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EDITORIAL

Political

The absorption of Austria into the Reich will surprise few and least of all those who have carefully studied Miss Gardner's articles. However disagreeable the growth of German power may be to us, the union of the two countries was obviously imminent.

Herr Hitler is at present under such directions that things are almost sure to go well with him. He has had ♂ △ ♀p. and r. and now also ○ △ ♀p. ○ is △ ♀r. in the autumn of 1939, and all this period will be fortunate; things will play into his hands. It is true that ♀ will transit his ♀ and ♂ r., but since ♀ is now so well aspected, the results may not be hurtful.

However, the transit of ♀ over 16 8 is fraught with alarming possibilities, for this area is important in many outstanding maps.

Thus our King has ♀ in 14 ♀ 46; Hitler has ♂ in 16 8 23 and ♀ in 16 8 43; the map for the U.S.S.R., proposed by Miss Gardner, has ○ in 16 ♀ 9 and her map for the Third Reich has ascendant 19½ 8. Mussolini's ascendant is not certain but it is undoubtedly in ♀.

Uranus transits 16 8 in June-July, October, and the beginning of November of this year, and in April 1939. Its stationary positions, or "stations," should be carefully noted.

Meanwhile, true to the Libra ascendant of our Monarch, we are concluding pacts, first with Italy, now with Eire, and, we hope, soon with the U.S.A.

Signor Mussolini cannot have been pleased with his brother "leader's" appearance in Austria. He has some brilliant solar directions ahead, but at the moment a stationary progressed Saturn and an eclipse (May 29th) on his radical Saturn are decidedly unhelpful indications.

Adolf Hitler's Epoch

An interesting epoch has been suggested by Miss M. Matthews, calculated for Braunau-am-Inn, 5.48 p.m., local time, July 29, 1888. ♀ 6 rises, ♂ is near M.C. in ☐ ☉ ♄.

Competition

A prize of one guinea is offered for the best solution to this problem:

Two males, one born 8 p.m., October 4, 1895, 51 N. 23, 2 W. 22, taken ill afternoon of June 15, 1936; and, second, born 9.45 p.m., September 14, 1904, 51 N. 22, 2 W. 8, collapsed August 6, 1933, at Budapest, and recurrence January 13, 1938, about 8.40 a.m.

What was the complaint from which these two suffered? It was the same in each case.

All solutions must come to hand by August 1 next, and my decision will be final.

Holidays

Will readers please note that, owing to my absence from London, only urgent correspondence will be attended to during July and they are asked, as far as possible, to write before or after that period?

The Pendulum

Nothing has awakened more interest than the lectures we have recently had on the use of the pendulum for healing and also for such astrological problems as rectification, and I hope soon to print an authoritative article on this subject.

That the pendulum reacts differently over the handwritings of the natives of different signs I can myself testify, though but a child in such things; and whereas the pattern traced by it does not appear to be always the same for each sign for each experimenter, yet some are constant enough, e.g. the wide circular sweep that proclaims the native of Leo, the free and bold back-and-forth sweep that points to Aries, and the short lateral ellipse of Virgo.

The question has often been debated whether or not the planets actually influence us, or are only symbolic; it seems to me that probably the truth—as so often—lies between the two views. But that there are human radiations of a subtle kind can scarcely be doubted, and, if so, why not planetary radiations, which would necessarily affect the human? The pendulum seems to be a way in which sensitive persons can

detect and study these emanations and compare them with the radiations of other substances, such as minerals and foods, so as to determine which of these are beneficially inclined towards particular individuals, which are indifferent, and which are inimical.

There would seem to be a large field for research here and the results may well be most valuable. Only it is necessary to avoid "psychic" and pseudo-spiritual notions and conduct all investigations in a scientific spirit. The human mind has an almost infinite capacity for self-deception. On the other hand a stubborn disbelief is as irrational as a weak credulity.

C. E. O. CARTER

DAMAGED ARMS AND LEGS

Data coming under the above heading and including cases due to accident, operations, or illness, will be welcomed by Mr. G. H. Bailey, 8, Bailbrook Road, Batheaston, Bath, Somerset.

STATISTIC ON HOROSCOPES OF POETS

By R. S. GLEADOW

THIS is a statistical study of the horoscopes of one hundred and twenty-two poets. One hundred and twenty-two is admittedly not a very large number; to eliminate chance variations two hundred would have been better; but on the other hand one hundred and twenty-two should be enough to show up whatever may be the astrological characteristics of poetry. The natives are divided into nationalities as follows: seventy-one French, thirteen English, twelve German, and nine various, the remaining seventeen having been taken from the *Tractatus Nativitatum* of Lucas Gauricus and recalculated by Schoch's tables. The French cases have been reckoned for the officially registered hour of birth, and as this is usually given to the nearest hour there may be an error of as much as thirty minutes. For this reason aspects to the angles have not been considered and the distribution of planets in houses is less striking than it otherwise might be. Only three of the cases are women.

Considering first the ascendant, the theoretical frequency

has been calculated for 47° N., which is the average latitude of the hundred and twenty-one cases born north of the equator. By theoretical frequency we mean, of course, the frequency to be expected if there were no difference of influence between one sign and another.

	♈	♉	♊	♋	♌	♍	♎	♏	♐	♑	♒	♓
No.	4	5	12	10	10	15	14	21	15	9	7	1
T.F.	5	6½	9	12	14	14	14	14	12	9	6½	5

This table is rather surprising. It should be remembered that Scorpio is the most frequent of all rising signs, since in this part of the world it rises at the most fertile time of the day at the most fertile time of year. But the explanation is probably this: poetry is not only an attempt to understand the world, but almost always in some sense a protest, whether it takes the form of complaint, defiance, satire, or flight to an ideal world. It is a concentration into words of violent emotion. Now of all the signs of the zodiac, Scorpio protests the most, Pisces the least; hence their frequencies. This would explain too why Cancer is below average in spite of its strong tendency to fiction. Similarly Leo is too strong and too normal to complain much; he rarely has complexes. The poetry that protests least is that of Gemini; but his mind is always trying to understand the world and the technique of words comes natural to him.

Signs

Considering the position of planets in signs (Sun to Saturn inclusive), the theoretical frequency is, of course, 10, and for the total of each sign 71. Here Pisces heads the list with 83 points and Scorpio comes last with only 60. Scorpio indeed would be very strikingly last if it were not that Saturn is found 15 times in that sign, chiefly in the third decanate. Leo also is low, with 62 points.

The Sun shows no particular preference of sign; 15 times in Pisces is not exceptional considering the time of year. The Moon is strong in the fiery signs, especially Aries, but is only 5 times in Scorpio. Venus too avoids Scorpio (6 times), but is 16 times in Aquarius. Mercury's distribution shows nothing remarkable except 15 times in Gemini compared with 6 each in Taurus and Cancer. The highest frequency of all is that of Mars in Taurus (18 times). Jupiter occurs only 4 times in Leo, which is hard to explain, and Saturn, though 15 times each in Scorpio and Aquarius, is in Leo only twice; and of these two cases one has Capricorn rising and in the other Saturn is only 11' advanced

into the sign. This cannot be explained by the length of Saturn's cycle, since our 120 cases cover at least three cycles of Saturn in the nineteenth century and contain more than twenty cases from previous centuries. It therefore seems likely that Saturn in Leo is a very strong discouragement to poetry; for these people have, literally, a chill at the heart: they lack the inspiration, the fire, and the whole-heartedness that are necessary to a poet.

Houses

The houses have been reckoned according to Placidus, and since so many of the horoscopes are inaccurate it would not really be possible to compare the different methods. Regio would give almost exactly the same distribution, the difference lying much more often in the rulership than the occupancy. Here, counting Uranus and Neptune, and Pluto in the 103 cases where he was available, the theoretical frequency is exactly 10, and 100 for the totals. For some reason or other it is here the 2nd and 8th houses that head the list, with 117 and 116 points. 12th is third with 112. 6th, on the other hand, has only 81, and 9th and 10th have 80 and 84 respectively. The other six houses are all within ten of the average. By Campanus, of course, 9th and 10th would be easily the weakest houses, 12th the strongest, and 6th would rise to normality.

Taking the planets severally, the Sun is 50 times in the 12th, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd houses, corresponding to the most fertile time of the day, and only 5 times in 9th, corresponding to the least fertile time. It is only 6 times in 6th, but slightly above average in 7th and 8th, although fewer children are born in the afternoon. The Moon is found 16 times in 8th and only 5 times in 9th; it would be interesting to know why she should thus prefer the 8th house to the 9th when she preferred just as strongly the 9th sign to the 8th. However, the house of philosophy is rarely strong, only Jupiter and Saturn being up to average there. In the 1st house there is a very striking difference between Mercury (17 times) and Venus (only 4 times). This proves conclusively that it is the analytical instinct and not merely the love of beauty which results in poetry. Venus, in fact, is clearly angular less often than the other bodies; she is usually succedent or in 12th. The Moon and Uranus also show a preference for succedent houses. One would expect the Moon to be strong since she is important for the question of sensibility; but it seems that a dominant Moon is too passive to be readily creative. That is where Mercury comes in.

Aspects

Only the major aspects were considered, and they were calculated with an orb of eight degrees, which gives a theoretical frequency for any aspect between any two planets of about 42 times. There are no very striking departures from this level. The most frequent aspects are those between Mercury and Uranus (53), Sun and Saturn (51), Moon and Mercury (50), Jupiter and Saturn (50); the rarest those between Venus and Saturn (33), Sun and Jupiter (34). Conjunctions are exceedingly common, especially those of Mars with Jupiter (14), Venus, and Mercury. However, these variations are not striking enough to be of great importance, apart from the rarity of good aspects between Sun and Jupiter (which perhaps makes for too easy a life) and between Venus and Saturn (which restrains the affections coolly, without the exasperation of a bad aspect). And exasperation is one of the motives of poetry.

Dominant

A consideration of the dominant, or most angular planet, gives in itself no very striking result. Mercury heads the list with 21 points, Saturn has 20, Moon and Neptune 16, and Venus and Mars are lowest with 12. But when the question of rulership is added we find that the dominant is actually the ruler of the ascendant 30 times, but of the 11th house only 3 times! Such a difference must have a reason (except, of course, for those who want to change the rulerships of all the signs). The explanation is probably as follows: artists are often selfish in appearance because they have to follow their own inner light; if they do not they can only be imitators and not artists. If the horoscope be dominated by the ruler of the 11th the native's life will be dominated by his friends and he will never work seriously on his own account; but if the ruler of the ascendant be also the dominant then the native will go his own way and have views of his own. The dominant is also fairly often the ruler of 3rd (writing), 4th (emotions connected with home and childhood), 5th and 7th (love and hate).

Ruler

The ruler is fairly evenly distributed among the signs, but is 16 times in Gemini. Among the houses it is 17 times in the 5th, traditionally the house of creative work, 16 each in 1st and 12th, but only 5 each in 4th and 6th. The strength of the 12th house presumably comes from the fact that it is the house of adaptation (difficulties are due to a lack of adaptations), and

poetry is a protest against or compensation for some lack of adaptation.

Degrees and Decanates

The degrees were considered mainly in relation to the five swiftest bodies and those few midheavens and ascendants which could be considered as certain. Only two degree areas stand out specially—the 18th to 21st of Taurus (the 21st degree being counted from 20° 0' to 20° 59') (this area is chiefly due to Moon and Mars), and the last 6 degrees of Aquarius (chiefly due to Venus, who is found there no less than 9 times), In Virgo also Venus shows a distinct preference; she is found in the third decanate or close to the 10th degree. Similarly Mercury in Capricornus is found in the 25th, 26th, and 17–20th degrees. Other areas which show up are the first 3 degrees of Gemini, Sagittarius, and Capricornus; 18–19 Libra; 13th and 22nd Pisces. It is noticeable that the strength of a degree is not usually reflected in its opposite. Of the 18 times that Mars occurs in Taurus, no less than 8 are between the 18th and 21st degrees.

The first decanates of all the fixed signs are notably weak. The 3rd decanate of Scorpio would be the weakest of all were it not that Saturn is found there 9 times. Similarly, the first decanate of Libra is hardly ever occupied except by Jupiter and Saturn or the ascendant. In Scorpio even the ascendant appears to avoid the 3rd decanate. Strongest of all is the 3rd decanate of Pisces. Venus is found 8 times in the 1st decanate of Cancer. The Sun is found only once in a Libra decanate but 18 times in a Gemini decanate, showing once more that for poetry Mercury is more important than Venus.

Two configurations are especially notable: Scorpio rising with Mars in 7th occurs 7 times, and Sun rising in Leo occurs 5 times. One may add that really great artists usually have a strong Sun; for art depends on subtlety (Mercury again), which is a child of weakness rather than strength; when to this subtlety is added the warmth and power of a Sun in Leo or exactly angular, the result is magnificent.

It is to be hoped that later research will succeed in showing which of these conclusions are important, and that other students may be able to explain the points that remain obscure.

It is remarkable how little this statistic proves; as a help in judging whether any particular horoscope has poetical tendencies it is almost useless. But that does not mean that astrology is wrong. Most of the horoscopes used were slightly inaccurate; and there are many kinds of poets. Rather it should

be taken as a warning not to put too much faith in statistics. If the poetical urge is the resultant of various combined influences, then one would not expect it to be revealed by statistics, where the influences are considered separately. Thus Shelley owed his peculiar morbid sensibility to the position of the Sun in Leo, symbol of life, exactly conjoined with Uranus on the cusp of the house of death, this being aggravated by the presence of two other planets in the eighth, and a dominant Saturn. Such an accumulation of influences could not show up in a statistical study, yet one has only to read Shelley's works to see that it was the crux of the horoscope and therefore of his whole life and psychology.

ASTROLOGY IN MODERN GUISE

By F. B. MARSOM

As adherents of astrology we all desire to interest the next generation in our study. In the past, generation has merged imperceptibly into generation, and any change in mental attitude between successive generations has been gradual. This is no longer the case: the present generation of astrologers was brought up with a respect for tradition and authority, and although it has often embarked on original work, it has never cut itself adrift from the past. The mentality of the newer generation is entirely different: it is arrogant, individualistic, and relentlessly critical: it scorns superstition and is naturally prejudiced against the conventional: it has dethroned religion in favour of science and its basis of approach to all problems is scientific. If astrology is to live and grow, it must be "modernised" for presentation to this modern generation, with its new outlook on life, and the present article is an attempt to examine the possibilities of so doing.

The aim of the *true* scientist is to reduce diversity to unity by the study of facts and the relations of facts. He is pre-eminently impartial and impersonal. He is not concerned with the ethical or moral results of his investigations; he eliminates the personal factor as far as possible, and he stands by his deductions wherever they may take him. He is the true research worker, and his number is limited. At the other end of the scale come the majority of the population—the masses who are content to have their thinking done for them, who seek an anodyne from the monotony of their daily work in the emotion of the

cinema and the football ground, and who woo the goddess Luck by way of football pools and journalistic astrology. In between comes the class of intelligent laymen (as far as science is concerned)—the intelligentsia. In them lies the future hope of astrology and it is *their* outlook which requires close examination.

They pride themselves on their "scientific" outlook, on their logical and critical approach to all subjects, on their right to think and discriminate for themselves. Fortunately for us, they delude themselves; they have neither the critical faculty of the true scientist nor his dispassionateness. They are as credulous as any preceding generation, but in a different direction. Any person who adopts what they regard as scientific methods is given a hearing. Apart from the so-called exact sciences, we now have a multitude of inexact sciences—statistics, psychology, economics—which are accepted *because they found themselves on investigation and not on revelation*. If the basis of any "science" is mathematical or statistical, its conclusions are accepted, however nebulous or intangible they may be. Modern youth talks glibly of a space-time continuum which it can neither experience nor even comprehend. It accepts the existence of cosmic rays and their probable origin from sources outside the solar system. It rejects spiritualism and telepathy, yet endorses them as scientific studies when they are renamed "para-psychology" and "extra-sensory perception." It has implicit faith in the greatest of the inexact sciences—medicine—but even here insists on modernity. It prefers a "25 c.c. injection" to "one tablespoonful" of the "mixture as before." Yet there is no essential difference between the alchemy of the past ages, seeking to transmute the baser metals into gold, and the physics of Rutherford and his followers who have transmuted gold into lead! "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" was never more true than at the present day.

The importance now attributed to research requires stressing. Many university students are engaged, for example, in historical research. "Scientific" methods are used in this, yet history is definitely not a science within the usual meaning of the word. Investigation of historical problems may be objective, but the deductions are necessarily subjective to a large extent, and the same consideration applies to the other inexact sciences. Nevertheless, the fact remains that *if precision of method can be applied to the study of any subject, that subject is regarded as worthy of investigation*.

We also note an intense eagerness to turn all discoveries to practical purposes. Wireless was exploited to the full at the

earliest moment. Ray therapy and radium therapy arose in medicine the moment their sources had been discovered. The average man is more interested *in practical applications than in ultimate causes*.

It is instructive also to consider the present interest in the more nebulous aspects of psychology. Much work on the actual processes of thought and cognition, on the response to environment and on similar aspects has passed unnoticed. The psychology which *has* attracted public attention, and whose terms *are* on everyone's lips, is the teaching of Freud and its derivatives, the psychology which enables us *to explain the conduct of others and to excuse the conduct of ourselves*. It is the psychology which appears to bear *the closest relation to our everyday life*. Thus it is that the metaphysical side of Jung's work has made little appeal, whilst the classification of mankind into "extraverts" and "introverts," although now abandoned by its author, has passed into common usage.

Lastly, the work of such diverse persons as Eddington, Jeans, Fabre, Aldous Huxley, and Wells is significant. They have expanded mankind's ideas of space and time from the confines of the solar system to the extremes of an illimitable universe. In picturesque descriptions of insect life and of the constitution of the atom and of the cosmos they have introduced the idea of the microcosm and the macrocosm. They have popularised the conceptions of wave-motion, of rays and vibrations, of the huge sweep of evolution as a whole. They have stressed the interdependence of each part, and the ultimate homogeneity of the whole. Each in his own way has taught "As above, so below." Approaching his quest through astro-physics, Jeans has been forced to postulate a God who is a mathematician as the Ultimate Source, whilst Eddington has become a mystic. Huxley, approaching through biology, has abandoned his materialistic "Brave New World" in favour of a universe in which Spirit is of necessity supreme. They are all "best sellers," and it is their ideas which are moulding the thought of the present day. *They started as scientists but ended as philosophers.*

It would appear, then, that the present trend of thought is particularly favourable to the development and spread of astrology. It is based on an exact science—astronomy. It has obvious affinities with history and psychology. It is full of "human interest." It has, or can have, a philosophical background largely based on conceptions popularised within the present century. It would appear to be the ideal study for the thinking minority. That it has failed to achieve this end is

due to diverse reasons. Thus it has fallen into disrepute as being an occult art, based mainly on superstition; the fortune-telling side has been unduly emphasised; the majority of its text-books have presented a mumbo-jumbo of tradition, superstition, speculation, and ascertained fact, the last mentioned occupying the least space. Broadly speaking, its protagonists have claimed too much and proved too little; they have resented criticism and refused to meet it.

It is the task of present-day astrologers—ourselves—to recast our presentation of the subject to meet modern demands and modern criticisms. This means that we must give facts, and facts alone: and we must leave those facts to speak for themselves. We must abolish loose thinking and unscientific or illogical methods. We must give objective truth, and leave the inquirer to deduce therefrom the subjective truth best suited to him. No inquiry undertaken in a genuine spirit leaves the seeker of ultimate truth empty-handed.

It may appear that too much insistence is laid on the necessity for stating facts. In defence, it must be pointed out that probably the hardest thing in the world is to be intellectually honest with ourselves. Our moral consciences are fairly well developed, and although our actions may be wrong, we usually know this. The majority of us, however, have no such mental censor: we rarely pause to distinguish between what we *know*, what we have been *told*, what we *think*, and what we *hope*. The four categories blend almost inextricably, but we must disentangle them to arrive at the factual basis of astrology which we can pass on for critical examination by future generations. We have one advantage which is *a priori* denied to the sceptic. Just as every psycho-analyst is himself psycho-analysed, so we can call in astrology to assist in our self-examination. With its aid we can scrutinise our intellectual dispositions and tendencies. We can judge whether we are likely to approach problems dispassionately, imaginatively, or emotionally; we can decide whether our conceptions are morphological or lineal, to use distinctions proposed by Mr. Thorburn recently. We shall thus learn how we may best approach the truth, and how we are liable to distort it. As regards this, let recent controversies regarding General Franco's natus and the varied pronouncements regarding the influence of Pluto be a warning to us!

This self-examination will probably lead us to modify our views regarding the scope of astrology. We shall inevitably find that, whatever we may read into astrology, or whatever philosophy we may graft on to it, we can only pass it on, on

the objective basis prescribed, as an *inexact science founded on empiricism and having affinities with history, medicine, and psychology*. We might also be able to add meteorology and seismology to the list of affinities, but that would probably be all. Yet *as an empirical science and with no other pretensions*, astrology would be accepted as a suitable subject for study and investigation. In this connection the case of telepathy is instructive. It is but one of a number of para-physical or super-physical phenomena; most astrologers, with their semi-occult leanings, accept it without question as a reality, and many of them no doubt have personal experiences to justify their belief. Recently Professor J. D. Rhine has investigated it under the title of "Extra-Sensory Perception." Utilising some thirty subjects, he conducted 91,000 tests under laboratory conditions over a period of a few years. The results appeared to offer convincing proof of the existence of telepathy. Intelligent laymen so regarded them. The pure scientists, however, have criticised the statistical evaluation of the results, the experimental laboratory methods employed, and have even doubted the integrity of the investigator and his diverse undergraduate subjects. The most they will admit is that he has made out a case for further investigation! We thus have three degrees of credibility. The credibility of the believer, possibly but not necessarily based on personal experience; the credibility of the intelligent layman, based on logical examination of a reasonable number of facts; and the credibility of the scientist, which calls for an unlimited number of facts, together with the examination of all other possibilities, however remote, with the same exhaustiveness.

What degree of exactitude or proof can astrology offer at present? It is obvious that it is not in a position to produce the evidence required by the scientist. It is *possible* that it has sufficient evidence in certain directions to interest, if not convince, the layman. In the remaining space it is proposed to scrutinise a few of the fundamental conceptions of astrologers with a view to arriving at their evidential value.

Let us take first one of the oldest questions—"Do the stars compel?" In any concourse of astrologers this query inevitably results in a discussion on free will and determinism. Yet the only correct reply is the following: "As far as we *know*, the stars do *nothing*!" This is not idle quibbling; it is merely an example of precision of thought and expression in which we are at pains to distinguish what we know from what we think or believe. We might, however, expand our reply. "We have ascertained that certain planetary configurations in the heavens

correspond with certain conditions of being on this earth. We can adduce statistical evidence, based on a large number of cases, to this effect. Consequently we can assert that some planetary configurations indicate some terrestrial conditions. Although we have no evidence as to the reason for this, we assume that influences either originating from the planets, or modified by them, are responsible." This is a reasoned answer which might interest the most hardened sceptic, particularly if we produced our evidence. Yet have we suitable and precise evidence to produce? What collected data, based on the records of precise investigation, have we regarding such a simple configuration, for example, as the Moon in Leo?¹

At long last there is now a definite trend in astrology towards the compilation of statistics. It is regrettable, however, that this should be accompanied by such ignorance regarding the correct use of statistics. The statistical method is comparative; it relies on a large number of cases selected to include possibilities as well as probabilities. Its results require careful evaluation, and even then some remote factor may have been overlooked. Let us suppose that we are investigating indications of a medical career by reference to the rising sign. We might succeed in casting the maps of all doctors on the Medical Register and we might find one sign more prominent than others; yet this would mean nothing. The same sign might also be prominent in the maps of lawyers or army men. To achieve greater accuracy we might examine the maps of all students at a university at a given time, and we might ascertain whether one rising sign was particularly marked amongst medical students. This procedure, although more thorough, would still be unsatisfactory. We should have restricted the inquiry to one age-group, but this group would not be representative of the population as a whole. Only a minority goes to the university, and the peculiarity which distinguishes medical students might also occur amongst fisher lads or nurse-maids. If, however, we could take a representative selection of all strata of one age-group, and could then analyse all occupations by reference to the rising sign, we should arrive at a reasonably reliable result. Provided that the group was sufficiently representative, that it included, for example, both urban and rural inhabitants, and that it was sufficiently numerous to include the average proportion of doctors, we could state that at a given time one particular rising sign was

¹ The writer is reminded of an old catch of army days: "What is the use of the gear-box?" to which the correct reply was, "To contain oil!"

prominent in the maps of doctors in one particular country. All doctors, of course, would not have had that particular rising sign, nor is one person in twelve a doctor. We could not, therefore, assume the converse—that one particular rising sign is an indication of a medical profession.

Yet in practice this is precisely the erroneous deduction which the average astrologer is apt to draw. He reasons from the particular to the general. He starts with the maps of ten or twenty abnormal persons, murderers or epileptics or rogues, and from these deduces the astrological indications of murderous tendencies or epilepsy or roguery. And he probably calls this astrological research! What credence can we expect our intelligent layman to give to so-called evidence arrived at on such a flimsy "scientific" or "statistical" basis.

Lincoln is credited with the statement that God must have loved ordinary men because he made so many of them. It is a statement which all astrologers might bear in mind. If they would concentrate on the statistical investigation of the ordinary man, abnormalities would be thrown up in their correct perspective: we should, moreover, have a body of well-founded facts which would be particularly convincing because it could be put in the hands of any serious inquirer to test for himself. We may be satisfied that our fundamental theories work in practice, and that it is waste of time to put them on a statistical basis; but the unbeliever will only construe such an attitude as evidence of inability to prove them, and will draw the obvious conclusion.

One other basic misconception may be mentioned. "The birth-chart," says Dane Rudhyar, "is the blue-print of a total personality." Many others have said the same thing, and it is, in fact, implicitly accepted by all astrologers. The table at the close of this article is instructive. It shows that what we regard as the horoscope of an *individual* is in fact the horoscope of a *group*, and that this group varies in size in accordance with the particular planetary disposition or aspect which we are considering. It demonstrates that, with the degree of accuracy to which we usually work, there is no known astrological factor which enables us to claim that the birth-chart of any individual is *particular* to that individual. We realise this at times and cheerfully admit that heredity and environment have also to be taken into account; but our actions belie our words, and the next moment we are unscrupulously dissecting the chart of a Gandhi or Mussolini (whose heredity and essential environment are equally unknown to us) to give astrological proof of the inevitability of their lives or actions. If we are confronted

with this, we usually explain that only such outstanding men have realised the full potentialities of their charts! This is picturesque and stimulating, but it is as far removed from the empiricism of real astrology as are the chimeras of an opium addict from everyday life.

Similar incongruities abound in every aspect of astrology. It is the writer's hope that his readers may be stimulated to consider their subject from a new angle. They are not asked to abandon their existing beliefs, but they are asked to bear in mind the mentality of the new generation. If this generation is to benefit by astrology, it must be encouraged to investigate it for itself: and it will be loath to examine a subject which is brought into disrepute by the ramshackle methods and pretentious claims of many of its exponents.

The following table is based on an assumed world-population of 2,500,000,000 of whom 2,000,000,000 live between the equator and lat. 55 N., and on an equally spread average birth-rate of 15 per 1,000.

PLANETS	MOON	CUSPS	GROUP
Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Within $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees	—	20,000
Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	—	3,300
Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Within $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees	Same M.C.	53
Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Within $3\frac{1}{2}$ degrees	Same M.C. and rising sign	42
Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Same M.C.	10
Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Within $\frac{1}{2}$ degree	Same M.C. and rising sign	8
Identical	Identical	M.C. and cusps within 3 degrees	3

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By ESTELLE GARDNER

JUST a year ago I wrote, in the Quarterly, that the coming years of Saturn's transit through Aries might be expected to have a marked effect upon the development and fate of Austria, ruled by the opposition sign Libra. That the union of Austria with Germany would come about sooner or later has long been evident, astrologically as well as mundanely speaking, for the maps of the Third Reich (Jan. 30, 1933, 10 a.m. G.M.T., Berlin), and of the Austrian Republic (Nov. 12, 1918, 2.50 p.m. G.M.T., Vienna), possessed the same mid-heaven of Capricorn 19-20. Nevertheless I hardly expected it quite so soon, although I had

thought there might be developments later on this year. But I feel that I should have seen the precise effect that the very important new moons of Jan. 31 and of March 2, with Uranus on the ascendant of the Austrian map, might be expected to have, for, looked at after the event, the astrological indications are fairly clear. The 8th house of this map is ruled by Jupiter, and by secondary direction Jupiter was opposed by Mars, ruler of 7th, from 9th-10th houses (approx. 4° from cusp). The progressed Moon was conjunct the radical Sun in the 7th house during March, and during the week of March 11th-18th Jupiter by transit squared this conjunction. So that the end of the period of validity of the Austrian map may be plainly read, and, moreover, since the Anschluss was accomplished without the threatened bloodshed of civil war, the old traditional rule that Jupiter ruler of the 8th brings an easy death was borne out.

Now arises the question of what map, if any, may be taken as the radical figure representing the Anschluss? One astrological journal has given 8.30 a.m. on March 12, without, however, giving its source of information, and I have been unable to find in the newspapers any confirmation of this time. The figure which I believe may possibly be valid is that for the creation of the new government, the data for which are given in the following quotation from *The Times*: "At 1.30 a.m. (G.M.T.?) (March 12), President Miklas confirmed Dr. Seiss-Inquart's appointment as Chancellor, and approved the following list presented by him of a new all-Nazi government. . . ." Presumably the map of Austria as a national unit is now merged in that of Germany, but this time gives a figure which is very representative both of conditions and happenings. Sagittarius rises, with Jupiter in the 2nd, sextile the ascendant, and trine the M.C. The Moon goes first to the conjunction of Pluto, which seems to bear out my theory that Pluto is connected with National Socialism, and then to the trine of Venus, before she reaches a square to Mars. Since the Moon is part-representative of the masses these applications seem an indication that, although the Austrian people may not have been absolutely united on the question, the majority of them were in favour of the union. Mars, ruler of 4th in 4th, has just passed the square to Pluto, showing how extremely critical was the whole operation, and it goes to the conjunction of Uranus, which is otherwise unaspected. Since this conjunction fell in Taurus in the 5th, and since Aquarius is intercepted in the 2nd, it may be expected to have great influence upon all economic and financial matters, as well as upon education. In how far this map may

be considered as valid for the future I am not prepared to say; possibly it is purely ephemeral in nature; but the position of Jupiter in it leaves the astrologer no room for doubt that Austria, placed in a hopeless position by the Treaty of Versailles, will benefit economically by what has taken place.

In the German map the progressed Moon was trine Saturn, ruler of 9th and 10th, from the 1st house, during March, and will be trine the Sun in June. The eclipse of May 29 also falls trine the German Sun, while in the figure for the Cancer ingress (June 22, 2.4 a.m. G.M.T.), the Sun is rising at Berlin, in trine to Jupiter in the 10th. This forming trine between the Sun and Jupiter is an excellent feature of the ingress map for the quarter and should help to modify any adverse indications in all countries, having regard of course, to the particular house position occupied in each capital.

A feature of the summer quarter in regard to the German map is the falling stationary of Uranus on the ascendant in August. Since Uranus is badly aspected in the 12th house of the radix, it may well be that some of the hidden forces which threaten the new Germany will come out into the open under this transit. But since both the one-degree and lunar directions are good, and Uranus while on the ascendant will be trine the mid-heaven Venus and also the 6th-house Mars-Jupiter conjunction of the radix, the transit may result eventually in favourable changes of some kind, or possibly its effects will be delayed until other factors agree. Hitler himself has his progressed Sun in trine to Uranus radix for the next two years, first by one-degree, then by secondary motion, while his progressed Venus is in trine to Jupiter radix, a good omen for peace, since Venus, his ruler, is placed in the 7th. His Moon-Jupiter conjunction is also in sextile to the 7th-house Mercury, ruler of 9th and 11th, by one-degree measure, and Pluto, which was sextile the M.C. at birth, will soon begin to affect it by transit. During the summer the transiting Uranus will be over his Venus-Mars conjunction, while the transiting Saturn will oppose Uranus radix. The new moon at the end of July falls on his mid-heaven, and August seems likely to be the most critical month, as far as Germany is concerned.

A country to be watched astrologically this year and next is Russia, for in the Russian map Uranus will also be exercising a very powerful effect; and since it was angular in the radix the changes it will bring are likely to be of a very different nature from those produced by its emergence from the 12th house in the German map. The eclipse of May 29 falls in the 12th house at Moscow, in both the eclipse figure itself and the radix

(Oct. 27/Nov. 9, 1917, 5.15 a.m. E.E.T., Petrograd), and the entry of the Sun into Cancer finds Mars rising there, going to the square of Saturn in the 11th. The Sun-Jupiter trine of the ingress map is cadent, from 9th to 12th houses, and rules 6th and 3rd. Uranus by transit is already beginning to affect the "T" square affliction in fixed signs which is such a feature of the map. What the eventual result will be it is difficult to say, especially as the transit will not finally clear away for about another two years. But since Uranus in the radix is both in, and ruling, the 4th house, there may be startling developments. It is worth noting that Pluto in the radix closely opposes the ruler of the map from the 9th house, and will soon begin to affect the mid-heaven by transit, the degree on which is only one degree from Hitler's M.C. of Leo 4. The new moon of July 27 falls in Leo 3, in separating conjunction with Mars, and it does not seem improbable that any resultant happenings of the following month may in some way link up Russian and German affairs. This might possibly arise through the question of the Czechoslovak minorities, for the Russian Uranus is conjunct the M.C. of the map of Czechoslovakia (Oct. 28, 1918, 6 p.m. G.M.T., Prague).¹

In France fresh government crises, connected with financial and labour questions, have followed each other with great rapidity under the influence of the March new moon, which fell in opposition to the radical Sun of the French Republic, and in square to the eclipse of last December. At the same time Saturn, ruler of the map, has been transiting in the 2nd (finance) in square to the radical Moon, ruler of 6th (people). I have not been able to ascertain the exact time of formation of the latest ministry, that of M. Daladier, which came into being "early in the afternoon" of April 10, according to *The Times*, and which therefore has its Sun in Aries 20, conjunct the Neptune of the radical map, and trine its Saturn. The progressed Moon of the radical map is at present involved in the radical Saturn-Jupiter opposition from 11th to 5th houses. As the transiting Neptune is now retrograding from the cusp of the 8th, from whence it has been afflicting both this opposition and the cusp of the 2nd (finance), it seems possible that this government may be able to bring about a temporary improvement in the situation. Whether this can continue beyond the time when Neptune returns to the charge, which is in August,

¹ There are several maps given for Czechoslovakia. The above data for the one I have found most satisfactory is to be found on pp. 128-129 of *Beneš, Statesman of Central Europe*, by Pierre Crabitès, but it may be disputable.

seems doubtful. A good direction of progressed Mars, ruler of 10th, trine radical Moon, ruler of 6th and 7th, is beginning to form, but it will not be exact for another two years, and during those two years the transiting Uranus will pass over the radical Pluto in Taurus, in square to radical Venus, ruler of 4th, and this may possibly bring about economic changes of some kind.

In Spain a succession of new moons on vital spots in Franco's map seems to have brought the end of the conflict within measurable distance, though it will presumably be some time yet before peace is restored. The new moon of June 27 falls trine his rising Venus, with the transiting Jupiter stationary within three degrees of a trine to the ascendant. And in August his ruler, Mars, will transit the M.C. and should thus bring into action the secondary direction of progressed Mars conjunct radical Jupiter, ruler of 2nd, trine M.C., which he has in force at present. Perhaps this will mark the end of hostilities, and remove one of Europe's present complications. His map (Dec. 4, 1892, 4.30 a.m. (G.M.T.?) Province of Galicia), is extremely complex and difficult to read from, for the grouping of the planets is such that a favourable transit to one group is often unfavourable to another.

The current troubles of President Roosevelt, who has recently suffered defeat in the rejection of the Executive Reorganisation Bill, seem to be more plainly shown in the map of his administration (Jan. 20, 1937, 30½ mins. after noon, E.S.T., Washington), than in his own. This map has the Saturn-Neptune opposition from 11th (Congress) to 5th, and also a separating Mars-Uranus opposition from 6th (people) to 12th, which squares the M.C. Parliamentary and labour troubles are therefore bound to be features of its four years of life, and the nearer the M.C. approaches by progression to the square of the radical Mars, the more acute do these appear to become, an article in the *Observer* of April 10 having given the number of unemployed in the U.S.A. as over eleven million. With regard to finance we find a certain similarity to the position in the French map, for Neptune is squaring the cusp of the 2nd, which itself is conjunct the south node in the radix and will also oppose the radical Saturn once more for most of the coming summer. Venus, ruler of the map, is three degrees from the Saturn-Neptune opposition in the radix, so that she is now beginning to complete these aspects by progression. At the same time she is in sextile to Mercury, ruler of 2nd and 5th, placed in Capricorn, and the Government is continuing a policy of lavish expenditure in an effort to counteract the depression. In the Cancer ingress map for Washington Jupiter is in 1st-2nd

houses and the Sun on the cusp of the 6th, so that this programme will help things along, for the time being at any rate.

Returning to our own country we find that, although the critical period promised by the map for the Aries ingress duly matured, and somewhat before time as so often happens, yet the position of Mr. Chamberlain's Jupiter in Aries 20, conjunct the ascendant of our basic national map (Dec. 25, 1066, midday), has fully justified itself as a preserving influence. The friendly agreements promised by the 11th-house Jupiter of the ingress figure have turned out to be with Italy and with Eire, and not with the U.S.A. as I had thought possible; the latter arrangement has apparently not yet advanced beyond the preliminary stages of negotiation.

I have not seen any time given for the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement on April 25, but that with Italy was signed at Rome at 6.35 p.m. (G.M.T.?) on April 16, according to the *Observer* of the following day, at which time the two aspects of Sun sextile Jupiter, and Moon sextile Neptune, were practically exact. Libra 24 was rising, with Pluto on the M.C. and Venus in the 7th, going to a trine of Neptune in the 11th; a figure which does not appear particularly striking. Much has been made of the fact that the eclipse of May 29 falls on Mussolini's Saturn in his 7th, but it will be in sextile to his Sun, the rest of the figure not being in any particular correspondence with his map. His Sun by one-degree is now trine Pluto, and he has also a one-degree square of Mars to Jupiter. As Saturn rules his 3rd and is placed in Gemini, he will probably have a good deal of mental worry of some kind connected with it, and this seems to be borne out by the fact that in the map of his Government (Oct. 31, 1922, 9 a.m. G.M.T., Rome) it falls in the 6th house, opposition the ruler of the M.C. and square Uranus in the 3rd.

In the Cancer ingress figure for London we get the benefit of the Sun-Jupiter trine from 11th to 2nd, and, as 0.30 Gemini is rising, Jupiter rules the 7th, and we may therefore expect some more friendly agreements with foreign countries, and also a financial improvement during the quarter. The Government will have much food for thought in August and September, for the progressed Moon of the figure for the original formation of the National Government (Aug. 24, 1931, 4 p.m., G.M.T.) is involved from June onwards in the cardinal "T" square which was a feature of the map. In the map of the present ministry, which also has a "T" square between Pluto on M.C., Jupiter on cusp of 4th, and Venus ruler of figure in 7th, the Moon will be similarly affected. Since in both figures it is largely the rulers of 1st and 10th, combined with the cadent houses, which are

affected, I think the problems may be largely connected with internal policy. Pluto is exactly on the cusp of the 4th in the ingress map, so this planet may be in some way involved, and Saturn and the Moon are in the 12th, so that there will again be much going on behind the scenes.

Altogether astrological probabilities seem to point to a summer quarter less disturbed by "alarms and excursions" than the present one has been, with the possibility of some tension or complications in August.

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THE BIOCHEMIC REMEDIES AND ASTROLOGY

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[In view of the constant demand for back numbers of *Astrology* containing articles on this subject, these have become exhausted, and I am therefore publishing a further paper, being more than ever convinced of the utility of this system.]

BIOCHEMISTRY, or the science and art of cure by the use of homoeopathically prepared tissue-remedies (sometimes, but rather misleadingly, called "salts") came to birth in 1832, when a German writer named Stapf wrote in his *Archiv*: "All the essential component parts of the human body are great remedies." In 1872 another German, Dr. Schuessler, of Oldenburg, published his *Abgekuerzte Therapie*, or Abridged Therapeutics, in which the twelve remedies were for the first time presented with detailed explanations of their scope and use. Being a homoeopath, he advocated the minimal dose of highly triturated substances. In 1894 Dr. G. W. Carey, American, whose natus has appeared in the Quarterly, published *The Biochemic System of Medicine*. Translations of Schuessler's own work had already appeared in English. It is to Dr. Carey that we owe an astrologic presentation of the system.

It will be noted that the pioneers of biochemics have all been qualified medical men. We mention this to allay prejudice, and not because we believe that an orthodox training is necessary to make a good physician.

Dr. Chapman, in his work *Biochemistry*, writes: "The human body is composed of two kinds of matter, organic and inorganic. The former greatly preponderates, but it does not follow that it is more essential to life than the latter; indeed the organic could not perform its proper function without the inor-

ganic." "Being so small in quantity the cell-salts have, until lately, been thought to be of little importance. But now it is known that they are the vital portion of the body, *the workers, the builders.*" "The twelve inorganic salts are all essential to the proper growth and development of every part of the body."

Important though the point is in theory, it may still be debated whether the administration, by the healer, of the triturated remedies supplies a deficiency directly, as some think, or, owing to their potentised condition, "shock" the system into a more active assimilation of the needed elements from the food. The quantities taken in the triturated form are so infinitesimal that the former theory seems impossible to believe, and I prefer the latter view. In practice the question is, of course, not very important.

However, it is well to look to one's diet and general way of living, and, if needs be, to rectify these according to the common-sense principles of nature-cure, before resorting to *any* artificial system, however valuable. If a reasonable amount of natural food is taken, such as fruit and salads, there will unquestionably be a sufficient supply of the tissue-elements in the dietary, and if there is still evidence of deficiency, then a failure to assimilate must be present and the appropriate remedy must then be chosen to energise the powers of the body.

The taking of these remedies, in any reasonable quantity, can hardly be injurious, at any rate so far as my experience and that of many other students goes. Of course if a bad reaction were experienced one would immediately desist. Either the wrong remedy would have been chosen or the wrong trituration, or perhaps the patient is ultra-sensitive and the quantity should be reduced.¹

It should be explained that the degree of trituration of these remedies is usually reckoned on a decimal scale. Thus, if one-tenth of the substance is added to nine-tenths of powdered sugar, and the whole then triturated, the remedy will be in the 1X trituration or potency. If a portion of this trituration is then mixed with nine parts of sugar and then again triturated, we get 2X, and so forth. The 6X potency is the one most commonly used with the tissue-remedies, though higher grades may be useful at times. In ordinary homoeopathy extremely high potencies are often employed and call for care in administration.

It is to be noted that the reason for trituration is, in the first place, to render the substances assimilable to the body, in contradistinction to the crude preparations—"iron tonics," and so

¹ I recently heard of a case where kali phos. cured insomnia but produced severe headache. It is possible that the dose was too strong.

forth—which are used allopathically and probably have no effect at all, or perhaps a harmful one.¹ Secondly, trituration appears to release dynamic properties in the substances which are otherwise latent and inert.

It will be observed that the correct preparation of the remedies is not easy and they should be bought only from experienced and conscientious homoeopathic chemists.

The remedies are commonly used in tablet form and the usual dose is three tablets thrice a day. They are best taken dry on, or under, the tongue. Phosphate of magnesia (No. 8) is often best taken in warm water.

Such, in very brief outline, is the basis of what Dr. C. R. Vogel calls “the greatest discovery made in the science of medicine in the last half-century.”

We now give a list of the twelve remedies in their traditional order and we add thereto the signs of the zodiac as Dr. Carey has allocated them, probably correctly:

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| 1. Calcarea fluorica, abbrev. calc. fluor. | .. | Cancer |
| 2. Calcarea phosphorica, abbrev. calc. phos. | .. | Capricorn |
| 3. Calcarea sulphurica, abbrev. calc. sulph. | .. | Scorpio |
| 4. Ferrum phosphoricum, abbrev. ferr. phos. | .. | Pisces |
| 5. Kali muriaticum, abbrev. kali mur. | .. | Gemini |
| 6. Kali phosphoricum, abbrev. kali phos. | .. | Aries |
| 7. Kali sulphuricum, abbrev. kali sulph. | .. | Virgo |
| 8. Magnesia phosphoricum, abbrev. mag. phos. | | Leo |
| 9. Natrum muriaticum, abbrev. nat. mur. | .. | Aquarius |
| 10. Natrum phosphoricum, abbrev. nat. phos. | .. | Libra |
| 11. Natrum sulphuricum, abbrev. nat. sulph. | .. | Taurus |
| 12. Silicea, abbrev. sil. | | Sagittarius |

The Latin names are those employed in the older practice.

The budding biochemist must make it his business to study these twelve as thoroughly as possible and from every point of view. Scientific healing has no specifics; it does not say, “This disease is curable by this remedy”; in fact, it only uses names of diseases for convenience. Its method is to heal, not symptoms, but *through* symptoms. That is to say, *it studies symptoms and from them judges what the real state of the organism is and what remedies are required.*

¹ There is, for instance, much evidence to the effect that a large consumption of crude table-salt is very harmful, at least to some constitutions. But triturated salt (nat. mur.) will often cure the craving for crude salt. This yearning indicates that, despite the large amount eaten, the body is not really assimilating the salt and so constantly seeks for it: the dose of nat. mur. corrects this deficient assimilation and so, paradoxically, the minimal dose achieves what copious quantities cannot do.

Thus the state of the tongue, the nature of exudations, if any, and so forth, are all symptomatic, and biochemic books contain wonderfully detailed repertories of symptoms. Apparently slight conditions are often the all-revealing clue. Thus, aggravation in certain states of the weather may be the index, fear of thunder, dislike of stuffy rooms, and so on.

We will now pause to consider the astrological aspects of the matter.

The commonest doctrine is that the sign occupied by the Sun indicates the needed salt.

But this seems rather illogical, for, if the Sun be not afflicted, why should its presence in a sign be a bad influence and cause a deficiency or disturbance of the element ruled by that sign? Again, the same person will often need several salts at different times, and perhaps more than one salt at one time.¹ In a word, this doctrine seems to be a case of over-simplification. Practical students know that astrology is rarely as simple as to allow us to take one part of the map, however important, and to ignore the remainder.

Others have found the remedy indicated by the sign occupied by Cauda to be the one most often required. But here again it seems sensible to consider, in each case, what the aspects of the Tail may be.

One might also suppose the signs on the 6th and 8th cusps to be important, but, once more, it seems reasonable to see first what sort of aspects the ruler may have and what planets, if any, may be in the houses.

Speaking from personal experience, I need the salts shown by the sign occupied by Saturn (♄) and by the sign which is on the cusp of the 8th (♏) and is occupied by an afflicted Neptune. The latter has been so valuable to me that I always carry it with me. I have benefited from a course of my Sun-salt, as it is sometimes called, but after that course, taken many years ago, I have scarcely had occasion to use it again. Any need was, seemingly, cured once and for all.

One would probably be right in thinking that salts shown by signs that have no prominence in the map at all are rarely needed, and that would usually allow one to rule out several "possibles."

As a matter of fact, if a salt is badly needed, one can, with a sound knowledge of symptomatology, make a selection without astrology, though naturally the study of the map in unison with the symptoms is interesting.

¹ Some remedies can be taken together and even mixed together. In other cases it may be best to take them on alternate days.

However, we now have another method of diagnosis, which, in competent hands, bids fair to oust all others. I refer to the use of the *pendulum*.

This is a ball (some prefer other shapes) made usually of whale-ivory and suspended by thread. In the hands of a sensitive, this instrument picks up our natural emanations, detects whether or not they are normal, and indicates the needed remedy. Its uses are almost endless, within the field of its own work, but, so far as the salts and other remedies are concerned, the ordinary method is to hold it over the disordered part, when, instead of manifesting its normal clockwise swing, it will reverse its motion and turn anti-clockwise. If then the remedies are placed, one after the other, in the left hand of the operator (who will "discharge" the pendulum between each test), it will be found that, on his receiving the correct one, the pendulum will begin to turn normally, and the more vigorous its action is in doing so the more assurance there is that the true remedy and correct potency have been discovered.

This system has long been used in Austria for determining doubtful ascendants, but with this aspect of the matter we are not at the moment concerned, though we hope to have a good deal to say about it later.

So far as biochemistry is concerned, the pendulum is only in its infancy. I was able, however, to use it to advantage only a week or so ago. I had been troubled, for two or three years, by an irritating patch, apparently eczematic, on the foot, due doubtless to Mars in Pisces square Neptune. It got better and then worse again, being particularly sensitive to transits or directions involving Neptune. I tried several apparently indicated tissue-remedies, such as sil., nat. sulph., and nat. phos., but none did very much good. My experience is that if you get the right remedy there is seldom any doubt about it; improvement begins almost at once; sometimes the effects are almost miraculous. I came to the conclusion that perhaps the trouble was best left alone, on the principle "better out than inside." Then it occurred to me to use the pendulum and I went through the twelve remedies, beginning, as it happened, at the end. And the pendulum showed no reaction till I reached No. 1—calc. fluor., a remedy which, as I have said above, I consider I need constitutionally, because of Saturn in Cancer, but which I had not taken for several years and which I should certainly never have connected with this particular trouble. I took this remedy externally by smearing it on the affected area¹ and also in-

¹ The tablets can be mixed with vaseline, or, better still, made into clay with the patient's saliva.

ternally in the usual way, and the difference in the sore was marked within twenty-four hours. It scarcely irritated again and within a week was virtually healed.

This illustrates what I have just said. The right remedy, when found, seldom leaves one long in doubt.

I have been fortunate in suffering from few ailments, but for a large part of my life I was a martyr to influenza. This terrible disorder, with its distressing sequelae, is due, according to biochemistry, "to an excess of water in the cellular tissues" (Boericke and Dewey) and is thus prevented, or alleviated when contracted, by No. 11—nat. sulph. The nervous weakness that so often follows calls for No. 6—kali phos. I have found both of these to act almost instantaneously—but it is many years since I have had influenza.

A badly afflicted Jupiter has also given me a lot of liver trouble, but this, though often helped by kali mur. and nat. sulph., calls for dietetic treatment. Which brings me back to my firm belief that the general mode of life *must* be corrected, whatever artificial remedies may be employed concomitantly. Otherwise (unless one has a naturally healthy body, which is not often the case nowadays) one cannot hope for real health—one of life's greatest blessings.

On the other hand one cannot agree with those who disdain all man-made remedies. I believe in using all possible agents, provided that they are of the right kind.

Next quarter I propose to deal with the remedies *seriatim*. If any readers will send me cases of cures, with astrological data, they will, I am sure, be appreciated by their fellow-students.

(To be continued)

PLUTO—THE FREE-MAN

By CYRIL FAGAN

It has already been shown that Pluto is fundamentally the planet of appearance and manifestation, but Pluto is also instinct with action and is the actor in the broadest meaning of the word. In this sense he is eminently practical and demonstrative. Ideas, which are universal, are of little value unless carried into effect, and it is this *power of bringing ideas into action* that is extremely characteristic of Pluto. For example, women down the ages have been dreaming of the day when

they would be *freed* citizens and would enjoy the same privileges and advantages as their menfolk, but it was not till Pluto—in the person of Dame Millicent Fawcett—came along that these dreams became an actuality. Dame Millicent Fawcett was one of those great souls who had Pluto in the ascendant at birth. Hence Pluto is the “pioneer,” the blazer of the trail, the leader and the captain.

Just as Mars is the planet of animal vigour and physical prowess, so Pluto is the planet of moral strength and dauntless courage. With head erect the Plutonian will defy—nay convert—the world with the courage born of true conviction, ever standing ready to brave the storm and stress of opposition and criticism.

In every sense are Plutonians opposed to the practices and hypocrisy of Saturn in the guise of Mrs. Grundy, and ever are these two planets at war. The nature of Pluto is to reveal and expose to the daylight all things that are hidden in shame or suppressed. This is finely illustrated in the horoscope of Havelock Ellis, the famous author of *Sex Inversion*. At birth Pluto was in square to both luminaries and to Saturn, the latter being in opposition to the lights. Here Saturn typified all that is hidden and suppressed; the secret vices and longings of tortured souls that lie seared beneath the surface of society; and it took Pluto to raise these to the surface and proclaim them to an astonished world. It is significant that when Oscar Wilde stood in the dock and found that his innermost secrets were torn from him and exposed to the full view of publicity, both Pluto and Neptune were transiting his radical Saturn.

As a crusader or champion of the underdog, Pluto is in his element, ready against overwhelming odds to point the accusing finger at the real culprits no matter how protected by birth, social position, or rank. I am thinking of the horoscope of Emile Zola—that stark realist—who took up the cudgels in defence of Dreyfus and who did not mince words in exposing the horrors that lie hidden under the crust of civilization. Zola's horoscope shows the following unique positions: ☉ 13.16 ♉, ☽ 17.36 ♉,¹ PL 18.15 ♉, ♂ 20.41 ♉, ♀ 21.28 ♉, all in trine to ♄ in 21.43 ♋.

Edward Carpenter, who was so daringly outspoken on the subject of friendship—as his *Iolaus* and other works testify—had ♀ ☐ PL ♂ ♄ at birth.

In the horoscope of a man I know, PL with ♀ and ♀ is found close to the meridian. This individual is remarkable for his onslaughts on dull respectability, orthodoxy, and hypocrisy,

¹ N.N. gives 11 ♉.

and is provocative in his attack and crusade against sham and make-belief, to the consternation of his less courageous friends and associates.

That Pluto gives to its children dauntless courage and fearless public expression of their views will be supported by an examination of such horoscopes as those of Frederick Nietzsche, Sir Richard Burton, Victor Hugo, General Gordon, Marshal Pétain, Georges Sand, George Bernard Shaw, "Carmen Sylva," and all those maps where Pluto is found close to an angle and configured with the luminaries. Alan Leo, who did so much to popularise astrology and champion its cause, had Pluto on the M.C. at birth in square to the Sun and Jupiter, while that fearless and outspoken soul, W. T. Stead, had Pluto on the M.C. conjoined with Uranus and Mars.

The clarion call of Pluto is FREEDOM and to this end the Plutonian will bend all his energies. Hating all institutionalism and authority, he is happiest when living alone and acting the free-lance unfettered by ties and responsibilities. If a tie—such as marriage—becomes a fetter he thinks nothing of breaking it. It is perhaps for this reason that divorce is so prevalent with our Plutonian friends in Hollywood, for what Saturn and Venus binds, Pluto breaks. I know the case of a man who was fettered by a very unhappy marriage, but his joy was unbounded when a transit of Jupiter across his radical Pluto brought him freedom. A transit of Jupiter across the radical Pluto in another horoscope released the native from the autocratic domination of parents. Both the horoscopes of Dame Fawcett and Dr. Annie Besant illustrate the power of Pluto as a champion of freedom. H. P. Blavatsky (who as a child and youth was the despair of her parent and aged husband) had the Moon in opposition to Pluto at birth. But the finest example of the freedom conferred by Pluto is observable in the horoscope of Krishnamurti, who, disburdening himself of his estates at Ommen and some fifty thousand followers, has proclaimed the gospel of "Life in Freedom." At birth he had the Moon in the M.C. in opposition to Pluto and Neptune. (Note the horoscope in *1,001 Nativities* is calculated for 0.30 a.m., May 12, 1895, Madras. The correct date is May 11, 1895, time and place the same.)

King Albert of the Belgians had the Moon conjoined with Pluto at birth. His desire for personal freedom was very marked. Indeed, it is said that his visits to London gave Scotland Yard no little anxiety, as he always succeeded in evading his body-guard and moving freely through the Metropolis. Ex-President Cosgrave, of the Irish Free State, also has the Moon conjoined

with Pluto at birth and his ruses in side-tracking his bodyguard were the subject of considerable comment in the Irish Press.

A young divinity-student succeeded in regaining his freedom when Pluto by transit configured his radical Saturn; while a Civil Servant of my acquaintance retired from active service when Pluto in transit also configured his radical Saturn, which was rising at birth.

Pluto not only gives freedom *from* a tie but also freedom *of* a tie or planet. For example, Pluto transiting the Moon or Mercury does not mean freedom *from* thought or study but rather freedom *of* thought.

Previously I mentioned that Pluto will often be found transiting in configuration to a woman's radical Sun on the occasion of marriage. Apart from the publicity occasioned by the act of marriage, it may well be that marriage offers a hoped-for release from the drudgery of office or shop-life or the bondage of her parental home. It may afford a release from the necessity of having to earn one's own living. But it sometimes happens that one but escapes from one narrow cage to go to another of larger dimensions. But the true Plutonians avoid *all* cages and prefer their bachelor or spinster existence, where they can pursue their nomadic career unmolested. In this sense Pluto is opposed in principle to Venus, the ruler of Libra, which always seeks companionship, marriage, or partnership as a *conditio sine qua non* for its happiness.

To sum up, Pluto is the planet of publicity, freedom, notoriety, moral courage, attack, intensive action, outspokenness, youth, leadership, and captaincy, with a partiality for a nomadic life and bachelor existence. Ever to the fore, the Plutonian is not easily thwarted, and, living so intensely in the mind, he has little use for sentiment or emotionalism. Modesty, secrecy, and tact are not among his sterling virtues, and he has little use for the conventional, the traditional, and the aged. He is the lone worker and soloist of the solar system. Loving mockery and ridicule, he gets what he wants wherever he goes. As a child he may be the despair of old-world parents, but give him the loose rein and he will soon prove his true worth. Seek, however, to put him in a niche and you will find that the bird has stretched his wings and flown.

NOTES ON THE HARROGATE CONVENTION, 1938

WE are happy to be able to report that the above was a great success, the attendance being well in advance of that of former years, whilst the lectures reached a high standard.

The Elementary Talks were taken by Mrs. Sudbury Hurren and were much appreciated.

The writer had not the pleasure of hearing Miss Pagan on *Friday* on "Alan Leo and His Work," but the *Saturday* Lectures, viz. "Astrology and Homoeopathy," by Mr. W. F. Kirk, "National Astrology," by Miss Gardner, "Pluto," by Mr. Cyril Fagan, and "Astrology and Disease," by Mr. Cyril Scott, were remarkably interesting. The last named was greeted with a packed room. Mr. Fagan's conception of Pluto as a *liberator* and his delineation of the effects of its transits over the other horoscopic factors interested all. We are pleased to print a paper on the same subject from his pen; his Convention Address was delivered extempore.

Sunday presented us with lectures by Mr. A. G. S. Norris, by Mr. Kirk, and by Mrs. Hurren, the respective titles being: "The Heavens Shall Declare Thy Glory," "Astrological Contributions to Philosophy," and "Astrological Origin of Festivals." They were less technical and more suited to the day.

On *Monday* Mrs. Barraclough took "The Dowser Astrologically Viewed," and raised the interest of the audience to the highwater mark in her treatment of a subject that seems to open very wide fields for research in healing (even of gold-fish!), astrology, and several other arts and sciences.¹ Mr. Gleadow gave a very fine paper on "Astrology in the Poets," and Mr. Carter spoke on "Reasons for the Study of Astrology." The final talk, after music and refreshment, was given by Mr. Burnell on "Astrology and the Hand."

Our only note of criticism is that it seemed as if on occasion more encouragement and time might have been given to *discussion*, for a Convention should not be a series of lectures only. We feel sure that the audience, with a little assistance from the chair, would often have produced highly interesting comments on the lectures.

We should like to add that, while some Press reports were excellent (particularly those in the Northern papers), others gave anything but adequate, or even accurate, accounts of what transpired. For example, Mr. Carter only mentioned racing in passing, yet his lecture was headlined, "Astrology won't help you to back the Winner!" and the journalist went on to talk about a hypothetical "2.30"!

The meetings were favoured with bright but chilly weather.

"URANUS."

¹ We hope shortly to print a comprehensive paper on this subject.

ANSWERS TO PROBLEMS

VERNITA CHURCHILL, a member of the Committee of the Astrological Lodge of London, and a well-known lecturer on astrological subjects, has kindly agreed to answer questions concerning children, courtship, domestic, and psychological problems.

Every question must be accompanied by a coupon, which will be found in the advertisement pages, and a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for reply, in case there is no space to print it. Also please state the birth date of the person about whom the question is asked—day, year, place, and time, if possible. If the question concerns two people, such as husband and wife, dates of both must be given.

Please do not send questions concerning racing, health, or money affairs.

Examples of questions recently dealt with follow below.

Q. Six years ago I had a broken engagement, after a seven-year courtship. Since then my life has been very lonely. Do you think anyone else will come into my life? I get so fed up at times, as I seem to have nothing but trouble and worry.

A. You will surely marry, that is to say if you do not yourself prevent it by your gloomy outlook. Venus strong in its own sign Taurus rules the house of courtship, and is sextile to Mercury, ruler of the house of marriage. Next year Venus will come conjunction the radical Sun in the 7th house. This indicates a love affair and you are very likely to marry then. (The birth time given is only approximate, so that it is not possible to say exactly when the progressions will work.)

The broken courtship is clearly shown by Uranus opposition Sun, Moon, and Pluto. You may have had a good deal of trouble, which is bound to be with Uranus afflicted on an angle, but your ruler Jupiter is exceedingly strong, and if you think about it you will see that you were always preserved in a most wonderful manner. Put that one sad happening behind you, and go forward into the future *expecting* good. There is nothing so attractive as happiness, or so repelling as self-pity and despondency.

Female. June 6, 1902. Sheffield. About 8 p.m.

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Q. I am constantly told that I improve on acquaintance, but find that I do not interest people on sight. I simply cannot push myself forward, or take part in the general conversation, so that I

am placed as quiet and pleasant, and then forgotten. Why do I find it impossible to attract strangers, and how can I overcome this defect?

A. Cancer is a very sensitive and retiring sign, and it is intensified by having Neptune in it, square to the Moon. It is Saturn conjunction Mercury that, although good for thought, makes conversation difficult and small talk impossible.

How to overcome it? First, if you are self-conscious, it is a great help to be doing something—working—stroking the cat—smoking, or better still, helping someone else to do something. But your interest must be in the conversation. Don't bother about talking, it does not matter at all. It is just as good to be a listener, but identify yourself with the others, and take intense interest in all that is said. Don't think, "They are all talking and I am sitting silent," but "We are all talking."

The whole art of being a social success is to make the other person feel pleased with himself. Don't endeavour to plant your views upon him, let him express his. For instance, listen to all the conversation, and then say quietly to one person, more as if to yourself than to him, "I liked what you said about so-and-so. It is a new idea, but I am sure it is true." Making people feel that they are understood and appreciated is more attractive than reams of light conversation.

There are two kinds of people, those who want to be amused and those who want to be rested, and you will be attractive to the latter. It isn't as if you had nothing to back it up. I think you must be an exceedingly charming person with Sun conjunction Jupiter, trine Neptune, and Moon conjunction Venus.

Female. March 1, 1903. Noon. Richmond, Surrey.

If any reader wishes to have a personal interview, Vernita Churchill will be pleased to see him or her by appointment for a fee of 10s. provided a coupon is enclosed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAVE WE SUFFICIENT DATA?

From URANUS.

Since the recent broadcast, astrologers seem everywhere to have been engaged on a discussion as to whether they are in a position to meet Commander Gould's demand for data.

It seems necessary in this connection to point out that the Commander probably had something in mind quite different from mere collections of horoscopes, of which we have, of course, very many.

Data, in his sense, I venture to think, would have to fulfil these conditions: (a) they must be very numerous; (b) they must apply to a precise and definite thesis; (c) they must be fully authenticated.

As regards (a) it is probable that nothing under some 5,000 examples would be considered.

As for (b) some such thesis as "Those born with the Sun in Pisces do not live as long as those born with the Sun in Aries" might be accepted. Anything like "Jupiter strong in the 2nd is better for wealth than Saturn afflicted therein" would probably be rejected on the grounds that such things as "strength" and "affliction" and even "wealth" are too indefinite. It is obviously very difficult to satisfy (b) because astrologers know that the map is a whole and cannot easily be split into isolated bits. As for (c), the compilation would probably be best made by an actuary of first-rate standing, which would be extremely expensive.

When this had been done, it is still likely that the astronomical world would not condescend to examine the papers at all.

We may however take courage. Not all sciences are founded on statistics. Some quite respectable ones are, like astrology, based on tradition, observation and experience.

Mrs. Sudbury Hurren might, had it occurred to her and had she been allowed, have legitimately asked Commander Gould whether he had ever taken a dose of quinine for a cold, and whether he had first required 5,000 well-authenticated cases to prove that quinine has any, and if so what, effect on the human body? Perhaps, too, since the gallant officer belongs to the senior service, she might have suggested that Jellicoe might have done better at Jutland if the art of navigation were thoroughly revised according to carefully compiled cases to ascertain whether or not it is true that there is a connection between the wind and the waves, the moon and the tides, and so forth.

TRANSITS

From P. H. PATTON.

Astro-responsivity depends upon the individual and the karma which has accumulated for him. In some cases the action in transit manifests on the first aspect—in others at the last aspect and in others at the intermediate time between the first and second aspect caused by retrograde motion.

Neptune conjoined my Uranus during the fall of 1930. The mystic and occult combining, therefore it was then that I became interested in astrology and at the same time became a student in the ancient studies of the laws of God. Nothing manifested in a material or physical way at that time.

Natal Neptune in 6th, perfect square with Mars in the 9th, manifested in infantile paralysis when I was 17 months old, leaving its affliction to be endured during the remainder of this life.

In 1920, Neptune by transit came perfect conjunction with natal Mars October 19th. On that day I lost a position which I had well

earned. Study revealed that the adverse effect was necessary on first conjunction to prepare, or to condition, circumstances in preparation for the good aspects due January 3, 1921, which manifestation placed me in a much better position than any formerly held.

Retrograde calculation of conjunction at that period brought it up into April 1921 but nothing manifested after January 3rd.

Saturn came square with natal Sun last summer and after retrograde came square with Sun again February 22nd this year. Calculations based by Carter method brought the conjunction to operate October 16, 1937. On the 18th a man mysteriously died a thousand miles away which had a great influence on my welfare in life. It gave me freedom to act in behalf of myself.

During the same period Uranus transited Neptune last summer—then retrograded and will transit conjunct again in May this year. The Carter calculation brought the conjunction to December 18 or 19, 1937. On December 21st I was notified to report for a better position resulting from action taken when made free by the Saturn square natal Sun in October.

SOME MORE QUERIES

From MONKTON FARLEIGH.

Although the questions brought forward by Mr. Ruperti in the December Quarterly raise some rather vital issues, it seems to me that there are a number of problems of a more concrete nature that require solution before we attempt to define the limits of astrological interpretation and values.

For instance, has the correct method of progressing the midheaven yet been definitely established? Some astrologers use one degree of longitude per annum, others one degree of right ascension; some take the mean value of 59' 8" in longitude, others progress at that rate in right ascension (including all who base secondary directions on mean clock time); some add to the M.C. the Sun's daily increment in longitude—and even that offers scope for variation according to the length of the day taken, sidereal, mean solar, or true solar—while others use right ascension in similar ways (the third variation being followed by those who progress in "true sun time"). The latter method keeps the progressed Sun for ever at exactly the same distance from the meridian as at birth, but its relationship with the horizon varies, and to keep its distance constant from *all* the angles (measured in the plane of the prime vertical), some students evaluate the M.C. from the Sun's circle of position. There are yet other modes of progressing the midheaven in which the Sun's rate of motion *at birth* (per sidereal, mean solar, or true solar day) is taken as the rate to use all through life, being added to the M.C. either in longitude or right ascension. Again, the midheaven can be progressed as though the Sun were actually on the M.C. all the time, so giving yet another possible rate of motion.

Doubtless there are many other methods which have been experimented with, but as the differences between some of them must be very considerable under certain conditions (increasing with the age of the native), surely evidence is available to disprove many of them and to indicate which system is likely to prove the correct one. Up to the present, however, such evidence appears to be well hidden, and in one of the latest textbooks on astrology (*The Measure of Life*, by Raymond Harrison) the statement is made that "the exact equation of time in relation to the M.C. has never, in fact, been determined." The question is indeed a vital one, and until it has been answered we shall never know exactly what latitude may be allowed in time between an event and its corresponding direction formed by the angles of the horoscope.

Another point which has some bearing on this matter is concerned with the ascendant. Ought the rising degree to be computed for geographical or geocentric latitude? Here in England the latter is $11\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 minutes of arc less than the former, and due consideration should be given to this discrepancy if accuracy is aimed at. Can any astrologer give definite proof as to which should be used?

Again, assuming the rate of progressing the M.C. to have been determined, would we be correct in using it for timing the effects of secondary directions, or must such directions always be calculated on the basis of one sidereal day to the year (in which the angles make no movement forward)?

The effects of precession constitute another problem. In 43 years the zodiac on which our astrology is based moves forward no less than 36 minutes in longitude (which in the timing of events corresponds to about seven months), resulting in an equivalent retrograde movement of all one's radical horoscopic factors. Obviously current transits must accordingly operate slightly earlier, but to what extent, if any, are progressions affected?

The foregoing considerations all apply to the diurnal horoscope, concerning which a whole page of questions might easily be asked, apart from its associations with the solar revolution. The angles of the latter move forward an even amount in time per annum (a few minutes less than six hours)—has the true rate of progression from one revolution to another throughout the intervening year yet been determined?

The same question arises with ingresses in mundane astrology. The yearly advance in time is practically constant, which should form a basis for linking them up in a continuous chain on which predictions of a more definite nature in point of time could be attempted.

Another query in regard to ingresses concerns their relative importance. Most astrologers seem to give prominence to Aries, but as 0 Cancer is the zodiacal degree which passes through the celestial north pole, about which the heavens appear to rotate, surely the Cancer ingress should be the most important to us dwellers in the northern hemisphere, and the Capricorn ingress to the inhabitants of the southern half of the globe.

Then there are all the questions relating to mundane positions in natal astrology and progressions, but before taking up further space perhaps some of the exponents of our science (or art) invoked by Mr. Rupert would like to have their say.

PROGRESSIONS

From Mons. A. BOUDINEAU.

Dans le No. 1 d'*Astrology* March 1938 vous avez bien voulu consacrer quelques lignes aimables à mon ouvrage: *Bases Scientifiques de l'Astrologie*, ce dont je vous remercie sincèrement.

Par contre vous m'avez attribué la "paternité" de la brochure de P. Choïnard sur les *Directions en Astrologie*. Je ne saurais d'ailleurs qu'en être flatté, mais je ne suis "responsable" que des quelques pages in fine indiquant une méthode rapide pour le calcul de ces directions.

L'opinion que vous avez relevée au sujet des Progressions n'est donc pas de moi et je ne puis d'ailleurs la prendre à mon compte ayant toujours constaté que les Progressions donnent des résultats très satisfaisants. Pour ce qui est des directions dites symboliques: $1^\circ = 1$ an, j'en suis d'autant plus partisan que je suis parvenu à ramener ce procédé à un système particulier de directions primaires—que je crois inédit—ce qui revient à dire que ces directions symboliques ont des bases astronomiques réelles... ce qui pourrait être un argument en leur faveur pour les astrologues dits "scientifiques."

Le faux de correspondance d'après ce système ne serait d'ailleurs pas exactement: $1^\circ = 1$ an, mais il différerait de cette moyenne de très peu pour les casuels et d'une quantité d'ailleurs variable suivant la position des points considérés comme limites de l'arc de direction.

Ce système a de plus l'avantage comme les directions symboliques d'être indépendant de l'heure et de la latitude du lieu de naissance.

En m'excusant de cette longue lettre que je n'aurais pas été capable d'écrire correctement en anglais et en profitant de cette occasion pour vous féliciter de l'intérêt de votre excellente et sérieuse revue, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'assurance de mes distingués et confraternels sentiments.

DEGREE-SYMBOLS OF HIS MAJESTY

From LAURIE PRATT.

The symbols from the Alan Leo manual, *Degrees of the Zodiac Symbolized*, for King George VI's ascendant and M.C. are very appropriate and help to confirm the validity of the birth time. Charubel for Libra 28 (i.e. from Libra 27.30 to 28.30), the King's ascendant: "A man with a crown on his head, and a spear in his hand." Charubel for Leo 7, the King's M.C.: "A pyramidal figure with a Maltese cross at the top, or rather on the apex. This is

possibly as glorious a degree as any in the zodiac." Borelli for Leo 7: "A sceptre, on the crest of which shines a diamond like a magnificent star."

SOME COMMENTS

From PAUL STOCKER.

As a reader of your highly praiseworthy Quarterly since its inception, I should like to draw your attention to an article on page 18 of the *Sunday Times* of April 24th by a late Astronomer-Royal on "Astrology past and present" which this very learned authority calls "a foolish cult."

That a man of science should betray such utter ignorance on a subject which has engaged the interest of some of the greatest minds of all times is deplorable to say the least. The facts related in the said article are so puerile that one might just shrug one's shoulders and think no more about it. But as reference is made to the conference of astrologers at Harrogate, I hope that a reply will be forthcoming from your able pen in a future edition of the *Sunday Times*.

May I be permitted to add a friendly criticism in this letter regarding the Quarterly? I was more than astonished to see that you have shown favour to astrological birthday delineations and predictions that appear in the daily Press.¹ Judging from the remarks I have heard from readers of this cheap claptrap I am more than ever convinced that the cause of the genuine science of astrology is seriously injured, for how can one expect even a remote chance of any of these readings based solely on the Sun's approximate birthday position, and irrespective of house position, having any individual value, and, in a lesser degree still, any scientific value!

One would welcome the publication of more statistical data² in your magazine, and furthermore as the Campanus house cusps seem to have gained such favour in the pages of the Quarterly, it would be helpful to find the Campanus houses inserted in an outer circle of the horoscopic diagram in such cases where Placidian cusps have been used. This would facilitate comparisons, since in the absence of a table of houses for all latitudes, few students are able or will take the trouble to compute the Campanus cusps. Within a comparatively short time a fair amount of comparative material would thus be available and conclusions as to the merits of one or the other system could be drawn more easily. If for technical reasons this were impracticable, the six cusps of both systems might be shown in two columns side by side.

Sepharial's peculiar bias, personal and racial, was responsible for many most serious errors of judgment which were reflected in hopelessly wrong predictions. The ex-Kaiser for instance should have died many times up to 1919, but, as he was not dead then, a train of

¹ Some misunderstanding, I think.—ED.

² Unfortunately such articles are not very often submitted to me.—ED.

fatal directions were to do the trick in his 66th year (1925); there must be something wrong with him or Sepharial's astrology, seeing that the subject is still going strong in 1938!

I have seen private work (directional) of Sepharial which is of astounding accuracy, and as for the radix system which he discovered, astrologers owe him eternal gratitude. In my own practice this system gives the most reliable and accurate results. I used to be tired with erecting speculums, directing under the pole of the significator and what not and showing such small results after so much labour.

I must apologise for drawing out my letter to such length, but I can certainly not close it without expressing to you my deeply felt appreciation for your splendid efforts towards the rehabilitation of our great science to the worthy place it once held. You will no doubt have noticed with interest and satisfaction that the educational and cultural values of astrology have been recognised by "The Third Reich."

REVIEWS

Man and the Zodiac, by DAVID ANRIAS. Published by George Routledge & Sons, Ltd., 212 pp., price 7s. 6d.

Nowadays books on astrology appear frequently, and, in order to justify its birth, any particular book ought to present some characteristic peculiar to itself. In this case the most outstanding feature is a series of (for the most part) imaginary portraits of the types associated with the signs and decanates. These are extremely clever and amusing. In a strict scientific sense their value is limited, for persons may be born, not only under the same sign, but under the same degree, and yet have little physical resemblance. But this is not to say that the sketches do not embody true and useful conceptions.

The work is divided into "exoteric" and "esoteric" sections. The former is to be commended as sound and well written; the latter may cause even the hardened "occultist," used to thrills, some difficulties. For example, we are told that the late J. Ramsay MacDonald was an initiate and that "the late Annie Besant was the last great initiate of the expiring Pisces cycle." No proof is produced for these remarks. Indeed references to adepts and initiates are frequent and one gains the impression that the author is one whose view of life is very largely seen through occult spectacles.

Thus he writes that "the occult aftermath of a ruthless dictator often causes a serious vacuum of national etheric force": now common sense tells us that a ruthless dictator often leaves behind him a nation debilitated in mind, bankrupt in purse, and less a few thousand lives lost in battle or in other ways; but there seems no reason why ether should be introduced into a picture which is perfectly understandable without it.

Fascism is put under Leo and Communism under Aquarius, and the advent of a Sagittarian master-mind is foretold who will "suddenly appear and create order out of chaos." The advent of most Sagittarians, to judge by peeps at their "dens" and "cubbies," is rather to create rapid and complete disorder out of cosmos! But a master-mind would probably be different.

There is some reason to regret (a) the use of maps of uncertain authenticity, such as those of Napoleon I and Wellington, for there are plenty of interesting maps not subject to suspicion, and (b) a liking for rectification by some numerological system; thus adjustments are proposed for both Mussolini and Hitler so as to bring them under "Leo numbers."

The book is well printed and nicely bound and will probably receive a cordial welcome from those whose point of view resembles that of the author, whilst the more matter-of-fact type of student will consider that it introduces notions best kept away from astrology. For the rift between the exotericists and esotericists has not yet been closed.

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The Principles of Scientific Astrology, by WILLIAM J. TUCKER.
J. B. Lippincott Company, London, Philadelphia, and New York, 328 pp., 8s. 6d. net.

Let Mr. Tucker speak for himself. On page 284 of this book he says, "In these days it is a commonplace to find the label 'scientific' attached to astrological dogmas, magazine articles, and books; but, once the contents have been examined, it is invariably found that the authors have anything but scientific minds. . . . This misuse of the word 'scientific' (all astrologers of no matter what brand insist in these days upon styling themselves 'scientific astrologers'!) is not only tiresome and monotonous, it is positively execrable."

We cannot but endorse Mr. Tucker's statement, which applies as much to this his latest effort as to any other. Apart from the usual interpretation of sign influences and aspects such as may be found in any astrological manual, the book contains little more than a mass of assertions by the author, helped out by extracts from other writers and unnecessary repetitions (even to the extent of whole paragraphs), and one looks in vain for tabulations of scientific evidence.

It is not that Mr. Tucker is unable to tabulate, for he includes two exquisite examples. One is a codification of horoscopic factors, by means of which $\odot \text{III} \phi \text{h} \text{H}$ is simplified to 18, S6/2, S7/2, as an aid to "scientific interpretation" and "perfect" delineation—truly the *reductio ad absurdum* of the scientific method! He gives no "code" for planetary sign positions, such as $\text{H} \text{III}$, but for $\text{H} \phi \text{H}$ (S17/2) he repeats the paragraph for $\text{H} \phi \text{H}$ (S16/2). Evidently slips occur in scientific circles!

The other example is a Table of Houses for London. Here Mr.

Tucker surpasses himself, treating us to over *sixteen pages* of this sort of thing:—

Sid. Time	Zen.	11	12	Asc.	2	3
H. M. S.	17	22	18	17	8	11
18.00.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
18.01.40	1	1	1	1	1	1
18.03.20	2	2	2	2	2	2
18.05.00	3	3	3	3	3	3
18.06.40	4	4	4	4	4	4
18.08.20	5	5	5	5	5	5

and so on, up to

18.48.43	28	28	28	28	28	28
18.50.36	29	29	29	29	29	29
18.52.29	30	30	30	30	30	30

And this, with different sidereal values, is repeated twelve times to cover the whole zodiac! Was ever a scientific mind so luxuriative? The table really should be seen in its entirety to be fully appreciated.

The sidereal times listed are, of course, those crossing the southern meridian when the degrees given for the ascendant are rising on the eastern horizon, the other cusps being found by adding 30 degrees, 60 degrees, and so on to that ascending, and obviously nothing more need have been tabulated than the rising degrees with their corresponding time-values.

This Table of Houses is calculated for nothing more nor less than the so-called "Ptolemaic" system of equal house-division sponsored by Mr. P. J. Harwood, yet Mr. Tucker terms it "new." The jacket describes it as "The first important astrological discovery since the Middle Ages, made by the author himself. . . . Known as the Zenith System of House Division, it keeps the elliptic circle [Oh, Mr. Tucker! Surely not a circular ellipse?] always evenly divided into twelve houses."

There is nothing new about this, and a true "scientist-astrologer" examining it "in plan, elevation and perspective" (see the chapter on Scientific Method) would have recognised it at once, but as, in common with the majority of housing systems at present in use it gives, for example, an ascendant of Scorpio where Mr. Tucker's former essay at house-division would have given Sagittarius, one can only assume that in the author's struggles towards the light a momentary glimpse must have blinded him. That he is still in the dark seems plain enough from his tentative suggestion (page 48, and repeated word for word, with other paragraphs, on page 314) to use the great circle running through the zenith and the ascendant as a reference-circle for the determination of the cusps. A cursory examination, however, is sufficient for its repudiation; at least, if used in conjunction with the poles of the ecliptic, to which Mr. Tucker now runs his house-circles.

The work sets out as a history book, commencing with "An Outline of the History of Astrology," before passing on to an exposition

of the science according to Mr. Tucker. Although he quotes extensively from Ptolemy, his own astrology is of a different order, quite at variance with accepted practice, and as so many of his statements challenge contradiction that much more space would be needed to deal with them than can be allotted to a review, students interested in an astrological-bee of that sort had better get a copy of the book for themselves.

G. 13.

Complete Practical Astrology, by EDWARD LYNDOE. Putnam, London, 440 pp., 10s. 6d. net.

There is little to be said about this book except on the score of its all-round excellency. It is not a "complete" work on astrology—no one book can ever hope to be that—but as an exposition of practical astrology for the plain man it would be hard to beat. Entirely destitute of fancy theories and esotericism of any sort, it tackles the subject in a way likely to appeal to the average individual with no predilections towards occultism or the like.

Mr. Lyndoe is probably well known to many of our readers from his predictions in various periodicals, including a famous Sunday newspaper, and in the course of his experience in that connection his work has naturally been subjected to a searching test—that of results. Had he not come through that test with some degree of success he could not have written this book with the conviction which obviously inspires it, and we ought to feel indebted to him for his presentation of the subject, which while skilfully avoiding deep waters, covers an extremely wide range in a manner which, although somewhat wordy at times, is likely to awaken further interest in the reader.

The book is not confined to Natal Astrology. That branch is naturally treated in detail—even to the readings of the planets in the signs and houses, their aspects, and the polarities—and from such a beginning it is an easy step to progressions, in which Mr. Lyndoe uses the ordinary "day for a year" system in conjunction with current transits. While making no attempts to criticise newer methods, he says he finds himself on safe ground in adhering to astrology of the "old-fashioned" sort, which has always yielded him good results.

The fixed stars are briefly touched upon, and even the sore subject of house-division receives mention, although the author does not appear to have been weaned from Placidus, and even (incorrectly) states that Mr. Carter uses that system.

Four chapters are devoted to Mundane Astrology, which although rendered peculiarly interesting by the fact of Mr. Lyndoe's extensive experience in that branch, do not depart far from tradition. Medical Astrology, Astro-Meteorology, Agricultural Astrology, Horary Astrology, and Financial Astrology are briefly treated in the following chapters, where Mr. Lyndoe confesses, strangely enough (for a public astrologer), that he seldom touches horary work. More strangely still, he gives as his reason that he dislikes

divination of any kind! And he an astrologer!! At any rate, he includes a few short notes on that subject from the pen of Robert Halcyon, who he states is the greatest exponent of horary astrology alive.

The work concludes with a Dictionary of Astrology and an Appendix giving abbreviated Tables of Houses and a Condensed Ephemeris covering the years 1870-1920, sufficient for working to the nearest degree, in addition to a short list of British towns and a couple of geographical maps.

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