of sensibility, gratitude, and love, faithful, benevolent and kind; and though subject to crosses, losses, and disappointments, will bear them with an even and agreeable temper; from this part chiefly, we recommend to persons, to chuse their companions for life, either in friendship or marriage.

We shall conclude this Chapter with a few remarks on the mount, or ball of the thumb, which bears a peculiar analogy to the events of a person's life, with respect to disputes, quarrels, and lawsuits; if this mount has many long straight lines reaching from the thumb to the line of life, they shew that the person will have several personal encounters, either with hands, clubs, pistols, or
swords,

swords; but if the lines are curved or crooked, they will indicate lawsuits, and according to the degree of crookedness, they will be long or short; but if these lines end in a straight direction towards the line of life, they will end prosperously, whether encounters or lawsuits; if otherwise, they will be attended with an unfavourable issue; the nearer to the line of life these lines begin, the later in the person's life, the quarrels or lawsuits will take place; and the nearer to the line of life, they and the later in life they will terminate.

Were the compass to which we have limited ourselves even more extensive, I do not know that we could say more on this Chapter; but as we have before remarked, we must necessarily leave a good deal to the sagacity of the reader.

CHAPTER IV.

Of MOLES.

The situation of Moles, and the indication they give of a person's disposition and future lot in life.

THOUGH moles are in their substances nothing else than excrescences or ebullitions which proceed from the state of the blood whilst the child lies in the mother's womb, yet they are not given in vain, as they are generally characteristic of the disposition and temper of those that bear them, and it is proved by experience, that from their shape, situation, and other circumstances, they bear a strong analogy to the events that are to happen to a person in future life; hence we shall give some few directions to those who are to form the prognostic, that from thence they

they may be enabled to pronounce an infallible judgment.

And first, it is essentially necessary to know the size of the mole, its colour, whether it is perfectly round, oblong, or angular, because each of those will add to, or diminish the force of the indication; the larger the mole, the greater will be the prosperity or adversity of the person; the smaller the mole, the less will be his good or bad luck; if the mole is round, it forebodes good; if oblong, a moderate share of fortunate events; if angular, it indicates a mixture of good and evil; the deeper its colour, the more it announces favour or disgrace; the lighter, the less of either; if it is very hairy, much misfortune is to be expected; if but few long hairs grow upon it, it denotes that your undertakings will be prosperous.

We will further remark only, that moles of the middling and common size, and colour, are those we speak of; the rest may be gathered from what we have said above; but as it may frequently happen that modesty will sometimes hinder persons from shewing their moles, you must depend upon their own representation of them for your opinion.

A mole that stands on the right side of the forehead or right temple, signifies that the person will arrive to sudden wealth and honour.

A mole on the right eyebrow, announces speedy marriage; and that the person to whom you will be married, will possess many amiable qualities, and a good fortune.

A mole on the left of either of those three places, announces unexpected disappointment in your most sanguine wishes.

A mole

A mole on the outside corner of either eye, denotes the person to be of a steady, sober, and sedate disposition; but will be liable to a violent death.

A mole on either cheek, signifies that the person never shall rise above mediocrity in point of fortune, though at the same time he never will sink to real poverty.

A mole on the nose, shews that the person will have good luck in most of his or her undertakings.

A mole on the lip, either upper or lower, proves the person to be fond of delicate things, and very much given to the pleasures of love, in which he or she will commonly be successful.

A mole on the chin, foreshews that the person will be attended with great prosperity and be highly esteemed.

A mole on the side of the neck, shews that the person will narrowly escape suffocation, but afterwards rise to great consideration by an unexpected legacy or inheritance.

A mole on the throat, denotes that the person shall become rich by marriage.

A mole on the right breast, declares the person to be exposed to a sudden reverse, from comfort to distress, by unavoidable accidents; — most of his children will be girls.

A mole on the left breast, signifies success in undertakings, an amorous disposition, and that the children will be mostly boys.

A mole on the bosom, portends mediocrity of health and fortune.

A mole under the left breast over the heart, foreshows that a man will be of a warm disposition, unsettled in mind, fond of rambling, and light

in his conduct; in a woman, it shews sincerity in love, quick conception, and easy travail in child-birth.

A mole on the right side over any part of the ribs, denotes to be pusillanimous and slow in undertaking any thing that may be attended with difficulty.

A mole on the belly, denotes the person to be addicted to sloth and gluttony; selfish in almost all articles, and seldom inclined to be nice or careful in point of dress.

A mole on either hip, shews that the person will have many children, and that such of them as survive will be healthful, lusty, and patient of hardships.

A mole on the right thigh, shews that the person will become rich, and have good luck in marriage,

A mole on the left thigh, denotes that the person suffers much by poverty, and want of friends, as also by the enmity and injustice of others.

A mole on the right knee, signifies that the person will be fortunate in the choice of a partner for life, and meet with few disappointments in the world.

A mole on the left knee, portends that the person will be rash, inconsiderate and hasty, but modest in cool blood, honest, and inclined to good behaviour in every sense of the word.

A mole on either leg, shews that the person is indolent, thoughtless and indifferent as to what happens.

A mole on either ankle, denotes a man to be inclined to effeminacy and elegance of dress; a woman to be courageous, active, and industrious with some spice of the termagant,

A mole

A mole on either foot, forebodes sudden illness, or unexpected misfortune.

A mole on the right shoulder, signifies prudence, discretion, secrecy, and wisdom.

A mole on the left shoulder, declares a testy, contentious, and ungovernable spirit.

A mole on the right arm, denotes vigour, and undaunted courage.

A mole on the left arm, declares resolution and victory in battle.

A mole near either elbow, denotes restlessness, a roving and unsteady temper, also a discontentedness with those the person is obliged to live constantly with.

A mole between the elbow and the wrist, promises the person prosperity, but not until he has undergone many hardships,

A mole on the wrist or between it and the ends of the fingers, signifies industry, parsimony, fidelity, and conjugal affection.

A mole on any part from the shoulders to the loins, signifies imperceptible decline, and gradual decay, whether of health or wealth.

A mole on the loins, shews vigour, especially in the duties of love.

If any other moles should occur, which we have not here particularized, we flatter ourselves that our readers will attribute our not explaining them, not to any want of desire to gratify their utmost wishes, but rather to that deference which every writer justly owes to the sagacity and understanding of those who will honour him with their good opinion; we the easier flatter ourselves that this omission will be forgiven us, as we are confident that our readers will find in their own penetration an easy supplement to our forgetfulness;

the more so, as the proximity of situation of any other mole, that may occur to any of those here mentioned, will, from the explanation given in these sheets, find an interpretation from comparison with what we have said; the degree in any particular, being only a little more or less.

And now we shall proceed to state in the clearest manner possible, the full meaning that each card in a pack bears separately, and in its independent state; their combinations being easily deduced and calculated: as in the following Chapter.

CHAPTER V.

Of CARD TOSSING.

*The meaning which every card bears independently of the rest—One example of the general combination of all the cards when laid out on a table.**

IT is a common custom with persons professing this science, to leave out the aces, as being generally portentive of bad fortune; but in the course of our practice, we have found them not only of essential utility, but likewise, the certain foretellers of good luck, provided always, that they are properly accompanied; we also beg leave to remind our readers of the necessity that the person, whose fortune is to be told, should, before the cards are cut, chuse one of the four kings; if a man, to represent himself; if a woman, she must name a queen. The king of the chosen queen, and the queen of the chosen king, will stand for

* In the preface, we have given directions for cutting and disposing the cards.

the husband or wife, mistress or lover of the person concerned; and the knave for the most intimate person of his or her family.

And first, we shall begin with the Hearts :

The A C E

Signifies drinking, carousing, merry-making, and good-humour; if the ace is attended by spades, it forebodes quarrelling in your cups, and ill-temper to your family whilst you are in a state of intoxication; if hearts, it shews cordiality and affection between the parties; if diamonds, your feast will be from home, probably in the country; if clubs, the occasion of the meeting will be upon some bargain or agreement; if your ace of hearts is in the neighbourhood of coat cards of both sexes, with clubs near, it will be about match-making; if all the coat cards are kings or knaves, or both, it will concern the buying or selling of some personal property; if all queens, it will regard reconciliation between parties; and if queens and knaves, it will be about the reconciliation and reunion of a married couple.

The KING of HEARTS

Shews a man of a fair complexion, or of an easy good-natured disposition, but a little inclined to be hasty, and rather rash in his undertakings.

The QUEEN

Is a woman either of a very fair complexion, or of great beauty, her temper rather hot, and somewhat bordering on temerity; she will not make an obedient wife, neither will she be very happy in her own reflections.

The

The K N A V E

Is a person of no determined sex, but always the nearest relation or dearest friend of the consulting party, always active and intruding, equally jealous in doing good or mischief, as led by the caprice of the moment, passionate and not easily reconciled, but always warm in the cause of the consulting party, though not possibly according to his fancy, as he will be as industrious to prevent his schemes, if they do not suit with his own disposition, as to forward them if he approves of them*.

The T E N of H E A R T S

Foretells good-nature, and multiplicity of children: it in some measure corrects the bad forebodings of the cards that may stand next to it; and if its neighbour cards are of a good import, it ascertains, and confirms their value.

The N I N E of H E A R T S

Promises wealth, grandeur, and high esteem; if cards of a bad tendency stand near it, you must expect disappointment and a reverse; if cards of good information follow these last at a short distance, expect to retrieve your losses, whether of peace or temporal goods.

The E I G H T of H E A R T S

Points out a strong inclination to drinking in excess, which, if accompanied with unlucky cards, will bring on ruin of property, waste of health, and loss of friends; if by good cards, it foreshews

** You must pay special attention to the cards that stand next to the knave, as from them alone you can judge whether the person it represents will favour your inclinations or not.*

reformation

reformation and recovery from the former bad consequences.

The SEVEN of HEARTS

Declares the person to be of an unsettled and unfaithful disposition, addicted to the vice of incontinence, and subject to the mean art of recrimination, though unfounded, to excuse his own crimes.

The SIX of HEARTS

Prognosticates a generous, open, and credulous disposition, easily imposed upon, and the ready dupe of flatterers and good natured friend of the distressed*.

The FIVE of HEARTS

Denotes a wavering disposition, never attached to one object, and free from any violent passion of attachment.

The FOUR of HEARTS

Portends that the person will not be married until very late in life; but this will very probably proceed from too great delicacy in choosing.

The TRAY of HEARTS

Forebodes that you will suffer greatly by the ill-will of others, to which your own imprudence will partly contribute.

The DEUCE of HEARTS

Shews that the person will be attended with extraordinary success, and good fortune, though if bad cards attend, it will be delayed a long while.

** If this card comes before your king or queen, you will be the dupe; if after, you can have the better.*

The

The ACE of DIAMONDS

Denotes a person fond of rural sports, a great builder and gardener; delighting in the planting and laying out of groves, woods, shrubberies, and other such amusements; but his enterprizes of this nature will be attended with success or disappointment, according to the cards that are near it; —it likewise signifies a letter.

The KING of DIAMONDS

Announces a man of a fiery temper, preserving anger, long seeking for opportunities of revenge, and obstinate in his resolutions.

The QUEEN of DIAMONDS

Signifies that the woman will not be a steady and industrious house-keeper; she will be fond of company-keeping, coquetish, and not over strictly virtuous.

The KNAVE of DIAMONDS

However nearly related, will look more into his own interest than your's; he will be tenacious of his own opinion, and will fly off if contradicted.

The TEN of DIAMONDS

Promises a country husband or wife, with great wealth, and a numerous issue; the card next to it will tell the number of children.

The NINE of DIAMONDS

Declares that the person will be of a rambling disposition, never contented with his lot, and for ever meeting with crosses and disappointments, and risks a shameful end.

The EIGHT of DIAMONDS

Forebodes that the person in his youth will be an enemy to marriage, and thus run the risk of dying unmarried, but if he takes on the holy yoke,
it

it will not be until late in life, and then the match will be so ill sorted, as to produce great misfortunes.

The SEVEN of DIAMONDS

Forefews that you will spend the happiest of your days in the country, where if you remain, your happiness will be uninterrupted : but if you come to town, you will be tormented by the infidelity of your mate, and the squandering of your substance.

The SIX of DIAMONDS

Is an indication of an early marriage, and premature widowhood ; but if you marry again, you will most probably be worse off.

The FIVE of DIAMONDS

Affures you a well assorted marriage, and good children, who will keep you from grief.

The FOUR of DIAMONDS

Prognosticates the incontinence of the person you will be married to, and very great vexation to yourself through the whole course of your life.

The TRAY of DIAMONDS

Forebodes that you will be engaged in quarrels, lawsuits, and domestic disagreements, your partner for life will be of a vixen and abusive temper, and make you unhappy.

The DEUCE of DIAMONDS

Engages your heart at an early period in the trammels of love ; but your parents will not approve of your choice ; if you marry without their consent, they will hardly forgive you.

The

The ACE of CLUBS

Gives an assurance of wealth, prosperity, and tranquility of mind.

The KING of CLUBS

Announces a man upright, humane, affectionate and faithful in all his engagements: he will be happy himself, and make every one that he has a connection with so if he can.

The QUEEN of CLUBS

Is of a tender, mild, and rather amorous disposition; she will very probably yield her maiden person to a generous lover before the matrimonial knot is tied; but they will be married, and happy together.

The KNAVE of CLUBS

Is a generous, sincere, and jealous friend, who will exert himself warmly for your good.

The TEN of CLUBS

Denotes great riches to come speedily from an unexpected quarter, but it also threatens that you will, at the same time, lose some very dear friend.

The NINE of CLUBS

Denotes too steady an adherence to your own way of thinking, which will displease some of your friends; nor will your success in the undertaking reconcile them, or secure your own self satisfaction.

The EIGHT of CLUBS

Declares the person to be over fond of money; he will obtain it; but it will prove rather a torment than a means of comfort to him, as he will not make proper use of it.

The

The SEVEN of CLUBS

Promises the most brilliant fortune, and the most exquisite bliss that this world can afford; but beware of the other sex; from them alone, you can experience misfortune.

The SIX of CLUBS

Engages you in a very lucrative partnership, and your children will be honourable.

The FIVE of CLUBS

Declares you will be shortly married to a person who will mend your circumstances.

The FOUR of CLUBS

Is the foreteller of incontinence for the sake of money, and frequent change of object.

The TRAY of CLUBS

Announces that you will be three times married, and at each time to a wealthy person*.

The DEUCE of CLUBS

Portends some unfortunate opposition to your favourite inclination, which will disturb you.

The ACE of SPADES

Totally relates to the affairs of love, without specifying whether lawful or unlawful.

The KING of SPADES

Is a man who will be ambitious, and certainly successful at court, or with some great man, who will have in his power to advance him, but let him be aware of a reverse.

The QUEEN of SPADES

Will be caressed by the great of both sexes; if she is handsome, great attempts will be made on her virtue.

* This card will equally answer, for a woman's being kept by three rich men, according to her station.

The K N A V E of S P A D E S

Though he have your welfare at heart, will be too indolent to pursue it with zeal, unless you take frequent opportunities of rousing his attention.

The T E N of S P A D E S

Is of bad import, it will in a great measure counteract the good effects of the other cards; but unless it be seconded by other ominous cards, its influence may be got over.

The N I N E of S P A D E S

Is the worst card in the whole pack, it portends dangerous sickness, a total submersion of fortune; cruel calamity, and endless dissension in your family.

The E I G H T of S P A D E S

Promises you strong opposition from your friends, (calling themselves such;) you should, if this card comes close to you, abandon your enterprize, and adopt another plan.

The S E V E N of S P A D E S

Foreshews the loss of a most valuable friend, whose death will plunge you into very great distress.

The S I X of S P A D E S

Announces a mediocrity of fortune, and very great uncertainty in your undertakings.

The F I V E of S P A D E S

Will give very little interruption to your success; it promises you good luck in the choice of a companion for life, but shews your temper to be rather fullen.

The

The FOUR of SPADES

Denotes speedy sickness, and that your friends will injure your fortune.

The TRAY of SPADES.

Declare that you will be unfortunate in marriage, through incontinency.

The DEUCE of SPADES

Is invariably a coffin, but who the person it is for, must depend entirely on its situation with respect to the other cards.

There remains now nothing to be done on this subject, but to state a deck of cards as they shall fall by chance, after the ceremonies directed in the Preface, and examine them as they lie on the table, beginning from left to right, and then from top to bottom; thus we will suppose them disposed as follows*.

Nine of Diamonds, King of Diamonds, King of Hearts, Four of Hearts, Ace of Clubs, Knave of Hearts, Two of Hearts, Seven of Clubs, Three of Diamonds.

Four of Clubs, Seven of Spades, Two of Clubs Ten of Hearts, King of Spades, Ten of Diamonds, Six of Clubs, Two of Spades, Four of Spades.

Knave of Clubs, Nine of Hearts, Queen of Spades, Eight of Hearts, Three of Hearts, Ace of Diamonds, Knave of Spades, Five of Hearts, Five of Clubs.

Eight of Clubs, Ten of Spades, Three of Spades, Ace of Spades, Eight of Spades, Four of

* Observe that you place nine cards in each row, that you will have six rows, the last consisting of seven cards only.

Diamonds, Five of Spades, Seven of Hearts, King of Clubs.

Ten of Clubs, Six of Spades, Queen of Diamonds, Six of Diamonds, Two of Diamonds, Queen of Hearts, Seven of Diamonds.

Eight of Diamonds, Knave of Diamonds, Five of Diamonds, Nine of Clubs, Six of Hearts, Ace of Hearts, Nine of Spades.

Here you will find that the King of Diamonds has formed a design upon the person who is represented by the King of Hearts, an honest, good-natured man, to wheedle some money from him, which is shewn by the Ace of Clubs; but the Knave of Hearts, the King's best friend, hinders him, by threatening and quarrelling with him, shewn by the Tray of Diamonds. King of Diamonds, now turns his design against the King of Spades, by pretending friendship to him, who is a country person of some wealth, and lost a near relation lately, either a man whom he dearly loved, or his no less beloved wife, who had an equal affection for him. The King of Spades, writes a letter; the Ace of Diamonds to his friend the Knave of Spades, to consult him about the friendship, and whether he shall give the money. The friend disapproves of both, and charges him with some unfortunate connection in the love line; and strenuously recommends him to the friendship of the King of Clubs, a man of fortune; but who has an unlawful commerce with a woman, who does not care for him, yet occasions his separating from his own wife, who at this time is in the country with a near relation, (a widow) who condoles with her, because she was herself rather unfortunate, in consequence of marrying without the consent of her friends, especially her father, who now takes a second wife

wife with a large fortune, but rather addicted to drinking, by which she will injure him, and bring herself to an untimely end.

You find again in the perpendicular examination, a man given to rambling in search of riches, though he has enough already, and will marry when old; again you have an ill-minded man under colour of friendship, seeking all in his power to injure another man, in which he is but too successful. The third column shews you, a man disappointed in his courtship to a woman, who endeavours to assign him over to her acquaintance, a known wanton, whom she imposes upon him; but who makes him a good wife, and brings him very dutiful and respectful children. The fourth column denotes a violent, and long attachment to illicit pleasure; from which, however, arises some profit intermixed with uneasiness and disappointment. The fifth column, shews a sudden rise of wealth and consequence to a man, who, though tolerably inclined upon the whole, has formed an unjust design upon a married woman, whom he succeeds in corrupting. The sixth column points out a gentleman in the country, of a large well improved landed property; who is in treaty for a second marriage, which terminates in drunken dissipation on both sides. The seventh column, shews a wealthy man taking a partner, who by an imprudent marriage involves himself in difficulties, which terminate in his ruin. The eighth column shews the death of a very near relation, who had a peculiar friendship for you, and would have made you quite happy, had he not died so soon. The ninth column, points out a lawsuit instituted against you by the relations of your wife for a part of her fortune; but that by

means of her precautions and prudent conduct, you will in the end get the better of them, and be happy; which is my very sincere and hearty wish.

The impossibility of giving all the combinations of a deck of cards, induces us to leave to our judicious readers to follow the plan we have here laid down; by which they will never fail of foreknowing the several events that are to happen; if they chuse to learn the fate of other friends, let them appoint them kings, queens, and knaves, and the cards next to them will have a reference to their future fortune.

There remains now the more difficult part of our task, as in Dreams, there generally are so many various circumstances that may bias the import of the main intention of the whole; however, from about twenty thousand dreams on which we have been consulted, and which we carefully set down in our memorandum book, with all their several inlets and outlets, we have selected those heads which most frequently occur, and give them with our interpretations, which on strict enquiry, our correspondents, and the persons who have consulted us, have acknowledged invariably true; for we assure our readers, that our design is not to impose upon their judgment, or mislead their fancy; had that been the case, we should have endeavoured by a pompous preface, to engage the imagination in our favour, and thus prepossess the understanding by a mass of fascinating phrases, such as we find in other books of a less useful and attractive nature than ours.

CHAPTER VI.

Of DREAMS.

Alphabetical heads of the most common subjects people are apt to dream, with their distinct interpretations.

TO enumerate all the articles, natural or preternatural, that persons may dream of, would be a task too tedious and unprofitable, neither would a person of good sense believe the application; but as this study is certainly attended with great advantage in preparing us for what may happen, we hope that the fruit of our long study and experience will give both profit and pleasure to our readers.

That dreams are of divine original, the holy scriptures, for which we have the most profound reverence, and in which we place the most unlimited confidence, amply testify; to that heavenly source of saving instruction and knowledge we refer you for the instances; and shall say no more in this place, than that the Dreams which persons have in the beginning of the night, especially if they eat heavy or solid suppers, are not so much to be depended on, nor so regular in their concatenation as those which occur in the morning, when the mind, refreshed with moderate sleep, and the body disburthened of those crudities which hindered the spirits from playing with their due alacrity through the whole frame, leave the soul free to perform all her functions, and take in all those conceptions, in which the judgment
having

having no part, you may expect that your guardian angle, watchful for your welfare, either forewarns you of some approaching evil, and gives you a foreknowledge of some good that is shortly to happen.

Adversary—To dream you are engaged in a personal dispute with a person, shews that you will meet with opposition in your wish, if you draw his blood, you will have the advantage, if he draws your's, you will be the loser, if neither, you will settle amicably.

Air—To dream you see the air clear, blue, calm and serene, shews that the point you then aim at will be prosperous; if it is streaked with white, you will get over your difficulties; if with thick and dark clouds, you will meet with disappointments, or fall sick.

Altar—To dream of an altar, shews that you will meet with some heavy affliction, and a difficulty in getting over it.

Angel—If you dream of angels, it is a proof that there is one then near you, and that the rest of your dream shall prove true; therefore be mindful of it.

Anger—To dream you see another in a passion with you, denotes some very unpleasant circumstance that is to happen to you; if you seem angry with others, be sure that some design is formed to injure you in your fortune or reputation,

Ants—When you dream of ants, if you see them busy in making their provision, it is a sign that your industry will be crowned with success; if they appear to you as devoured by other animals, or otherwise injured, you may be certain that some secret enemy is at work to compass your

your ruin ; if they be totally destroyed, you may expect some fatal reverse in your own affairs. If you are sick when you dream of Ants, expect a lingering recovery ; but you may hasten it by moderate exercise and care.

Apparel—Should you chance to dream that you are very genteely dressed, and in good company, it declares, that you will soon be advanced considerably higher in rank than you have been hitherto ; if your apparel is shabby and much worn, you are to look for trouble, domestic strife, and loss of goods. If you dream you are dressed in white, you will succeed in the first thing you undertake. If your apparel is black, beware of a quarrel, a lawsuit, a fit of sickness, or the death or elopement of some person that is very dear to you. If you appear in blue, you will be soon at some merry-making, and will be very happy for the time. If your dress is green, you must shortly go on a long journey. If your colour is yellow, you will experience something that will make you very uneasy ; but the most probable, is the incontinency of some person whom you have much at heart. If scarlet is the colour, you need not doubt of a dangerous fit of sickness and other heavy crosses ; finally if you appear in different colours, your life for some time will be chequered with good and evil, but in a moderate degree*.

Apparitions—The greatest and most important object of such dreams as ghosts, apparitions, spectres and such things, is that they shew the brain to be at that time in a state of derangement and

* If you see others in those colours the same things will happen to them.

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the stomach disordered; with respect to futurity they shew disappointment in a courtship, and that the person you love will despise, if not hate you.

Arms—To dream that your arms are withered and decayed, shews that the person will decline in health or fortune; if they appear to be more plump and brawny than usual, you will meet with unexpected prosperity; if your arms are broken, you will lose some dear friend, by his removing to a great distance from you; if your right arm is cut off, you will lose a near male relation; if the left, a female.

Armed men—If you are pursued by such, and have a difficulty in getting away, thinking your limbs very heavy and restrained, you will meet with some very heavy trouble, if you fight with them and conquer, you are sure that your next enterprize will succeed.

A/s—To dream you are riding on an ass, signifies that you will be guilty of some very foolish action, for which you will condemn yourself heartily; if he is feeding, your servants will be diligent and faithful; if you are driving him, you will get the better of your trouble; if he runs after you, some silly person will occasion a laugh against you, if he appears loaded, you will be the maker of your own fortune.

Back—If your back is broke out in blotches, secret enemies are injuring you; if you shew your naked back, you will be engaged in some scene of lewdness; if you dream that your back is broken, you will meet with some loss; if it grows stronger, you will receive an unexpected addition to your fortune.

Banquet—A dream of banqueting, shews that you will be disappointed in some very interesting circumstance.

Beard

Beard—A dream of your having a bushy, full grown beard, indicates that you will soon attain the summit of your wishes, if it falls off, a speedy decline will ensue; if a woman dreams she has a beard, she will obtain whatever she most ardently wishes.

Bees—If you see bees at work in your dream, it signifies that your industry will be prosperous; if they are flying about, bad reports will be spread of you; if they sting you, you will suffer loss of goods or reputation.

Birds—Dreams of birds, if you see them flying, denotes that you will take a long journey beyond the seas; if in their flight they seem sportive, your voyage will be pleasant and prosperous; if they appear slow and dull in their motions, you will experience much sickness and danger by shipwreck; if the birds are perched and singing, it signifies a speedy marriage, or the birth of a child, or recovery from illness.

Bleeding—If you dream that you see another bleeding, is a sign he will endeavour to gain some advantage over you; but if you draw the blood, you will gain the advantage over him, and get money from him; if he draws blood from you, you will lose your suit, whether in law, love, or otherwise.

Boat—To dream you are in a boat alone, denotes that your friends forsake you; if you are in good company and cheerful, you will soon be at a wedding; if you are in danger of drowning, you may expect strong opposition to your favourite wish; if the boat overlets, renounce your expectations.

Bread—A dream of eating good bread, promises that you will speedily make a valuable acquaintance.

acquaintance ; if the bread appears musty, mouldy, or bad, you will lose a dear friend.

Briars—In your dream, if you are going through briars, you will meet with difficulties ; if you are pricked by them and feel pain, you will be a sufferer by your enemies ; if they make you bleed, your property will be diminished ; if you get out of them without any detriment, your adversaries will persecute you in vain.

Bridge—If you are going over a bridge in your dream, and meet with no interruption, you will go through life in a prosperous and contented manner ; if you fall down, you will undergo a heavy fit of sickness ; if it breaks down under you, you will die a sudden death ;

Burial—If you see a person buried in your dream, you will hear of the death of some relation ; if it is accompanied by any particular person of your family, either that person, or some one very dear to him, will die.

Buying—To dream of buying victuals raw, denotes benefit from friends ; if they are boiled, or otherwise dressed, you will receive a legacy ; if you are buying edged tools, it signifies that you will feel a lively resentment against some one that was before dear to you ; if cloaths are the subject of your dream, you will receive some considerable benefit unexpectedly.

Candle—In your dream, if you see one or more candles, it signifies that you will soon fight a duel, or have some other warm contest with a single person ; if the candle is out, some one of the parties will be killed or wounded, if new candles come in, and that they all continue lighted, friends will interfere, and a reconciliation will take place.

Cards—

Cards—If you dream you are playing at cards, it denotes that you will soon be in love; if you hold a great many coat cards, you will soon be married; if your cards are of the common kind, you will have an unlawful connection with some female; if there are spades among them, you will fall into trouble on account of your gratifications in love; if they are mostly clubs, you will get a fortune by marriage; if they are hearts, you will marry for love, and be very happy; if your cards are diamonds, your companion will be of a sour disagreeable temper.

Cattle—If you dream you are driving cattle, it shews that you will prosper in your undertakings; if you see them feeding peaceably, fortune will flow into you without any effort of your own; if they are fighting among themselves, you will be chosen umpire in some quarrel or dispute; if you see them bleeding, you will gain by the contests of others.

Cat—Should you dream of a cat, you must expect some very disagreeable circumstance to happen to you; if the cat is a plain, smooth, and fair looking animal, you may be sure of infidelity or treachery of some kind; if it is a lean ugly looking animal, or has got no hair or fur upon it, you must be upon your guard against assassins or robbers.

Children—To see children in your Dream, promise fortune by honest means; if they are handsome and well dressed, you will acquire many valuable friends; if they are lean, ragged and dirty, you will be solicited into some action that will be injurious to your reputation. To see a child or children born, is a sign that you will be happy in your family. If you see one or more of them die, you will meet with some misfortune.

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Church—If you dream you are in a church, you will be disappointed in your expectation; if you are there at the time of divine service, you will have to maintain an heavy lawsuit, or the family of a distressed relation.

Climbing—If you are ascending a very steep place, and find great difficulty, it foreshews that you will fall into a severe fit of sickness. If you reach the top, you will recover; if you awake before you have attained the summit of the top, you will linger a long while, and never enjoy a perfect health.

Coach—To Dream you are riding in a coach, insures you preferment according to your actions in life. If it is a gilt and very handiome coach you will rise in the state; if it is a hackney coach, you will get a lucrative employment; but if your coach should break down, you will be turned out with disgrace.

Coals—Clear burning coals, denote prosperity, especially in love, where the affection will be mutual and the union happy; coals in their natural state, forebode trouble and discontent; extinguished coals, announce loss of fortune, or death of some near friend.

Combat—A dream of combating, signifies that you will have enemies; if you get the better of them in your dream it is a good sign; but if they conquer you, it is a bad one.

Corn—To dream you are gathering corn ripe, promises you success in your enterprize; but if it is blighted or mildewed, you will be a considerable loser; if it is green, it will be a long time before you gain your purpose; but if it becomes suddenly ripe, you will inherit unexpectedly.

Crowns—To dream you are distributing crowns shews that you will establish your family respectably;

ably; if you dream that you receive a crown from another, it promises you a large inheritance; crown pieces of money are signs of misfortune.

Darkness—To think yourself in the dark, is a token of affliction, and great loss in trade or business; to get out of darkness into sudden light, is a sign of rising from obscurity to eminence, or of escaping out of prison, or being acquitted with honour of a crime you will be accused of.

Death—To dream you see a corpse, is a sign that you will either be married or assist at a wedding; to dream you are yourself dead, is a sign that whatever design you are then upon will be successful, and give joy to your family; if you dream that you see persons that are dead, and that you are not afraid of them, it denotes that you will be ill used by a person in whom you have some confidence.

Debt—To dream you are in debt and pursued by bailiffs, indicates that you will fall into some unexpected difficulty.

Devil—If you see the devil in your dream without fear, you will get the better of your adversary; if you are frightened, you will incur some danger.

Ditches—If you stick in dirty ditches, you will meet with misfortune; if you get over them easily, you will be prosperous in your undertaking.

Divine service—Is a sign you will hear of the death of a relation.

Dogs—If you provoke dogs to snarl at you, you will create yourself enemies; if they bite you, you will suffer loss; if you stroke them, you will get sure friends; if they fawn upon you, your friendship will be sought after; or your mistress or lover will seek to be reconciled.

Eating—To dream you are eating, denotes profit; a loathing of victuals, is a sign of disunion in your family; if you see others eat, it foreshews great prosperity in your undertakings.

Eggs—A dream of eating eggs, signifies getting children; the breaking of them, is a token of a public affront; if you buy them, you will have luck; if you sell them and get gold, your children will rise to great wealth; if silver, they will be happy in marriage.

Enemy—If you dream of fighting with an enemy, you will be engaged in a lawsuit, a duel, or a quarrel; if you are afraid of him, he will get the better of you; if he runs away, you will be successful.

Evil Spirits—If you see evil spirits in your dream it is a sign of sickness; if you seem to exorcise them, and they vanish, you will get over your difficulties.

Eyes—If you dream you lose your eyes, some dear friend of yours will die; if you dream you get new eyes or more than you should have of them, it denotes increase in your family.

Face—To dream that your face is swelled, betokens augmentation of wealth or honour; but if it grows pale and emaciated, you will be severely disappointed.

Fall—To dream you fall from a high place and are wounded or bruised, signifies that you shall fail of your most sanguine expectations; if you fall into a soft place and receive no hurt, your enemies will yield to you.

Feast—To dream you are at a feast, denotes extraordinary satisfaction.

Fields—If in your dream, you are crossing plowed fields, promise yourself some unexpected misfortune

misfortune from a person who has no children; if the fields are covered with corn, it denotes either children to be born where most wished by you, or the marriage of the person you love, or a legacy; if green grass appears upon them, it denotes prosperity in your undertakings.

Finger—If you cut your finger, and it runs blood, you will get money where you least expected it; if you see no blood you will have a lawsuit for money, which you paid before.

Fire—If you dream you are eating fire, you will have a connection that will ruin your health or your fortune;—*for its other meanings, see burning.*

Fish—If you dream you are fishing and catch none, you will court a person to whom you will never be united; if you catch them, you will be successful in love; if they slip out of your hands, the person you are united to, will be of a very lewd disposition, or your best beloved friend will betray you.

Flood—To dream of a flood, portends violent oppression from rich neighbours; if you are drowned in one, you will be forced to quit your native country; if you oppose the torrent and remain uninjured, you will gain a victory of some kind.

Flowers—If you are gathering flowers, you will be successful in whatever you undertake; if you are walking, sitting or lying upon them, you will be happy in love and marriage; if they wither in your hands, you will lose your wife or a beloved child.

Fortune—To make a sudden fortune in your dream is a bad omen; but if you are pursuing the means of acquiring one, it shews, that you will inherit one of a rich relation.

Fruit—The gathering of green fruit, denotes sickness; ripe, mellow, and red looking fruit of any kind, is a token of prosperity.

Funeral—A hearse with a relation riding on, or attending it, imports that the person so seen will speedily lose his nearest friend, who will be related to you; if there is no friend of yours along with the funeral, you will be married yourself, or assist at a wedding of some kinsman.

Garden—If you are walking in a beautiful garden, you will soon be advanced in fortune or dignity, or both; if you are gathering the produce of it, you will be happy in marriage and have good children.

Geese—To dream of geese, is a sign that an absent friend will soon return.

Gibbet—A gibbet or gallows, is a token of exaltation in honour and prosperity.

Gift—To receive a gift, is a portend of sorrow; to give one, a forerunner of joy.

Glass—Denotes inconstancy, and lustful indulgence; if you crack it, you will be unlawfully connected with a person who will forsake you.

Gold—A dream of gold is good; if you are receiving gold in bars, you will get an inheritance in a distant country; if in coin, your affairs will prosper; if you pay gold, you will be respected by all that know you; if you let gold fall, take care of some unexpected attack; if you pick it up, you will be reconciled to a person you had a falling out with.

Grave—To dream you see a grave, denotes sickness or disappointment; if you go into the grave, you will suffer in your wealth or reputation; if you come out of a grave, you will rise to prosperity; if you take a person out of a grave, you

you will save the life of somebody who will make you very happy,

Guns—To dream you see guns firing, foreshews much adversity; if you are firing them yourself, you will enter into a great lawsuit; if they are fired at you, you will be exposed to great dangers.

Hair—If your hair appears in your dream to grow long, and hang untied over your shoulders, it is a sign that you will be beloved by a person of quality; but if it should grow short, or fall off, or be cut, you will lose some very dear friend; if your hair is burned in a dream, the person you love will prove false to you.

Hill—If you dream that you are climbing a hill, it foreshews that you will enter upon some arduous undertaking; if you are coming down a hill easily, you will prosper in your enterprize; if you are rudely pushed down, you will meet with an unexpected misfortune.

Horns—To dream of horns, needs no comment.

Horse—If you dream you see horses, it signifies intelligence; black horses, death; white horses, marriage, &c. if you are riding upon a horse, you will change your situation; if you fall from your horse you will meet with difficulties.

Hunting—To dream you are hunting a hare, shews that you will be disappointed in the object of your pursuit, or at least kept long out of it; hunting the fox, if you kill him, is a sign that you will detect and overcome a secret enemy; a stag hunt, foreshews ambitious thoughts, if you catch the animal alive, you will succeed in your wishes; if he dies, you will fail.

Ice—To dream you are skating or sliding upon ice, shews that you are in pursuit of some imaginary

ginary pursuit that will elude you ; if the ice breaks, you are sure of sickness.

Infants—A dream of infants, signifies an end to grief, if they are seen playing, you will receive great satisfaction from an unexpected quarter.

Enjoyment—To dream of being in the embraces of a person of the other sex, is a token that something disagreeably will happen to you shortly ; if your enjoyment is imperfect, the disappointment will be of small import ; if perfect, it will be of serious consequence.

Key—The loss of a key in your dream, is a sign of displeasure ; to find one, an addition to your family ; to give a key, is marriage ; to receive one, the birth of a child.

Knife—To hold a knife in your hand, is a sign of enmity ; to stab another with it, betokens a lawsuit ; to stab yourself with one, you will be guilty of some egregious piece of extravagance.

Labour—If you are at hard work in the fields, it denotes that you will undertake a long and painful journey ; if you sweat in working, you will fall sick on your way.

Leaping—To dream you are leaping over walls or bars, foreshews that you will meet with many accidents in the course of your life ; if over drains and ditches, you will be connected with more than one person of your own sex.

Letter—If you receive a letter in your dream, it betokens a legacy, or a present ; if you send a letter, you will relieve your relation or some other.

Lice—In a dream if you see lice, it is a sure indication of sickness.

Light—If you see great light in your dream, it shews that you will attain to great wealth and honour ;

nour; if the light goes out on a sudden, you will experience a downfall from your present state.

Lightning—This dream betokens very great uneasiness; if it is attended with thunder, you will have a termagant companion, or disobedient children.

Linen—To dream you are dressed in white linen, denotes joyful news; if it is chequered, you will inherit of a deceased relation.

Marriage—If in your dream you stand up to be married, and see the priest before you, you will narrowly escape death; if there is no priest, you will have a slight illness; if you assist at a marriage, you will receive pleasing intelligence.

Meat—A dream of raw meat, signifies quarrelling and altercation; boiled meat, is a sign of reconciliation; if you long for meat, and get it, you will soon be married; if it is not given you, you will be disappointed.

Milk—To take milk, promises joyful news; to sell it, you will be crossed in a love affair; to give it freely, you will be happily married; to see milk flowing from a woman's breast, foretels happiness in children and in business.

Mire—If you stick fast in the mire, you will undergo great difficulties; if you are struggling in it, and get out, your adversities will soon cease.

Money—To dream you are paying money, denotes the birth of a child, or the gain of a lawsuit; if you receive it, you will thrive in your undertaking.

Music—If you hear sweet music in your dream, your wife or your husband will be sweet tempered, or your lover sincere and constant; if the

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notes are harsh and disagreeable, you will experience a sudden reverse.

Naked—If you dream you are naked, and ashamed of being so, you will lose some very dear friend, or be disappointed of an inheritance; if you see another person naked, you will receive an addition of wealth.

Night—To dream you are walking alone at night, signifies that you will meet with some heavy disaster: if you are walking in company with others, and seem very gay, you will be robbed; if the night falls suddenly upon you, you will run the risk of your life, by a fall from some high place, or from a horse, or by something falling on you.

Nuts—To dream you are gathering nuts, signifies that you will lose your time in pursuit of some trifling matter, when you could employ it to much better advantage; if you crack them, you will pay your addresses to, or be courted by, a person who will treat you with indifference, and probably with infidelity.

Nuisance—To dream you are troubled with the neighbourhood of some nuisance, such as a dung-heap, &c. shews that some person is endeavouring to injure you underhand; if it is an old tottering house or crazy castle, you dream of, that you fear it will fall on you, you will soon acquire an estate in the country, most likely by the determination of a lawsuit; should it prove a troublesome neighbour, who by noise or scolding makes you uneasy; you will be engaged in some disagreeable affair, that will give you much vexation; but if you are removing a nuisance, you will be attended with prosperity, and will conquer all opposition to your just desires.

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Old Woman or Old Man—If in your dream, you think yourself caressed by an old person of the other sex, and seem to enjoy pleasure, you will have success in your worldly affairs; but the world will not have a good opinion of you.

Onion—A dream of eating onions, promises the discovery of some hidden treasure, or the finding some lost thing that you will gain money and a patron by; if you are throwing away onions, you will have a quarrel most likely in your own family; if you are getting them, any sick person of your family will recover.

Orchard—To dream you are in an orchard, promises you the inheritances of deceased relations; if the fruit is ripe, you will get your rights without difficulty; if it is green, you must expect delay.

Oven—To see a hot oven, denotes separation from your family.

Oxen—To dream you are driving oxen, forebodes poverty; but if they are running after you, you will be obliged to quit your dwelling privately.

Oysters—To imagine you are eating oysters, infers that you should be married to a person that is really a virgin and will love you; but if the fish should fall from you in your dream, you will lose the person's affection.

Paper—A dream of paper, if it is clean, is a sign that you have nothing to reproach yourself with; if it is dirty or scribbled, you will be guilty of some mean and unjust action; if it is only written on, you will make an advantageous bargain; if it is carelessly folded up or crushed, you

you will meet with some painful contradictions; but if it is neatly put together, you will obtain your favourite wish*.

Path—To dream you are walking in a good, easy path, denotes that you will be successful in love; or if you are married, you will obtain what you most desire; if the path is crooked and uneven, you will be sure to be betrayed by your bosom friends, or partner for life.

Pictures—If you dream you are looking at beautiful pictures, it foretells that you will enjoy the highest delight with the person you love.

Pit—To dream you fall into a pit from which you cannot get out, forebodes that you will meet with some very heavy misfortune; but if you are first in the pit, and leave it with little difficulty you will grow suddenly rich.

Plough—To dream you see a plough at work, shews that you will be uncommonly industrious, and will raise yourself to great consideration; if you hold the plough yourself, you will be highly respected by your neighbours; more for your good qualities, than for your wealth.

Pond—A pond seen in a dream, signifies pregnancy; if there are many fishes in it, the person carries twins; if the fish you see is small, the child will be a girl; if large, a boy.

Purse—To dream you find a purse, signifies unexpected prosperity; if you lose your own, you will assist at the funeral of a dear friend.

* If you dream of any particular matter, write the subject on a piece of clean paper, fold it in the form of a heart, get a gill of red wine and dip it in it, then drink the wine in three draughts just as you go into bed, and put the paper under your pillow.

Quarrel

Quarrel—If you dream you are in a quarrel, it forebodes uneasiness] of mind. For the other interpretation, see Blood, Dagger, &c.

Queen—To dream you see, and are conversing with a queen, denotes that you will be advanced to a post of trust, or will marry a person that is in such a place.

Race—To dream you are running a race on foot, is a token that you will get the better of those who are in competition with you; if your race is on horseback, you will succeed to a person high in office; if you lose the race, you will be disappointed in your expectations.

Rain—If you see rain in your dream, provided it is soft, your enterprize will be successful, particularly if it is in a love affair; if it is severe and cold, your lover will deceive you, or your partner will love another better than you, and refuse the paramour nothing.

Rat—To dream you are attacked by rats, and get the better of them, shews that somebody will endeavour very earnestly to injure you; but notwithstanding his utmost efforts, you will rather be served than hurt by him; but if the rats should get the better of you, and either tear you, or force you to run away, prepare yourself for some very great misfortune; mice are pretty much of the same nature, but not in so high a degree; if you see either playing, you will be reconciled to your enemies on equitable terms; if they fawn upon you, your enemies will submit to you, and beg your pardon.

Reading—Should you dream that you are reading a pleasing book, it is a sign that the person you love is become favorable to you, and will soon grant your wishes; or that some person of

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consequence has taken a liking to you, and will rather marry you, or take charge of your fortune.

Ring—To dream you have a ring on your finger, whether given to you or no, denotes an union with the person you love and are beloved by; if your ring drops off, your husband or wife, or some other dear friend, will die.

River—A flowing river seen in a dream, if the water is smooth and clear, denotes a comfortable and agreeable life; if the water is thick or muddy, or looks yellowish, you will make your fortune by seafaring, or by the gain of lawfuits.

Sailing—To dream you are sailing in a ship on smooth water, and without any hazard, shews that you will be prosperous in all your undertakings; if you are sailing on a tempestuous sea, you will experience misfortune; if you sail in a small boat, and gain the desired harbour, you will make a rapid fortune; if you meet with agreeable objects or land in a pleasant country, you will be happy love.

Scabs—If you dream you are covered with scabs, you will rise above your present condition by patronage or legacy; if your head alone is scabby, you will receive rich inheritances from your family.

Sea—If you think you are walking on or swimming in the sea without any danger, you enjoy the person you love without difficulty; but if you are sinking, or drowned, you will get sickness by your enjoyment.

Sheep—To see sheep feeding in your dream, denotes that your children will be happy; to see them scattering and running away, forebodes persecution to your offspring; if you see sheep-shearing

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Silver—To dream of getting or picking up of silver, if the pieces are small and coined, such as sixpences, foretells temporary want and distress for money, if shillings, you will receive a small sum, if half crowns, you will be employed in some lucrative place.

Soldiers—To dream you see soldiers drawn up, and armed, shews that you will be persecuted; if soldiers are pursuing you, you will be disliked by people in authority.

Spirit—See Apparition.

Struggling—To dream you are struggling with a person, is a sign that you will have some quarrel; if it is in jest, you will be engaged in an agreeable amour.

Sword—See Dagger and Knife.

Tooth—If your tooth fall out, you will lose some very near relation by death; if a new tooth grows for you, a child will be born for you.

Treasure—Should you find a treasure in your dream, you will be exposed to the treachery of some person you confide in; if you cannot carry it away, you will lose a part of your property by law; if you bring it off without difficulty, you will be successful in your affairs.

Trees—To dream you are cutting down trees, forebodes heavy loss in your business; to climb them, denotes advancement in dignity. See Garden and Orchard.

Walls—To be walking on weak or narrow walls, shews that you will undertake some dangerous enterprize; if you come down without

hurt of the wall falling, you will succeed; if the wall falls after you, you will be disappointed; if you are going between walls, where the passage is very narrow and difficult, you will be engaged in some very disagreeable affair, from which you will scarcely be able to extricate yourself; but if you come off from between them, and get into an agreeable place, you will afterwards enjoy comfort and affluence.

Water—To drink water, in a dream, signifies adversity; but if you throw clear water off your stomach, you will lose your place; if the water is dirty, you will get rid of some great trouble. For the other interpretations of this dream, see River.

Wedding—To dream you are at a wedding, portends sickness or death of a near relation.

Weight—To dream your limbs are heavy and unwieldy when you are pursued, is a sign that you will fall into some great affliction.

Wood—If you are carrying wood in your dream, your partner for life will be of a disagreeable temper; if you are chopping wood, you will render your partner and children obedient and respectful; if you are walking in a great wood, you will be often married; if in a small wood, you will have two weddings of your own.

Wrestling—A dream of wrestling, forebodes quarrels, strife, and contention, but chiefly in your own family.

DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS for TELLING FORTUNES by COFFEE.

How to arrange the Dregs remaining in your Cup, together with the different Indications of the future Events.

THE difficulty of this undertaking is obvious ; but our desire of giving every satisfaction to our kind and indulgent readers, has induced us to undertake it.

YOU must not take the coffee that first comes from your pot, as it is likely to prove too clear to answer your purpose ; but when you approach to the dregs, then pour it out into your cup, let it settle, and, when you have sipped up all except the sediment, turn the cup round, in such a manner as, that it may stick to the sides of it all round : this being done, lay your cup inverted on your saucer until all the moisture is drained away ; take up your cup now, and observe to begin at the right side of your thumb, making your remarks all about until you come to the thumb again on the other side.

If you see a clear, narrow part between two lines, it signifies a public road ; observe the little atoms in this passage, and their distance from your thumb, as also their direction, whether the thick part of them are inclined towards you, or from you ; if the former, your best beloved is coming to see you ; if the latter, he is going away from you ; the farther this road is from your thumb, the greater distance he is from you ; if it is mottly on

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