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EDITORIAL

Political

WORLD conditions appear better than I thought likely and the not very satisfactory configurations that have obtained during January have, up to the present, operated in the form of distinct local disasters, such as the terrible Indian earthquake, rather than in the political sphere.¹ Much negotiation between states has been in progress—to my mind a much more effective and businesslike way of getting things done than to try to settle matters at Geneva—and the Germano-Polish pact has been one notable result.

The eclipse of January 30th, falling near Saturn, has produced the American stabilisation of the dollar.

Generally the position seems far better in the West, and the opposition of Jupiter and Uranus, mitigated by Saturn, is the chief index of possible trouble. I believe that any actual rupture between states is unlikely, but would rather expect some very delicate positions to arise.

House-Division

Correspondence reminds me—if reminder were needed—of this problem, which, to the mass of students, is no problem at all, I believe, since they appear perfectly satisfied with the system of Placidus in common use. In fact, one well-known astrologer tells me that, whilst he has his doubts about most

¹ This was hardly written before events in France and Austria, following on the eclipse of the 14th of February, fulfilled the apprehensions expressed in our December editorial. Nor, we fear, is Japan in a particularly tranquil mood.—Ed.

branches of astrological doctrine, he has never been other than content with the houses.

Mr. G. H. Bailey has, however, offered to write an article explaining the principles of house-division, and this I shall be pleased to print if a sufficient number of readers state their wish to see it. Mr. Bailey can be relied on to be concise and clear, so far as a three-dimensional problem can be explained clearly on a sheet of paper.

If I were asked to sum up on the question I should say:

1. Quoting names does not help; capable and even distinguished astrologers have upheld every noteworthy system.

2. Citing examples seems little better, for there seem advocates of each system who can produce cases.

3. We are therefore left to look to inherent logicity, and personally, because of the appeal that Campanus makes to me on this score and for no other reason, I intend to use it until I find a better motive for using some other.

Readers will hardly think it necessary, I hope, for me to add that this implies no restriction whatever on the practice of others contributing articles to the Quarterly. Each may use his own method, and all horoscopes will be duly labelled.

The theory, recently put forward, at least in the West, that the cusp is the centre rather than the boundary of a house is really distinct from the question of the correct scheme of house-division. On this point the Campanists are divided amongst themselves, but I understand that Mr. G. H. Bailey, champion of the Porphyrian scheme, uses this method of interpretation. I express no opinion, but I have used the cusp-as-boundary method for nearly a quarter of a century and have found it apparently satisfactory. I am, however, open to conviction.

We have mentioned the Campanian, Porphyrian, and Equal methods, as well as the Semi-arc or Placidian in common use; there remains one other outstanding

system, which is that of Regiomontanus. This is, in theory, somewhat akin to the Campanean, but in practice it produces a map that is generally not very different from the Placidian. It was used by most of the late-medieval astrologers such as Kepler and Lilly, and is still employed in Germany. It has an advocate in Mr. Cyril Fagan, of Dublin, who regards the Campanean method as attractive in theory but as having been "weighed in the balance and found wanting," so far as he is concerned.

Death of Mr. G. E. Sutcliffe

I am sorry to have to record this loss to the astrological world.

Mr. Sutcliffe's horoscope is given in *Notable Nativities*. He lived for a large part of his life in India, and, though an accomplished chemist and astronomer, was chiefly active, I believe, in the field of esoteric astrology, being an authority on the subject of science and the *Secret Doctrine*. He was a contributor to *Modern Astrology* in days gone by, but of late years I have not seen any fresh work from his pen; and, though a member of the Lodge, he never attended its meetings.

He will be chiefly remembered, I think, by his alleged discovery of four extra-Neptunian planets, none of which could be identified with Pluto. Two had no names, and of the other two, Isis and Osiris, only the claims of the former have been examined by other astrologers.

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In view of the large amount of excellent copy that I have on hand and wish to publish as soon as possible, I am curtailing the editorial on this occasion, in the hope that I shall be able to include items that otherwise would have to stand over.

CHARLES E. O. CARTER

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By CHARLES E. O. CARTER

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A UNIQUE WORK

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

(Written February 7, 1934)

By Mrs. J. NORMAN RHODES

FEBRUARY and the two following months, March and April, will be as critical a quarter as any we have passed through of recent years and will bring about drastic changes in most countries, to be followed by more settled conditions later.

In those three months we shall see the forces of chaos having a final fling, after which a crystalising and hardening effect will be observed, due to the strong influence of Saturn at the eclipse of February 14th, which will act as a steadying influence and a brake upon the previous disintegrating action of the planets in the cardinal cross, which has been so frequent and so catastrophic in effect.

At the end of February, or soon after, a stabilised

currency is within sight, and in less than a month a check will be put upon the present gold rush and the dollar will be revalued nearer to the standards of other countries.

A real desire to confer will be apparent so as to bring about a more settled financial condition wherein trading between nations can once more become a true business transaction, instead of a wild gamble.

Britain and the U.S.A. will at last find a way and a common ground for mutual confidence. This will be a forerunner to a world regulation of currency and so to improved understanding and international trading.

The last contact between Uranus and Pluto has passed for good, and will soon cease to influence or disturb current events.

The aspect has lasted on and off for about two and a half years and has always been prominent in every financial crisis. Pluto represents the wealth of the world, particularly the gold that is locked in cellars underground. We can confidently hope that from now onwards all efforts made in the direction of financial stability will meet with more success than at any time within the last three years.

In the Jupiter-Saturn map of 1921 Moon progressed reaches the trine of Mercury, the ruler of the map and the ruler of the 2nd house, during March, which is another factor in helping the financial situation to improve generally.

Our own Budget prospects are better than for three years, and instead of an overwhelming deficit there are signs of a surplus, and with it our hopes soar expectantly at the prospect of reduced income-tax. As there are other disturbing influences current at the same time we may only get our reduction in an indirect way.

Jupiter, although in trine to Saturn, is opposed to Uranus and in square aspect to Pluto.

But on the whole our financial state looks very healthy and progressive.

Expansion in aerial navigation will increase by leaps and bounds, there being many strong aspects to Uranus

in all the important configurations, plus the continued trine from Saturn to Jupiter in airy signs.

The latest news from Paris only confirms the ideas held that the effect of the August eclipse in Leo is still working. France has suffered badly from that eclipse with repeated falls of the Government, the disclosure of the Stavisky scandal and the air disaster of *Emeraude* from Indo-China, when ten officials were killed and the plane burnt out on January 16th. This followed the severe afflictions of the January 15th lunation.

The appalling railway disaster on December 23, 1933, occurred on the very day when Mars in Capricorn 26-27 came to the square aspect of Mars in Libra 27 and Uranus in Aries 27, which were posited in the 3rd and 9th houses of the eclipse figure.

Other severe aspects in force at the time were Mars square Pluto exact a few days earlier, Mars square Uranus on December 20th, and the continued Uranus square Pluto, all in cardinal signs and playing upon the Mars opposition Uranus in the eclipse map.

Mars in any aspect to eclipse figures usually indicates a time of storm, stress, accidents, rioting, and a turbulent period, if not actual warfare.

The opposition of Mars in Aquarius 26-27 occurred on January 30th-31st, and it was thought that France would suffer from this contact again.

She has done so, and another government has fallen. There is rioting in the streets, with many injured and some killed. A feeling of indignation is prevalent against those in office and power and a very ugly situation sweeps Paris; in fact, the worst uprising since the Revolution of 1871.

France is nearing the time when she will need to put her house in order. Financial as well as government reform will be sought as a remedy to repeated changes, fluctuation, and corruption. A national government is possible.

The appalling earthquake in Northern India occurred on January 15th, the day of the lunation in Capricorn, with no less than six cardinal signs in conflict, denoting

a great pull and strain upon the earth's surface. It is interesting to note that Hindu astrologers predicted an earthquake on the very day it happened.

Saturn and Mars were only $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ apart in the fixed sign Aquarius at the time.

The lunation fell in the 8th house at Calcutta, thus showing the severity of, and loss of life resulting from, the upheaval.

Some cheerful news has come through from a wholly unexpected source.

I refer to the Pact of Peace and Friendship between Germany and Poland, which was signed on January 26th. The agreement stands for ten years, during which time neither side will resort to war.

The treaty has been called a "diplomatic miracle" and represents a fundamental change in the conditions of European diplomacy. Although not widely known, the negotiations had been going on for a year previously. The Polish corridor between East and West Prussia ceases, for ten years at least, to be an acute menace to European peace.

In the light of this important pact, it is interesting to study the planetary forces at work on January 26th and then watch their action upon the map of the restoration of Poland, which took place at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918, at Warsaw, and upon the map of the German Republic for 1.30 p.m., November 9, 1918.

One interesting feature of both maps is the fact that both have Jupiter in Cancer 16 in trine to Sun and Venus in Scorpio.

Thus an exalted Jupiter will be an advantage to Germany. The trade warfare between the two nations will end, at any rate.

The second interesting item is the outstanding prominence of Uranus in Aquarius 24, which had good aspects on the day the treaty was signed. Thus Uranus is also in dignity and so helps Poland, which is partly ruled by Aquarius.

Uranus was in the 2nd house at Warsaw, but fairly close to the ascendant in Berlin.

On January 26th the Moon at noon was in Gemini 20,

Uranus in Aries 24, Saturn in Aquarius 17, Jupiter in Libra 23, Mars in Aquarius 23, and Venus in Aquarius 21. Thus there were no less than four trines and one sextile formed by the Moon; and all planets were in close contact with Uranus in Aquarius 24 in both maps, setting up powerful vibrations.

A very conspicuous time for good-will, peace, and constructive planning.

The pact is regarded as the first step towards permanent peace in Europe.

It is interesting to note that Uranus in Aries had separated from the square of Pluto on January 26th.

The Balkan Pact to be signed February 8th is another hopeful sign for peace.

In the light of the present interest in Poland, the birth-date of Marshal Pilsudski, dictator and chief negotiator for the treaty on behalf of Poland, would not be out of place here. He was born December 5, 1867, at Zulow, near Vilno, no time known. Lat. 55 N., Long. 25.20 E. The Sun in Sagittarius 13 is conjoined with Mars, denoting plenty of courage and enterprise, combined with a prudent, cautious mentality. Saturn and Mercury are both in Scorpio, only 5° or 6° apart.

The chance of war in Europe has lessened. The pressure will be felt farther east, but not yet. The continued trine of Saturn and Jupiter holds until September. What happens after that date is indeed a question.

The eclipse of February 14th at 0.44 a.m. shows an interesting figure. It falls in Aquarius 25° and is 5° past the conjunction of Saturn. It forms a close sextile to Uranus in Aries and is in trine to Jupiter in Libra 23.

It is visible in China, Japan, East Indies, and the Pacific Ocean.

There is a possibility of earthquake in these areas.

The eclipse, falling in Aquarius, will be detrimental to Russia and her plans for the next six months, especially when any major planet transits the degree or opposes it. Saturn reaches that point at the end of March, in August, and in December, while Mars in

Leo 24-25 during the early days of October brings a highly inflammable period. Russia will need all the wisdom she can muster to keep calm then and not to be drawn into even the semblance of a dispute. The continued trine between Saturn and Jupiter is over in September and no longer keeps the balance between Russia and Japan.

Finally, not until we have passed April 18th can we see any hope of a settlement between the Powers over disarmament, as that is another danger date. With Sun, Mars, and Uranus in Aries 27 in close conjunction, our efforts at mediation will be unavailing until those three bodies have separated.

About this date there will be more accidents by rail, road, and air.

In May we can begin to breathe and expand, knowing we have put behind us the worst phase, and we now look forward to the promise of increased trade, a lessening of unemployment, and the achievement of much that has been denied for so long.

THE YEAR 1934

By L. PROTHEROE SMITH

IN attempting to consider the prospect before us during 1934, I do not think I can do better than to follow the practice adopted two years ago, and use as our principal index the Jupiter conjunction Saturn map of 1921. Nothing has occurred to disturb the confidence felt in the integrity of this figure as a guide to world affairs; and if to its general indications we add such evidence as may be available in the horoscopes of rulers of the Great Powers, it is possible in most cases to determine the trend of events with fairly considerable assurance.

The planetary positions at the time of the con-

junction on September 10, 1921, are as follows (London cusps):—

M.C.	XI	XII	Asc.	II	III
8 24.38	♊ 3	♋ 7	♊ 3.29	♊ 24	♊ 21
☉	☾	♂	♀	♂	
♊ 16.54	♊ 28.35	♊ 1.46	♋ 10.53	♋ 24.8	
♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑
♊ 26.36	♊ 7.17R	♋ 14.43	♊ 9.51		

The figure hinges on the conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mercury (ruler) in the 2nd house, in square to the Moon in the 4th, and in semi-square to Venus and Neptune in the 12th. These aspects and positions speak with utter clarity of the conditions, economic and financial, which have been prevailing in the last decade. The fact that Virgo rises, with Saturn ruling the 6th, lends added emphasis and points to the crisis which has overtaken our generation in regard to the means of production, distribution, and exchange. Even Taurus on the M.C. has its word to say in the matter, signifying the pre-occupation of successive governments with mercenary politics.

The full implications of the figure only came to be revealed when the Sun progressed into the main configuration, which it did in 1930; and the almost universal crisis of the last few years has coincided with the passage of the luminary from one planet to another. First, the semi-square of Venus; then the conjunction of Jupiter-Saturn radical; then the conjunction of Saturn progressed; then the square of the Moon. The semi-square of Neptune still remains, and a complete return to normal conditions can scarcely be expected until it is over. But the Sun this year is conjunction Jupiter progressed, and I think we may take it as certain that a very marked and definite improvement will be witnessed during the course of 1934.

There is all the difference in the world between the conjunction of the Sun with Saturn in square to the Moon, and the conjunction of Jupiter in semi-square

to Neptune. The quality is changed; and vastly more encouraging it is, in every way. Matters may continue difficult, and many false steps have to be retraced, because the intervention of Neptune in evil aspect will tend to spoil in some degree the constructive powers of Jupiter. But there will at least be movement and activity; and good—much good—will come of it. The period of *deadlock* was ended with the passing of the Saturn contacts; and things can go forward now, albeit with muddle and confusion in all sorts of ways.

The lowest point of the great depression was undoubtedly reached in the early part of 1933, when the Sun was overtaking the progressed position of Saturn; and almost as soon as this influence had passed, the first signs of reviving trade and confidence could be detected. And when once begun were not to be gain-said, despite the square of the Sun to the radical Moon at the end of the summer.

Jupiter's transit over the place of the radical Sun in the ascendant, lasting on and off for some months as it did, and coinciding with the separation from Saturn by solar direction, gave the fillip that was needed, and definitely marked the turn of the tide. As the summer advanced, the transiting Jupiter moved into the 2nd house, and went over its own place and that of the progressed Sun, finally passing over Mercury, the ruler of the figure. In the autumn, the favourable note was taken up by the progressed Moon, which was nearing the end of Taurus, and taking the trine of the planets, radical and progressed, in the 2nd house. At the moment of writing, in January, the Moon is in trine to Jupiter progressed; and the series winds up with the trine to Mercury radical in March.

All through the second half of last year, the gathering power of these influences was seen at work. Trade and employment figures showed a steadily encouraging improvement month by month. The favourable tendencies have been discernible over most of the world; but particularly marked progress seems to have been made in Great Britain, which may be due to the fact that the bodies in the 2nd house are reinforced by

being in trine to the midheaven. They are similarly placed at Paris; and it is worthy of note that the French people, like ourselves, have escaped the terrible privation and distress with which some countries have been faced as a result of the prolonged depression.

A definite start has been made under favouring transits and lunar directions. With the Sun now coming to Jupiter, it is certain that the movement towards better times will be continued, and become accelerated, during 1934. If Jupiter had been well aspected at the time of the conjunction, one could have spoken of prosperity this year. As it is, the function of the Greater Benefic has to be to make a bad business workable, to rescue things from insolvency, and provide the means to a fresh start; in a word, to straighten out the tangle. To anticipate spectacular results would be to invite disappointment. The difficulties are still so great, and the obstacles to be overcome still so numerous, that only when we look back afterwards, I think, will it be fully recognised how much was done in 1934, and what a different year it was from those that went before it.

A steady increase of employment may be looked for during 1934, and revenue returns will show increasing buoyancy as trade continues to expand. One is naturally disposed to think that, under the benign influence of Sun conjunction Jupiter, the Budget statement to be made in April will be much more cheerful than its recent predecessors; and since, in the words of William Lilly, Jupiter is "ever the friend of the afflicted," it is not too much to hope that relief on some substantial scale may at last be afforded to the long-suffering tax-payer.

The problem of international currencies should enter a phase of greater hopefulness this year, and fresh attempts at stabilisation will certainly be seen. It is probable that, with the Sun in conjunction with Jupiter, determined efforts will be made to re-establish some form of gold standard among the principal countries. But success is far from certain here, in view of the semi-square of Neptune. Indeed, the combination

of these two expansive bodies may abet the tendency towards inflation in some quarters. Mistakes there will certainly be, and doubtful experiments; but progress will be made in spite of them.

The thorny problem of the War Debt payments may not be officially disposed of during 1934; but even in 1933 it has largely fallen into the background, and is hardly likely to provoke any serious trouble this year. Whether, and if so when, this long outstanding cause of friction and disturbance will be settled by a definite final agreement it is difficult to say. It seems improbable that payments on the old scale, which have done so much to disorganise the economic life of nations since the War, will ever be resumed. Perhaps the conjunction of the Sun with Jupiter, in semi-square to Neptune in the 12th, may be interpreted, in this respect, as meaning that old problems never die, they only fade away.

Everything points to the fact that the economic and financial situation is improving all along the line; and although it will still provide statesmen with plenty of food for anxious thought, the most troublesome questions of 1934 are likely to lie in another direction.

No astrologer can be surprised at the impasse into which the Disarmament Conference has drifted. It began its labours at a moment when the Sun was within a few minutes of exact conjunction with Mars in Aquarius, incidentally in opposition to the radical places of Venus and Neptune in the Jupiter-Saturn map. And at the same time, Mercury was conjunction Saturn, very close and applying. It would have been hard to discover a more unpromising astrological environment in which to open conversations of the kind in question; and if in the end a successful Convention emerges, it would seem that much credit will have to be given to the heliocentric Mercury, which was in Sagittarius on the 2nd of February, 1932, in trine to Jupiter and Uranus. This, for what it may be worth, is the most helpful feature of the Conference figure; and, even so, it is largely offset by the fact that, if one recognises its validity, one must also recognise

the heliocentric Venus, and this was in square to the Sun and Mars! It requires a robust and optimistic faith to believe that any substantial results will accrue from the present deliberations at Geneva. Nevertheless, there are influences at work elsewhere which will be helpful in the task of international appeasement.

The presence of Jupiter in Libra is itself of some importance, inasmuch as this is calculated to promote good feeling, and should help to pave the way for the conclusion of agreements. Besides which, Jupiter, during his passage through this sign, is near the cusp of the 3rd house in the conjunction map, and sextile to the radical planets in Leo. These contacts are obviously connected with the diplomatic conversations which have been going on behind the scenes this winter (Leo planets in the 12th house). And as, by the one-degree measure, Mercury, the ruler of the map, is also in Libra, sextile Neptune, there are good grounds for believing that the efforts now being made will definitely lead to some result. It should be possible to bring about a closer spirit of co-operation on the Continent, and to remove some sources of ill-feeling which have made negotiations difficult in recent months.

The solar direction to Jupiter will also help, since Jupiter rules the 7th house throughout the whole of Europe. The only danger here is that, with Neptune being in semi-square, arrangements may be made, and afterwards turn out to be not all that was thought at the time.

Things are undoubtedly going to be extremely difficult in international affairs, because the M.C. reaches the square of Uranus in the 7th house this year and, by one-degree, Mars comes to the opposition of Uranus. These are disturbing and inflammatory configurations, and we shall be fortunate if they pass by without a storm. A critical situation will probably develop suddenly and unexpectedly, and cause acute uneasiness and alarm for a time. The progressed Moon picks up the square of Uranus in August; and as this happens to be the exact mid-point of the two one-degree directions, it is possible it may define the period

of maximum strain and tension. As, however, the favourable aspect of Mercury to Neptune, one-degree, becomes exact in the same month, with Jupiter in transit in July, whatever trouble may arise should be safely overcome.

It is evident that Germany is closely implicated in the aspects of Uranus. Such a deduction would almost follow from the present state of European politics alone, and without specific reference to astrology. But the conjunction map goes out of its way to confirm this inference; because the radical figure at Berlin shows Uranus exactly square midheaven. It may be noted also that the planet is extremely near the 7th cusp in the region of the Saar, whose future has to be determined in the next twelve months.

The transit of Uranus over the place of Mercury in Herr Hitler's map is going on; and as it falls in Aries in the 7th, it is likely that exaggerated language will continue to be heard at times, provoking criticism and excitement among the neighbours of Germany. Jupiter is moving to the opposition of Uranus meanwhile; but Saturn in Aquarius exerts a restraining influence, which should prevent the clash of interests from being pushed to extremes, and enable the requisite adjustments to be made, although with difficulty.

The prevailing condition of things is reflected again in the horoscope of King George, where the transiting Uranus opposing Saturn's place in the 7th house bespeaks the generally unsettled state of international affairs. But the steady aspects of Saturn to Jupiter and Uranus this year will surely allow no rupture of relationships with any foreign Power, especially when the very potent position of these bodies radically in the Sovereign's map is taken into account. Jupiter's transit through Libra in the 7th house suggests that Britain will exert a very helpful influence abroad this year, accomplishing much useful work in her traditional role of mediator.

I can see no grounds for anticipating any major European war during the lifetime of the 1921 con-

junction figure. One has only to refer back to the 1901 map and note the influences then in operation, when the 1914 conflagration was impending, to feel a sense of reassurance. The only element the two maps have in common is that Uranus is setting in each case. And even here, there is a striking difference; as in 1901 the planet was in Sagittarius, while in the present map it is in Pisces. Moreover, Mars is not afflicted now, as it was in 1901. It is, indeed, the best aspected planet in the figure; being in trine to the Moon, and in semi-sextile to the conjoined bodies. True, it is square mid-heaven, very close; and it is this radical aspect which is now about to be brought to the square and opposition of Uranus by one-degree. This indicates a crisis coming, sharp and severe; but as it is unsupported by any sympathetic elements in the radix, I decline to believe that it will lead to disaster.

In comparing the figures of 1901 and 1921, one point emerges which is interesting, and may be significant. And it is that, whereas on the former occasion Uranus was setting in close opposition to Pluto, in the present map it sets in close trine to that distant orb.

Altogether, there are many reasons for concluding that the fear of early war among the Great Powers of Europe is a groundless one. And in this connection we should gratefully acknowledge one blessing of Providence. A very dangerous situation indeed would undoubtedly have had to be expected if Mars could have got to the opposition of Uranus by secondary direction. But this it just fails to do; the aspect being reached a few months only after the figure becomes defunct! What may happen further on can only be known when the details of the 1940 map become available. It would seem that the conjunction falls about the beginning of August that year, in which case it is evident it cannot be an easy figure. But so much will depend on factors still unknown, and on the house positions, that it would be idle to speculate at this distance. For present purposes the main point is that if the trend of things in Europe is indeed destined to lead to eventual catastrophe, some six or seven years

at least are likely to elapse before the fruits of folly come to harvest.

In December of this year, the direction of Venus conjunction Mars in the 12th occurs, by one-degree, and is followed by a square to the M.C. in May 1935. These aspects will probably operate as one; and as Venus is ruler of the M.C. it will not be very favourable for the governments of Great Britain, France, or Ireland. Saturn will transit against these points at the end of December, as well as earlier in the year; and among other things, this influence will not be good for public health, with Saturn operating from the 6th house.

One of the outstanding points of interest during 1934 is sure to be the progress, for better or for worse, of the extraordinary experiment being carried out in the United States of America under the virile and courageous leadership of Mr. Roosevelt. It was unfortunate that the President should have been called upon to inaugurate his term of office on the 4th of March, 1933, for Mars was then extremely near the conjunction of Neptune, while the Sun was leaving the opposition of these two and applying to the opposition of Jupiter. The Moon was in Gemini, meanwhile, in square to the Sun and Jupiter. This grouping of planets in mutable signs foreshadows many changes and vicissitudes, experiments which often promise much and actually accomplish little, energy wasted in numerous directions, and false moves afterwards requiring to be rectified. But there are favouring influences in some other directions; and, after all, it is admittedly a trial and error policy which Mr. Roosevelt is pursuing.

In the Jupiter-Saturn map at Washington, the ascendant has progressed (in Cancer) to the trine of Uranus in the 10th. This is extremely significant, in the light of the far-reaching changes now being introduced into American life; and it encourages the hope that a considerable measure of success at least will ultimately attend the President's efforts. Moreover, Venus (secondary) is just arriving at the sextile of ascendant radical.

The conjunction of Sun with the progressed Jupiter in Virgo is also very helpful, falling as it does in the 4th house at Washington. There is evidence here of constructive planning on the economic side, leading to beneficial results in the life of the nation. The semi-square of Neptune hampers this development, but is not strong enough to bring the whole experiment to naught.

The opposition of Mars to Uranus, by one-degree, this year, affects the meridian angles in America. It will be difficult, and cause at least one critical period when the President will find himself under fire and exposed to serious criticism and hostility from many quarters. But the ascendant being in trine to Uranus will ward off the worst of the Martian aspect, enabling Mr. Roosevelt to maintain his hold and proceed with the bulk of his plans.

If one considers his own nativity, the conclusion is that of a reformer some part of whose work at least—and probably the major part—is likely to have lasting value. Uranus rising in Virgo, trine to Jupiter and Neptune. The Sun is in square to these latter, and also to Saturn; but, nevertheless, the rising Uranus, with its weighty aspects, should be strong enough to carry the day. Besides which, Mercury the ruler is exactly trine to Mars in the 10th.

Directionally, the position at present is very mixed, and this is what one might expect. But the commanding positions appear to be held by the favourable aspects. Neptune is conjunction Moon in Cancer in the 10th this year, by one-degree; and as these bodies were in sextile at birth, the results should be good, and promote much popular affection for the President. He should be able to maintain to the full the position he already holds in the imagination of his people. The Point of Life this year begins with the opposition of Neptune, and passes to sextile Uranus, which seems to betoken harassing and complicated troubles, ultimately overcome. The transits, too, are very powerful for good, since Saturn, Uranus, and Jupiter will play upon the radical trine of Mercury to Mars.

There is nothing to warrant the expectation of a comfortable or easy time ahead for President Roosevelt, but neither is there any indication of disaster and collapse. The year on balance should be satisfactory; and if at the end of it the progress made is less than he and his advisers hoped, it is likely to be greater than his critics now believe.

The radical import of the 1921 conjunction figure clearly hints at the coming of great and lasting changes in the economic fabric of our present civilisation. In Western Europe, it is mainly the prosaic 2nd and 6th houses which are concerned; but in the U.S.A., where the conjoined bodies fall in the 4th, the very foundations of national life are affected. Unhappily, the original configuration is of an unconstructive type; and the work of building for the future must in consequence be long, as well as painful. In particular, the square of Jupiter and Saturn in the 4th to the Moon in the 7th indicates the difficulties and embarrassments which the American experiment creates for other countries; difficulties of which the last is not yet heard.

HOW HEREDITY WORKS IN ASTROLOGY

By KATHARINE BROWN BURT

ONE of the questions with which the astrologer is constantly bombarded by the sceptic, from the earliest days of his practice, runs something on this order "Oh, so you don't believe in heredity, then?"

Patiently the astrologer replies through the long years: "But I do indeed believe in heredity, for it is through the working of the stars that heredity is regulated and conditioned. Each map of birth shows clearly in what particular characteristics the child resembles the parents as well as *which* parent it resembles in this particular quality, just what blend exists in his individual personality, and in what way his type is independent of either immediate ancestor."

I have long hoped to see data compiled along these lines. Much is written in astrological magazines and books of a philosophical order. Much study is made of that ever-fascinating subject—the characteristics of the particular divisions of the ecliptic called signs in their variations of expression—and much of the reaction and influence of the planetary aspects on the character and life. We have had invaluable pioneer work presented, of late years, along the line of measures, progressions, and reaction points as developed by Charles E. O. Carter, W. Frankland, and Mrs. Elsie M. Kennison, not to mention the amazing researches of Sidney K. Bennett (who has recently offered his remarkable predictive method, "The Key Cycle," to the astrological student body), all of a brilliant nature and constituting a far step forward in the perfection of our knowledge of the working of the predictive side of the science. But far too little compiling and comparison of data by our now large number of practising astrologers, both professional and private, has reached the printed page. It is by this method that a truer and more exact knowledge of the psychological side of the science as shown by sign position and planetary aspect will eventually be achieved. The wisdom and experience of our years and contacts is as yet occult indeed.

Every beginning astrologer should be on the alert for the indications of heredity, and ready to meet this instinctive reaction of the public to his chosen work.

Of course, the observing astrologer must have noticed early in his career the tendency of children to be born in the same sign as one or the other of the parents. This, point one in my talk, is the simplest and most frequent intimation of hereditary influence that he will encounter in family maps. I have known families with one sign predominating in the family horoscopes generation after generation. Frequently, also, two signs will alternate in preference, and the Moon will show the hereditary sign if the Sun does not. Which we will call point two for the observer. Next naturally will come a scrutiny of the ascending sign, and of signs containing the planets, especially the

significators of the parents. Here, as always, the Moon's node position must not be ignored, since, for some yet unknown reason, it almost always occupies a significant position in relation to the parent horoscope. For while we have been taught in our textbooks to look to the meridian and nadir for the parents and their condition, respectively—the 10th house usually for the mother and the 4th house for the father—the sign position alone, even when it shows the exact solar sign or the ascendant of the parent, is not sufficient in itself to account for the more striking cases of inherited characteristics of mind, body, and personality, though it may well indicate the family mould or general type.

We have seen, then, that behind inherited qualities and resemblances in feature and physique there exists often an identity of solar sign, a correspondence between one solar sign and the other lunar position, or a correspondence between planetary position and the parents' solar signs or ascendants. But just as the familiar and often grossly incorrect "solar horoscopes," which may now be picked up everywhere—even in the five and ten cent stores, where the salesgirls declare that "They go like hot cakes and we cannot keep them in stock"—do not, even when conscientiously drawn by an experienced astrologer, give more than an inkling of the various complications of the human psychology and its motivations, so with the intimations of heredity as shown in the birth map. These positions and correspondences mentioned above will not alone account for the more sharply drawn physical and temperamental resemblances, where these exist more strongly than may be expected of the general family type. They will undoubtedly point out and sufficiently explain similar features, types, colouring, gestures, within moderate bounds. But where qualities of character are shared by parent and child in a marked degree, we must search the horoscopes involved for *actual identity of configurations themselves*, the final test and proof of the qualities held in common.

Of these I might offer an astonishing array from my files, but one suggestive study of the hereditary angle

in the maps of a family in which these inherited characteristics are fairly prominent will serve to illustrate my point for the student eager to do his own compiling, although in the two children presented there has obviously been the usual "new shake of the dice," resulting in a fresh blend in each case.

I show here the configurations existing in the maps of the four members of the family—father, mother, and two sons. To avoid confusion and the complicated consideration of several maps at once, I append merely the major aspects existing, not noting other striking indications of interplay at work in the four horoscopes, such as, for example, the older boy's Moon's node conjunction the mother's ascendant, and the younger boy's Moon's node conjunction the father's ascendant, identical Sun sign in one case and identical Moon sign in the other, and many other points.

FATHER

Sun trine Saturn.
Jupiter square Herschel.
Mars trine Jupiter.
Venus trine Jupiter.
Moon trine Neptune.
Venus conjunction Mars.
Moon opposition Mercury.

MOTHER

Moon conjunction Venus (close).
Sun opposition Herschel.
Mercury conjunction Jupiter.
Mars trine Neptune.
Herschel trine Neptune.
Sun sextile Neptune.

OLDER SON

Sun trine Saturn.
Moon conjunction Venus (close).
Sun square Neptune.
Moon trine Neptune.
Mars square Jupiter.
Mercury conjunction Mars.
Jupiter conjunction Herschel.

YOUNGER SON

Moon conjunction Venus (close).
Mercury square Jupiter.
Mercury opposition Neptune.
Jupiter square Neptune.
Sun conjunction Mars.
Moon conjunction Herschel.
Venus conjunction Herschel.

FATHER.—July 4, 1876, 6.15 p.m., Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

MOTHER.—Feb. 22, 1879, 7.3 a.m., Brooklyn, N.Y.

OLDER SON.—Oct. 21, 1914, 7.44 p.m., Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.

YOUNGER SON.—Feb. 20, 1917, 10.17 a.m., Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.

Many interesting correspondences will be noted, some identical and several involving the same planets in changed aspects, and, as I noted previously, an abundant variety of solar and other simpler corre-

spondences exist which the group of aspects above does not reveal, and which are sufficiently in evidence in the looks and manners of the children in question. But the more striking map resemblances may be noted in the Sun trine Saturn which father and older boy share, Moon conjunction Venus which both boys share with the mother, Jupiter square Herschel which the older boy again shares with his father,¹ and Moon trine Neptune as well. Other planets are configured but changed in aspect, as the mother's Mercury conjunction Jupiter which becomes a square with the younger boy, and the same has happened with the older boy and his father's Mars trine Jupiter, etc.

Now I calculate that, roughly speaking, there was around one chance in fifteen of a child, in the world of pure chance, repeating a configuration of his father's such as the Sun trine Saturn. When we consider the mother's Moon conjunction Venus which both boys inherit, the ratio is much larger, since so close a conjunction as all three of these hold occurs for but half a day a month, or one chance in sixty. So of the other resemblances in varying ratios. We may hardly in reason attribute these occurrences to mere coincidence in view of the variety of possibilities which exist.

And so we find the elder boy a tower of strength in time of trouble as is his father, a model of fidelity, responsibility, and steadiness in the serious events of life, whatever his everyday faults. And the younger boy is not so much *lacking* in responsibility as *unaware* of the need, in life, for parental reverence and consideration, since his Saturn lacks configuration altogether. This boy has needed to be trained into appreciation of the importance of responsibility, and respect for age and authority, the necessity for thinking things through as he goes. And he is, as I say, trainable, for no hopeless affliction to the planet hampers him. But the boy with the Sun trine Saturn corresponding to his father's similar configuration does not require that the importance of the gesture of consideration or

¹ In the boy's case they are conjunction.

thoughtfulness be called to his attention. They are inbred and inherited, visibly, as the two maps suggest.

We expect to find, in the two boys, an intense love of beauty, harmony, the arts, and ability for their creative expression, shared with the mother, and here again we are not disappointed. No tedious explanations of the importance of beauty and harmony, of the necessity for making an art of life itself, will mar for their mother the years of parental companionship. Music and colour flourish in that home and art looms large in the chosen family outings by *instinct and heredity*. The father's Venus trine Jupiter is his substitute for the Moon-Venus conjunction which mother and both boys are sharing.

So of the father's trine of Mars and Jupiter, a virtue which in his case results in the accumulation of wealth by energy and industry, i.e. Mars wisely diverted, while the elder boy will tend to dissipation of what the father has accumulated, since these planets are afflicted in his case, stressing the fault rather than the virtue. So, too, the mother's Mercury-Jupiter conjunction indicates a fine quality of judgment and mental integrity which, while the relation of the planets exists in equal activity in the younger boy, most frequently functions as hasty or *bad* judgment, especially in emergency, where his mother's coolness is notable.

Father and elder son share Moon trine Neptune, a passion for ships and the sea, and also show an identical square between Jupiter and Herschel.¹ Inheritance again at play. They also share a rising Saturn with the mother, not noted in the table of configurations, hence all show silent, solitary, indrawn, reflective natures and tend to complexes because of various hampering conditions in the earlier years. But what of the younger member of the group in these cases, whose Saturn occupies an unconfigured cadent position, and whose 11th house carries, alone of the four, the brilliant, active Sun-Mars conjunction? A fountain of outflowing creative energy and athletic activity, a truly social

¹ See previous note.

being whose home is the wide, wide world (aided and abetted by four Aquarian planets on the meridian—his alone, also, of the four).

And so we might analyse this and all other family groups in their many fascinating and illuminating psychological correspondences, angles, and variations. And I have by no means exhausted the many points of resemblance in the maps under discussion or the fresh play of individual qualities where no relation is obvious between the maps, but independent configurations exist.

I ask the student to consider his own collected family maps with care and patience—signs, aspects, significators, and their degrees—and to decide for himself whether they do not indicate with clearness both the general and specific resemblances in looks and character of children to parents, where they exist, and to decide for himself his answer to the question, "Well, what does astrology say to the scientifically acknowledged facts of heredity?"

RANDOM THOUGHTS IN A TRAIN

By A. G. EAMES

ASTROLOGY is much like Life itself in this way, that it gives you back what you put into it. And in the same way that Life is not itself a philosophy, neither is astrology. It does not teach a philosophy so much as develop whatever philosophy there is in us. Should our philosophy be a mundane one, so will be our astrological views. It needs a good philosophy to live a good life and it needs a mystical philosophy to live a mystical life. I venture to express my own view when I say that we should be in error if we regarded astrology as an end in itself and as the summit of all possible attainment. It is, in fact, a means of studying certain aspects of life and is a ladder to us. It teaches much; but it is for us to understand what it teaches, and as it needs philosophy to understand it, so that astrology

cannot be greater than philosophy—which is an understanding of life.

We use the planets as symbols of certain cosmic principles, which are not the same as laws of Nature. But these principles operate in Nature. There are, for example, the principles of attraction and repulsion giving rise to the third principle of circulation. Now clearly these principles operate in the creation of Nature, including the Earth and the other planets also. Therefore the planets are not actually these principles, for they cannot be their own creators. And to say that it is not the planet itself, but the Spirit or Lord of that planet who is the principle is only an avoidance of the question, for none of us means the physical body of the planet when we speak of Jupiter, and the Lord or Spirit of a planet *is* the principle of that planet.

However, each planet has in regard to itself one of the cosmic principles predominant, but each is subject to the other principles as well. Otherwise if Jupiter were expansion he would burst, and Saturn, being crystallisation, would contract into nothing. Mars, as energy, would have no substance.

Saturn is the lord of Form and Time. Now Form is not matter but is what gives shape to matter and to thought. Form and Time are essential conditions of any manifestation of life and so Saturn gives shape and definition.

A good Saturn gives a capability to define; and if the native be of an intellectual type he can define his thoughts, for his nature is not to leave things formless. Even his most subtle thoughts will take shape and above all things he dislikes the attitude which says "I don't know how to express it, but I just *feel* it." He considers such a condition to be just so much good material gone to waste, for of what use is a thing if it be not understood?

And Jupiter stands for expansion (I am now using terms which express most completely what, for us, are the main qualities of the planet), but Jupiter may cause expansion in any department, and he is diffusive, not defining. We all hate limitation, and definition neces-

sarily implies limitation; and so we like Jupiter because we feel that he removes limitation. And so he does; but if there be not a balance between him and Saturn the native will naturally tend to generalise excessively and to lack clear ideas or definite knowledge.

Now the Human Being, as distinct from the Natural Being, who is a natural animal, reposes, as it were, on the cosmic principles and not on those principles as defined in the planets. I regard the Natural Being as composed not only of the physical body, but as including all that belongs to the external life—thought, emotion, and all that is, I think, subject to what is called astrological influence. In the inner life I believe a man to be, if he realises it, free of this necessity or bondage.

I should like to tell of the case of a friend of mine, who has Saturn in Capricorn in the 2nd house, as it is an example of one of the ways in which this principle can work—and incidentally it shows how necessary it is to deal in principles.

He cares nothing whatever about money or possessions. He travels very light, as it were, through life. I admit he often *needs* money and attention to it is sometimes forced on him by sheer necessity. But, astrologically, he ought at least to want to accumulate it! However, he is mystical and poetic and talks constantly of little earth-people, gnomes, and fairies. He has an attachment for them—for, truly speaking, our 2nd house shows those things for which we have an affinity and which therefore we naturally collect round us. Thus the 2nd comes to mean *the type of thing for which we have an attraction* and thus seek to possess, and possessions mean, for most people, money, which is a symbol of possession.

The 2nd house relates to Taurus; and the zodiacal sign Taurus is identified with the Cherubim, i.e. primeval matter. Aries is identified with the Seraphim, which are Spirit unaspected, i.e. Spirit before it moves or thinks.

Another way of speaking of these two is to say that

they are Action and Inaction, which result in Reaction in Gemini, which is the same thing as the circulation which follows upon attraction and repulsion.

Someone (I think it was Mr. W. H. Sampson) refers to the 4th house as the root of the being; and if this is thought of as the root of the natural man, the remark is undoubtedly true. It is the root of the natural life, which is a communal life, in opposition to the inner, which is an individual life. The 4th is of course a form of communal life that we all know through the conception of Home, and Cancerians are very hospitable and like company.

If Mercury be in aspect with Saturn the thoughts are definite, and Saturn gives also reflection, contemplation, and concentration. But if the aspect be to Jupiter, the thoughts embrace a wider field and are more diffusive and impulsive. The mind reaches out more readily but does not contemplate and reason so much; thus Jupiter and Saturn are both necessary to one who would have balance, and a deficiency in one is as unfortunate as a deficiency in the other.

When considering the mind, attention must be paid to the 3rd house as much as to Mercury, with whom it is to a great extent interchangeable. There is a power of choice. If we are to think of them as separate, then the planet is the ability to acquire and distribute information and the house is the type and quality of the intelligence. Knowledge and the understanding of knowledge which is wisdom are not the same thing. This understanding rests on the 9th house, which is illumination, and as the 3rd house immediately precedes the 4th, which is the root of the natural life, so does the 9th immediately precede the 10th, which is its summit. For the revelation of the 9th yields the wisdom and understanding that give point and understanding to life.

Jupiter should to some extent be taken as an alternative to the 9th house, as Mercury is interchangeable with the 3rd; but this is not wholly so in practice, on account, doubtless, of our own incompleteness and our bondage to sense. Ideally this expansion of Jupiter

should be intellectual and moral, but by nature we all take the line of least resistance and Jupiter will cause expansion according to place and aspect.

If we should all take the line of least resistance always, which is what nature does, we should without doubt respond exactly to our horoscopes, both natal and directional. But we all of us have an urge, and we know without any shadow of doubt that greater things are expected of us than that. Not even the stoutest upholders of the theory of the immutability of the horoscope sit with folded hands to await "that transit of Jupiter" to relieve their Saturnine afflictions!

For the astrological state shows us the possibilities, opportunities, and lines of energy operating in our natural lives, and we are dependent to a very great extent on them. For we are handicapped without opportunity and may be wholly unable to undertake some activity very dear to us on account of pressing responsibilities and cares.

But that need not affect our hopes nor quench our ideals.

In respect of the statement that Mercury is the means of collecting and distributing information, I wonder how many of us have had experience of people with a pronounced affliction of Mercury by Jupiter? Jupiter in opposition produces the most inveterate talkers; they talk for the sake of talking; it seems as if they will burst if they don't talk! Saturn in opposition to Mercury makes people very silent, and probably they talk too little. They think, and they are possibly excessively contemplative, but they don't express themselves freely. They don't usually get on well together, these two; the Jupiter man accuses the Saturnine of being secretive and surly, while the latter retorts that "it is empty cans that make the most noise."

I do not think there is a very great deal in this question of house-division. I am convinced there is no fence and gate between one house and another. One house merges into another, for who shall say

where feeling ends and action commences, and at what point does thought finish and feeling begin? So, wherever we put our cusps, we must use reason and judgment, and never can we place different things under different houses without reference to the whole scheme, such as putting all sickness under the 6th.

Most illness is caused by functional irregularity and therefore most illness will be of a 6th-house nature, but there are other things also under this house.

The angles are the most sure and definite points. These are the places of contact with the external world; the further one moves from them, the further one moves into psychological fields, and, as already said, who shall state that here thought ends and there feeling begins? For, after all, they are not completely separate, but variations of the same First Principle.

(To be continued.)

MONGOLISM

By "MEDOC"

HERE are four maps of children afflicted with Mongolism. This is a complaint taking its name from the characteristic Mongolian appearance of the child, eyes set at an angle, depressed bridge of the nose, etc.

It is a disease involving both physical and mental deficiency; there being backwardness in growth in every way, but the mentality is not dull as in, say, the cretin, and these children are quick both in mimicry and repartee.

They have a sense of humour, are usually very affectionate and lovable, and are generally very fond of music.

They rarely live to adult age.

The cause of the disease is a mystery, though syphilis and tuberculosis have both been accused of being responsible.

I think myself that there is some evidence that its origin is gonorrhoeal.

Be that as it may, these children are capable, under appropriate treatment, of an immense degree of improvement, mentally and physically, even the Mongolian appearance sometimes almost disappearing.

Four maps are not enough on which to generalise, but one or two points seem to stand out.

Taking the rising signs, sun-signs, moon-signs, and rulers' signs, ♀ appears five times, ♂ once, ♀ once, ♀ twice, ♀ twice, ♀ twice, ♀ once, and ♀ twice, so that ♀ is predominant.

Again, taking the elements, fire is easily first, with seventeen points, against water—eight, air—six, and earth—five.

Moreover, we see it is mostly "fixed fire."

This corresponds with the impression one gets of these children—a fiery nature confined or fixed in a vehicle incapable of expressing it.

All four children have the majority of their planets above the horizon, which seems strange, considering their obvious limitations.

Apart from the above points, I cannot discern any common factor of importance, and shall be interested to see if others can offer further suggestions.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—♄ is in strong good aspect (one ♄) to ☉ in every case, but in each case it has also a strong malefic aspect. The above description of their temperamental characteristics suggests ♄.

DATA

1. 6 a.m., April 11, 1926, London, male.
 2. 3.30 p.m., June 17, 1926, Wales, male.
 3. 3.45 p.m., April 16, 1927, London, female.
 4. 9.15 a.m., August 7, 1928, Guildford, female.
- Times are G.M.T. (*not* summer-time.)

HOUSE CUSPS (PLACIDUS)

	10	11	12	Asc.	2	3
1.	♊ 17	♋ 8	♌ 10	♍ 11	♎ 10	♏ 30
2.	♌ 15	♍ 19	♎ 14	♏ 3	♐ 0	♑ 6
3.	♏ 21	♐ 27	♑ 28	♒ 23	♓ 16	♑ 15
4.	♓ 4	♑ 10	♒ 10	♓ 3	♑ 27	♒ 28

PLANETARY POSITIONS

	☉	☾	♂	♀	♂
1.	21 ♍	3½ ♍	3 ♍ R st	4½ ♋	14 ☿
2.	26 ♐	17 ♏	10 ☿	17 ♏	2 ♍
3.	25½ ♍	20 ☿	29 ♋	29½ ♏	29½ ♐
4.	14½ ♏	27 ♍	5 ♏	25 ♏	29 ♏
	☿	♂	♂	♂	♂
1.	21 ☿	25 ♏ R	27 ♋	22 ♏ R st	12½ ☿ st
2.	27 ☿ st R	20½ ♏ R	29 ♋	22½ ♏	13½ ☿
3.	21 ♋	7 ♏ R	1 ♍	24 ♏ R st	14 ☿ st
4.	9½ ♏	12½ ♏ R st	7 ♍ R	22 ♏	17½ ☿

SIMPLICIUS ON THE FREEDOM OF THE WILL

With Notes

BY THE EDITOR

THE philosopher Simplicius lived and taught as one of the leaders of the Neo-Platonic school at Athens. When this was closed by order of Justinian, in A.D. 527, he emigrated to Persia, but, finding Persia as corrupt as Constantinople, he returned disappointed.

His *Commentary on the Encheiridion of Epictetus* contains a passage of remarkable interest to astrologers, and this, with notes, is subjoined:—

“Against those who say that not only our actions, but our very interests, are under the rule of the predestined movements of the stars, so that nothing whatever is left to us of freedom, it must be maintained: That the soul is endowed with Reason and is therefore exempt from birth and death. It is, then, impossible to suppose that it is made and constituted by moving causes. On the other hand, it is true that its vehicle (that is to say, its animal portion or the living body) is derived from them.”

Moving causes are natural causes (Latin, *natus*, born), but nature does not exhibit reason, although she obeys reason and bears its imprint. Hence the soul,

which does exhibit reason, cannot spring from nature, though the human body does so.

"For these moving causes make each thing differently, according to its particular earthly purpose. But the vehicle of the soul is made to fit the purpose of the soul that is to use it."

Nature exhibits types, but each human body, or vehicle, though it also conforms to certain types, European, Mongolian, and so forth, is also specifically adapted to the soul that will use it. If this were not so, there could be no astrology, or only an astrology of types, not of individuals.

"Consider that it is possible to recognise different kinds of workmen by the tools they use, so that one can see in this way that some are carpenters, some bricklayers, and others workers in metal. For that matter, one can tell from their tools the dispositions of the workmen and the kind of work they do, because those who excel use better and more delicate tools. In just such a way skilled astrologers perceive the character of the vehicle from their study of the particular causes that formed it, as these are shown in the nativity; and from their knowledge of the type of vehicle they can conjecture the kind of soul that is about to use that vehicle. Admittedly they are sometimes correct."

Simplicius admits here the fact of astrological diagnosis and explains it as above. Souls use appropriate bodies, bodies are formed naturally, and things formed naturally may be understood by reference to their nativities, because the factors of the nativity are principles manifesting in the principal cosmic existences.

"One may say that some souls actually frame their interests entirely to fit their vehicles. Especially is this the case in corrupt communities, into which souls are born under the weight, so to speak, of their previous sins, inasmuch as they had surrendered themselves entirely to their bodies, using them no longer as vehicles, but as an integral part of themselves."

The more the soul inclines to body, the truer the natus will be, and conversely.

"Now there is a concord between the movements of the stars and the movements of souls that enter the world at corresponding times. Not, of course, so as to compel the soul to pursue this or that course of conduct but so that the stars do in fact harmonise with the course that these souls are likely to pursue. We may illustrate this concord as follows. In cities we can see how holy times and places draw the more religious-minded people together, whilst appropriate conditions also draw evil-minded people towards their vulgar pleasures. Thus one may hazard a conjecture as to the interests and habits of crowds from the times and places in which they assemble. Similarly one may give judgment from the stellar conditions at any one time and place as to what sort of soul is then likely to be generated in harmony with them."

This wonderful passage explains the secret of the doctrine of nativities and also its limitations. For the soul is not compelled, in an absolute sense, to conform to this natural concord. For particular reasons a soul might even rise above it. The nativity would then be misleading. And such cases, though rare, do occur, especially in regard to character, but not so often, if ever, in regard to circumstance, because the bad man cannot, and the good man will not (without good cause) disobey the natural harmony.

"For when the requirements of Justice, acting in retribution of violations of Divine Goodness, agree with the nature of the heavenly bodies at any particular time, then such souls as need a corresponding kind of punishment are sent down into generation. For in everything Affinity and Necessity possess the power of bringing things into mutual relations."

This profound passage speaks of two compelling principles that control the time of birth and consequently the natus. Of Affinity mention has been made above: by this principle we tend to come into earthly manifestation under a horoscope similar to our disposition. But Necessity (= *karma*) may also operate in a distinct manner and produce what theosophical astrologers call a "karmic" map, in which there may be

heavy afflictions without corresponding depravity of temperament. Thirdly, a soul may even come to birth by deliberate choice in order to undertake a special and difficult task: in such a case the natus may be very difficult, but neither is the soul itself depraved nor is it compelled to this course by Divine Justice: in this category would be the nativities of many great men and women who have lived hard lives for the sake of some ideal.

But in the main there are two classes of map: *maps of affinity*, in which disposition and natus correspond, and *maps of destiny*, in which the destiny is shown rather than the disposition.

We have seen that true character (in the best sense and as distinct from disposition or temperament) is not shown horoscopically in its entirety, because it is not formed solely by natural causes of any kind, but by spiritual forces working upon the raw material of temperament or disposition. Hence maps that are supposed to show the ego or true self (whatever be the precise expression) are used in ignorance of philosophy and the nature of man. Most maps are of a mixed type and are partly based on Affinity and partly on Necessity. Hence the difficulty that is known to all practical astrologers of deciding whether or not a certain configuration will operate in terms of temperament or of destiny, or of both.

"So then fate does not determine the pursuits of the soul, nor does it take away our freedom, but it is the souls themselves that consent to this or that destiny. And since they conform to the vehicles that are prepared for them, according to their worth, it is not at all remarkable that one can tell from their horoscopes what pursuits each will engage upon. In fact the souls do actually engage upon vocations that are in agreement with their worth in a former life, but the power of using their opportunities well or badly they possess in themselves."

This passage vindicates astrology, thus understood, from real fatalism. *Karma* does, in fact, regulate our circumstances, but it is in the essence of the soul itself

to be able freely to decide whether to obey reason and conscience, or whether to submit to external conditions.

"Hence it happens that some embrace a commercial career and yet live well, and others, who make display of a philosophic life, behave disgracefully. For the *kind* of life, whether of a rustic, a tradesman, or a musician, to take some instances, the souls themselves in part draw as it were by lot, and in part God assigns it to them according to their merits. But the *moral quality* of each life the souls add by their own free choice. Hence it is not what calling people follow that we praise or blame, but their manner of conducting it."

This further explains Simplicius' teaching on the most important point of ethical astrology. It accords exactly with practical experience; no one can speak definitively as to the moral worth of a man or woman from their map, although something can be said inferentially. Thus a person with a harmonious map will probably not do wrong, not because these configurations demonstrate that he is truly moral, but because the natural part of him (which is all the map shows) is harmonious, so that he is not likely to commit crime and so run counter to society and incur risks. On the other hand, an afflicted map may show only tribulations and not an evil character, for afflictions show no more than an inharmonious existence. This may easily agree with a noble life, as of a reformer, who, to his honour, is not in harmony with society on account of its inordinations.

"Nor does fate introduce anything dishonourable into the soul, though some do not hesitate to affirm that this is so, because they see that some are said by the astrologers to be (to take examples) crafty, given to gross vice, or adulterous. But although some astrologers do foretell these things correctly, this consideration arises, that we may respond to our peculiar predispositions either moderately or immoderately. For craftiness arises from the abuse of prudence; and those who become pests and corruptors of youth are those who respond immoderately to a natural propensity to like young people, which, if they would use

it moderately, would make them benefactors and guardians of the young. In the same way a man who looks at the sun without winking becomes blinded, although the sun is the giver of light and the source of sight to all of us."

Astrologers can always tell what the predisposition is, in so far as it is below the moral and rational plane, and so their forecasts as to disposition are often correct in a general sense, but are liable to be frustrated if the subjects of their vaticinations are living a rational and moral life. It is true that what are known technically as bad aspects do tend to an immoderate response and therefore an evil life; but this tendency is only a natural one and can be controlled. These afflictions are then prone to act in a circumstantial manner, affecting the health or fortunes adversely, and the map passes into the "karmic" class.

"Whence, then, can astrologers possibly know who will respond temperately and who intemperately, thus pronouncing that one will be crafty and another merely prudent? Is it credible that there is any indication of such a thing as this in their diagrams, of which some are intelligible to anyone (as for example that which shows the sun to be in the Crab and which indicates an intemperate response) and some are obscure and unintelligible to those who are not proficient in the art?"

This rhetoric question evidently expects the negative answer, for the whole of the argument would break down if astrologers could foresee the mode of response. The reference to the Sun in Cancer being an indication of an intemperate response is strange, and has been understood as referring to the immoderate heat felt by the body in midsummer. But the whole discussion relates to psychological, not bodily, matters; yet, if the reference is psychological, it seems to weaken Simplicius' case, unless he means (of course mistakenly) that astrologers attribute this condition to those with the Sun in Cancer, but that he does not agree with their (supposed) belief: this is probably the correct rendering.

"Surely such minds as always retain their true nature

and preserve the character given to them by their Creator, are furnished with the utmost degree of power and must evidently also have a will that is entirely good, so as to be incapable of causing any ill whatever. For all evil springs from weakness, and power is good in itself. Nevertheless an intemperate reception of what is good is sometimes harmful."

If man lives according to his Divine Exemplar, he cannot lack either the will or the power to do good. In fact, all power of any kind comes from Deity; but, the philosopher warns us, we may pervert this beneficial influx by an immoderate reception, as in the case of the man cited above, who loses his sight through gazing at the sun.

"Let such be our answer to those who deny man's freedom by arguments based on the restraints imposed by Fate."

But it need not be supposed that the reasoning of the philosopher reduces astrological pretensions to shreds and leaves the art without adequate justification for its use. The portion of psychological man to which the term "natural" may be applied, and which is shown horoscopically, is of immense importance; and although religion and moral philosophy are perhaps the principal methods of training it, yet by themselves these often prove quite insufficient, as modern psychoanalysis has well demonstrated. As a handmaiden to therapeutic and educational psychology, astrology is of the utmost value, as well as being highly interesting in all cases. Furthermore, circumstantial astrology, called opprobriously fortune-telling, is extraordinarily accurate, and with more knowledge it will become almost indefinitely more so. And in this field it may be said that astrology is entirely alone, so that it may justly be claimed that there is no other science of events than astrology, except in so far as events are purely physical, such as the tides.

THE BASIS OF THE ASTROLOGY OF THE FIXED STARS

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PURSUING this surprisingly successful method, we are tempted, *to try to comprehend the whole firmament runologically*. And, in fact, one can see how these twelve of the eighteen Old-German Runic letters that are still left unite to form a ring—that of the firmament, which is the outer ring of our drawing. Our twelve Runic letters indicate the ultra-violet rays of the firmament, and so we can define the matter in the simplest and most distinct way, if we remember that in the spectrum analysis of physics also, the region of the visible colours does not by any means exhaust their fields of operation.

Now it becomes clear why the fixed stars that we spoke of must actually represent, in harmony with tradition, *Regulus*, a royal star, *Spica*, a fortune-bearing star, and *Antares*, a misfortune-bearing star, respectively. *Regulus* shines to-day through the last degrees of Leo, *Spica* through the last third of Libra, and *Antares* through the first degrees of Sagittarius; but, at the time of Christ, they were directed to those points in the zodiac that are about the length of one zodiacal sign in front of their present places. However, this alteration in zodiacal position is, as mentioned above, but an apparent one, since in reality only the axis of the earth turns, and we, in the course of the Platonic year, only see the firmament in ever-changing relation to our solar system. If we wish to perceive the operative fields of the constellations, we must, of course, put aside the confusion that is created through this axial alteration and must only pay regard to the real arrangement of the sky, as it revealed itself at the time of

the death of Christ. This arrangement, this unchanging innermost heart of Nature, shows itself quite simply in the scheme of Runic letters now under consideration. It is true that Regulus, at the time of Christ, shone through the point 2° Leo, Spica through 25° Virgo, and Antares through 12° Scorpio, not, as one might expect, *exactly* through 0° Leo, 0° Libra, and 0° Scorpio. But in the astrology of the firmament, the "Higher Astrology," we must, as in the higher mathematics, allow for the principle of fluxion, of approximation, of the irrational number. So now we may state that our fixed stars Regulus, Spica, and Antares are precisely represented by the Runic letters that correspond with 0° Leo, 0° Libra, and 0° Scorpio in our circle of Runic letters. Regulus, the "royal" "sun" (Ω) star, is clearly denoted by the Sun-Runic letter "Sig"; Spica, the "fortune-bearing" "Venus" (♌) star, by the Venus-Runic letter "Kaun," and Antares, the "misfortune-bearing" "Mars" (♏) star, by the Ares-Runic letter "Ar." "Wonder en is gheen wonder"—a wonder and yet not a wonder, we should like to exclaim with Stevinus, one of the first scientific and mathematical physicists of modern times, after having perceived the potent law of Nature here revealed.

That the above determination of the characters of the fixed stars is not merely capricious or a jest of chance, but that this runologic conception of Nature possesses the deepest scientific meaning is evident at once if we venture simply to put our circle of Runic letters upon the East-Asiatic sphere of the year 17,000 B.C. Then we can at once confirm that Regulus (*Regulus ignicapillus*, the "king with the fiery feathers," as the ornithologist calls the king of birds, the golden-crested wren) is a most important star in the region of the constellation "Fire of the Phoenix," the Sun-bird, and therefore precisely corresponds to the Sun, or "Sig," Runic letter. Further, we can state that Spica, in the East-Asiatic sphere, is called the "Great Horn," namely the Phallus, i.e. the symbol of sex, the simile of the Runic letter "Kaun," belonging to Venus. Further, Antares is called thereon the "Heart of the

Dragon," namely, of the martial, murderous animal whose relation to Mars and to his symbol, the Runic letter "Ar," is no less manifest.

We may make a further test and score a further success in explaining that the Old-German Runic letter "Naud" ("need") lies in the circle of Runic letters at exactly the point whereat, in the Occidental sphere at the time of the unity of heaven and earth (i.e. at the time of Christ), we find the constellation *Perseus* with its principal star *Algol*. Now *Perseus* is, as we have seen, according to the researches of Albert Schultz (Peryt Shou), the constellation which represents the centre of the firmament and that which the inspired Nietzsche invokes in his hymn as the "Shield of Necessity." Albert Schultz has never heard of the runologic method of research here employed, and I myself can only remark that there are yet more proofs of the fact that the centre of the firmament is to be found in the region of *Perseus*: In the East-Asiatic sphere *Perseus* is situated in the constellation "Protector of the Riches of the Lower Region"—let us simply say "Hades"—and *Algol*, of that constellation, is called the "Death's Head," that is, *Sphinx atropos*, the "inexorable Sphinx," corresponding to the Occidental name of the "Gorgon's Head."¹ What words could better suit this constellation than these, quoted near the commencement of this article?

Portrait of eternal Imagery!
—But in truth thou knowest it:
What all hate,
That thou art eternal!
That thou art necessary!
My love kindles itself
For ever from Necessity alone.

In the centre of the drawing before us there is the *Pentagram*. Symbolically this signifies the tripod which carries the "Bowl of Heaven," the multiplied or quadruped, the equivalent of our Runic circle. But it is true that with this statement we contradict those

¹ *Algol* means a skull, cp. "Golgotha," the place of the skull.—ED.

above relating to the centre of the firmament, by which, of course, can only be meant the point of contact with that which supports it, the symbolic tripod. I can but lightly touch upon this problem and will only add that neither the planetary signs nor the pentagram belongs directly to the Runic alphabet. Yet the drawing in question was chosen because only by it the correspondence is shown between the zodiac and planets in our solar system, and the pentagram-Runic letters or tripod-quadruped in the firmament. This drawing will now reveal its full sense if we, in its frame, direct to the pentalpha star at its centre our constellation Perseus, the centre of the firmament, awarding to the letter "Naud" the Babylonian constellation of the Shield, which is the Hyades of the Occident, containing the important star Aldebaran (*alpha Tauri*). Perseus and the Hyades are closely related to one another in astrological value.

The astrology of the fixed stars receives further support from the analysis of the Tarot, that strange and very ancient game with $22 + 56 = 78$ cards. This, with its remarkable combination of pictures, numbers, writings, and words, has always appeared to greater minds as something higher than the ordinary work of man, as, indeed, a most sacred magic game. Only in the last years, since the Great War, since the ever-swelling interest in astrology began, have savants eagerly endeavoured to solve the riddle of the Tarot. I cannot consider this matter in detail but can only give the solution of the riddle as I found it. I would say that the cards, set out as below, present the "play of heaven and earth," of the circles of the "power-fields" of the firmament and of the solar system in a combination similar to what we have seen in the Runic letters. For simplicity's sake I am going to use, in determining the relation of the cards to the organisation of the firmament, the names of the constellations which are identical with the signs of our zodiac. It would, of course, be clearer and in a sense neater to set the cards in direct correspondence with the Runic circle.

These are the correspondences:—

Constellations.	Pictures.	Numbers.	Letters.
♄	Magician	1	Aleph
♅	High Priestess	2	Beth
♆	Empress	3	Ghimel
♇	Emperor	4	Daleth
♈	—	—	—
♉	Hierophant	5	He
♊	—	—	—
♋	Lovers	6	Vau
♌	Chariot	7	Zain
♍	Justice	8	Chet
♎	Hermit	9	Theth
♏	Wheel of Fortune	10	Jod

Zodiacal Signs.	Pictures.	Numbers.	Letters.
♈	Strength	20	Kaph
♉	The Hanged Man	30	Lamed
♊	Death	40	Mem
♋	Temperance	50	Nun
♌	Devil	60	Samech
♍	Tower	70	Hain
♎	Star	80	Phe
♏	Moon	90	Tsade
♐	Sun	100	Quoph
♑	Last Judgment	200	Resch
♒	Fool	300	Shin
♓	World	400	Thau

Proceeding to the remaining 56 ($= 4 \times 14$) cards, these, in their division into cups, wands, money, and swords, occupy the four quadrants of a circle that closely corresponds in value with the circle of planets in our diagram. The pentalpha star in our drawing is not directly marked in the Tarot, for the man who holds the tarot cards in his hand is himself the most appropriate image of the cosmic "knot" in the centre of the sky, in Perseus.

This cabalistic game of the Tarot, even if it is, as

to its origin, dedicated to the Egyptian god Theud, has certainly a past still more remote than that of the Egyptians. We shall not go amiss if we bring into relation with our problem the whole legend of the Tower of Babylon and the Babylonian confusion of tongues caused by its destruction, that is, by forgetfulness of the principles embodied in the circular design of the Tarot, by inability to talk, to "babble," in the language of the stars. Finally, going still farther, we may define the Tarot as the "game of Zaratas," for the Iranian Zarathustra was also called the "ace" or "master" of the Zarat, or Tarot. The words Zarat and Tarot are, etymologically, equivalent.

And now we are suddenly enlightened as to the real meaning of Nietzsche's visions, to which we have hitherto been unable to find a scientific approach. The Iranian, the Persian Zarathustra, the image of Perseus—this man with the name of the trigon of fixed stars, Zeret-Usti-Ari (Eagle-Lion-Doves) the syllables of whose name, Zara-thust-ara, are equal to the value of their initial letters in the tarot cards, Zain (th =) Daleth and Aleph, denoting the same fields in the firmament, is the destined teacher of the astrology of the firmament. That is what Friedrich Nietzsche wished to say. Let us remember that the Old-German Runic letters also possessed numerical values, as transmitted to us on the Skaldskaparmal (66) of the Edda, besides what the Swede J. L. Studach has written in his work cited above. Again, let us further recall that the East-Asiatics, in their very old division of the year into 10 heavenly "stems" and 12 earthly "branches," possessed a "game of heaven and earth" similar to the tarot, as well as to the Old-German Runic letters. Moreover, let us observe that cosmic values for the tones of human speech have been placed at our disposal by the tarot and Runic letters, so that we may comprehend the introductory words of St. John's Gospel and also the rather harsh words of Heracleitus in his book "On Nature": "For this word, though eternal, man finds no understanding, neither before nor as soon as he has heard it. Everything

happens according to this word; and yet he behaves like one without experience as often as he tries to use such words and works as I make known to him, analysing each object in the search for its nature and explaining how it comes about." Finally, recall the fact that the Tarot offers us immediate pictures, and also that every Runic letter expresses a picture of Nature; yes, remember that all letters and sounds may be translated into hieroglyphs, that is, holy signs, and so give us images which are, despite their awkwardness, portraits of Nature in her beauty, and that, furthermore, we have learned that in such pictures, such Platonic Ideas, Nature reveals herself. Thus the curtain that hangs before scientific astrology will finally be lifted.

In very fact the Universe is a sounding song of praise to God. Only the notes of this composition, the constellations, are expressed to some extent in hieroglyphs. We must learn to read these in order at the same moment to enjoy the music of the spheres and to understand the vibrating Soul of the World in its pure beauty.

Nearly a hundred years have passed to-day since, in 1835, the French Chevalier M. de Paravay, who had been blessed by Providence beyond almost any other of our times, in that he not only divined the spirit of the astrology of the stars but even employed it, wrote in his work *Illustrations de l'Astronomie Hieroglyphique* these words: "The reconstruction of the hieroglyphic constellations would in very deed demand the best faculties of many learned men; it would be possible in London and it would likewise be possible in Paris. But in Paris those men who could do this work despise that antiquity through acquaintance with which men such as Newton, Leibniz, and Bailly were able to gain such deep knowledge; they are far from knowing how to appreciate what profit can be won thence. Therefore we appeal to all learned Europe, and especially to eager and enlightened Germany."

At that time people in France did not understand Paravay; hence his somewhat bitter reference to his

own country. But I am sorry to say that elsewhere also his appeal did not meet with sympathy, so that the whole of his great theme came to a stop with his death and has remained stationary ever since. And yet it is, if we think aright, the highest that is placed before the human spirit. So, for myself, I should like to close these deductions by renewing the appeal of Paravay and uttering the hope that now, not only in Germany but be it where it may in the world, illustrious souls will be found who will once and for all clear the way for the understanding of the astrology of the firmament of stars.

"For a school following such a philosophical method would naturally, in its very beginning, win leadership in the realm of reason, as geometry has done, and would no sooner be shaken or perish than the sciences themselves would be shaken or perish among mankind at the outset of a new barbaric invasion.

"If the characteristic numbers,"—the hieroglyphs, the Platonic Ideas—"are fixed once and for all for the majority of conceptions, mankind will, so to say, possess a new organ that will enhance the executory powers of the spirit far more than optical instruments strengthen the visual powers of the eye, and that will surpass the microscope and the telescope in the same measure as reason is superior to the sense of sight. Greater furtherance than the compass has ever brought to the sailor will this heavenly portraiture bring to all those who sail upon the sea of investigation and experiment. He who is firmly convinced of the truth of religion and its consequences, and in his love for mankind longs for their conversion, must surely admit, as soon as he has truly conceived our method, that, if we set aside the wonders and deeds of the saints and the victories of a great ruler, one can think of no more effective means for the spreading of faith than the discovery of that of which I speak. For, if once the missionaries have been able to introduce *this* language, then the true religion that stands in exact conformity with reason will be established, and in the future there will be just as little need for fearing an apostasy of *this* religion as of a turning away of men from arithmetic and geometry once learned. Therefore I repeat what I have often said, that a person who is neither prophet nor prince can set himself no task of greater importance for the welfare of mankind, as well as for the glory of God" (G. W. Leibniz).

(Conclusion.)

FRACTURED VERTEBRAE

BELOW we give the positions for a girl born 5.20 a.m., March 14, 1916, 45.30 N., 69 W. The case is supplied by Mrs. Elsie M. Kennison, of Boston, Mass.

At about 4.30 p.m., March 19, 1933, the native was out walking with friends and leant against the railings of a bridge to have a snapshot taken. The railing was defective and broke. She fell backwards on to a pile of rocks and the ice of a frozen stream, breaking three vertebrae in her spine. An operation was performed successfully and bone was taken from her ankle to replace, or reinforce, the vertebrae. Without this operation she would have been helpless for life, as the fracture caused great pain and partial paralysis. The defective railing is on town property and the township is legally responsible and is paying all expenses. A bright, talented youngster with unusual poise and natural charm. The father was killed in a railroad accident when she was three or four years old.

This case may be compared with Example No. 19, page 101, *Astrology of Accidents*; in this case the native was born only six days later and had a similar type of accident at practically the same "progressed" date. But the present case seems much less afflicted, though the injury was far more severe. The main directions operative were $\odot \triangle \delta$, $\odot \square h$, $\odot \delta \downarrow p$, but M.C. was near $\square \downarrow$. $\delta \delta \odot 2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ is almost exact.

C. E. O. C.

Placidian Cusps

M.C.	XI	XII	Asc.	II	III
19 \uparrow	9 V	1 ∞	7 X	27 V	27 δ

\odot 23.30 X ; J 22.21 ∞ ; J 29.11 ∞ ; J 5.14 δ ; J 10.39 R st;
 \downarrow 7.10 V ; h 9.33 ∞ SD; H 17.46 ∞ ; J 0.4 R st; PL $1\frac{1}{2}$ ∞ SD.

SPRING WEATHER (GREAT BRITAIN)

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March

During the middle weeks of March, Jupiter will be in trine to Saturn, passing from the geocentric aspect on the 7th to the heliocentric on the 24th. This should give rise to a period of mainly fair weather. At intervals there will be slight precipitation, sometimes in the form of sleet or snow showers; but the amounts are likely to be small as a rule, and generally speaking the weather should be dry. Rather low temperatures are probable for the most part, with frosts at night, keeping vegetation in check. Some of the days should be bright and sunny, while others are cloudy and dull.

Near the end of the month conditions will deteriorate, and from the 28th to 31st the weather is likely to be of a decidedly unsettled character (♄ ♂ ♀ ♄ ♀ ♄ ♄). Temperature should be mild until about the 31st, when it is likely to become cold, and the rain may turn to snow in some districts.

The conjunction of Venus and Saturn on the last day of the month is unfortunate, as it points to the likelihood of a cold, unsettled Easter. Hope may be found in recalling the experience of 1933, when Venus and the Sun were conjunction Uranus during the holiday, and conditions were brilliant notwithstanding. But one hardly dares anticipate such summary defiance of all known laws in two successive years!

April

Spring is likely to come with a rush in April, as the Sun will be close to conjunction with Mars throughout. This is almost sure to make the month in general very warm and fine, especially as it occurs in Aries. Sunshine should exceed the average considerably, combined with a small rainfall.

Near the beginning Venus, leaving Saturn, goes to the sextile of Uranus. The weather is likely to be

unsettled; and as it will probably be cold as well, there may be some sleet or snow in places.

About the 4th the oncoming influence of Sun and Mars in opposition to Jupiter should make itself apparent. Temperature is likely to rise rapidly during the next few days, becoming decidedly high for the time of year; and the weather meanwhile should be very fine and sunny. The burst of springlike warmth will very probably develop into a miniature heat-wave.

Between the 9th and 11th cooler conditions are probable, with more cloud ($\odot \delta * h^*$); but the weather should continue dry.

Subsequently the conjunction of the Sun and Mars becomes exact, in square to Pluto; and a further spell of fine sunny weather should ensue between the 12th and 15th. Warm day temperatures are probable, with cool nights; the conjoined bodies being in sextile to the midpoint of Saturn's geo-helio positions.

Between the 16th and 18th the Sun and Mars are sextile Saturn, while Venus opposes Neptune. Conditions are likely to be rather unsettled and cool for a time.

Mars in conjunction with Uranus on the 19th should lead to the return of fine warm weather.

During the latter part of the month the Sun remains in close proximity to Mars, and Mercury opposes Jupiter on the 25th. The weather should be mostly fair and warm in consequence; but it will probably become less settled at the end, when the Sun comes on to the trine of Neptune, and Venus to the trine of Pluto.

May

On May 1st there is a conjunction of Mercury and Uranus, in close sextile to Saturn; and a brief cool period may result from these positions. It will only last a day or two, however.

Between the 3rd and 12th, conditions will be of a pleasant and genial character, appropriate to late spring or early summer. Mars will be in trine to

Neptune, and Mercury conjunction Mars. A spell of warmth may therefore be expected during these ten days, the temperature being well above the normal for the season. Fair weather should predominate in the south and east, with showers; while in the west and north conditions will tend to be unsettled. An occasional slight tendency to thunder is not improbable. The warm temperatures, combined in many districts with a mixture of sunshine and rain, should be highly beneficial to the countryside, giving a period of excellent "growing" weather.

On the 13th Sun and Mercury conjoin in sextile to Pluto, and in trine to Venus heliocentric. Mild, unsettled weather is probable about this time.

Subsequently Saturn comes to the sextile of heliocentric Uranus, this being the first contact of a long-drawn-out aspect. Later on in the summer Jupiter will add his influence, and the combination of the three superiors should conduce to fine, hot weather. But in May, while Uranus and Saturn operate alone, the chances are that they will lower the temperature considerably, and give a spell of unseasonable cold in the second half of this month. A good deal of cloud is probable and occasional rain; but on the whole the weather should be fairly dry. (The Sun squares Saturn on the 19th, and despite the opposition of Venus to Jupiter the same day, Whitsun week-end will most probably be rather cold and cheerless.)

In the last few days of the month, conditions are likely to be rather unsettled ($\varphi \square PL$; $\varphi * \varphi$, Δh ; $\odot \square \Psi$).

June

Venus is conjunction Uranus at the beginning of June, with Mercury in sextile. Rather unsettled weather is probable in consequence, and it may be cool.

Jupiter has now come to the trine of Saturn heliocentrically, however, and by the 4th, when the Sun is in trine to Jupiter, conditions should become mainly fair for some days, with rising temperature.

Between the 7th and the 13th Neptune has the sextile of Mercury and the trine of Venus, so that the weather will tend to be unsettled in the main, although with fine periods (♄ □ ♃).

From the 14th to the 16th mostly fair conditions are likely to prevail (☉ △ ♁*, △ ♃*: ♂ □ ♄).

CORRESPONDENCE

PSYCHO-ANALYSIS

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I am sorry I could not answer Mrs. Mary G. Howell's interesting remarks on "Psycho-analysis" in the September Quarterly in time for the December Quarterly, all my time having been taken up by a severe illness, which occurred just after I had accepted a position as honorary secretary of a psycho-analytical ambulance.

I am grateful for Mrs. Howell's suggestions respecting my lecture published in the June Quarterly, so specialised work as mine always including a danger of too great onepointedness. It may indeed be a drawback to examine a whole life in the light of only one small part, lasting perhaps (let us hope, in any case) only a short while. But in the beginnings of my studies of the nativities of neurotic patients I was particularly interested in psychic disease, wishing to learn its astrological features and hoping to use them statistically later on, so that I left all else behind. Of course this kind of work is general enough, and, for instance, the investigations on political horoscopes do not include an examination of the native's private life and health. If I am well informed, the nativity of the late German President Ebert was quoted by many astrologers because of his astonishing career, without any prognostication concerning his early and sudden death, which happened soon afterwards; this question not having been taken into consideration.

The mental powers possessed by the native of the map I wrote about in the June Quarterly I certainly did not overlook. But perhaps I did not stress enough her literary abilities, the success she might gain through them, and the probability of a higher mental development which might occur (p. 74). On the other hand, a spiritual advancement by the 9th house (super-ego) and a change in her life through love, i.e. a normal and healthy attitude toward love, is just what psycho-analysis gave her, and indeed many patients before and since.

The difference between Mrs. Howell's view and mine seems to be that she thinks of spiritual advancement and I of an intellectual one. Psycho-analysis reckons with the mental development of man

following on his overcoming his lower instincts; that is what we call sublimation. On the other hand, medical science, including psycho-analysis, disapproves of irrational metaphysics and esotericism; and I am too bound up in psycho-analysis myself to accept any other standard. Let me as a psycho-analytic astrologer quote the words of our great German poet:—

Könnst' ich Magie von meinem Pfad entfernen;
Die Zaubersprüche ganz und gar verlernen;
Stünd' ich, Natur, vor dir, ein Mann allein,
Da wär's der Mühe wert, ein Mensch zu sein.—(*Faust, II.*)¹

On the other hand I am sure that astrology is in great need of a deeper *psychologic* understanding of human nature, astrology unluckily having stayed behind in the general development of modern psychology. I am no longer satisfied to learn the characteristics of neuroses, but try to find out in studying the forty psycho-analytical cases, whose nativities I have now collected, the indications of the different parts of human soul. My ambition is to be able to judge in the nativity the ego, "It," and super-ego, the conscious and unconscious and their conflicts between each other, etc.

From this psychologic point of view I appreciate Mrs. Howell's remarks and thank her.

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I feel I must make one very strong protest concerning a statement in the last number but one, to the effect that Miss Amy Johnson was born with the first decanate of Gemini on the ascendant! I would not believe such a statement on the sworn testimony of nurse, doctor, and parents combined. Surely, sir, every practising astrologer knows that the natives of Gemini are the very last people capable of any feat of sustained endurance and bodily hardship—more especially when performed *alone*, without precedent or encouragement, and in the face of appalling dangers to life and limb. It only needs a little common sense to rectify the birthtime by a few degrees and bring the ascendant into Taurus, the sign distinguished for persistence, endurance, and indomitable will! Experience has made me profoundly sceptical of birth data supplied. They

¹ "Could I but remove magic from my path and totally unlearn the spells it has taught me; did I but stand, Nature, before thee a man and only a man, then indeed 'twere worth while to be human."—Ed.

demand critical judgment at all times, but especially when the proposed ascendant is so obviously impossible as here.

My own method of finding the pre-natal epoch would, I know, be thought heretical by certain able practitioners, but it is the result of twenty-five years of study and practice, and I venture to suggest for Miss Amy Johnson's case an epoch on October 5, 1902, 5.4 p.m. G.M.T, which gives the Moon in Scorpio 27.41, and the consequent birth-ascendant Taurus 27.41.

ESTHER WOOD.

PLANETARY RULERSHIP

SYDNEY, N.S.W.

May I add a further comment to those already published on the sign rulership of the new planets, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.

To my mind there is no doubt that Uranus and Neptune rule Aquarius and Pisces respectively, and following the same line of reasoning that apparently gave the rulership of these two signs to them, it is probable that, instead of Scorpio, the negative sign of Mars, the new planet Pluto would rule, or be the overlord of, the positive sign Aries.

Many students dislike to associate astrology with Greek mythology, but it seems that many of the ancient myths were given to the world to remind the materialistic people of the spiritual truths of the science of the stars.

In the course of a lecture given at the Sydney School of Arts in the latter part of 1930 by Mr. A. J. Bush, the following remarks were made:

"The Moon, as we know, has much influence over the instinctive mind, while Mercury rules the positive reasoning faculties, with the mind as an instrument; and the sign Aries is associated with the head and brain of man and his aspirations.

"The planet Uranus is considered the higher octave of Mercury and we all know the progress which has been made in electrical science since its discovery.

"With the discovery of Neptune came the oil industries, with a world-wide interest in occult science, spiritualism, etc.

"Therefore it is very probable that the new planet will usher in a new era under telepathic lines, and that Pluto will exert an influence over the higher vibrations of the human mind.

"Thought transference may become more generally possible, and with it may come the ability to read the thoughts of others—which may not be an unmixed blessing.

"As there is a dark side to every planet, it is possible that the adverse influence of Pluto will upset the finely balanced mental scales and manifest in extreme cases as lunacy, hallucination, etc.

"This seems all the more possible when we consider that Aries is the opposition sign to the sign of the balance, and that Osiris, the Egyptian god of the underworld, weighed the hearts of departing souls in the balance against the feather of truth."

This is the only time I have heard this theory put forward and I would be interested to hear the opinion of other students.

It will probably be several generations before humanity as a whole will be able to respond to this very subtle influence.

I have seen several instances where Pluto has been held responsible for events and traits of character which could in most cases be easily traced to the influence of Neptune and sometimes even to Saturn.

In the isolated cases where the influence of Pluto can be responded to by the present generation, the mental and psychic forces will be very powerful, but the price will probably be paid with an extremely delicate nervous system.

The influence of Pluto is strongly suggested to me by the first lines of a poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

I have been down in the darkest water—
 Deep, deep down where no light can pierce;
 Alone with the things that are bent on slaughter,
 The mindless things that are cruel and fierce,
 I have fought with fear in my wave-walled prison—
 And begged for the beautiful boon of death;
 But out of the billows my soul has risen
 To glorify God with my latest breath.

NARDOO.

THE COMPETITION

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With reference to the competition on page III of *Astrology*, I suggest that the peculiar psychological state of the child born March 21, 1919, 5.20 a.m., 43 N. 71 W. is as follows:—

Most of the planets in fiery and watery signs indicate that the seat of the trouble is in the abnormal functioning of the astral body and that her emotions are of a very strong and uncontrollable nature. This dislocation is reflected in the mind giving rise to delusions (☿ ☐ ♀) owing to an abnormal concept of time. She will possess therefore a remarkable gift of prophecy or clear vision (☉ △ ♀) and have psychic powers. Lack of understanding, however, from those who are near to her, will cause a complex of a dangerous nature which in the future will lead to violence (♂ ☿ ♀ ♀). The cause of this peculiar disturbance is due to the fact

that in her past incarnation she was a native of Africa (21 ♂ Pluto in ♉) and was connected with some sort of magic, witchcraft, or voodoo worship, thereby causing an over-development of the astral body.

GEO. CECIL NIXON.

[This came too late for inclusion in our last issue. The mention of voodoo practices is distinctly interesting, in view of the nature of the child's peculiarity, as explained in our December issue, page 157.—ED.]

HOUSE-DIVISION

IN FAVOUR OF REGIOMONTANUS

For many years the question of the correct method of house-division has vexed the mind of astrologers and cast confusion in their midst. The system of Placidus, known as the semi-arc system and popularised in the nineteenth century by Raphael and Zadkiel, has at the hands of discerning mathematicians received its death-knell. The fundamental objection that undermines the system of Placidus also undermines the systems of Porphyry and Alcabitius; consequently students are left with only two systems of house-division worthy of serious attention; the system of Fra Campanella that has as its plane of reference the "prime vertical" or circle of observation, and the "rational system" of Johann Müller, Archbishop of Ratisbon, and known as the system of Regiomontanus.

As early as 1919 I became keenly interested in the method of Campanella (Campanus) and in 1925 wrote an article in the *British Journal of Astrology*, urging students to experiment with this system. But the passage of time and the accumulation of experience has convinced me that the Campanus system has been weighed in the balance and found wanting and that the only true and reliable system is that of Regiomontanus.

In vindication of this point of view may I submit for the benefit of your readers the following examples taken from my extensive collection of private horoscopes?

1. A young priest had ☉ directed to conjunction of ♀ in the 9th house (travelling) and he spent an excellent holiday travelling and sailing in the Mediterranean. By Campanus ♀ is in 8th house.

2. A young man had ♀ in ♍ on cusp of 8th house (death). When ☿ transited his ♀ his brother and uncle simultaneously died. By Campanus ♀ is in 7th house.

3. ♀'s transit of ♀ in the 5th house (children) in the horoscope of a married man resulted in the serious illness of his only child. By Campanus ♀ is placed in the 6th house.

4. A married lady has ♂ in 5th (children) at birth, and directions and transits to her radical ♂ have always affected her through her son (who was born under ♀ with ♂ on M.C.). By Campanus ♂ is placed in 6th house.

5. A gentleman who has ♀ in the 3rd house (brothers) was very much affected by the serious illness of his brother when ♀ ♂ ♀ fell across his radical ♀. By Campanus ♀ is placed on cusp of 2nd house.

6. A gentleman with ♀ in the 11th house (friends) made a life-long friend when ♀ and ♀ together transited his radical ♀. When ♀ transited his ♀ he lost one of the dearest of his friends. By Campanus ♀ would be placed inside the cusp of the 12th house (enemies, occult things).

7. The late Mr. Gornold (Sepharial) strongly insisted that his ♀ had a 11th house influence. By Campanus it is placed in 12th house.

8. Whenever ♀ transited ♂ in the 11th house of a lady well known to the writer, she has been invited to entertain at children's parties. By Campanus ♀ is placed in 12th house.

9. A lady with ♀ in 5th house (children) had a number of unexpected disappointments in regard to child-birth. By Campanus ♀ was in the 6th house.

10. An American lady has ♀ in 4th house (home) and she is continually changing her residence. By Campanus ♀ is in 5th house.

11. A gentleman with ♀ on the cusp of the 8th house (death) lost his mother and brother under the transit of ♀ to his ♀. By Campanus ♀ is placed in the 7th house.

Of course if the theory that the cusp is the middle of the house is accepted the problem becomes increasingly difficult; but this difficulty does not arise in considering the effects of the Moon's progress over the cusps of the houses in the writer's nativity:—

1. ♀ progress to cusp of 8th house: Serious illness, grave danger of death.

2. ♀ progress to cusp of 8th house (progressive): Death of father.

3. ♀ p. ♂ cusp 9th house: First long journey (to London). It was undertaken by my brother and me when we were mere children.

4. ♀ p. ♂ cusp 11th house: Joined the T.S. Made host of new friends.

5. ♀ p. ♂ cusp 12th house: Conducted public exhibitions of séances. Much adverse criticism and personal obloquy.

6. ♀ p. ♂ cusp 2nd house: I was made a present of a substantial sum of money.

7. ♀ p. ♂ cusp 3rd house: Travelled suddenly to Geneva and Paris on official business.

8. ♃ p. ♂ cusp of 5th house: Gave a public concert on a radio gramophone of my own design (Apollonvox). Started a dance hall.
9. ♃ p. ♂ cusp of 5th house (progressed): Birth of my son.

All the above-mentioned lunar progresses were within one degree of the actual Regiomontanean cusps, and I submit do more than anything else to vindicate the validity of the old-time system of Johann Müller. But, lest this evidence may not be deemed sufficient, I am also giving here a record of some important transits and their effects over the cusps of the various Regiomontanean cusps in my nativity.

1. ♃ stationary on cusp of 9th house (religion, distant countries): Founded the Zoher Spiritualistic Hall in Wales.
2. ♃ conjunction with ♀ on cusp 11th house (friends): Made the acquaintance of a widow, to my detriment. She caused me no little embarrassment and was well described by ♃ ♂ ♀.
3. ♃ stationary on cusp 11th house: Made some very strong friendships. This aspect repeated itself twelve years later, when I made additional and enduring friendships. Most of these friends were met at philosophical societies, or connected therewith.
4. ♃ on cusp of 12th house (imprisonments, etc.): Was at the theatre with a lady and her husband when she was arrested for larceny. The affair was a rather sordid one. On the actual date of arrest ♃ was on the descendant of my progressed diurnal horoscope.
5. ♃ and ♃ conjoined cusp of 2nd house (finance): Received my first salary.
6. ♃ on cusp of 5th house (pleasures): First became actively interested in wireless. Twelve years later, when ♃ again transitted the cusp of the 5th house in opposition to Pluto, I again took up wireless and gained some prominence (Pluto) in amateur wireless circles in Dublin.
7. ♃ ♂ ♀ on cusp of 6th house (health; service): Was passed medically fit and permanently established in my present occupation.

This list could be considerably extended and amplified, but I think it is sufficient to establish a very strong case in favour of the system of Regiomontanus. I have tried to trace the lunar progress and transits on the Campanean cusp, but my efforts have been without avail.

In conclusion, let me add that it was not for nothing that such men as Kepler, Morinus, Cardan, Tycho Brahe, Lilly, and others of the old school used this method. These old wiseacres had evidently proved its value in their practice and we cannot reasonably accuse men of the mental calibre of Kepler of being ignorant of the mathematical virtues (or vices) of the method of Campanus.

CYRIL FAGAN.

CAMPANUS V. PLACIDUS

The Placideans base their system of house-division on the tri-section of arcs which sweep from horizon to meridian, despite the fact that two large areas of the celestial sphere neither rise nor set in our latitudes, and are therefore incapable of domal division. Is it because they do, or do not, appreciate the existence of such an appalling hiatus that they try to show that in actual practice the semi-arc system yields the best results?

Never were such claims less justified than in the case of "Gemini" given in the last issue of the Quarterly. Because this lady finds happiness in the seclusion of a quiet home life, she denies her ☉ a place in the 1st house, despite the fact that she has ☊ rising, with ♃ in ♋ (of all signs!), while, to cap the lot, ♄ is in the 1st, and in ☊! One need hardly say more, save to point out that the "many people" with whom the lady previously came into touch are aptly shown by ♃ in 11th, and undoubtedly it was her ☉ within the borders of the 1st (in ♏, ☐ ♃), which "fought strongly against the change" necessitating her retirement from "semi-public life." Only by Campanean houses can this map be read aright.

It is impossible to better the "100 per cent. success" claimed in Mr. Charles E. Mitchell's letter, and as he has always used the system of Placidus, one can only assume he has been lucky in the maps he has used. This is borne out in his own horoscope, which is not greatly altered by Campanean division (presumably the "other method of house-division" he mentions). Campanus puts ☿, ♀, ♄, and PL in the 8th, and ♃ in the 2nd, in ♏, so giving "much to do with the goods of the dead"! These positions are also given by Placidus, save that ♀ is about 4° or 5° on the 7th side of the cusp. Campanus, however, puts ♄ exactly on the cusp of the 8th, yet one could hardly accept the direction of ☉ p. ☿ ♄ r. as indicative of the father's death *were it not that ♄ also rules the Campanean 5th (8th from 10th)!*

It would be interesting to learn to what direction Mr. Mitchell considers his legacy corresponds, but it is worthy of note that ♄ in the 8th had, by local motion, progressed to exact ✱ ☿ r., situated in the 6th (8th from 11th), and ruler of 2nd.

If Mr. Mitchell wishes to maintain his 100 per cent. standard, I strongly recommend his adopting the Campanean houses (with cusps as *centres*), for so farcical a system as that of Placidus will let him down sooner or later, despite the success which so far has attended his prognostications.

GEORGE H. BAILEY.

The semi-arc system of house division works out so well in the chart of the late Mrs. Annie Besant for her death that I think the facts ought to be recorded. Page 125 of *N.N.* gives her rectified M.C. as 1°.54'13", and ascendant 5°.3'7". The 8th cusp works out as 20°.29'11", the 9th 13°.54'4" and the 12th 15°.14'22". The radix arc

for her death is 84.44. This amount added to the 8th cusp brings it exactly to the conjunction of the 12th cusp within a minute of arc and also square Mars exactly within a minute of arc. Mars is ruler of the 8th.

One quarter of the radix arc is 21.11. This amount added to her 9th cusp brings it to 5.05 ♊, which is within two minutes of the square of the ascendant and is close to the semi-square of the 8th cusp. Since ♊ rules India this position of the afflicted 9th cusp is appropriate!

I am personally acquainted with all the particulars of another case: Boy born April 18th, 5.45 p.m. Standard time, 1927, at the Catherine Booth Hospital, N.D.G. Ward, Montreal. He died June 22, 1930, 10 p.m. Standard time. His trouble was the rare disease, glioma of retina, or intra-ocular malignant tumor which destroyed the sight of both eyes and pushed the eyes out of their sockets. I enclose his chart. The arc for death is 3° 8'. This added to the 8th cusp brings it exactly opposition the Moon. By transit on the evening of his death the Moon and Mars were in conjunction at 9.15 p.m. at 14° 42' 8" within 2' of the conjunction of the semi-arc 8th cusp. Furthermore, by double radix motion, 6° 16', the 6th cusp is practically conjunction Uranus.

These are not exceptional cases by any means. In my experience in experimenting with the dial form of chart, the involvement of the various semi-arc house cusps for important events is much too frequent to be explained away on the plea of coincidence.

S. L. MACBEAN

THE LATE KING OF THE BELGIANS

Two maps have appeared for King Albert, see *Modern Astrology*, February 1917. It appears that the correct horoscope is for 4.50 p.m., April 8, 1875, Brussels, which yields the following positions:—

M.C. 29 ♀ 7, Asc. 29 ♀ 18, ☉ 18 ♉ 26, ☽ 22 ♋ 15, ☿ 22 ♋ 55, ♀ 6 ♋ 58, ♂ 26 ♌ 16, ☿ 27 = 52 ♌, ♀ 23 = 26, ☿ 11 ♌ 13 ♌, ☿ 0 8 2, PL 21 8.

The asc. is progressed to the square of Uranus at death, Saturn is in transit over its radical place, and the eclipse of the 14th fell on the same point. Moreover, by one-degree measure, ☿ is ♂ ♂ and ♂ is near ♀ rad.

The positions in the map of Leopold III (born at Brussels, 3.15 p.m., November 3, 1901) are as follows:—

M.C. 26 ♀ 50, Asc. 21 ♋ 59, ☉ 10 ♌ 31, ☽ 14 ♌ 20, ☿ 13 ♌ 5 ♌, ♀ 25 ♀ 15, ♂ 14 ♀ 36, ☿ 9 ♌ 14, ♀ 11 ♌ 46, ☿ 15 ♀ 00, ☿ 1 = 15 ♌, PL 18 ♌.

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