

THE ANGEL DRUMMER,

ON

THE MARRIAGE INSTITUTION.



CHRIST AND HIS SERVANTS BRUISING THE SERPENT'S HEAD.

A long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together.
I am the vine, ye are the branches. John xv. 5.
They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;
and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel xii. 3.



The Sun signifies LIGHT on the subject of MARRIAGE. The Serpent crawls on the Drumsticks to prevent the light.
And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. Rev. xii. 1.



THE DEVIL AND HIS SERVANTS.

And the great dragon was cast out, ["cast out" of the married state, which was designed to be a place of union and love,—heaven,] that old serpent, called the devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev. xii. 9.
For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. Rev. xviii. 23.

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COURTSHIP.

PROBABLY this gentle maid and her lover are not aware that they are in close proximity with the serpent, and the very same serpent who beguiled Eve just as she was entering into conjugal bliss.

What is by the world designated courtship, wears a different aspect in every country. This is scientifically arranged by the Destroyer. The web of the great mystery of iniquity commenced when Adam and Eve were as you see this youthful pair,—only our first parents were pure from the hands of the Trinity; the two whom we above represent have been begotten in lust, consequently not pure; but when the laws which God has eternally fixed for the protection of the married state are apprehended and put in force, then the dear children shall be born pure, and the will of God shall be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

The days of courtship, which glide away so pleasantly, are pregnant with issue above all other days of life. They demand the shrewdest investigation and keenest calculation, because present and eternal interests are at stake.

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MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

THOSE whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. The officiating minister, who stands in the centre, is now performing the outward ceremony; but the great mystery of marriage, by which they are made one flesh, is performed by the Triune God, in accordance with the great eternal plan unchangeably fixed. The minister represents the cherubim left by God at the gate of Eden, (which is married life,) with a flaming sword which turns every way to keep the way of the tree of life. The flaming sword represents the judgments of God. Turning every way means the judgments following on to the third and fourth generation in every direction, as if pursuing on after all who violate or insult the laws of the divine institution of marriage. The minister opens the garden-gate in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost, thus admitting them into the garden of Eden, which is the garden of God, (Eden represents love and union, and garden fruit or progeny,) which God wants to fill the spheres made vacant by the fall of the angels.