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EDITORIAL

I AM more than gratified by the widespread interest that is being taken in Symbolic Directing, not only among my personal astrological associates, but far afield. For example, *L'Astrosophie*, an excellent French publication issued from Carthage, has a most generous and discerning appreciation of the work that Mr. Frankland and I have carried out in this field.

But if sceptics there still be, let them take a lesson from the *American financial crash*, described as the worst in the history of the States, and said to have ruined more persons than all other crises combined.

This, indeed, was indicated clearly enough in the map for the Vernal Equinox, which likewise depicted the *Hatry crash* in England. The map, erected for London, shows Saturn, lord of the 2nd, in square to the Sun and Uranus, and opposed by Mars. The break came when the Sun entered Libra, opposite its Spring equinoctial point.

But, turning to America, what do we see?

In the map of the New York Stock Exchange, Saturn, by one-degree progression, is square Venus exactly to the end of October, and on the 24th of that month Venus excited this by transit from Libra! The following eclipse (1st November) fell square Saturn exact.

In the map for the Declaration of Independence, given on page 29 herein, there are some bad 5th-house squares, viz. Sun square Saturn in 5th and Mars square Neptune in 5th. Now, since the Declara-

tion is 153 years old, by the Naros measure of $\frac{3}{5}^{\circ}$ to the year, there is an increment of about 92° , so that these squares have reached the conjunction at the present time. Sun conj. Saturn is exact.

Signs of the coming break appeared when Jupiter was stationary to retrograde in Gemini earlier in October; and when Mercury was stationary in opposition to Uranus there was a still more ominous crack.

Our American friends may reasonably say that all this would have been more interesting, more evidential, and of *much* more use if it had appeared in our September issue. I wish it had; but as a matter of fact my attention was only drawn to the problem by the arrival of Mrs. Kennison's article, containing the map of the States, and also by the spectacular character of the events themselves.

I regret that at the time of writing there seems no clear indication of a decided upward swing. Jupiter opposition Mars, in the New York Stock Exchange map (to which I refer because it is known to be correct), dates by the $\frac{4}{7}$ ths progression to the early summer of 1930, having already passed completion by the $\frac{3}{5}$ ths measure. Later we have Sun trine Mars; but that does not reach completion till 1931. It is quite evident that such directions as we have noted in the map for the U.S.A. Declaration of Independence must have a very profound effect.

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It is well, perhaps, to reiterate what I have several times said and written, namely, that symbolic directions are not offered as antagonists of the older methods, as some still assume. The secondary methods are well worth using; but they are not in themselves sufficient to indicate the affairs of a busy life. Hence it is that

those who use them are so prone to bring in supplementary factors, such as heliocentric positions, points, parts, new aspects, and other *impedimenta*. Primary directions are used by very few astrologers, but there is no reason why those who have the time, energy, and ability to use them should not do so, in addition to symbolic measures. Transits are used by all astrologers and probably always will be.

Mr. Protheroe Smith, in our Correspondence, plumps very unhesitatingly for the four-sevenths measure as against the three-fifths. It may be that some types of persons respond more to one scale of fractions, and some to another; but I may say that, after considerable investigation and some uncertainty, my own work has led me in the same direction. However, the whole question of the symbolics is very fresh, and it is virtually certain that much remains to be discovered about them. I should hesitate to say there was *nothing at all* in any measure, but our first task is to find the best all-round ratios for practical use. These are probably the four-sevenths, the duodenary, and the one-degree or radix.

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It is strange that some people still appear desirous of making an astrological puzzle out of *the death of Alan Leo*. A perusal of the Symbolic Directions at his death is amply sufficient to explain the event.

Measure of Death

Asc. and Saturn sq. Uranus.

Sun conj. Saturn.

Neptune going to conj. Moon.

One-Degree Measure

Moon conj. Uranus.

Uranus conj. Jupiter lord 8th.

Neptune sq. Saturn and asc.

Naromic Measure

Moon sq. Mercury.

Uranus sq. Moon.

Jupiter sq. Uranus.

Duodenary Measure

Asc. and Saturn conj. Mars.

Neptune conj. Mercury.

Such an array of afflictions, with very few alleviating influences, is more than enough to explain the death of this great astrologer. The constant recurrence of Uranus is also very significant of the suddenness of his demise. The Moon is also frequently afflicted, and this body was weak in the natus.

An interesting letter has come to hand from the native of No. 3 Horoscope, "Practical Page," in our last June issue:

I regret having given you the position of Jupiter as 14th deg. Pisces instead of 12, in the data submitted, and which you published in the June issue of ASTROLOGY (Nativity, 12th June, 1879).

You will be interested to learn of an event of importance which recently took place in respect to the same horoscope, of which the only indication I can find is in the Solar return, a figure of which I herewith enclose for the longitude where it took place.

It will be noticed that Mars is almost exactly on the 7th cusp, and in the fire sign LEO, sextile Mercury and Sun, and trine Uranus.

The Lunation of 5th August fell on the place of Mars, and on the cusp of the 4th in this longitude—3h. 44m. 51s. W. On 8th August Mars had progressed to exact square radical Sun; the Sun arriving conj. Mars on the 10th. *On the morning of the 8th the premises where the native carried on his business were completely destroyed by fire.*

Students will note an extraordinary series of symbolic directions typical of the event, and all close to time. Thus, by one-degree measure, we have Moon conj.

cusps 4th, Sun sq. Neptune, and M.C. sq. Saturn (in fire). The duodenary measure gives us Uranus sq. Moon; and the $\frac{3}{5}$ ths measure, Mercury sq. Saturn, and the midpoint between the Moon and Mars (both in fire) square Venus, ruling the 4th and in fire. The $3\frac{1}{3}^\circ$ ratio brings Moon sq. Sun, and Midheaven conj. Neptune. The Point of Life is opposition Mars and the Moon. Several more aspects could doubtless be found, but enough is as good as a feast, and symbolic measures provide a rich feast of astrological verification for those who are prepared to use them.

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I do not think that any special notes are required on the contents of this number. I believe they maintain the high standard of the *QUARTERLY*, and, at the close of this our third year, readers will join with me in thanking contributors for so generously supplying the fruits of their time and knowledge. The general policy of the magazine will continue unaltered, with due attention, so far as possible, to all aspects of our science and all competent expressions of opinion respecting it.

I deal with the Competitions separately.

CHARLES E. O. CARTER.

THE "CAPRICORN" COMPETITION

THIS, I may remind readers, was a competition for the best paper on the "Psychology of Capricorn," more especially as a rising sign.

It has produced five papers, and judgment has proved very difficult, owing to the differences of approach used by the writers.

I have decided to award the *Two Guineas* to two competitors, viz. Iona MacTyler and Dr. A. E. Thierens. It is hard to decide between their work, and this is the only solution I can reach. The paper by the former writer is written in a very literary style, and I admire the manner in which the characteristics of the sign are derived from one fundamental idea. It is true that the derivative characteristics are not enumerated; but these are common astrological knowledge. This paper appears in our present issue.

Dr. Thierens' paper will appear, with one or two comments, in our next issue.

I shall also award *One Guinea* to Mrs. E. M. Kennison, and shall print her paper as soon as possible; it is workmanlike, concise, and lucid, of the sort which is of help and interest to all classes of students.

Mr. P. Hawksworth Dix approaches the sign through the 10th house, and he submits "that the characteristics of Capricorn may be summed up in these words, 'authority and personal responsibility in the community.'" He adds, however, that "all Capricorns do not show forth these noble characteristics"—this is my experience; I have known Capricorns whose shiftlessness and dislike of responsibility were very noticeable.

When it is added that the sign is a bad mixer and not popular, because "there is a directness about him and a lack of blarney which do not make for the glossing over of differences," there seems a divergence from the textbooks which give Capricorn "diplomacy" and like to present a picture of him moving easily in high, or at least genteel, society. I should say that the sign is *naturally* direct and blunt, but it can certainly be deep; and I must frankly say that sometimes it is

found that natives of this sign are distinctly "after something" (though not necessarily a selfish object in the narrow sense) when they seek an interview. They are past-masters at utilizing other people's resources, of all kinds, for their own or their adopted ends; but I must repeat that these ends are not always selfish ones: they may concern mankind at large, or a "cause," or political party.

The fifth paper, by Mr. A. G. Eames, traces the Capricorn tendencies from the standpoint mainly of the various cognate signs, such as Sagittary and Aquarius on either side of it, and Cancer, its opposite. "A Capricornian is one who is concerned in manifesting his ideas and ideals in the external world"—this is the keynote of this paper, and in all likelihood it is very true, though the same note of practicality seems to me to belong to Aries natives, the difference being that Saturn is constructive and Mars as a rule destructive.

Both these latter papers are good, but probably to print them, at least now, would produce something of an excess of Capricorn from the point of view of the reader.

C. E. O. C.

SPECIAL 1930 COMPETITION

I AM offering a Special Prize of Five Pounds for the most successful prediction of a national or world event during the period between the Vernal and Autumnal Equinoxes of 1930.

The event may occur in any part of the world, but must be of some outstanding importance.

Results will be judged according to *accuracy of the*

description of the event, and precision in regard to the time of occurrence.

All results must be in by the 1st February, 1930, for publication in the next number, and the prize will be awarded in the December issue. My decision to be final, and the right is reserved to withhold the prize in the unfortunate event of none of the forecasts proving reasonably satisfactory.

No one person may send in more than three forecasts.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF CAPRICORN

By IONA MAC TYLER

WHEN I began to meditate upon the subject of Capricorn, certain key ideas, familiar to all of us, formed my starting-point: the Priest, the Scape-Goat, Saturn, the Brake of the Solar System, Crystallization, and Cardinal Earth.

The connection between these at first sight may not be altogether obvious, but I believe that a study of the extraordinary conditions arising from a combination of these factors will lead us to a deeper and more sympathetic understanding of this most paradoxical of signs than anything else could do.

I shall deal with this problem from a subjective rather than an objective point of view. It is my aim to help others to a deeper understanding of the difficulties that beset their Capricornian friends and relatives. It is also my aim to help Capricornians to a deeper understanding of themselves; and in this connection I want to make it absolutely clear that most of the forces which play upon and through Capricornian psychology are veiled from the conscious mind

of the native; and if those around him are often bewildered by his proceedings, he is even more bewildered by them himself, though his intense reserve and fear of self-betrayal prevent him from acknowledging it. It will therefore be no matter of surprise to me if Capricornian readers disclaim some or all of my conclusions.

"Cardinal Earth" is in itself a contradiction, for while earth is the most solid and unyielding of the elements, cardinal signs are the most headlong and impetuous of the qualities.

Cardinal Fire, Cardinal Water, and Cardinal Air are all comparatively harmonious; but Cardinal Earth—the very word suggests earthquakes; and when Earth is on the move, anyone who can possibly get away from the district in question promptly does so. Mutable Earth sways backwards and forwards, but generally settles down again without any very radical changes. Cardinal Earth is absolutely incalculable. It may go anywhere.

I think a realization of the mystical implications of this symbolism may somewhat account for the loneliness of the Capricornian. Other factors which we shall consider later are also contributory; but it seems to me that the Capricornian often inspires in his associates a fear of which he and they are not consciously aware, but which is somewhat akin to earthquake conditions, and influences those in his immediate environment to a considerable extent, so that, even though he may have many acquaintances and much social life, he is often intensely solitary inside.

In primitive types I think it is the cardinal nature of the sign, combined with this subconscious inner loneliness, that causes some Capricornians to plunge feverishly into all sorts of gaieties, and that the sexual

excesses traditionally associated with the Sign of the Goat are also due to the same cause.

The desire to escape loneliness fosters social ambition, and the desire to be in good standing with his social environment leads him into over-conventionality; for unconsciously he holds his position in the social circle by subscribing faithfully to the social code.

This makes him adaptable up to a point, because if he fails in adaptability he is thrust back upon his own society, which he earnestly desires to avoid. In return for this adaptability, sometimes unkindly described as snobbery, the social code upholds him in such honours and dignity as he has attained. He is therefore conservatively-minded, for change may imperil his prestige and the privileges accruing therefrom.

A subconscious realization of his own cardinal proclivities produces unconscious fear as to where such proclivities may lead him. He does not realize that the cause of his fear lies deep within himself, neither does he realize that fear influences many of his thoughts and actions; but he proceeds instinctively to build up defences for himself in every direction except the right one; for Cardinal signs are outgoing in their activities, and Earth signs seek material possessions and satisfactions. None of these things heals the subconscious fear within: rather does the Soul find itself so overloaded with material obstructions that the inner despair deepens.

A house is an excellent possession as a centre of activity and as a refuge from climatic discomfort; but no man wants to carry his house everywhere, like a snail, on his back; yet metaphorically that is what Capricorn often has to do, and the weight of it crushes him.

The building originally projected as a refuge has

become a prison, and wherever he goes he takes that prison with him. The real Self is inside that prison, and deep down within Capricorn knows it, though often his mind does not, and would indignantly repudiate any suggestion of such a possibility.

This is why he is so lonely and yet so gregarious. But it is only the pseudo-self that moves in society; and since the pseudo-self occupies its position through constant adaptability to the opinions of his associates, he becomes extremely tactful and diplomatic; but where relaxation from such adaptability will not imperil anything of value to himself, the obvious reaction sets in; he then tends to be exceedingly autocratic and also irritable. While he is rising in the world of business, or upbuilding a social position, these impulses have to be held severely in check, causing constant suppressed irritation. This often makes him a trial to his family, for the adaptable diplomatist sometimes discards in the home the qualities so necessary to his public or social career, and becomes something of a domestic tyrant. Sometimes, too, the memory of his own youthful mistakes or excesses leads him to exercise such super-parental vigilance over his offspring that constant fear of his censure and narrow-mindedness drives his children into deceit.

The household autocrat finds himself lonelier than ever, because his family in self-defence avoid him as much as possible; and the unhappiness arising from his own mistaken methods drives him into sarcastic and cynical remarks which still further alienate those around him.

Loneliness is ever the breeding-ground of fear; this subconscious fear leads to constant efforts at self-protection, and it is this self-protection, carried to excess in the wrong direction, which is the bane of

Capricorn, and ultimately defeats its own object. It also leads to accusations of niggardliness and selfishness, which apparent characteristics of the sign are really symptoms of great unhappiness; and the criticism often evoked from observers neither corrects the characteristic nor heals its cause.

Selfishness is the result of fear; and those who have dealings with children would do well to bear this point in mind; for unless the subconscious fear that causes the selfish action is set at rest, the selfishness will crop out again and again in other directions.

Indeed, the Soul of Capricorn is like a child that has accidentally locked itself into a dark cupboard, and is crying incessantly for help and release, while the Mind is trying all the while to repress the terror and shut out the cries.

If the Mind could bring itself to face the situation and ask for help, the suffering would be less acute; but in this sign the Mind, outward turned, often becomes veritably the gaoler of the imprisoned Soul, and while sharing the anguish of such conditions to some extent, it yet maintains an attitude of self-satisfaction which makes help from the outside impossible. Even where the Mind does bring itself to ask for help, it is rarely able to reveal the whole story, because often it is unconscious of the greater part of it; and those to whom it turns are more apt to judge of the situation from its superficial phenomena than to understand the subtle hidden causes from which such phenomena arise.

The Mind itself is not consciously in fault. Though it is influenced by the panic of the Soul (there is an interesting connection between panic terror, the sign of the Goat, and the Greek Goat-God, Pan), it does not understand whence comes the terror which it is feeling; and it therefore whistles strenuously to keep

up its courage, and stoutly refuses to admit that anything is wrong. Indeed, fear that it may betray the tragic situation and the suffering arising therefrom not infrequently leads the Mind into an attitude of arrogance that earns for it a reputation of pride and haughtiness. These types are the most difficult of all to help, because they are so convinced of their own inherent and absolute rightness in a blindly unappreciative world.

Here we are approaching a deep Planetary mystery. There is a close connection between the Earth tragedy, known as the Fall, and the darker side of Capricorn. This is clearly shown in the association of the *crocodile* with this sign; for this loathsome form symbolizes those forces of evil which betrayed and materialized this planet, and which, in fallen, materialized, perverted conditions actually became an object of worship.

The traditional association between the sign Capricorn and the symbol of black magic, the Goat of Mendes, also has reference to the same planetary tragedy.

At this period the Earth was in such a terrible condition that it was like a cart going swiftly downhill, beyond the control of its driver. A brake had to be applied, and the brake of the Solar System is Saturn, the ruler of Capricorn. But although Saturn has many affinities with the element of earth, its characteristic of inertia is far from congenial to a Cardinal sign; so the Son of Capricorn becomes still further at loggerheads with himself, for his original cardinal nature is constantly subjected to the compression and contraction of its ruler, Saturn.

A brake is invaluable when going downhill, but it becomes a heavy handicap when going uphill; and under the sway of Saturn, the obstructor, the personal-

ity finds itself thwarted and hindered at every point. The loneliness increases, and often also the cynicism, sarcasm, and melancholia. These things are not characteristics of Saturnian influence in unfallen conditions; but in a fallen world the individual finds it difficult indeed to adjust his responses to the Saturnian vibrations and utilize them rightly. Under the influence of Saturn, the tragic imprisonment of the Soul among material things is reflected in the outer life by an environment which seems also a species of imprisonment. Saturn is in effect saying to the Mind, "This is the state your Soul is experiencing. Leave outer things alone; turn inwards and upwards to release her."

But the Mind, looking upon these impediments that surround it, fails to understand that it is looking upon the outer expression of its own inner Soul conditions; and misinterpreting the nature of the forces to which it is reacting, it seeks still outwards and yet more outwards, impelled by the driving characteristics common to all the cardinal signs. Becoming more and more confused by the chaos resulting from its own complex and contradictory tendencies, it then attributes to the Will of God the driving impulse of which it is conscious, and begins to try to drive other people in a similar manner.

The Aquarian Age is a hard one for the Sons of Capricorn. It is a democratic age, and democracy has little use for priesthood, as that term is ordinarily understood in its outer significance, though it has great need of the inner reality symbolized thereby.

I think that in every great Zodiacal Cycle the hardest burden lies always on the children of that sign which is to succeed the present one. In the Piscean Age, the Aquarian and Uranian had a hard time of it, striving to express, in concrete manifestation,

ideals for which the hour was not yet fully come; and in consequence many sorrowful and sometimes comical misinterpretations brought upon the leaders of the future much criticism and even ridicule.

In the centuries ahead of us we must be prepared to see similar misinterpretations of the true Capricornian vibrations. We must all strive to help the Sons of Capricorn to find the true expression of their sign's beautiful qualities by understanding, inexhaustible patience, and impersonal love.

THE LUNAR FACTOR IN HOROSCOPIC VALUATION

By CYRIL FAGAN and E. W. MORRIS

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MODERN practice in horoscopic valuation tends so much to conform to artificial rules framed by individuals on the authority of others that there is grave danger that the axiomatic principles will soon be lost to view. We have, for instance, the school of astrologers who delineate a horoscope by dissecting it planet by planet, with the corresponding aspects, and house by house. For reasons which shall hereafter appear, it will be seen that this method is markedly liable to lead to entirely erroneous conclusions. Again, there is the body of astrologers whose sole appeal is to mathematics. There are many variations of this latter school; but they have this in common, that they all have recourse to mathematical exposition to prove or disprove the astrological case in point. It is not uncommon to find it argued by them that, because the Sun happened to

be in rapt parallel with Jupiter at birth, this indication would in itself be sufficient to ensure a successful military career. Yet one moment's consideration of the essential symbolism of the planets ought to convince them that *Mars*, and Mars only, is the planet involved in warfare; and that, unless this planet happened to be well aspected and placed, military success would be an impossibility. The writers recall in this connection the famous case of Napoleon Bonaparte. How futile have been the mathematical attempts to dispose of the date, 15th August, 1769, in favour of the birth date of his brother Joseph, who was born in the January of the previous year! If we look at this question with our eyes unadorned with the mathematical spectacles, it will be found that on the 15th August, 1769, Mars was conjoined with Neptune, trine Uranus, sextile Jupiter, sextile Venus, sesquiquadrate Moon, semi-square Saturn: all most promising aspects for military genius. In the other case, what are the aspects of Mars? Mars was conjoined Neptune square Venus, indicative, not of a soldier, but of a sensualist, which history records to be the fact. Again, at the outbreak of the war, we find a whole array of Placidian directions recorded of the Royal horoscopes, in which the planet Mars is conspicuous by its absence. How can the Sun's opposition to Jupiter, as has been alleged by the mathematicians, cause war? Surely this is a violation of the symbolism of the planets. In a modern publication the statement appeared that a motor accident occurred under the direction Venus sesquiquadrate Jupiter. Like Bill Nye, in that famous poem "The Heathen Chinees," we ask, "How can this thing be?"

Let us now consider the astrologers who unhesitatingly accept the system of Claudius Ptolemy. These astrologers will be shocked if it is suggested that

Claudius Ptolemy could be wrong in any respect; but we fear that such is indeed the case. A close reading of that master will reveal that he was merely quoting on occasion rules from some source of which he was not quite sure. Astrologers should therefore beware of following his rules blindfold. As an example, let us take the question of a man's employment. This, according to Ptolemy, is determined by the planet nearest to the Sun, or by the sign of the Midheaven. When it is realized that the Sun may be in conjunction with a particular planet for one, two, three, and even up to seven days, and that accordingly all children born while this conjunction is operating would be in the same employment, it is evident that this hypothesis will not hold water. The same argument applies in the case of children who are born at approximately the same local time during any given week, as in this case their Midheaven would be but little different.

A similar line of reasoning as has been pursued in the latter portion of the preceding paragraph may be applied to the system of astrologers who see in each separate degree of the Zodiac a specific influence which will be operative when any planet is posited therein. These astrologers have assigned to the 7th Degree of Gemini (and its opposite) *literary ability*. Our Ephemeris tells us that Neptune was in, or close to, this degree from July 1890 to July 1891. It is scarcely credible that everyone born during this period possessed literary ability. The hypothesis obviously has no basis on astrological principles.

The method of delineating a horoscope piecemeal will now be considered. Now the cardinal fact that must rivet the attention of the ratiocinative astrologer is that, with the exception of the Moon, the position of the planets alter but slightly from day to day. In

consequence, the configurations will not differ greatly over a period of forty-eight hours or more. Indeed, the aspects of the major planets will often remain the same over a period of several months, while the aspects between the more remote planets will vary little over a whole year. For example, Saturn remained within the orbs of conjunction of Uranus from October 1895 to October 1898—a period of three years. Everybody born, therefore, during this period must have this violent conjunction somewhere in their horoscopes, but it would obviously be absurd to predict the terrible things indicated by this configuration to all so born. Again, let us observe that from March 1865 to September of the same year—a period of seven months—Jupiter, cosmically powerful in his own sign Sagittarius, was in sextile to Saturn, also cosmically powerful by reason of his being placed in the sign of his exaltation, Libra. Now this is a highly beneficent configuration—it was during this period that King George, Queen Amelia of Portugal, Lord Northcliffe, Lord Russell, and W. B. Yeats were born—but it would be fatuous to predict that everyone born during this period would attain to dignity and worldly wealth. Something more precise to the individual is needed before we can with safety embark on the judgment of a horoscope. It may be argued that we are forgetting house-position; but this is only partly true, as will be seen as follows:

We have before us the horoscopes of Margaret Sinclair, who was born in Edinburgh on 29th March, 1900, at 9 p.m., and of Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, who was born two days later. Margaret Sinclair was born to and lived a life of poverty; joined one of the most enclosed of religious Orders, the Poor Clere Colletines, and died of consumption at the early age of 25 years. She had Jupiter conjoined with Uranus in

the house of finance in trine aspect to the Sun exalted in Aries on the cusp of the 6th house, a configuration promising much wealth and success, a noble parentage, and a long life. Now let us glance at the horoscope of Prince Henry. With the exception of the Moon and Mercury, he had all his planets in the same signs, and having the same aspects, as the Colletine nun. Mercury, which was retrograde in the beginning of Aries in Margaret Sinclair's horoscope, had further retrograded into the end of Pisces in the case of Prince Henry's horoscope. Otherwise the aspects of Mercury were the same.¹ But what a difference in the lot of the natives! One born to a life of poverty and suffering and the other to a splendid position and all those things connoted thereby. From this it will be seen that it is not sufficient to take into consideration merely aspects and house-position. Something more *peculiar to the individual* is needed. Is there any factor that has not so far been considered? There is. It is the position and aspects of the Moon. Now it is extraordinary how little attention is given by modern astrologers to the Moon. In ancient times, and even to the present day, the Moon occupies chief place in Oriental astrological calculations. The Hindus use the Moon as the starting-point of their calculations, dividing her passage through the signs into periods, sub-periods, and even finer divisions. The Babylonians, the Chaldeans, Arabs, and Chinese likewise commenced their computations with the Moon. It is known that the Moon fashions the Thought-Body and is the controller of all the ideas, emotions, and idiosyncrasies of the individual. If a man has the Moon in opposition to Mercury at birth his predilections during life will be in the direction

¹ EDITORIAL NOTE.—Nor can we attribute the difference to the rulers, for in each case this is in Pisces and in square to Neptune.

of books, speech-making, talking, writing, studying, or teaching. They will be his *métier*. Such a man will most likely espouse a profession in consonance with his predilections. Again, a man with the Moon configured with Mars will find his greatest pleasure in mechanics and soldiering, and his avocation will be determined accordingly. Let us revert to the maps of Margaret Sinclair and Prince Henry, and examine the lunar configurations. In the Prince's map the Moon is in a cardinal sign and cadent house, but in trine aspect to both Jupiter and Uranus, conjoined in the regal sign Sagittarius, in an angular house—admirable indications of princely dignity. Margaret Sinclair had the Moon in the mystical sign Pisces in the 5th house, conjoined to Mars in square to Neptune in the house of death. The Moon does not configure either with Jupiter, Uranus, or with the Sun, so that her whole life was bound up with the Moon conjoined Mars square Neptune in common signs and emotional houses. The Moon is the chief clue to the delineation of the two horoscopes.

As further examples, let us examine the horoscopes of Hindenburg, Marshal Foch, and General Haig. All these famous generals were born with the Sun in close aspect to Venus, the planet of peace, pleasure, and the fine arts. If the Ptolemaical ruling were correct we should expect, not Venus, but Mars; but such is not the case. How, then, does the Moon fare in these natiivities? In the case of Marshal Foch the Moon is setting in the cardinal sign Capricorn, the sign of the exaltation of Mars, in an angular house, the 7th, in direct opposition to Mars rising in a cardinal sign and angular house, in trine to Mercury dignified in Virgo in an angular house, the 4th. With the solitary exception of Neptune, on the Midheaven there are no other planets in angular houses. But what powerful lunar configuration for a

soldier! On the other hand, the solar configurations had nothing to do with the case. Hindenburg had the Moon in an angular house and in a cardinal sign—an indication of much publicity. The Moon sets in Cancer conjoined to Jupiter and in sextile to Mars close to the nadir in the sign Taurus. In the horoscope of Lord Haig we find the Moon again in an angular house—this time on the Midheaven in Scorpio, in trine to both Mars and Mercury conjoined in the cardinal sign Cancer in an angular house, the 7th. Excellent indications for a popular and successful general. In this case the Sun was weak, being both in a common sign and a cadent house.

The ex-Kaiser was essentially a military man, and in his nativity we find the Moon in Scorpio in the 5th house in trine to Neptune and Mars in the 10th. The Moon was, however, in the sign of its fall and in a fixed sign and succedent house. In this case the solar configurations (the Sun was in opposition to Saturn) had naught to do with his predilections. By no stretch of imagination can the Sun's opposition to Saturn be considered a military configuration. His militarism is to be found in the Moon's trine to Neptune and Mars and opposition to Uranus. Mars in configuration to Uranus (in aspect to the Moon) is an essentially powerful configuration for military organization and is to be found in the horoscopes of Napoleon, the Duke of Wellington, Wallenstein, and many others.

In the horoscope of Mrs. Annie Besant, who was born the day previous to Hindenburg, the Moon was in Cancer in conjunction with Jupiter (religion) square Uranus (politics) square Mercury (intellect, oratory), and in square to Venus. Here is to be found astrological evidence of her unique position in the world to-day.

Turning to the nativity of the King of Great Britain,

we again find that it is the lunar configurations that have most weight. The Moon was setting in square to Jupiter on the Midheaven and in square to Uranus on the nadir. The position of Jupiter in the regal sign Sagittarius and angular is typical of kingly dignity. His father also had the Moon square Jupiter in Sagittarius and angular in the 1st house, while his august grandmother had both luminaries rising in trine to Jupiter in a fixed sign and an angular house.

Further examples could be adduced *ad infinitum* to show that the lunar configurations are the most important in a horoscope; and in this connection the writers usually find that this applies even when the lunar configurations are composed of aspects conventionally held to be minor, the chief one being the last aspect formed by the Moon. If, therefore, success is to be achieved in horoscopic valuation, great heed must be paid to the lunar factor.

THE LIMITS OF ASTROLOGY

(Continued)

BY DR. E. E. DICKINSON

IN passing, and as a highly important detail, I may mention among causes of failure weakness in arithmetic! Those who have the gift of arithmetic have a fine advantage over those who cannot deal with numbers. I speak feelingly, for I am of these weaker vessels. I recollect a shameful map in which I had calculated the sun into the 12th house at sunset, and was proceeding to judge it. . . . And apropos of this, I assure you that a birth map was drawn up for me by a professional astrologer, whose name shall not be

revealed, who told me I had a marked taste for figures! How did he come at that? These limits of astrology!

But though your nativity be made out by a counting boy, who cannot err, you will fail in your reading of it unless you have the indescribable faculty that we know as intuition. Some people would like to say that there is no such thing; others, of the superior sex, recognize it—it has always been recognized—but ascribe it to women only—a good deal of the sour-grape feeling here, I fancy. The scientist, that admirable, incredulous “spirit which always denies,” recognizes it, and salaams to it as the Scientific Imagination, which makes the great discoveries, takes the leap into the dark that lands him in the light! And the average scientist, I dare say, would be disposed to assert that his female colleague lacks this faculty. Indeed, it is a precious possession, but must not be confounded with the flights of a half educated and unpruned imagination. Many will tell you proudly that they are well known for their intuitions, they feel things in their bones, usually dismal things, but in fact they are mostly giving voice to a passing mood or temper. Intuition has been strikingly defined as memory working at high pressure; a rapid gathering up of what we have really gathered and assimilated from some experience. Those who believe in reincarnation will expand this into experiences of past incarnations, knowledge that is verily part of ourselves, the wisdom of the “old Soul.” Or it may be that it comes of Uranus and Neptune, and represents genius, inspiration, the language of a different wave-length, higher or lower—anyhow, different from the vibration of everyday life. Whatever it be we cannot do justice to a nativity without it. No astrologer can be certain of the plane on which the native is living, whether material, mental, or spiritual.

All the influences act on all the planes. Venus may manifest herself as a passion for toffee or pretty clothes; she may manifest as the charity which thinketh no evil. Virgo rising may be one who will rejoice to find a grain of dust in a handful of gold; she may be the perfect minister who is virtually master.

When we cannot see our way in a map, I fancy it may be because our own past experiences have not been along similar lines. One has never yet had one's Moon in Aquarius and known the long, long thoughts of it; never had Taurus rising, and known what it was to be like a small Bank of England, massive, immovable, speechless, ever acquiring, but capable of flooding the markets with gold—on occasion. Intuition may be the memory of past experiences, it may be a momentary purview, as from an aeroplane, from another and higher level of existence; the working of Uranus or Neptune.

Lastly, we have to realize that our minds are finite, and we can never know all about anything. The wide world of what we call Nature, to say nothing of the firmament in which it revolves, is quite beyond our conception and our control, nor, if it were possible, would it be good for us to know more than a limited amount about it. It is a commonplace of experience that when we have attained to just a little more knowledge than our fellow creatures, a little more wisdom, we cannot use it. What is called occult knowledge, which means that which is just beyond the common stock of our race and time, has to be jealously guarded, dealt out piecemeal, and never employed for our own advantage. It would not be to much profit that we should fully understand even our own horoscopes, for we could not live up to them if they were specially powerful, and we should be hopelessly discouraged if

they were specially weak. Most of us are so constituted that we must to some extent deceive ourselves, regard ourselves with some tenderness and glamour, or we should lose heart. There is always John Jones as he sees himself, John Jones as others see him, and John Jones as God sees him; and we have got to live out our lives, for the Eternal has set His canon against self-slaughter. Many lives would end in chaos if the veil of the future were withdrawn. I heard of an extreme instance the other day, of an unhappy couple who had eighteen children, everyone of whom died of consumption, early. The couple survived them all. It was a long time ago, when large families were a duty and a pleasure. They were a devoted couple, and went on with their family in faith. If they had known! Take another instance. The ill-fated and false-hearted Stuarts, whose cause called forth such beautiful and glowing qualities, such nobility and self-sacrifice, in several generations. If the horoscope of the House of Stuart had been clearly understood, the essential rottenness of its members, and the ultimate defeat of all the effort, would any of the heroisms have been called forth? Would not the world have been the poorer? We have here a question of the utmost difficulty and perplexity. There are cases in which action of any sort would be paralysed by full understanding of the birth map, and there are cases in which action might be so stirred and spurred that havoc might lie around, for intense energy is destructive. There are cases, on the other hand, in which understanding might have done a world of good or saved a world of woe. Consider the map of the Kaiser William: Mars conjunction Neptune in Pisces in Midheaven, indicating his fighting capacity, his calling and career! Why, as a super-man, as a soldier, he was a reed shaken by the wind, a chocolate soldier!

And Moon opposition Herschel, and Sun opposition Saturn! If he had understood—unhappy man! But I am sure, where Neptune is concerned, one never does understand, for our eyes are holden. I recall an instance in my own horoscope, which I draw up once a year, and readjust, and then leave alone till the next year, because daily or frequent attention to one's aspects, transits, and so forth baffles and puzzles and frustrates the mind. In this instance I had just come through a time of vexation, error of my own judgment, folly and futility, in short; and suddenly I perceived that the Sun had been progressed to the square of Neptune for the past three years, and I had never seen it at all! I had missed it totally in each of the three birthday revisions. It was unbelievable, but it is a fact; I had never seen it at all, and it was then practically over. Of course, if I had seen it three years before, I should probably not have done as I did, but I should have been very self-mistrustful and anxious, for it is a dangerous aspect. As it was, I had had a quite valuable, though mortifying, adventure. Neptune is not unfavourable to me, being in trine to Mercury, but when he became hostile to the Sun, I was to have an experience in self-deception, all unaware. To my mind Neptune can deceive the very elect, making them deceive themselves, and alas! I am not of the very elect.

The truth may be that we are not gods, to know good and evil. The legend of the Fall, like other legends, contains a profound truth. It was the knowledge of good and evil which brought upon our first parents the conundrum of sex and the catastrophe of death, but the tree of life was guarded from them and their children for ever by flaming swords. It is not desirable to possess money that one cannot use; it would be worse than useless to possess knowledge that is beyond our

assimilation and control. Some of you may have heard of a community which set out, a few years since, in France, to break the bonds of the senses, detach themselves from earthly ties, and force their way into the region of Power. I have not heard that anyone was the better for it. I have been told by more than one that the training unfitted them for the duties and responsibilities of ordinary life—one man said that if he had carried it out to its logical end his wife and children would have starved—and I have heard of others who lost their bearings completely and are with us no more. It may be, at times, when the stars seem to fail us, that we have come up against the swords that guard the way to the tree of life. Power is terrible—most of us are safer with faith, hope, and charity, these three, and the most perilous outgrowth of Astrology is the power we might gain over the lives of our fellow creatures, for though to some extent we may shape our own lives, we dare not try to shape the lives of others.

And granting that all things are written in the stars, which of us could bear to read them? We live under conditions of time, when the future is not yet. We can wisely learn from the past, we can lawfully try to understand the present, but seen from the present, the future might be unbearable, and by a too early sight of it, we might spoil our chance of meeting it well. Each day brings development of character and change of conditions, for we outgrow our houses, so that when we reach what we call the future it will be our due, and we shall be ready for it. I make no complaint that there are limits to Astrology, but rather I am thankful for it. I believe that I can get enlightenment and encouragement sufficient for my strength and constitution. I believe that I shall not be led by it into those waste

regions of solitude and terror which lie beyond the comfortable necessary framework of cause and effect, of this and that, of the human affections and the goodness of God. And I hope to continue to enjoy the study of Astrology, not as an eagle to gaze at the sun, but as one who is somewhat intolerant of sunlight, who derives most benefit from what is called the sky-shine of a clear heaven.

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"US AMERICANS " ASTROLOGICALLY CONSIDERED

By **ELSIE M. KENNISON**

THAT a nation, as well as an individual, may be affected by the vibrations of its horoscope is well illustrated by the chart of the United States. This chart, of course, is based upon the signing of the Declaration of Independence, for it was at this time that the American colonies began functioning as an independent unit. Several different charts have been given for the event, but the one accompanying this article best agrees with subsequent happenings. Records say that "Congress sat up all night debating," and that "at an early hour in the morning" the document was signed. Horary charts set for national events, together with the study of transits, show approximately 7° of Gemini as the ascendant with Uranus close to the angle.

In a nation so large and so heterogeneous it is difficult to find a predominant type which can be satisfactorily labelled "Average American"; but there are, I believe, certain traits that distinguish Americans from others of different nationality, especially in the

eyes of Europeans. These characteristics we find remarkably in accord with the indications in our national horoscope.

Let us consider, first, the Gemini influence. We certainly are a restless, mercurial people, always "on the go," rushing furiously from one place, or one

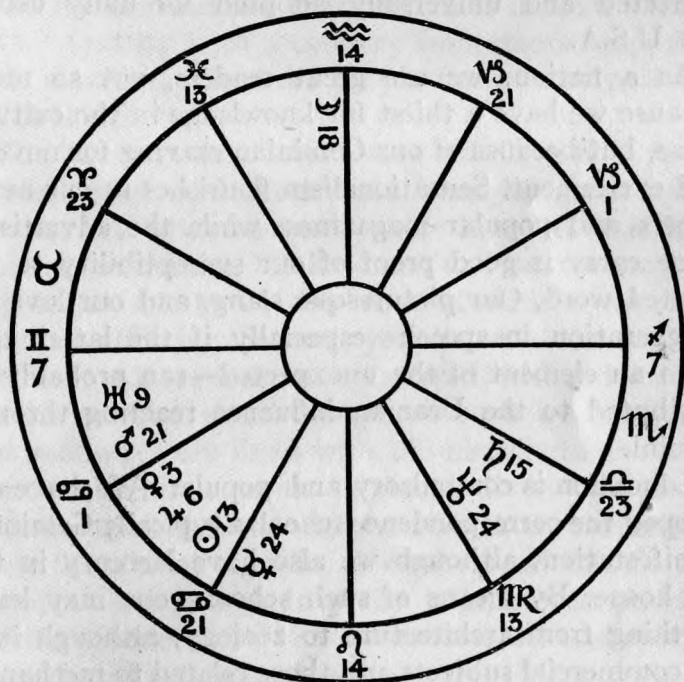


CHART OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JULY 4, 1776, 2.17 A.M.,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., 40° N., 75° W.

enthusiasm, to another, fearful that we may "miss something." Foreign critics say we live almost wholly in street cars, subways, or automobiles. It will be airplanes probably by the time Uranus transits Gemini again! We may be superficial, with our intellectual energies covering too wide a variety of subjects to penetrate very deeply into any of them, but we are emotionally responsive to new ideas, and quick of

comprehension. The presence of Uranus in Gemini helps us here, making the inventive and mechanical side of our intellect particularly active. This is well exemplified by the fact that most inventions facilitating communication—railroads, automobiles, telegraph, telephone, wireless, and the airplane, have been perfected and universally adopted for daily use in the U.S.A.

As a nation, we are great readers, not so much because we have a thirst for knowledge in the cultural sense, but because of our Geminian craving for novelty and excitement. Sensationalism flourishes in our newspapers and popular magazines, while the advertising these carry is good proof of our susceptibility to the printed word. Our picturesque slang, and our love for exaggeration in speech—especially if the latter contains an element of the unexpected—can probably be attributed to the Uranian influence reacting through Gemini.

Education is compulsory and popular. We have developed the correspondence school, a typically Geminian manifestation, although we also have Mercury in the 3rd house. By means of such schools, one may learn anything from architecture to zoology, although it is the commercial subjects and those related to mechanics that have the largest enrolment.

Because of our susceptibility to the printed or spoken word, commercial advertising has reached gigantic proportions here, and has a magnificence unknown in other countries. Artists and writers receive huge sums for their share of such "copy." Society women, movie stars, and each new hero of the hour can bank generous cheques for endorsing some brand of cigarettes, beauty lotions, or prohibition beverages. About half of the pages of our popular magazines are

filled with such reading-matter. No business concern would ever attempt to launch a new commodity, nor do they expect to sell old ones, without elaborate advertising campaigns. Emerson's adage about the mouse-trap doesn't apply to our present-day selling. It's to the door of the man who talks or writes most about his merchandise that customers make a "beaten path." Quality is of secondary importance, especially so in a nation where the people tire so easily of that which is old.

The "average American" has a childlike faith in the printed word, and often buys what he doesn't need because the advertisements make him feel that he is "missing something" if he doesn't. That we may not forget the merits of this or that article—we have Mercury afflicting Saturn, you know!—our subways and railroad stations are plastered with advertising posters so that even though we rush we may read. Our roadways are lined with bill-boards, to the detriment of Nature's scenic products. Even our electric advertising signs move with true Geminian restlessness. Since the advent of radio, advertisers use this Gemini-Uranian device to induce the populace to purchase specific products; and it is advertisers who support our many broadcasting stations.

The duality of Gemini is well illustrated by the fact that we are a nation full of contrasts. Here you will find education side by side with ignorance; scepticism hand in hand with credulity; audacity coupled with prudence; freedom of thought and speech restricted by a childish variety of censorship. Politically, we are divided into states, each with its own laws, its own industrial and social interests. Out of this latter condition sectional rivalries are developed, which at times generate internal strife, a possibility which Uranus in

the 1st house clearly indicates. There is true unity only when outside forces menace us.

The influences working through Cancer and the 2nd house give us a great wealth of natural resources, and make us, primarily, a nation of business people. At the same time, they give us high standards of living. As spenders we are notorious. We spend more on food and luxuries than any other people. Even the labourer here must have a bathroom, electrical household equipment, a radio, and at *least* a Ford car. He will buy them on the instalment plan if he cannot procure them in any other way. Due to the Venus-Jupiter conjunction in the 2nd house and its ruler in the 10th, one's credit is always good in the U.S.A. Instalment buying was originated to stimulate business, and it is used chiefly for the purchase of household equipment. To this conjunction can be attributed the fact that the United States has always been hospitable to the emigrant, especially so if he intends to make this his future home, thereby becoming a business asset. Since the days of the automobile, and the increase in travel occasioned by almost universally good roads, this hospitable tendency has additional outlet, for practically every house on the main travelled highways contains a "Tourist Accommodated" sign. All this is in the interests of business, of course. The roadside stands, so common along our thoroughfares, can also be attributed to our Venus in Cancer, for they cater largely to our appetites and our "sweet tooth." It is noteworthy that American pastries and candies are much sweeter than those obtainable in Europe.

Our surviving puritanical traits and our respect for the conventions belong under Cancer also. We esteem Mrs. Grundy even when we do not personally observe her dictates. Give us a chance, and we dilate romanti-

cally on the virtues and sufferings of our forbears who all came over in the *Mayflower*, of course! We wax sentimental about "the old home town," and it was a business man with an eye on the dollars who originated "Mother's Day." We preserve our historical monuments and celebrate our national holidays with pomp, ceremony, sentiment—and much expenditure of cash. Jupiter's presence in Cancer is responsible, probably, for the boasting we do abroad about "God's own country—the good old U.S.A.!" when we run over to Europe for divorces or drinks. If you will notice, we have an afflicted Saturn and Neptune in our 5th house—that's why we cannot get them at home without both trouble and subterfuge.

The influence of women upon our business affairs, and more recently upon our political life, is to be expected from the position of the Moon in our national horoscope. Even before the so-called emancipation of women, they were a big factor in business because a very large proportion of all money spent here passes through their hands. They are the actual purchasers of most manufactured and saleable articles. In recent years they have successfully entered upon business ventures of their own, and are gradually becoming a powerful factor in political matters. Their influence in other ways is undisputed. For instance, in speaking of the psychological make-up of the "average American," one of our writers says: ". . . as soon as you begin to dig in the lower mental strata of the average American, you come upon his mother's voice. . . . The American father is an absentee father; he is too busy to help run the family, and the American boy gets all his early lessons in how to live from women. . . . His idealism is a feminine idealism. That is the striking peculiarity of American civilization." When we see the strong Cancer

and lunar influence in the United States chart, and notice that the Sun is squared by Saturn from the sign Libra, and the 5th house, this statement becomes an almost perfect synthesis of the astrological factors!

If space permitted, it would be possible to go into this chart with much more detail, but I wish to give some examples showing the reaction from transits. Astrologers anticipate certain results when the major planets transit houses or angles. A study of our historical records show that our national horoscope fulfils such expectation. These transits of the major planets, however, are slow, and many aspects are formed between them before their influence passes from the affairs of one house to that of another. This is quite in keeping with sociological and political progress, for few changes are made in national or international relations without a preliminary period of discussion and agitation over the pros and cons of the matter, and often it is a long time before legislative action is taken.

As an example of this, let us take the period preceding and following 1860, when the United States was in the initial stages of a civil war. We find Uranus back again to its radical position in the 1st house, stimulating the tendency toward internal strife and political disruption. For several years previously, Neptune was in Pisces square to the ascendant, radical Uranus, and radical Mars. Neptune, because of its rulership of Pisces and the 12th house, has a definite relationship to slavery, and it was years of controversy over this question that resulted in the secession of the slave-holding states. It was not, however, until Uranus crossed the ascendant, and came to its own place, squared by a transiting Saturn in Virgo and the 4th house, that the actual disruption occurred. Mars, the planet of energy, is often the influence that pre-

cipitates "action," and at the date when the southern states seceded from the Union, Mars was in Pisces square to its own place, and just past a square with the transiting Sun in the 7th house.

At both times, when Uranus has crossed the 2nd house and the planets in Cancer, the country has been engaged in reconstruction activities. These resulted in serious upheavals in financial conditions, with many opportunities for corruption and dishonesty on the part of public officials. Although Uranus is the iconoclastic planet, its influence is always progressive, so that even though it tears down, it eventually rebuilds bigger and better structures upon the ruins of the old. At this same time Neptune was in Aries squaring the Cancer group, increasing the confusion and opening avenues for fraud and deception, especially in legislative matters, as the influence came from the 11th house.

Uranus transiting the 3rd house brought railroad expansion, and its first transit of the 4th brought territorial expansion through the Louisiana Purchase.

During our war with Spain in 1898, we find both Uranus and Saturn crossing the 7th, with the declaration of war following shortly after the conjunction of Mars with Saturn in Sagittarius—the sign said to rule Spain. Neptune was close to radical Mars, and again the question of "slavery" and "oppression" was involved. During the recent transit of Saturn through this sign we had trouble with our Central American neighbours—a controversy that was at its height while Mars was also in this sign.

Neptune's effects by transit are often subtle, and better realized when viewed in retrospect. While in Cancer, and crossing the 2nd house, there developed numerous trusts and business monopolies, and these occupied a large place in our financial and political

life. At the same time, Uranus was in Sagittarius and the 7th house. Serious strikes and labour troubles developed, the so-called "radical element" represented by Uranus being the temporary "enemies" of the United States. Our natural resources, coal and oil, were much involved, so were food products. There was much agitation and scandal over the latter, which resulted in the passage of our Pure Food and Drug Act. It is rather interesting that a book—*The Jungle*, by Upton Sinclair—and a series of magazine articles on patent medicines, had a great influence in arousing public opinion to a point where it recognized the fraud and deception to which it was being subjected. This bears out the statement concerning our susceptibility to the printed word.

When Neptune crossed the Sun in Cancer—it is ruler of our 4th house—there were legislative measures for the conservation of our natural resources, especially our forests. The recent transit of Neptune through Leo and this 4th house brought the Teapot Dome oil scandal, associated with Government land grants, and being opposition to the Moon in the 10th, our public men were much involved and received much unwelcome publicity.

The transit of Uranus over the M.C. brought a period full of difficulties for our executives, since it precipitated the question of our entrance into the European war. There was also the climax to the long-fought battles for prohibition and woman's suffrage.

At the present time Uranus is transiting the 11th house of the U.S. chart, and our legislative bodies have been faced with many sudden and unexpected problems. Whenever Mars has crossed the house during this period and joined its influence to that of Uranus, there has been fresh activity and much heated argument.

In checking up events in the chart, Neptune seems to have a definite relationship with our present-day peace pacts and treaties—probably because in its highest manifestation it is the planet of idealism. Our war slogan, "Make the World Safe for Democracy," was a typically Neptunian one, as some astrologer pointed out; but like most Neptunian "dreams" it is difficult of attainment in a world not yet able to respond in any great measure to the Neptunian vibrations. During our participation in the World War Neptune was transiting trine to our ascendant, and at the time of the Armistice and League of Nations Conference it was trine with radical Uranus.

The recent Kellogg Peace Pact negotiations and the disarmament conferences find Neptune trine with transiting Saturn in our 7th; but as it was likewise square with transiting Jupiter in our 12th, there is a good chance that the eventual outcome will not be as satisfactory as is anticipated, for Jupiter transiting the 12th and afflicted often causes unsatisfactory endings to matters which seem very promising at the moment.

These illustrations are a few of the many it would be possible to give if space permitted. The play of planetary influences in a chart of this kind is fascinating to watch, and a profitable source of astrological study. I hope this brief sketch may not only help to make "Us Americans" better understood by our neighbours across the water, but that it may stimulate others to do some investigating of their own along similar lines.

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After this article was written the editor's new book on *Symbolic Directions* reached me, together with a letter from him suggesting the trial of these new

measures on the U.S.A. chart—especially the $\frac{3}{5}$ ths and the $\frac{4}{7}$ ths arcs. In the charts of individuals these two measures are so close in time—unless the person is well along in years—that it is difficult to judge accurately of their relative values. In the U.S.A. chart, however, the difference at the present time amounts to four years, and offers an unusual opportunity for checking these measures. The $\frac{3}{5}$ ths arc at the present time is 92° and the $\frac{4}{7}$ ths equals 88° . By the former arc the Sun is conjunct Saturn, and as the two are square in the radical chart some noticeable reaction should follow. By the 88° arc this conjunction is not yet within the orbs of action. By these same arcs, Mars is conjunct Neptune, or will be moving up to it in the immediate future.

In a horoscope governing a nation, such directions should affect the Government or the people as a whole. They may indicate specific events, but more often it is the culmination of inter-related factors that results in a definite condition more or less apparent. To judge of the importance of any event or condition, the amount of space it receives in the nation's journalistic pages is a safe criterion. Here are some items that rather suggest the activity of the $\frac{3}{5}$ ths arcs at the present time.

Both the Sun conjunct Saturn and Mars conjunct Neptune occur in the 5th house, with Saturn ruling the 8th, and Neptune the 11th. We have lost by death several of our public men—the one most widely known being Ambassador Herrick. Considering the "foreign finance" side of the 8th house influence, the long-delayed reparations settlement may be attributed to this Sun-Saturn influence. As unfavourable transits stimulate this spot during 1930, we may have further troubles in relation to foreign finances, or possibly an increased death-rate among our public men.

From the 5th house point of view it may be this conjunction that is inciting our executives to attempt to enforce prohibition and other laws regulating the "pleasures" of the nation. There have been unsuccessful attempts to change some of our drastic censorship laws, particularly those that hamper education and creative effort. There has been much agitation in educational circles over conditions existing in our public schools, the trend of which is well illustrated by a recent remark of one of our leading psychologists who says, ". . . we *have* no 'education,' only instruction." This is horoscopically indicated by Mercury square Saturn in the 5th, and the present talk about the condition may be the result of the Sun-Saturn influence.

The Mars-conjunct-Neptune influence is undoubtedly responsible for the wild and chaotic conditions in all speculative markets. Thousands and thousands of working people—Mars rules the 6th—have been investing their savings in speculative stocks, until values have been so inflated that prices reached unprecedented heights. It may be safely said that the country as a whole is suffering from a stock-market mania—a condition that is surely suggestive of the Mars-Neptune influence. There has even been attempted legislative action to regulate conditions. During the month of October, when the badly afflicted lunation fell in Libra square to Jupiter and the Sun in the U.S.A. chart, and within orbs of a conjunction with this $\frac{3}{4}$ ths arc, the stock market "crashed" with heavy losses to many speculators.

From a different angle the past year has been one of unprecedented outbreaks and revolts in prisons, many of them attended by arson and other Mars-like accessories. This has been attributed to overcrowding and other almost inhuman prison conditions reminis-

cent of Neptune's association with slavery, imprisonment, etc. . . . We have had the Kellogg Peace Pact and the active efforts of Premier MacDonald for universal disarmament, both of which emphasize the idealistic side of Neptune, and the 5th house is said to rule "ambassadors," being the 11th from the 7th, the house of foreign relations.

Also in relation to this disarmament question there has been a Government investigation of scandals associated with previous disarmament conferences, in which an American citizen, in the pay of shipbuilding interests, has been accused of propaganda against such measures. Here we have the scheming, secret, sensational side of Neptunian influence.

To those of us interested in these new directional measures it will be of value to check up on past and future conditions as they affect such charts as this of the United States. Historical records will supply the data for checking past events, and news items will supply the material for judging future conditions. By watching events during the next four years particularly, it may be possible to estimate the relative force of the $\frac{3}{5}$ ths and $\frac{4}{7}$ ths arcs.

WINTER WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

At the winter Solstice Mars is within a degree of the ascendant at London, while the Sun and Saturn also rise in close conjunction. The latter combination is extremely powerful, falling, as it does, at the beginning of Capricorn; and the full force of it will be felt on the Continent, where a winter of arctic severity is indicated. The conjoined bodies are near enough to the ascendant

to affect most parts of the British Isles also, and in England, at least, a winter of severe cold is likely to be experienced.

During the quarter, moreover, Saturn moves up to the midway point of Sun and Mercury at ingress, afterwards meeting the square of Uranus; and these developments confirm the radical indication of the figure.

In Ireland and the extreme west generally Venus will rise at the Solstice in square to the Moon, and the winter will be milder in those parts with mostly rather unsettled weather. But elsewhere cold and dry conditions will predominate.

Eastern districts in particular will feel the shadow of the Continental winter and experience intense cold at times.

December (22-31st).—☉ ♂ ♄ becoming exact on the 25th foreshadows cold, wintry weather at Christmas, except in the extreme west, where milder conditions will prevail (♀ ♂ ♂ ♀); and some snow will probably occur in places during the holiday period (♄ △ ♀).

Temperature will continue generally low for the remainder of the month (☉ □ ♄), with occasional sleet and snow, but mostly dry weather.

January.—This month will be marked by cold, wintry weather for the most part.

At the beginning of the New Year Venus, Mars, and Saturn in triple conjunction will induce rain, sleet, or snow in all parts of the country, and there will probably be strong winds also. Great storms frequently accompany the conjunctions of Saturn and Mars in winter.

Conditions will be cold and unsettled for some days, and on the 6th or 7th there is likely to be fairly widespread snow (♀ □ ♄).

Subsequently weather should improve and become dry, although temperature will be low, and during the second week a spell of mainly fine but cold weather is probable ($\text{♂} \square \text{♁} . \text{♀} * \text{♁} . \Delta \text{♄}$).

After the middle of the month conditions will tend to become milder for a time, and round the 22nd to 23rd the weather will be mild, wet, and stormy ($\odot \delta \text{♀} . \text{♀} \delta \text{♀}$).

Wintry conditions will afterwards be renewed, and during the last week of the month severe cold is likely to be experienced ($\odot * \text{♁}$). The weather will be mostly dry, however ($\odot \Delta \text{♄}$), except about the 29th or 30th, when there will be some snow ($\text{♀} * \text{♁}$).

February.—Saturn in square to Uranus suggests the likelihood of severe weather during a large part of February, and in the first few days conditions are likely to be cold.

About the 6th the Sun in conjunction with Venus should induce a rise of temperature, accompanied, however, by unsettled conditions, and a short spell of milder weather will follow, with rain in all districts.

Towards the middle of the month conditions will assume a wintry character, and there will probably be widespread snow about the 12th ($\odot \angle \text{♁} , \angle \text{♁} . \text{♀} \angle \text{♁} , \angle \text{♁}$).

Subsequently it is probable that weather will be mostly cold for the remainder of the month, and conditions will be very severe at times in the latter part ($\text{♁} \square \text{♁}$ becoming exact). There will also be sleet and snow at intervals, especially about the 18th, 20th, 23rd, and 24th, the oppositions of the Sun and Venus to Neptune being likely to result thus, since Neptune is in trine to Saturn's place at ingress.

March (1st-20th).—Saturn persists within half a degree of the square of Uranus during March, and it

will cause low temperatures to predominate until the time of the Vernal Equinox.

At the beginning of the month the weather will be cold and dry ($\odot * \text{h} . \text{♀} \delta \delta$) except in the extreme west, where milder and rather unsettled conditions are probable ($\text{♀} \delta * \text{♀} \text{r}.$). The weather will, in fact, be mostly dry this month.

Between the 6th and the 11th Mars and Mercury successively excite the square of Saturn-Uranus by traversing the midway point in semi-square to both. Conditions will accordingly remain cold, although chiefly dry, and strong winds are rather probable from time to time.

Between about the 12th and 15th there is likely to be some sleet or snow ($\text{♀} \square \odot \text{r} . . \square \text{h} \text{r}.$), but the amounts will not as a rule be large.

During the last few days of the quarter conditions are likely to continue mostly cold; but although there will be occasional wintry precipitation, dry weather should predominate.

NOTES ON NAVAL MAPS

By ALEXANDER SIM

THERE are two groups of maps:

- (1) Sixteen maps with Ascendants, giving 160 planetary places.
- (2) One hundred maps with noon positions only, of famous admirals and sea captains, etc. Seven hundred planetary positions have been taken in summary total, including Moon (which keeps in the same sign in almost all cases), but excluding Neptune and Uranus, which move too slowly for comparative purposes.

Taking the noon-maps first:

	Places			
Sagittarius ..	70	Water ..	182	
Cancer ..	69	Fire ..	170	
Pisces ..	63	Air ..	168	
{ Scorpio ..	60	Earth ..	161	
{ Virgo ..	60			
Aquarius ..	59	Mutable ..	250	
Gemini ..	57	Fixed ..	230	
Leo ..	56	Cardinal ..	221	
Taurus ..	55			
Aries ..	54	Negative ..	352	
Libra ..	52	Positive ..	348	
Capricorn ..	46			

The Ascendant maps work out:

{ Sagittarius ..	20	Water ..	43	
{ Aquarius ..	20	Air ..	41	
Cancer ..	17	Fire ..	39	
Taurus ..	14	Earth ..	37	
{ Pisces ..	13			
{ Virgo ..	13	Mutable ..	57	
{ Scorpio ..	13	Fixed ..	56	
Gemini ..	11	Cardinal ..	47	
{ Aries ..	10			
{ Libra ..	10	Negative ..	80	
{ Capricorn ..	10	Positive ..	80	
Leo ..	9			

Combined (860 planetary places):

Sagittarius ..	90	Water ..	225	
Cancer ..	86	{ Air ..	209	
Aquarius ..	79	{ Fire ..	209	
Gemini ..	78	Earth ..	198	
Pisces ..	76			
{ Virgo ..	73	Mutable ..	307	
{ Scorpio ..	73	Fixed ..	286	
Taurus ..	69	Cardinal ..	268	
Leo ..	65			
Aries ..	64	Negative ..	432	
Libra ..	62	Positive ..	428	
Capricorn ..	56			

It will be observed that *Sagittarius* is the primary naval sign as regards the summaries, with Cancer a close second, while Aquarius and Gemini both rank before Pisces. It is to be noted, however, that with the 100 noon-maps the three water signs come directly after Sagittarius.

Amongst the Elements—Water ranks first in each case, with Air and Fire close together.

With the Qualities—the Mutable are first in each case.

Positive and Negative practically balance.

As regards Degree Influences, full details are attached.

Cancer-Capricorn	..	22nd leads with 15 places			
Taurus-Scorpio	22nd next	..	12	..
Aries-Libra	7th	..	12	..
Leo-Aquarius	16th	..	11	..
Aries-Libra	21st	..	10	..
Taurus-Scorpio	29th	..	10	..
Gemini-Sagittarius	2nd	..	10	..
Gemini-Sagittarius	15th	..	10	..
Gemini-Sagittarius	17th	..	10	..
Gemini-Sagittarius	27th	..	10	..
Leo-Aquarius	22nd	..	10	..

The leading individual degrees are:

Cancer	22nd	11 places	
Sagittarius	27th	8	..
Gemini	16th	8	..
Taurus	22nd	8	..
Aries	7th	8	..

The leading *Degree as a Degree* is 22nd, which has 54 places, the 16th Degree following with 40 places, the 14th Degree being last with 19 places only.

THE SCORPIO CHILD

By L. DALY

Most people, whether as parents, teachers, or friends, have more or less to cope with children. And though a ♏ child may not promise a voyage on an even keel, he is so full of possibilities of good or evil that he provides much interest for anyone who has his welfare really at heart. This, even in early childhood, but more especially when in early adolescence, individual personality begins to assert itself.

♏, as we know, is a negative, watery sign. Why it is so classed raises some query, because whatever else ♏ is, it is never shilly-shally nor luke-warm. But it is a fixed sign. And writing, as I am, in view of glaciers, one seems to get an idea of what fixed water may be like—persistent, relentless, pursuing its way rough-shod over whatever obstacle lies in its path.

Nature, spelled with a capital N, can never adequately express human nature, for that is in part spiritual. But to contemplate a glacier suggests what ♏ may become if it ignores or neglects to develop its spiritual aspects. Men can become brutes. It is possible that they may fall lower still, and become "things," devoid of vision and feeling altogether.

Now human beings commonly to be met with are neither extremely good nor extremely bad, but are blessed with some qualities worth developing and others requiring checking and control. So considering an average ♏ child, let us try and see what are his possibilities. Leibniz says somewhere that a human being is like a block of stone out of which may be carved an angel or a beast. ♏ is very like that. Strong for good or evil, never colourless.

♏ children seem to have two outstanding and basic characteristics: wilfulness and affection.

By wilfulness I do not mean waywardness, which is mere obstinacy and absence of will. Wilfulness denotes, rather, thought-out and reasoned purpose apt to issue into action even in face of opposition.

These two traits tend to act as a brake on one another, thus saving each quality from its most disastrous extremes. This is perhaps well illustrated by a ♏ baby, who on occasion refused to go into her nursery. "Me will won't," whatever precisely its meaning, expressed determination to defy all authority and resist all persuasion or threat. An appeal, however, to the other side of her nature won the day. A tactful suggestion, "Your poor dolly is in there crying, 'Where is my mummy gone?'" was made, and she rushed in, saying, "Here me!" And all was well.

Another ♏, a little older, was less easy to tackle. When told one day to say "she was sorry," she took the stand: "I'll say it, but I won't *be* it."

When ♏ gets its back against the wall it cares little for consequences. Hence shouldn't be driven. Nor does the nursery Nanny get much forwarder by urging it to be "a little lady" or gentleman. ♏ wants to be itself. A child urged to be good, remarked: "But I don't want to be good." What then?

Yet ♏, left to itself, has a strong ethical sense and is inclined to act "on principle." It has a strong realization of rational purpose, and this can either be nagged into obstinacy or wisely guided into self-respecting activity. "I'll do it if you don't tell me to," was ♏ pleading against fussy interference and begging for scope to do of its own free will that which it saw to be right.

♊ appreciates law, but the law must be self-imposed. Indeed, ♊, of all signs, will make sacrifice and submit to self-discipline for ideals and causes that attract it. This would suggest that avoidance of mechanical orders and plenty of romantic literature is advisable for ♊ youth at that stage of development when adolescence is changing the relationship of the individual self to the selves around it, when the child is consciously becoming the man or woman. Literature neither dictates action nor preaches morals. It presents ideals of conduct which make their own appeal. And those who are nervous for the fate of ♊ youth, which is often regardless of convention and consequence, would perhaps save themselves worry and fret if they had more faith in its power to appreciate noble character and high deeds. Just because of ♊'s ethical susceptibility it can be overwhelmingly depressed by blame, while on the other hand it tends to live up to respect, so that a ♊ child thrives best in an atmosphere of trust and good will.

♊, we have said, is affectionate. Yet it is reserved and deliberate in the choice of its intimates. Relationship or propinquity is not enough for ♊ attachments. He *chooses*, and, being a fixed sign, is loyal to an affection that he freely and deliberately bestows, or to a cause that he decides to champion. This liking to *choose* may explain why ♊, unlike ♊, e.g., has no great depth of family affection. Choice may bestow affection on a parent or relative, but it is choice and not just conventional regard. When Lord Fauntleroy said, "Of course we admire our relations," he was not showing himself a ♊. Whereas the boy who asked, "Why is it easier to like people one *needn't* like?" undoubtedly was.

Perhaps the trait of ♊ most fraught with danger

in his immature years is a tendency to act out ideas. To take a trivial illustration. An aunt was estranged by being put off with "Yours truly" where she considered "Yours affectionately" was her due. Yet this was only ♀ deciding that it was dishonest to pretend to like people you didn't like, and not to be persuaded that conventions were not necessarily untruths. In ways like this, and to more serious extents, ♀ is almost bound to make mistakes, but the qualities that forces it to make mistakes may, I think, be trusted to remedy them when experience matures judgment; and the friend that ♀ really needs is one who is slow to interfere, but who can stand by, in faith, while he discovers his own way through the intricacies of life.

THE ASPECTS OF MERCURY

By MAUD MARGESSON

♀ ♂ ♀

A spirit all sunshine.—CARLYLE.

Oh! that we two were maying.—CHAS. KINGSLEY.

♀ △ ♂
(Fiery signs)

I have such eagerness of hope

To benefit my kind;

I feel as if immortal power

Were given to my mind.

MISS LANDON.

♀ □ ♂

Some of his words were not Sunday-school words.—MARK TWAIN.

His language is painful and free.—BRET HARTE.

♀ △ 24

He couldn't lie if you paid him, and
He'd starve before he stole.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

A right judgment in all things.—*Prayer Book*.

♀ □ 24

'Tis hard to say if greater want of skill
Appear in writing or in judging ill.

POPE.

- Plenty of eloquence, but little wisdom.—
SALLUST.
- ☿ △ ♀ You have a well-regulated mind, you have
enough!—PLAUTUS.
You ought to obtain what you ask, as you only
ask what is fair.—PLAUTUS.
- ☿ □ ♀ Recall your courage, and lay aside this gloomy
fearfulness.—VIRGIL.
I am wrapt in dismal thinking.—SHAKESPEARE.
- ☿ △ ♂ And genius hath electric power,
Which earth can never tame.
L. M. CHILD.
The great mind will be bravely eccentric and
scorn the beaten road.—GOLDSMITH.
- ☿ □ ♂ Faith, thou hast some crochets in thy head
now.—SHAKESPEARE.
The trick of singularity.—SHAKESPEARE.
A crank is a little thing that makes revolu-
tions.—ANON.
The children born of thee are sword and fire,
Red ruin, and the breaking up of laws.
TENNYSON.
- ☿ △ ♀ Thoughts beyond the reaches of our souls.—
SHAKESPEARE.
Ten thousand great ideas filled his mind,
But with the clouds they fled and left no trace
behind.—THOMSON.
- ☿ □ ♀ Imagination is too often accompanied with a
somewhat irregular logic.—DISRAELI.
Terminological inexactitude.—WINSTON CHUR-
CHILL.
The dodgerest of all dodgers.—C. DICKENS.
- ☿
unpected His understanding at the best is of the middling
size.—SWIFT.

NOTE.—We publish the above after the lamented decease of the authoress, a well-known astrological writer and valued friend of the QUARTERLY.

REVIEWS

Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology, by C. E. O. CARTER.
W. Foulsham & Co., Ltd., London. 4s. net.

Directional Astrology is in the melting-pot, and the traditional methods of prognostication are being largely forsaken for the symbolical. Both Mr. Carter and Mr. Frankland have already given us books on the subject, and the present book goes a step farther, not only in the introduction of new measures, but also in the extreme accuracy with which the exact date of an event may be foretold. It will come in the nature of a shock to those used to the ordinary secondary and transitory methods of direction, with their vague periods of possible action, to learn that exactitude within a few days may be obtained by the symbolical use of the nativity.

The array of evidence Mr. Carter produces is overwhelming; and by applying his methods to a few test maps, the present writer has arrived at some remarkable results. Chief interest naturally centres around the advertised measure of death, and in this connection readers would be well advised to consider the author's caution against the perusal of the book by those who are not fully prepared psychically and mentally to face such knowledge concerning themselves.

But all those who are strong-minded enough to be prepared to carry their researches to their logical conclusion, and are sincere in their search for the truth, cannot afford to ignore such a challenge from the newer methods. If symbolic methods prove well-founded when tested by the astrological world as a body, they will revolutionize the whole system of prognostication; and it is of vital importance to all students that they should be thoroughly tested by as many critics as possible. This is so easily done that everyone can form part of this huge jury.

This book is undoubtedly an important contribution to every astrologer's library, and is highly representative of the present trend of astrological thought, for it contains a review of all the symbolical methods recently put forth. In publishing it, Mr. Carter has abundantly fulfilled the promise given in his *Zodiac and the Soul* to follow that mystical book with one which is eminently practical.

BM/BNHK.

Les Précurseurs de L'Astrologie Scientifique et la Tradition, by PAUL CHOISNARD. Paris, Libraire Ernest Leroux. 10 frs.

This book is a strong appeal for a truly scientific attitude towards Astrology, and a sane method of investigation based upon the established principles handed down through the ages. The author carries the battle into the camp of the sceptic materialist scientists by pointing out that their attitude is not scientific; but he is even more strongly opposed to all who use the astrological symbols for divination.

Perhaps the most interesting passage from the point of view of English astrologers occurs in the course of the brief studies of mediæval astrologers, where it is revealed that St. Thomas Aquinas was not only an authority on the subject, but actually interwove it into his writings to such an extent that he may be said to have founded his theology upon astrological principles. When the Church hails him as one of its great authorities, this fact is apparently generally suppressed; and therefore the more philosophical and thoughtful English students would doubtless welcome a more intimate knowledge of his writings.

BM/BNHK.

The Astrology Birthday Book, by HAZEL L. M. FAUBER. Laidlaw Brothers, Chicago, New York. \$2.00.

This is a useful and very well-produced birthday book, with descriptions of the characteristics of the Sun in the 12 signs. It commences with March 21st, and under each date has the names of celebrities born on that day; though, as most are world-famous names, the explanations added are unnecessary. Who needs to be told that Mozart is a "German composer," and Shakespeare an "English poet, player, and playwright?" There is plenty of space for the insertion of friends' birthdays. There are some interesting Zodiacal keywords in verse, also various other verses throughout the book, which would be best omitted, having no special connection with Astrology.

It represents a fresh idea and a good one.

M. M.

Office and Function of the Moon and Her Nodes, by W. H. SCOTT. Occult Life Press, 2687½ West Pico Blod, Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A. Paper, \$1.00. Cloth, \$1.50.

For those who care for the occult side of Astrology, this book may prove interesting, though it needs re-writing, its style being rambling, lacking concision and clarity, so that

much of it is difficult to follow. The pages are not numbered. As usual in books on occult Astrology, there are many dogmatic statements without any proofs being given. Regarding the Nodes, the author says: "The Dragon's Head is where the Note of our Creation begins; the Tail is where it ends. All creative force springs from the Node." "The Moon's Node is the cord which gives the articulation to all nature. It is the expressing mechanism of the Creative Word; and the translation of planetary sound, by the Moon, depends upon the length and position of her cord or node." Also, "The Moon's Node is the Life String on which each succeeding incarnation takes its rise, passes to the fullness of life, and then gradually declines, only to pass out at the Dragon's Tail or negative Node."

There are some interesting remarks on the habits of the crab and spider in relation to ϖ and \mathfrak{M} . Throughout the book there are some illuminating ideas on the influence of \mathfrak{D} and planets, the chapter on the "Web of Life and Moon Rhythm" being specially interesting. The author remarks: "The greatest thinkers of this our world are born when the Moon and Sun are in opposition, or at the full Moon." There are quotations from *The Secret Doctrine* to illustrate various points.

The book is well produced.

M. M.

(Several important reviews have been held over for lack of space.—ED.)

CORRESPONDENCE

2A, CHURCH ROAD,

JHELUM,

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23rd October.

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*.

DEAR SIR,

With reference to Miss Saxon Snell's query as to the sign rulership of England, can you tell me how the "John Bull" came to personify an Englishman? "Uncle Sam's" appearance is very much more in character with the U.S.A. II rule—that is, if there is any connection in such things.

Yours truly,

(MRS.) E. L. KNIGHT.

$\frac{4}{7}^\circ$ OR $\frac{3}{5}^\circ$?

DEAR MR. CARTER,

Without hesitation, my vote must be given to $\frac{4}{7}^\circ$.

Crucial cases are somewhat difficult to obtain since, as you point out, the difference is not great, and events shown by such slow measures are often prolonged over many years. Nevertheless, when I had $24 \times \text{♄}$ and $\Psi \times \text{♂}$ by $\frac{4}{7}^\circ$, they measured together to within a month of the beginning of a very fortunate and successful period. At the rate of $\frac{3}{5}^\circ$, on the other hand, these aspects came a year earlier, which was a most unhappy and distressing period.

In my sister's horoscope, h_2 in the 8th, $\square \text{♂}$ lord of the 4th, coincided exactly with the death of the father by $\frac{4}{7}^\circ$, whereas by $\frac{3}{5}^\circ$ it measured to nothing at all. In another horoscope \odot in the 10th came to $\square \text{h}_2$. This was close to exactitude by Mr. Frankland's measure when the native lost her employment; but if one used the $\frac{3}{5}^\circ$ ratio it would have fallen at the time she had obtained the post!

I may add that many of my own $\frac{4}{7}^\circ$ directions work practically exact to time, despite their slow formation: a convincing proof to myself that the measure is correct.

Yours very sincerely,

L. PROTHEROE SMITH.

19, BOSCOMBE ROAD,
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30th September, 1929.

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*.

SIR,

Will you permit a belated reply to Mr. Dix? For myself I believe in freewill; but I think that Astrology provides the strongest case that I know for fatalism. My hope for freedom of the will lies in the inaccuracies of Astrology: the more exact the science becomes, the less hope for freewill.

But here comes Mr. Dix and asserts that Astrology shows the conditions of life, "but the essential spark is not there." And he quotes Mr. Frankland as denying the possibility of predicting the native's reaction to events. Well, well—I open my Raphael at random. " ♂ in Ω Disposition: passionate, noble, and generous; proud, austere, and fond of field sports." I should have called this a pretty definite prediction of reaction

to events. But perhaps Raphael is not transcendental enough for Mr. Dix. I turn to Max Heindel: "The Sun as Ruling Planet.—When the vital, courageous, and ambitious well-aspected Sun is ruler, it gives dignity to the whole nature, a lofty pride that would not stoop to do anything small, mean, or degrading, a fine and noble courage. There is an intense craving for recognition and leadership," etc. There seems a lot of "essential spark" here.

Or is it that Astrology has gone astray in these modern days? I reach down a copy of Lilly, full of that attractive smell that is in old books. I find that the Moon when well placed or dignified "signifies one of composed manners, a soft, tender creature, a lover of all honest and ingenious sciences, a searcher of and delighter in novelties, naturally inclined to flit and shift his habitation," etc. Of course we know that these are only general predictions. Varying reactions may sometimes be explained by directions, sometimes there is no explanation forthcoming; but these authors evidently think that the natives will generally react thus to events. Does Mr. Dix throw them all overboard? I cannot think that many astrologers share his reforming zeal.

Yours truly,

HENRY MEULEN.

173, KILMARNOCK ROAD,
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19th August, 1929.

DEAR SIR,

In your last year's autumn issue you appealed for any natal map illustrating some interesting point, so I beg to forward one of the kind.

Some time ago I was struck with the fact that the death of a friend occurred just prior to p. ☉'s affliction by r. ♂, just as in the map enclosed.

Another similar case was that of a friend wounded in the War as p. ☉ was applying to the ♂ of p. ♂ *Retrograde*. Having recovered and resumed duty in the trenches nothing further assailed his life. Herein seems to lie a jot of comfort when dealing with such maps. Mars seems in a hurry to get in its blow, and then, whether it be serious or not, no more need be apprehended.

Yours fraternally,

"QUAVERNE."

DEAR MR. CARTER,

I should be grateful if you would publish the following explanation of my new measure of $\frac{4}{7}$.

In your Editorial remarks of the September Quarterly you make the following statement: "Sepharial, whose astrological utterances merit the closest attention, has stated that Mr. Frankland's measure of $\frac{4}{7}$ of a degree should in reality be $\frac{3}{5}$, the difference not being very great. . . ."

Every student of Astrology naturally pays due regard to Sepharial and his ability.

I would, however, point out that, although the difference in the measure is only slight where the years concerned are few, yet, in cases where the years are many, the difference is great where so small a measure is concerned.

For example, 12° in the $\frac{3}{5}$ measure would equal twenty years, whereas in the $\frac{4}{7}$ measure the 12° would equal twenty-one years.

Forty-eight degrees by $\frac{3}{5}$ measure would equal eighty years, while the same degrees by $\frac{4}{7}$ measure would equal eighty-four years.

There is, then, a difference of one year for every 12° between the two measures.

The value of the respective measures must be decided by comparison of results.

The two measures, however, should not be confused or referred to as the same. They are entirely different in symbolic foundation.

The Naronic cycle was known to me years before, and, so far as I am aware, *the $\frac{3}{5}$ of a degree, which is now associated with this cycle, has not been in use in our times, and has really been brought forward with the advent of the $\frac{4}{7}$.*

The measure of $\frac{4}{7}$ was based upon the theosophical conception of man's seven principles, four of which are more material and concerned with his four lower bodies, called the quaternary.

I would advise all students to test and use the measures they find most applicable, but the two measures are apart, slightly in regard to the timing of events, and largely in regard to their significance in relation to human nature and human life.

I will quote two cases to illustrate the two measures, one in early years, the other in late years:

Case 1. Male, born 19th September, 1887. Died aged 19½ years.

The measure at $\frac{3}{5}$ equals	11°·42'
The measure at $\frac{4}{7}$ equals	11°·8'
	<u>0°·34'</u>

The difference is only 0°·34'. This, however, would equal one year, and is, therefore, of importance.

The ruler of the Nativity is .. 5°·30' in Scorpio

The ruler of the 8th house is .. 24°·22' in Libra
11°·08'

The difference between the two is 11°·8'. At $\frac{4}{7}$ this equals 19½ years. At $\frac{3}{5}$ it equals 18 years 6½ months.

The planets Mars and Saturn were both in the 8th house at birth.

Mars was	14°·25' in Leo
Saturn was	3°·30' in Leo
	<u>10°·55'</u> difference

	YEARS	MONTHS
At $\frac{4}{7}$ this 10°·55' equals	19	1¼
At $\frac{3}{5}$ this 10°·55' equals	18	3

Case 2. S. T. Coleridge, died at 61¾ years of age.

By $\frac{3}{5}$ measure this equals .. 37°·03'

By $\frac{4}{7}$ measure this equals .. 35°·17'

Uranus is in Taurus 23°·00'.

The Sun in Libra is 28°·35'.

The difference to square is 35°·35'.

Jupiter, the ruler, is 22°·50' in Aquarius. The difference to opposition of Sun is 35°·45'.

Jupiter, ruler, to the square of Mars in the 8th house is 34°·37'.

Neptune, 20°½ in Virgo to the square of Mars is 37°·00'.

In the cases of Neptune and Uranus I also advocate the progressed positions being considered. In this case, therefore, Neptune progressed would complete the square at approximately 35°.

These cases are not illustrated as any proof, but simply to show the difference of the two measures in respect to time.

In my investigations the $\frac{3}{2}$ was tried and tested, as was also the $\frac{7}{12}$, another very close measure.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,

W. FRANKLAND.

THE EDITOR, *Astrology*.

DEAR SIR,

May I point out a mathematical fact which in my opinion has to be constantly borne in mind in trying to use symbolic measures?

Since these progressions are at different rates, it follows that at certain times the progressions by one measure will be exactly one sign ahead of those by another, so that where we have a square by the slower progression we have simultaneously a trine by the more rapid, producing a condition of stasis. Thus at 70 years the one-degree progression is 30° ahead of the $\frac{4}{7}$ ths; at 20 years the $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ has gained 30° on the one-degree, and at 36° the $3\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ has gained the same increment in relation to the $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$. Of course this coincidence will only operate as a cancellation of both if the direction fall close to these times: otherwise there will be two distinct directions, of contrary character.

Another less obvious stasis arises, as between the $\frac{4}{7}$ ths and the one-degree, at the ages of 19, 38, 57, and so on. For instance, suppose you have the Sun in $0^\circ \varphi$ and Saturn in $19^\circ \omega$: then, by one-degree, Sun is square Saturn at 19. But by the $\frac{4}{7}$ ths progression, having an arc of 11° , Saturn will be at $0^\circ \Omega$ and so be in trine to the radical Sun.

At 20 I had Saturn square the Moon, but the result was by no means powerful, though quite noticeable. Of course, by duodenary measure, the same planet was in trine to the Moon, and this also, though its effect was apparent, was not very important. Had the two coincided within a month or so there would probably have been a static condition. I could multiply incidents of the same nature.

This fact in Nature only corresponds to the frequent occurrence of mutually destructive influences in actual life, and is by no means a criticism of the symbolic methods.

I am, Yours faithfully,

"VINDEK."