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EDITORIAL

WE have pleasure in recording an event which ought to be of considerable interest to all astrologers. Recently a lecture was delivered by Mr. J. M. Thorburn, a contributor to the Quarterly, before the Oriental Society, University College, Cardiff, under the title "Ancient Symbol and Present Experience"; an attempt to interpret the zodiacal symbolism of the ancient civilisations of the Euphrates Valley and apply them to modern experience. It was, in fact, a lecture by an astrologer on Astrology, at a British University, and such an event is probably unparalleled in the last three hundred years. It is to be regretted that, while even in the nineteenth century several men of great and acknowledged learning were astrologers, none had the courage openly to avow his convictions. Mr. Thorburn has acted very differently and has, we think, erected a definite landmark in the history of British Astrology. The lecture was received sympathetically and may bear good fruit in the soil of Cambria.

Astrology is indeed making progress. It might perhaps progress yet more rapidly among cultured circles if it were not frequently associated with various forms of so-called esotericism, which do not commend themselves to the philosophy of our times.

This opens a difficult question.

I have always held that Astrology is big enough to be permitted to stand alone, and in any case we do not understand it well enough to be in a position to relate it correctly to other sciences and human knowledge generally.

But while this view is very good on paper, I can quite see that in practice an astrologer has to be something more than a mere delineator of horoscopes and calculator of directions. People come with the map of a child, and the same is found to contain some severe affliction. What can be done? If one really believes in the astrological thesis, one must foretell some kind of trouble. Suppose the horoscope contains Venus in the 5th square Saturn in the 8th, one must, other things being equal, foretell the probability of deep sorrow through the death of loved ones, probably children. Now, in itself is this prophecy of any real use whatever? Let us candidly say that this is very doubtful. It is helpful to foresee trouble in one sense, but in another it means worry and anxiety long before these would otherwise occur, and it is possible that anxiety itself is a causative factor in attracting misfortune.

Consequently the astrologer nearly always has, and almost of necessity *must* have, some religious or philosophical world-view which he can offer to those that come to him. Maybe some good astrologers do not always philosophise very rationally or lucidly. But we do our best.

Very recently I heard from a widow who had rashly consulted an astrologer without first bethinking herself of the possible results of thus raising the curtain that normally veils the future. The astrologer, probably quite correctly, had told her of certain approaching directions that menaced the well-being of her children. She confessed to me that she was almost beside herself with anxiety.

Now here was a case of an astrologer who gave his consultants astrology by itself. His action was right and logical. If I consult a Harley Street doctor I

have to nerve myself to hear a purely medical opinion, candidly delivered; and if he calmly tells me I have only six months to live, I have no right to blame a physician for speaking medically. Similarly, why blame an astrologer for speaking astrologically?

Yet it is plain that the astrologer is, in practice, called on to be more than a mere astrologer; he is expected to be an understanding counsellor and comforter.

I would like to hear the views of readers on this subject: What to say to a "plain man" whom one has been obliged to inform of an impending bad direction of a serious nature? Let us suppose that he has no special interest in any "ology" or "ism," but asks for common-sense advice, such as a physician might give to a man who complains of some ailment.

It is, I am sure, because Astrology by itself is not sufficient for most people that it has become mixed with other systems of more or less "esoteric" thought, which, again, attract some, but repel others.

The fact is that our science brings us very acutely in contact with the problem of *Evil*. We find certain configurations which tend, one might say almost inevitably, to produce disorder in the emotions (sorrow), in the mind (mistakes of judgment and faulty reasoning), and in the body (ill-health). We are also shaken in our normal belief that the effects of evil can be remedied so that the sum total of evil in the life can be actually reduced. For we often see that when we have found a cure for some manifestation of a bad aspect, another promptly appears. We suffer for years from toothache because we have Mars sq. Saturn. We have our teeth extracted, and in a few months the same aspect produces another form of evil, so that we are tempted to say that we might as well

have gone on with the dental pains. This sort of thing is a common astrological experience. I mention it merely to show how the facts of our science almost force us to seek a philosophical explanation of things.

Have any of our readers noticed that Neptune is the planet of *cutting one's losses*; a painful process which we have to use from time to time in business, and, for that matter, in other affairs as well? It is often difficult to know whether it is wise to "hang on" or to adopt this measure, and in my view a good aspect to Neptune often indicates the advisability of the latter course, whilst a bad one might tempt one to do it unnecessarily—especially if Mars, the grand inciter to premature action, is also operative.

The public Press is full of the search of certain American astronomers for an extra-Neptunian planet, the existence of which is believed to be evidenced by perturbations in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune. It is stated to be in the constellation Gemini. "Isis," the hypothetical planet of Mr. Sutcliffe, is now in Aries, but it might come to pass that what some of us have imagined to be the place of Isis was in reality a point of aspect of that body—perhaps the point in square aspect to it. Meanwhile we are told that "Vulcan," whose existence was suspected as a result of irregularities in Mercury's course, has failed to appear during recent eclipses, despite careful search, and Einstein has otherwise explained the vagaries of Mercury.

Mr. Gross's article in our last issue has provoked a good deal of interest, as it deserved to do, and it is hoped that the results of further investigations in the same direction may appear ere long.

In the meantime this issue is mainly a practical

one in the narrow sense. We have two political forecasts, from Miss Elizabeth Aldrich, of New York, and from Mr. Protheroe Smith. The article by Mr. George H. Bailey is, to my mind, of prime importance. In the last number I promised an announcement on the question of Rectification. My method, which I call *rectification by prenatal transits*, is briefly explained in Mr. Bailey's article, on page 22. This article covers a much wider field, and the points which I deem specially important, as I understand them, are, first, that the sex-area doctrine is found to be unreliable, and, second, that the solar and lunar epochs are not the unique figures that one has always been taught to think them, but are merely two among many—perhaps *primae inter pares*. I am not very favourably impressed by everything that has been written in relation to these epochs, and am pleased to print an article which surveys the field in a scientific spirit. I am glad that we have such an able contributor on a subject at once so important and so intricate.

Mrs. Rowland Earp's article will elicit the applause of all readers who have a sense of humour and fun. In its special line it will remain supreme for a very long while, and it gives me great pleasure to be instrumental in placing it before a wide astrological circle.

The *Royal Oak* incident in the British Navy, followed by the discovery of four girl stowaways in the South Atlantic Fleet of the American Navy, coincided with the opposition of Mars and Neptune in degrees which certainly tend to affect matters of sex, and may have some special values in connection with naval affairs.

The formation of a great Anglo-American financial

combine, under the chairmanship of Sir Alfred Mond, is a very characteristic result of the Ingress, directly after which the lights were conjoined with the planet Uranus at the New Moon in Aries. The notion that Uranus is the irresponsible Bohemian dies hard. He is, in fact, when strongly placed, a great organiser and a lover of responsibility of a kind that would crush many, for no scheme is too vast for his control. Given a free hand he can achieve great things, but he lacks patience, and cannot stoop to the tricks of persuasion and diplomacy. Having a mighty vision before him, he expects others to share his enthusiasms and follow him without petty inducements.

Mussolini is a grand example of the Uranian, whatever one may think of his methods, and, by the way, I read that he is claustrophobic—a Uranian trait indicative of the way in which the planet detests the mere suggestion of limitation. He is also, according to an article in the *Evening Standard* for 14th April, 1928, an enthusiastic believer in Astrology.

Referring again to the Ingress, I should not be surprised if we see some great amalgamations in the iron and steel trade, and it may be that Sir Alfred Mond's company will operate in this direction. However, I do not know the exact degrees governing steel and iron, and experience has taught me that the usual method of lumping things under one sign is dangerous, because incorrect. A case came to my notice of a man who invested in a chemical business, because he had Jupiter in Scorpio. But chemicals are under $21^{\circ} 8 \text{ } \mathfrak{M}$, and, unfortunately for him, this area is under severe affliction in his horoscope. More *specialised* work of this kind is required; there is a sad lack among most students of the desire to *add something* (be it ever so trifling) to our knowledge.

Will readers please note that in future the Quarterly will appear about the 15th of March, June, September, and December, instead of at the beginnings of these months. The reason for this is purely personal to myself and will, I hope, inconvenience no one.

C. E. O. CARTER.

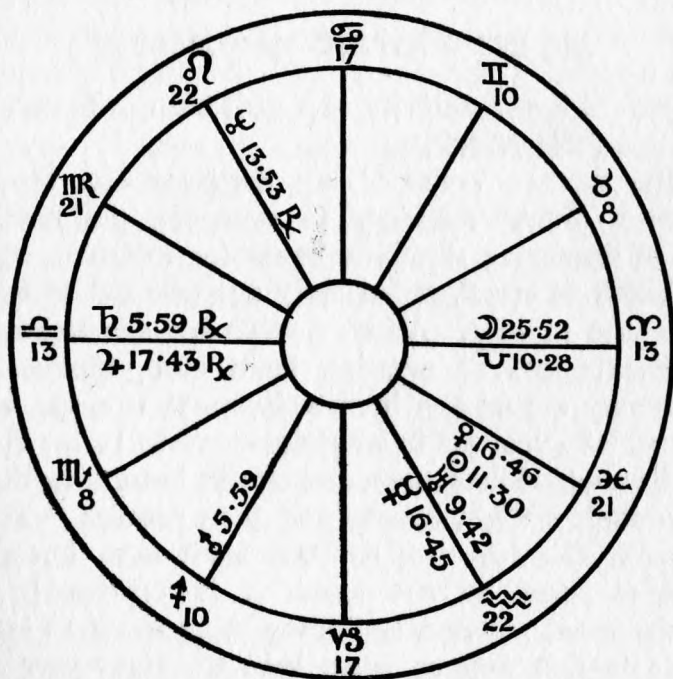
AN INTERESTING HOROSCOPE

ON page 8 is the nativity of a girl, born in Surrey at 8.40 p.m., 2nd March, 1922.

The mother writes: "My daughter has always shown a strong tendency to reversing the natural way of executing simple actions—for instance, when she began to crawl, at an early age, she did so *backwards* and rapidly. About a year ago she began to make attempts at drawing faces and objects. In portraying a face she invariably made a circle, and then added eyebrows in what appeared to be the chin. She then added eyes, nose, and mouth—and sometimes a seemingly upright beard—and then pointed to it as finished. She has dropped this habit now, but still quite as often as not looks at her picture-books upside down, apparently finding them quite as intelligible in this way as when held the right way up. She is now learning to write her letters, and in forming capitals she *generally* does so in this way (here follow several capital letters written 'looking-glass fashion'). She is, I think, rather unusually ambidextrous."

This is an interesting case. The horoscope is by no means an unfortunate one, but there are mutable afflictions which go a good way towards accounting for this peculiarity, which, we think, will gradually wane and vanish. Uranus, which so often makes

people find a strange pleasure in doing things differently from the accepted custom, is in aspect with the Sun and afflicts the Moon. Mercury is opposed to Neptune, and Mars, on cusp of 3rd, squares the Sun and Uranus in mutables. We may rely on the good aspects of Jupiter to rectify matters as its influence becomes stronger.



Ambidexterity is usually associated with ♄ ☐ ♀.

The solar prenatal horoscope shows some rather significant features. ♀ is in 13 ♋ and ♄ in 14 ♏ opposing it, and also, of course, ♄ ☉ ♀ ♀ natal. ♄ is in 23 ♏ in 3rd natal, square ♄ sph., ♄ is in 13 ♋ exactly opposed to the natal asc., ♀ sph. is exactly on the natal ♄—a very happy position.

C. E. O. C.

PEACE OR WAR?

IN considering such a question as the above, astrologers will doubtless differ in their opinions as to the most dependable method of securing reliable results. Chief reliance is often placed on the more or less regular annual phenomena of solar ingresses, lunations, and eclipses; but these, while often affording valuable information concerning current events, do not appear to cut very deeply into national life. They were wholly inadequate to explain the 1914 conflagration, for example, and since that time State issues of considerable importance have arisen more than once, regarding which no sufficient warning had been given by such figures.

A better method consists of studying the horoscopes of king or president, for there is no doubt that these bear a close relationship to the trend of national affairs. The difficulty here is that monarchs and rulers, no less than other men, have private lives whose course must be reflected, like our own, in their directions; and accordingly one is often liable to be misled if one attempts to judge of national destiny exclusively from such nativities.

These remarks are by way of explanation of the method here adopted, inasmuch as it may be new and unfamiliar to some students. Approximately every twenty years the planets Jupiter and Saturn arrive at conjunction, and this configuration proves itself to be a remarkably accurate chronometer of national affairs. Why the conjunctions of these two bodies should be so much more important than those of the other major planets is not at all evident, but it seems that they are; that in some way they correspond to cyclic periods of world development and destiny.

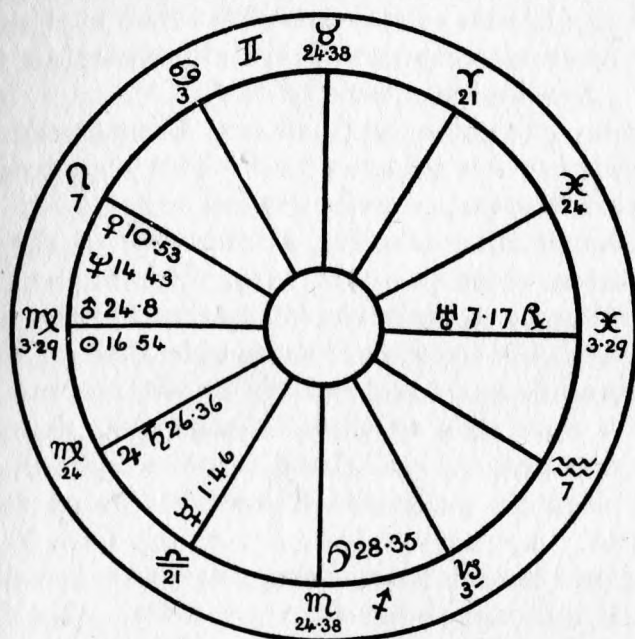
Figures cast for the moment of conjunction have been carefully examined by astrologers in the past, and have invariably shown themselves to be of paramount importance. Not only do they furnish a guide to the general trend of events during the period of twenty years over which they rule, but, in addition, directions calculated from them are found to measure closely to events. The angles, which will differ in the various countries, are particularly sensitive in this respect; inter-planetary directions, of course, affect the whole world simultaneously.

To take a single instance, there was a conjunction on 28th November, 1901, at 4.36 p.m. London. Uranus was closely setting, and the Sun received his parallel at the outbreak of the Great War. Mars, meanwhile, which at the time of conjunction was just below the 8th cusp in close opposition to Neptune, had arrived on the cusp of the 7th, the arc of direction Asc. \varnothing \varnothing mundo measuring precisely to the autumn of 1914.

Previous conjunctions having yielded equally significant positions to correspond with great events, one seems justified in regarding them as probably the most important key we have in National Astrology.

At the present time we are under the sway of a conjunction which occurred on 10th September, 1921, at 4.26 a.m. London, the positions for which are appended. This configuration endures until succeeded by the next in 1941, and there remain, therefore, approximately thirteen years of further influence before it. Regarded from the standpoint of our present inquiry, the first thing that strikes one's attention is that Mars, the natural significator of war, is obscurely placed in the figure, being cadent in the 12th house. Moreover, there is no bad aspect formed to it from

any other planet; on the contrary, it receives the trine of the Moon and the semi-sextile of the conjoined bodies. It has a close square to the meridian, but this, although it has implications of a domestic character, is not suggestive of armed conflict with a



THE CONJUNCTION OF JUPITER AND SATURN

September 10, 1921, 4.26 a.m.

foreign Power. The condition of Mars, in short, gives little reason for alarm. Next, one considers Jupiter, the ruler of the 7th house. This planet is weakly placed by sign and badly aspected, but here again the nature of the affliction (namely, from Neptune, Venus, and the Moon) is not of a kind that leads to open enmity and warfare. Much diplomatic bargaining and intrigue is denoted, more especially concerning trade and territory, but these are likely to proceed beneath the surface for the most part, and there

seems no reason to suppose that they will go so far as to disturb the peace of nations. One is probably justified in regarding the rulership of Jupiter over the 7th house as in itself a factor of importance favouring the maintenance of peace, for this suggests that such disputes as may arise from time to time will prove more easily amenable to statesmanship than would otherwise have been the case.

Finally one notes the position of Uranus setting in the 7th house and near the cusp. This is an unfortunate circumstance, especially when one reflects that the same position occurred at the time of the last conjunction which preceded 1914. This influence, in fact, will serve to maintain international affairs in an unsettled state for some considerable time to come, and divergent interests are likely to give rise to sharp disputes from time to time. Nevertheless there are reassuring factors. In the first place Uranus, like Mars, is wholly unafflicted; indeed, it has no aspect whatever. A sextile or trine, let us say from Venus, would, of course, have been extremely beneficial; but it is something—indeed, a great deal—that there is no adverse configuration. Secondly, the planet is in Pisces, where it is manifestly much less easily provoked to violence than was the case in Sagittarius (the sign which held it at the last conjunction). Thirdly, it is retrograde. The significance of this is, of course, debatable, but personally I believe there is evidence that retrogression weakens the power of any planet, and that there is therefore no occasion for distress when one finds a malefic thus impeded. Finally, Jupiter disposes of Uranus, thereby assisting greatly to restrain any crises that arise within manageable limits.

The appalling consequences of war are not likely to diminish with the advance of time, and if, as is con-

stantly stated, the horrors of the next war will be such that those of the late one will fade into insignificance beside them, then one is surely entitled to expect that the stellar indications should at least equal in severity those that preceded the last. And such a condition is plainly not fulfilled by this figure, regarded radically. It remains to take stock of directional influences.

In this connection there are two dangerous periods, one of which is now happily past. The manner of its passing, incidentally, provides us with a good deal of food for thought. It occurred when Uranus came to the exact descendant. The arc for this direction (Asc. 8 40 mundo) measured to within a month of the General Strike in 1926, and it was aggravated by its coincidence with the great fixed sign afflictions of that year which involved the mid-heaven of the figure and the position of Mars in the 12th. Such a combination was fraught with evil possibilities; and the fact that it precipitated in the way it did suggests in the strongest possible manner that questions of money, trade, and industry, rather than any external and foreign commitments, are destined to focus the nation's attention between the time of this conjunction and the next. This is confirmed by the radical import of the figure, where Virgo rising with the Sun therein, the conjunction itself in Virgo in the 2nd; Mercury, ruler of the ascendant, also in the 2nd; Taurus on the mid-heaven, all show clearly that for many years to come the economic crisis and the issues it develops will transcend all others in importance.

At present and in the immediate future the outlook is brighter than it has been for some time past. Uranus has ceased at length to disturb the place of the conjunction with its opposition transit, while the aspects formed this year and in 1929 include such

promising ones as ♀ P ⊙ R; ♂ Δ D R; ⊙ P ⊥ R; ♀ * Ψ; M.C. Δ ♀; ⊙ Δ M.C. In addition, Jupiter next year will transit over the radical mid-heaven. It is difficult to reconcile these influences with any serious trouble during the next two years, either domestic or foreign; on the contrary, they seem to foreshadow a period of increasing trade and generally better conditions, at least for a time.

The greatest crisis of the present cycle appears to lie in the years 1930-34. During this time the Sun progresses to the place of Jupiter and Saturn and the square of the Moon. Jupiter reaches the exact square of the Moon, with Saturn slowly creeping up behind. Venus is square mid-heaven radical, progressed mid-heaven being in square to Uranus. Mars is nearly directed to the cusp of the ascendant, while Neptune traverses the same cusp by transit. This does not exhaust the list of adverse aspects operating, and a very critical state of affairs will unquestionably arise during these years.

Nevertheless, it is not at all clear that such positions must of necessity imply a war. On the contrary, when one considers the significance of the radical figure, it seems far more likely that the economic and industrial difficulties already in evidence will reach their climax in from two to six years time. Considerable feeling and discontent will be aroused, and some kind of upheaval is certainly not improbable, for there is a strong 12th house element involved, and Mars, which squared the mid-heaven, will have arrived on the ascendant by progression. But the evidence points to disturbance of industry, trade, and politics, rather than to the clash of armed nations facing each other in battle. Such is the conclusion to which one is led by the radical configurations, and it is to the

radix that one always in the end returns. This it is which controls the action of all directions, determining the outlet they shall take; and there is no clear evidence discernible to make us believe that the message of Jupiter and Saturn seven years ago was that of the sword.

THE UNITED STATES IN 1928

THE Aries Ingress figure for the United States this year is exceedingly odd, since Neptunian vibrations predominate. Neptune rises at Washington and New York, and the Moon is in Pisces, a Neptune sign, while Mercury and Venus are in conjunction in Pisces and in opposition to Neptune and the rising degree. Neptune is exceedingly prominent at various times and for different figures pertaining to the United States.

As regards the general condition of the planets at the Ingress, which is, of course, the same all over the world, I see two great Cosmic factors struggling and opposing each other. As we approach the end of our cycle, members of two races, holders of two sets of ideas, are placed in the centre of the world stage. I should really say that they are opponents in the Tournament of Life, and that grim-visaged upon their mailed steeds they stand with drawn spears at the opposite ends of the lists, ready for mortal combat. One knight bears the colours of all old and outworn ideas. He stands for the sediments and the lees of life, representing the laggards of the universe and the backward or slow in evolution.

The other knight, electrically charged, stands poised as lightly as Mercury himself, while all about him scintillate and sparkle the magnetic rays of Uranus and the New Age. To my mind, one of these comba-

tants represents the Aries-Uranus-Jupiter combination, while the other represents Neptune and the Pisces planets.

But, turning from the picturesque to the practical, strange, weird things will be the order of the day all over the world, and this will be true particularly of the United States. I see one set of people a prey to superstition, the other marching under the banner of progress.

The Ingress takes place in the 8th house, and from this, I say, death will stalk in the land. And I see that some great disaster will come upon the people. Neptune and the Ascendant are both in conjunction with the great fixed star Regulus, of martial character. A few years ago, I predicted in an article in *Modern Astrology* that when Neptune came to Regulus, the League of Nations would begin to function in earnest. The increasing activity and power of the League are already amply fulfilling my predictions. The Moon in Pisces at the Ingress denotes the peaceful, non-combatant and Christ-like ideals of some of our people. Placed in the house of foreign relations—the 7th—it indicates the desire for disarmament, and the idealism of one group; but the square of Saturn shows delays and disappointment in bringing the ideal into material manifestation.

A very chaotic year is indicated, I think, with the common people much in the dark. The position of Neptune leaves them blindfold, and, in fact, there is a masquerade character to the whole situation. They will be like pitiful sheep, herded hither and thither. A great deal of terrible nervous disease will prevail, and brain trouble will be common, as will heart-complaints. Both of these will be frequent causes of death. Some great inventor will pass to the beyond very suddenly.

Also, with the Ingress in the 8th house, there will be a great lessening of the power of the rich and highly born. The matter of reparations will be much to the fore, and the finance of foreign nations will in all ways be the subject of discussion. Many suicides will occur this year, and a great many unexplained deaths. Jails and hospitals will be full, and we shall all have chronic brain-storm. There will be a very drastic and intolerant spirit in some quarters.

Foreign commerce and foreign travel will be heavy, and we will have some fresh understanding with England. A far-reaching reform in the Law Courts will become actual, instead of theoretical. The power of the Church and the clergy will be very great. They will even seem at times to regain some of their lost temporal dominion, and the Pope will make an effort to have his sovereignty restored. This effort may be greatly put forward by American influence.

The prohibition question will hold a prominent place in the public mind, and will be one of the big features in the election of the President, which takes place in November. There will be a great attack upon prohibition from all sides, and in parts of the country it will become almost a dead letter. Taking of drugs will be a fearful evil, and secret vice and some disease of an abnormal type will be prevalent. All along the line the year tends to the abnormal, the abnormally good, and the abnormally bad. A fanatical spirit will be everywhere, and sweet reason will sleep, while emotion will hold sway.

The presence of Venus and Mercury in conjunction in Pisces in the 7th house means to me that Lindbergh will continue his peace emissaryship to other nations, and that some wonderful spiritual contact will be established by the help of the Great Angel who flies

with him. Even the "hard-boiled" man in the street will realise that this young pioneer has more than a merely human power.

Women will have a great amount of trouble this year, as the affliction of the Moon promises. Also, from the same cause, the common people will suffer. This latter indication is borne out by the position of Mars in the 6th house, giving strikes and labour troubles. However, much of this will be arbitrated, since Mars is very well aspected, and clergy and courts will intervene in what might be hopeless situations.

Catastrophes are promised in plenty. There will be a bad explosion on a battleship, which will bring many deaths. There will be some heavy earthquakes, and a bad wreck at sea. In this latter, women and children will suffer, and perish. Last, but not least, the United States will suffer a repetition of last year's bad flood conditions. Heavy rainstorms will again prevail. We must also mention the fact of many houses being destroyed by fire. This will perhaps be due to the dynamiting of the river banks, of which we had so much last year.

I foresee for the United States the most bitter and acrimonious political campaign in many a year, with religion one of the most controversial points. Excitement on the religious question will run so high that we will have almost religious war. The Irish will be much to the fore, and will be in the public eye all the year. Some prominent Irishman will hold the front page of all the papers in the land. Around July 4th, this question will be most acute. There will be a vast amount of what is known as "loose talk" all this year, and many spectacular events of all kinds will take place. Vast ceremonials, which pertain to a fanatical

point of view, will be staged, and great parades and festivals will be the order of the day. There will be carnivals and orgies, which Bacchus himself might inspire. The people will be drunk—drunk with emotion, drunk with prejudice, as well as drunk with liquor.

Floods, and flood control, will be one of the vital subjects, and an issue in the Presidential campaign. There is a great likelihood of party splits, and some realignment of political parties. The issue of Catholic or no Catholic for President will be bitterly contested. Charges of graft, corruption, and improper use of money and power will be another feature. That powerful hooded order, the Klan, will take a very active part in all matters during the next twelve months, but will be opposed by other secret forces. At some time the Klan will come into the open, and appear without their hoods. We may, or may not, discover that some of our most prominent men are allied to the Klan, men whom we do not suspect of this. But whether we do discover this or not, they are allied to it. Other secret societies will also be very active, and some mysterious disappearances will be laid to them.

The Neomenia or New Moon of the year comes the next day after the Aries Ingress. Oddly enough, it repeats the hour of the Ingress almost exactly. It also falls in the house of death, and bears out what I have said of some disaster. It also bears out what I have not mentioned, that with Mercury and Venus in conjunction in Pisces, air travel across the Atlantic will be an accomplished fact. I am sure that some ambitious Levine will start a commercial line of aeroplanes. They will doubtless meet with great difficulties, and many wrecks at first, but they will go on.

I also expect some very marvellous invention, which will defy time and space, and will bring the material and spiritual more near. A musical genius will appear, and a lyric poet as great as Homer is in the epic field.

There will be times during the year when business conditions will be quite good, and the market will boom. But there are not lacking other indications, as I have said, of trouble for the common people. A market boom may come in April, and trade in autos will be most active then. Mr. Ford's new beautiful car, which has put the poor old "Lizzie" off the market, may well be called "Queen Elizabeth" and will sell by the millions.

The total eclipse of the Sun on 19th May threatens some financial complications, as well as earthquakes and perhaps twisters. I do not think that Old England will be as "Merry" as we could wish about this time, when Mars and Uranus will join in her ruling sign. Even the United States may see a war scare, with troops moving, or our versatile marines on the job. Some terrible chemical fires will occur.

There will be a lot of cool weather this year, and much dampness, with Saturdays of a character to spoil pleasure. But heat will set in around the Fourth of July, just when orators begin to gurgle their wordy addresses. It will be broken by thunderstorms, and there will be earthquakes in some parts. Some very prominent man will die around this time, and we will almost have religious war, as I have mentioned.

Neptune entering Virgo in September will change matters a great deal. It means to me that jazz is going out, and brains are coming back in. The rock-ribbed portion of our community will be to the fore,

and modesty will be put forward as a foe to license and dignity extolled as an antidote to shamelessness. Chastity and reserve will again take their place in our vocabulary, and manners and morals for young girls will return to fashion. Whether the old-fashioned girl will return I am not prepared to say, but the new-fashioned girl and the new-fashioned lad will begin to mend their ways.

The Libra Ingress brings the religious issue clearly to a head. It shows some bad wrecks at sea, legal troubles, and a period of public mourning. Business will, nevertheless, boom, and big crops promise.

At election time we may expect a good deal of heat. I do not allude merely to the well-known political process of "Getting het up," which will surely occur, but to the state of the weather. There will also be danger of much election disorder and violence, with gun-men doing their bit at the polls. There may be disorders in New England and New York. Disputes over the outcome of the election will be very bitter.

Last year, in my forecast for the States published in the spring number of *Astrology*, I predicted an aggressive spirit in the United States, and the military well to the fore. This is amply borne out by our policy in Nicaragua, and the larger navy propaganda, as well as by our disputes with Mexico. I also predicted the withdrawal of President Coolidge, great extremes of weather, bitter times in Congress, very heavy rains, the agitation about the Boulder dam and flood relief, the increasing tension on the prohibition question, great trouble in Congress about oil, much censure in connection with foreign affairs, and our being charged with broken promises and bad faith.

The Ford libel suit, and other notable trials of the year, were foreshadowed in the prediction I made about many cases of slander and libel. The predictions about crime being much in the papers are verified in the many sensational criminal and murder trials of the year, such as the Grey-Scheider case, the Hall case, the Remus case, the Hickman case, and others too numerous to mention. My predictions of much mental disease are borne out by the fact that in almost all of the mentioned cases (in fact all except the Hall case) there have been pleas of insanity, and testimony as to abnormality. I also predicted a business depression for the States, some amazing reform ideas, and inventions that would almost revolutionise the world.

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THE SOLI-LUNAR INTERCHANGES

A STEP TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ASTROLOGY AS AN EXACT SCIENCE

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To those of us astrological students who are blessed (or cursed—it all depends upon the point of view) with a scientific mind, the difficulty of producing definite statements of fact, exact in every sense of the word, as witness to the truth of our Astrology, is one of the most trying—one might even say heartbreaking—at times. Although our generalisations agree in many particulars, when we get down to seek a scientific foundation to form the basis of our computations, the lack of accurate data and the multiplicity of rules

based on approximations makes us wonder whether the very foundations of Astrology are but laid in shifting sand.

The problem of house division, for instance, is one which has never yet been satisfactorily cleared up, although the influence of the degrees held by the angles of the horoscope has been fairly well established. The directing of these points has been of great assistance here, despite the fact that it is when we enter the field of directions that qualms begin to assail us as to the reliability of our lore. If we only had an exact system on which to base accurate predictions, what advances we should make—not to say converts! It is true that we “rectify” horoscopes by directions, but even here doctors disagree over the time measure, so that at best we have to be content with approximation—an unsatisfactory basis from which to formulate accurately defined methods of working.

Yet in the rectification of the horoscope we have perhaps progressed further than we are aware. The doctrine of the Prenatal Epoch, constructed by “Sepharial” on the ancient “Trutine of Hermes,” and elaborated by Mr. E. H. Bailey, offers a means of determining the rising degree to the accuracy of a second. It would appear that with the foundation of the map so exactly defined, our researches should be easy, were it not for the disturbing factor arising from the possibility of several “epochs” being found for one horoscope, all confirming, within limits, the recorded time of birth. What rule is there to point to any one of them as being correct? The “Law of Sex,” as expounded in *The Prenatal Epoch*, by Mr. E. H. Bailey, certainly excludes some of them, sometimes even those that most nearly confirm the birth-time. Again, the period of gestation cannot

always be taken as normal—sometimes the “Sex Law” bans the “epoch” falling at the usual period, and sometimes the “epoch” which most closely rectifies the birth-map in point of time proclaims the native to be a ten or eight months’ child, so that a choice from amongst the possible “epochs” still requires to be made.

It would appear, therefore, that even here there is nothing sufficiently reliable in all cases to enable us to fix upon the moment of birth with sufficient exactitude as to form a foundation on which we can work in conducting our researches.

Further steps towards the determination of the exact degree rising at birth, however, have been taken by one of the astrologers mentioned, following along the lines of, and bearing relation to, the Prenatal Epoch, which point to a means of deciding which of all the possible “epochs” is the correct one. The method is described in detail in *The Solar Epoch*, by “Sephariel”; but briefly put, it consists of locating a further “epoch,” anterior to the Prenatal, in which the Sun holds the degree rising at birth, or its opposite, when the Ascendant of this new figure is either one of those degrees, or that held by the Moon at birth or its opposite (i.e. the Ascendant of the Prenatal Epoch). This, on the face of it, is a remarkable interchange of factors, and hints at the possibility of successfully determining the correct Prenatal Epoch and consequently the exact time of birth.

Wonderful as such an inter-relationship may appear, however, it is only part of a more elaborate network of interchanges which combine to fix the moment of birth, and which are yet waiting to be explored. Investigations made by the present writer seem to indicate that physical birth is but the last of a series

of steps all bearing a unique relationship to one another, and which perhaps offer a reason why the ascendant of the birth-map is of such importance. The Prenatal Epoch occurs in the series, and although probably it is the first of the interchanges having actual physical associations (which thus enable it to be placed within a period of time), there are other and earlier figures which may be computed and which have as definite a relationship with the birth-map, although, as far as can be seen, they have no connection with any physical event in point of time.

To explain matters further. The interchange between the degrees held by the Moon and the Ascendant of the birth-map with those of the map for the Prenatal Epoch is now generally accepted, and calls for no further explanation or comment at this stage. Also, as explained above, the "Solar Epoch" put forward by "Sepharial" involves a further and earlier interchange, in that the Sun therein holds the rising degree at birth, while either this degree or that held by the Moon at birth rises or sets. Such an interchange, however, is not analogous to that of the Prenatal Epoch, and, as a matter of fact, although present in many cases, does not invariably occur. Where it can be located it is found to be later than a further interchange on similar lines to the Prenatal Epoch, and which, occurring in all cases, definitely confirms the latter and the time of birth. The similarity between this further figure and the Prenatal Epoch lies in the interchanges between the degrees held by the Ascendant (or Moon) and Sun at birth, and those held by the Ascendant and Moon at birth, respectively.

In the true "Solar Figure," as we may call it, *the degree rising is that held by the Sun at birth, or its*

opposite, while the Sun is in the degree on the horizon of the Birth Figure, or of the "Lunar Figure" (as the Prenatal Epoch may now well be termed).

Such an interchange, occurring in addition to and confirming the rising degree of the Lunar Figure, appears truly wonderful when one considers the varying motions of the factors involved, and, apart from its value in the rectification of the Birth Figure, opens up new fields of research, and may perhaps confirm the theosophical teachings concerning the descent into birth at each incarnation.

But of that, more anon. For the present it may render the subject clearer to give a few examples.

To take a horoscope which has already appeared in these pages, that of the Editor, the figures therein given had been rectified by directions, the Ascendant holding $16 \simeq 51$, the Sun $11 \approx 49$, and the Moon $7 \ 8 \ 25$. Applying the Soli-Lunar Interchanges, the following results show how near the directional rectification was to the actual degree rising:

Figure	Ascendant	Sun	Moon	Date
Birth ..	$17 \simeq 15$	$11 \approx 49$	$7 \ 8 \ 25$	31. 1. 1887
Lunar ..	$7 \ \text{M} \ 25$	$27 \ \text{Y} \ 42$	$17 \simeq 15$	17. 4. 1886
Solar ..	$11 \approx 49$	$17 \ \text{Y} \ 15$	$17 \ 8 \ 28$	7. 4. 1886

These positions are calculated for latitude $50 \text{ N } 43\frac{1}{2}$ and 7 mins. 49 secs. West longitude. The interchanges are exact to a minute, as may be checked by those who care to do so.

Another horoscope which has previously appeared in these pages will serve for the next example. It is of a girl, and formed the subject of Prize Competition No. 1, when it was stated to have been rectified to bring $19 \ \text{Y} \ 44$ to the Ascendant. Here again the rectification is very close, as may be seen from the following Interchanges:

Figure	Ascendant	Sun	Moon	Date
Birth ..	20 ♀ 6	29 ♂ 20	6 ♄ 13	20. 3. 1916
Lunar ..	6 ♀ 13	11 ♄ 52	20 ♀ 6	4. 7. 1915
Solar ..	29 ♀ 20	6 ♀ 13	16 ♀ 50	27. 3. 1914

These Figures are set for London, 52 secs. West longitude, and through the good offices of the Editor it was possible to confirm the Lunar Figure by the period of gestation, coition being known to have taken place on 3rd July, 1915.

It will be noted by those interested in the Prenatal Epoch that in the last illustration the degrees involved in the Lunar Figure, when examined in accordance with the "Sex Laws," indicate the native to be of the opposite sex to that to which she actually belongs, although in the next example the sex is confirmed by these "laws."

In this case the interest lies in the number of possible Lunar Figures confirming the recorded time of birth, so closely that without the Solar Figure it would have been impossible to decide which of them is correct. The subject is a male, born 6.30 a.m., 1. 6. 1900, 54 N 6, 48 secs. West, when 19 ♄ was rising. Rectification by the Soli-Lunar Interchanges gives a birth-time of 6-34-9 a.m., and the position of the Moon in each of the various possible Lunar Figures is as follows:

18. 8. 1899—20 ♀ 55

31. 8. 1899—19 ♄ 52

14. 9. 1899—19 ♀ 2

27. 9. 1899—19 ♄ 29

The Figure corresponding to the normal gestative period happens to be the correct one in this case, as may be seen from the following Interchanges:

Figure	Ascendant	Sun	Moon	Date
Birth ..	19 ♄ 52½	10 ♀ 17	25 ♄ 12½	1. 6. 1900
Lunar ..	25 ♀ 12½	8 ♀ 3	19 ♄ 52½	31. 8. 1899
Solar ..	10 ♀ 17	25 ♀ 12½	15 ♀ 8	15. 1. 1899

The next case is another wherein the date of coition is known, occurring the day following that for which the Lunar Figure is set. This Figure "confirms" the sex (female), and it will be observed the native is a ten-month child. The time of birth was carefully noted as 6.20 p.m., G.M.T., and is now rectified by the Interchanges to 6-20-36 p.m.

<i>Figure</i>	<i>Ascendant</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Moon</i>	<i>Date</i>
Birth ..	15 ♍ 22	3 ♐ 0	6 ♊ 29	24. 5. 1921
Lunar ..	6 ♌ 29	0 ♏ 52	15 ♍ 22	24. 7. 1920
Solar ..	3 ♐ 0	15 ♌ 22	19 ♎ 58	6. 5. 1920

The three Figures are calculated for different places, the movements of the parents during the period being known. Birth took place in latitude 51 N 23, longitude 9 mins. 32 secs. West, the Lunar Figure is set for lat. 53 N 25, 12 mins. 8 secs. West, and the Solar for 53 N 28, 11 mins. 54 secs. West.

None of the above cases illustrates a Solar Interchange involving the actual sign on the Birth Ascendant, as now appearing in the following example:

<i>Figure</i>	<i>Ascendant</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Moon</i>	<i>Date</i>
Birth ..	29 ♌ 38	1 ♊ 29	2 ♏ 7	22. 12. 1896
Lunar ..	2 ♏ 7	4 ♎ 23	29 ♌ 38	24. 3. 1896
Solar ..	1 ♊ 29	29 ♌ 38	7 ♏ 11	22. 7. 1895

Again the sex (male) is "confirmed" by the Lunar Figure, while the recorded time of birth is only altered by a few seconds. The Figures are calculated for 51 N 22½, 8 mins. 32 secs. West.

Sufficient examples have been given to indicate the possibilities lying in this system of rectification. By its means the time of birth can be definitely located in all cases where at present it is only approximately known, thus establishing an accurate basis for detailed researches into horoscopy, both radical and progressive. In directions especially its value should be

apparent, for with the definite starting-point of an Ascendant determined by the Soli-Lunar Interchanges, it should now be a comparatively easy matter to arrive at the correct measure of time for progressions, to say nothing of formulating a simple method of directing to take the place of the multiplicity of systems at present in vogue.

What relation the Solar and Lunar Figures bear to the individual can be at present only a matter for conjecture. That such remarkable Interchanges should exist, involving the three factors in the horoscope which have so intimate a relationship to the personal make-up of the native, certainly hints at some antenatal process extending prior to the physical relations between the parents, and which yet bears a close association with the birth of the Ego into the material world. These Interchanges certainly appear to present proofs of the pre-existence of some non-material part of the individual, and to the writer's theosophical trend of thought the Soli-Lunar Interchanges offer a tangible demonstration of the revivification of the different permanent atoms of the lower bodies of the Ego during the descent to birth at each incarnation. This, however, opens up a wide field of speculation, which must wait a suitable opportunity for elaboration; although in the meantime there is no reason why definite research cannot be attempted in this direction.

Even in the mere computation of the Interchanges more research is needed, so that definite rules determining the variations of the factors employed may be stated. In his investigations the writer had confined his attentions to interchanges occurring before the Lunar only; and to the Editor, Mr. Carter, the credit is due of the discovery of what he has termed "Prenatal Transits," which consist of further inter-

changes occurring between the Lunar and Birth epochs, at the time when the luminaries last passed (prior to birth) the degree on the horizon at birth. It is found that the luminary or one of the other factors is then on the horizon or meridian, although in the case of the Moon's transit, the figures are not always exact to a minute. To illustrate this point and to introduce other interchanges, the example taken from the Editor's birth data will be repeated with these additions:

Figure	Ascendant	Sun	Moon	Date
Birth	17 \approx 15	11 \approx 49	7 8 25	31. 1. 1887
Prenatal Transit	{ 17 \approx 15 25 \approx 35	{ 25 ∇ 35 7 \mathbb{M} 25	{ 17 \approx 22 23 \uparrow 37	{ 16. 1. 1887 30. 10. 1886
Prenatal Transit	{ 11 \approx 49 19 \mathbb{M} 31	{ 17 \approx 15 11 Ω 49	{ 19 \times 31 9 \approx 10	{ 10. 10. 1886 4. 8. 1886
Lunar	{ 7 \mathbb{M} 25 7 \mathbb{M} 25	{ 7 8 25 27 ∇ 42	{ 24 \approx 37 17 \approx 15	{ 27. 4. 1886 17. 4. 1886
Solar	11 \approx 49	17 ∇ 15	17 8 28	7. 4. 1886
Sampson's S.P.H.	11 Ω 49	11 \approx 49	4 ∇ 34	31. 1. 1886
Pre Solar Inter- change	{ 17 ∇ 15 2 \mathbb{M} 00	{ 7 \mathbb{M} 25 7 8 25	{ 6 Ω 21 17 \approx 15	{ 30. 10. 1885 27. 4. 1885

It will be noted that the Solar Prenatal Horoscope put forward by Mr. W. H. Sampson occurs in the series, although it will be as well to add that such is not invariably the case. To the writer the last interchange on the list is the most significant of all, for there the Sun and Moon are together involved, holding respectively the degrees occupied by the Moon and on the Ascendant at birth. This interaction between both of the luminaries and the birth factors appears to occur in all cases, although the degrees involved are not always exact to a minute, as in the case given above. Can this special interchange indicate the point of time when the urge to rebirth occurs to the Ego, on the Causal Plane? It would appear that then the fundamental note of the next incarnation is

struck by the Masterhand of Fate, to run by an arpeggio to the crashing chord of birth.

In conclusion, the writer wishes to express his indebtedness to *The Solar Epoch* in providing a stimulus to undertake these investigations, and offers no apology in quoting the words of "Sepharial" terminating that thesis:

"The Solar Epoch, when thoroughly explored, will, in my belief, hereafter hold a place no less important than that accorded to the Lunar Epoch in the estimation of all progressive students of the science of Astrology."

If the Soli-Lunar Interchanges only find a place in the computation of the correct birth ascendant, a big step forward towards a scientific Astrology will have been taken.

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DEAR MR. CARTER,

It was with much interest I read your statistics on Infant Mortality and Longevity.

With regard to the Moon in Taurus showing a somewhat heavy list of "casualties," *for infants*, my theory, if I may put it forward, is that the Moon, being exalted in this position, is highly charged with magnetism.

We cannot doubt, therefore, that the vibrations are too powerful for many babies of a psychic temperament until their bodies are able to withstand the strain.

Once, however, these infants have reached a certain age, it would appear they thrive wonderfully, outstripping probably those born with the Moon elsewhere.

This is fully borne out by your conclusions wherein you cite the Moon in Taurus as the birth position of a high percentage of long livers.

A line from you would be very interesting if you have an opportunity; or should you care to use this letter for your good Journal in any way, please do so.

Cordially,
C. COXON.

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*

GREEK MYTHOLOGY AND CHANGES IN SIGN RULERSHIP

SIR,—

As a common or garden student of Astrology, I was amazed at the remarkable revelations in your last issue regarding the real rulership of the zodiacal signs, and was no less surprised to find no hints therein relating to a possible increase in the number of the signs to accommodate the complete crowd of the Greek gods (not to say heroes!). Be that as it may, your talented contributor appears to have inside information in regard to the inner influences causing the apparent changes in the world to-day, and should therefore be accorded an opportunity of substantiating his somewhat subversive assertions.

In so far as national Astrology is concerned, he has proffered (although somewhat indeterminately), by means of the trend of events taking place—or about to take place—in the life of the nations to-day, some testimony tending to establish his claims; but much more proof than this will be required, in other branches of our science, before the astrological world can be expected to modify or even review its doctrines.

Unfortunately, Genethliacal Astrology offers little scope for such demonstration, for it appears that modern research tends to relegate sign rulership to a relatively subordinate place in astrological practice, subservient to influences such as are ascribed to the decanates, terms, navamsas, individual and critical degrees; the nodes of the Moon and planets; the part of the fortune and all the other "sensitive" points; midway points and opposite points; the Arabic parts; the fixed stars and nebulae; the house cusps of Placidus and Campanus; the degrees of the constellations, prenatal epochs, heliocentric positions, mundane and other aspects; and many more such valuable aids to correct delineation. Indeed, other hypothetical planets and moons are often used in the exposition of

horoscopic mysteries, and an attempt to assign a place to new Planetary Gods from Greece when revising natal formulæ may result in the rebellion of those domiciled in Edinburgh!

Yet opportunities exist for this mythographer to subject his theories to practical tests. Horary Astrology offers a wide field for demonstration, and has remained for centuries secure in the inviolability of its leading tenet of sign rulership. True, other modern students have sought to ascribe new rulerships to some of the signs, but one never reads of accurate predictions based on Uranus or Jupiter (and now Mars, forsooth!) as ruler of Aquarius. If all is now to suffer change, let the herald of the new regime produce his proofs on lines that all can examine or verify, or pass to the limbo of forgotten prophets as the author of nothing but a travesty on the rulership of the astrological signs.

En avant, Messieurs les Astrologues! Livrez bataille!

I am, Sir,

Yours in Astrology,

BM/ZPSE.

LONDON, W.C.1.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—*It is only fair to Mr. Gross to point out that his failure to include more concrete evidence of the validity of his system was probably due to his desire not to take up too much space in the magazine, rather than to lack of evidence or unwillingness to bring it forward. After all, each can easily test these suggestions for himself.*]

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*

DEAR SIR,—

For many years I have been an astrological student, and have recently often been asked to work horoscopes for a fee. Considering the uncertain status of the professional astrologer, and the unpleasant fact that he is often confounded by the authorities with fortune-tellers, I feel somewhat unsafe in working for money, and should be infinitely obliged if you could give, in the pages of your valuable quarterly, an authoritative statement of the strictly legal aspect of the question: Is it, or is it not, entirely within the law to cast horoscopes for money?

With many thanks in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

T. E. P.

REPLY

[As we understand the matter, the offence lies in attempting to foretell the future for money with intent to deceive. Further, the lower Courts are still bound by a decision of a Divisional Court of Appeal, made almost a century ago, to the effect that the prosecution need not prove such intent, because, as the learned judge then stated, it is obvious that no one seriously believes in Astrology. Until a case is carried to a higher Court, this decision remains paramount.]

It is, however, as we understand, no offence to do nonprophetic astrological work, such as calculations or character-delineation pure and simple, for fees. To charge for definite forecasts, as that such and such an event will occur on such and such a date, is definitely illegal; but we think we are right in saying that the police, as a rule, do not take action without first warning the practitioner, and that such action is usually the result of complaints received by the police.]

THE WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

TAKEN on the whole, the summer promises this year to be a favourable one.

During the first three weeks of June, Mars, which held the nadir at the Vernal Equinox, receives the sextile of the Sun, and in the third week of the month it approaches the radical descendant by transit. The weather should accordingly be mostly fine during this period, and after the beginning of the month seasonable temperatures are likely to predominate.

At the Summer Solstice, Neptune culminates a little west of the meridian and in conjunction with the Moon. On the other hand, the ingress itself occurs in sextile to Jupiter; a powerful asset which is fortified by the transit of Jupiter near the western angle throughout the quarter.

In the latter part of June mainly fair warm weather should prevail ($\odot \times 24$), except in western districts, where it will be rather unsettled.

During the first half of July, Mars, in conjunction with Jupiter, will give fine, dry weather, and in the early part of this month extremely high temperatures are likely to occur. Afterwards, rather less settled and cooler conditions are probable; but heavy or prolonged rain will seldom occur, at any rate in Eastern England, where rainfall totals for July are likely to prove substantially less than the average.

The prospect for August is hardly so promising. The first few days of the month should be mainly fair ($\odot \square 24$); but subsequently the successive conjunctions of Venus, Mercury, and the Sun with Neptune on the mid-heaven of the Solstice threaten a period of more or less unsettled weather lasting for about a fortnight, during which rain will probably occur fairly frequently, though not as a rule perhaps in very large amounts.

Later in the month Jupiter falls stationary on the descendant of the Solstice at the same time as it arrives on the lower meridian by progression. A spell of fine warm summer weather may therefore be expected in most districts during the last week of August, persisting into the early days of September ($\odot \triangle 24$).

June 1-5 Cool. Occasional rain or showers at first, particularly in the south and east, but weather generally becoming fine. Finest in the west during this period.

June 6-10 Mainly fine and dry.

June 11 A momentary slight break in the weather about this date; but rainfall generally slight in amount.

June 12-16 Mainly fine and warm. Some high temperatures are probable.

- June 17-21 Warm, but not really settled, weather. Fine sunny periods alternating with showery intervals.
- June 22-30 Mainly fair and warm in the east apart from showers. Rather unsettled in the west.
- July 1-4 Becoming very hot. Extremely high temperatures are likely to occur. Fine weather, but some risk of thunder.
- July 5-8 Continuing fine and warm, but less hot than before.
- July 9-15 Fair. Temperature falling.
- July 16-18 Mainly fair in the south and east; unsettled in the west and north.
- July 19-24 Rather unsettled, but considerable fine intervals.
- July 25-31 Fair, apart from scattered showers. Temperature probably rather low near the end of the month.
- Aug. 1-5 Fair, except in the extreme west.
- Aug. 6-12 Cool and unsettled.
- Aug. 13-16 Rather unsettled, but considerable fair periods. Tendency for thunder.
- Aug. 17-20 Fair to showery weather likely to predominate.
- Aug. 21-24 Unsettled.
- Aug. 25-Sept. 4. A spell of generally fine warm weather in the east; mostly rather unsettled in the west.

NOTE.—The dates should be regarded as approximate.

EVERYDAY ASTROLOGY

By ROWLAND EARP

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THERE seems to be an idea abroad that Astrology is something remote from ordinary daily life—that it is something entirely esoteric or exotic, or, at least, that it is a more or less harmless crank, appealing only to the few.

That Astrology enters largely into our everyday life, and into our ordinary conversation, is a statement with which, I think, the commonplace person,

"the man in the street," as he is called, would hardly agree; and yet it seems to me that "the man in the street" himself is by no means a bad astrologer—that, in fact, he "hits the bull's eye" very neatly, though unconsciously, many a time.

Consider, for a moment, how many of our ordinary expressions have an astrological correspondence, evident to anyone having the slightest and most elementary knowledge of Astrology.

Take, for instance, the basis of our astrological system, the twelve Signs of the Zodiac.

Perhaps you may remember the old rhyme, which sets forth their sequence so concisely:

"The Ram, the Bull, the Heavenly Twins,
And, next the Crab, the Lion shines,
The Virgin, and the Scales.
The Scorpion, Archer and He-Goat,
The Man that holds the Watering-pot,
And Fish with glittering tails."

(Ascribed to ALLAN CUNNINGHAM, 1784-1842.)



We have, therefore, to begin with ♈ the Ram—a fiery, impulsive, forceful sign, which, as you know, rules the head, and is associated with the 1st house of the horoscope; standing for the ego, the I, the individual.

The ☉ is in ♈ from 21st March to 21st April each year, and is said to be "exalted" in this sign.

We are reminded of the fact when we hear that rare individual described, in whom the head and the heart are said to be perfectly balanced.

But more often we hear a person described as fiery, headstrong, heedless and egotistical.

He is said to "go head first" at everything, has many "hairbreadth escapes," sometimes "loses his

head," and sometimes, unfortunately (especially if the ♃ be in the sign, and afflicted), is inclined to develop "swelled head"; and, under great mental stress, is in danger of becoming "light headed," since everything "goes to his head."

Occasionally he is "cheeky," sometimes "sheepish," and is always inclined to be go-ahead.

He is often considered a firebrand, especially when he "blazes with indignation," or is said to be as "mad as a March hare," or "mad as a hatter," and is frequently the "black sheep" of the family; yet, by hook or by crook, he usually succeeds in realising his ambition to be at the head of things, despite the fact that he sometimes has "a bee in his bonnet."

And whilst the "man in the street," unacquainted with Astrology, is thus describing him, he is unconsciously, but quite clearly, laying stress upon the fact that ♈ is the predominant sign in the horoscope, and that the native is manifesting the corresponding qualities.

♈

And so with the next sign, ♈, the Bull, the sign of Fixed Earth, ruling the throat.

When we hear a man described as a bully, or a coward (the two are frequently one), as stiff-necked, beefy, or bovine, we know that our friend is describing a person in whose horoscope the less pleasing attributes of ♈ are manifested.

He is said to "trample underfoot" all opposition, and, when enraged, to be like a mad bull, or "a bull in a china shop"—it then becomes necessary to "take the bull by the horns."

Yet we must not forget to give ♈ credit for the fact that there is some "milk of human kindness" in the sign (*Macbeth*, act i, sc. 5).

Of course, "Irish bulls" are proverbial—and we all know that 8 rules Ireland.

Then 8 governs the 2nd house in the horoscope—the house of riches—and when a person attaches too much importance to wealth, he is said to "worship the golden calf"—and the "man in the street" is apt to reflect ruefully that he does not "get much change" out of 8.

The following is a little dialogue which actually took place during the hearing of a case in the High Court of Justice.

Sir Edward Marshall Hall, the eminent K.C., was cross-examining, and said, "What I am suggesting to you is that you are a bully and a coward."

The Taurean reply was, "I am not. You may browbeat and bully me as much as you like, but you will get no change out of me."

8, you see, was determined not to "give himself away."

II

Then we come to Π , the Twins, the sign of Mutable Air, governing the hands and arms, and having φ as the ruling planet.

When we hear a person described as "breezy," "off-hand," or "mercurial," we think at once of Π , as we do when we hear of a handy-man, or of one who is underhand, or who has not yet learned to keep his "hands from picking and stealing"—and is therefore dubbed "light fingered."

He is frequently described as "quick in the up-take," and at "putting two and two together."

In his youthful days he is apt to be rather "a handful," and is not infrequently called a "young monkey," or a "chatterbox."

He soon "gets his hand in," and can "turn his

hand " to most things, yet it is sometimes said that " what he gives with one hand he takes away with the other," and sometimes he is said to over-reach himself.

He always has " a great deal on hand "—so much so, that when he wants a thing, he cannot always " lay his hand on it."

But we must admit that though his hands are always full, he is ever ready, in an emergency, to " lend a hand."

Occasionally he " lets his tongue run away with him," and it is often a " toss up " as to whether he upholds you or " lets you down."

Yet, on the other hand, how fascinating can these airy people be!

Is it not ♀ who " sings like a bird," who twists her admirers " round her little finger," and keeps them under her thumb in a constant tremor of uncertainty, knowing full well that it is a case of " touch and go " if she but raise a finger?

And surely it is ♀ who always welcomes you " with open arms."



When we hear a person spoken of as " motherly," we may be sure that ♀ is strong in the horoscope.

You know the saying that " in the best women there is always something of the man, and something of the woman in the best men," and I think you will find this to be true of ♀ men especially—though, thanks to his protective shell, ♀ is always " a hard nut to crack."

We are reminded of the less amiable characteristics of the sign by the words moony, moody, crabby and house-proud; and of the more pleasing qualities by the terms homely, beaming, sensitive and psychic—and

the natives of this sign are never lacking in "homely mother-wit."

♊, by the way, is always busy "getting things into shape," as is not surprising, considering the rulership of the ♃ over the sign.

Perhaps it is this rulership of "the inconstant moon" (*Romeo and Juliet*, act ii, sc. 2) which sometimes gains for ♊ the reputation of "playing fast and loose."

Though deeply attached to his home, he is often a wanderer by both land and sea, and he turns night into day; for, while others sleep, he is still busy, burning the midnight oil.

♌

♌, the Lion, the sign of Fixed Fire—ruled by the ☉ and governing the heart—is at once suggested by the words sunny, radiant and hearty.

No need to put to him that ever-popular question, "Are we downhearted?" The emphatic leonine reply is a forgone conclusion.

Little wonder that he is often "lionised" and spoken of as being "brave as a lion."

Sometimes he may be described as grim and even savage, and, in his wrath, he may resemble "a raging lion," for he is somewhat hot-tempered, and it needs a brave man then to "beard the lion in his den."

But usually we think of him as "born in the purple," royal and kingly, faithful and true, for it is said of him, "Leo loves but once."

♍

♍, the Virgin, the sign of Mutable Earth and ruler of the 6th house—the House of Service—is vari-

ously described as "maidenly" and "womanly," sometimes by the rough and ready as "old maidish," or, by the more discriminating, as "Madonna-like."

It is as though the characteristics of Mary and Martha were united in this complex sign, which manifests such dual qualities.

Outwardly practical, critical, matter of fact, "cumbered about much serving," and "careful and troubled about many things," ♀ manifests as Martha.

Inwardly ever striving to attain to the spiritual ideal of the sign—the perfection and purity of the Madonna—♂ would fain live the life of Mary.

"Pray without ceasing," whispers the inner voice.

"Work is worship," replies the practical mind.

Perhaps it is on account of this dual attitude that ♀ is sometimes said to "get the best of both worlds."

"To the pure all things are pure," and no sinner is so hopeless but that ♂ implores him to "turn over a new leaf."

♂, as you know, rules printed books, and perhaps that is why ♀ so often suggests that you should "take a leaf" out of someone else's book.

♂ is a body who is always busy—sometimes even a "busybody."

The 6th house rules, among other things, dress; and "spick and span" and "neat as a new pin" are phrases frequently applied to ♂.

I do not quite know how to reconcile the rulership of dress, and of thrift and carefulness, both of which come under this sign—unless it be true, as I heard recently, that whereas it used to take a year's hard work, on the part of a sheep, to clothe one woman, the efforts of a single silk-worm now suffice.

Perhaps we only attain to the full virtue of the signs by degrees.



We recognise ≡, the Scales—Cardinal Air, ruled by ♀—in the well-balanced, or the lop-sided, person, as the case may be, according to his stage of development; for we must not imagine that the virtues of the signs are our birthright in any case. They are, as I have first suggested, rather the ideals to which we may attain after much “prayer and fasting,” or the equivalent.

≡ is frequently described as “sitting on the fence,” in order to “wait and see.”

Still, “it’s an ill wind that blows no one any good,” and, as ≡ is usually “a thing of beauty,” he may be “a joy for ever”—especially to those who do not reflect that “beauty is but skin deep.”

≡ likes to “clear the air,” and he will have his own way, even, as he says, if he “swings for it.”

≡, being the Sign of the Scales, or Balance, is naturally much occupied with ideas of adjustment and equilibrium, and, of course, with all 7th house affairs, such as partnership and marriage.

A rather characteristic example of this recently came to my notice, but I really almost hesitate to quote it on account of its pronounced and unabashed cynicism.

Still, as a faithful recorder of astrologically characteristic remarks, perhaps I owe it to you to repeat one so typical.

A ≡ woman was speaking:

“After all,” she said, “things are fairly evenly balanced. For instance, some women are happy; and the others—have husbands.”

Rather cynical for ≡, wasn’t it?

But ≡ can be cynical, especially when his, or her, intellectual outlook is tinged by a ray of ☿, from the

opposite sign ♈, instead of being ruled entirely by the "sweetness and light" which we associate with the natural ruler, ♀.

♏

♏, the Scorpion, or the Eagle, the mysterious sign of Fixed Water, is spoken of as deep, unruffled, reflective, and sometimes as "eagle-eyed."

He occasionally "gets into hot water," and he can be "stinging" at times; and, not infrequently, you "can't get to the bottom" of him.

♐

♐, the Archer, the sign of Mutable Fire, ruled by ♃, we are not surprised to find described as jovial, sporting, horsey, well-groomed, swift as an arrow, and straight as a dart; and always ready, without turning a hair, to take a sporting chance.

Knightly and chivalrous, his standard is high, though he may not always be quite "up to the mark."

He is a little inclined to "ride rough shod" over others, and his "winged words" usually find the weak joint in the armour of his opponents.

He has been known to "kick over the traces," and he sometimes causes a "nine days' wonder," which, however, may turn out to be "a mare's nest," and, "between two stools he may come to the ground." This may be the result of his having "two strings to his bow."

Nevertheless, he usually runs well "in double harness," though sometimes "the grey mare" is said to be "the better horse."

He is always inclined to indulge in day-dreams, and occasionally he suffers from nightmares.

♄

♄, the Goat, Cardinal Earth, ruled by ♄ and associated with the 10th house and the zenith of the horoscope, is naturally described as somewhat Saturnine and unbending—unless, manifesting the opposite extreme, he be weak-kneed.

He is always a climber, and sometimes attains to great heights.

The crocodile is another symbol for ♄, and he is sometimes accused of shedding "crocodile tears."

I really have quite an admiration for the judicial manner in which the "man in the street" sums up the Signs for us, and for the neat way in which he suggests shades of meaning.

When he applies the term "giddy goat" to ♄, he very aptly suggests the touch of contempt which ♄, in that guise, arouses.

♁

But when, with a smile, he describes the faulty Aquarian as a "silly owl" or "a bit of a crank," a sense of kindly tolerance and discrimination is conveyed in the phrase; for ♁, though he may be odd, erratic, and even exasperating, yet never ceases entirely to be a denizen of the 11th house—"a man and a brother."

The Owl, emblem of wisdom, and the Man, the most evolved of the human signs, are his symbols—yet he is sometimes described as inhuman and cold-blooded, though more often he is said to be "manly."

True to his 11th house rulership, he is optimistic, in spite of the fact that he is occasionally "under a cloud."

Despite his friendliness, he is sometimes said to be "a wet blanket" and to "put a damper on," or to "pour cold water on," one's pet plans.

The ☉ is in this sign from 21st January to 18th February each year, and this period covers the wet season commonly called "February Fill Dyke."

♈

As for ♈, he is easily recognisable in the "queer fish," not infrequently described as "flabby" and "slippery," "thin skinned" and "down at heel."

A tramp, it may be, footsore and weary, and knowing only too well "where the shoe pinches," yet footing it cheerily and persistently, always trusting that someone may "set him on his feet again."

Sometimes he is landed in a difficulty, and has to "toe the line," and then, though he does his best to "tackle his job," he is likely to "get the hump" and to feel he "can't stand it."

However, he generally manages to "fall on his feet," and he is always inclined to "take it easy," for, as he says, "it will be all the same in the long run."

Often lacking in vitality, he not infrequently suggests that queer paradox and somewhat mixed metaphor, a fish out of water with one foot in the grave.

So much for the "man in the street" and his phraseology.

Don't you agree with me that it is very much to the point, and that he is more astrological than he knows?

If there be a fault to be found with him, it is perhaps that he is more apt to see the failings than the virtues of the Signs, and to be a shade too critical and too severe in his judgment.

For we all, natives of whatsoever Sign we be, have only too much cause to say:

Be to my virtues very kind,
And to my faults a little blind.

NURSERY RHYMES

It seems to me that our lives are pervaded by Astrology from our earliest years.

Is not the infant mind led, at a very tender age, to reflect on the wonders of the heavens by those immortal lines, beginning:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star!

And consider the astrological correspondence suggested by so many nursery rhymes.

♈

Is not ♈ the inspiration of

Baa, baa, black sheep.

Little Bo Peep, she lost her sheep.

Mary had a little lamb?

♄

And does not ♄ suggest

Sing a song of sixpence.

Little Boy Blue, come blow up your horn.

Hey, diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon?

(This is evidently a little astrological joke. The ♄ is "exalted" in ♄—but here, ♄ jumps "over the moon.")

♁

♁, ruling Wales, is unblushingly evident in

Taffy was a Welshman, Taffy was a thief.

♌

The deep symbolism of ♌ is suggested in

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,

All the King's horses and all the King's men

Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together again.

There is also

Rock-a-bye, Baby, on the tree-top,
When the wind blows the cradle will rock,
When the bough breaks the cradle will fall,
And down will come Baby and cradle and all.

A sudden descent into the 4th house!

♊

A duet between ♊ and ♋ is suggested by

Girls and boys come out to play,
The moon it shines as bright as day.

And ♊ is implied by

Old King Cole was a merry old soul.

♊

Mary is a name ruled by ♊, and certain attributes of ♊ are very neatly conveyed in

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How does your garden grow?
Silver bells and cockle shells,
And pretty maids all in a row.

♎

♎, the Balance, suggests

See-saw, Margery Daw,

and the well-matched pair, Jack Sprat and his wife. I dare say you remember that

Jack Sprat could eat no fat,
His wife could eat no lean,
And so, between the two
They left the platter clean.

A very equitable arrangement, quite in the best traditions of ♎.

⌚

⌚, the deep and mysterious, surely inspires
Ding dong bell, Pussy's in the well.

†

Whilst † is evident in

I had a little pony, his name was Dapple Grey.
Bye, Baby Bunting, father's gone a-hunting,

and especially in

Ride a cock-horse to Banbury Cross.

This is a very interesting rhyme, because it evidently includes references to the other points of the mutable cross.

Ride a cock-horse (†) to Banbury Cross (surely a reference to the common cross),

To see a fine lady (⌚) ride on a white horse (†),

With rings on her fingers (⌚), and bells on her toes (⌚),

She shall have music wherever she goes.

⌚

⌚, cold, severe and unyielding, and ⌚, the representative of Old Father Time, seem to be the foundation of

Hickory, dickory, dock, the mouse ran up the clock,

The clock struck one, the mouse ran down—

Hickory, dickory, dock.

⌚ may hurry and scurry hither and thither, but time ticks on relentlessly, and ⌚ monotonously repeats

Hickory, dickory, dock.

⌚

⌚, the Water Bearer, so often alone on his hill-top, despite the friends and companions who cluster round

⌚

him at its base, and whose originality arouses so many would-be imitators, no doubt inspired the ill-fated ambition of Jack and Jill.

You remember

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To get a pail of water,
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

⌘

⌘, no doubt, is represented by the

Old woman who lived in a shoe,
She had so many children, she didn't know what to do.
So she whipped them all round and sent them to bed,
And gave them some jam without any bread.

So like ⌘, the well-meaning and unpractical.

Then there is "The House that Jack Built"—a fascinating rhyme which seems to include a reference to every sign in the Zodiac. It runs :

♏ This is the farmer, sowing
♊ His corn,
♈ That kept the cock that crowed in the morn,
♐ That wakened the priest all shaven and shorn,
♋ That married the man all tattered and torn,
♏ That kissed the maiden all forlorn,
♉ That milked the cow with the crumpled horn,
♊ That tossed the dog,
♏ That worried the cat,
⌘ That killed the rat,
♏ That ate the malt,
♊ That lay in the house
♏ That Jack
♊ Built.

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The two jealous sisters are ♀, and the fairy god-mother is ♄, ruler of the 9th house, the house of dreams and visions, and of countries that are far away—even as far away as Fairyland.

GAMES

Soon, nursery rhymes are left behind, and we find Astrology prompting our games.

♄ I spy.

♄ Pitch and toss.

♂ Paper chase. Battledore and shuttlecock. Cricket.

Though what the little (mutable air) ♀ enjoys beyond everything is going in a "puff-puff."

♄ "Here we come gathering nuts in May"—in which the action represents the advancing and receding waves of the sea.

♄ Puss in the corner.

♄ Cards.

♄ See-saw. Swing.

♄ Ducks and drakes.

♄ Archery.

♄ Forfeits.

♄ Odd man out.

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♄ Hunt the slipper. Dancing.

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