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EDITORIAL

The Quarterly

IT is still my pleasant task to thank very many correspondents for their kind and encouraging letters regarding the Quarterly. One American gentleman was more than encouraging: he sent a £10 donation, which, in a publication such as this, goes an appreciable way towards balancing income and outgoings. It is also good to be able to say that there has already been a perceptible increase in the sales.

The Outlook

Herr Hitler's speech of January 30th was on the whole more restrained than many expected. Jupiter was at the time in transit to his Capricorn bodies. He spoke of economic stress; this is likely to be severe when Saturn is stationary on his radical Sun in Taurus in August. Even before then the same planet in transit through the Führer's 7th house will be a moderating influence.

In Signor Mussolini's natus we have a most interesting double transit, for the coming trine of Uranus to Neptune falls on the same planets in his map, but reversedly—Uranus in Taurus on his Neptune and Neptune in Virgo on his Uranus. This seems to point to favourable alliances and financial benefit, since the second sign and 7th house are involved.

On the other hand, if Miss Gardner's chart for the Fascist régime is correct (10 a.m., October 31, 1922, Rome), then there are some severe one-degree directions coming into force. The map for the French Republic (given in *N.N.*) has also some unpleasant directions, but by no means so bad as the Italian.

So it is; the outlook is contradictory wherever we look.

What can one say of an ingress with the Sun exactly square Mars? Not, certainly, that it is very good. However, Venus in the 7th and Jupiter in the 9th must be powerful helps towards the preservation of peace so far as Great Britain is concerned.

The outbreak of terrorism, attributed to I.R.A. activities, may be attributed to the recurrent occultations of Uranus by the Moon, in Taurus; this disturbing phenomenon recurs until August of this year.

Many astrologers attach much importance to a map for the end of each year, as being a sort of collective horary question, inasmuch as many thousands will, at that time, be asking what the New Year will bring. The map for midnight, December 31, 1938, is not good; Mars in Scorpio is going to the opposition of Uranus.

Thus, as politicians might say, there is as yet no justification for unqualified optimism. Astrology cannot yet signal "all clear" or even affirm that the worst is over.

I agree with Miss Gardner in singling out the first week of May as a particularly critical time.

Criticisms of Astrology

It is a sign of the great public interest taken nowadays in the subject that astrology has again been attacked in the Press. I refer to Mr. Marsom's very balanced and comprehensive article in this issue for a review of the position as between astronomer and astrologer. By request, I have tried to answer some of the letters that have appeared, but one must frankly affirm that most of the critics are too ignorant of the subject to be worth powder and shot. Moreover, whilst some papers are willing to print both sides of the questions, others are more or less biased.

The Harrogate Convention

For the third time running there will be a gathering of the astrological clans in this town, under the direction of Mr. H. Hosking Burnell. Readers are referred to the advertisement pages for further particulars of what will probably, as heretofore, be a very happy and instructive Easter.

Public Enemy No. 1

So I would designate, as far as the astrological world is concerned, those who recklessly publish hypothetical horoscopes without troubling to inform the reader that they are of this description. I have actually seen, quite recently, a horoscope, alleged to be that of the Duke of Windsor, with the Sun rising in Cancer; and Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Eden, and other British celebrities have been endowed by American magazines

with nativities that are presumably hypothetical, since no one here, at any rate, appears to know the birth-times of these gentlemen.

In every case horoscopes of birth should be properly labelled; if the time is not known, they should be given as hypothetical; if it is known, the source of information should be adequately indicated.

It is also a pity that writers and lecturers so often produce hypothetical maps to illustrate their points. Although, if they explain that the maps are unauthenticated, there is no deception, yet it does seem a pity, when there are a good number of well-established maps from which to draw, that hypotheticals should be brought into the field at all.

Request to Subscribers

May I ask any subscribers who do not receive their magazines at about the usual time of the month, according to where they may reside, to inform me at once? We do not get many complaints, but, since the magazine does literally go "from China to Peru," it is inevitable that copies should sometimes fail to arrive. Readers then sometimes notify me months afterwards, when it may be difficult, or even impossible, to obtain another copy of the issue that has gone astray.

CHARLES E. O. CARTER

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By ESTELLE GARDNER

I HAVE to begin my article by apologising to readers of the Quarterly for a mistake which I made, quite inadvertently, in the last number. This was to take a p.m. time instead of an a.m. time for the signing of the Munich Pact. The actual time of signature was 12.30 a.m. C.E.T., giving a local time of 12.16 a.m. and an ascendant of Leo 3. I am indebted to Herr Paul Regenstreif for writing from Vienna to point this out, and I find that the relevant passage from *The Times* of September 30th reads: "At 1.30 a.m. this morning it was announced that the Führer, the Duce, the British Prime Minister, and the French Prime Minister had at 12.30 a.m. signed an agreement. . . ."

The correct figure has more character, as we might expect. It gives Pluto on the ascendant, which once again bears out my theory of the connection of that planet with National Socialism and Fascism. Saturn is in the midheaven, and four planets are in the 3rd, three of them in Virgo, with Mercury, ruler of 3rd, going to the sextile of Pluto. Mars, ruler of 10th, applies to the trine of Uranus in the 10th, and Venus, ruler of 4th, applies to the sextile of Neptune, ruler of 9th, placed in 3rd.

The least favourable feature of the chart is the Moon in Sagittarius, the natural 9th-house sign, applying to the square of Neptune. Since the Moon rules the 12th, and Neptune placed in the 3rd rules the 9th, this is typical of the campaign which has been carried on outside Germany by enemies of the Pact. But lunar disharmonies can usually be overcome, if the major planets are not correspondingly afflicted, and though it is true that the Sun in the 3rd applies to a wide opposition of Saturn, my own opinion is that the Pact will accomplish its purpose. Also, since Jupiter is on the cusp of the 8th, the end of its validity, when it comes, may well be through peaceful agreement (Jupiter in Aquarius, the 11th-house sign, squared by Venus, ruler of 4th and 11th), possibly by the substitution of some further pact or document.

The Vernal Ingress takes place at London on March 21st, at 0.29 midday, giving an ascendant of 0.30 Leo, conjunct Pluto in Cancer 29, and with Saturn and the Moon in the 10th, and the Sun in the 9th, trine the ascendant, but just about to form a square to Mars, which is in the 6th (people). Since the Sun rules the 1st, and Mars rules the 10th, and is placed in Capricorn the 10th-house sign, this appears to indicate tension between people and Government, and also trouble or dispute connected with Dominion or Colonial affairs. Jupiter, which rules the 6th, is placed in the 9th, in Pisces, and going to an opposition of Neptune, which therefore disposes of it. The 12th house and its natural ruler appear to have much to do with the refugee question, and with such widespread unemployment and industrial depression in the country, indicated astrologically by the direction of Sun square the 6th-house Saturn in England's basic map (December 25, 1966), this question is going to become increasingly important. In April Saturn, by transit, passes out of the 12th house of the basic map and crosses the national ascendant, and this may bring the adverse effects of the basic direction to a head.

An examination of the quarterly and lunation maps for the coming year shows a prominent feature to be the constant square between Pluto and Saturn. Pluto is bringing new ideas,

Saturn is opposing them, and it would be no use pretending that anything but a testing-time is before the English people. I believe that this testing-time will prove to be concerned as much with home and Empire as with foreign affairs, though a foreign crisis seems possible in connection with the eclipse of April 19th. Fortunately the year's maps also get the benefit of the trine which is beginning to form between Uranus and Neptune, and this should be a help to us in resolving our coming difficulties.

In February Saturn by transit begins to touch up the cardinal cross of the map for the original formation of the National Government, while Pluto falls stationary on its 8th-house cusp. In a former issue I gave the time for this map as 4 p.m. G.M.T. This was given me some years ago, and I regret to say I did not trouble to verify it. But on turning up *The Times* for August 25, 1931, I find the correct time to have been 4.10 p.m. *Summer Time* on the previous day. This gives Libra 21 on the M.C., which makes the cardinal affliction even more acute, and the correction naturally alters the timing of the lunar directions to which I have referred in the past. The progressed Moon will reach the square to its own place and the square to Pluto in February, and the New Moon of February 19th falls in opposition to the radical Sun. These factors may possibly link up with the Palestine Conference, for the Full Moon of March 5th falls across the 1st and 7th angles of the Palestine chart, with Mars in the 10th, squaring its own place. In any case the Vernal Ingress appears to usher in a period of intense and bitter political struggle, with the position of the Government becoming increasingly difficult.

The New Moon of April 19th will be an eclipse, which both here and at Paris will fall on the cusp of the 8th, going to the square of Pluto in the 10th. From the condition of the Government map it seems possible that the general election may take place during April, and an interesting feature of Pluto's position by transit during the spring quarter is that it is opposing England's radical Venus, which is placed on the cusp of the 11th (Parliament). This appears to be the astrological indication of the gradual blurring of orthodox party lines which is increasingly evident in the by-elections.

Mr. Chamberlain has Jupiter in transit over his Sun at the end of April, so he himself will gain prestige from any coming events. But the New Moon of May 19th is not an easy one, for it shows an opposition of Mars on the M.C. to Pluto on the cusp of the 4th, both planets squaring Venus, ruler of 6th placed in 12th. And since Venus will be on the place of the

April eclipse, and Saturn is working towards a transit of the eclipse position, this lunation will be a critical one. No less than seven planets are in the 12th house, so much will be taking place behind the scenes, and since in our basic map there is a direction forming of progressed one-degree Pluto opposition the radical 11th-house Mars, the repetition of this opposition in the New Moon figure may bring out some of its effects. Fortunately the Sun of the lunation map mitigates the opposition, and this will help matters.

Before leaving English affairs, so absorbingly interesting at the present time, and likely to become increasingly so, I should like to correct another error; not mine this time, however! A few years ago what purported to be the correct horoscope of Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists, was published, giving the birth-time as early in the morning of November 16, 1896, in the north of England, with Scorpio rising. This has been widely circulated, and was reprinted by an astrological magazine during the course of last year. I am able to state, on unimpeachable authority, that this time is a pure invention; it should be 11.45 p.m. London, which gives Virgo 4 rising conjunct Jupiter.

No astrologer who studies his map in connection with England's basic map can fail to see the close connection between them. Not only are his ascendant and Jupiter conjunct England's 6th-house Jupiter and trine England's Sun, but his Moon in Aries 17.30 is less than four degrees from the basic ascendant, and his Sun in Scorpio 25 is trine the basic Moon in Pisces 29. His Scorpio satellitium opposes the rising Neptune in Taurus of the basic map, which, since he aims at a radical change in both the spirit and the economic system of his country, is a position which one might expect. During the coming year he has the direction of progressed Sun trine radical Jupiter, and he has a further massing of influences during the next few years which mark him out to be one of the coming factors in English affairs.

It would be interesting if the birth-time of Sir Stafford Cripps, who has recently been endeavouring to form a Popular Front, were available. *Who's Who* gives his birthday as April 24, 1889, and he has, therefore, the sign of Taurus strongly emphasised, Sun, Mars, Venus, and Mercury being therein.

I should like here to express a wish that those responsible for publishing the maps of important people or events should be careful either to verify them, or to state that they are speculative or disputable. Since I began to study national astrology I have found only too often that it is necessary to exercise the

greatest care before accepting much current data, and it is obviously impossible to draw correct deductions from incorrect maps!

I have not left myself much space to discuss foreign affairs this quarter, but my deduction of a favourable period for General Franco, beginning with the New Moon of December last, has been verified.

The time for the original proclamation of the Spanish Republic on April 14, 1931, is so debatable that one hesitates to place much reliance on the map. But should 5.50 p.m. be correct, Uranus, which opposes the radical ascendant, has now reached the 7th-house Sun by one-degree measure, and Saturn, which squared the Sun from the radical 4th, will transit that direction in April. Having regard to the condition of General Franco's chart in February, which I mentioned last quarter, it seems very possible that the fall of Barcelona has brought his final victory within sight.

The Italo-French dispute will, I think, be a feature of the spring quarter. The eclipse figure brings Libra 14 rising at Rome, which is conjunct the midheaven Saturn of the map of the Fascist Government (October 31, 1922, 9 a.m. G.M.T. Rome). This map has a direction during 1939 of one-degree Saturn square radical Mars, exact approximately in April, and in May this direction will be excited by the transit of Mars over its radical position. A critical two months for Western Europe seems inevitable, for in France the eclipse figure squares the 7th-house Mars-Uranus conjunction of the map of the Republic, and also the ascendant. And the Mars-Pluto opposition of the May lunation falls across 1st- and 7th-house angles, with Uranus in transit over radical Pluto at the same time, and Saturn by transit over radical Neptune. The first week of May in particular may be difficult. But at Berlin and Rome Venus is in the 7th house at the Ingress, and since traditionally this figure is valid for the following quarter, it should to a great extent mitigate any inharmonious effects of the lunations. The coming tensions may work out rather in an intensification of the economic warfare now proceeding in Europe, and this deduction seems to be born out by the fact that it is Saturn, and not Mars, which is in the 7th house of the eclipse figure in all four capitals of Western Europe.

In Germany, as I thought likely, an important change in the Government took place with the dismissal of Dr. Schacht from the Reichsbank. The progressed Moon of the Third Reich has just entered the 2nd house of the radix, and will square the 6th-house Mars in March, being in sextile to Uranus at the

same time. Financial and economic matters are likely to cause anxiety, and unusual methods of solving problems connected with them will be tried. Further changes may result from the final transit of Uranus over the ascendant in May. Hitler's progressed Moon will pass over his ascendant during May-June, while the eclipse will oppose it. The combination of these two factors may possibly have an adverse effect on the health; 7th-house problems will, in any case, be the cause of much worry.

All in all an important and critical quarter, in which events and changes to be brought about by the coming Saturn-Jupiter conjunctions in Taurus will begin to cast their shadows before.

Written January 30, 1939.

COMPETITION RESULT

THE prize of one guinea is awarded to Mr. H. M. White, of Bath, whose lucid explanation of the mysteries of local time is appended, in the belief that it will assist many readers whose mathematics is not their strong point. Other good attempts were received, but Mr. White's answer strikes me as particularly clear.

Beginners will, of course, not fail to realise that local time is used only for the *houses* of the horoscope; the *planets* are calculated for the corresponding Greenwich time, always assuming that the ephemeris employed is reckoned for Greenwich.

LOCAL TIME

It would perhaps be as well to first clearly understand what local time is. When the sun is crossing the meridian of any place it is 12 o'clock or midday at that place according to "local time." In other words, on any day when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky it is noon—local time. It is only if two places are directly north or south of one another—that is, if they are on the same meridian of longitude, that they will have the same local time.

Throughout the British Isles Greenwich Time is used, the only exception being when Summer Time is in force. Thus at 12 noon the sun is approximately on the meridian of Greenwich, or directly overhead.

Berlin and Cape Town have nearly the same local time because they are nearly on the same line of longitude, but the local times of New York, London, and Moscow are very different.

To find local time we must

(1) Ascertain the longitude of the place of birth and allow 4 minutes for each degree; e.g. Liverpool is $2^{\circ} 59'$ W. Call this 2 minutes 59 seconds and multiply by 4 = 11 minutes 56 seconds, which is the difference in time.

(2) If the place is west of Greenwich *subtract* the difference, and if the place is east *add* the difference. In the example 12 hours 11 minutes 56 seconds would be

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{H.} \quad \text{M.} \quad \text{S.} \\
 12 \quad 11 \quad 56 \\
 \text{Less} \quad \quad 11 \quad 56 \\
 \hline
 = 12 \quad 0 \quad 0 \text{ Local Time.}
 \end{array}$$

Standard Times are employed in various countries to keep a uniform time over large districts. For foreign births it is, therefore, necessary to

(a) Ascertain details of the Standard Time (this can be found in *Whitaker's* and similar almanacs).

(b) Convert the Standard Time to Greenwich Time.

(i) *Add* the Standard, if west of Greenwich; or

(ii) *Deduct* the Standard, if east of Greenwich.

(c) *Adjust* for difference in longitude as before.

The following examples will clearly illustrate these rules:—

(1) Birth at New York, 6 p.m.

(New York is $73^{\circ} 59'$ W. of Greenwich and the Standard is 5 hours slow of Greenwich.)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{H.} \quad \text{M.} \quad \text{S.} \\
 \text{Time of Birth} = 6 \quad 0 \quad 0 \text{ P.M.} \\
 \text{Add Standard} \quad 5 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\
 \hline
 \therefore \text{Greenwich Time} = 11 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\
 \text{Longitude of New York} = 73^{\circ} \quad 59' \\
 \hline
 \text{Call this} \quad 73 \text{ m. } 59 \text{ s.} \\
 \text{Multiply by} \quad 4 \\
 \hline
 295 \text{ m. } 56 \text{ s.} \\
 = 4 \text{ hours } 55 \text{ minutes } 56 \text{ seconds.}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{H.} \quad \text{M.} \quad \text{S.} \\
 \text{Greenwich Time} = 11 \quad 0 \quad 0 \\
 \text{Subtract} \quad 4 \quad 55 \quad 56 \\
 \hline
 \text{Local Time} = 6 \quad 4 \quad 4
 \end{array}$$

(2) Birth at Moscow, Russia, 6 p.m.

(Moscow is $37^{\circ} 34'$ E. and Standard is 3 hours fast of Greenwich.)

	H.	M.	S.
Time of Birth =	6	0	0
Less Standard	3	0	0
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\therefore Greenwich Time =	3	0	0
Longitude of Moscow =	37°	$34'$	
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Call this	37 m.	34 s.	
Multiply by		4	
<hr/>			
	150 m.	16 s.	

= 2 hours 30 minutes 16 seconds.

	H.	M.	S.
Greenwich Time =	3	0	0
Add	2	30	16
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Local Time =	5	30	16

(3) Birth at Naples, Italy, 6 p.m.

(Naples is $14^{\circ} 15'$ E. and Standard is 1 hour fast of Greenwich.)

	H.	M.	S.
Time of Birth =	6	0	0
Less Standard	1	0	0
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\therefore Greenwich Time =	5	0	0
Longitude of Naples =	14°	$15'$	
<hr/>			
Call this =	14 m.	15 s.	
Multiply by		4	
<hr/>			
	57 m.	0 s.	

= 57 minutes.

	H.	M.	S.
Greenwich Time =	5	0	0
Add		57	0
<hr/>			
Local Time =	5	57	0

When Summer Time is in force the hour should first be deducted from the stated birth-time.

HUSBANDS FROM ASTROLOGICAL ANGLES

A Lecture given at the Astrological Lodge

By VERNITA CHURCHILL

ASTROLOGY is such a vast subject that the beginner is apt to feel appalled at the enormous amount of knowledge which must be absorbed before he can even begin to read a horoscope. But why try to swallow it at a gulp, so to speak? There are ways of simplifying it—of taking a mouthful at a time and really enjoying it. Leave all the mathematical side, that many of us find so difficult, and concentrate upon getting a really good grip of the fundamentals, so that they are firmly fixed in one's mind as a solid foundation.

Then approach astrology from its psychological side, and you will find it an absorbing study. There is nothing like it for giving you a real knowledge of people, a knowledge which enables you to help them and to understand them, in a way impossible to do by any other science.

And for this you need no tiresome calculations, nothing but keen observation and the ability to put two and two together.

There are twelve definite types of people, corresponding to the twelve signs of the zodiac; and one must acquire a thorough understanding of these different types, as they are the foundation of the character.

It is not easy to get them firmly fixed in one's mind, and the best way is to take them from one angle at a time. Think how each of them would act if they were provoked; how they would take a sudden windfall; what they would do if they lost their latchkey; how they would feel after a night out in the rain. You will find that each type will have a different way of reacting to any given circumstance.

In this way, you will get to know the signs or types intimately, and as real persons; and you will find that you learn far more by observing people in this way than from reading any amount of books. Text-books will never make us good astrologers, only observation and constant practice can do this.

We will first take the signs from the angle of husbands, as seen from the woman's point of view. We must, of necessity, consider them very broadly, as whatever sign the husband falls under, his characteristics will be much modified by the rest of the map. I do not necessarily take the rising sign, nor that which the Sun is in, nor the Moon, but whichever of the three shows out most strongly in the man—in short, the type

he falls under, and most men fall very definitely under one of the signs.

Of course, anything I say must be taken quite impersonally. It would not do to disturb a buzzing hive of husbands!

The following are some of the characteristics and traits of the different signs.

Aries is essentially a masculine type and is therefore always attractive to women. He has a dominating personality, and is positive, active, and virile. Not very imaginative, but easy to understand and decidedly well-meaning. It is his lack of imagination that is the cause of many of his domestic troubles, as he is quite unable to put himself in the place of his wife, and to see things from her point of view, so that he is capable of driving her to the verge of exasperation without being in the least aware in what way he has blundered.

After any disagreement he will be heard to murmur that "women are 'kittle cattle' and you never know which way to take them," "There is no pleasing them," etc. He bears no malice, however, and will probably put any little unpleasantness down to the fact that you were not feeling quite up to the mark that morning.

At the back of his mind he is always the superior animal. He is usually somewhat selfish and self-centred, not because he means to be—it just doesn't occur to him to be otherwise.

It is not easy for him to remain faithful to one woman unless there are strong indications of fidelity; the sense of paternal responsibility is small; he seldom takes any interest in his offspring until they are out of the baby stage.

In spite of the fact that he will always find women to love him, and more often than not marries a charming and devoted wife, he ranks very high among husbands who break up their homes or desert their families, and it is for this reason. The one thing that *Aries* cannot bear is to feel the collar round his neck. He just wants to be free for the simple reason that he is bound. If his wife is wise she will encourage him to go to his club, or to play golf on Sundays. She will urge him to go expeditions to the North Pole. She will raise no objections to a fishing holiday, or an occasional week-end on his own. The freer you make him feel the more likely you are to keep him. You mustn't allow yourself to feel neglected, but must endeavour to understand his point of view, and not expect too much from him.

Taurus usually makes a good husband owing to the fact that he always looks upon his wife as his possession and treats her as something belonging to himself. He likes to see his wife looking rich and comfortable, and if he can possibly afford it

he always gives her a diamond ring and a fur coat; but would never dream of giving her a sum of money to spend in whatever way she liked. He prefers to pay his wife's bills rather than to give her an allowance. If she asks him for something he will invariably refuse, but more often than not will bring it home with him in the evening when he has had time to think it over.

He is obstinate and conservative and hard to get going, so the seed of any change desired must be planted a good time in advance and allowed to germinate. He will then believe it to be his own idea and there will be no difficulty in carrying it through. He may appear to be adamant, but he never fails to respond to wheedling. He is affectionate and loyal, patient and faithful, and if a Taurean does not turn out a good husband it is in nine cases out of ten the fault of the wife.

Taurus must idolise the object of his love; he puts his wife on a pedestal and worships her, and thinks there is no one in the world like her, but if she once falls off he cannot reinstate her. If you have had a lapse in your youth or at any time, *never* tell a Taurean; he could never get over it, or forgive it.

He very seldom breaks up his home, and if his wife should do so he never recovers from the blow.

He generally leaves his wife comfortably provided for, and at his death is found to be worth more than one had thought.

From a woman's point of view *Gemini* is not very satisfactory as a husband. He is so illusive you never really feel that you can be sure of him. He is a delightful companion and will play with you in the most attractive manner. He is conscious of you as an individual, and likes to share things and do things with you.

If he has been away he will come home and give you a vivid description of all that he has seen or done. In fact you will often know more about a thing from hearing a Gemini describe it than if you had seen it yourself.

He is frankly interested in everything and really likes to hear what you have been doing, or the latest piece of gossip. He is cheerful and good-tempered and seldom if ever grumbles at his surroundings, but takes things as they come and adapts himself to them with little or no fuss. The home is never dull with a Gemini about, and there is nothing reticent or superior about him. He is always ready to give a helping hand and willing to share any work that has to be done. He is not annoyed by the children, however tiresome they may be. Trifles do not upset him and he is *never* morose at breakfast.

All is well as long as he is with you, but it is not wise to let him go away from you for any length of time. He

doesn't mean any harm, but he can't help being influenced by the people he is with. He has very little sense of wrongdoing and cannot see why you should make such a fuss about any little lapses; *he* is always ready to understand and forgive any on your part. Gemini very often fails to come up to a woman's ideal, so that his wife generally falls back on her maternal instincts, and often ends by treating him as one of her children.

Judging hastily, you might perhaps consider that *Cancer* was one of the most desirable signs for a husband. It is true that he often makes a most satisfactory one, but it is because he is the home maker. He loves to potter round the house on Saturdays and Sundays, tinkering with the electric light or cleaning out the drains. He likes to feel that the house is his own and has great pleasure in improving his property. He really enjoys playing with the children or cooking the supper when the maid is out, and he hurries home from the office, as to a haven, at the end of the day.

But to a woman there is often something wanting. It is the home and family that he cares about, and only considers you, the wife, in relation to it. He seldom loves you for yourself alone. Of course, it is foolish to cavil at a little thing like that, but, nevertheless, it is the reason why his wife so often leaves him for another man. When this happens, he does not break up the home, but invites a sister or other relation to keep it for him and rear the children. He never shakes off the feeling of injury against his wife, not so much for leaving him, but because she has deserted the home. He does not view things from an egotistical or selfish standpoint, but always from the point of view of the family. He will work unceasingly to keep them and never fails to insure his life, so that they shall not be left unprovided for at his death.

Unless a woman is very domesticated herself, she will do well to consider before marrying a Cancerian husband, for he is one of those men who, after they have eaten their dinner, sit down in front of the fire and immediately fall asleep. If you suggest that he would be better in bed, he is quite aggrieved and says that he was only having a little think, and merely closed his eyes the better to do so. If you suggest the pictures or a rubber with the neighbours, he will invariably say: "You go, dear, you know I don't care for that sort of thing." There is a distinct danger of life becoming humdrum in his company.

But if you also are centred in the family, and find all your happiness there, then he is an ideal husband, and the Cancerian home the happiest place on earth.

Leo can be very difficult as a husband, especially if you want to have a personality of your own. If you don't, and are content to adore him, he can be altogether delightful. If you think him wonderful there is no height to which he cannot soar. On the other hand, if you *do* happen to see through him, *never*, never let him know it, for the one thing that Leo cannot bear is to be made to feel small, and your influence has gone the moment you let him know that you have penetrated his outer shell.

He is very much better in prosperity, when his natural large-mindedness and generosity can have full expression. But in adversity, or when he is hampered or cramped in any way, he becomes irritable and very difficult to live with. He finds it hard to adapt himself to reduced circumstances or to accept limitations with a good grace. He seems quite unable to retrench in any way and almost invariably lives above his income, which is very trying to a woman who is always endeavouring to make two ends meet. It needs all a wife's tact and understanding to steer a Leo husband through the shoals of poverty.

But given enough money, all these troubles disappear. The affluent Leo delights to surround his wife with luxury and to indulge her every whim. Plenty of money also enables her to get away from him at times, for I have noticed that you must not live too close to a Leo, or they tend to sap, not your physical life, but your mental and emotional vitality.

Leo generally does all the shining, and his wife has to be content with being shone upon.

(To be continued)

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THE BIOCHEMIC REMEDIES AND ASTROLOGY

By THE EDITOR

[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.]

Fourth Instalment

WE come now to the last four remedies.

9. *Natrum muriaticum or sodium chloride.*

This substance is none other than common salt. Nevertheless, it can and has performed "miracles of healing," as the reader of J. Ellis Barker's book of that name will discover.

It is correlated by Dr. Carey with the sign Aquarius.

Its chief function is to regulate the degree of moisture within the cells (Boericke and Dewey, *The Twelve Tissue Remedies*). A lack of nat. mur. leads to a pale, bloated, chilly condition, with languor and indifference, sometimes alternating with irritated and hysterical states. The sufferer commonly dislikes interference or consolation. Sometimes there is emaciation and anaemic conditions. Depression is frequent. There is often a craving for salt—indeed this is an almost sure indication of the need of the remedy. But, though great quantities of ordinary salt may be consumed, this, because of its crude state, is of no use to the body: on the other hand, the triturated substance, administered according to biochemic science, at once assists in regulating the diseased condition.

Symptoms that generally obtain are aggravation in the morning, at the seaside, and in cold weather.

The importance of salt to man is not hard to understand when we realise that all life came originally from the sea, and even modern civilised man retains clear evidence of his ocean-origin. Thus most doctors consider that a holiday at the seaside or, better still, a long sea voyage, is the ideal treatment for a convalescent, although, if they were acquainted with biochemic principles, they would know that this is not always the case and they would know, too, in which cases other conditions—for example, dry air and the mountains—would be preferable.

In the work last cited above, the authors tell us that common salt is more widely distributed in nature than any other substance except water and is a constituent of every liquid and

solid part of the body, which contains approximately eleven ounces.

10. *Natrum phosphoricum or phosphate of soda.*

This remedy is placed under the sign Libra and is the great anti-acid agent. Thus, though acid conditions may call for attention to diet and, in particular, to the avoidance of certain combinations in the dietary that a weak digestion cannot easily deal with, an excess of acid in the system also calls for the use of nat. phos., in order to assist the body in ridding itself of this condition.

A thick creamy-yellowish coating at the base of the tongue is symptomatic of the need for nat. phos. Also *sourness* in any form.

Dr. Carey tells us that "an excess of acid" is a misnomer and that the true statement is that "a deficiency exists in the phosphate of sodium." He also says that a deficiency of acid never exists, but "organic matter has no creative power, no more than has brick . . . the inorganic mineral salts have the power to create, when furnished with the proper material. But the material is always present; it is the labourers that are scarce in disease."

Acidity gives rise, as most people are aware nowadays, to numerous conditions of ill-health. As regards the affinity with Libra, natives of this sign seem to have weak digestions, and the blotchy, eczematic skins that they often possess, especially after middle life, point to acidity. They have a definite propensity to indulge in excessive quantities of heating and acid-forming foods, such as pastries and all forms of artificial starch, and also sugar, perhaps because the vital energy is often not high and there is an instinctive, though misdirected, tendency to augment this with substances such as sugar that are quickly turned into energy. But one can no more increase the vitality of the body with excess of carbo-hydrates than one can increase the power of a car by flooding the carburettor with excess of petrol: such behaviour merely aggravates the trouble. After middle age, in particular, the body requires little starch, at least in ordinary circumstances. This is proved by the fact that a farm labourer will work with his muscles all day in the open air, in winter, and will retain his health and strength on less starch than is eaten by many sedentary workers who spend nearly all day in artificially heated rooms and hardly use their muscular system at all. Similarly with fats.

As regards harmful combinations of food, constitutions vary and many people can eat almost anything without *apparent*

harm, but others cannot tolerate certain mixtures. This especially applies to *artificial* foods: Nature actually combines such things as starch and protein in one perfectly wholesome foodstuff, but man-made combinations are a different matter.

We have pointed out already in these articles that, however useful the tissue-remedies are, they should always be combined with such attention to the general way of living in respect of diet, exercise, and so forth, as sense dictates. The constant use of artificial remedies is undesirable from several points of view. On the other hand, a stubborn refusal to use such remedies, merely because they are man-made, seems to me equally irrational.

II. *Natrum sulphuricum* or *sulphate of soda*.

This remedy is well known to chemists as Glauber's salt, but its properties, when prepared homoeopathically, are very different from those attributed to it when administered in allopathic doses. It is then, of course, a powerful purgative.

This salt, when used biochemically, has an action that is the reverse of No. 9. The latter attracts the liquid that is needed by the tissues, but nat. sulph. expels water that is excessive and harmful from the body.

It is therefore to be used whenever disease is due to, or aggravated by, *damp*. The hydrogenoid constitution is well known to homoeopathy; it is characterised by a propensity to accumulate water in the tissues so that a kind of waterlogged condition arises. The patient is then always the worse for wet weather, damp conditions, and even a wet or soggy diet. Sometimes even such articles of diet as grow in wet places, i.e. water-cress, produce an aggravation. Malaria is a typical complaint, and according to biochemistry influenza is of this genus, as well as numerous varieties of low fever that belong to the same family. The microbes concerned thrive in the watery cells of the body, and, conversely, die when these are restored to their proper condition by nat. sulph.

There is also an action upon the liver, and nat. sulph. should always be tried in complaints affecting this organ, which is well known to be easily affected by damp conditions. It is also to be remembered in connection with falls and injuries to the head.

Dr. Carey relates it to Taurus, but its action seems to refer rather to one of the watery signs or to the planet Neptune.

I have known it to exert an immediate and powerful remedial action in a case of low fever with depression and weakness,

after a homoeopathic physician had tried several medicines without any result at all.

It is probable that the hydrogenoid condition is very common nowadays, especially in wet climates such as that of Great Britain. Moreover, the modern custom is to drink more than can be strictly justified, many people consuming almost as much liquid in winter as in summer, which is contrary to reason. This is due to the fact that drinking is largely a social function and that many beverages possess a stimulating effect, quite apart from the quenching of thirst.

It needs no argument to establish the necessity for drinking, since the body is 64 per cent. water; nevertheless one can have too much of the best of things. Dr. Josiah Oldfield, in his work *The Dry Diet Cure*, which all hydrogenoids may peruse with advantage and interest, points out that the hardiest races of mankind have come from the dry uplands of the world, whereas the populations of swampy country degenerate.

12. *Silica or pure flint.*

With this remedy, placed by Carey under Sagittarius, we close the twelve, though we ought, at this point, to remark that since the time of Schuessler some four or five other tissue-salts have been discovered, in minute quantities, in the human body.

Silica is known as the biochemic surgeon, for it promotes suppuration and should therefore be used whenever, and as long as, this process is in evidence: after it has ceased, and in order to heal the abscess, calc. sulph. may be employed.

Some of the mental characteristics of the person who needs this remedy are that he has grit, being stronger in spirit than in body. He will try, but his strength fails him.

Symptoms tend to get worse at night and in the cold, and also, it is said, at full moon. In connection with this assertion, I may say that the only case in my possession of insanity at full moon has the Moon rising in Sagittarius.

Silica occurs in the nails, hair, skin, and coverings of the nerves, and one of the signs that it is required is brittleness of the nails.

It is often of great use in tubercular trouble.

Whenever swellings appear, says Dr. Carey, ferr. phos. and kali mur. should be used, and then, should these fail to abort the disease, silica should then be administered to procure an easy discharge of matter. As we have said above, calc. sulph. may then be employed to complete the healing process.

I have found this remedy invaluable for styes on the eyes.

Silica is also often required in nervous troubles, both because

it is, as stated, a constituent in the nerve-sheaths, and because it remedies poor assimilation and resultant malnutrition.

Dr. Boericke, in his *Materia Medica*, says: "Silica patient is cold, chilly, hugs the fire, wants plenty of warm clothing, hates draughts, hands and feet cold." In this connection I have noticed that people born with Sagittarius rising, or with the Sun therein, often tally with this description. Boericke also gives a dislike of alcohol as a sil. indication.

(CONCLUSION)

ASTROLOGERS AND ASTRONOMERS

By F. B. MARSOM

It is no unusual thing for astrology to be disparaged, but the attack is now coming from an unexpected direction—from astronomers. Their motives are professedly altruistic. An American astronomer writes: "The widespread increase of popular literature on the subject of astrology can be regarded as an interesting and alarming sociological phenomenon," whilst the Astronomer-Royal states: "Astrology is a cult entirely devoid of scientific foundation, and thrives on human credulity and a desire to learn something about the future." Injured dignity, however, also plays its part. The American quoted above goes on to say: "When we remember that ever so many more people to-day know about astrology than astronomy . . . and that astronomers are frequently confused with astrologers by the layman . . . we can well afford some time to be scientific about a superstition." His classification of astrologers in two classes is interesting—"charlatans" and "those deluded but extremely sincere members of the 'lunatic fringe' who really believe they have something"!

There is only space here to mention two specific attacks. The first comes from Dr. Stokeley of the Fels Planetarium, Pa., who is responsible for a public lecture entitled "Astronomy or Astrology," which purports to "debunk" astrology. This lecture is understood to be based on a scientific investigation of astrology by another American astronomer. The method adopted is interesting and informative. The investigator first studied the works of "Alan Leo, Sepharial, Lilly, Ramsay,

Hall, and others." From these works he found it to be a "fundamental tenet" of astrology that persons with the most aspects to Mercury have the best minds. He decided that if he could disprove this tenet the rest of the structure must inevitably collapse, and he therefore decided to carry out a statistical test on the 22,000 persons included in the year-book of *American Men of Science*. His investigation showed, to his own satisfaction at any rate, that there was no significant grouping of birth dates, and that his scientists did not have more than the average expectation of Mercury aspects. It is regrettable that such a laborious investigation should be invalidated by at least three errors. The "fundamental tenet" was open to doubt, house position was disregarded, and a certain grouping of birth dates which *was* thrown up was explained away as a grouping not outside the Law of Probability—an explanation which completely begs the question! However, there are few recorded *astrological* investigations of such great scope, and his conclusions will inevitably carry great weight with the uninformed.

The second attack comes from the Astronomer-Royal, Dr. H. Spencer Jones, and is in the nature of a direct challenge. "On May 11, 1941," he writes, "Mercury will be in conjunction with Venus, Saturn, and Uranus; Venus will be in conjunction with Jupiter and Uranus; and it will be a full Moon. Saturn will be in conjunction with Venus, and Mercury and Jupiter will be in conjunction with Uranus a few days previously. Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus will all be close to the Sun. Let astrologers say well in advance precisely what world effects will be produced by this unusual series of conjunctions occurring at about the same time!"¹

This challenge raises deeper issues than appear on the surface. What is the underlying cause of this innate hostility of science towards astrology? The answer can only be found in the history of scientific thought. Up to a few centuries ago, science was studied on *deductive* lines: that is to say, it took certain basic facts for granted, and from these facts or premises endeavoured to *deduce* the details of the system. Medieval science, for example, was founded on the cosmogony of the Bible and the writings of the ancients. The deductive method is legitimate when it is applied to purely mental concepts; the geometry of Euclid is a valid series of deductions from the

¹ The full Moon occurs at 5.15 a.m. G.M.T. on May 11, 1941, when the approximate planetary positions are ☉ 20 8, ☽ 20 III, ♀, ♀, ☿ 26 8, ☿ 27 8, ☿ 18 8. ☿ squares the 8 satellitium from 27 ☿. ♀ is in 25 ♀ and PL in 4 ♀.

inherent properties of lines and plane surfaces. When applied to *material* objects it fails because the premises adopted cannot be assumed to have the validity of abstract truths. To the modern mind it would seem fantastic to base the study of anthropology on Biblical chronology or the study of medicine on the Doctrine of Signatures. Yet it was precisely such methods which stultified the development of science until at long last men realised that the teachings and traditions of the past were not sacrosanct or irrefutable.

Thus arose the *inductive* method, based primarily on observation: within certain limits it is now recognised as the only legitimate and satisfactory method. In the first place observations are made as impersonally and objectively as possible, the aim being to reduce them to mere "pointer readings," to quote Eddington's phrase; they are then classified in the hope of extracting that uniformity which is the basis of a "Law" or a general principle.¹ In the collation of observations a process of abstraction is followed; the investigator takes out, or abstracts, from the object of his study those properties which best lend themselves to observation and classification. Botany, for example, is based on form, rather than on behaviour or smell; chemistry, on the other hand, is based on behaviour (i.e. reaction) rather than on form. The process is carried to extremes by the physicist who sees a table not as a table, but as a whirling mass of electrons, and ultimately as a mere mathematical formula.

There are many branches of science, but it is necessary to attempt some form of classification. For our purpose we can say that branches dealing with purely mental concepts—the various branches of mathematics—and branches dealing with non-living material objects—chemistry, physics, astronomy, to name a few—are essentially *exact* sciences. Their laws are laws of certainty, and are invalidated by any exceptions. The sciences dealing with living matter are more of the nature of *descriptive* sciences. Any laws that are formulated are rather laws of probability than of certainty. The physician diagnoses the complaint and then makes his prognosis—his forecast of the *probable* course of the disease. Failure of the prognosis does not invalidate the science of medicine in the same way that failure to predict an eclipse correctly would invalidate astronomy. The inexact or descriptive sciences similarly depend on observations made and classified on the inductive

¹ Professor McDougall has summarised the method of Inductive Science as "Observation, enumeration, measurement, empirical generalisation, deduction, unification."

method, but the degree of probability necessary to establish a fact varies with the circumstances. Professor Rhine used five cards in his experiments in E.S.P. (Extra-sensory perception); the probability of chance success in any test was therefore one in five. Because a scientifically conducted and representative series of tests gave results just fractionally better than the chance expectation he was held to have established the existence of E.S.P. On the other hand, the doctor whose diagnosis was only correct once in every five times would not establish the claims of his science.

Lastly, we have pure *empirical* knowledge. Empiricism is defined as "dependence on mere observation and experience to the exclusion of scientific knowledge, or the knowledge of the connection between cause and consequence in any particular case"; the word is often used in a derogatory sense, as when the Astronomer-Royal damns astrology as "pure empiricism." Nevertheless, many branches of science have an empirical basis; empirical facts in such cases represent the observations on which the inductive edifice is reared, but are not treated as an end in themselves.

From this short review of scientific thought we can now return to our astronomers with some idea of the tradition in which they have been trained. As we see, they have been taught to make careful and precise observations, to think logically, to reason inductively, to eschew all preconceived ideas, to assume nothing, to express themselves succinctly, and, perforce, to specialise in one branch of science. What do they find when they investigate astrology? They find that it is deductive and empirical; that it bases itself on tradition; that far from being a specialised study it purports to embrace all branches of medicine, psychology, meteorology, seismology, economics; that it is not above an interest in racing and the Stock Exchange; and that it professes to forecast the future, both individual and collective! It is, in effect, the negation of everything which they have been taught to regard as scientific, yet its adherents proclaim it an *Exact Science*! Their reaction is obvious. In their eyes the last claim is so preposterous, so palpably false, that they not unfairly assume that its other pretensions are equally false. They hasten to disclaim any relationship, and are so affronted that they are unable to extend to astrology the tolerance which they now show towards religion and kindred subjects.

The next move lies with astrologers, who must seriously consider what their study really is. From the point of view of our classification, it is one of three things, an exact science,

an inexact science, or no science at all! As an alternative we may divide it into various branches, claiming some branches to be one thing and some another. The branches dealing purely with material things—seismology and meteorology—might conceivably be exact sciences; but it is a strange fact that the claim is usually made on behalf of the natal and predictional branches. It is, however, so consistently put forward that we must examine it carefully. We have seen that the laws of an exact science are laws of certainty, permitting of no exception. It consequently follows that *if astrology is an exact science, everything is predestined and free will is a chimera*. In the writer's opinion this is a *reductio ad absurdum* sufficient to dispose of the claim for good!

The possibility that astrology may be an inexact or descriptive science appears feasible and, at first sight, desirable. In advancing it, however, we must not forget the various implications of the scientific scheme. The principle of abstraction has already been mentioned; its effect is to take all the "soul" and much of the common sense out of the subject. The physicist's table has no shape, colour, beauty of line, or workmanship left. In the scientific treatment of it we have lost those very qualities which for us distinguish it from a pillar box or a pantechnicon. Similar results would follow in astrology, were it placed on a purely scientific basis. The whole of the symbolism would drop out—symbolism of this type can have no place in the scientific scheme. The art of synthesis would drop out, for synthesis cannot be reduced to a formula or a "pointer reading." The underlying philosophy would drop out, because philosophising is no part of science. It is extraordinary how few astrologers realise that in extolling their art as a science they are stripping it of its real essentials and belittling it! Yet they would be the first to deride an artist who claimed that the art of painting was a science, and that he was putting it on a scientific basis by accurately measuring the dimensions of his canvas and by laboriously analysing the chemical constitution of his pigments.

It may be claimed that psychology, which has many affinities with astrology, is recognised as a science. It is true that much research work in practical psychology has been carried out on a purely scientific basis. It is true, also, that Jung claims an empiric basis for much of his work on the grounds that mental processes and phenomena which are common to many must possess objective reality. Many of his theories, moreover, reach a mystical level where they appear to approach the deeper teachings of astrology. The difference lies in the fact that these theories have been arrived at *inductively*; but they are

the apex of a structure which has been laboriously built up from the ground level of observed and ascertained facts. The comparable teachings of astrology have been handed down to us from the past, and we have built the structure of astrology downwards and deductively. The symbolism of the signs and planets is our *starting-point*: were we to study astrology inductively and therefore scientifically, it would be our *finishing-point*.

Thus we are forced to admit that by the canons of modern science the astrology of to-day is not a science at all. But although science can say what astrology is *not*, we must go elsewhere to find out what astrology *is*: for science has not the omniscience which is erroneously attributed to it by the modern world. It is essentially objective, dealing with the *Form* side of existence only: the *Life* or subjective side eludes it because it is not amenable to the scientific method. Yet the objective side is meaningless—in fact non-existent—until it comes within the field of awareness of the subjective side. An earthquake in China is literally non-existent for us until it is brought to our notice, either directly or by its consequences. Science only deals with one of the two factors which comprise Life: the other factor, Consciousness or Awareness, is the province of metaphysics. The relevance of these remarks should be obvious. In natal astrology we purport to study the constitution, character, and fortunes of individuals. In other words, a birth-chart represents the impact of an individual and his environment: *it portrays everything coming into the field of awareness of an individual*. This field of awareness is a *subjective* reality and as such outside the ambit of orthodox science. The subjective nature of astrology is not normally realised, but it is apparent when we realise that we expect to find nothing extraneous in a nativity or its progressions. The earthquake will only be found in the chart of the individual who is to experience it—and experience is subjective only. Astrology, therefore, from this point of view, starts where science leaves off. Although it appears to deal with living matter it does so in a transcendent manner and is not forced to adopt the inductive system: it is entitled to argue deductively from its own premises. If, moreover, its deductions are used to form a *logical* and *consistent* system, science finds itself in the invidious position of being unable to disprove the assertions of astrology. Like aesthetic appreciation or religious experience they have a reality of their own which cannot be refuted on scientific grounds.

But this only holds good for a logical and consistent system,

and it is in this respect that astrology is so weak at the present day. The fundamental astrological premise—on which the whole system should be built up—is the symbolism of the signs and planets. Everything should be founded in this and everything should lead back to this. The purpose of statistical research, for example, should be to extend and throw light on the symbolism. It has been shown that the majority of film-stars have an elevated Moon in the 10th house. It is a legitimate deduction from this that a person without this position is unlikely to become a film-star; it is an illegitimate deduction, but one only too characteristic of astrology, that a person with this position is likely to become a film-star. But the *real* use of the fact is to extend our knowledge of the symbolism of the Moon and what it stands for.

This symbolism is constant and consistent, and we must apply it consistently. To further pet theories or systems of progressions astrologers are only too liable to distort the symbolism until we find Venus held responsible for a sweep-stake win or Jupiter for a broken arm!

Although astrology may be a transcendental system, we must apply it with some comprehension of the realities of life. It is held, for example, that it can be applied to Stock Exchange dealings, that iron and steel shares will boom when Mars is well aspected. The reality, of course, is that share values are artificially manipulated and have little direct relation to the commodity which they represent. Yet there is a legitimate use for astrology even here, in extending the individual's knowledge of himself, and in advising him of tendencies or periods of over-confidence or timidity.

The question of free will or predestination must be settled at the outset, because it influences the whole system which we build up. If we accept free will, we deny ourselves the possibility of forecasting the future with accuracy; for it follows that progressions and transits in such a system often merely represent critical points in life where free will must determine the issue. It is so easy, in examining birthcharts for past events, to say that such an event occurred under a certain aspect and to note the aspect as influencing a similar event in all cases. It is essential to analyse the case to ascertain whether the occurrence was caused by acceptance or denial of the opportunity by the individual.

Prognostication is an interesting, but not an essential part of astrology. The password to wisdom has always been "Know Thyself!" In astrology, this can only emphasise the psychological side of the art. By it, the astrologer can help the indi-

vidual to that knowledge of himself which will enable him to meet all the vicissitudes of life with poise and understanding. Many astrologers can hope to do this, but few are sufficiently advanced to dare to seek knowledge of the future for themselves or to interpret it to others.

We can now profitably revert to the challenge of the Astronomer-Royal. We see that if a detailed and accurate forecast *could* be made it would avail little. It would not prove that astrology is a science within the orthodox meaning of the word, because astrology is on a different plane from science. It might convince scientists that there is "something" in astrology, just as there is in religious experience, but they could still justifiably demand that as a deductive study it put its house in order, throwing out all the lumber which it has accumulated.

THE PARTS OF THE PLANETS OR HOROSCOPIC INDIVIDUALISATION

A Lecture given at the Astrological Lodge

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THE subject upon which I really wish to speak to-night is a very important one. It is the problem, how can we say that the nativity represents an individual when people who are very different both in character and in fortunes are presumably born at virtually the same time and place, as, for instance, in the maternity hospitals of great cities?

The first comment we must make is that the statement of the problem contains the word "presumably," that is, there is an assumption in it.

Mr. Marsom, in a very valuable paper recently printed in the Quarterly, works out the averages for such things and tells us, *inter alia*, that there is an average of three people born with the planetary positions identical and the cusps within 3°.

We must point out in this connection that an average is not the same as an actuality. If I toss a coin fifty times a day for fifty days, the average fall will be, on each day, twenty-five heads and twenty-five tails, but quite possibly this average will not actually occur once during the whole period of fifty

days. Therefore, according to my understanding, there is in Mr. Marsom's statement no proof that there are two other persons anywhere in the world whose maps have the planetary positions identical with those of, let us suppose, Mussolini or Hitler, or Mr. Chamberlain, or any other particular individual.

Thus the argument based on averages does not really prove that astrology is false, or that it is only approximate, or vaguely correct. What I think Mr. Marsom had in mind—and I wish he could be here to tell us more of his views—was that astrologers must be ready to meet cases such as he speaks of—cases wherein two maps are found which are virtually identical and yet belong to different people with different characters and careers, for such cases *may* occur, even if it has not yet been proved that they *do*.

Now my second comment is, that a difference of 2° or 3° on the cusps is not trivial, but may be very important indeed. This has perhaps been hidden from us by the fact that we have so few nativities wherein the cusps are known to be correct to a degree, beyond any room for questioning. But where we *do* feel confident that they are thus precisely known, then I believe the results are highly illuminating. They point to the fact that an exact aspect (by which please understand me as meaning an aspect that has an orb of not more than one degree at most) is enormously more powerful than one with an orb of, say, 2° , and an aspect that is, say, $\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ apart only is probably far more potent than one that is 1° apart.

We had an excellent example of this in the case of Mr. Noel Coward's map, shown to us last week by Mr. Edgar Bray and carefully rectified by him from data that were themselves unusually precise and reliable.¹ Why is Mr. Coward an outstanding personality? His aspects and sign-positions must, we may be sure, be common to many other horoscopes. It is useless to lay too much stress upon these. But we found that his M.C. was at birth in *exact* aspect to Jupiter. Furthermore, we found that his Part of Fortune, which, though not a cusp, is dependent upon the ascending degree and minute, and, as Mr. Hodgson pointed out last week, is the quickest moving factor in the map, was within $1'$ of arc of the precise trine to the ruler Mars! Here we get a *unique* aspect of the natus.

Thus we see that we can divide every map into two parts: the *zodiacal* part, which consists of bodies moving in the zodiac and will be approximately the same for many people, and which therefore may be regarded as the *generic* half; and the *mundane* part (so called because it depends entirely on the rotation of

¹ See *Astrology*, December 1938.

the earth, not on its revolution round the sun and the revolutions of other bodies) which alters rapidly. This is the *individualising* or *specific* part of the geniture—the half that we may, with some hope of success, claim as our *own*.

Of course these two halves are closely co-ordinated. If the generic is weak, strong mundane conditions can probably produce comparatively little—mere flashes in the pan I should say. But, on the other hand, if the specific is weak, a strong generic is likely to remain dormant. Had Noel Coward been born five minutes later, his brilliant generic or “background” would have remained in latency because the exact M.C. Sun-Jupiter and Pars-ruler aspects would have partly dissolved. The electric power would have been there, but the wiring would have been broken, and there would have been no sufficient outlet for the inherent energy.

In my opinion every nativity of a distinguished person would, if properly rectified, show an exact aspect to an angle, or, if not this, at least some other “channel of actualisation.” There *are* others.

This brings us to Points or Parts which depend upon the ascendant for their exact position and are therefore specific, not generic; they change vitally in a very few minutes, especially, of course, if a sign of quick ascension is on the eastern horizon.

But I would like to interpolate here a few remarks on a common criticism of these factors. It is often objected that they make astrology intolerably complicated. If we also bring in heliocentric positions and add an epochal map or even two of them (solar and lunar), we end with an astrological bedlam or nightmare. Some of us, I feel sure, were relieved when Mr. Bray, with much common sense, told us that, though he had often found epochs quite in accordance with the native's qualities and fortunes, he did not use them for delineation, but only for rectification.

My reply to this accusation of introducing complexity is, firstly, that life is intricate, and therefore astrology, to mirror life, cannot be reduced to great simplicity, and it is a delusion to hope that it can. But, secondly, and for purely practical reasons, I limit the intrusion of dozens of parts and points *by retaining only those that form very close and significant aspects to the planets*. An orb of about 2° seems to me enough. If you find really close aspects to the Parts, they will be significant; otherwise they are mere encumbrances. I shall presently show you what I mean by reference to actual examples.

Roughly there are two classes of these factors, both of which

are given in Robson's text-book. What he calls the "Parts" are to be found by the use of somewhat strange formulae. For instance the Part of Sudden Advancement is found by adding Pars to the ascendant and subtracting Saturn, but if he is combust you must substitute Jupiter. These are all relics of Arabian astrology; they may be of some use or of great use or of no use at all. I do not know, for I have never tested them, and I propose to treat them as Virgil told Dante to treat certain reprobates in the *Inferno*: "Let us not speak of them; look only, and pass on." We may return to them on another occasion.

Now the other class is called that of the "Arabian Points." These are all analogous to the famous Pars Fortunae or Part of Fortune, which is really "the Point of the Moon." They are obtained in each case by adding the longitude of the planet in question to the ascendant, and subtracting that of the Sun. If it is Pars Fortunae that you want, add the longitude of the Moon to that of the ascendant, and subtract the Sun; if it is the Point of Mercury, then substitute Mercury for the Moon in the formula, and so on.

For instance, take Herr Hitler's Point of Mercury. The planet is in $25^{\circ} 39'$ Aries, whilst the ascendant is in 24° Libra. These may be stated thus:

$$\begin{array}{r} 25.39 \text{ Aries equals } 0 \text{ signs } 25^{\circ} 39' \\ 24.00 \text{ Libra equals } 6 \text{ signs } 24^{\circ} 00' \end{array}$$

$$\text{Total } 7 \text{ signs } 19^{\circ} 39'$$

Subtract Sun, which is in

$$0.47 \text{ Taurus, equals } 1 \text{ sign } 0^{\circ} 47'$$

$$6 \text{ signs } 18^{\circ} 52'$$

This equals $18^{\circ} 52'$ Libra and shows that the Führer has his Point of Mercury within a degree of Uranus, which is surely significant of an unusual mind. (I choose the adjective "unusual", rather than anything more complimentary, because I happen to have the same configuration myself!) I shall soon show you other peculiarities of the Führer's map, and in saying this I use the word "peculiar" in its strict sense, because the whole force of these Points lie in the fact that they move with the ascendant and therefore *are* peculiar to each map.

The Points have all received names—I believe from Sepharial.

Thus the Moon's Point has the special name of the Part of Fortune; that of Mercury is called the Caduceus or Wand; that of Venus is called the Heart, or, in Latin, Cor; that of Mars the Sword or Gladius; that of Jupiter, the Pomegranate or Malum Granatum; that of Saturn, the Sickie or Falx; that of Uranus, the Lightning Flash, or Fulmen; and that of Neptune, the Net or Rete. I have not heard of any suggestions for the Part of Pluto.

Once again I reiterate that I do not advise loading the map with all these factors. My own plan is to insert them all in pencil, and then erase those that are not important, rewriting those that are of interest in coloured ink.

To take one or two examples.

The map on the board, as you see, is that of Adolf Hitler.

Two Parts hold close aspects. The Caduceus is conjoined with Uranus and the Lightning Flash is in 13 Aries in exact sextile to Saturn in the M.C.

I should say that these go some way to show why the native is, for good or bad, such an outstanding personality. Several other Adolfs, Hanses, and Fritzes must have been born with virtually identical background influences, but the aspects to the angles and the two Parts I have mentioned are specific to this map and stamp the native as an individual and not merely one of a class.

Another case in point is that of Albert Einstein. His map, to be blunt, is a dull one, with only one single strong aspect, Mercury conjunction Saturn, so far as the planets go. Yet he has been perhaps the greatest intellectual revolutionary of all history; he has entirely changed the whole outlook of science.

When we examine the Parts, we find that Pars Fortunae is exactly conjunction Mercury and Saturn, so that, by this "minute-hand" factor, Einstein's map is immediately distinguished from hundreds of children who must have had the same Mercury-Saturn combination.

Again, why was Mrs. Besant a great orator, whereas Hindenburg, with the same basic positions, was a man of few words? Aries rising is, of course, capable of oratory, but so is Capricorn. But we find Mrs. Besant had Caduceus conjunction Uranus, like Hitler, whereas Hindenburg had Caduceus unaspected. According to my view that did not make the Field-Marshal necessarily less clever than the theosophist, but it did make him less able to express his powers, at any rate in a Mercurial sense.

Let me observe that the point with which I have experimented most, and which seems to be the greatest value, is Fulmen, or Point of Uranus. This seems to have great power

to wreck the life when it is afflictive. In particular, its bad aspects to the Sun should bid one beware. It seems then to give inordinate self-will, tending to destruction as a result of one's own folly.

Map 2 is that of a male born at Geneva at 10 a.m., July 12, 1877. He committed suicide by poison at 5.30 p.m., June 30, 1922, that is, aged about 45.

It is a good example of my thesis. The generic influences are not very evil. Neptune squares Venus and the Moon, and Saturn afflicts Venus and Jupiter, but all these are rather weak, and the Sun and Mercury are trine both Mars and Saturn. But when we look at the foreground influences—the mundane—which are peculiar to this map and probably occur in no other, then we see some strikingly bad indications.

Mars is exactly opposite the ascendant, and this goes to the opposition of Saturn, though this is not very close.

Further, four Points are outstandingly malefic: Pars is quincunx Neptune exact; the Sword is in $10\frac{1}{2}$ Taurus in close square to the Moon; the Pomegranate is in $21\frac{1}{2}$ Aquarius in close opposition to Uranus; the Flash is in $18\frac{1}{2}$ Libra in close square to the Sun. We may also here mention the "essential" Pars Fortunae of which Mr. Hodson has recently spoken to us: this is the distance of the Moon from the Sun projected, forwards or backwards as the case may be, from 0 Aries, instead of from the ascendant. This falls in $21\frac{1}{2}$ Aries, which is opposed to the Flash and square the Sun.

At the age of 45 the progressed ascendant will have gone to 21 Libra conjunction the Flash, opposition the essential Pars Fortunae, and square the radical Sun! Without these subsidiary factors we should be left with ascendant square a not much afflicted Sun, and we might say that this is hardly enough to account for suicide, which is, generally speaking, a greater tragedy than any accident, because of the misery and desperation that almost always precede the act. But the "subsidiaries" show us that the Sun is not by any means unafflicted.

Not only when in affliction with the Sun, but also when in affliction with the lords of the 6th and 12th houses, or with bodies therein, or when itself situated therein and afflicted the Flash will be found to portend trouble.

If these points and parts are in fact, as an old astrologer wrote, "figments in the brain of Ptolemy," then they are very substantial ones. As a case in point the eclipse of June 8th of last year (1937) fell in $17\frac{1}{2}$ Gemini, almost exactly conjunction my Flash, which is 17.11 Gemini. Thirteen days before my son had a very serious accident. In his solar return for the year

the Flash was exactly on the M.C., conjunction Jupiter lord of the 12th house.

Before closing I would like to touch on one tempting aspect of this subject. Might it be possible to demonstrate that the Parts hold the key to that ever-troublesome problem—character or destiny? Is it not possible that the zodiacal part of the map relates to character, and the mundane scheme, of which the Parts are a portion, to destiny? Might we say, for example, that a map with a strong Mars but a weak Sword is brave by nature but unfortunate in Martian matters? That a man with a weak Uranus but a strong Flash lacks originality and talent, but is ever lucky in life?

I am afraid that, as always in astrology, we cannot draw hard and fast lines, but theoretically there is much to be said for this view. It is worth pursuing. The whole subject needs further examination. I, for what my opinion may be worth, have no doubts at all as to the necessity of watching the Lightning Flash; I believe it is *very* important. But I have not spent much time testing the other Parts of the same class, except, of course, Fortuna. Nevertheless, it seems reasonable to suppose that, each in its own way, they are as valid as the Flash. I feel, therefore, that every planet must be studied in relation to its Part, if we are to understand not only what it is in potentiality, but also what it will *do*. Next time when you are confronted with a brilliant aspect that seems to be a "dumb note" look at the relative Parts and see whether they explain the dumb elements.

But I must once again stress my belief that in using the Parts we must stick to *narrow orbs*.

BEGINNERS' SECTION

I. WHY ARE WE DIFFERENT?

By (MRS.) K. H. ROBINSON

ONE of the unsolved riddles of Life is the difference in point of view between one person and another. Why are two brothers direct opposites, both inheriting qualities from the same parents and ancestors? One may be a genius and the other a dolt.

Modern science has no answer to this riddle, but the ancient

science of astrology explains it by reference to the map of the heavens at the time the individual was born, and whether or not it is true that the stars have an influence on our characters and fortunes, the evidence available is certainly worth considering.

Astrology divides people roughly into four types, representing Fire, Earth, Air, and Water.

Not one of these is better or worse than another. Only different.

Fire expresses itself in action and words. It lets off steam, but often gets into trouble through precipitate decisions, rushing into action without careful thought. It leaps before it looks.

Earth is the opposite of Fire. It represents thought, stability, reliability, caution. It looks before it leaps.

Air is inclined to argue and negotiate. Where Fire would settle things by force, Air would appeal to arbitration and negotiation.

Water represents something rather nebulous. Imagination, sensitiveness, vision. It sees what others do not see, it understands without words. It cuts no ice in a physical world, and it is always misunderstood. Yet it has its place.

Imagine a Cabinet of four men called hastily to deal with a threat of war. One man represents Fire, one Earth, one Air, and one Water.

Fire would say "up and at 'em. Let us strike first and strike hard."

Earth would oppose. "Defence and not defiance. Let *them* attack—wait and see."

Air would urge a conference. Talk it out and see if war cannot be avoided. Negotiate, arbitrate, get round a table and see what can be done.

Water would have no plan, but would see clearly the strong and the weak points of all the suggestions. Water makes a good judge but a bad advocate.

Now apply this to any problem you like, and you will find that it "holds water."

Individuals tackle the problems of life in four different ways, by attack, by resistance, by negotiation, or by judgment (or vision), and if you cast the horoscope of any person it will give you the key to his personality and explain the reason why he is different from some other person.

There are, of course, many people—the majority perhaps—who have no personality or individuality, who have no outlook of their own, and these are the undeveloped, who follow the stream and take their colour from their surroundings. But

these also are born under one or other of the four elements, and even in the early stages show signs of type to the initiated.

Apply this to some personal crash, less abstract than war. The loss of all one has built up and lived for and relied on. An unseen hand comes out of the blue and sweeps it all away, and there is nothing left. Agony and desolation and darkness.

Fire rebels against Fate—refuses to go under, turns its back on the past and starts building again in feverish haste. Action, always action, and energy and enterprise. And Fire generally wins out.

Earth is stunned by the blow, staggers but does not sink. Some kind of mental anaesthetic helps Earth to bear up till the worst is over. Then it looks round and finds that all is not lost and starts slowly to build up again.

Air gives tongue and lashes out. It is all unfair and something ought to be done about it. Air tells the world, and has a nervous breakdown. But Air is a dual element. It sinks to the depths but it is very buoyant. Air recovers.

Water says nothing. It shrinks into itself and drains the last drop of agony. It tries to find justice and reason in the crash, but it makes no effort to repair the damage. Sometimes it sinks and dies, but a very evolved soul survives the storm. But Water never quite recovers.

These four elements each have many gradations, according to the age and evolution of the Ego (or Soul).

Primitive Fire finds an outlet in action of any kind: crime, ferocity, mischief, and this is the type which is well dealt with in the Borstal Institutions, where primitive energy is directed into useful lines. For Fire can be used either as a destructive or as a constructive force.

Evolved Fire finds an outlet in some constructive work, energy, and enterprise directed to useful ends—leadership.

Primitive Earth is inert and lazy, takes no pains and lets others bear the brunt of everything.

Evolved Earth is strong and stable. Not active or energetic, but representing the anchor that holds the ship or the ballast that keeps it stable.

Primitive Air is flighty and unreliable, never sticking to anything, usually charming and popular, but unstable.

Evolved Air is open to reason, logical and adjustable in its views, fair, intellectual, balanced, unbiased.

Primitive Water is weak and emotional, wanting in stamina, negative. Often lovable, kind, and artistic, but gives way under difficulties.

Evolved Water has developed patience, sympathy, idealism,

vision, and a certain tenacious strength of resistance, which is quite different from the strength of attack peculiar to the Fire fraternity. Evolved Water represents peace and harmony, and good judgment.

Many of the clashes in life are caused by expecting the virtues and qualities of the natives of one type from those of another. It cannot be done; and all types are wanted, all points of view are useful. But in the matter of partnerships, marriage or otherwise, it is well to remember that, though opposites attract each other, they do not make the best lasting partners. Fire and Water cannot mix, Water extinguishes Fire, and Fire makes Water boil.

Earth cannot get on without Water, and Fire cannot burn without Air. Water gets stagnant without Air, but Air, apparently, has no need of a partner at all.¹

2. SIGNS IN THE SICK-ROOM

We all have different capabilities and it is useful to know how to use them to the best advantage. When brought into contact with sickness, for instance, all the signs react differently.

Aries should be employed instantly to run for the doctor or fetch the medicine from the chemist. He is also invaluable at organising, hanging up carbolic sheets, and so on. The more anxious he is, the more will he feel the need for action. But let it be action away from the sick-room. He should never be allowed in, for he will be sure to jog the bed or make some sudden movement that will disturb the patient.

Taurus, on the contrary, should always be allowed to sit beside the bed and hold the patient's hand. He possesses a natural healing power, which he can convey by contact, and it is a great comfort to the patient to feel him there. It is consoling to Taurus, too, to know that he can be of help.

Gemini is invaluable to amuse the patient in convalescence. He is entertaining without being exhausting; but he cannot be trusted to remember the medicine. In cases of distressing illness, he should be sent right away, as trouble soon fades from his mind when he is not in contact with it.

Cancer is a good nurse, but follows her own methods rather than conventional ones. She will always make the patient comfortable and happy, and is seen at her best in a chronic case, or a long and tedious convalescence. She should always be allowed in the sick-room and be given plenty to do. If she is kept out and has much time on her hands, she will worry

¹ Surely the Air-native associates with other Air-people!—Ed.

herself ill and imagine the worst. No condition will ever be as bad as Cancer's imagination will make it.

Leo is very good for short visits, as he brings with him an abundance of vitality, but he is inclined to talk too much and must not be allowed to stay long or he will prove too exhausting.

Virgo is a born nurse and is seen at her best in surgical cases, where scrupulous cleanliness and accuracy are essential; but she is inclined to treat the patient as "a case," and is not nearly so soothing and comforting as her Cancerian sister.

Libra is ideal in the sick-room, supplying just the right amount of firmness and gentleness needed. She will never annoy the patient, but will see, nevertheless, that the doctor's orders are faithfully carried out; and even the nastiest medicine will not seem quite so bad if she gives it.

Scorpio is in his element, and is probably the most keenly enjoyed of all the visitors. For if we have suffered deeply, it is only human that we should like someone else to know it, and Scorpio really enjoys hearing all the gory details of the operation, and is truly interested in your experiences and sufferings.

Sagittarius is all right for a brief visit, but is inclined to talk too much, and to be too cheerful and optimistic, giving the impression that he is without experience.

Capricorn is kind and gentle and really solicitous to know how you are progressing, but he cannot help taking the gloomiest view, and very often leaves you with a vague fear that you may have underestimated the seriousness of your case.

Aquarius is vaguely irritating. He immediately groups you with others who have had the same illness; and if there is one thing that an invalid *does* like it is to be unique.

Pisces should be kept away from sickness as much as possible. He feels the condition of the patient too keenly, and is inclined to be over sympathetic, so that he probably makes the patient pity himself more than he otherwise would.

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two people, such as husband and wife, dates of both must be given.

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

ASTROLOGY AND GARDENING

by ADA PARKES

It is very gratifying that many readers have shown interest in astrology and gardening, and it will be a source of both pleasure and profit if as many as possible will experiment, to enable us to procure more information on this subject. It is a simple matter to make various sowings of the same seed at different times and watch results. There are the traditional rules to guide us, and the planetary rulerships of flowers, fruit, and vegetables have been handed down. While there is no need to be bound by tradition, it is best to test the ancient rules before discarding them, for they are so often found to be true.

So far, I have invariably found that results are better when seeds have been sown when the Moon is waxing; so much so that I rarely sow seeds under a waning Moon. Even with a quick-growing plant like mustard the results are very noticeable. As soon as the crops are harvested in the vegetable garden, seeds of this plant are sown, and the plants dug in before they flower. Last July a sowing was made, and only a few days after, another one. The first lot grew very quickly about twice as high as the second. On looking at the ephemeris to see when the seed was sown I found the first sowing was made two days before the full Moon, and the second a few days after.

The land which is cleared too late to set with seed is trenched, and into the trenches go weeds, grass cuttings, and all green refuse (nettles and dandelions in particular are said to have valuable properties of soil fertilisation). The peel of oranges and lemons does service before it is consigned to the garden, for first it is put into a bowl, covered with boiling water, and after standing at least twenty-four hours, the liquid is poured off and used instead of bath salts, being not only more economical but deliciously refreshing.

The very slight rainfall here in the south last spring and summer made a very difficult gardening year. In spite of this the flower garden was a delight and vegetable crops plentiful.

("Gardening with the stars" did not seem quite so cranky to those who were not so blest.)

From the result of past experience I suggest the following as suitable days for sowing seed this spring:—

- March 1 Moon in Cancer trine Sun trine Jupiter; early peas, salads, and all kinds of vegetable and flower seeds.
- 23 Moon in Taurus; early potatoes and other root crops. If Mars rules onions, as it is suggested, this should be a particularly good day for sowing this seed. (Moon trine Mars exact at 2 p.m. Sowing should be made before that time.)
- 29 Moon in Cancer trine Jupiter; all crops that mature above ground, flower seeds.
- April 21 Moon in Taurus semi-sextile Saturn, sextile Venus, sextile Jupiter, trine Mars. Very good day for sowing all kinds of seeds.
- 24 and 25 Moon in Cancer trine Jupiter; all crops that mature above ground, flower seeds.
- 29 Moon in Virgo trine Sun; all root crops.
- May 22 and 23 Moon in Cancer; flower seeds and all crops that mature above ground.
- 26 and 27 Moon in Virgo; all root crops.

For pruning the rule given is "about full Moon."

The full Moon of March may be too early for pruning roses and the full Moon of April too late. So much depends upon the weather. If circumstances are favourable I suggest pruning one or two of the same kind two or three days before the full Moon, at full Moon, and two or three days after; then carefully watch results.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

TWO CASES FOR THE SCIENTISTS

From EDGAR BRAY (B.Sc. London).

In the course of the last twenty years, I have wasted a good deal of time endeavouring to attract the attention of leading scientists, men such as Einstein, Eddington, Jeans, and Heard, to the reality of planetary influence over human life and destiny.

It is a remarkable fact, however, that among the recognised leaders in the world of scientific progress, you get more bigotry,

more stiff-necked obstinacy, more flat refusal to investigate the facts, than among any other class of the community.

I now add two recent items from my 1938 case book for which I have full documentary evidence.

(1) In 1934 I delineated the horoscope of a young man for his guardian. In my covering letter I stated: "The map contains suicide tendencies. The year 1938 will be critical in this respect as impulse in this year will be much exaggerated."

In July this year the guardian came to see me and informed me that his ward was in a mental hospital, having suddenly developed hallucinations and mental unbalance, and had confessed to a very powerful suicide urge.

Fortunately he has since made a complete recovery.

(2) Early in September 1938 Mitchell, the well-known Halifax astrologer, wrote asking my advice on a certain matter. After examining his map, I stated in my reply: "It looks very much to me as if your old mother will find her term in the New Moon of November 22, 1938." His inquiry to me had not mentioned his mother, nor the question of a possible bereavement, and she was at that time in good health.

Mrs. Mitchell, however, was taken ill in November, and actually died on November 22nd, five hours after the New Moon of that date, which fell on his progressed ascendant, closely opposing radical Saturn, ruler of the radical 4th house.

Each of these forecasts was made wholly in accordance with the published and established rules of the science, as indicated by the mathematical arcs involved.

The mathematical odds of such forecasts coming true by blind chance in point of fact and in point of time as well must be astronomical.

HORTICULTURAL ASTROLOGY

From (Miss) KATE SMITH.

As a keen gardener and astrologer will you allow me to welcome the contribution of Mrs. Ada Parkes to our joint interests in this fascinating study? With most of your contributor's rules I am heartily in agreement.

May I, however, enter a plea for the subjects of her pruning experiments? They are so apt to suffer from bleeding if pruned anywhere near the full of the Moon, especially in damp soils. The severe shock of hard pruning when vitality is depressed by a waning Moon causes too prolonged an arrest of development. We must prune to release the vitality and fruitfulness of our trees, not to arrest it.

During some forty years of gardening experience I have been confirmed in the opinion that the finest crops follow a pruning at New Moon, or within the first three days of the Moon, when the sap has been slowed by the waning, but the returning vitality is all ready to open up the new buds exposed by the pruning.

It would be interesting to hear other gardening readers' experiences of pruning results.

On the question of manure, I would like to suggest that there are other soil foods which are just as clean and wholesome as green manure, and which have none of the objections of over-concentration and so on which apply to many "artificial." Green manuring is most valuable over sand or chalk, but in a garden of peat over clay like my own in North Wales it is little use, whereas lime is almost indispensable.

Basic slag is the one really healthy vegetarian soil food I would like to recommend. If Mrs. Parkes would try it I believe she would be surprised to find what a pleasant, essentially "earthy" substance it is, and how our vegetable brothers do enjoy it! It is not over-stimulating, it gives lasting results because it dissolves so slowly, and it does keep the soil in good heart. I have used it on clayey soils in Middlesex, Hertfordshire, and Staffordshire, as well as in Wales. Soot, again, is very mild and useful when the plants are anaemic after too much rain.

Surely happy and well-nourished plants have the greatest vitality to bestow on our growing families?

I close with gratitude for the continued promise of life of our cherished quarterly *Astrology*.

AN ARTICLE ON ECLIPSES WANTED

From (Miss) A. E. LEAVER.

Will you not obtain an article for the Quarterly on Eclipses? There is scarcely, I believe, so much as a paragraph in *Astrology* on the subject from the first number in 1926 down to the present time; and when one school states that an eclipse excites the action of any body on which it falls and the other school that it cuts it off . . . !

HOROSCOPIC CORRESPONDENCES

From P. H. PATTON.

Although I have about \$100 worth of astrological literature, I find that some points of delineation are not covered, or are incompletely dealt with, or are so scattered that I am unable to learn definitely regarding important phases that are referred to.

One of these is the question of aspects between people's maps, as indicating their mutual attitudes. One school teaches that planets have to be within one degree of perfect conjunction to indicate anything, and, except for Venus and Mars, they say nothing as to the meanings of such positions. Other schools teach that the influence of a planet in one chart falling in a particular house in another chart has very little influence, yet, when one lines up marriage charts these influences do tell a story. One of the most happy wedded pairs whom I know shows Venus and Jupiter of the wife in the 4th of the husband. The Venus of the husband is in the 4th of the wife's

chart; his Sun is in her 5th, whilst his Jupiter is within $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ of a perfect conjunction with her Saturn in her 2nd.

Can you give us some information along this line?

NOTE BY EDITOR: I shall be glad to receive correspondence or an article on this important point. I should not consider mutual aspects from one map to another unless they were very close, and mainly the conjunction. Planets in one map falling in the houses of another, without interplanetary contact, would probably produce results if the two people were in close association, as by marriage. In a general way I should hardly consider them unless a close conjunction to a cusp were involved. But the question needs to have fresh light thrown on it.

MARS IN CANCER—ALSATIANS

From F. A. POOLE.

The article dealing with Mars in the twelve signs was very interesting indeed and in my opinion very correct. Your Mars in Cancer theory especially so. Both my wife and I were born with Mars in this sign and his influence has been as you suggest. He is conjoined with Neptune also and thereby strengthens the intuitive powers. But with Mars and Neptune so posited in a watery sign I am somewhat afraid to risk long "watery" journeys, more so in my wife's case as both planets are in square to the Sun.

Mrs. D. Ryan's article about dogs and their stars was not very convincing, to me anyway. As a lover of Alsatians and having had three of my own, I would certainly not put them under the rule of Scorpio, for usually they are rather nervous and certainly highly strung and very intelligent, more in keeping, I think, with Aries or Gemini. Two of the Alsatians I possessed were killed on the road and both died from *head* injuries, surely indicating Aries rulership.

I wonder how many astrologers agree with Mrs. Ryan that Taurus rules England? Very few I think! Aries is the sign that is always associated with this country, although I will admit that it doesn't seem to suit our country nowadays. Aries is the sign of *action*, and we seem to be content with just talk and conferences, especially our leaders in Parliament. I think our meridian sign of Capricorn has more to do with England than Aries. What other people is as snobbish and fond of its silly old traditions as our own? In many ways Saturn seems to hold more sway over us than Mars.

[It is regretted that, by reason of lack of space, all reviews and several interesting contributions have necessarily been held over.]

THE END OF THE AGE

Pisces, thou art the Age of doubt and sorrow!
We leave thee, with the clouds which o'er thee brood,
 Without regret or ruth;
And enter, with the Children of To-morrow
Aquarius, the Age of Brotherhood,
 Where dwells the Naked Truth.

AQUARIUS

In the New Era which is being born
 Within a world by pain and anguish torn,
 Truth will again shine forth with veil outworn.

Amid the wreck of warring faiths and creeds
 And all the bitterness which faction breeds,
 —With Healing in his wings—a MAN proceeds.

Filled will the chasm be which, in the past,
 Long separated nation, class, and caste.
 Peace, Brotherhood, and Love will reign at last.

DOROTHY KENRICK.

COME to divination, as Socrates prescribed, in cases in which the whole consideration relates to the event, and in which no opportunities are afforded by reason, or by any other art, to discover the thing proposed to be learnt. When, therefore, it is our duty to share the danger of a friend, or of our country, we ought not to consult the oracle, whether we shall share it with them, or not. For, though the diviner should forewarn you that the victims are unfavourable, this means no more than that either death, or mutilation, or exile, is portended. But we have reason within us, and it directs, even with these hazards, to stand by our friend and our country.

From the *Encheiridion* of Epictetus,

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