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EDITORIAL

A Presentation

At the Social Evening of the Faculty of Astrological Studies, held on September 29th last, I was presented, on retiring from the office of Principal, which I have held for six years, with an illuminated address of a very beautiful quality, with two eighteenth-century sherry glasses and a Burgundy glass, and a leather case for the cine camera given me by the Lodge. I was able to thank many of the donors at the meeting but others live in countries far overseas, and I now take the occasion to thank them also, most sincerely, for their generosity and good wishes.

I am sure that not only my wife (to whom a lovely bouquet was also presented) and myself, but our descendants after us will prize these tokens.

The founding of the Faculty was an ambitious project. I object (to put it mildly) to those who pour cold water on worthy endeavours. It is a mean and ungenerous attitude. But I did not, in my heart of hearts, feel too confident that the Faculty would survive. If people can set up as professional astrologers with no training whatsoever and make a living by issuing mimeographed sheets, then many will do so, and only the more conscientious will seek to qualify in a proper manner. The public, in its ignorance, cannot distinguish between those who do and those who do not trouble to fit themselves for what is a very responsible profession.

The letters D.F.Astrol.F. after the name of a professional astrologer may not mean that he is an astrological genius, but it *does* mean that he has tried to become competent, which is much.

Readers can help the Faculty not only by joining it them-

selves, if conditions permit, but also by talking about it and recommending those who hold its diploma.

Rectification

Of several other items of astrological practice that have been subjected to critical attack of late years, Rectification is one.

When only the day is known, I do not think any rational astrologer can say more than that *sometimes* a fairly satisfying rectification can be made, on the basis of personal appearance, habits, mannerisms, and so forth. But it is like asking: Can you always pick out a Frenchman from a crowd of Englishmen? Sometimes one could be pretty sure of doing so correctly, but quite often your Frenchman will not look particularly Gallic, nor your Englishmen particularly Anglo-Saxon. I don't suppose, speaking for myself, that I should feel fairly confident of guessing the rising sign in more than one case out of a dozen. For one thing, so often the "personal dominant" is not the rising sign at all, but something else.

In the case of a married person the partner's map, if known, may help a lot.

But not always. In a case known to me the father reported a time that gave Cancer rising; the mother was sure it was earlier, with Taurus on the ascendant. When the lady married, the husband had the Moon in the 7th applying to Venus! A bad bout of dental trouble when Saturn was opposed to the putative Taurus ascendant seemed fairly conclusive. But the native was a ready weeper, whether for joy or sorrow, and *that* is said to be a Cancer characteristic!

No, these matters are not easy.

The honest professional can but undertake to do his best and report frankly whether or not he is reasonably satisfied with his conclusion.

Birth Date Pairings

The following, from a valued correspondent, will interest all readers:

"In May I visited Edinburgh which I had not seen since I was a student, and unexpectedly fell in with the Rev. Mr. C., who had been a student in my time. He mentioned several people who had been at the University at the same time, and among these the following circumstances concerning a Mr. X.; Mr. C. and Mr. X. were both born in Aberdeenshire, in the same town and within a hundred yards or so, and within a quarter of an hour of one another. Although they had nothing

to do with one another and although Aberdeen was the nearest university, they found themselves, on the same day and at the same hour, signing the matriculation register at Edinburgh University, in order to take Honours English!"

It would be interesting to know if there was a striking similarity of disposition. Such cases of this kind that have been recorded seem to indicate that likeness of events is more conspicuous than likeness of character. But in this instance both elected to study in the same faculty, so that character is also involved.

Horary Astrology

In view of some of my own remarks on this topic I venture to quote from a letter received from a gentleman for whom I cast a figure in regard to certain intricate problems with which he was beset at the time:

"It seems that the real danger has passed and I do not think it premature to say that *your interpretation of September* 1952 *has been fulfilled in every detail.* This experience and my observations with other matters leads me to feel that with Horary work one has to watch most carefully the normal movements of the planets as distinct from any symbolical time interpretation. As I say, the matter is not finally concluded but there is every justification I think for accepting this further proof of an important aspect of astrology. I think the answer will always be there for an independent third party provided the question is clear and put with seriousness and all humility."

It has always been taught that a question must be clear and put seriously, but I think my correspondent makes a good point in speaking of the need for the judgment to be by an independent third party. I have always been rather suspicious of horary questions asked and judged by the person concerned. Yet in my time I have cast a good many figures on my own behalf and on matters of business; and on the whole it may be said that they were veridical. But questions of this sort need special experience and one must not neglect commonsense considerations, nor use Uranus to bilk Saturn!

To say that horary astrologers sometimes fail is beside the point: all astrologers do, and so does everyone else.

The Weather in 1954

However disagreeable this has been, with innumerable variations of natural cataclysms in different parts of the world, it has all been astrologically correct. Certainly this has been an

extraordinarily windy and cloudy year; and this agrees excellently with the square of Uranus and Neptune. It would be of special interest to know whether the same sort of conditions were in evidence when this square has occurred in the past.

One is tempted to wonder why official meteorology is allowed to be a science, whilst astrology is thought to be a mere superstition.

And it would be interesting to know how the meteorological forecasts that are given us would show up under statistical examination.

The great advantage of astro-meteorology is, of course, that it can make its forecasts months or years ahead, if necessary. But it cannot be very precise as to time and place. Most current aspects precipitate about a day after exactitude, and, as for place, the angles of the usual mundane figures are often illuminating, yet many problems remain.

Official meteorologists have all possible facilities given them by governments. We believe that if they would but add astrology to their curriculum they would be greatly helped in making successful predictions, because the one method would supplement the other.

Political Outlook

This continues to be dominated by the heavy configurations of Jupiter-Uranus-Neptune and the general situation resembles the weather in its uncertainty and confusion. There is of course nothing surprising to us that there should be this correspondence between weather conditions and political situations: both alike reflect the great cosmic surges that sweep through our system with the rhythmic motions of the heavenly bodies.

If man were governed by rational and ideal principles he would be affected by these only in an incidental manner and would hold to his course only slightly helped or hindered by them. Unfortunately he is, generally speaking, only too obedient to these natural forces.

At present the word "neutralism" is coming much to the fore, this being a synonym for the less dignified term "sitting on the fence." It seems to me much what might be expected from an afflicted Neptune in Libra.

Few of us wish to see our country dominated by anyone and admittedly the position of "tertius gaudens"—the happy third-party onlooker—is attractive. It is precisely this that Russia proposed for herself in 1939. But in 1941 she found herself rudely dragged into the arena, as Pluto entered Leo. I

have already pointed out that the entry of Uranus into the same sign points to very unexpected developments in the Soviet Union.

As for China, it is hard to believe, and contrary to all traditional astrology, that the Jupiter-Uranus-Neptune configuration will not eventually do her more serious harm even than the floods which have already been the worst she has experienced for many years.

As for the strikes which are paralysing London at the time I write, these too agree well with afflictions that involve Cancer (rivers) and Neptune.

Jupiter conjunction Uranus is a configuration with a bad reputation, as I believe I pointed out in *Political Astrology*, and it recurs in January and May 1955.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

By M. E. H.

Presentation to Mr. Carter

On September 29th, the Principal and Council gave their customary *Invitation Evening* at which time they are delighted to welcome many friends who are interested in the work of the Faculty.

This was a special occasion since a presentation was made to Mr. Carter on his retirement as Principal. The gifts were a carrying-case for the ciné-camera already presented to him by the Lodge, a Burgundy glass and a pair of antique sherry glasses. These were given with an illuminated address which was read to him, expressing the "regard and affection" of the givers and the hope that "these gifts, to which many from England, America, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have contributed, will serve as a reminder of those times when the traditions of the Faculty were forged."

After Mr. Carter had expressed his appreciation, Miss Buddicom gave an interesting interpretation of the chart which she had set for the students' Summer Holiday Task, remarking on the extremely high standard of the work done. Many comments were made on the enjoyment of the interval, during which refreshments are served, since it provides a yearly occasion when old friendships can be renewed.

Finally, Mrs. Hone spoke shortly on Future Research, saying that it was her hope that further experiments could be devised by means of which added evidence could be brought to show the validity of the basic tenets of astrology.

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The first classes for both Junior and Senior Grades will be held on Wednesday, January 12th. Intending students are asked to apply for enrolment forms as early as possible. (To Mrs. Hone, 122 Beaufort Street, S.W.3). Refresher classes can be arranged for those sufficiently advanced to enter as Seniors with the expectation of taking the examination for the Diploma of the Faculty in December, 1955. The first meeting of the Thursday Club will be on January 13th.

AT THE LODGE

By R. C. D.

In spite of the condensed manner in which these reports are recorded, it is not possible for the Quarterly to keep pace with them and it must sometimes happen that we are unable to print some of them. This must be our apology to any lecturers who find their work omitted. It is in no way a question of the relative importance of lectures.—The Editor.

The Summer Session (1954) of the Lodge began on April 26th, when members received an invitation from Mr. J. M. Addey to "Get out your Family Maps." He set the example by tracing a common factor between the horoscopes of various members of his own family, starting with an illustrious ancestor who had been Archbishop of York. All the charts showed a ☉ ♄ contact and a strong emphasis on two specific degree areas which recurred in most cases. A numerical census of signs tenanted in the family maps showed a marked deficit in the ♉ ♏ polarity but there was no corresponding predominance of any sign.

Marriage maps often linked up with the family fortunes in a most striking manner. Progressions in the husband's and wife's horoscopes formed aspects with significant points in the marriage horoscope, or the marriage progressions touched up important positions in the husband's and wife's horoscopes at the time of important events, particularly when children were born.

In the discussion which followed members agreed that it was often possible to trace a common planetary pattern in the horoscopes of a whole family. This planetary emphasis showed a particular connection with family destiny and certain similar types of experience seemed to recur in families, presumably deriving from this common horoscopical factor.

At 8.20 a discussion on "Astrological Ambiguities" was led

by Mr. Colin Evans. He began by a brief survey of several rival systems of house division in which the Eastern Point vied with the ascendant as cusp of the 1st house. Some astrologers referred loosely to the Imum Coeli as the Nadir, which was the point opposite the Zenith and not the point which opposed the Medium Coeli. Systems of house division based on the Eastern Point had been the subject of some confusion. Alan Leo's explanation of Zariel's system was based on a misapprehension. Zariel's own system was a resuscitation of the system of Morinus, who used the Eastern Point as the cusp of the first house and determined the intermediate house cusps by adding successively to the Sidereal Time of birth two hours of Sidereal Time for each.

This system of house division, depending for its variations on the Midheaven degree, failed to give an individual horoscope for different latitudes, in contrast to those systems in which the Oblique Ascendant formed the cusp of the 1st house. A horoscope set up according to the system of Morinus could therefore be regarded as universal in application and on that account was more suited to mundane astrology. The quadrant systems, on the other hand, were more suited to genethliacal astrology. Of the quadrant systems, Mr. Evans favoured his own Natural Graduation system, also used by Edward Lyndoe. The speaker gave an apt illustration of the purposes of the two main systems by showing the horoscope of the Duke of Windsor (*N.N.* 116) cast according to the system of Morinus and the Natural Gradation system. In the former the ☽ was exactly rising and the ☉ was exactly on the fifth cusp. The quadrant systems produced a less striking emphasis on these planets, nevertheless some discussion ensued as to whether the ☉ in the 6th house, as in the Placidean version of the Duke's geniture, was not, in some ways, more typical of a man who renounced the throne than ☉ in the 5th house.

It was a very great pleasure to welcome back Mrs. Vernita Churchill to the Lodge platform on May 3rd. Speaking on "Personal Relationships" she gave a shrewd summary of the strengths and weaknesses of each zodiacal sign and the characteristics of each which were least acceptable to the natives of other signs. Those born under neighbouring signs were often the least compatible. Aries was apt to grow impatient with the plodding Taurus, while Taurus did not understand the ceaseless activity of Aries. Contrasts of a similar nature occurred throughout the cycle of the twelve signs. The best kind of interchange between two nativities was the Sun, Moon or Venus of one on the ascendant of the other. Such an interchange was likely to

denote a strong attraction. The progressed Sun, Moon or Venus falling on the ascendant of another was likely to produce only a passing attraction. Planets in one horoscope falling in opposition to planets in the other often produced a better result than when the planets were in conjunction, for in the former case they acted in a complementary manner and there was less chance of boredom resulting. Several conjunctions occurring between two maps often indicated too great a similarity of outlook.

♄ in a parent's natus on either of the luminaries in a child's map showed a desire on the part of the parent to dominate his offspring, often in the name of "guidance." There was often great devotion between parent and child if the former's ♃ was ☌ the latter's ☉ or ☽. An interchange between ♀ in the parent's horoscope and the ☉, ☽ or ascendant in the child's often produced great affection.

As employers, ♌, ♎ and ♐ were blessed with the most willing workers, for they were solicitous of their employees' wellbeing. ♍, ♏ and ♈ tried to get the last ounce out of their workers, but they often drove themselves just as hard. ♊, ♑ and ♒ were not thoughtful for their workers and were apt to dismiss them without compunction if they did not give satisfaction. ♉, ♋ and ♓ were the kindliest employers, often taking an interest in the family lives of their staff but rarely commanding the same respect as the other signs.

At 8.20 the President introduced another "Topical Evening." Referring briefly to the Cup Final, held two days previously, he mentioned that ♂ on May 1st was closely squaring ♄ and opposing PL in the horoscope of Tom Finney, captain of Preston North End, the defeated finalists. At the moment when the referee's final whistle blew the degree of Finney's ♄ was exactly on the ascendant!

On the same day as the Cup Final there was an earthquake in Central Greece and a tornado in the American Middle West. There was an almost exact sextile between ♂ and ♄ at the time. The two planets were in conjunction on January 5th when a Solar Eclipse took place. At the moment of the eclipse 25° ♏ was rising in Central Greece in square to PL and in opposition to the great fixed star Algol, which was often active in earthquake charts and at the time of similar catastrophes. The same eclipse chart cast for the Middle West of America showed PL rising and ♂ ☌ ♄ close to the I.C. On May 1st the Sun had reached the opposition of Mars in the eclipse chart.

A comparison of the planetary configurations on the days when crashes of the Comet aircraft had been reported showed a

marked accent on the ☿ □ ♆ aspect which had been in orbs over such a long period. Previously to this the ♄ ♆ conjunction was involved. This placed an accent on 21°/23° of the cardinal signs, which were variously described, according to the system of La Volasfera, as degrees of weakness, instability, carelessness or collapse. Recent crashes, incurring loss of life, had occurred on March 3, 1953, May 2, 1953, January 10, 1954 and April 8, 1954.

Recent speculation over the horoscope of Roberta Cowell had been ended by the lady herself, who stated that she was born at 2.00 a.m., B.S.T., on April 8, 1918.

The Rowe twins, who won the women's doubles Table Tennis championship of the world on their twenty-first birthday, April 14, 1954, had the most appropriate secondary direction ☉ p. △ ♃ r.

A horoscope cast for midnight, B.S.T., July 2/3, 1954, the moment which marked the official end of rationing, showed the ☉ ☌ ♃ in ♋, the sign of the stomach, and ☽ ☌ ♀ in the 6th house in ♌.

There was an interesting innovation on May 10th when, under the title "Mr. Carter Answers Questions," the President Emeritus spoke upon several topics raised by members. Mr. Addey quoted from *The Seven Great Problems of Astrology* written by Mr. Carter twenty-seven years ago, in which it was suggested that one of the greatest problems was whether it was possible to oppose the influence of directions by some effective counter-action or discipline. Mr. Addey inquired whether, in the period intervening, Mr. Carter had modified his views on this intriguing problem. In reply, the lecturer stated that he regarded the action of directions as more or less inevitable. If we were, in fact, bound to them then it was we ourselves who, in the last analysis, had done the binding through past exercise of our free will. Once an individual had taken birth there was little he could do to oppose the effects of directions. Nevertheless, he felt that the Christian, by means of intercessional prayer, and the follower of Eastern teachings, through the practice of meditation, might conceivably be able to modify the effects of directions. Unfortunately there was no way of proving scientifically that precisely the same course of events would not have taken place without such attempts at modification!

Mrs. Hone pointed out that professional astrologers were continually faced with the problem of advising clients under strenuous directions on a suitable course of action. Their aim was always to see that the vibrations of stress were directed

into less harmful channels. A small boy in the middle of a destructive Martian direction, for instance, might be encouraged, as a safety valve, to work off as much energy as possible out of doors.

Mrs. Jaffa observed that the events in an individual's life were a projection of his personality. The great purpose of astrology was not that we should learn how to oppose the action of directions but that we should truly get to know our temperament and personality.

In reply to a further question from Mr. Addey as to whether, in these days of advanced medical skill, induced labour and other obstetric methods falsified the horoscope by artificially hastening the time of birth and so making the resultant chart unrepresentative of the child, Mr. Carter thought that this might be so but that in some way an adjustment might take place so that the natural law was ultimately fulfilled. Subsequent discussion showed that members were reluctant to be dogmatic over such a problem. Mr. Freedman mentioned the case of the still-born child, when for some reason or other the reincarnating ego refused to take birth because he did not like the horoscope "provided." Mr. Freedman then asked whether Mr. Carter could put forward any ideas as to how the horoscope of an "advanced soul" could be recognised. The lecturer replied that, although he would be reluctant to state any hard and fast rules, a well-integrated chart containing many close aspects would probably indicate such an individual.

At 8.20 there was a Book Auction when books surplus to library requirements, together with some generously provided by Mr. Carter and Mr. Freedman, were sold, realising £12 3s. 3d. This addition to the lodge funds exceeded the amount raised by any previous book sale. No doubt the planetary positions ♃ □ ✶ PL △ ♆ had some bearing on the matter!

On May 17th a Debate was held. The writer was unfortunately not able to be present but was assured that a most successful evening was enjoyed by those attending. Mrs. Joan Rodgers took the chair and the following motion was debated: "That the high aims and steady pluck of Saturn are more to be desired than the high jinks and ready luck of Jupiter." Such terms of reference gave ample scope for the wit of two such seasoned debaters as Mrs. H. B. Jaffa and Brigadier Firebrace, who spoke for and against the motion respectively. Miss J. Buddicom and Mr. Alex. Sim supported the principal speakers. The motion was defeated.

The President spoke on May 24th, his subject being "The Degree Symbols of La Volasfera." The subject of degree

symbols has often caused well-defined divisions of opinion to arise at the Lodge and consequently a lively discussion was anticipated. Mr. Davison began by pointing out that various systems of degree symbols appeared to clash because whereas under one system the symbol for 1° ♈ would relate to the area of the zodiac between 0° 01′ ♈ and 1° 00′ ♈ (the first degree of Aries) under another system the symbol for 1° ♈ would relate to the part of the zodiac actually beginning with 1° ♈ (1° 00′ ♈ to 1° 59′ ♈). The symbols of La Volasfera were an example of the first type of relationship. The lecturer then proceeded to give examples of the apt correspondences of these symbols in nativities, in directional astrology and in horary astrology. Before doing so he had warned against the indiscriminate application of degree symbols to every factor in the horoscope without due regard to the importance of each planet according to sign and house position and the aspects it received. Best results were obtained by applying the symbols to the degrees held by the Midheaven, ascendant and Part of Fortune. This meant that the time of birth had first to be accurately established. One of the most striking examples occurred in the horoscope of Anne Morrow Lindbergh where the Part of Fortune in 8 ♎ (symbol—a young maiden weeping over a grave) was squared by ♂ in 8 ♋ (a dove lies on the ground, while over it a snake is poised . . .) and by Uranus in 7 ♑ (a heart pierced by a nail). Mr. Davison recommended that astrologers should cultivate the habit of interpreting the symbols for themselves, not relying too slavishly on the readings given in the Alan Leo manual. In some cases the symbols were not given in full, with the result that certain essential qualities of a degree remained unspecified.

A market gardener known to the native had his ascendant in 28 ♍ (a wide branching tree laden with fruit) and his Midheaven in 28 ♊ (a large and well-cultivated tract of land). Both were stated to be degrees of Fruitfulness. He had six children! Space forbids the listing of many other striking examples. The lecturer admitted that such examples did not constitute proof but mentioned that the researches of K. Hitschler, the Swiss astrologer, had done much to show the great importance of the La Volasfera symbols to astrology. He had evolved a formula by which every chemical element and compound could be linked with one specific degree of the zodiac. In every case the known properties of the chemicals corresponded with the characteristics suggested by the symbol. Symbols in which the heart was mentioned were placed at degrees where the appropriate chemical compound was a

specific treatment for heart disease. Symbols of degrees mentioning various colours corresponded with the substances which were used to produce the pigments for those colours. Anaesthetics fell on degrees where the symbol plainly indicated a loss of consciousness. Further evidence in support of the Italian symbols could be found in the researches of Maurice Wemyss, based on an empirical study of many horoscopes. It was necessary, when making the comparison, to allow for the fact that the Wemyss degrees were located according to the actual degree number in the ephemeris, while the Italian system designated the *first* degree of the sign as "1".

In the discussion which followed, Mrs. Hone suggested that it might be possible to collect an equal amount of evidence of the unreliability of the system. Different systems of degree symbology often produced contradictory results. The lecturer replied that many of the conflicts would probably be resolved once it was established to which specific 60′ of the zodiac the symbols of each different system referred. In any event he was not concerned with making out a case for other systems as he relied solely on the Italian system, which he had found by experience to be productive of excellent results if used with proper discrimination. Mr. Carter suggested that it was up to astrologers to give a trial to the various systems before finally deciding on their merits.

The Uranian and his astrological counterpart, the Aquarian, are the natural rebels of the zodiac. Aries and Sagittarius, with the help of a strong Mars are also often prominent in this respect. This was the theme of Mr. Freedman's introduction to a discussion on "Rebels" at 8.20. The monk Savonarola and Annie Besant were instanced as examples of the Arian rebel (both had Aries rising) while Mrs. Pankhurst (born July 14, 1858, asc. 21 ♒) and the reformer Charles Bradlaugh, who worked with Mrs. Besant for a time, were typical examples of Aquarian rebels. Robespierre also had ♒ rising. The poet Shelley (*N.N.* 073) was a rebel of a different kind, preferring the world of ideas to the world of action, which was often a characteristic of the evolved Sagittarian. Members agreed that Uranus and Mars were often prominent in the horoscopes of rebels or pioneers and that ☉☌♂ was often the astrological signature of the crusader.

"Sagittarius and the Spitting Cat" was the most unusual title of the lecture by Mrs. Margaret Hone on May 31st. The lecturer showed how the dream symbols of a woman who developed psychological troubles in early life could be traced in her nativity. This was possible as the native was an accom-

plished artist and was able to paint vivid pictures of some of her dream imagery immediately after they had impressed themselves upon her conscious mind. Early inhibitions had led her to extract a promise from the man she was going to marry that he would not ask her to bear him children. The man eventually broke the engagement and the woman's symptoms gradually worsened, giving rise to the vivid dreams which were reproduced by her later in a series of remarkable paintings.

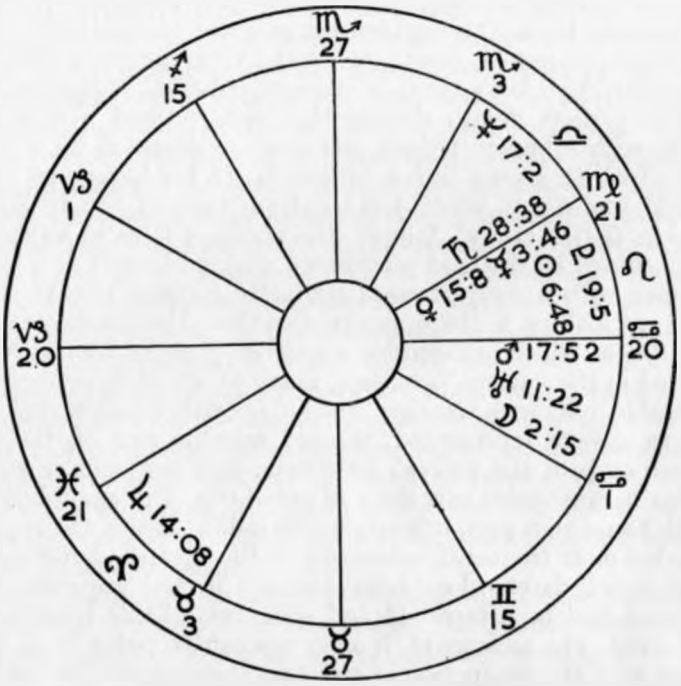
The earliest dream showed that she pictured herself as a mare with a broken fetlock, her head surmounted by a crown out of which grew a bunch of flowers. In her horoscope ♐ (the mare) was rising, while ♂ the natural ruler of the 1st house, was in ♌ (the crown). ♀ in ♒ (the bunch of flowers) was in the Midheaven. In the next picture she painted herself as a young woman with upswept tresses gradually merging into the head of a cat looking in the opposite direction. The whole course of the illness, which lingered for a number of years, was faithfully traced in the various paintings, many of which showed unmistakeable links with the sign Scorpio, for either eagles, snakes or serpents were represented. Scorpio was the sign on the 12th house cusp of the native's horoscope and the lecturer was at pains to emphasise how she had noted time and again how the 12th house sign gave unmistakeable indications of the types of symbol most frequently occurring in the dreams of the native. The exact dates when later pictures in the sequence were painted had been recorded and some remarkable results were observed. The passage of ♄ over a sensitive point in ♌ coincided with the production of a picture showing the Sun entirely blacked out. A prominent Neptunian transit was operative at the time of a dream which inspired the painting of a nunnery, the top of which was veiled by a mist. In the foreground several cats played about an altar. The final picture, painted after the native was completely cured, showed her as a winged horse, serenely poised and able to travel with the speed of thought.

Members expressed great interest in the lecture, which was continued at 8.20. Mrs. Hone said that it was planned to produce the pictures and the case history in book form and it was agreed by those present that the circulation of such evidence over a wider field could hardly fail to attract the interest of earnest thinkers.

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DELINEATION OF A NATIVITY (4)

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The above is the horoscope of a girl, born in Huddersfield, Yorks, on July 30, 1951, at 8.15 p.m., B.S.T.

The map is erected according to the system of Placidus.

The time was supplied by the parents.

The fourth delineation in this series is that of a young child, written as it would be for parents possessing only a slight knowledge of astrology.

This is an interesting nativity and though so much of the horoscope is concentrated in one part of the Zodiac, yet its composition does not strike one as being unbalanced. Nevertheless it is likely that the main activities of the life will be concentrated very much in certain directions to the exclusion, presumably, of others.

First, in general, the sign Capricorn rises and the Ruler of the Horoscope, Saturn, is in Virgo. This is a very practical, sensible combination and the qualities which Elizabeth will

show, alike in childhood and in womanhood, will be primarily the practical virtues such as prudence, conscientiousness, method, and a sense of what is practicable and expedient.

These qualities will be backed up by the strong group of planets in Cancer which again occupy a utilitarian position in the nativity and will lend the ability to deal as successfully (because sympathetically) with people as with things.

In contrast, the Sun in Leo and Jupiter in Aries are much more warming and will add a very necessary element of buoyancy, self-confidence, energy and vitality.

Elizabeth will always show a much greater than average interest in doing useful, helpful, constructive things. Her mind will be slow, careful and artistic rather than nimble, brilliant and intellectual, yet that is not to say that she will not possess much skill and dexterity in the manipulation of all kinds of material things and concepts.

She will be neat and tidy, very businesslike, careful and exact over small matters and will usually take a pride in the work she does. She will have a clear and sound sense of values, economical of effort and materials, and will be *by disposition* prudent and careful over money matters; there is however a strange contradiction here for there is more than a suggestion in the nativity that Elizabeth will have flashes of extravagance and may at times, possibly through no apparent fault of her own, find herself involved in peculiar muddles connected with financial matters or the property of others. But as a rule it will be found that behind these muddles lies some piece of rashness or indiscretion on her own part, even though this may be inspired by a friend. It must be said that her friends will not always be a helpful influence in financial matters. Here is something for her to learn.

In time Elizabeth will cultivate hobbies (she may well have two special hobbies) connected either with the collection and arrangement of small specimens of some kinds—natural or otherwise—or with the use of little tools or the construction of small things. I suppose a boy would make small-scale models and so on; a girl, I take it, would quickly grow to enjoy sewing and embroidery, dressing dolls and all kinds of things that require the arranging of objects into their useful and proper places. To these things she will apply herself with pleasure and a lively and serious diligence.

Later still, Elizabeth will very probably show a fondness for gardening and for nature study and tending of growing things. And, again, later still she will possess an interest in architecture, in furnishings and in all kinds of domestic matters.

Although in many ways reserved and even shy in childhood, she may well be quite talkative when "on her own ground," so to speak, and her manner of self-expression will be plain and simple—not lacking in grace but direct and matter-of-fact—to match a logical and straightforward mind, there is something very "Yorkshire" about these qualities.

The faults and failings which commonly go with the qualities I have described will be fairly easy to see. The discriminating and precise mentality may become over-critical at times and rather severe and exacting towards those who do not come up to standard in fulfilling duties or performing their work. The strong sense of fitness, order and arrangement can sometimes lead to a rather stiff attitude that requires everything and everybody to be in its or their place. The ability to work hard, the ability to carry out everyday tasks unostentatiously and the apparent concentration on practical ends sometimes seems like a rather colourless absorption in the material and the humdrum, and the eye for detail sometimes leads to fussiness and faddiness.

Capricorn has something of a reputation for being capricious, at any rate in early life—there often seems to be some difficulty in finding the path in life that is to be followed. However, I am not sure that that will apply in Elizabeth's case.

There can be no doubt that the position of the Sun in Leo will dispel, partly at any rate, many of the failings which the horoscope otherwise suggests. There is nothing mean or little-minded about Leo, and the emphasis on this sign will add a measure of real dignity, warmth and vitality to mind and body.

The blend of Leo and Capricorn will bestow a measure of firmness, persistence and will-power, even some ambition; and this combination, as well as other features of the horoscope, usually exhibits a strongly religious side. There will be an enjoyment of literature and music, especially perhaps the latter, and these could provide a good outlet for a very strong and often restless emotional undertone shown in the natus.

Her marriage—possibly to a man of some "position"—should be both happy and useful and there can be no doubt I think that she will have children and will make a good mother.

If one had to single out one possible or probable source of psychological weakness it would be a tendency at times to suffer from a sense of inadequacy—a sinking feeling about some circumstances which she has to face but dreads. It seems to be a question of the imagination paralysing the will, or the instincts overcoming the calmness of reason. At such times she

may become excited and act impulsively or carelessly. Needless to say this is not a serious matter and a combination of sympathy, patience and calmness when it arises will go far to overcome it. In any case it could not arise except in someone who had a particularly vivid imagination and strong feelings, and they in themselves are good.

If it is not too early to speak of the kind of work Elizabeth would enjoy and do well, there are several points which could be made in this connection. In general the mental powers will be exceptionally good, as I have implied, for all routine, practical work of a detailed kind, especially where not only skill and conscientiousness but also imagination, sympathy and insight are required. The ruler, Saturn, in Virgo in the 8th house has a strongly medical connotation and this, considered from the point of view of the career, is supported by other factors in the nativity. The work of a nurse, midwife, physical culture specialist, health visitor or dietician all suggest themselves and there might be a special fondness for children which could be combined with some of the above types of work.

Even if the world of business were favoured (for the business sense and the secretarial abilities will be excellent) it is likely that the business chosen would be connected directly or indirectly with the medical field.

Although I think Elizabeth will choose a quiet, unspectacular occupation, yet the Sun in Leo will bring her into positions of responsibility and leadership and she will freely pour out encouragement and vitality to others, and be a natural source of inspiration to them.

One thing stands out, almost above all others in this horoscope, and that is the fact that almost all the heavenly bodies were setting at the time of birth. In other words, they are near, or approaching, the western angle.

The western part of the map represents the "not-self" so to speak—other people and other things—and it is almost certain that Elizabeth's life and interests and activities will be centred in and around other people—her service to others, her relationships to others, the possessions, health and interests of others . . . these will always occupy her attention much more than her own personal affairs and position—in fact, the course of her life will *seem* very much to depend upon and to rest with the actions and choices made by others. In point of fact she will really be, in herself, a very independent and self-contained person able and preferring to stand alone very often* even though she will work so much with and for others.

* Saturn, Ruler, almost unaspected.

In matters of health, the Leo element will provide a good underlying vitality and Elizabeth will be careful of her health through sound, careful, and cleanly habits and prudence (even faddiness at times) about diet.

Perhaps the latter is just as well, for there does seem to be some liability to upsets through bad or poisonous food or drink and even through bad atmospheres. As far as possible these should of course be avoided. The digestion will almost certainly be liable to upsets at times, even without much apparent cause.

There may be some predisposition to appendicitis and the kidneys may show some weakness in the long run; in respect of this the fluid intake should always be kept moderate.

In conclusion may I wish Elizabeth Helen (Elizabeth is a thoroughly Capricornian name and Helen, meaning Light, a very Leonine one) a long, happy, busy life. May she find many who need her help, and help them with kind deeds and ready sympathy, and may she receive as abundantly as she will give.

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R. C. D.

THE SIGN RULERSHIP OF LIVERPOOL

By E. A. Martin

There is something profoundly impressive about Liverpool when approached from the sea. It has indeed been described as one of Europe's noblest seaports when entered on its own element, its massive buildings rising from the wide, bustling river, culminating in the great red sandstone Cathedral, and overlooking a vast tangle of business houses, factories, docks and homes. The abiding impression is one of power, grandeur, even an intense, partly hidden virility. If one comes into the city by train there is dirt and squalor and the sulphurous chemical works of the eastern outskirts.

When, years later, I saw that Liverpool was assigned to Scorpio my reaction was one of acceptance. But could a purely intuitive feeling of the fitness of the ascription be proved? I decided to try to do this by working along three lines:—

(*a*) A consideration of the history and activities (including industries) of the city;
(*b*) An analysis of the motto and armorial bearings;
(*c*) Study of the actual planetary dispositions on important occasions in the city's recent history.

The last of these is especially important because of its objective character. When, looking into the characteristics, history, and occupations of a place a subjective element will always creep in to some extent.

Coats of arms can be revealing. Just as a scientific world largely sceptical of astrology has in fact accepted profoundly

appropriate names for Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, so too a motto or a crest may go deep. In matters like this the human mind seems sometimes to be guided unconsciously.

To pursue our first avenue of inquiry, Liverpool's rise to importance came late and was largely bound up with the Industrial Revolution, but its merchants early showed a peculiar resilience and tenacity. They wrested the slave trade from Bristol and engaged much in privateering. (A Mars-in-water or Scorpionic activity if ever there was one!) When the slave trade was abolished men said that Liverpool was finished and that grass would soon be growing in its streets. But with typically Scorpionic refusal to accept defeat the town had more than recovered in ten years.

In the period of rapid growth early last century Liverpool developed some of the worst slums in the country and crime and disease were rife. Yet with this came a determination to eliminate the evil. Liverpool was the first municipality to appoint a Medical Officer of Health (in 1847) and most of the slums have been cleared. But a sordid side does remain, as in all great ports. It is literally true in several senses that there is a sordid element in the life of primitive water. In all this it is quite easy to see the action of Pluto, the eliminator and signifier of new beginnings.

Industrially, the port and its associated industries easily lead. Other important ones are light engineering, soap and fats, chemicals, rubber and foodstuffs. The port, light engineering (Mars) and chemicals are probably appropriate to Scorpio, and chemicals are much used in the manufacture or preparation of both soap and rubber.

The arms of the city show Neptune, a triton, and the Liver bird. This latter is really a cormorant, seldom used in heraldry and only brought in here so as to allude to the name of Liverpool. Milton used it as a symbol for Satan. The motto: "A god hath given us this ease" is enigmatic. The god may be Neptune or the Almighty. The hint of evil and mystery in the above reminds one of the lower side of Scorpio, or the old-fashioned conception of it, but the reference to ease is Taurean, or possibly Piscean, rather than Scorpionic. Neptune suggests Pisces, and obviously the possibility of this rulership must be looked at. In fact it finds little to support it, and may probably be taken as signifying the watery element only.*

* The motto is a quotation from Virgil's first eclogue and the "god" is Octavius Caesar (Augustus) who had restored Virgil's farm to him after it had been assigned to a veteran legionary, in modern parlance an ex-serviceman. So there is a certain Martian relevance here.—EDITOR.

If we left the matter here we should only have a vague, inconclusive picture, not without some value, but a long way from proof and quite unconvincing to any critical non-astrological mind.

The Walker Art Gallery at Liverpool is one of the finest in England outside London. When the foundation stone was laid on September 28, 1874, we have ♀ in ♏ 22 and the planet of the arts occupied exactly the same degree on October 4, 1933, when an extension was opened! (Note ☉ in ♎ in each case.) This led me to wonder whether a particular degree area is associated with our city, and there is considerable evidence that this is so.

The Royal Charter incorporating Liverpool as a city is dated May 11, 1880, and has ☉ in ♉ 21.

Work was officially started on the Mersey Tunnel by the Princess Royal in December 1925 with ♄ in ♏ 21 (the work took over eight years to complete).

On June 11, 1855, the first number of the *Liverpool Echo* appeared. ♃ was in ♉ 18½. When the *Liverpool Daily Post* first appeared on October 27, 1879, ☿ was in ♏ 17 and ♂ in ♉ 25.

Liverpool University was constituted by Charter dated November 7, 1903, with ☉ in ♏ 14.

From the 1st to 8th May, 1941, Liverpool suffered cruel damage night after night from the Luftwaffe. If we take May 4th as mid point, we find ♃ ☌ ♃ in ♉ 25; ♄ ☌ ♀ in ♉ 17½ with ☉ in ♉ 15, all square ♂ in ♒ 22, which hits the mid-point of the two Taurean conjunctions. The point ♏ 22 is in bad aspect to the benefics as well as ♄ ♃ and ♂.

Much of Lancashire is said to be under Cancer, and this appears in two important events. The foundation-stone of Liverpool Cathedral was laid on July 19, 1904. Four bodies are in Cancer; ☉ in ♋ 26½ is △ to our degree area in about ♏ 22. The opening of the Mersey Tunnel on July 18, 1934, shows ☉ in ♋ 25.

Out of seventy sign positions in my investigations sixteen were in ♉ and eleven in ♋. The average would be about six.

There is, then, strong evidence in favour of our Scorpio rulership, but it seems that we must consider the opposite polarity, Taurus, as well. After all, why should a city come exclusively under one sign?

The Taurean element is prominent in the city's life in at least four directions, though, as Liverpool is first and foremost a port, Scorpio probably predominates. We can see Taurus in the extraordinarily massive structure of St. George's Hall (built originally for the performance of music) and in the

Cathedral. The world-wide reputation of Liverpool Insurance Companies, its Stock Exchange and Banks give the financial side of Taurus, while the artistic side is expressed in the Walker Art Gallery and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, more than a century old. Last of all Liverpool is Britain's leading flour-milling centre and has huge works for making cattle cake. The import of both cattle and hides is also very great.

In conclusion, then, it seems probable that Liverpool is under Scorpio, with a strong Taurean element, and some influence from Cancer through its position in Lancashire. An area around 22° Taurus-Scorpio seems to have special significance. It now remains to test out these theories on future events. This could best be done by an astrologer resident in the city, and then perhaps something like certainty could be attained.

POLAR PRENATALISTICS

(Part One)

By George H. Bailey

For more than fifty years the pages of astrological journals have been enlivened by controversies on the so-called Prenatal Epoch, not only between its promulgators and the sceptics, but also between those who accept the general principles on which the theory is based yet differ amongst themselves in regard to the method of application.

Founded on the ancient Hermetic dictum that the place of the Moon at conception is the ascendant or descendant of the natal horoscope, the hypothesis embraces a similar interrelationship between the Moon at birth and the rising or setting degree of the figure for conception, and about a quarter of a century ago the present writer attempted to carry these interchanges a stage further by including the degree held by the natal Sun, or its opposite, resulting in a Solar Prenatal Horoscope antedating that of conception. Designated "The Soli-Lunar Interchanges," this development was presented in the pages of *Astrology* and *Modern Astrology* during the years 1928 to 1931 as a means of selecting the correct chart for conception in preference to the debatable laws of sex, once more fanning into flame the old fires of controversy with which prenatalism has always been surrounded.

Although the Soli-Lunar Interchanges were later abandoned, the smouldering fires have continued to flare up from time to time as fresh issues have been raised, the latest being the

possibility of the interchanges not functioning in high latitudes owing to the fact that the Moon cannot rise or set there when in extreme declination. Such a dilemma may not be as awkward as would appear at first sight, however, for by ignoring Luna's latitude and confining the interchange to that postulated by Hermes, the prenatal chart would only need to be cast for the time when the Moon is in the degree rising or setting at birth, without necessarily placing the natal Moon on the horizon.

But conclusions cannot be reached without a good deal of research and careful analysis, the latter being essential if one is not to be led astray, for as will be shown, accurately noted birthtimes can often be confirmed by fallacious methods. In investigations of this sort the possibilities of adopting wrong procedures are so wide that in order to narrow the field of exploration it is desirable to obtain complete data at the outset, namely, the exact standard time, date, latitude and longitude of birth, the date of coition (and time if available), the date of the last menses, and the latitude and longitude of the parental residence during the significant period (nothing so vague as "about" ten miles "north" of so vast a nebulosity as London!). Unfortunately, one cannot always procure this information, and consequently complete case data are somewhat rare, compelling one to make do with insufficient material, so widening the scope of possible error.

Incidentally, it is perhaps opportune to substitute the term "prenatus" for the inapt expression "prenatal epoch" as an appellation for the conceptional figure. The meaning of "epoch" is a point or period of time, and only mistaken nomenclature would apply it to a horoscopic chart.

To illustrate the possibilities of reaching false conclusions the following case is of interest. It is that of a male born on 20th March, 1949, at 4 h. 30 m. p.m., G.M.T., in latitude 51° N. 30′, longitude 0° W. 07½′. This information was originally accompanied by the statement that birth had not been expected until the end of April, and, by taking the place of the Moon with latitude in both the natal and prenatal horoscopes (the latter being cast for 0 h. 20 m. 45 s. a.m., G.M.T., 25th July, 1948, at the birthplace), the rectified time of birth was found to be 4 h. 29 m. 49 s. p.m.

Now, subsequent information suggested 8½ months as the gestatory period, and a prenatal figure was found for 10th July, 1948 (6 h. 08 m. 42 s. p.m., latitude and longitude as before). In this case, however, it was necessary to ignore Luna's latitude to obtain a close confirmation of the birthtime, namely 4 h. 28 m. 39 s. p.m., about 1½ minutes earlier than recorded.

According to the dubious "sex law" the two figures are those of a male and a female respectively. Both give a birthtime reasonably close to the recorded hour, but neither is acceptable if the type of prenatus to be described below should prove to be valid. Admittedly, a figure of that type calculated for 23rd July, 1948 does not confirm the birthtime any more closely than 4 h. 28 m. 06 s. p.m., but that may be due to the lack of information concerning the actual place of conception, or on the other hand, the rectified time may be more accurate than that noted by the nurse in attendance at the birth.

Here are three "possibles," all confirming the birthtime within a reasonable margin of error, yet until definite rules have been established to make a selection possible, none can be designated the correct prenatus, owing to the absence of full prenatal data.

Cases of this sort are quite common, and confusion in the ranks of the prenatalists (and of their opponents) is not surprising when it is found that carefully-recorded birthtimes can be confirmed by different kinds of prenatal figures.

A further complication is the absence of definite knowledge concerning the relationship between the prenatus and the generative process. While it seems to be associated more with ovulation than with coition or conception, there is as yet insufficient evidence to link it with any particular physical mutation.

Another example, based on even more accurately-known data, will serve to illustrate the difficulties. It is that of a female born on 24th May, 1921, 51° N. 23′, 2° W. 23′, at 7 h. 20 m. p.m., B.S.T. (6 h. 20 m. p.m., G.M.T.). Menstruation was irregular and continued for a time during pregnancy. The first relevant coitus occurred at about 11 p.m., B.S.T., on 25th July, 1920, 51° N. 22½′, 2° W. 08′, but the parents were in latitude 53° N. 25′ and longitude 3° W. 02′ on the previous day, for which a "female" prenatal figure of the usually-accepted type can be calculated (ignoring the latitude of the Moon) for 2 h. 12 m. 35 s. a.m., G.M.T., resulting in a birthtime 42 seconds later than recorded.

Taking the Moon's latitude into account yields a prenatus for 2 h. 46 m. 34 s. a.m. on 24th July, 1920, and this gives a birthtime of 6 h. 21 m. 05 s. p.m., as against 6 h. 21 m. 29 s. from a prenatus cast for 8 h. 14 m. 24 s. p.m. on 25th July, 1920, by the method which will be detailed later.

Coition also took place on 29th July, 1920, in 51° N. 22½′, 2° W. 08′, again on 5th August in 51° N. 23′, 2° W. 23′, and on 22nd August in 53° N. 25′, 3° W. 02′, but no other conventional

prenatal figures can be found to confirm the birthtime sufficiently closely. Great care was taken in recording it (birth being assisted by instruments, labour having commenced three days earlier), and a margin of about one minute either way would seem to be the maximum permissible. This practically rules out the second and third "possibles," and so would appear to establish the prenatus of the usual kind, a kind which, however, from experience in other cases is known not to be acceptable, in that it often fails to confirm accurately-noted birthtimes.

This is the sort of thing prenatal investigators frequently find facing them, and now that the very real bogy of births in high terrestial latitudes has appeared on the horizon (in more senses than one!) the subject must be tackled anew. If the Trutine of Hermes really has a factual basis, the problem should not be insoluble, despite the assertions of many able students who have abandoned it following their unsatisfactory excursions into the field of prenatalism.

It is clear that interchanges between the Moon and the horizons of the natal and prenatal figures cannot occur in high latitudes when the luminary neither rises nor sets, and although it was suggested earlier that a strict adherence to the Hermetic doctrine might get over this difficulty, there remains the further problem of finding an ascendant for the prenatus. That, however, should solve itself once the positioning of the prenatal Moon is precisely established, and in the meantime the Hermetic interchange only need be considered. Here the fact must be faced that if it is subject to the limitations of the truncated ascendants of high latitudes, the result would be a rhythmic variation in the normal sequence of births in those regions, but as this seems not to have been noticed, presumably the luminary interacts with some other kind of "horizon," one free from ascensional restrictions.

Now, from the writer's investigations it seems that the enigma can be solved by ignoring zodiacal placements altogether and treating conception and birth as purely physical phenomena related to the mundane sphere, with ordinates based on its equatorial rotation, in sidereal time or right ascension. The point of decussation in the space-time continuum is located by the meridian of the place of observation, and the Hermetic ascendant and descendant together coincide with the colure intersecting both the great circles of the meridian and equator at right angles, passing through the east and west points of the horizon in doing so. The two semi-circles forming this colure are those of oblique ascension and descen-

sion, determined by respectively adding and subtracting 90° (or 6 hours) to and from the right ascension of the midheaven, the one forming the ascendant of the mundane sphere and the other the descendant, together bisecting the rising and setting halves of the sphere.

By this hypothesis the prenatus occurs when the Moon crosses the natal east-west colure. To locate the figure 6 hours should be added to and subtracted from the natal R.A.M.C., then from the ephemeris should be obtained the date when the Moon transits this circle at the beginning of the gestatory period, the prenatal R.A.M.C. being found from the time of the transit.

Although simple enough, the process is more involved than it need be, due to the regrettable omission of right-ascensional positions from the ephemeris (a most inexplicable exclusion, in view of the fact that the ephemeris is based on the Nautical Almanac, which tabulates such positions). However, to illustrate the method of operation, the second of the two cases previously mentioned will be used.

The first step is to find the sidereal time of birth in the usual way, from which the oblique ascension and descension can be determined, as follows:—

	h.	m.	s.		
S.T. May 24, 1921, noon G.M.T.	4	06	10		
Add interval to 6.20 p.m., G.M.T.	6	20	00		
Add correction to S.T.		1	02		
	10	27	12		
Subtract diff. in long. 2° W. 23′		9	32		
S.T. of birth	10	17	40		
Add 6 hours S.T.	6	00	00		
Oblique ascension	16	17	40	or	244° 25′
Subtract 12 hours S.T.	12	00	00		
Oblique descension	4	17	40	or	64° 25′

The next step is to locate the significant date when the Moon crossed the oblique colure. Here the scantiness of the ephemeristic data necessitates the conversion of the oblique ascension and descension into longitude, by finding (from the M.C. columns in any convenient tables of houses) the zodiacal degrees corresponding to the two sidereal times. The O.A. is found to be about 6½°♐ and the O.D. 6½° ♊, but as according

to the ephemeris the Moon had about 2° N. and S. latitude respectively when in those areas in July and August 1920, an adjustment must be made to obtain her longitude when actually on the colure. Tables of right ascension for different degrees of celestial longitude and latitude are given in Simmonite's *Arcana* and similar textbooks, from which it can be seen that the Moon would occupy approximately 6° ♐ and 6° ♊ when in the required positions.

It has already been mentioned that the birthtime resulting from a prenatus of this sort cast for 25th July, 1920, is not sufficiently accurate, and so it will not now be examined. The Moon was then in Sagittarius, and as she next crossed the colure on 9th August when in Gemini, the calculations which follow will centre on that date.

As at noon on 8th August, 1920, the Moon was in 28° ♉ 06′, and on 9th August in 12° ♊ 19′, simple inspection reveals that she passed 6° ♊ between 10 and 11 hours before noon on the 9th, which, subtracted from the S.T. at noon gives about 22 hours or so as the prenatal sidereal time. *Now, this is sufficiently close to the natal I.C. to suggest the use of the latter as the mid-heaven of the prenatus*, and the corresponding G.M.T. is next determined to enable the exact place of the Moon to be computed.

	h.	m.	s.
Natal R.A.M.C.	10	17	40
Add 12 hours S.T.	12	00	00
Natal I.C. (or R.A.M.C. of prenatus)	22	17	40
Add diff. in long. 2° W. 23′		9	32
Corresponding S.T. at Greenwich	22	27	12
Subtract S.T. Aug. 8, 1920, noon G.M.T.	9	06	46
S.T. interval, noon to prenatus	13	20	26
Subtract corr. to mean time		2	11
M.T. interval, noon to prenatus	13	18	15

This is equivalent to 1 h. 18 m. 15 s. a.m. on August 9th, or 10 h. 41 m. 45 s. before noon on that day.

The data given in the ephemeris only permit the movement of the Moon in this interval to be calculated in longitude, latitude and declination, whereas her position in right ascension is the essential requirement. While this can be obtained from Simmonite's tables, for accuracy in working it is better to

apply the usual formula to the other elements in the ephemeris, namely, to log. cosine longitude from nearest equinox (or sine from nearest solstice) add log. cosine latitude and log. secant declination (or subtract log. cosine dec.), the sum being log. cosine R.A. from the equinox (or sine from solstice). Now, owing to the variations in the Moon's rate of motion from day to day (particularly in declination) it is better to calculate her right ascension at noon on each of the three days centred on the significant date, from which it is then a simple matter to pin-point her position at the prenatus.

In calculations of this sort it is more convenient to carry out the three sets of additions alongside each other, but as space does not now permit, the figures which follow are those for noon on 9th August, 1920, only.

To	log. cos long.	72° 19′	9·482525
Add	log. cos lat.	2° S. 39′	9·999535
And	log. sec. dec.	19° N. 39′	10·026058
Answer	log. cos R.A.	71° 12′	9·508118

The right-ascensional positions of the Moon at noon on the three days are given hereunder:—

Date	R.A.	Diff.	Mean
8th August, 1920	56° 12′		
		15° 00′	
9th August, 1920	71° 12′		15° 13′
		15° 26′	
10th August, 1920	86° 38′		

The two "differences" are the mean motions of the luminary in each day of 24 hours, or approximately her actual diurnal rates at the intervening midnights, while the "mean" is her daily rate at noon on the 9th. To find the rate to use for the interval of 10 h. 41 m. 45 s. before that noon, the mean at the halfway point is obtained by proportioning the difference of 0° 13′ between the noon rate and that for the previous midnight, by the aid of the tables of proportional logarithms at the end of the ephemeris, as follows:—

To	prop. log. of	10h. 41¾ m.	·3510
Add	prop. log. of	0° 13′	2·0444
Answer	prop. log. of	0° 06′	2·3954

As the time interval is before noon, when the Moon is moving more slowly, the answer must be subtracted from her rate of motion at noon on the 9th (15° 13′), resulting in 15° 07′ as the mean rate to use.

To	prop. log. of	10 h. 41¼ m.	·3510
Add	prop. log. of	15° 07′	·2008
Answer	prop. log. of	6° 44′	·5518

Subtracting this answer from the Moon's R.A. at noon on 9th August gives 64° 28′ as her R.A. at 1 h. 18 m. 15 s. a.m., only 3 minutes of arc later than the natal oblique descension (or 12 seconds in time). Expressed in sidereal time this R.A. is 4 h. 17 m. 52 s., from which the birthtime is obtained in the following manner:—

	h.	m.	s.
S.T. of Moon at prenatus (natal O.D.)	4	17	52
Add 6 hours S.T.	6	00	00
R.A.M.C. of natus	10	17	52
Add. diff. in long. 2° W. 23′		9	32
Corresponding S.T. at Greenwich	10	27	24
Subtract S.T. May 24, 1920, noon G.M.T.	4	06	10
	6	21	14
Subtract correction to mean time		1	02
Mean time interval, noon to natus	6	20	12

This rectified birthtime is only 12 seconds later than recorded, and is therefore acceptable on the grounds of accuracy.

But is the prenatus valid? Applying the slight adjustment occasioned by the rectified birthtime, and comparing it with the natus, the following correspondences are found:—

	h.	m.	s.		h.	m.	s.
Natal S.T.	10	17	52	Prenatal S.T.	22	17	52
Subtract 6 h. S.T.	6	00	00	Add 6 h. S.T.	6	00	00
Natal O.D.	4	17	52		28	17	52
				Subtract 24 h.	24	00	00
S.T. prenatal Moon	4	17	52	Prenatal O. A.	4	17	52

It will be seen that not only is the prenatal Moon exactly on the oblique colure of both the natus and the prenatus, but the two meridional colures also coincide with each other.

Is this nothing more than a fluke? One swallow does not make a summer, and investigations into prenatal rectification spread over very many years have brought to light many apparently accurate interchanges of other kinds which have failed to repeat themselves under extended experimentation. It so happens, however, that the first case mentioned in the present article also follows the same pattern, but as full prenatal data are not available (particularly in regard to the location of the parents at the prenatus), the rectified birthtime must remain open to question.

Fortunately the pages of the Quarterly contain a few well-documented cases put forward from time to time to test the claims of prenatalists, and these amongst others have been found most helpful in testing the validity of the hypothesis now under discussion. Further details will be given in the next issue.

"MURDER MOST FOUL"

THE HOROSCOPE OF MARGARET ROSE SPEVICK

By Mabel Baudot

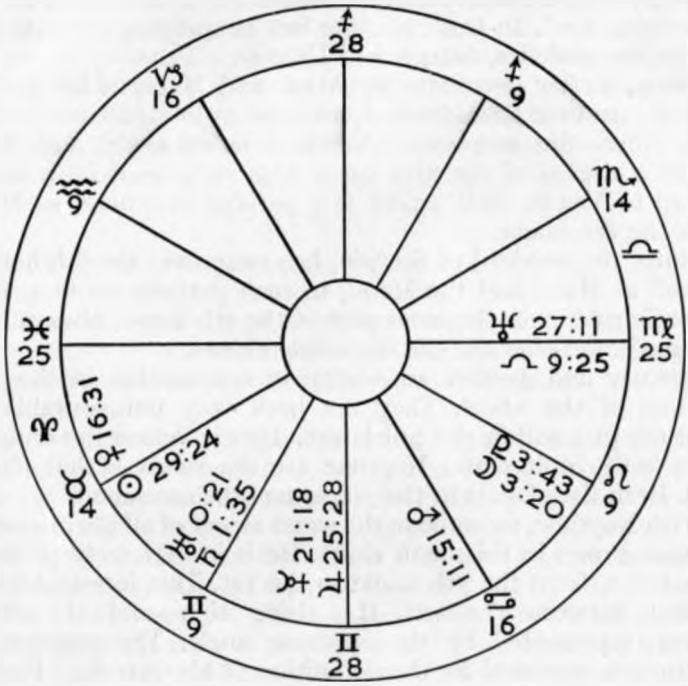
This is the horoscope of the child victim of an appalling murder.

Margaret Rose Louis Spevick was born around 2 a.m. (G.M.T.) on May 21, 1942, in London.

On Christmas Eve, 1953, she broke her arm through falling from a wall, and as she did not seem to make the progress in health which her parents desired, she was brought down to Hove early in February some weeks later, by an artist born in Spain, William Sanchez de Pina Hepper by name. He was a friend of the Spevick family, and had a little daughter of eleven, exactly the same age as Margaret. He suggested to the child's parents that as he had a flat in Hove and was going down there for a few days, he would like to take Margaret with him, feeling sure that the breezes from the Channel would do her good.

Hepper was seen leaving the house in which his room was situated at 6 a.m. on February 6th, alone.

Mrs. Spevick arrived in Hove shortly afterwards, expecting to see both her daughter and the man to whom she had entrusted the child.



Upon arriving at the house in Western Road, she was unable to get into the room, and had to descend to ask the caretaker to open the door with his own key. The room appeared to be empty, but the murdered body of the poor child was discovered on the bed, completely hidden by the bedclothes. She had been strangled.

Even a cursory examination of the birth chart foreshadows the lurking danger and the indications of a tragedy. The planetary aspects reveal these in no indecisive fashion.

There are two menacing conjunctions, in which three malefics are involved. Uranus and Saturn are in 0° and 1° of Gemini, respectively, in the 2nd house. The Moon and Pluto are found in exact conjunction in Leo 3°, the fifth sign and the 5th house.

An unnatural crime passionnel is denoted by the Moon's proximity to the dark planet. In addition, Pluto is not happily placed in Leo, as he rules Scorpio.

The Sun is in the extremely dangerous last degree of Taurus, invariably a degree of loss and sorrow. In this sad case, life itself was lost at the pathetically early age of eleven. In Taurus, the 30th degree is a particularly difficult one. It is situated

exactly on the Pleiades, the constellation of loss of a peculiarly distressing kind. In this case, the Sun is applying very closely to the two malefics, Saturn and Uranus.

Venus, in her detriment in Aries, and Mars, in his fall in Cancer, are in a formidable square, being in signs inimical to each other—fire and water. Venus is in an angle, and Mars within a degree of the fifth cusp. This cusp itself is in exact square to Venus. This aspect is a perilous one here, as Mars rules the 8th house.

Pluto, the overlord of Scorpio, has sway over the 8th house, as well as Mars, and the Moon, in such perilous contact with Pluto, is ruler over the most part of the 4th house, always said to have power over the end of earthly things.

Mercury and Jupiter are shown in conjunction in the 3rd division of the wheel. They are both very unfavourable to Neptune just within the 7th house. This increases the danger, since both Jupiter and Neptune are the rulers of her rising sign. Both the planets in the 3rd square the ascendant.

With Neptune, we come to the worst aspect of all the intensely menacing ones in this birth chart. He is in extremely perilous tug-of-war, from the 7th angle to the 1st. This foreshadows a conflict between the self—the rising sign—and the other person, represented by the opposing angle. The position of Neptune is worsened by the opposition of his own sign, Pisces, and through being in that of his detriment, Virgo.

Neptune is unpredictable and infinitely chaotic. He is the planet which figures so largely and so frequently in crimes of an appalling and baffling nature. At this stage of our evolution he seems to be enveloped in a mist. We cannot perceive his outlines clearly. Il est mystérieux et ténébreux. Cauda is in the 12th house, in Pisces, thus reinforcing the influence of this sign, which is already afflicted by its two rulers, Jupiter and Neptune. The manner of death, strangulation, is shown by the Taurean Sun, and by Scorpio reflecting into Taurus, on the 8th house, ruled by the afflicted Mars and Pluto.

The degree on the mid-heaven, Sagittarius, appears to have some connection with the half-Spanish artist, Hepper, since the sign rules Spain. The degree 28 of that sign is said to be very prominent in all important matters or tragic events in the history of the country.

There was an inquest. Before long, the police had traced Hepper at Hendaye, near the French-Spanish frontier. He was in a small pension kept by two women. As Emerson wrote "Commit a crime, and the world is made of glass."

Hepper was tried at the Lewes Assizes in Sussex, shortly

afterwards, and paid the supreme penalty of the law at Wandsworth Prison on August 12, 1954.

We are personally averse from the death sentence. Even in this fearful case of "the deep damnation of the taking-off" of an innocent child, we consider it preferable that the murderer should live, thus having full time for repentance.

" Try what repentance can,
What can it not?"

Shakespeare's deep wisdom is shown in these lines, applying to the spirit.

Margaret's photograph depicts a very pretty little girl, with the breadth of face of Taurus, dark ringlets, and the merry and attractive expression of Gemini. Also the sweetness of Pisces is discernible.

She is described by the mother as a bright and lively child.

The horoscope denotes an intelligent mind, with Mercury in his own house and sign, with Jupiter. A letter received from Mrs. Spevick contained these poignant words: "Margaret was very fond of animals. We believe that God is now letting her play with the animals she loved so dearly."

The late degree of the compassionate and tender Pisces, applying to the trine of the Moon and Pluto, and the pleasant sextile of Venus to Mercury, in the sign and house of the mind, Gemini, shows how persistently and understandingly Margaret's thoughts turned to all four-footed creatures and to birds in their flight.

Murder, always so terrible a thing, is doubly appalling when children are sent out of the world in this manner.

We are all awestruck in the face of such a tragedy, and can only breathe the tender prayer of the poet Swinburne:

"May the Gods be gentle unto these."

BEGINNERS' FORUM

(1) Concerning the prevailing discussion on one of the most basic factors in astrology, the Zodiac, signs versus constellations, I should like to know if you have dealt with Mr. W. J. Tucker's system in the Quarterly, of which I only have the issues from April 1952 and forward. Most of Mr. Tucker's books are unfortunately out of print, but I should like to know if the Editor and the Lodge think that his system, based on the fixed stars, is reliable.

(2) Does the modern view on the tropical zodiac still agree with Alan Leo's diagram in his book *Casting the Horoscope*?

(3) Would it be combined with insurmountable expenses to bring a picture of the ancient zodiac of Denderah in Egypt, mentioned in Paul Brunton's book *A Search in Secret Egypt*, with astrological comments on its age and symbolism?

(4) In connection with the editor's most interesting lecture on "Basic Astrological Points of View" I venture to put forward the idea, that the progressive horoscope is a four-dimensional figure with time as the fourth dimension, compare the thoughts of J. W. Dunne and P. D. Ouspensky in their works "An Experiment with Time" and "Tertium Organum." This proposal can hardly be a new one, and perhaps you can show some literature on the object or give some comments on it?

(5) I should like to get the exact data for Douglas Bader, born February 21, 1910, the famous British pilot, who lost both of his legs by an accident on December 14, 1931, and who became a famous pilot during the blitz. If possible you could perhaps bring it in your series of delineation?

Comments

These questions are rather outside the scope of a Beginners' Forum but it seems a pity not to make some observations on them.

(1) We have no personal experience of Mr. Tucker's methods but any readers who have used them are invited to write.

(2) There is no special "modern" view that we know of on the tropical zodiac. Some wish to reject it and some think that both zodiacs should be considered, but there is no change of opinion as to what the tropical zodiac is, only as to its importance. And those who repudiate it are few in number.

(3) The Denderah Zodiac is not particularly ancient as such things go. It appears to belong to the Ptolemaic Period, not long prior to the Roman annexation. I am not aware that it has any special astrological interest, but those who know more of such matters than I are invited to communicate.

(4) This is certainly not a matter for beginners but comments from students of the two authors mentioned would be welcome. It seems a fruitful line of thought.

(5) I am not aware of Bader's time of birth but would be most interested to have any information on this point and would then certainly like to discuss the map.

C. E. O. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From (Mde.) Mabel Baudot (Brighton)

A GARDEN FOR THE BLIND

Your readers may be interested in the map for the opening, at 6.30 p.m. (Summer Time), on May 14, 1954, of a Garden for the Blind of Hove (Sussex).

This map is strongly indicative of the philanthropic purpose which prompted its formation.

The last degree of Libra, the sensitive and compassionate, rises.* It once again, as always, denotes loss. On this occasion, being for the blind, it shows "the precious treasure of the eyesight lost."

The planets in Libra, the Moon and Neptune—with the Lunar orb applying to the great transcendental, which can be so unifying and so spiritually understanding, indicates the kindly homeliness of the Moon, inspired by the finer vibrations of the larger body.

And they are in the 12th house, which is one of confinement, or limitation of some sort. This lovely combination in a Venus-ruled air sign, is the benevolent effort to open the confines of the 12th as far as is humanely possible, to delightful scents and pleasant ease in the fresh air.

The philanthropic Mayor Brock, of Hove, had made great efforts, for many, many months, in order to raise the necessary funds for the undertaking. Officialdom is shown by Saturn, in Scorpio not far from the ascendant, in excellent sextile to Mars—the latter planet in his exaltation sign, Capricorn. Both these signs indicate authority. The Mayor's own Chaplain was present, and made a heartfelt little speech. Religion is shown by Uranus in the 9th, sextile the Sun.

The Sun is in Taurus, in good aspect to Uranus in Cancer. This seems to denote the work undertaken, as the Sun has so much to do with accomplishment and fixed purpose, and Uranus in Cancer, in the 9th, a zone of the mind, shows the thought and sympathetic care which went into the formation of this fragrant piece of ground.

The Sun is in close square to Pluto, in Leo. The reason for the garden is adumbrated here—the physical darkness which the blind have to suffer. We recall Milton's cri du cœur—

"Oh, dark, dark, dark, amidst the blaze of noon!"

Yet even in Pluto there is the law of compensation working, for this planet receives a beautiful sextile from the spiritual rays of Neptune, who is the predominating influence in this map, always, when his vibrations are rightly used, beckoning to tenderness and compassion.

Then there is finally a group of planets in Gemini, and Venus, the ruler of the rising sign, is applying to the expansive and social-

* I make the asc. about 1 ♏—a sign certainly associated with the sense of smell.—Editor.

minded Jupiter. In addition, she is in a very close trine to the Moon, and also in trine with Neptune. Jupiter is also in good aspect to Neptune. Mercury has just entered Gemini, and is still in conjunction with the Sun. The trio in the 8th is very striking, for this, the house of destruction, is also the strongest sphere of all the twelve, for *reconstruction*.

From (Mr.) E. A. Martin (Windsor)

RULERSHIP OF WORTHING

The following observations on the sign-ascription of Worthing may be of interest. I lived there for ten years and am sceptical of the association with Scorpio.

The town-motto ("Ex terra copiam, e mari salutem") looks like Virgo (horticulture and hygiene) and the first part fits in with Taurus, under which much of Sussex certainly comes, including Eastbourne.

Now, I have lived in Eastbourne and it seems imbued with a similar spirit to that of Worthing—stolid, materialistic, comfortable and respectable. Brighton has a far more vital intellectual life and a much more progressive outlook; it seems correctly placed under Aquarius.

The principal industry of Worthing is tomato and flower growing (apart from catering for the holidays) and many acres are under glass (cf. Reading). Virgo again. Music flourishes (♉).

The only Scorpio signs I noticed were the undercurrents of bitterness in some of the local Church life!

From J. Cleary-Baker, Ph.D. (Winchester)

THE DAUPHIN*

The chart of Louis XVII hardly suggests that he is likely to have survived childhood. Neptune rises retrograde in Libra, in opposition with the Sun and in square with Uranus stationary in the M.C. Pluto and Mars, conjoined, throw a wide trine to the ascending degree and Saturn ought probably to be considered "within orbs" of these two malefics. Jupiter is nowhere in the picture, being cadent and not linked in any fashion with the angles. These things point to early death and I see little reason to dissent from the official theory that the youthful Capet was poisoned in the Temple on or about June 8, 1795.

There is little mystery about Karl Wilhelm Naundorff, who could not speak the French language in his earlier years and whose several conflicting accounts of the alleged escape of young Louis from the

* See page 100 of this Volume.

Temple read like tales out of *The Arabian Nights*! He was the son of a German watchmaker, probably of Jewish extraction, and was born in 1786 at Neustadt-Eberswald, near Spandau. Like Jean-Marie Hervagault and Joseph Meuve, his claims to the throne of France were remarkable for their audacity rather than for their veracity!

Other claimants to the throne of the Bourbons were Mathurin Bruneau, born at Vezins, Maine-et-Loire, on May 10, 1784, and Claude Richemont, alias Perrein, born at Lagnieu, Ain, on September 7, 1786. In quite another class is the mysterious Eleazer Williams, who died in New York State on August 28, 1858. That he was *a* Bourbon I have little doubt. That he was *the* Bourbon is more than questionable.

A remarkable coincidence is that two of these pretenders, Richemont and Naundorff, died on August 10th. August 10th is a significant date in French Revolutionary history, being that on which, in 1792, the Swiss Guard of Louis XVI was annihilated, 5,000 aristocrats and royalist supporters were executed, and the first steps were taken towards the setting-up of the Revolutionary Tribunal which began to function a few days later. Superstitious folks may like to see in this numerical coincidence a "judgment" on the pretenders for their impostures.

From M. MATTHEWS (25 ST. ANN'S TERRACE, N.W.8)

ROBERTA COWELL—EPOCHS

I make Roberta Cowell's Lunar Epoch, July 31, 1917, 6.52 a.m.:—

X	XI	XII	I	II	III
♉	♋	♌	♍	♍	♎
$23\frac{3}{4}$	2	6	2.51	22	19
☉ ♌	☽ ♐	☿ ♌		♀ ♍	♂ ♋
7.28	27.6	25.50		3.6	2.6
♃ ♊	♄ ♌	♅ ♒		♆ ♌	P ♋
5.57	4.38	22.20 ℞		4.43	4.41

Here ♀ rises, ✳ ♂ ☌ P ♋, denoting the feminine characteristics.

☽ is in the open, sporting sign ♐, △ ☿, ✳ ♅, love of speed and racing.

☉ ☌ ♆, ♄, on 12th cusp, medical treatment in hospital.

At age 10 (first felt to be a female soul), 1°, ♅ ☍ asc. and ♀, trine ♂.

Age 30, changed physical condition began, 1°, asc. and ♀, close to □ ♂ (and birth P) — P ☌ ♆, ♄.

Age 33, P ☌ ☉, ♅ ♐ ruler ☿ (♓, 8th).

These 1° directions are very striking. There are many of them in the birth map, also progressed aspects, secondary.

In birth map, Placidean cusps, ♃ is in 5th, more likely, love of sport—also ♄, ♆ in 7th.

The Solar Epoch (Sepharials) is:—(Cusps the same as for Lunar). June 19, 1917, 9.37 a.m.

☉ ♊	☽ ♊	☿ ♊	♀ ♋	♂ ♊
27.30	25.52	5.46	11.59	3.14
♃ ♉	♄ ♋	♅ ♒	♆ ♌	P ♋
27.43	29.23	23.32 ℞	3.15	3.44

Age 30, ♃ ☌ ☉, 1° (♃ feminine sign, ruling 7th and 8th). Between 30 and 33, ☉ ☌ ♄, ♄ ☌ asc., ♆ also on asc. — 1°. Divorce, age 34, 1° ☽ ☌ ♄, ♅ □ ☉.

This is a brilliant map, ☉ ☽ △ ♅ ☿ ☌ ♂ — ♃ ✶ ♄. This is said to denote the real ego.

Note the correspondences in maps. The North Node rises at birth, ☊ 25.55—with ☿, ☽, 25° in Lunar and Solar.

Birth ruler ♃, ♊ 5 in Lunar, on ruler of Solar ☿ ♊ 5. Lunar, ☿ on birth P. The Solar ☉ on birth 7th, in the dual sign ♊.

(Solar—the first time Sun is on birth asc. or opposite, before the Lunar—with birth ☽ rising or setting.)

From MARTIN HARVEY (SÃO PAULO)

May I be permitted to add an observation to my series of Plantagenet kings published in the June A.Q.? The number might at first sight seem meagre, but statistics should be judged against the essential backgrounds in this case almost all the rulers of England during three centuries: most of them born and all but one of them elected and anointed commanders-in-chief in days when, whether they liked it or not, such commanders could lead the battle as well as ordering it. Thus I submit they are more indicative in testing the zodiac for martian and martial effects than similar experiments using hundreds of examples selected from amongst the many thousands of persons in some modern profession, brought there by multifarious ways in the same short period. I submit likewise that if some general indication be not found, then sign position is of doubtful value in interpretation. Nevertheless such an indication was found for the constellations.

My list did not include Henry V of England because two completely different dates are possible; but the one usually adopted nowadays by historians (though for the wrong year) is presumably based on a contemporary geniture showing Sun in Virgo, Moon in Gemini, and Scorpio rising—*in the constellations*. Mr. H. Bunge believes that planning, co-ordination and tactics come under Venus; yet I think the traditional view has usually placed them under

Mercury. If this be so, and if the nativity of this notable warrior be correct, we see the natural soldier and commander that we know him to have been; and the example may also suggest to Mr. Elwell why he noticed Virgo prominent in your data on soldiers. Virgo rises in the constellations for Warwick the Kingmaker, another great general.

From MARTIN HARVEY (SÃO PAULO)

FEET

An Editorial footnote in the September A.Q. asks if there were ever a person born with an afflicted Mars in Pisces who was really happy about his feet. My Mars is in Pisces (either zodiac) at the midheaven closely conjoined with Jupiter and the traditionally malefic Dragon's Tail, in square to Neptune and Uranus, and assisted only by Venus in sextile.* But my feet, now that I think of them, have given no trouble and have served me notably. In my early twenties I lived on a barren island of rock and sand in the tropics. My pleasure was in walks lasting seven to ten hours, usually with a stiff climb thrown in. Invariably and without discomfort I wore thin canvas-and-rubber shoes although other walkers and climbers rejected the lightness gained thereby because their feet could not support the sand's heat or volcanic rock through so thin a sole. Sixteen years later I did the same sort of thing in the Andes; and three years ago, at 47, I covered twenty-five miles of Brazilian highlands between the first light and early afternoon, including a considerable peak, to the distress of a young man of twenty-two, my companion, who became footsore and delayed the homeward journey. I regret these personal notes but there is no other way to answer your question. I can add that Saturn and Mercury, which might be noticed in a discussion of these things, are afflicted and in conjunction in Aquarius (or Capricorn) or in an area connected traditionally through bodily rulership with the process of walking. However, my Sun is in the 9th house in Pisces (or Aquarius) supported by the "good" aspects of Uranus, Neptune and Venus without adversity in the text-book sense. These observations support Cyril Fagan's suggestion.

From MAURICE WEMYSS (EDINBURGH)

BIRTH TIMES

Astrologers will be grateful for the birth-data included in A.Q. March 28th, p. 113, of which some are new to me: but one or two corrections are required.

* Supported by both benefics!—ED.

(1) It has hitherto been supposed that Catherine the Great was born at Stettin on April 21st (O.S.) = May 2nd (N.S.), 1729, at 2.30 a.m. I should be interested to know if Katherine Anthony specifies O.S. or merely May 2nd.

(2) Louisa May Alcott's father said of her birth on November 29, 1832 that she was born "at 12.30 today" according to the biography by E. Cheney. This has hitherto been understood to mean thirty minutes after noon. I have a note that B. S. S. says that "Jupiter rising in Pisces corresponds well with her physiognomy and habits," but I cannot now recollect who B. S. S. was.

(3) Goering was born at Rosenheim on January 12, 1893, at 4 a.m. according to his birth certificate.

(4) S. T. Coleridge was born 23 hours after noon of October 20, 1772, i.e. at 11 a.m. on October 21st.

(5) Queen Anne was born on February 6th (O.S.), 1664, at 11.39 p.m., according to the memo. by James II. That is equivalent to February 16 (N.S.), 1665.

(6) Himmler was born at Munich on October 7, 1900, at 5.15 p.m. as recorded.

In the account of Lodge Meetings on page 91, Dr. C. G. Jung is stated to have been born on August 26, 1875, at 7.24 p.m. Many years ago M. Krafft quoted the recorded time to me as *July* 26, 1875, at 7.30 p.m. July is also the month given in *Who's Who 1937*.

INTERPRETATION

In Roberta Cowell's horoscope the rules given in the *Wheel of Life* are well exemplified. There prominence of sex in the life is ascribed to a blend of Mars or Neptune or their signs Aries or Libra (especially near the 18th degree) with Venus or Uranus or their signs Taurus or Scorpio (especially the 8th or 9th degrees). That her thoughts would be much taken up with sex is shown by Mercury in Taurus 7 sextile Venus. The 18th degree of Aries-Libra is stimulated by Sun in Aries 17½. Change is denoted by the region Pisces or Virgo 13–15 (see *W.L.*, Vol. III, p. 124) and the rulers of these signs, the asteroids and Pluto-Lowell. Mars, the dispositor of the Sun was in Virgo 16, and Lowell-Pluto, its dispositor was in sextile to Mercury and in trine to Venus and the Moon. It was in the degree of Cancer denoting the breast. Pallas, part ruler of Pisces, was in Sagittarius in sextile to Uranus, ruler of Scorpio. Juno, another asteroid, was within a few degrees of the Sun in Aries. Vesta was at the beginning of Taurus not far from Mercury.

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